

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, August 30, 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
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 - *Absent*
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 - *Absent*

Club Representatives:

Harold Axelrod (NHP-Mineola)

Invited Guests:

Trent Hampton
Glen Wolther

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of June 7, 2021 were approved.

Budget & Finance:

Bank Balance at Citibank as of August 30, 2021: \$34,212.64. There is an outstanding check for \$100 for a college meet and a payment for the office manager is in the mail

Membership: 1,033 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 1,475 at this time last year) and there are 41 Clubs (compared to 49 at this time last year). This represents a decrease of approximately 400 individuals and 8 clubs.

Discussion/Business Items:

Introduction Remarks: Association Convention Announcement: Must be active member as of August 24, 2021. As of this date, there is no guarantee for an in-person meeting or any notice of a National Convention. Alex Cuzzo will research as to what National is doing in regards to voting. By-laws must be amended.

Old Business:

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Health Updates: Harry Penny –Rich Degnan spoke to him and he was in good spirits. Court case (from five years ago) is proceeding. Terry Bisogno – announcer at TOBAY race.

By-Law Changes for Electronic Voting and Video Conferencing:

- A. Motion #1 amending Article IV: “**Membership Meetings**” Section 7: “**Voting Rights**” of the USATF-LI By-Laws to include *electronic voting* as a formal way of conducting business.
- B. Motion #2 amending Article IV: “**Board of Directors**” Section 2: “**Meetings of the Board of Directors**” of the USATF-LI By-Laws to include *video conferencing* as a formal way of conducting business.

The changes are necessary to provide a secure procedure for voting. The ability to have electronic voting provides an alternative method to in-person voting.

Discussion followed. Gary Westerfield made a motion to accept #1 without discussion; Lori Mangual seconded. Motion passed with no opposition. Requirements for voting in-person or via email must be authenticated. Motion #2 to include “*secure video conferencing as a method for Board of Directors as a formal way of conducting business.*” Motion passed with no opposition.

New Business

Glen Wolther (All Round Foods) Donation: Invoice requested. Mailed on August 29, 2021. Email to be sent also. Thank you for Mr. Wolther’s generosity. His continuing support is greatly appreciated.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degnan reported that the uniforms for the Empire State Championships on July 25, 2021 will be made by Second Wind. There are no permits available for track meets. There is a possibility of fall clinics and the New Year Eve clinic. There may be a winter track meet at St. Anthony’s High School in February 2022. It is noted that high school track and cross-country teams are declining in membership.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that the Pedone Race in Glen Cove was held on August 29, 2021 with 400 finishers of which 95 registered on the day of race. There is a continued increase in race participation (Shelter Island – 1,000; Murphy – 3,000, NYS Parks Series – 1,800). There are 116 participants (prior year 225) registered for the next race on September 12, 2021.

Cross-country races are scheduled for September 26, October 10, October 24, and November 7 or 14 in Bethpage State Park. The Junior Olympic regional meet is scheduled for November 21, 2021.

Next LDR meeting is Monday, September 13, 2021.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that there will be 20k event at the Dennison Building on October 31, 2021. The men’s 50k race will be eliminated from future Olympics and a 35k may be added.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: No report.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that the 2021 USATF Masters Outdoors Championship took place on July 22-25, 2021 in Ames, IA. Local athletes participated and bringing accolades home:

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- Roxanne Brochner (Elitefeats): W55 100m Dash – (1) 13.56; 200m Dash – (1) 28.08; 400m - (1) 104.43; member of the W55 4x400m Relay Non-Club Team – (1) 4:23.52 – new world record
- Joyce Flynn (Unattached): 70-74 High Jump – (1) 1.05m; Long Jump – (2) 3.06m; Triple Jump – (3) 6.17m
- Leo Murillo (Unattached): M65 10,000 m Run – (3) 1:01:14.51; 2,000m Steeplechase – (4) 11:12.36

Upcoming events:

- September 19, 2021: 2021 USATF Masters 12k Championships in Highlands, NJ
- January 8, 2022: National Cross-Country Championships in Boston, MA
- March 18-20, 2022: 2022 USATF Masters Indoor Championships at The Armory.

Youth Athletics: Clive Walters reported that the 2021 USATF National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships were held on July 26, 2021 through August 1, 2021 in Jacksonville, FL. V-Tesse Track Club of Long Island competed.

The 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships will take place on December 11, 2021 in Paris, KY.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that there were 16 officials at the last meet in June. Officials are needed for the Association Cross-Country meets. During the summer, there were several inquiries regarding becoming an official. Currently, there are 38 certified officials.

Officials are needed for Adelphi University (starter only at Bethpage State Park) and Hofstra University (on campus) on September 3, 2021.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Records: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Nominating: Lori Mangual reported the following nominations for the upcoming election: Ron Nardo for LDR Vice Chair and Francis Anzaldi Jr for Para-Athletic Chair.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: Mike Frazer reported that although there was a small staff at the Foundation Camp, no issues resulted.

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Team Awesome is hosting the Long Island Marathon on September 19, 2021. The course has been changed to eliminate running on the Wantagh State Parkway. Numbers are down and volunteers are needed. Glen Wolther reported that Team Awesome is under investigation by the NYS DOL for using volunteers by a for-profit organization. Alex Cuzzo will check into this.

Other Activities:

None.

Next meeting: Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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