



Board of Directors Meeting

Monday October 16, 2023

The October Board Meeting of the USATF Niagara Association was called to order by Don Lawrence at 7:05 pm EST. The following Board members were present: Don Lawrence, Fred Covelli, Rozanne Redlinski, Kathy McLymond, Mike Nier, Eric Boyce, Matt Merrill, Kraig Connor, Jim Glinsky, and Brett Shelton. The following members were not present: Perry Jenkins, Michelle Bogdan and Dave Reinhardt.

1. Approval of the minutes for Sept 18, 2023 Board meeting:
 - a. Matt Merrill made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Fred Covelli. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Presidents Message:
 - a. Don has appointed US Senior Evan Hilbert as the Athlete Rep to the Board. He will have a committee with (12)twelve members and will report to the Board every 3 months.
 - b. He reported on the subcommittees for Sport Chairs.
 - c. Don told the Board that he had a USATF Booth set up at the McQuaid XC Invite.
 - d. He congratulated the USATF Officials Awards Finalists: Kathy McLymond (Hall of Fame), Perry Jenkins, Terry Eason and Tom Preister.
 - e. Don also announced that the Niagara RW program is a finalist for the Association of the Year.

Chair Reports:

1. VP Operations:
 - a. Fred reviewed the information about the Associations Indoor meet being held at Cornell on January 14th. This will be an Open/ Masters meet with limited Youth.
2. VP Administration:
 - a. Michelle Bogdan was not present. However, Don reported that she is working on the Association's Safe Sport.

3. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Jacky has moved some money into a saving account that yields higher interest.
 - b. She reported on the finances of the ESC and explained that the other 3 Associations involved were being asked to contribute money to split up the loss that occurred.
 - c. Her report can be seen below.
4. Secretary's report:
 - a. Rozanne is working on the directory for the Board members.
 - b. She is asking all members of the BOD send her shirts sizes for polo shirts.

Sport Chairs:

1. Youth:
 - a. Brett Shelton stated that the JO XC meet would be on November 12 at Bassett Park in Williamsville.
 - b. Brett and Don will be going to Indianapolis to attend a Youth Meeting at the National Office.
2. LDR
 - a. Eric is in contact with Henry Williams, who will hopefully represent the Niagara Association at the Olympic trial. Joey Whelan is another candidate for the trials.
 - b. Eric's report is seen below.
3. High Performance:
 - a. Matt Merrill discussed the plans for the Indoor meet and locations for possible Outdoor meets.

Committee Reports:

1. Officials:
 - a. Kathy McLymond and Chris Cummings will be offering a ParaLlympic training session on November 16 @ 8:00pm. A zoom link will be sent out to the Officials in the Association.
2. Membership:
 - a. Jim reported the following membership numbers:

Youth—639, Open—303, Masters—457 for a total of 1399 members with 56 clubs

Jim is expecting the number of Youth to increase with the interest in the upcoming Olympics.
3. Sanctions: There was no report from Dave Reinhardt.
4. At-large:
 - a. Mike Nier spoke to the Board about a scoring system he designed and uses. He is hoping to have Niagara Association use it a LDR meets and possibly partner with the USATF.

- b. There were 280 finishers at the second race of the Pete Glavin series meet. The next meet will be in Dryden and the Championships will be at the Finger Lakes Community College on November 5th. There are currently 151 USATF Niagara Racers registered for this event with 300+ signed up already. The final (fifth) race in this series will be on November 12 will be at Center Park in Fairport.

Old Business:

The following will be delegates to the Annual Meeting on Orlando: Don, Rozanne, Perry, Brett, Matt, Fred, Kathy and Mickey Piscitelli. Don requested that the Association cover more expenses for the Delegates. No specific amount was determined because we are waiting to see if the National Office requires us to pay for some of Ex-President Russ Ebbets' expenses to attend the meeting.

Don asked that all Board members with Legacy accounts please use them. The National Office is requiring their use.

