



January 19, 2022 Niagara Association Board meeting

The January Board meeting of the Niagara Association was called to order by President Russ Ebbets at 7:31 pm EST. This meeting was held on the Zoom platform.

The following persons were in attendance: Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Terry Eason, Chris Cummings, Rozanne Redlinski, Kathy McLymond, Perry Jenkins, Eric Boyce, Brain Lombardo, Jen Potter, Don Lawrence, Izeal Bullock and Jim Glinsky

1. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2021: President Russ Ebbets said that the grant monies reported in the minutes were inaccurate. The monies should have read that \$1000 grant was for the 5 STAR program and \$5000 was from the national Office. Fred Covelli made a motion to accept the minutes with these edits and Jen Potter seconded this motion. The minutes were approved with these changes.
2. President's report:
 - A. The application for the Ralph Wilson Grant was submitted but no decisions on the part of the Foundation have been announced.
 - B. Almost all Youth Clubs in the Association have been contacted and are interested in participating in the RJT/5 Star Program.
 - C. Meetings were announced: RJT zoom on January 19th and Niagara RJT/5 STAR Zoom on January 20th. Thirteen clubs in the Association are interested in participating.
 - D. The Empire Classic will be held on July 30th, 2022.
 - E. Russ has contacted 124 the Lions clubs about donations to the Niagara Association to support the Youth programs. His requests have been successful.
3. Treasurer's Report: Chris Cummings reported that the 2021 revenues from Individuals and Club memberships were down about 15%. Revenues from Sanctions were down about 51%. Hence, total revenues were down about 33% within a 5 year average.

We have a little over \$18K in checking and \$20K in savings. Chris made a motion that the Board approved the transfer of \$5K from checking into savings. Kathy McLymond seconded the motion and it was passed.

The second report written by Chris compared the passed budget with the actual budget for 2021. The PDF of the budget will be sent to Andy to post on the website.

4. VP reports:

A. Fred Covelli asked for the Board's comments on the RFP he sent out. Jen had offered suggestions. Fred will send this out to various vendors for their quotes for our meets.

Fred would like input from the Board about a deadline date for the vendors to submit their quotes.

He has not heard anything from Robts. Wesleyan about using their facility for the Association meet in June. The tentative date of the Association meet will be June 26th at Campbell-Savona. They will not be charging us for the use of their facility; but, they will run the concession stand.

The Javelin and the Hammer can not be done at this venue.

B. Terry Eason: Terry is in contact with Utica about a Throws Pentathlon that will address the lack for some throws at the Campbell-Savona venue. He will be contacting them again once the Spring semester starts.

5. LDR: Eric Boyce sent everyone a copy of his report.

6. High Performance: Don Lawrence has his second High Performance Clinic this coming Thursday. Brain Lomardo will be presenting about "Motivation and Goal setting".

Russ asked Don about the \$5K from the National Office. Don explained that the funds were utilized to promote membership. Chris warned that these funds are already figured into about proposed budget and need to be spent on items to increase our membership. Don explained that there were a variety of ways to reach these requirements.

7. Youth Athletics: Izeal Bullock reported that the MidAtlantic Association passed on the Region 2 Championships. Russ set up a subcommittee to explore the possibility of the Niagara Association hosting this meet. Concerned was express about athletes being able to advance from the Association to the National without competing at the Regional meet. The Subcommittee will be made up for Russ, Fred, Terry, Kathy, Izeal and Perry.

8. Officials: Kathy McLymond has nothing to report.

9. Calendar: Perry Jenkins had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Russ Ebbets presented the following motions:

The Board of Directors recognized that the election of September 19, 2021 was carried out by the Election Committee to the best of their ability. The Board of Directors moved to invoke Article 20 and re-confirm the election results of September 19, 2021.

This motion was seconded by Rozanne Redlinski and passed unanimously.

By laws sent out for review by the Association Secretary are accepted as a package to exclude the concerns of Chris Cummings's 8 proposed changes and the voting status of the immediate Past President (Article 8J)

This motion was seconded by Perry Jenkins. A discussion followed and is summarized below. Kathy stated that our bylaws require us to present these changes to the entire Association membership 30 days before a vote can occur. (Article 19 A/B.)

Each of the concerns express by Chris were discussed and a summary can be seen in an attachment.

Don and Rozanne Were asked to contact Scott Erwin, an attorney that specializes in the bylaws for USATF. They will ask Scott to read through our bylaws, proposed changes and any other changes he feels are necessary before the next meeting.

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm EST.

STATED ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS

Niagara Membership Report - 5 JAN 22				
	Male	Female	Total	
Youth	38	29	67	15%
Open	89	42	131	30%
Masters	166	80	246	55%
Total	293	151	444	
Clubs 28				
It's too early in the year for month to month comparisons as many memberships lapsed on 31 DEC 21 and have not yet renewed.				
On 10 JAN 21 we had 340 individual and 18 club members. We are significantly ahead of this time last year. This is simply due to the return to in person racing. It remains to be see if this trend will continue. How the pandemic and in-person racing progress will be a big factor.				