



Board of Directors meeting January 15, 2024

The January meeting of the Niagara Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Don Lawrence at 8:02 pm EST. The following Board members were present: Don Lawrence, Jacky Mendes, Perry Jenkins, Kathy McLymond, Mike Nier, Matt Merrill, Brett, Shelton, Eric Boyce and Rozanne Redlinski. Absent from the meeting were Fred Covelli, Michelle Bogdan, Jim Glinsky, Dave Reinhardt and Kraig Connor. Danielle Anderson attended as a guest.

Secretary's minutes: The secretary's minutes for the December Board meeting were approved as presented.

President's Report:

Don Lawrence reported on the success of the USATF Niagara Indoor Open/Masters T&F meet that was held at Cornell University on January 14, 2023. He thanked Jacky Mendes and the Cornell University volunteers as well as Matt, Fred, Kathy, Brett and Danielle Anderson for their help. The Growth to Impact Grant was submitted. This grant included a request for moneys to help with the LDR Runner of the Year assistance, Youth Track and XC series and Athlete of the Month/Year. The 2024 Budget is being finalized and the Empire State Classic is being offered to the NY Association for consideration.

Don asked that persons with Legacy Accounts, use them. If you are having issues with setting up the account, please contact Blake Warfield as blake.warfield@uastf.org.

The fourth virtual winter workshop will be held on Sunday, February 25th. The date for next year's Annual Meeting in Orlando has been set for Dec 5-8.

Chair reports:

VP Operations: Fred was not in attendance.

VP Administration: Michelle Bogdan was not in attendance.

Treasurer's report: Jacky Mendes is working to finalize the proposed budget for 2024. Her financial report of seen below.

Secretary's report: Rozanne Redlinski described the Articles of Dissolution that were sent to the Board Members. These Articles were necessary to fulfill a requirement for the Form

1023 that the Treasurer is working to complete. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept these Articles of Dissolution, which Rozanne will amend to the Association ByLaws . Rozanne also asked that all Board members (elected or appointed) complete the Conflict of Interest Form and return it to her. These forms are also a requirement from the National office and the IRS.

Sport Chairs:

Youth: Brett Shelton extended his thanks to all the youth participants at Cornell. Attica was interested in hosting the Outdoor meet, but has changed their mind. This meet would be on June 22 and a new location is being sought. Danielle Anderson joined our meeting with the possibility of becoming a Youth co-chair.

LDR: Eric Boyce reported that there were 2 Olympic marathon qualifiers from Niagara Association. These Qualifiers are on Sat. Feb 3rd at 10 am. His report is seen below.

High Performance: Matt Merrill wants to avoid a conflict with the Mc Mullen Mile when planning the Outdoor Championships. Combining the Youth and open/Master in the Outdoor meet helps save money. A suggestion was made that the Open/ Master portion take place in the morning and the Youth take place in the afternoon. Mike Nier would like to see 3 open races for ages 25 and up, before the Nationals. Mike, Jacky, Eric and Perry are going to work on that.

Committee Reports:

Officials: Kathy McLymond is sending officials the links for various ZOOM meetings organized by the Oregon Association. She plans 2 in-person rules reviews for the next official's certification exam.

Membership: Jim was not in attendance.

Sanctions: Dave was not in attendance.

At large: Mike Nier stated that a dozen GVH runners will be going to the Masters Indoor Nationals in Chicago. This meet will be held in March.

Old Business:

Don has set up the storage unit in Batavia and has put a combination lock on the door so that people do not need a key.

New Business:

Don asked that USATF Niagara QR signage be posted at the High School Sections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm EST.

LDR Eric

Since our last call, I shortly finalized the 2024 runner of the year series and team Grand Prix series. To be honest I've had a heck of a time getting Andy Martin to post the schedule for various reasons which has been frustrating. Eventually half the information has been posted. The ROY series and TGP series uses the same races, Andy has posted the TGP series info but not the ROY yet.

