

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, March 1, 2021

Meeting was brought to order at 7:39 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 15

Officers:

President: Alex Cuzzo
Vice President: Robert Lemke
Vice President: Brendan Dagan
Treasurer: Gary Westerfield
Secretary: Pamela Lee

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan
Track & Field: Dwayne Johnson - *Absent*
MUT: *Open*
Youth Athletics: Clive Walters
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker
Sports Medicine: John DeGorter
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: *Open*
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer
Communications: Cici Hirsch - *Absent*
Bd Member At-Large Bob Hersh

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Trent Hampton

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of February 1, 2021 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance:

Bank Balance at Citibank as of February 28, 2021: \$33,562.44. Received auto-deposit of \$4,900 for PPE on February 27, 2021 and USATF cash disbursement on January 15, 2021. There is an outstanding check that was issued in November 2020 of \$50 for the NY DOL Form 990.

Membership: 572 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 1,265 at this time last year) and there are 31 Clubs (compared to 48 at this time last year).

Discussion/Business Items:

President Remarks: Alex Cuzzo stated, that at the current time, we do not qualify for Level 1 or 2 to run meets. There is a possibility of running a single stand-alone generic event, such as a pole vault competition. Temperature checks for anyone entering the track and medical protocols, as recommended by CDC guidelines and Covid-19 insurers, would be required. Vaccination rates of 90% are a part of the guidelines. Failure to follow such procedures would result in a cancellation of insurance. However, no school districts are granting permits to allow meets on their premises at this time.

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The new USATF custom system still has some IT problems. A number of training videos for navigating the system are available. All date of birth verifications have been grandfathered in.

Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny – no report. Terry Bisogno – experiencing tough time with follow-up treatments. Bill Ott – Wake was held on February 6, 2021.

Covid Task Force: USATF has created <https://www.uscenter.org/covid19> which is updated regularly. Link is still valid.

SafeSport, Background Checks, and Membership: <https://www.uscenterforsafesport.org>. Financial paperwork and 3-step process must be completed by administrative staff by March 31, 2021. Anyone over the age 18 will be required to complete SafeSport in the future.

2020 Sanction Refunds: Refunds at 100% rate. Alex Cuzzo has requested a reconciliation regarding number of requests, number received, and number of pending sanctions.

2021 PPE Loan: The 2021 loan application has been submitted and accepted.

2020 Accreditation Report: Paperwork for 2020 was been submitted at the end of January 2021.

New Business:

USATF Association Virtual Workshop: February 28, 2021.

Virtual meetings will be encouraged. On the Association level, virtual attendance will have to be permitted along with in-person attendance at the annual meeting. As in the past, an eligibility list will have to be created. A change in the by-laws should be updated to suspend elections in certain situations, such as an emergency function, and to add electronic voting. Bob Hersh reported that if an in-person meeting is impractical, electronic voting is easy to implement; language should be clear.

2021 Association Accreditation Guidelines and Modifications: There will be an announcement of accreditation suspensions in June 2021. Requirement of championships for accreditation in 2021 has been suspended. Looking into modifying census requirements. Currently, census data is using 2010 population of Nassau County. What will be the impact of the 2020 census?

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degnan reported that no available tracks and no indoor track meets are scheduled. The NYS Championships scheduled for July 24, 2021 in Cortland is moving along.

LDR: The next LDR meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Race Walking: No report.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: No report.

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Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that AAU is still putting on meets. The indoor national meet is this weekend. The east/southwest region meet is scheduled for June 2021 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Youth Athletics: Clive Waters reported that only NYC residents are allowed to participate in NYC events. The Youth Championships is still scheduled on the calendar. Long Island youth teams continue to conduct practices.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that there are 28 certified officials. Four officials will not be returning; 24 have pending status.

Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter reported that he sent an article to Cici Hirsch. A USATF doctor is still being sought.

Records: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: Bob Hersh reported that Jim Murphy is stepping down as chair of L&L Committee. Meetings are open with exception of executive portions. Term limits are now in place.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities: None.

Next meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Lee, Secretary, USATF-Long Island