



Board of Directors meeting  
Monday 8:00pm EST  
September 18, 2023

Don Lawrence called this meeting to order at 8:02pm EST. The following Board members were present: Kathy McLymond, Kraig Connor, Fred Covelli, Eric Boyce, Brett Shelton, Mike Nier, Jim Glinsky, Jacky Mendez, Michelle Bogdan, Rozanne Redlinski and Matt Merrill.

1. Welcome new Board members:
  - a. Don welcomed Brett Shelton as the new Youth Chair.
2. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. Fred Covelli made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting, which as seconded by Mike Nier. The motion passed unanimously.
3. President's message:
  - a. Don Lawrence explained his mission for the Niagara Association. This missions included: "Our Vision" of what, "Our Mission" of how and "Our Purpose" of why.
  - b. Since Matt Merrill was elected to the High Performance Chair, his "at-large" seat needed to be filled. Don Lawrence recommended Perry Jenkins for that position and this was approved by the Board.
  - c. Sub-committees for the Sport Chairs was explained.
  - d. As he was the UASTF Niagara rep at the HOF 5K and the PG XC meet, Don met with Mikey Brannigan. This competitor is a "Para" athlete from the NYAC and trains in Williamsville.
4. Chair reports:

- a. VP Operations: Fred Covelli discussed the plans for the upcoming track season and the issues about finding the proper locations and date.
  - b. VP Administration: Michelle Bogdan discussed the importance of SafeSport and how important it is to tell people what SafeSport is all about. We need to emphasize that we are all certified in SafeSport.
  - c. Treasurer's Report: Jacky Mendez gave the bank account statement report and said that she is working with Russ to finalize the cost and profits on the meets this past summer.
  - d. Secretary: Rozanne Redlinski asked that everyone send her their phone numbers so that she can put them on a spread sheet. These would be available to the Board members, only. She also asked that everyone check the Directory that she distributed for any error.
5. Sports Chairs:
- a. Youth: Brett Shelton will be the meet director for the Association Champ. At Bassett Park on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Region 2 Cross Country meet has been cancelled.
  - b. LDR: Eric Boyce stated that the Mini Series did not run well. He recommended that people watch the Zoom recording of the High Performance Series on "Marathon". He also commented about Russ recommending to some race directors that they need not sanction their races. This opens up a high risk of liability.
  - c. High Performance: Matt is looking into Brockport and RIT for Indoor meets.  
  
WE discussed moving the date into March since we were having trouble finding a location for the traditional late December date.
6. Committee Reports:
- a. Officials: Congratulations were extended to Kathy McLymond for being chosen for the USATF Officials Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be held at the USATF Annual Meeting in Orlando.
  - b. Membership: Jim Glinsky gave the following summary:  
  
Niagara Membership Report 15 SEP 23

	Male	Female	Total	
Youth	285	351	636	46%
Open	189	110	299	22%
Masters	302	148	450	32%
Total	776	609	1385	

Clubs 56

We increased by 31 individual members in the last month. Clubs are the same.

In SEP '22 we had 1294 individual and 45 club members.

- c. Sanctions: The following is the report from Dave Reinhardt.

As of August '23, we had 135 sanctions--- compared to '22 which had 179 sanctions. That is a decrease of 44 sanctions.

Club membership fees were discussed. Don made a motion to raise this fee to \$90. This motion was seconded by Matt it was passed.

7. Old Business:

- a. At this time, the following persons are being considered for delegates at the Annual Meeting. They are Don, Rozanne, Perry, Brett, Russ, Matt, Fred and Kathy. Don and Rozanne will be there on the 29<sup>th</sup> to represent the Association at the AEC meetings. Some of their expenses will be covered by the National Office. Don asked the Board to consider raising the reimbursement rate to \$1000. (Registration fee: \$325, Rooms: \$360, Air: \$250 and Hall of Fame Dinner: \$65). Expenses will be covered up to \$1000.00. Those being reimbursed for various costs through their committee work expenses will NOT be reimbursed for the same by the Association.

8. New Business:

- a. It will be mandatory and all Board members that are given a Legacy Account...use this account.
- b. Board members were asked to send Rozanne their polo shirt size and phone numbers to Rozanne. They are also reminded that the meetings will be on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of every month at 8:00pm.