



Niagara Association Special Board meeting

March 21, 2023

A special Board meeting of the Niagara Association was held on March 21, 2023 at 7:31 pm EST. This meeting was requested by President Russ Ebbets and Secretary Rozanne Redlinski. The following Board members were present: Russ Ebbets, Rozanne Redlinski, Jacky Mendez, Izeal Bullock, Don Lawrence, Fred Covelli, Matt Merrill, Kraig Connors, Mike Nier, Eric Boyce and Kathy McLymond.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and vote upon the following items:

1. the JO/Open budget and reasons for the delays in planning

Issues involved in the planning of this budget involved the 50% increase in the cost of venue rental at Nazareth College and an increase in the timer's fees. The possibility of running relays at the end of this meet for the Open/Masters groups, was also discussed. Eric was asked to survey running clubs to see which relay they would like to have in the meet. A compromise was reached to have 1 relay this year to see how it was received. Russ made a motion, which was seconded by Fred, that budget for the JO/Open./Masters outdoor meet be accepted. The motion passed with 1 no vote and 2 abstentions.

2. voting on the acceptance of the 2023 budget

Voting on the 2023 budget was delayed until after the discussion of the MOU for the Regional meet. After sufficient discussion had occurred, Fred made a motion to accept the budget, which was seconded by Don. The motion passed with 1 negative vote and 2 abstentions.

3. issues with the Memorandum of Understanding and resolution of these issues.

Dave Reinhardt joined the discussion at this point and answered various questions about the MOU. Advance payment of various items such as hotels was settled with Dave being allowed to authorize various payments with the oversight of Fred Covelli and Jacky Mendez. The Association will receive all the profits from the t-shirt sales. (If a t-shirt cost the vendor \$10 and he sold it for \$20, the Association would receive a \$10 profit.) Both Dave and Russ expressed concerns about payment for services rendered by various groups in the Jamestown area. Russ said the Association would cover these costs based upon the oversight of Fred and Jacky.

A motion to accept the MOU for the Region 2 meet with the modification in wording to contain the oversight of payment authorizations was made by Fred and seconded by Don Lawrence. The motions passed with 1 negative vote and 2 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm EST.