

Annual Meeting  
September 20, 2020

**Attendance**

David Reinhardt, Chris Ribbeck, Kathy McLymond, Chris Cummings, Rozanne Redlinski, Perry Jenkins, Fred Covelli, Eric Boyce, Jim Glinsky, Don Lawrence, Russ Ebbetts, Roger Roll, Nancy Smith, Karen Ocque, Larry Callahan, Bob Duggan, Sharon Gruttadauro, Jennifer Potter, Bryan Kemmerer, Mickey Piscitelli, Brian Lombardo, Terry Eason, John McEachen, Pat Janiga, Izeal Bullock

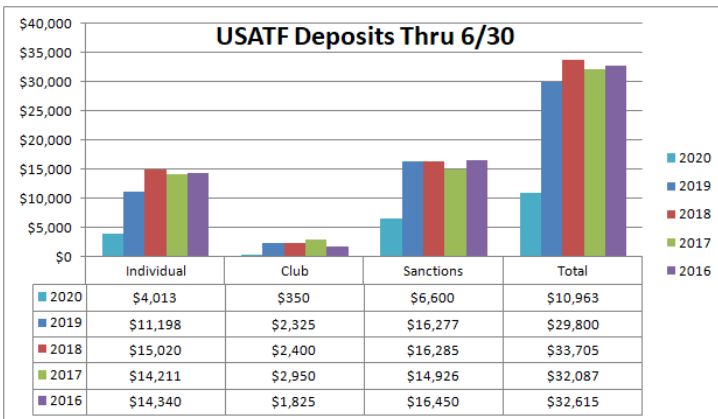
1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President, David Reinhardt

2. **Roll call of delegates and resolution of any credential disputes** - yes

3. **Reading and approval minutes of 2019 USATF Niagara Annual Meeting** – Motion to Accept by Russ Ebbetts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Cummings, Minutes approved – 1 absention – Nancy Smith

4. **Treasurer’s Report** (Chris Cummings) - **Summary:**

I have repeated the chart from last two months below as the USATF National Office **still has not been able to provide Association Treasurers with accurate monthly financial reports regarding membership revenue and sanctions revenue**. I still expect that we will owe for refunded cancellations in May, June, and July over and above any new membership and sanctions revenue for those months.



**I. As of 9/11/2020, our financial assets include:**

Checking	\$16,894
Savings	\$15,005
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$31,899</b>

**II. As of 9/11/2020, year-to-date revenues and expenses\* stand at:**

Revenue:	\$15,471
Expenses:	\$3,922
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$11,549</b>

- Does not include sanction revenue, cancellations, or membership income for May, June, or July.

**5. Report of officers/committee chairs**

**VP Administration** (Membership – Jim Glinsky) - As of 9/15/2020 we have 959 members, as of 9/21/2019 we had 1315 members. We are -356 or 27% behind this time last year. Although our membership totals are lower than this time last year, they are actually higher than expected given there have been no competitive events and very few scheduled in the near future. I am confident there will be a big surge in memberships as soon as events come back to the national and Association calendar. There are currently 40 active clubs. This is low but again, clubs will renew as soon as they are able to safely hold practices and events come up on the calendar.

	Male	Female	Total	
Youth	164	142	306	32%
Open	183	118	301	31%
Masters	249	103	352	37%

**VP Operations** (Fred Covelli) - With the onset of Covid-19, the spring and summer track season was canceled, as were all USATF National meets. However, USATF Niagara was able to sponsor 3 meets before the Covid-19 ban.

November 3, 2019 - Niagara Association youth cross country championships The championships were held at the Beaver Island State Park. We used portions of the NCAA Division 1 course that the University at Buffalo had mapped out. However, on Thursday October 31, a wind storm blew debris from the river onto the lower portion of the course forcing us to modify on the last minute the course layout. The day was cold and windy but sunny. The races went well and everyone in attendance was happy with the course. This also provided experience for our LOC and officials as in 2 weeks we hosted the USATF Region 2 cross country championship.

November 17, 2019 - USATF region 2 youth cross country championships Once again, the championships were held at the Beaver Island State Park. We used portions of the NCAA Division 1 course that the University at Buffalo had mapped out. However, on Monday November 11 a snow storm covered the entire course with about 6" of wet slushy snow. Plans to plow or shovel off the course were considered. Temperatures continued to remain below freezing, the course could not be plowed and it was determined that the course was unsafe for youth athletes to run on. It was then determined, for the safety of the children to map out a road course. The event went well, most parents were understanding of the road course as a safety issue for their children.

