

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Meeting was brought to order at 7:40 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 12

Officers:

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

Standing Sport Committees:

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

Standing Administrative Committees:

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

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Jason Ramirez – *Vice President for 2022 - Absent*
Leigh Pollet – *T&F Vice Chair for 2022*
Trent Hampton – *Masters Vice Chair for 2022*
Francis Anzaldi – *Para Vice Chair for 2022*

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

Budget & Finance:

Bank Balance at Citibank as of November 30, 2021: \$36,417.17; Quickbooks balance as of December 7, 2021: \$35,983.83. There are outstanding expenses of \$1,142.07 and approximately, \$406 will be deposited from cross-country meets.

Membership: 1,093 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 1,649 at this time last year) and there are 43 Clubs (compared to 52 at this time last year).

Discussion/Business Items:

Introduction Remarks:

Alex Cuozzo attended the USATF Annual Meeting which was geared toward the control of the organization by the Board of Directors. **Proposals were passed to counter Board of Director temporary orders.**

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Old Business:

Health Updates: Harry Penny – Rich Degnan had spoken to him and there has been some movement in his court case.

PPP #2 Loan: Progressing. Last year, PPP #1 was forgiven by the end of December/beginning of January.

New Business:

USATF-LI Accreditation 2021: Granted in full in October. This was a delay as accreditation usually occurs in August/September. 11 Associations did not meet full accreditation requirements and, therefore, could not vote at the Annual Meeting. In a letter dated October 25, 2021, modifications for accreditation included removal of number of championships and decrease in minimum values. National recognizes that membership was down and Covid protocols, on a national basis as opposed to regional, are still in place since last spring. Basically, as long as financial reporting was in order, accreditation for 2021 was granted. There will be some modifications for accreditation requirements for 2022.

USATF Association Membership Initiative: The National office realizes that membership is a problem and has put together an action plan for 2022-2024. Each Association can apply for \$5,000/year to be used for membership purposes. Leigh Pollet had suggested using the award for a family event in which participants must have a USATF membership.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: There is an open/masters and elite meet scheduled for February 2022. There will be some relays for youth.

In the ongoing effort to locate available tracks, Leigh Pollet reported that the Uniondale track may be available, but it is not in good condition.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported that the Grand Prix modified series has been completed with modified prizes. The cross-country series included two events which were well-attended. Grand Prix funds are available for 2022. Parks Department has requested dates for 2022 events.

Next LDR meeting is Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at which time the 2022 Grand Prix schedule will be discussed.

Race Walking: Via email, Gary Westerfield reported that the USATF Indoor Championship RW events have been removed from the USATF Indoor meet in Spokane, WA because the timing is too close to the world event in Oman. Instead, the 3000m indoor championships will be scheduled for 10:30 am at the Millrose Games.

Gary Westerfield attended Race Walk and Officials virtual workshops at the USATF Annual Meeting. Elections for both committees were held. Gary Westerfield is no longer on the Race Walk Executive Board. Sound system made it difficult to follow meetings and document library was not accessible.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Pamela Lee attended MUT virtual workshops at the USATF Annual Meeting. Long Island Association will host the 2022 National 50k event in March 2022 and has bid for the 2023 and 2024 50k events; all to be held at Heckscher State Park.

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Still looking for a MUT Chair for Long Island.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke attended Master Athletics virtual workshops at the USATF Annual Meeting. Sound quality was poor. The USATF Masters Indoor Championships will be held at The Armory on March 18, 2022 – March 20, 2022. Looking for a good turnout. The 2023 indoor event will be hosted by Louisville, KY.

Pamela Lee reported that the MLDR Ambassador Call, on November 18, 2021, is providing \$1,000 to teams with the largest increase in participation. However, this amount is quickly used up when transportation is involved.

Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito was nominated by Alex Cuozzo to act as temporary Youth Chair for 2022 (until Association elections are formally held in September 2022). The nomination was seconded and passed.

Debra Milano-Granito reported that she attended Youth Committee virtual meetings at the USATF Annual Convention. There are no bids for 2022 Championships and the Junior Olympics will take place in Sacramento, CA. AAU seems to be running the show now. AAU suggests, but does not require, Covid testing or vaccination requirements, as is the USTF policy. Alex Cuozzo added that the USATF insurance carrier has changed and this insurer is not one of the two carriers that will insure for infectious diseases.

Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo reported he did not attend workshops at the USATF Annual Convention due to access difficulties.

Steve Cuomo and Debra Milano-Granito having entered into a joint venture for limited youth events utilizing the PAL facility parking lot. On Sunday, January 2, 2022, there will be an event at the PAL's Holtsville site starting at noon. Event is to be insured by PAL and there is no fee to participants.

Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2021.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: Alex Cuozzo reported that there are 38 certified officials.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Records: Record may have been set by Keith Gilfoyle at his last 5k race in Patchogue in the male ages 55-59 category.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that ten long and triple jumpers worked with a coach at Clarke High School. Local Olympians may be available through the National RJT program.

Public Relations: Lori Mangual reported that she attended Women's LDR sessions at the USATF Annual Convention.

Nominating: Liz Henry is recovering from an injury-related surgery.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

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Coaching Education: Level 1 programs have switched to an all-virtual environment with no plans to return to in-person classes. USATF is looking for a Level 2 in-person class in 2023.

SafeSport classes have been updated for 2022 and refresher courses are required to be taken on an annual basis. Fully mandated reporting, currently for sexual conduct, is required. Penalty includes membership suspension.

Other Activities:

Newsletter: Please submit any articles to Cici Hirsch by the end of the week.

Next meeting: Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

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