

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, January 1, 2024

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 – *Absent*
MUT: Ronald Nardo
Masters Athletics: Trent Hampton
Youth Athletics: Debra Milano-Granito - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo - *Absent*
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi - *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 Barney
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*
Communications: Erin Cassano
Bd Member At-Large: *Open*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Glen Wolther
Elizabeth O'Donnell

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of December 6, 2023 were approved.

Budget & Finance: Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of December 29, 2023 is \$42,428.15, but does not include a donation of \$20,000 from Glen Wolther and All Round Foods which will be deposited tomorrow.

Membership: As of December 31, 2023, there were 1,457 individuals registered as USATF members and there were 57 clubs and organizations. As of January 1, 2024, there are 461 individuals and 42 clubs and organizations. The Association President must approve individuals and organizations. Annual USATF dues are \$60.93/adult individual, which includes \$55 basic membership plus tax plus processing fees. Youth membership is \$30 basic.

Discussion/Business Items:

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Old Business:

2023 USATF Grow to Impact Grant Review: Alex Cuzzo attended a zoom meeting on December 12, 2023.

USATF-LI Newsletter: Erin Cassano reported that the 13-page Winter Newsletter is currently online and members will arrive a copy via email shortly.

Coaching Education Level II School: No response from the National office at this time.

2023 Association Accreditation Report: Alex Cuzzo reported that 90% of the report has been completed. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2024.

New Business:

Donation: All Round Foods and Glen Wolther have again contributed a generous donation of \$20,000 to USATF-LI. Special recognition will be announced at the Awards Brunch.

2024 Awards Brunch: The Brunch will be held at Hofstra University Sunday, February 25, 2024. Estimated fees are at the same level as last year. Team checks, and possibly, individual award checks, will be sent by mail. Jordan Daniel will also receive a \$500 developmental stipend.

2024 USATF Grow to Impact Grant: The deadline for submitting proposals is January 15, 2024. This will be the third and last grant of the three-year program. Please submit any ideas to Alex Cuzzo that can be included in this grant proposal. Last year's "Training Buddy Program" attracted 14 participants. Glen Wolther suggested that we continue to promote the program.

2024 Olympic Year Plans: The four-year Olympic period for officials ends on December 31, 2024. Officials will be able to renew their four-year membership for the next Olympic period in 2025.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan reported that 40 individuals attended the New Year's Eve Clinic. The winter indoor meets at St. Anthony's High School are planned for Sunday, January 14, 2024 (Youth) and Saturday, February 24, 2024 (Open/Master). Paperwork has been started for the summer meets. Alex Cuzzo needs the exact wording for the Section VIII suspension of club coaches. Richard Degnan also suggested that we need to bring the multitude of young talented coaches into USATF-LI.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that the 2023 Grand Prix series has just finished. The 2024 application process has begun. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024. Voting will that place for athletes of the year and sharing of ideas to expand the program.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that World Athletics have announced that Alex Price as an international judge. He scored the highest rating. Maria Michta-Coffey will compete in the USATF Marathon Mixed Relay in Santee, CA on January 21, 2024; World Race Walk Team championship will take place in Antalya, Turkey on

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April 1, 2024. Official Susan Michta will clerk at an upcoming indoor national meet and as a race walk official in June.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that the USATF National 50k Championship will be held at Heckscher State Park on March 10, 2024. Alex Cuzzo is still waiting to sign off Association paperwork for this event.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported that master athletes are preparing for USATF-LI's O/M meet on February 24, 2024. Rob Lemke has prepared age-grading statistics on an excel spreadsheet for calculating awards for masters in 2023.

Youth: USATF National Youth Indoor Track and Field Championship will take place in Louisville, KY and the Youth Outdoor Track and Field Championship will take place in Eugene, OR. The USATF-LI Board needs to have a functioning youth chair. Liz Barney, Vice Chair, attended the Annual USATF Meeting, but cannot assume the responsibilities of the current Youth Chair. Such duties include monitoring the amounts due to the Association from the Stripe Account.

Para-Athletics: No report.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that 8 officials have registered to work at the January 14, 2024 indoor meet, but more are needed; 10 officials have registered for the February 24, 2024 meet. Recertification will be needed at the conclusion of 2024.

Sports Medicine: Elisabeth O'Donnell has been added as the Vice Chair. She will contribute an article on athletes and nutrition.

Records: Rob Lemke has submitted several records: Vivian Lim (masters marathon), Jordan Daniel (youth marathon).

Outreach: No report.

Public Relations/Communications/Marketing: Thanks to Erin Cassano. The winter newsletter is finished and is online. Future articles and ideas should be forwarded to her as soon as they are ready.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: Alex Cuzzo attended a three-day Level III throws class in Chula Vista, CA in December 2023. A participant discussion included "What make an Olympian."

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Other Activities:

Website: Alex Cuozzo reported that he is restoring pictures on the website. All pictures had been removed as a worm was uploaded that attacked information on the National level. Restoration takes several steps to restore each picture.

Next meeting: Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

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