



**Minutes of the July 2022 Meeting of the
Niagara Association Board of Directors**

This meeting was called to order by President Russ Ebbets at 7:34 pm EST on July 11, 2022.

The following Board members were in attendance: Jen Potter, Don Lawrence, Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Jim Glinsky and Kathy McLymond.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting: Don Lawrence made a motion to accept the minutes from this meeting. Fred Covelli seconded the motion and it passed.

2. President's Report:

RJT/5-Star set to started with 4 programs reporting Checks from \$350 will be sent to each program. Lions JO money \$3250 has been deposited to date. Thank you all for successful Niagara Outdoor Track Championships. Russ wants to restart the XC Clinic Weekends that were set aside when covid came into the picture. He is looking for location along the Rt 104 corridor which could include Wolcott and/or Sodus. These clinics would have various races and events for the participants and would be held in August 2022. The clinic directors will be receiving \$100 from the left over Lions Club money and they are allowed to charge a fee for the clinic attendee that they can keep. USATF will advertise these clinics. Coaches that run these clinics will be 3-step USATF certified. Russ envisions running Pole vault clinics, throws clinics and others in the future.

Kathy McLymond raised a question about the reasons Don Lawrence was moved from the throws to the finish line in the Outdoor Championship meet. Don explained that it was because the timer (Dave Yen) did not have personnel to run the finish line. A discussion followed.

Kathy also asked why the volunteers were paid \$30.00 each. Rozanne asked if this money was budgeted and if the meet budget and the association budget were the same. Don suggested that the volunteer money needs to be discussed ahead of time. A discussion followed about the difficulty to get volunteers.

3. Treasurer's Report: Chris was unable to attend this meeting. His report is attached.

4. VP Report:
 - a. Fred thought that the Association meet went well other than late sign-ins and lack of volunteers. He said that the Region 2 meets was well attended and people are looking forward to coming to Buffalo/ Jamestown/ Rochester next year. Fred and Don said that many of the athletes that qualified for the National meet will not be going because it is in Sacramento and that is too far.
 - b. Terry: Terry was not in attendance to there was no report.
5. LDR – Eric ; was not in attendance but his report is attached
6. Membership – Jim Glinsky
 - Youth – 531
 - Open – 255
 - Master – 393...clubs 45 (+4 over June)
 - Total – 1179
7. High Performance: Don’s next Zoom Clinic Schedule will be about the formation of Running clubs. The speaker will be Jim Glinsky
8. Youth Athletics: Izeal was no in attendance so there was no report.
9. Officials: Kathy reported that she only had 5 Niagara officials that signed up to officiate at the Empire State Classic. Kathy extended thanks to all those that worked at the June 25th meet. She also asked that the Niagara Association send a reimbursement to the Three Rivers Association to cover the cost of the Niagara Officials pay and gas which would total \$2000. During the discussion, Fred stated that some of the officials did not accept the gas stipend. Fred and Rozanne suggested that Kathy find out what Niagara officials were paid to see how much the stipend actually was.
10. Calendar Project: Perry was not in attendance so there was no calendar report.

Old Business

By laws update/discussion: Rozanne reported that Scott Irwin sent back the present bylaws with several suggestions for modifications. She took the modifications that the Board recommends and those made by Scott and put the new version of the bylaws together. It is presently being typed and reformatted. We discussed a couple of the changes.

1. Old article 7 is a regulation...not a bylaw. So that had to be removed and placed at the end with the grievance process.

2. The entire document needed to be renumbered considering the removal of Article 7 and the recommendation from Scott that we use Roman Numerals. He said that numbering was a little confusing in various spots.
3. Article 6 pertains to voting. The new version contains the steps involved in electron voting. A discussion followed about the pros/cons of accepting nomination from the floor. Fred made a motion that we do not accept nominations from the floor and that all nomination need to be presented to the Board by August 10th as stated in the bylaws. This was seconded by Don Lawrence and the motion was approved.
4. If the Annual meeting is virtual, the ballots will be collected and counted during the meeting. If ballots were sent to members electronically, these votes will be due 48 hours before the start of the Annual Meeting.
5. The Article referring to the grievance procedures will be removed and a reference will be made to the National Grievance Procedures and these will be stated in the Appendix.

The Board recommended putting both versions of the Bylaws on the website. The Niagara membership will be advised of the location of the bylaws and asked to read the changes. If they have any comments or concerns, they can contact Rozanne or bring them up for discussion at the Annual Meeting in September.

Rozanne also requested that the Board consider paying the person that is retying these bylaws. The Board approved the payment to Jocelyn Replogle for typing the Bylaws. Kathy made a motion that she be paid \$200. Don offered that \$100.00 could come out of his Race Walk budget and the rest will come out of checking. Don seconded the motion and it passed.

Region 2 JO 2023: We are considering 3 sites – Buffalo, Rochester and Jamestown. Russ has split up these cities. He asked Fred to contact Jamestown, Izeal to contact Buffalo and he would contact Rochester. They would then put together a report so that we can compare which city would give us the best deal. Russ wants the decision to be made by October.

New Business:

Rozanne Asked for the specifics about the Annual Meeting. This meeting will be held on September 25th at a location and time to be determined. The meeting will be hybrid (in person/Zoom). At that time, members can question various changes that were made to the bylaws.

Up for election at this Annual meeting will be the 2 Vice Presidents, Treasurer and 3 At-large seats. Fred will contact Andy about posting these available positions on the website and sending out an email blast to the membership.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm EST.

