

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, January 2, 2023

Meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 13

Officers:

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

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan
Track & Field: Leigh Pollet
MUT: *Open*
Masters Athletics: Trent Hampton
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi

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 - *Absent*
Communications: Cici Hirsch - *Absent*
Bd Member At-Large: Bob Hersh - *In Memoriam*

Club Representatives:

Brendan Dagan

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from the Annual Meeting on September 23, 2022 were approved and Minutes from the Board Meeting of December 12, 2022 were approved.

Budget & Finance:

Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of December 30, 2022 is \$33,766.94; Quickbooks balance as of January 2, 2023 is \$33,709.30.

Membership: 1,546 have renewed membership as of this date and there are 49 Clubs (compared to 43 at this time in 2021). 441 individuals have renewed membership as of the membership year-end (October 31, 2022) and there were 34 clubs compared to 450 individuals and 31 clubs at that time in 2021. As of January 2, 2023, an additional ten individuals have renewed membership. Due to an increase in insurance rates, the USATF membership fees will increase from the current rates of \$25 for youth and \$40 for adult to \$30 for youth and \$55 for adult. These new rates become effective on January 15, 2023.

Discussion/Business Items:

Introductory Remarks:

Membership has increased by 40% as compared to the end of the previous membership year October 31, 2021.

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Old Business:

Health Updates: Gary Westerfield spoke to Bob Hersh and his wife, Louise, said that he can receive visitors.

USATF Association Awards Brunch: Alex Cuzzo reported that the Awards Brunch, which has not occurred since 2020, will take place at the Hofstra University Club on Sunday, February 12, 2023. We are anticipating 100 attendees and rate may have to be increased due to increased costs. Please submit your nominations for Athlete of the Year Awards as time is required for any engraving and for preparing the brochure.

USATF Grow to Impact Grant 2023 Application: Alex Cuzzo reported that he will submit the application for the 2023 grant for an additional \$5,000 this week.

USATF-LI Newsletter: Currently, on the web site. Will be sent out to members shortly.

New Business:

USATF Association Accreditation Report 2022: Alex Cuzzo reported that we are in good shape because our by-laws were updated within the last two years.

USATF Safe Sport (Updates and Renewals): Alex Cuzzo reported that another sequence, “Mandatory Reporting” will become effective this year.

USATF Association Awards of the Year: Awards have not been presented since 2020. Gary Westerfield has National certificates for past officials. It was decided to invite the past officials to the brunch.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Rich Degnan reported that there will be indoor meets at St. Anthony’s High School, scheduled for January 15, 2023 (Youth Championship) and February 25, 2023 (Open//Masters Championship). The later event will take place prior to the elite high school athletes meet.

The High School National Meet is scheduled for March 10-12 at The Armory. There is some concern regarding an individual being on two USATF open relay teams at the same time. For example, an individual may be assigned as a USATF member as well as a USATF Club Member. Alex Cuzzo will research.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that Athletes of the Year will be chosen at next week’s meeting. Individual awards will be given out prior to the brunch. Applications for the 2023 will be discussed at that meeting as well.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that two individuals, Ruby Ray, Pt. Jeff HS, and Shaye Gruenberg, Sachem North HS, attended a race walk camp in San Diego for one week. They were able to train under Tim Seaman.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: No report.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that Athletes of the Year Awards will be provided this week.

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Youth: Debra Milano-Granito reported that individuals are looking forward to the indoor open meet. Athletes of the Year Awards will be provided this week.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Ecker reported that there were 10 officials assigned for each of the indoor events. Twelve would be better. Gary Westerfield reported that there were 36 officials at the beginning of December.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that the Girl Scouts Outreach program has been rescheduled for March 23, 2023.

Public Relations: Lori Mangual reported that a flyer for the January 15th indoor meet has been sent to News12 and Facebook.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities: None.

Next meeting: Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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