



Minutes of Board of Directors meeting

May 20, 2024

President Don Lawrence called the May meeting of the Niagara Association Board of Directors together at 8:08pm EST. The following Board members were present: Perry Jenkins, Rozanne Redlinski, Don Lawrence, Mike Nier, Jacky Mendes, Eric Boyce, Kathy McLymond, Matt Merrill and Jim Glinsky. Board members that were not in attendance were: Fred Covelli, Danielle Anderson, Brett Shelton and Kraig Connor.

Approval of the April Minutes: These minutes were approved by the Board.

President's report: Don reminded us that the Niagara JO/OM Track and Field meet was 5 weeks away. Volunteers will be needed and the Safe Sport stipulations will be a challenge. The USATF Niagara Membership QR code will be available at Sectional and the NYS meet. The Empire State Senior Games will be held at SUNY Cortland, June 13-15, 2024. Senior participants can qualify for the Des Moines '25 Nationals. Don will be working with USATF NY during the USATF Youth Championships June 26-29.

Chair reports:

VP Operations: Fred Covelli was not in attendance.

VP Administration: Danielle Anderson was not in attendance. Don stated that Danielle is working on sponsorships for the JO/OM meet.

Treasurer's report: Jacky Mendes is in the process of switching to the updated quickbooks. The "not for profit" status is going to cost less this coming year. Her summary of accounts is seen at the end of these minutes.

Secretary's report: Rozanne Redlinski had nothing additional to add, except to start a discussion about the sponsorship page.

Sport's chairs:

Youth: Brett Shelton sent a report that can be seen at the end of these minutes.

LDR report: Eric Boyce's report is also seen at the end of these minutes. He added that there were good results with the Grand Prix Series. Next year, he wishes to send out emails earlier with a discount for early sign up. Matt Merrill recommended using an email blast for all events requesting early sign ups for a lesser price.

LDR report: *May 5: 2nd race in the USATF Niagara runner of the year/Grand Prix series which was Mountain goat 10 Mile in Syracuse, NY. The championship was successful which created a more competitive field for the race. 78 total USATF Niagara members finished the race. Last year we used a half marathon in Buffalo the same weekend which had 44 total members. Next race in the series is the 1 Mile event at the track and field championships.*

High performance: Matt Merrill said that the Timing contract and Sanction for the upcoming meet was being completed.

Committee reports:

Officials: Kathy McLymond reported that she had 13 officials for the June meet. She is waiting for the Officiating Exam to be approved before setting up the review sessions.

Membership: Jim Glinsky said that our total membership levels are the same as last year. The Open/Masters memberships are up by the Youth memberships are down. He says that the Youth memberships should pick up after the Sectional meets are done. He is in contact with "God Speed" track club about their membership as well as another one.

Sanctions: Dave Reinhardt was not in attendance.

At Large: Mike Nier started a discussion about giving a discount to USATF members at the races. All the discussion was positive, but action needs to be taken. This is information Mike Nier sent to the BOD.

I would prefer to see Niagara have a strategy to increase participation through a reasonable entry fee and allow for inclusion of people with limited means. Especially since we are stockpiling cash in a CD.

Current, costs for the ROTY series:

USATF Membership - \$55

USATF Niagara 5 Mile Championships - \$35

USATF Niagara 10 Mile Championships - \$80

USATF Niagara Outdoor Championships - 1 Mile \$30

USATF Niagara 4 Mile Championships \$35

USATF Niagara Mountain Running Championships - \$45

USATF Niagara 5 km Championships- \$25

USATF Niagara Half Marathon Trail Championships- \$60

USATF Niagara Cross Country Championships - \$25

USATF Niagara 3 km Championships - \$20

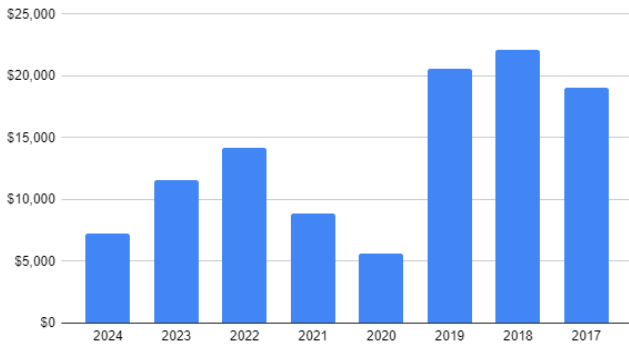
Old business: The discussion about sponsorship was tabled.

New business: Various members of the Board were going to research whether Kyle Rowland (high jumper) was a current member of the Niagara Association before he is approached about any stipend for his travels to the Olympic Trials.

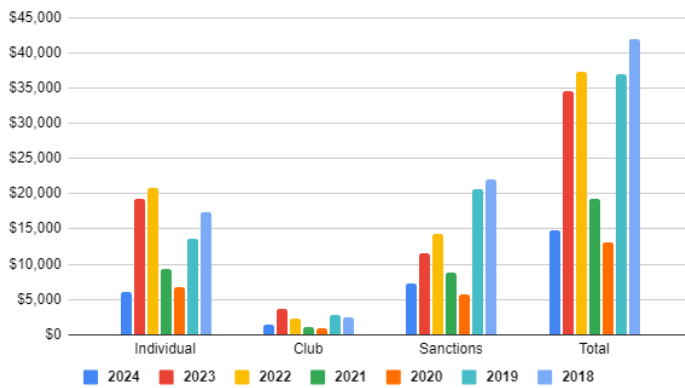
Treasurer's report:

1. In the process of going through TechSoup to get Quickbooks online at a much cheaper rate.				
2. New stripe account is set up with legacy email attached. Each time we set up a meet will take a phone call or text with me to do double authentication. Legacy email now receives payment updates and information.				
3. As of 05.31.2024 our financial standing is:				
Checking:	20,190.85			
Savings:	20,008.03			
CD:	47,334.77			
Total:	87,533.65			
4. Summary of all deposits				
	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2024	\$6,110	\$1,420	\$7,240	\$14,770
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

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Youth report:

1. Registration is open for the JO championship - we have a few entries
2. Officials have been requested for the meet
3. Sanctions have been requested for the meet
 - a. Follow-up email has been sent to Dave asking if everything is ok
4. Danielle is working on volunteers and SafeSport
 - a. We do need to schedule a site visit to determine reunification area and any off-limit areas
 - b. We could always use more volunteers - email to be sent to youth sub-committee this week
5. We need help with donations for food/drink for the athletes at the meet
6. Investigating selling shirts at the event
 - a. Does Matt have the time and the resources to print shirts?
7. Region 2 championships are July 12th, 13th and 14th at Lincoln Park in Jersey City, NJ