Submitted:

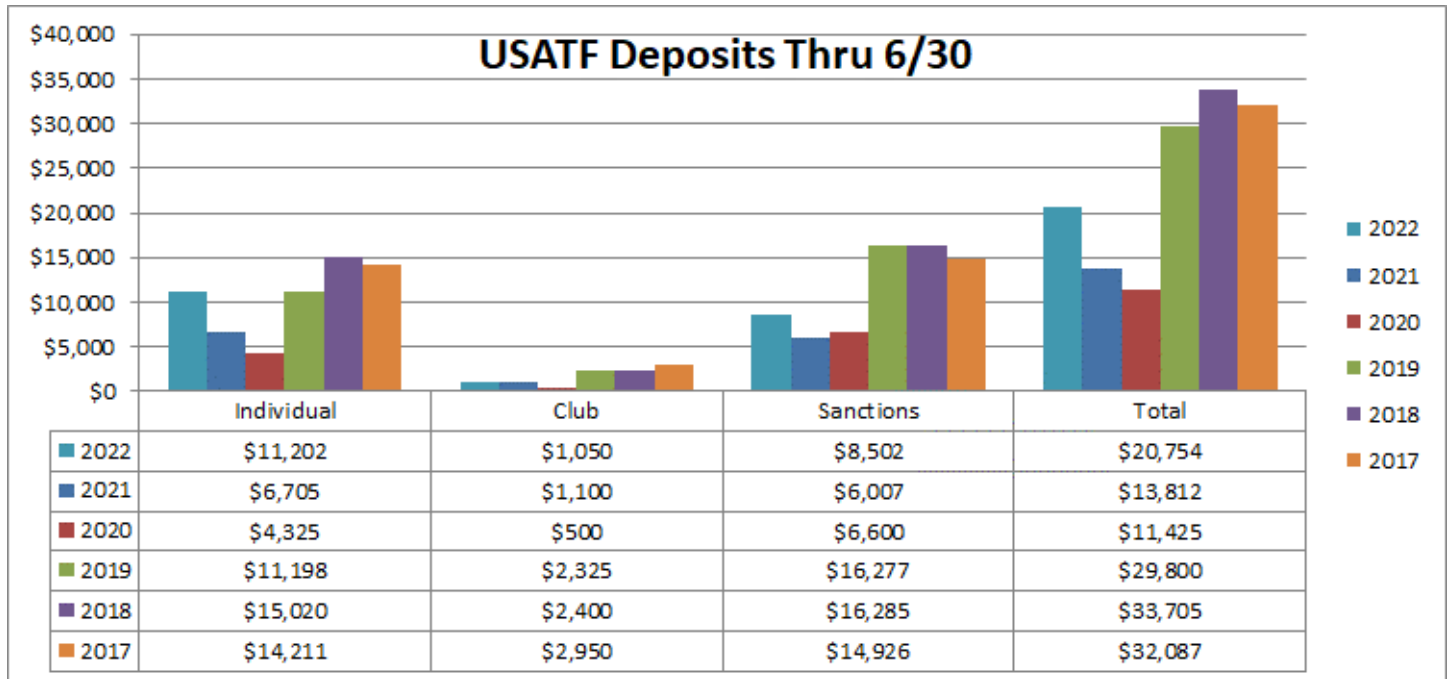
Rozanne Redlinski

Secretary Niagara Association

7/11/2022 Board Call

I. Summary:

The chart below shows individual and club membership, as well as sanction revenues for 2022 and the last five years. Sanctions revenue continues to be soft. Total revenues are down approximately 14% versus our 5 year average.



II. As of 7/5/2022, our financial assets include:

Checking	\$36,397*
Savings	<u>\$25,009</u>
Subtotal	\$61,406
Less: HOF Prize \$	-\$500
Less: ESC Funds	<u>-\$2,649</u>
Total Assets	\$58,257

*includes \$3,250 from Lions Contributions for JO in 2022, plus \$500 2021 Lions Contributions from 2021 not spent, less \$2,309 in JO expenses for 2022 allocated to Lions Contributions)

III. As Of 7/5/2022 our 2022 YTD P&L Summary is as follows:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget**</u>
Income	\$34,413	\$31,219
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$11,936</u>	<u>\$23,702</u>
Profit/Loss	\$22,477	\$7,516

**Budget amounts assumed income was equally received throughout the year (i.e., 1/12th per month).

	Open/Masters		JO		Combined	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$2,105*	\$1,400	\$2,730	\$1,400	\$4,835	\$2,800
Expenses	\$2,465**	\$3,400	\$2,909**	\$3,600	\$5,374	\$7,000
Profit/Los	(\$360)	(\$2,000)	(\$179)	(\$2,200)	(\$539)	(\$4,200)

*Assumes that Simply Register sends the \$1,580 in entry fees that we are owed – check expected next week

**Assumes that Nazareth bills us the remaining \$1,200 facility fee (split equally between the two meets)

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	Male	Female	Total	
Youth	269	262	531	45%
Open	163	92	255	22%
Masters	262	131	393	33%
Total	694	485	1179	
Clubs 45				
I couldn't find a report for July 21 but I did find a report for June 21.				
On 12 June 21 we had 612 individual and 37 club members. We continue to be significantly ahead for the year to date. In the past month we increased by 206 individual and 4 club members. I expect this trend to continue.				

LDR report July 2022

52 finishers at the mile which was a great turn out for the track and field championship participation from members.

Next LDR/MUT championships which is part of the runner of the year series and Grand Prix series is the Niagara Mountain champs at Swain August 6th.

We have had some good performances lately from members Joe Whelan qualified for the 2024 Olympic trials in the Marathon hitting the A standard a few weeks ago at Grandma's marathon.

Last weekend Mason Coppi finished 4th at the Mountain Championships and right now is the first alternate for the **USA** team at the World Mountain Championships in November.

A few members also recently won national age group titles in various championships.

I won't be on the call Monday because I'll be still in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. This weekend is the USATF Vertical Climb Mountain Championships.

Eric