New Business:

We also discussed the possibility to granting a stipend to any USATF member that qualifies for the Olympic Trials. Further discussions of this matter will take place at the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm EST.

Treasurer's report:

1. CPA's have undergone a merger with another company in the area. They have not submitted the 1023 form yet, I have a call on Thursday to get things moving.
2. Payments are finalized for ESC meet. Now other associations can pay their dues based on meet expenses. Our total loss should be \$767. (Cortland gave us \$1000 off the facility cost)
3. Working with Brett and Missy on figuring out Stripe Account. Moving forward Stripe should be tied to treasurer legacy email and youth legacy email so we can share login information over the years more easily.
4. Key bank has offered competitive CD's and high yield savings accounts. Our money will stay within Key Bank and we will make interest today.

As of 9.30.2023 our financial standing is:

Checking:	55,708.69
Savings:	23,936.26
Total:	79,644.95

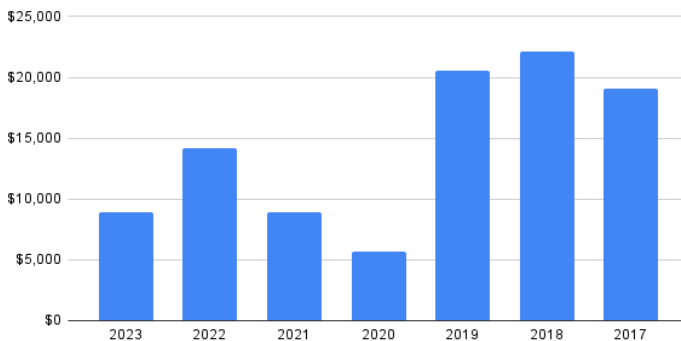
New account plans:

Checking:	15,000
High Yield Savings:	25,000
8-Month CD:	39,644.95

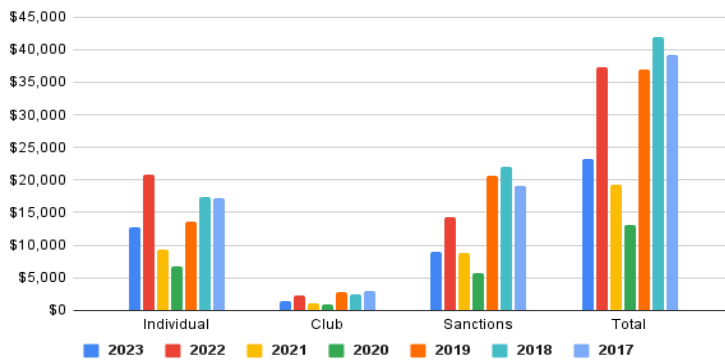
Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2023	\$12,744	\$1,450	\$8,911	\$23,159
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

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LDR report

1) 9/24 USATF Niagara Association Trail Championships hosted by Breadsticks: 53 total members, compare this to 2022: 38 total members participated.

2) Next up: Nov 5 XC championships hosted by Pete Glavin series, thanks Mike Nier for organizing and helping to facilitate this championships.

3) Last LDR championship was supposed to be the indoor 3km. With the uncertainty and lack of venues to host a 2023 indoor championship, LDR is going in a different direction. We had options to go to Cornell to piggy back off a college meet (thanks Jacky), or partner with Checkers for a 3km road race. Ultimately we are using the road race for the last race in the series. With the participation from the clubs and members, the final 2 races should be exciting and competitive with lots on the line.

4) Congrats Henry Williams, Ithaca, NY runs for Bergen elite hit to the OTQ for the marathon on Saturday running a 2:17:51. Joe Trojan also hit the OTQ time on Saturday. He already had the half marathon standard for the trials on 2/4 in Orlando.

Currently: 3 Niagara members will be at the trials: Joe Whelan, Joe Trojan, and Henry Williams. I do anticipate Trojan may not be a member come the trials since he's living and training elsewhere.

Eric

