



Niagara Association Board meeting

August 14, 2023

The August Board meeting of the Niagara Association was called to order by Russ Ebbets at 7:33 pm EST. The following Board members were present: Russ Ebbets, Fred Covelli, Rozanne Redlinski, Jacky Mendez, Matt Merrill, Jim Glinsky, Izeal Bullock, Kraig Connor, Eric Boyce, Don Lawrence and Kathy McLymond. Not in attendance at this meeting were Michelle Bogdan, Dave Rinehardt and Mike Nier.

1. Approval of the Minutes from July 17, 2023
The motion to accept these minutes was made by Don Lawrence and seconded by Eric Boyce. The motion was approved.
2. President's Report:
Russ said there would be a recap of the JO later in the meeting.
3. Treasurer's report:
Jacky Mendez reported that the Region 2 meet brought in \$14,500 for registration but does not know what money came in at the gate. She is also researching the possibility of moving some of our money into accounts bearing more interest, rather than keeping them in the low interest accounts they are not in. Jacky said that she now has access to the Stripe Account which sends her money from Athletic.net. This should help her track the money being taken in at various meets. She now gets a deposit with no break down as to where or whom the money is from.
We also had a discussion about sanctions and talked about the reasons why there are fewer sanctions.
Jacky's report can be seen below.
4. VP report:
Fred Covelli has sent a letter to various facilities that could host our Winter Indoor championships. Ithaca and Cornell are not available for the last weekend in December because the colleges are not in session at that time. We also discussed the issue of date conflicts with HS meets at some of these facilities.
Matt Merrill added that he is checking on dates 1/6 & 1/7 in the Rochester area. There is a possibility of partnering with the Finger lakes Running Club for a meet.
5. LDR:
Eric reported that the Championship 5K race will be on Sept 1st. His full report is seen below.
6. Memberships: Jim Glinsky
 - a. Youth----629→633
 - b. Open---- 278→284

c. Master--- 429→437

Total: 11336→1354 (up 18 over July)

7. High Performance:
Don reported that the Sept. 7th clinic would be hosted by Eric Boyce, discussing marathons.
8. Youth:
Brett Skelton, from Team Soar, will be heading up the XC championships.
9. Sanctions: Dave was not in attendance.
10. Officials: Kathy had no report.

Old business:

Russ gave the Board an update on the Association and JO/Open /Masters meets.

Kathy McLymond talked about the upcoming elections and said that no more nominations had come in. The current list on the website. The Annual Meeting will be August 27th at 11:00am EST. This will be a hybrid meeting with the onsite portion being held at Roberts Wesleyan College. The Zoom link will be on the website and sent to the Board members by Rozanne.

Bylaw update was given by Rozanne. There will be a short discussion and vote at the Annual Meeting.

There was no report on the Fall JO meet.

The Indoor meet was discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Kraig Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. This was seconded by Eric Boyce. This motion passed.

Treasure's and LDR reports ad seen below:

08.14.2023 Board Call

1. List of representatives has been updated and sent to CPA's for tax purposes
2. Finishing up putting payments together for Region 2 meet and Empire State Classic.
3. [Still working on reconciling bank statements and invoices through athletic.net.](#) Potentially need access to Stripe account. In contact with Entry fees per meet:
- 06.24 Association JO Championship: \$3,269 \$3,015 through simply register \$6,284 total
- 07.07 to 07.09 Region 2 JO Championship: \$14,500.01
- 07.29 Empire State Classic: \$2,680 through simply register
4. We can earn more money from our checking and/or savings account by moving a portion to a CD or High Yield Savings account outside

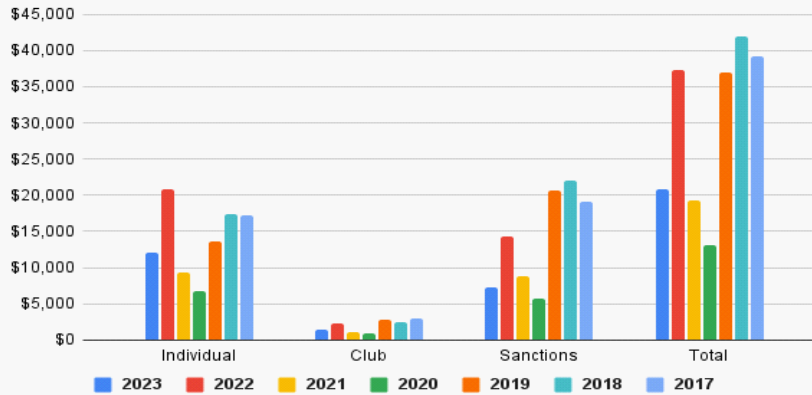
2. As of 7.31.2023 our financial standing is:

