

**MINUTES OF THE USATF-NIAGARA BOARD MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 10, 2013 BY TELECONFERENCE**

Board Members Present: David Reinhardt; Rob Liebers; Kathy McLymond; Dave Talcott; Jess Snyder; Perry Jenkins; Chad Byler; Bill Quinlisk; Melissa Senall; Trish Byler.

Non-Board Committee Chairs Present: Matt Merrill.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

David Reinhardt gave the Treasurer's Report. The bank balance is \$45049 (checking \$36,117 and savings \$10,932). The net for the year to date is \$26743 and there are outstanding checks of \$3451.

David Reinhardt gave the membership report. We have 2106 members and 61 member clubs. We already have 368 renewals for 2014.

Matt Merrill gave the sanction report. He reported 266 sanctions for 2013 and 9 for 2014. He indicated that he was expecting the sanction requests shortly.

National Convention Reports:

Kathy McLymond reported that David Reinhardt was named the Northeast Zone Representative for the Youth Athletics and the Executive Board for the National Youth Committee.

Perry Jenkins congratulated Kathy McLymond for being elected to officiate at the world Youth Championships.

Dave Talcott reported that Niagara was awarded the indoor 5000 racewalk again.

Old Business:

David Reinhardt reported that the USATF New York State Championships will be held on July 26 and July 27 at the University at Albany with track events to be held on the 26th and a road race and race walk to be held on the 27th. There will be junior; open and masters divisions. There will not be qualifying marks. The athletes will represent their associations. An order of events is being worked on.

Bill Quinlisk moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Kathy McLymond seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The budget will be put back on the January meeting agenda as there have been some changes since the last draft was prepared.

Chad Byler suggested a different vendor for conference calls that would save money.

New Business:

Bill Quinlisk reported that USATF National is doing a \$500 reimbursement for qualifying teams for Club National XC (Open Men/Open Women).

Bill Quinlisk requested that the Association purchase a portable sound system for our championships and for renting out. David Reinhardt indicated that he had looked into such systems and they cost about \$2000. Bill Quinlisk moved to approve an expenditure of \$2000 for a sound system. Rob Liebers seconded. There was a discussion. The motion was approved unanimously and that David Reinhardt will purchase such a system in consultation with Bill Quinlisk.

Rob Liebers moved that each of our Association representatives be reimbursed up to \$500 for any unreimbursed travel and housing expenses for attendance at the National Convention. The motion was seconded by Bill Quinlisk. There was discussion in particular regarding the 2013 budget line of \$3000 for the National Convention. Chad Byler proposed a friendly amendment that any reimbursement be preceded by a presentation of a report of attendance and of expenses and that the issue be revisited after receipt of all of the reports and expense reports and that the expense reports be forwarded to the treasurer for review. The amendment was accepted. The amended motion was approved unanimously.

Perry Jenkins reported that former Niagara Association President, John Beishline passed away.

LDR: Trish Byler reported that the following championships had been awarded:

Lilac 10K

Bergen 5K

Lucy Town Half-Marathon.

Track: Perry Jenkins reported that he thinks that the Open and Youth Championships should be at the University of Buffalo this year. There was a discussion of dates that would work when Perry would be available.

Matt Merrill indicated that he would order some post card announcing the Championships and would have them ready for the Holiday Track Meet. He believes the \$120 in the advertising budget would be sufficient.

Kathy McLymond reported that she went over budget on her Officials Training by \$90.68. Rob Liebers moved that Kathy be reimbursed in that amount. Perry Jenkins seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Kathy McLymond reported that although she had not requested it before that an honorarium would be appropriate for Roger Burbridge, the presenter for her Officials

Training Clinic. Perry Jenkins moved that we send Mr. Burbridge an Honorarium of \$100. Rob Liebers seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Rob Liebers moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.