

## **MINUTES OF THE USATF-NIAGARA BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 8, 2014 BY TELECONFERENCE**

Board Members Present: Rob Liebers; Terry Eason; Lawrence Guilford; Ron Heerkens; Melissa Senall; Bill Quinlisk; Kathy McLymond; Perry Jenkins; David Reinhardt.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by David Reinhardt.

Non-Board Committee Chairs Present: Matt Merrill.

- A. June Minutes: Bill Quinlisk requested an amendment that in paragraph F (b) the word “Board” be changed to “President”. Lawrence Guilford moved to approve the minutes with that amendment. Bill Quinlisk seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Treasurer Report: Melissa Senall reports a total cash balance of \$61,891 iwht \$50,956 in checking \$10,935 in savings. There are currently \$4,275 in uncleared checks that relate to the JO and Open/Masters track meets. Melissa also reported net income of \$21,788 which is detailed in her written report which is incorporated by reference. She also reported she received the check from Coach “O” relative to the JO’s but has not received a check from national relative to the Open/Masters meet.
- C. Membership: Jim Glinsky submitted a written report which is incorporated by reference. He reports a total of membership as of July 6, 2014 as follows: Total – 1716; Youth - 1060; Open – 279; Masters – 377. This is a 6% increase from last year.
- D. Sanctions: Matt Merrill reports that we have 230 sanctions as of June 30, 2014 which is up from last year. He submitted a written report which is incorporated by reference.
- E. Youth: Terry Eason and Demetrius Bennett submitted a written report that is incorporated by reference. They indicate that the JO meet went very well. Four hundred twenty – eight athletes participated. They do have some ideas for next year including t-shirt sales as a revenue builder.
- F. Old Business:
  - a. Championship Updates
    1. JO’s - David Reinhardt reported that the JO meet went well and there was a lot of positive feedback. There was discussion of a suggestion to have a t-shirt vendor at the JO Meet. Bill Quinlisk suggested that issue be coordinated with the Open/Masters meet.
    2. Open/Masters Championships – Bill Quinlisk reported that there were not enough people or teams. He indicated he will distribute the winner’s plaques. He further indicated that some effort must be made to make this meet more attractive.
    3. Trail Championships – Ron Heerkens reports that the trail championship is in two weeks. He indicated that he has some good racers signed up. He encourages all to attend. Ron also submitted a written report which is incorporated by reference. Kathy McLymond added that she has some

money in her budget that could be used to pay officials at the trail championship.

4. Lucy Town Half-Marathon – David Reinhardt reported that things are progressing. He notes that the entry fee increases on July 11.
  5. Bergen 5K – Matt Merrill reports that Eric Boyce has 90 entries so far and that 30 are Niagara USATF members.
- b. USATF Niagara Athlete of the Month: Bill Quinlisk moved that Jenn Suhr and Molly Huddle be named the female athlete of the month and Jonathan Jones be named the male athlete of the month for his 68' shot put effort. He also suggested that Katie Burnett; Erin Talcott and Brycen Spratling be given honorable mention. Perry Jenkins seconded and this motion was approved unanimously.
  - c. USATF Association Grant Status – Jim Glinsky submitted a written summary of expenses related to the most recent grant. Rob Liebers will contact Desiree Friedman on this issue so that we can resume applying for grants.
  - d. Proposed Rule Changes – Bill Quinlisk reports rule changes for the National rules must be submitted 90 days in advance of the annual meeting. He indicated Steve Vaitones from the New England Association will submit Bill's proposals to be adopted by Master's LDR. It was also noted that the National Convention will be in Anaheim, California from Tuesday 12/2 – Friday 12/5.
- G. New Business
- a. 2014 Annual USATF Niagara Annual Meeting – It was agreed that the annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Bill Quinlisk will contact RIT to see if we can meet where we met last year.
  - b. 2018 National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships – David Reinhardt suggested that we bid on hosting the 2018 National JO meet at UB. Perry Jenkins indicated he thought it was a great idea. Bill Quinlisk suggested that sites in Rochester and Syracuse be given an opportunity to submit proposals. David R. and Terry Eason will put together an LOC.
  - c. Cross-Country Schedule – Bill Quinlisk reported that the Masters meet would be on September 28 although he is trying to talk Mike Reif into doing it on the 27<sup>th</sup>; He indicated that the open meet would be on November 2 and the JO meet will be on November 9.
  - d. 2015 Championship Bids – David Reinhardt requested that bid forms be ready to be sent out for the 2015 championships and that we should encourage all areas of the district to bid.
  - e. Level One School – David Reinhardt reported that there will be a Level One Coaching School in Jamestown in January. He has lined up Russ Ebbets and Jen Potter as presenters.
  - f. National Associations Workshop – Bill Quinlisk reported that there is an Associations Workshop in Sacramento, CA on August 15, 16 and 17. He suggested that we have someone attend in order to keep our accreditation level. He indicated he would have no objection if he were designated to attend.
  - g. Confirmation of Actions/Duties

- h. Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 12 at 8 PM.
- i. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.