



Niagara Association Board

June 12, 2023

The June Board meeting for the Niagara Association was called to order by President Russ Ebbets at 7:35 pm EST via Zoom. The Following Board members were present: Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Mike Nier, Kraig Connor, Eric Boyce, Jackie mendez, Kathy McLymond, Matt Merrill, Don Lawrence, Rozanne Redlinski , Michelle Bogdan and Jim Glinsky. Izeal Bullock and Dave Reinhart were not in attendance.

1. Approval minutes from May 8, 2023

Eric Boyce made motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Kraig Connor, The minutes were approved.

2. President's report:

- a. Russ said that the entry forms for the Empire Classic and Master Mini Grand Prix were going out this week. This started a lengthy discussion about the scheduling of these events. The Grand Prix will be conflicting with several events already on the LDR Schedule.
- b. Russ told the Board that 1100 USATF Summer Program cards were being mailed out.
- c. Lions club donation are at \$2750.00.

3. Treasurer's report:

- a. Jacky Mendez reported on the financials and the report is attached.

4. VP reports:

- a. Fred and Russ gave a report on the JO Regionals. The Boy Scouts will be volunteers.
- b. The Cortland Regional Sports Council will be handling housing, t-shirts, etc.
- c. Michelle questioned the need to a "newsletter" when the website and online presence meets the criteria for accreditation.

5. LDR:

a. Eric submitted the following repo

1. I was able to get the Rochester Running Company to come out to the June 24th meet. They donated a few awards for the mile.
2. Stats from the LDR championships this year:
 4. mile: 64 members (38 masters)
 5. 5 mile: 106 members (55 masters)
 - 1/2 marathon: 44members (26masters)
 - 10km: 87 members (48masters)
3. I'm still pondering if the mini Grand Prix series is actually a good idea that Russ wants to put on. Myself and another board members feel it's either a water down version of the Grand Prix series, going to water down the Grand Prix series, conflict with the Grand Prix series, or clog up the already congested race schedule locally and nationally. I understand Russ wants to attract other races to sanction but when your prize money for a series and what you take in from sanctioning fees equal each other than it's a wash. I would then question things would need revamping. What is the prize structure for this mini Grand Prix series? Because if it's anything near the Grand Prix series that LDR is putting on, then my earlier comments are being validated. The Grand Prix for Masters individually is offering \$400-\$500 for first and 2nd place half that. For a best of 6 out of 9 or 10 races, I still don't see that as a great grand prize.
6. Membership:

Jim Glinsky reported the following:

Youth 244→460
Open 224→240

Master 386→414

Total 854→1114 (+250 over May)

49→53 Niagara Clubs
7. High Performance: The Clinic on "Nutrition for Runners" will be held on 7/13. The schedule is online.
8. Youth Athletics: No report due to the absence of Izeal bullock.
9. Sanctions: There was no report due to the absence of Dave Reinhart.
10. Official:

Kathy reported on the status of the officials for the scheduled summer meets.

Old Business:

Russ gave a status report on the JO/Open and Masters meets.

Don said that the Membership kits had arrived and he would be holding/distributing the items as needed.

The Bylaws will need to be voted on at the beginning of the next Board meeting

New Business:

Rozanne stated that a nomination committee needed to be established by Russ. Elections were discussed. All of the Chair positions, along with the President and Secretary will be chosen at the Annual meeting (August 27th @1:00pm) The site TBD.

Rozanne also reminded everyone that the Fall XC and Indoor meet need to be planned and the sites need to be chosen soon.

Russ made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Eric at 8:39 pm EST.