



Board minutes
Monday March 18, 2024

The March meeting of the Board of Directors for the Niagara Association was called to order at 8:03 pm EST by President Don Lawrence. The following members were in attendance: Don Lawrence, Kraig Connor, Jacky Mendes, Brett Shelton, Mike Nier, Kathy McLymond, Eric Boyce, Matt Merrill, Perry Jenkins and Jim Glinsky.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the February BOD meeting was made by Mike Nier and seconded by Jacky Mendes. The minutes of were approved.

President's report: Don reported on the Associations workshop and the Level 26 hour coaching class that he attended. He explained the need to coaches for the credentialing requirements at the Annual Meeting.

Don announced the resignation of Michelle Bogdan from both her VP position on the Board and as the Safesport representative. Don recommended that Danielle Anderson e appointed to fill these 2 positions until the elections can be held at the Annual Association meeting in Sept. Kathy McLymond and Perry Jenkins made and seconded a motion to have Danielle Anderson fill this positions. A vote was taken and the motion was approved with one dissension from Kraig Connor.

Don announced the following Spring Clinics

March 23rd:

Long/ triple jump, Hammer and throws with Cristin Hockenberry in Jamestown
Racewalk with Don Lawrence and Sharon Guttadauro at Williamsville South

April 7th

Horizontal jumps with Emilio Mancino at West Seneca East.

Don also mentioned at that Checkers AC asked the association fo promote USATF Niagara at their next race on March 26th.

Chair reports:

VP Operations: Fred Covelli was not in attendance.

VP Administration: Michelle Bogdan was not in attendance.

Treasurer's report:

Jacky Mendes provided information about the March budget which can be seen at the end of these minutes.

Secretary:

Rozanne Redlinski told the Board that Eric Boyce's COI forms had been sent in to National offices of 2 different people that requested this.

Sport Chairs:

Youth:

Brett Shelton explained the planning for the June meet. Concern was expressed about the medals for the meet. The National Office will no longer provide the medals. We are only in need to a certain number of Gold medals and those can not be ordered alone.

Regionals were to be organized by New Jersey and the date is TBD. This will be discussed during the Youth Town Hall monthly meeting.

LDR:

Eric Boyce wanted to thank everyone for their buy in factor for the Running of the Green. His report can be seen at the end of these minutes.

High Performance:

Matt Merrill told the Board that the upcoming meets are on the calendar and they are just waiting for the contract to be signed. He has sent out various bids to timers.

Committee reports:

Officials:

Kathy McLymond can request officials for the June 22nd meet. Kathy asked about providing Kyle Rollins a stipend for this trip to the Olympic trials as a High Jumper. The Association gave \$300 for the Marathon competitors. The Board felt that any Track/Field Athlete should be candidates for this money. Matt reminded us that this is not just a gift of money and that there are "hoops" that need to be addressed before this money is granted.

Membership:

Jim Glinsky reported that there are 739 members and 38 Clubs.

Sanctions:

There have been 101 sanctions in 2024.

At large:

The Indoor Masters will be in Chicago and the Outdoor Masters championships will be in Sacramento. Mike reported that several runners from the Genesee Valley Running Club and Checkers will be at these Masters meet. The official's application for the World Masters meet on March 2, 2025 in Gainesville, Fla is available at USATF.org.

Danielle Anderson is interested in finding sponsors for out meets. These sponsors was be for the entire meet or for individual events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm EST.

Treasurer's report:

1. Reimbursement check for overpayments to national will not be sent out until national can explain November distribution reduction.
2. USATF disbursements are in from Decmeber and January. We have moved money back into the Savings account. Point 3 does not reflect that change.