Checking:	67,060.97
Savings:	23,926.26
Total:	90,987.23

3. Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2023	\$12,070	\$1,450	\$7,274	\$20,795
2022	\$20,754	\$2,350	\$14,221	\$37,234
2021	\$9,235	\$1,100	\$8,882	\$19,217
2020	\$6,664	\$850	\$5,640	\$13,154
2019	\$13,650	\$2,725	\$20,577	\$36,952
2018	\$17,455	\$2,450	\$22,101	\$42,006
2017	\$17,205	\$3,000	\$19,033	\$39,238

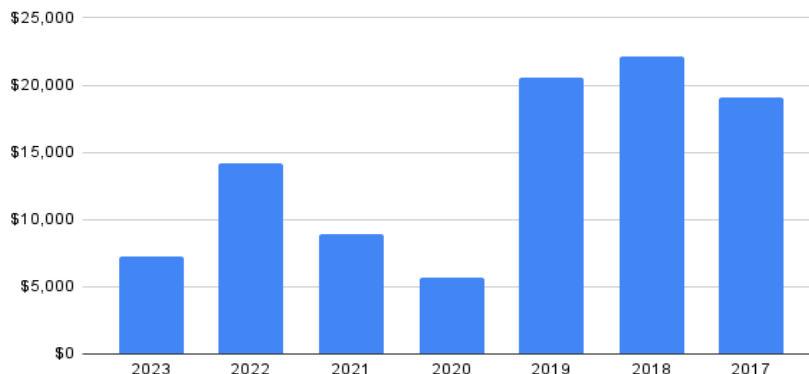
USATF Deposits Thru 07/31



4. Summary of Sanctions Deposits

Month	Association Fee	Post Fees	Refunded	National	Late Fee	Total
01/2023	18	0	4	0	0	\$1,740
Feb-1	20	0	0	0	0	\$1,678
Mar-2023	22	1	0	0	0	\$1,839
Apr-2023	9	0	0	0	0	\$521
May-2023	19	1	5	0	0	\$923
June-2023	13	1	3	3	3	-\$178
July-2023	25	1	10	1	1	\$751
						\$7,274

USATF Sanction Deposits Thru 07/31



Sanctions
\$7,274
\$14,221
\$8,882
\$5,640
\$20,577
\$22,101
\$19,033

LDR report:

August 5th: **Swain Mountain race hosted the USATF Niagara Mountain Running Championships.** Results: [MountainRunning \(usatf.org\)](https://mountainrunning.usatf.org)

43/96 finishers were USATF Niagara Members, Master Athletes -> 22, Open Athletes -> 21. If you compare the results from last year and 2021:

2022: 30/55 finishers were USATF Niagara Members, Master Athletes -> 9, Open Athletes -> 21.

2021: 28/75 finishers were USATF Niagara Members, Master Athletes -> 6, Open Athletes -> 22.

Next LDR Championships

September 1st: **HOF 5km hosting the USATF Niagara 5km Open and Masters Association Championships.**

LDR RUNNER OF THE YEAR SERIES:

128 Open/Masters Men have participated in at least 1 race in the Series

89 Open/Masters Women have participated in at least 1 race in the series

The Series has 4 events remaining.

Comparing data from 2022 and 2021

2022: 177 Open/Masters Men completed in at least 1 race in the series, 127 Women Open/Masters Completed in at least 1 race in the series.

2021: 112 Open/Masters Men completed in at least 1 race in the series, 60 women Open/masters completed in at least 1 race in the series.

Brett Shelton did inquire about combining open/masters with JO for xc. Below are the email responses.

Quick overview: an agreement with the Glavin Series to host the open/masters championship was established December of 2022. Nier is the race director and has the ultimate say, Nier is not available tonight dealing with personal issues. At this point it seems Nier doesn't want to combine to ensure the event he's race directing will be successful. If some reason Nier isn't available or needs help race directing, Mike Reif and other GVH members will be filling in.

Eric