Executive Committee Meeting
January 27,2025

The January Executive Board meeting of the USATF Niagara Association was called to order by President Don Lawrence at 8:03pm EST. The following EB members were present: Don Lawrence, Matt Merrill, Rozanne Redlinski, Mike Nier, Jason Henderson, Kathy McLymond, Danielle Anderson, Jim Glinsky and Jacky Mendes.

**Approval of December minutes:**

There were no minutes from the December meeting.

**President Report:** USATF Niagara Indoor Champs success with over 300 entries and lots of happy athletes. Thank you to Jacky as our Cornell liaison and Matt Merrill and Eric Boyce assisting Leone on our behalf. Adirondack leadership was on hand to assist and verbalized an interest to join forces next year. Busy with accreditation reports with 2023 statistical measures. Budget review will be wrapped up prior February mtg.

## VP Reports:

Administration: Danielle Anderson is working on Sponsorships.

Operations: Kelsey is working on a possible sponsorships with Riemer Heating and Cooling for the JO meet.

**Treasurer's report:** Jacky reported that we are up about $10K from last year at this time because of the increase in memberships and sanctions. Her full report is at the end of these minutes.

**Secretary's report:** Rozanne stated that she was sending out a copy of the changes to the By laws. They will be voted on by the EB at the February meeting. The National office has also requested that the By-laws now longer call us the "Board of Directors". Rozanne is changing this in the written version of the By Laws. This doesn't need to be approved by the membership since it is a request from the National Office and it does not affect the procedures of the Association. We will ask Andy to post the voting procedure changes on the website after their approval by the EB. The Association members will be invited to attend the March EB meeting to ratify their approval.

## Sport Chairs:

**Youth**: Jason reported that the Youth Council is talking about fund raisers and clinics.

**LDR**: Eric's reports can be seen at the end of the minutes: Eric Boyce of not in attendance but sent in this report.

**High Performance:** Matt Merrill stated that there were 153 individuals at the Indoor meet with 300 event entries. There were 41 Niagara members competing. Matt feels that this shows the importance of keeping the meets open to non- members. Matt is discussing date for the Outdoor and JO summer meets. Because of a conflict of dates, a discussion was held about holding the JO and Open/Masters on separate weekends. This discussion will be continued at the next EB meeting.

## Committee reports:

**Officials**: Kathy McLymond thanked the officials, that came to the Indoor meet , for their help.

**Membership/Club**: Jim Glinsky was asked about the procedure for switching Associations. He stated that there were steps involved and requested that the person contact him directly. He can explain the steps and discuss the options. Jim's membership report is seen below.

**Sanctions:** There was no Sanctions report. Part of the issue with finding a new person to handle the Sanctions, is that a person of interest is a member of a different Assocation.

## At Large:

Terry Eason like the rotation of the officials at the Throws. He stressed the importance of giving new officials the opportunity to work at the different tasks at the throws.

Sharon Gruttadauro was not in attendance.

Mike Nier expressed his approval of the way the Indoor meet went. He was helpful in trying to avoid date conflicts with the Master/Open LDR events.

**Safe Sport:** Lexi Lindamer was not able to attend this meeting but sent in the following report: Meeting Date & Time: January 13, 8:00 PM

This year, the US Center for Safe Sport will select from a Tier 2 event for the formal SafeSport audit. Tier 2 events include all USATF Association and Region Championships where Minor Athletes are present.

- Tier 2 event information was due on January 21st

January's Prevention Focus was grooming prevention - understanding what grooming is, recognizing its signs, and implementing strategies to safeguard athletes. We were provided with some different webinars and resources to further support this focus.

Then we went over our role as ASVCs. A major focus for 2025 is club compliance, i.e. ensuring that ALL USATF club coaches are Safe Sport compliant and have an up-to-date background check.
SafeSport kits for meets will be mailed directly to the meet director.

**Old Business:** LDR series has been finalized.

**New Business**: The Clinic weekend will be on 3/22-23. Don is working to finalized the schedule and locations.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm EST.

Membership report:

| Niagara Membership Report 16 JAN 25 | | | | |
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| | | | | |
| | Male | Female | Total | |
| Youth | 112 | 84 | 196 | 29% |
| Open | 105 | 60 | 165 | 25% |
| Masters | 213 | 109 | 312 | 46% |
| Total | 430 | 253 | 683 | |
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| Clubs 38 | | | | |
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| It's too soon in the year to make any conclusions but the trend is definitely up and | | | | |
| we should be optimistic based on all the ativities we have planned at the | | | | |
| National and Association level. | | | | |
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| I was unable to find a report for January 2024. In January 2023 we had 545 | | | | |
| individual and 33 club members. | | | | |

