

USATF-LI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



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

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

Attendees: 15

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: Ronald Nardo
Masters Athletics: Robert Lemke
Youth Athletics: Leigh Pollet
Para-Athletics: Steven Cuomo
Para-Athletics: Francis Anzaldi - *Absent*

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker
Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter
Sports Medicine: Elizabeth O'Donnell - *Absent*
Records: Joe Meyer - *Absent*
Outreach: Ronald Nardo
Public Relations: Lori Mangual
Nominating: Liz Barney
Membership: Larry Campbell - *Absent*
Coaching Education: Michael Frazer - *Absent*
Communications: Erin Cassano
Bd Member At-Large: Keith Guilfoyle

Club Representatives:

Invited Guests:

Minutes: Minutes from the Board Meeting of March 4, 2024 were approved as amended.

Budget & Finance: Gary Westerfield reported that the Bank Balance at Citibank as of March 29, 2024 is \$52,721.03; the balance as of April 1, 2024 is \$52,413.48. Reminders were sent to chairs for outstanding checks that have not been cashed.

Membership: As of April 1, 2024, there were 813 individuals registered as USATF members and there were 54 clubs and organizations as compared to 852 individuals and 51 clubs as of this date last year.

Discussion/Business Items:

President's Report:

Thanks to all for a successful awards brunch.

Old Business:

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Grow to Impact confirmation letter: Received confirmation that proposal has been accepted. Check is on the way.

USATF Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Thanks to all who completed and returned their individual forms.

Officials, new equipment: Alex Cuozzo reported that the Association has purchased a laser measurer, tripod, and adaptor and he has been working daily with the system. A portion of the Grow to Impact Grant was used to purchase this system. For throwing events, a set up offset will be needed in the circle. This is a concern for the future. Gary Westerfield will research if there is a certification for electronic measuring. Also, looking into an electronic starting pistol system with is integrated with a wireless PA system as shells for starter pistols are expensive and getting harder to obtain. Cost for such a system is approximately \$1,100 and many suppliers are already sold out.

Spring Newsletter (May): Jon DeGorter has already submitted an article. Issue will include meets for the summer series and membership.

New Business:

New Youth Medals: A new vendor has been selected for Junior Olympics medals. Old youth medals are to be discontinued. New Youth Medals must be purchased in whole sets at a cost of \$1,118 and \$330 for cross-country sets.

SafeSport: There is no refresher course 4. Core course must be taken again after refresher course 3.

Committee Reports:

Standing Sport Committees:

Track & Field: Richard Degnan reported that summer meets are planned for every Wednesday starting from the last week in June through July (except July 3). Potential venues are Division HS (June 26), Port Washington HS (July 10), Walt Whitman HS (July 17), Hauppauge HS (July 24), and West Babylon HS (July 31). There is a Throws Meet planned for April 7, 2024 at Commack HS. The National Youth Championship will take place on June 26, 2024 at Icahn Stadium.

LDR: Alex Cuozzo reported that the first race of the 2024 Grand Prix series took place on March 30, 2024 with approximately 400 finishers. The LIRRC Easter Bunny 5k took place on March 31, 2024 with 250 finishers. Ron Nardo appeared on News Channel 12 who covered the race. The Patchogue YMCA 5k is scheduled for April 6, 2024. The next LDR meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024.

Race Walking: Gary Westerfield reported that the Maria Michta-Coffey Race Walk invitational scheduled for March 23, 2024 at Sachem North HS was cancelled due to rain. A 3,000-meter Race Walk will be included at the Deer Park Invitational on April 6, 2024. Ruby Ray, freshman at St. John's, placed 2nd at the Millrose Games (7:05.63) on February 11, 2024, 5th at the 20k (1:47:42.32) US Race Walk Team Trials in El Cajon, CA on March 17, 2024, and qualified for the Olympic Trials. She will represent USA at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships on April 21, 2024 in Antalya, Turkey.

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Mountain Ultra & Trail: Ron Nardo reported that the USATF National 50k Championship was held at Heckscher State Park on March 10, 2024. This was the last race for Carl Grossbard, Race Director. Due to heavy rains that flooded the area, a revised course was set on a 5k circuit on the park roads. Z. Mackey placed 3rd in the world cross-country championships.

Master Athletics: Masters Indoor Championships Invitational took place in Chicago, IL on March 21-24. Ed Flynn placed 2nd in the weight throw, 3rd in the triple and long jumps. Joy Flynn competed in the 60-meter, triple jump, and high jump. Lorraine Ambrose placed 1st in the 3,000m and 1st in the mile.

Youth: Leigh Pollet reported that the Youth Association Championship will take place on Sunday, June 16, 2024. Joe Megano will take over as the Youth Chair.

Para-Athletics: Steve Cuomo reported that Amityville HS will host the Youth Championship on June 16, 2024. There is a tentative go for the Memorial Day Meet on May 27, 2024 with a Special Ed Clinic on May 26, 2024 at Amityville HS.

Standing Administrative Committees:

Officials: George Erker reported that officials were requested for the Snowflake Classic at Stony Brook, for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese District Olympics at Suffolk Community College on May 25-26, 2024, and for high school track and field season which has begun. 30 certified officials are required for accreditation. It was suggested that high school and college students should be recruited as officials. Richard Degman reported that an electronic timing clinic could be held at his facility.

Sports Medicine: Jon DeGorter sent an article for the Newsletter.

Records: No report.

Outreach: Ron Nardo reported that a RJT event will take place at Calhoun HS at 6 pm on April 18, 2024 for CYO at Sacred Heart. This event will be for 200 students in kindergarten through 8th Grade divided into two 45-minute sessions. Ron Nardo, Alex Cuzzo, and Lori Mangual will assist as officials for Kellenberg dual meet at Hofstra University on April 19, 2024. Lori Mangual reported that the BOCES RJT event will take place on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Public Relations/Communications/Marketing: Lori Mangual reported that she is writing an article regarding the Awards Brunch.

Nominating: No report.

Law and Legislation: No report.

Membership: No report.

Coaching Education: Alex Cuzzo that his monthly Progress Report is due by tomorrow. He reported that Nataly Lando posted 37 feet 10 inches in the hammer throw in Commack.

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Communication/Marketing: Erin Cassano reported that step-down requests for Grand Prix races are needed. There are 813 current members. Alex Cuzzo will send information on clubs tomorrow. Results for King's Park 15k are needed from the timing company.

Other Activities:

Website: Alex Cuzzo reported that there is a limit for size space. Historic data needs to be scanned and saved in PDF format.

Thanks: A big thank you to Glen Wolther for providing treats at the Awards Brunch.

Next meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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