

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, October 4, 2021

Meeting was brought to order at 7:35 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 15

Officers:

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

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan
Track & Field: Dwayne Johnson - *Absent*
MUT: *Open*
Youth Athletics: Clive Walters - *Absent*
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito
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: Liz Henry - *Absent*
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer
Communications: Cici Hirsch - *Absent*
Bd Member At-Large: Bob Hersh - *Absent*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Cynthia Young – *USATF Eastern Region Rep*
Jason Ramirez – *Vice President for 2022*
Leigh Pollet – *T&F Vice Chair for 2022*
Trent Hampton – *Masters Vice Chair for 2022*
Francis Anzaldi – *Para Vice Chair for 2022*
Dorothea Daniels – *Para Secretary for 2022*

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of August 30, 2021 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance:

Bank Balance at Citibank as of September 30, 2021: To be sent.

Membership: 1,055 have renewed membership as of this date and there are 42 Clubs. This represents a decrease of approximately 40%. Cynthia Young reported that there is a 30-40% decrease on the national level and the East seems to have been hit harder than other regions.

Discussion/Business Items:

Introduction Remarks:

We are pleased that Cynthia Young, USATF Eastern Region Representative, is joining the meeting today.

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The USATF-LI Convention Announcement took place in-person with 37 individuals in attendance. Election was completed in-person and online. Six new individuals were added to the Board and two amendments were approved.

Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny –no report. Terry Bisogno – has been announcing at several events.

By-Law Changes for Electronic Voting and Video Conferencing: The changes were approved by the voting membership. Previously, the Board was operating these items as emergency procedures. Cynthia Young requested amendment language changes which Alex Cuzzo will provide.

Glen Wolther (All Round Foods) Donation: Thank you for Mr. Wolther's generous donation.

New Business:

New Board Members: The Board welcomes six new individuals to the Board. Jason Ramirez was elected as a Vice President. He is a mortgage broker for Citizens Bank and is involved in masters' championships.

USATF National Convention - Modified: Only one representative will attend in-person at the Orlando, FL Convention with others attending via video conferencing. The registration fee is \$125 for in-person or video attendance. Alex Cuzzo will represent USATF-LI and National will cover his expenses. Individuals are needed to attend zoom meetings and for electronic voting for proposed amendments. More information will be provided at the November Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Leigh Pollet was elected as new Vice Chair. He has been involved in track and field since 1980. He suggested that USATF-LI stage a family-fun competition in which participation would require USATF membership. He is working on a venue and potential dates.

Rich Degan reported that there may be two winter track meets at St. Anthony's High School. Possible dates are January 23, 2022 and January 30, 2022. The New Year's Eve Track & Field Coaching Clinic, including a weight throw demonstration, is planned at St. Anthony's.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that there were several road races in the modified Grand Prix and some additional races are being considered before year end.

Cross-country races are scheduled October 10 (Open/Masters 4k, 3k, 2k), October 24 (Open/Masters 8k; 2k for younger athletes), and November 7 (Open/Masters 5k) in Bethpage State Park. The Empire State Cross-Country Challenge is scheduled for November 20, 2021 with Youth, High School, and Open/Masters LI teams.

Next LDR meeting is Monday, October 11, 2021.

Race Walking: No report.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: No report.

Master Athletics: Trent Hampton was elected as new Vice Chair. He encourages participation and enthusiasm.

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Youth Athletics: Clive Walters has decided not to rerun for Chair of this committee and, therefore, the position is still open for 2022.

The 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships will take place on December 11, 2021 in Paris, KY and anyone can attend since there is no qualifying regional meet or JO meet.

Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi, Jr. And Dorothea Daniels have been elected as new Vice Chair and new Secretary, respectively.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that there were 40 certified officials. Officials have been assigned for the cross-country meets on October 10, 2021 and October 24, 2021.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Records: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Nominating: Liz Henry will take over the open position on the Nominating Committee. Lori Mangual reported that, prior to the Annual Convention, she responded to numerous inquiries relating to the electronic voting procedures.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report. There may be a possible Level 1 class at Hofstra University in June or July 2022.

Other Activities:

None.

Next meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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