**USATF Membership Dues - Effective 1/2/2025**

***These rates will remain in effect and unchanged for membership years 2025 and 2026***

| | |
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| **Adult membership** | **$ 65.00** |
| Assoc portion | $ 25.00 |
| NO portion | $ 25.00 |
| Overhead incl insur | $ 15.00 |
| **Official membership – 1 year** | **$ 65.00** |
| Assoc portion | $ 25.00 |
| NO portion | $ 25.00 |
| Overhead incl insur | $ 15.00 |
| **Official membership – 4 years** | **$ 240.00 discounted** |
| Assoc portion | $ 90.00 |
| NO portion | $ 90.00 |
| Overhead incl insur | $ 60.00 |
| **VIP membership** | **$ 200.00** |
| Assoc portion | $ 25.00 |
| NO portion | $ 160.00 |
| Overhead incl insur | $ 15.00 |
| **Youth membership** | **$ 35.00** |
| Assoc portion | $ 12.00 |
| NO portion | $ 12.00 |
| Overhead incl insur | $ 11.00 |
| **Club membership-** | **varies by Association** |
| Assoc portion | set by each Association |
| National Office Fee | $ 50.00 (as of Feb 1, 2025) |

# Treasurer's report:

**01.27.2025 Board Call**

1. 1023 and 990 are delayed in processing with the IRS. Our accountant has been in contact.
2. We are roughly $8,000 ahead in revenue at this time compared to last year. Overall 2024 generated the highest revenue since we started keeping track in 2017.
3. 2025 budget proposal is in and is awating approval.
4. **As of 12.31.2024 our financial standing is:**

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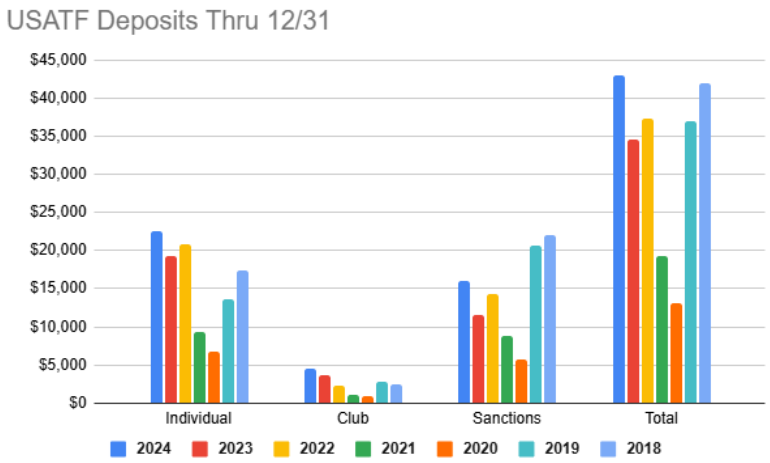
| Checking: | 10,644.43 |
| Savings: | 23,605.21 |
| CD: | 47,145.34 |
| Total: | 81,394.98 |

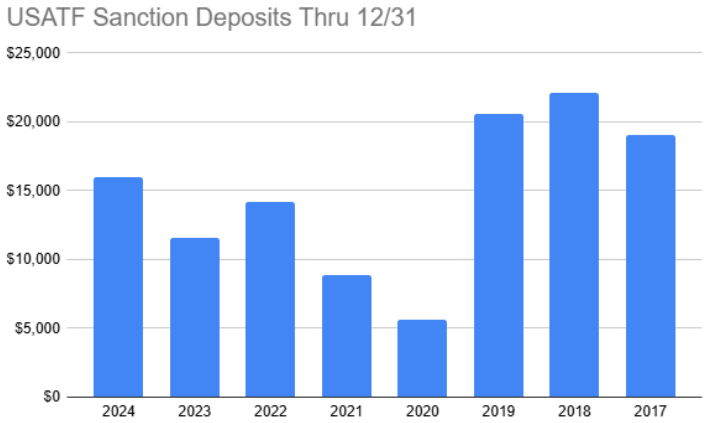
5. **Summary of all deposits**

| | Individual | Club | Sanctions | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024 | $22,499 | $4,475 | $15,986 | $42,960 |
| 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 |




**6. 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 | $1,393 |
| 3/1/2024 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $820 |
| 4/1/2024 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $563 |
| 5/1/2024 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $1,309 |
| 6/1/2024 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | $0 | $160 |
| 7/1/2024 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 | $1,267 |
| 8/1/2024 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $0 | $581 |
| 9/1/2024 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | $0 | $933 |
| 10/1/2024 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 | $653 |
| 11/01/2024 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | $0 | $1,324 |
| 12/01/2024 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | $0 | $2,519 |




LDR report:

Go to the following links for the Runner of the Year report and the upcoming LDR events.

https://niagara.usatf.org/25roty

https://niagara.usatf.org/events/2025/2025-usatf-niagara-ldr-club-grand-prix