



Niagara Association Board Meeting
March 13, 2023

The March Board meeting of the Niagara Association was called to order by Russ Ebbets at 7:31 pm EST. The following Board members were present: Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Jacky Mendez, Don Lawrence, Eric Boyce, Mike Nier, Kraig Connor, Jim Glinsky, Izeal Bullock, Matt Merrill, and Rozanne Redlinski. Absent from the meeting were Kathy McLymond and Michelle Bogdan.

1. Approval of the Minutes from February 13, 2023

Fred made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting and this was seconded by Jacky. The motion passed.

2. President's report:

Russ asked for recommendations for coaches for the Weekend Clinics on March 25 & 26, 2023. At this point, there are 5 sites with 7 clinics planned. Don Lawrence asked about the insurance certificates for the schools involved. 2022 AEC Grant monies have been received and deposited into the Association account. Youth clubs are being contacted about the 2023 RJT program. Growth to Impact monies have not yet been received. Accreditation materials have been submitted and accepted, pending the submission of our Newsletter. Don said that his Web announcements and pictures can count as a form of Newsletter.

3. Treasurer's report: attached

Jacky said that she attended a ZOOM session of the Not for Profit status of the Association and the Tax reporting. She is going to reach out to Chris and to the accountant about past practices in information.

4. VP reports:

Fred gave an update on the Region 2 meet in Jamestown. We are still waiting to talk to Dave about the meet particulars.

Michelle was not present.

5. LDR report: attached

6. Membership:

Jim Glinsky the following:

Youth 153-204

Open 175-200

Master 326-347

Total 654-751

Clubs: 39-41

7. High Performance:

Don was congratulated for having his High Performance Series advertised in the NOC newsletter. The ZOOM with Michelle Bogdan has been rescheduled until March 23rd.

8. Youth:

Izeal is working with Nazareth for the Summer Association meet. The price for the venue is \$2400. A budget is still needed for approval.

9. Officials:

Kathy was absent but reported on the continuing Zoom session from Oregon. She is short officials for the Region 2 meet, due to the conflict in schedule with the Senior Games in Pittsburgh on the same weekend. Therefore, no officials will be helping from the Three Rivers Association.

Old Business:

We are still in need of a 2023 Association budget but can not approve one until the budgets for the Association meet and the Region 2 meets are finalized.

We looked at the Memorandum of Understanding from Dave Rinehart for the Region 2 meet. We did not approve the MOU during the meeting because of a few concerns that the Board needed to address with Dave.

Membership kits have been ordered.

New Business:

Eric asked that the Board approve an expenditure of \$500 dollars, before the budget gets approved. This money will be used to pay the winning athletes in his LDR series. Eric made a motion that \$500 from the proposed LDR budget be used to pay the awards. Matt Merrill seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm EST.