



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

April 15, 2024

The April meeting of the Board of Directors for the USATF Niagara was called to order by President Don Lawrence at 8:32 pm EST on April 15th, 2024. The following Board members were present: Kathy McLymond, Don Lawrence, Brett Shelton, Eric Boyce, Mike Nier, Jacky Mendes, Perry Jenkins, Kraig Connor, Matt Merrill and Rozanne Redlinski. Not in attendance was Fred Covelli.

Approval of minutes: The Board approved the minutes from the March Meeting.

President's report: Don Lawrence reported that the Spring Clinics reached 50 athletes and were a success. Don met with Bailey at USATF/Safesport about the USATF Niagara Championships. Bailey said that this meet will be viewed as a "trial" meet for the implementation of Safesport procedures. Danielle Anderson will be trained on these procedures. The Budget for 2024 was discussed and approved by the Board. Don completed and received a Level 1 USATF Coaching certificate.

VP Operations: Fred Covelli was not in attendance.

VP Administration: Danielle Anderson was not in attendance.

Treasurer's report: Jacky Mendes reported on the 2024 Budget and reviewed the status of our accounts. Kathy questioned the Association JO entry fees. Brett explained that this number is a projection based up the Number of entrants at last year's meet and the number expected this year. The status report can be seen at the end of these minutes. We also discussed the possibility of having the indoor meet back at Cornell in 2025 at t date when we can piggyback off a Cornell meet. Kathy also asked if we were hosting the Empire State Classic. Don said that this meet was being offered to the other NYS Associations. Eric asked that any Niagara Association athlete that participates in the Olympic trials be allowed to ask for a stipend if they meet various criteria. The budget for 2024 was approved unanimously.

The budget process for 2025 will start when a new Quickbooks program is utilized. Kraig Connor offered to help with this transition.

Kraig also discussed the possibility of having sponsors at the meets. He asked for information for his boss about the Association membership numbers and other details like social media log on". Don said that this would be the first time this Association tried getting sponsors for individual events.

Secretary's report: Don asked Rozanne about her observations of other associations as compared to the Niagara Association. Her major comment was that she sees officials that are not at the training level that the Niagara Officials are. She thinks that some of the officials are just getting pushed through the training just to get more officials at meets.

Sport chairs:

Youth: Brett Shelton started with a discussion of the preparation for the summer JO meet. He said that he and Danielle have been working with Safe Sport about the various steps we need to take to be in compliance. Kraig asked why it takes so long to organize the Youth meets when we do it every year. He expressed frustration about the time and energy spent year after year. The Board summarized that recent history of the JO meet organization or lack thereof. The Board explained that Safe Sport has added new steps into the preparation that did not exist in previous years. There has also been a lack of an organizational/calendar paper trail from previous successful meets to follow. A lengthy discussion followed down many avenues of discussion. Don reminded everyone that casual meets do not have maintain the National USATF criteria on Safe Sport, drinking and membership that we have to maintain.

LDR: Eric Boyce's report is seen below. He added that the meet organization has greatly improved in recent years.

High Performance: Matt Merrill has the contract for the meet at Roberts Wesleyan and needs to finalize the Timing Contract. Don reminded Matt that we needed 3 bids for the Timing company.

Officials: Kathy McLymond said that we have 10 officials for the summer meets. Several of the officials from our Association will be officiating at the Olympic trials at the same time. Don asked is the USATF meets can use NYS officials. Kathy said only if they have a background check and Safe Sport clearance.

Membership: Jim Glinsky's report is seen below.

Sanctions: Dave was not in attendance.

Safesport: Danielle was not in attendance.

At Large: Kraig and Mike continued with the discussion about various frustrations surrounding meet preparations.

Old Business: Paperwork with Robert Weselyan was signed.

New Business: USATF needs outreach at Sectionals with signage and promotion of upcoming meets. Eric and Don were going to share calendars to get all board members to help promote USATF Niagara at these meets.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm EST.

Treasurer's report:

2. As of 03.31.2024 our financial standing is:

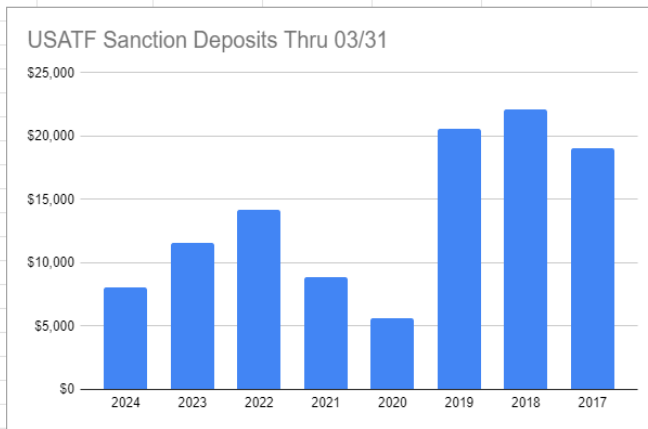
Checking:	18,962.12			
Savings:	13,243.88			
CD:	46,950.40			
Total:	79,156.40			

5. Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2024	\$5,627	\$1,420	\$6,677	\$13,724
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

4. Summary of Sanctions Deposits

Month	Association Fees	Post Fees	Refunded	Refunded Post	National	Late Fee	Total
01/01/2024	48	1	4	0	0	0	\$4,464
2/1/2024	17	0	6	0	0	0	\$2,773
3/1/2024	13	1	1	1	0	\$0	820



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2017	\$19,033

LDR Report:

Next LDR event: mountain goat 10 mile in Syracuse hosting the 2024 USATF Niagara association 10 mile championship on May 5th.

Reminder for Don to follow up with Kraig's potential LDR sponsor.

Don, Brett, myself will need to have a conversation if these youth MUT and LDR events will occur in 2024.

I'm the LDR delegate for Niagara and recently there was an election to fill the open seat on the LDR board. I fulfilled my delegate duties and participated in the election voting for Mike Scott.

Membership report:

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	Male	Female	Total	
Youth	71	77	148	20%
Open	146	84	230	30%
Masters	250	125	375	50%
Total	467	286	753	
Clubs 40				
On 7 April 2023 we had 791 individual and 43 Club members.				
The Decrease is in the Youth category. Open and Masters are actually ahead of last year.				
I believe we will see an increase in Youth memberships as we get closer in time to Youth competitions and Youth clubs become more active as the weather improves.				