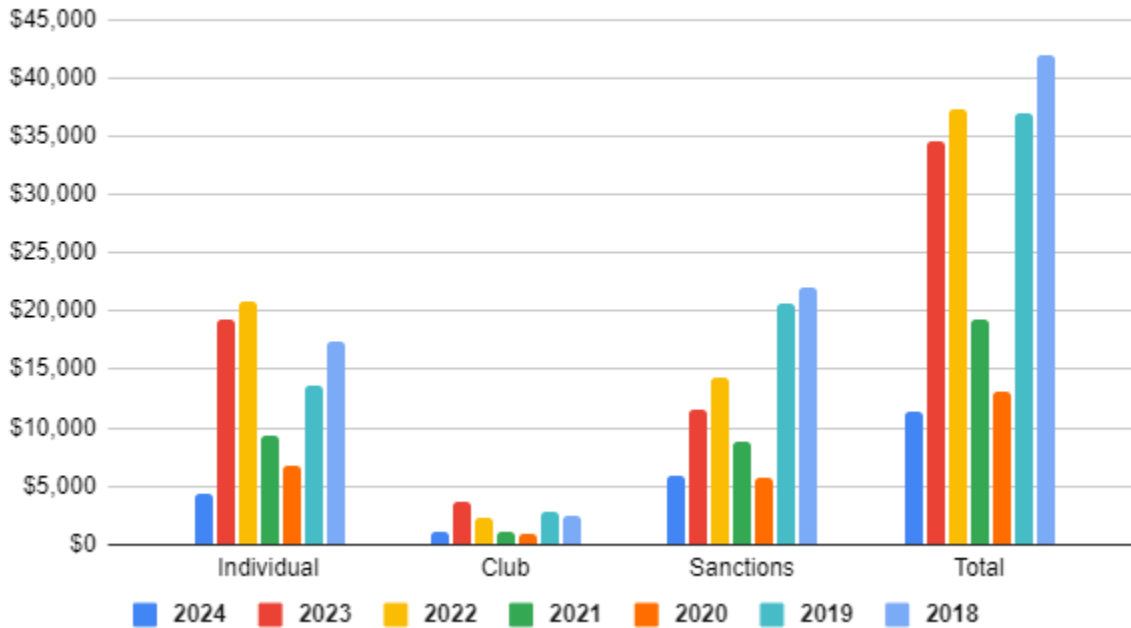
3. As of 02.29.2024 our financial standing is:

Checking:	15,189.61
Savings:	8,050.70
CD:	46,768.76
Total:	70,009.07

5. Summary of all deposits

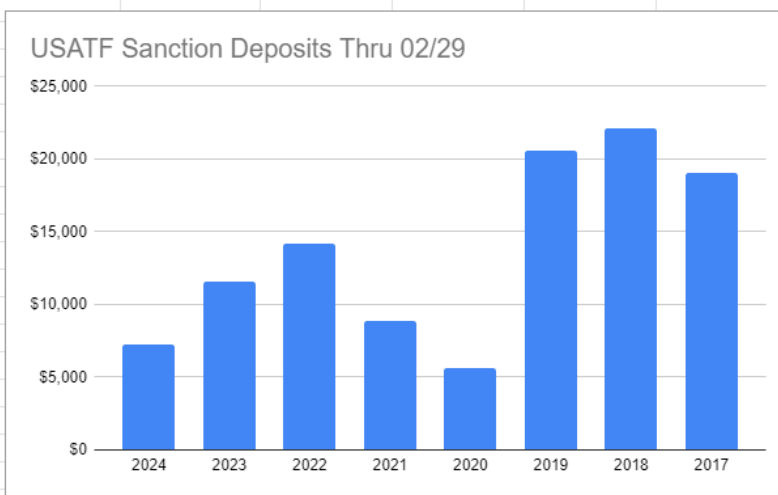
	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2024	\$4,420	\$1,095	\$5,857	\$11,372
2023	\$19,256	\$3,700	\$11,559	\$34,569
2022	\$20,754	\$2,350	\$14,221	\$37,234
2021	\$9,235	\$1,100	\$8,882	\$19,217
2020	\$6,664	\$850	\$5,640	\$13,154
2019	\$13,650	\$2,725	\$20,577	\$36,952
2018	\$17,455	\$2,450	\$22,101	\$42,006
2017	\$17,205	\$3,000	\$19,033	\$39,238

USATF Deposits Thru 02/29



4. Summary of Sanctions Deposits

Month	Association Fees	Post Fees	Refunded	National	Late Fee	Total
01/01/2024	48	1	4	0	0	\$4,464
2/1/2024	17	0	6	0	0	\$2,773



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Eric Boyce's LDR report:

First LDR event of the year with the ROTG (Runnin' of the Green) held on 3/16/24 which hosted the USATF Niagara association 5 Mile Championships. This race is also part of the USATFNiagara team Grand Prix and runner of the year series. We had a 139 members finish the race. This is an increase from 106 last year. I believe we are currently around 730+ members so that's almost 19% of the membership finished the race. Joe Whelan 2024 Olympic Marathon trials qualifier and finisher won the men's race and Elle Orie who was in the pro field at the USATF 5k champs back in November 2023 along a team USA representative at the NACAC Mountain team won the women's race. Outstanding Master age grading performances from Jose Fuentes and John McMahon which age grade nearly at 90%. Andy has been sent the results but he has yet to completely update the website. Also Andy had a snafu on social media when he announced the winners stating the race was in Syracuse which it was Rochester, this has been corrected. I'm not piling on but pointing out because Andy can and does a decent job but is very pricey. Next LDR event, Mountain Goat 10 mile in Syracuse on 5/5.

Speaking of outstanding Master age grading performance, Mark Andrews of GVH age graded 90.89% (16:28) at the Masters 5k championships on 2/24/24.

Other news I learned I'm a delegate for Niagara on the Women's LDR committee.