

Niagara Association
Minutes of August Meeting
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Meeting was called to order by President, Dave Reinhardt at 7:37 pm. Meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Attendees: Dave Reinhardt, Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Kathy McLymond, Eric Boyce, Chris Cummings, Don Lawrence, Rozanne Redlinski

1. Approval of July Minutes: No changes were made to the minutes as submitted by Chris Ribbick. Russ moved that the minutes from the July meeting. Fred Covelli seconded the motion and it passed.
2. Treasurer's Report: Chris Cummings sent the Board members a copy of the Contingency budget in July and a copy of the monthly budget was sent before the meeting. Because of COVID, total revenues are down. Revenues and expenses are also skewed by the Empire Classic finances being run through Niagara.
A discussion was held about reimbursing Izeal Bullock for his hotel stay at the Niagara Association championships. This item was not in the budget and Chris felt this should be a Board Decision. Dave moved that Izeal be reimbursed for the full amount because of the time he spent at the meet. This motion was passed.

Chris Cummings feels that the Association needs to be aware of the budget for events and stick to that budget. He recommended that we budget ahead to times for items like this. Dave suggested that we use the convention expense sheet as a template for further reimbursement.

When looking at the Contingency budget for this coming year, Chris asked for more input from Board members. It is difficult to make a realistic budget without broader Board input and more detailed budgeting. Assuming July-December will be like usual, the miscellaneous budget items were cut in half right across the board. This will give us a positive balance of \$1600 if all cuts are maintained.

Chris also stated that the accountant asked for an inventory of physical materials/equipment such as tents and banners. Fred questions the depreciation of these items. It was felt that after a complete inventory is made, we can better budget for replacements. Fred said that he had a spreadsheet with a list on it. Eric questioned what logo should be one these items.

Kathy moved that the contingency budget be accepted, Russ seconded it and it was passed.

3. Vice Presidents Reports:
 - A. Fred Covelli has nothing new to add since the last meeting. He commended Russ and Izeal on the Empire Classic. He had many positive comments in the clerking tent. Fred feels that there is a need to have co-ordinators in various regions to provide information on future sites and contact.
 - B. Russ Ebbets gave a report from Jim Glynski about membership.
Youth 406, Open 209, Master 278
Total 893 which is an increase in 67 since July
Club number remains that same at 41 clubs.

Russ wanted to thank the Niagara Association for a successful meet. Congratulations to the Niagara Athletes for winning both men's and women's inaugural championship.

Meet ran on time and under budget.
Russ is awaiting 2K grant from USATF. All paperwork was submitted.
A follow-up meeting is planned with all 4 associations being committed to next year.
These is a discussion with New England and Toronto about a dual meet next year.

Dave said he would look into a grant from Ralph Wilson Foundation.
Dave reported 142 sanctions.

4. LDR report: Eric Boyce
There were 2 events since the last association board meeting.

4mile championships

<https://niagara.usatf.org/events/2021/2021-usatf-niagara-open-masters-4-mile-championshi#results>

Mountain championships

<https://niagara.usatf.org/events/2021/2021-usatf-niagara-open-masters-mountain-champions#results>

Eric stated that is good to have events again but membership turnout is still low.... Approximately 30 members per event. Next LDR championship is Sept 3 in Buffalo... Hall of Fame 5k

5. High Performance: No report
6. Youth Athletics: Izeal Bullock
Izeal is looking for a possible location for the XC meet.
7. Officials: Kathy McLymond
Congratulations to Russ and Chris for the successful Empire State Classic.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: Will be held on Sept 19th. An Association meeting will be held on Sept 13th.
Kathy reported the slate of nominees:

President: Russ Ebbets
Secretary: Rozanne Redlinski
High performance: Don Lawrence
LDR: Eric Boyce
Youth: Izeal Bullock and Cristin Hockenberry
Officials: Kathy McLymond

A discussion followed about the voting process. Since voting will be electronic and someone can be nominated from the floor, questions were asked about the process. It was acknowledged that the slate of nominees could change at the last minute. Andy Martin will manage the elections and will send out requests for bios from nominees.

New Business:

Dave asked for suggestions, concerns or comments for the next USATF Executive committee meeting with Cynthia Young. His concerns include:

1. National Office Grassroots
2. Youth Advisory council
3. Men's 4 X 100 relay team
4. Age verification

Dave also asked us for any rule book changes we wished to see addressed.

Don said that the Annual Convention was still being planned at the Disney Springs Hilton.

Russ Ebbets moved to adjourn the meeting and Fred Covelli seconded the motion at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rozanne Redlinski (substitute secretary)