

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, June 7, 2021

Meeting was brought to order at 7:54 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 13

Officers:

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

Standing Sport Committees:

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

Standing Administrative Committees:

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

Club Representatives:

Harold Axelrod (NHP-Mineola)

Invited Guests:

Trent Hampton
Glen Wolther

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of May 3, 2021 were approved.

Budget & Finance:

Via email from Gary Westerfield: Bank Balance at Citibank as of May 28, 2021: \$31,219.60; Bank Balance as of June 30, 2021: \$31,377.60. Received payments of \$700 and \$1,136.50 from USATF and there are two outstanding checks for a total of \$280 for a college meet to be distributed to non-USATF officials. Donation of \$10,000 from AllAround Foods is expected.

Membership: 715 have renewed membership as of this date and there are 37 Clubs. This represents a decrease of approximately 50%.

Discussion/Business Items:

Introduction Remarks: Harold Axelrod reported that George Erkmann, President of New Hyde Park Running Club, died on May 20, 2021 at the age of 86. Mr Erkmann was an engineer, founder of the NHP 8k race in the 1970s, and was a pioneer in setting up everything in road racing for the past 40 years. He was a great individual and always considered team first.

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Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny –Rich Degnan spoke to him last week. Court case coming up with possible settlement. Terry Bisogno – announcer at the Police Appreciation race.

Covid Task Force: Some restrictions have been removed. Nassau County is allowing mass starts of 100 participants with vaccination or negative test in prior two weeks.

SafeSport: Program is evolving. Alex Cuzzo is predicting that every individual will be required to take SafeSport in the future.

By-Law Changes for Electronic Voting and Zoom Meetings: Each board member should read and review changes and provide feedback. Regular Annual Convention is planned for September at Hofstra University.

New Business:

By-Law Changes for Electronic Voting and Zoom Meetings: Allow zoom meetings and electronic meetings to occur. The procedural portion allows 30 days for review and then set-up is required for vote.

Citibank PPP Loan: Alex Cuzzo has sent necessary documentation and is waiting for their response.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degnan reported that summer track meets were approved at Valley Stream North High School, but denied at Freeport, Bay Shore, Island Trees, and Massapequa. No decisions have been made at Hauppauge, Northport, Smithtown, and Bethpage.

LI high school championships to be held on June 24, 2021 at St. Anthony's with invitation to top 12 athletes and 4 alternates per event.

Upcoming event: Empire State Championships – July 25, 2021. LDR Committee can designate up to 10 athletes of which 4 will score for open team.

LDR: Next races for USATF-LI Series are the Shelter Island 10k, Michael Murphy 5k and 15k, and the Watermelon 5k.

Race Walking: Via email, Gary Westerfield reported that Maria Michta-Coffey, Lauren Harris, and Kayla Shapiro have qualified to compete in the 20k Olympic trials to be held in Eugene, OR on June 26, 2021. Gary Westerfield will serve as Chief Judge.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: No report.

Master Athletics: No report.

Youth Athletics: No report.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

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Officials: George Erker reported that officials have been canvassed for June events.

Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter reported that an article regarding runner's knee has been sent.

Records: No report.

Outreach: Ronald Nardo reported that he, Lori Mangual, and Pamela Lee attended a program for Hempstead PAL on May 12, 2021 at Hempstead High School for 50 participants.

Public Relations: No report.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities:

None.

Next meeting: Monday, August 30, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

There may be an impromptu meeting in July for clarification of electronic voting changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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