



USATF Niagara Board minutes

November 14, 2022

Call to order:

This meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm EST by President Russ Ebbets. The following Board Members were present: Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Rozanne Redlinski, Jacky Mendez, Mike Nier, Kraig Connors, Jim Glinsky, Michelle Bogdan and Don Lawrence. Not in attendance were Izeal Bullock and Kathy McLymond.

1. Approval of the minutes: Minutes from the October, 17, 2022 Board meeting were approved.
2. President's report: The 2021 AEC grant monies have not been released yet. The 2022 AEC grant application was sent in for the Clinic weekends in March 2023. Russ told the Board that Brett Shelton spoke at the Finger Lake Lions Club Fall Conference about his JO program and the Run, Jump, Throw program and how he was implementing it. Brett's talk was very well received.
3. Treasurer's report: Jacky said that she is working with Chris Cummings learn aspects of setting up the budget and income tax reporting. She asked the Board members to check their emails for her Google sheets about their budgets for next year. Reports need to be in by December 8th. Jacky has had the Bank accounts transferred into her name. Russ questioned the ability to transfer the account without Jim Glinsky's signature. Fred Covelli asked Jacky to send him various budgets for events we have held in the past.
4. VP reports:
 - Fred Covelli: nothing to report
 - Michelle Bogdan: Michelle will be working on a Newsletter to be sent out to the Niagara membership about news and events happening in the Association. She hopes to use Instagram, Twitter and Facebook reach coaches, athletes, officials and parents.
5. LDR: Eric Boyce's report is attached.

6. Membership: Jim Glinksy's report is attached.
7. High Performance: Don Lawrence is rescheduling his last Zoom clinic on because is illness. These clinics were well received. Don is planning for next years program. Don and Russ also talked about the Zoom Library they are creating for parents and athletes. These will help people better understand the registration process, how to join a club and other topics. Russ Ebbets, Don Lawrence, Michelle Bogdan, Willie Price and Brett Shelton participated in short zoom session and they were recorded for publication on the Niagara Association website. Russ is going to share this information with other Associations at the Annual Meeting.
8. Youth Athletics: Izeal was not in attendance. There was no report about the cost/profit, attendance or results at the Cross Country meet.
9. Officials: Kathy McLymond could not attend the meeting but shared the information about her Spring Training Clinics through Rozanne.

Old Business:

Russ asked that attendees at the Annual Convention caucus at 7:30 am for a short meeting. Convention reports will be due on December 14,2022. These report need to be sent to Rozanne containing the names and times, of the sessions as well as what you learned during these sessions.

Don Lawrence will be running a race walk clinic/race Friday morning at the Annual Meeting.

Rozanne was asked to send out the phone numbers for the attendees so that we can communicate with each other.

New Business: Don asked that the Board consider having Matt Merrill make polo shirts for the Attendees. Rozanne mentioned name tags as an option. Matt said that the cost would be around \$25.

Fred Covelli asked about the status of the meets next year. The Region Youth meet will be held in Jamestown. He asked about the Association meet being held at the same place the weekend before. Eric's opinion is that having the meet in Jamestown would prevent many Open and LDR runners from attending. Fred will approach Dave Rinehardt about his availability.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm EST