2024 USATF Niagara RUNNER OF THE YEAR SERIES AND TEAM GRAND PRIX

3-16 Runnin' of the Green 5mile
Rochester, NY

5-5 Mountain Goat 10 mile
Syracuse, NY

6-8 2 Mile USATF Niagara Track Championships
Location, TBD

7-19 Subaru Buffalo 4 Mile Chase
Buffalo, NY

8-3 Swain Mountain Race
Swain, NY

9-1 Oak Tree 5km
Geneseo, NY

9-29 Unlimited Breadsticks Trail Half Marathon
Victor, NY

11-TBD USATF Niagara Association XC Championships
Location TBD

12-8 Checkers Christmas 3km
Buffalo, NY

Other news In Rochester, Rochester Running company is hosting a marathon trials watch party (Feb 3). The 2 athletes that are running at the marathon trials from Niagara run for the club that I'm the president and overseer of. We sold shirts to support them. I requested the USATF Niagara logo get printed on the back of them.

VP Michelle Bogdan:

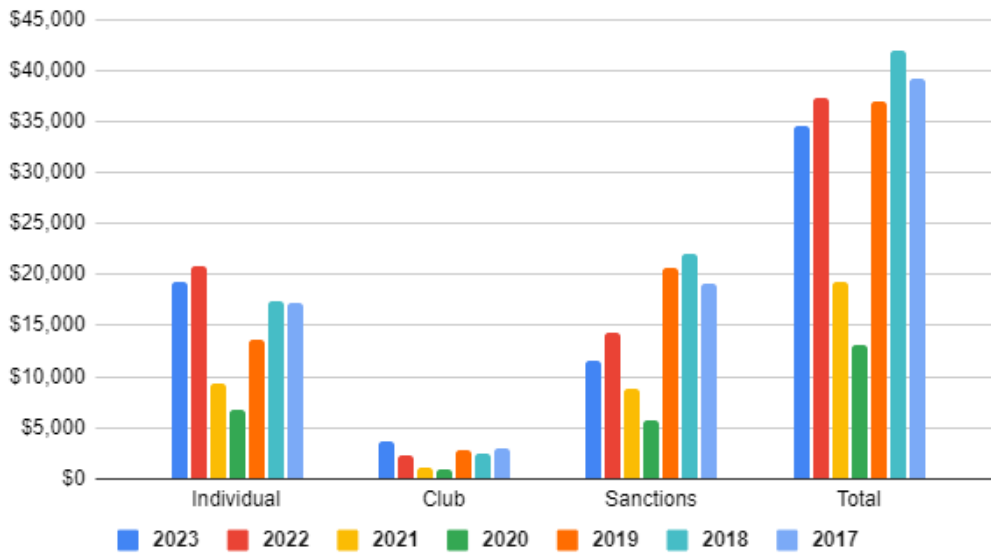
Safe Sport Report: At this time I don't have much to report with the exception that everything is current on the Safe Sport end of things and I am continuing to work with the organization to keep

it that way. I have frequent communication with the director and find that this helps me to remain current on the what's happening.

Treasurer's Report: Jacky Mendes

1. Working on 1023 Long Form.					
2. 1099 Letters will be sent out this week.					
3. Still need to finalize budget.					
4. As of 12.31.2023 our financial standing is:					
Checking:	11,308.19				
Savings:	15,047.68				
CD:	46,382.78				
Total:	72,738.65				
5. Summary of all deposits					
	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total	
2023	\$19,256	\$3,700	\$11,559	\$34,569	
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 12/31



4. Summary of Sanctions Deposits

Month	Association Fees	Post Fees	Refunded	National	Late Fee	Total
1/1/2023	18	0	4	0	0	\$1,740
2/1/2023	20	0	0	0	0	\$1,678
3/1/2023	22	1	0	0	0	\$1,839
4/1/2023	9	0	0	0	0	\$521
5/1/2023	19	1	5	0	0	\$923
6/1/2023	13	1	3	3	3	-\$178
7/1/2023	25	1	10	1	1	\$751
8/1/2023	17	1	3	0	0	\$1,030
9/1/2023	13	0	4	0	0	\$607
10/1/2023	11	1	1	0	0	\$808
11/01/2023	10	7	2	0	0	\$864
12/01/2023	16	3	0	1	0	\$976
						\$11,559

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