December 29, 2019 - USATF Niagara indoor championships Held at RIT, attendance at the USATF Niagara Championships was on par with previous years. Once again, the USATF Masters National 5K/10K indoor race walk championships were also conducted prior to the meet. After the meet, the Niagara board will be looking at ways to conduct this indoor meet with the Adirondack Association in the future to attract a bigger field and share/cut costs. Facility cost continue to be the biggest expense for this meet. Covid-19 pandemic canceled the entire spring and summer USATF track season. Going forward, as Covid-19 restrictions are reduced, the major obstacle to planning an indoor/outdoor meet will be the availability of high school or college facilities. While plans are in the works for the indoor meet at Ithaca college, Ithaca is closed and is a virtual teaching campus for fall 2020. Other facilities are being looked at but so far, no alternative site is scheduled

**Long Distance Running** (Eric Boyce) - The 2020 LDR year had its climax, peak, and completion in a short 2-3 week period due to Covid-19. We were fortunate enough to have 8 athletes compete at the Olympic Marathon trials in Atlanta on Feb 29!! The following weekend we had our first USATF Niagara LDR and Team Grand Prix championships at the tip hill race in Syracuse!! Unfortunately, we were hit by the pandemic which caused us to cancel the rest of the 2020 LDR runner of the year series and Team Grand Prix series! Looking at 2021 I will be reaching out to those races that were scheduled as championships for 2020 to get a sense of where those races stand. I will then try to organize the 2021 championship schedule. A lot of the time when we host a championship, we partner with a race to have a championship. I believe there might be some uncertainty with larger spring races happening in 2021 so to ensure we can have a complete LDR championship schedule, we might have to avoid larger races and maybe partner with a smaller race.

## **High Performance (Russ Ebbetts) – 2019 Summary**

- Conducted a Clinic Weekend in the fall of 2019 in Rochester (sprints, hurdles, throws) and Syracuse (endurance) with over 100+ athletes attending
- The Clinic Weekend idea was profiled in *Track Coach* #232 along with San Diego-USATF in a compare-contrast piece

## **2020 Summary**

- Proposal floated with Zone 20E-2 of NYS Lions Clubs for funding for Western NY (Niagara Association) Junior Olympics...passed unanimously and I was given the go-ahead to solicit monies to be used for JO programs
- March Clinic Weekends scheduled for Rochester and Syracuse at three sites on the racewalk, distance running and injury prevention...canceled due to Covid.
- USATF Niagara table at NYS Lions Clubs Annual Meeting in Buffalo May 2020 was scheduled and had to be canceled. Idea was to showcase Niagara Association and drum up support for the JO finding project.
- Contacts were made with the 4 USATF Associations of NYS to conduct a “state championship” for USATF next August 2021 in site TBD. Bids forms have been sent to 5 possible sites: Colgate, Hamilton, Cortland, Albany and Syracuse. Bids due back October 1, 2020 and committee will come to conclusion.

## **2020-2021 Goals**

- Make the USATF NYS Outdoor Championships a reality
- Continue to fundraise for JO's from Lions Clubs
- Begin to conduct a Zoom-like questions and answers program to be posted on website and to highlight accomplishments of outstanding coaches and athletes in Association.

Sharon Gruttadauro advised Don Lawrence is the new race walk chair.

**Youth Athletics** (Izeal Bullock) – Outdoor Track & Field season was cancelled due to COVID. Wants to create a youth cross country series and will contact Grand Island about hosting.

## **Officials (Kathy McLymond) - Niagara Officials as of September 17, 2020**

44 currently certified  
12 Master Level  
13 National Level  
19 Association Level

The above gives the Niagara Association a good mix of quality officials for each event during a track & field meet.

## **Niagara Officials selected for the 2020 USATF National Championships**

Chris Cummings – Olympic Trials – Horizontal Jumps  
Terry Eason – Olympic Trials – Discus, U20 – Head Discus  
Dan Egan – U20 – Clerk  
Jim Glinsky – U20 – Pole Vault

Perry Jenkins – Sr Indoors – Head Technical Manager  
Paul Kosek – Sr Indoors – Pole Vault  
Kathy McLymond – Olympic Trials – High Jump  
Matt Merrill – Sr Indoors – Clerk  
Tom Priester – Sr Indoor – Marshal  
Rozanne Redlinski – Indoor Combined Events – Crew  
LuAnn Tierney – Sr Indoors – Pole Vault Alternate

Track & Field Meets hosted by Niagara Association

Niagara JO Cross Country Qualifiers on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island – 4 officials

Region 2 JO Cross Country Qualifiers on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island – 10 officials

Upstate Holiday Classic Indoor Championship & National Racewalk Championships on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at RIT – 18 officials plus 3 officials from out of town for the Race Walk Championships.

Officials EDM/EDR Training Clinic – November 9, 2019 at St John Fisher College

Expenses for the period of October, 2018 to September, 2019.

\$ 3.80 – postage

231.25 – Lunch for attendees for the EDM/EDR Clinic

583.68 – Hotel Rooms for the two presenters from out of town for the EDM/EDR Clinic

\$818.73 – Total

Awards – USATF Officials Committee Service Award – Terry Eason, Perry Jenkins, Paul Kosek, Tom Priester

6. **Unfinished business** – Motion to remove Bylaw Section 6c (Electronic Voting) from table from Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jennifer, motion approved. Motion to put language in by laws to allow online voting and virtual meetings, 2 opposed, 1 absentation, motion approved.
7. **New Business** - none
8. **Action on proposed amendments** - none
9. **Election of Officers** – 45 Niagara members voted, VP Operations - Fred Covelli, VP Administration - Russ Ebbetts, Treasurer - Chris Cummings, At-Large - Brian Lombardo, Jennifer, Rozanne Redlinski have been elected
10. **Election of national delegates** – National Convection will be done virtually, Niagara is fully credited, and can have up to 13 delegates. Contact David Reinhardt if interested in being a national delegate.
11. **Adjournment** – 12:02 pm