

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Minutes for Board Meeting Held on Monday, December 12, 2022

Meeting was brought to order at 7:38 pm via zoom.

Attendees: 12

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
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi

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 - *Absent*
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*
Communications: Cici Hirsch - *Absent*
Bd Member At-Large: Bob Hersh - *Absent*

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from Board Meeting of November 7, 2022 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance:

Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of November 30, 2022 is \$37,406.64; Quickbooks balance as of December 12, 2022 is \$34,178.47. Please submit any outstanding expense receipts from USATF Annual Meeting.

Membership: Membership: 1,538 have renewed membership as of this date (compared to 1,093 at this time in 2021) and there are 49 Clubs (compared to 43 at this time in 2021).

Discussion/Business Items:

Introductory Remarks:

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

Old Business:

Health Updates: Gary Westerfield reported that Bob Hersh was seen at Sloan Kettering. Details will be announced when more information is available.

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USATF National Convention Reports: USATF Annual Meeting discussions were reported and will be summarized under the Committee Reports.

Convention Report by Alex Cuzzo - Associations: Changes to By-Laws of USATF. Executive Board passes temporary amendments to gain more power. Focus groups have reviewed and favor compromise. Legacy accounts are ongoing, but will not include new ones. Grow To Impact grants for membership increase seem to favor resolving problems on the local, rather than National, level.

Convention Report by Ron Nardo - Membership: Insurance cost of approximately \$15/individual is rising to \$17/individual. Therefore, membership fees may increase from the current \$40 to \$60 for adults and from \$20 to \$25-\$30 for youth.

USATF Grow to Impact Grant 2022 and 2023 Application: Alex Cuzzo reported that USATF-LI met its goal for 2022 by increasing membership by 41%. Application for 2023 grant for an additional \$5,000 is due during the first week of January 2023. Email any ideas to Alex Cuzzo. Some suggestions are 1) train and compete with a buddy who must be a new member including free entries to two events and ability to speak to certified coaches; 2) provide a list of coaches who agree to be available for training advice.

USATF-LI Newsletter Articles: All reports for the December issue are due to Cici Hirsch prior to the end of the year. We are required to provide two issues per year for accreditation purposes.

New Business:

USATF Association Marketing Changes: Alex Cuzzo reported that marketing kits can be customized for Associations and access to Associations on web page. May create some branding issues.

USATF Safe Sport (Updates): Alex Cuzzo reported that it appears that National is trying to establish a universal standard. Updates will be available in February/March timeframe.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Leigh Pollet reported that there will be indoor open/masters meets at St. Anthony's High School, scheduled for January 15, 2023 (Youth Championship) and February 25, 2023 (Open//Masters Championship). Events at these venues were discussed.

Convention Report by Steve Cuomo – Women's T&F: Receptive regarding including para-athletes at regular competitions.

LDR: Alex Cuzzo reported that the road series has been completed. Some events had to be postponed and two were cancelled.

Convention Report by Lori Mangual: Points winners announced. Orlando, FL to host 2023 Championship.

Race Walking: No report.

Convention Report by Pamela Lee: Discussion and motion regarding National standards was passed.

Mountain Ultra & Trail: No report.

Master Athletics: Rob Lemke reported schedules have been updated on the web site.

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Convention Report by Rob Lemke – Kathy Martin received Athlete of the Year for age group 70-74. 2024 Indoor Championship to be held in Chicago IL and Outdoor in Walnut CA. Discussions on Code of Conduct to be signed by athletes, world relay selection, athlete responsibility regarding drugs and drug testing.

Youth: Debra Milano-Granito reported that indoor and outdoor regionals will be continued and serve to qualify for higher levels.

Convention Report by Debra Milano-Granito: Lively discussions. Para-athletes to compete at regular competitions. Motion to provide ribbons, instead of medals, at regional and JO meets was not passed.

Para-Athletics: Steve Cuomo reported that there will be a spring invitational.

Convention Report by Steve Cuomo – Vote for athlete of the year. Discussion on para-athletics on National level.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: Gary Westerfield reported that there were 38 officials last year.

Convention Report by Pamela Lee: Vote for vacated positions. Emphasis on gaining more women, minorities, diversity, and younger individuals as officials. Attended several hands-on seminars.

Sports Medicine: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo received the Regional Volunteer Award for 2022 at the USATF Annual Meeting. Ron Nardo reported that the Girl Scouts Outreach program has been rescheduled for the spring.

Public Relations: Lori Mangual reported that she is sending an article to the Newsletter.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Convention Report by Alex Cuzzo – Summary of rules passed in 2021.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: No report.

Other Activities: None.

Next meeting: Monday, January 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm. Next LDR Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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