**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Niagara Association**

**February 17, 2025**

**The following Committee members were present for the meeting**: Eric Boyce, Kathy McLymond, Don Lawrence, Sharon Gruttadauro, Jacky Mendes, Jim Glinsky, Mike Nier, Danielle Anderson and Kelsey Ryan.

**President's report**: Local High School Indoor meets continue. Don and Jackie are completing the Budget review. Accreditation reports have been submitted. The USATF Indoor meet will be in NYC on February 22-23. The Growth to Impact application for $5000 is due on February 28.

## USATF Audio Issues and Clinic Update

The group discusses audio issues at the start of the meeting, with USATF experiencing difficulties being heard clearly. The Executive Board approved Rozanne's minutes and briefly mention ongoing indoor meets. Danielle reported progress on finalizing sponsorship pages with Matt. Kelsey updates on a potential clinic on March 22nd, stating she will confirm her participation soon due to a packed facility schedule that weekend.

## Financial Update and Revenue Progress

Jacky reported that they had submitted the 10 ninety-nines at the end of January, marking the first time they had done so without an extension. This was achieved at a significantly lower cost by doing it themselves, saving several hundred dollars. Jacky noted that they were currently $3,000 behind in revenue compared to the same time last year, but $1,000 ahead in revenue compared to 2023. They were waiting for budget approval and had found a way to retire unused budget lines and add new ones. Jacky also mentioned a financial hit from the annual meeting in January, but noted that money was coming back in. The savings account had more money in it now than before, and they were climbing back up.

## Niagara Championship and Race Updates

Eric provides an update on the upcoming Niagara championship, the Running of the Green 5-mile race, scheduled for March 15th. He mentions that the race director is offering a VIP area for Niagara athletes and reports that approximately 95 Niagara members have signed up so far. The group discusses the need to review and correct any errors in the event flyer for all races this year. USATF notes that the next meeting falls on St. Patrick's Day, which may be an issue for some members.

## Paul Kosek's Passing and Track Events

The group discusses the passing of official Paul Kosek and plans to donate $100 to the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation in his memory. They also mention another official, Wally, who recently passed away. The conversation then shifts to upcoming track and field events. Jim reports positive membership numbers for February. The group discusses sanctions and membership requirements for board positions. Mike informs that several members from the association will be attending the US Masters and World Masters events, with high attendance expected. Kathy McLymond, Terry Eason, Chris Cummings and Rozanne Redlinski will be officiating at the World Masters event.

## USATF Updates and Upcoming Events

The meeting involved discussions about the upcoming events and changes within the organization. Mike expressed interest in learning about the prize structures for the LDR series to promote club enrollment. USATF shared updates about the growth impact and recent changes within the organization, including the departure of Robin Beaman and Adam Schmacks. Sharon mentioned that there were 900 people at the US Masters and over 2,600 for the world, and that the website indicated 4,000 attendees. The meeting also touched on the Racewalk scene, with Sharon mentioning that several national and international records had been broken. Lastly, USATF announced plans for a Racewalk clinic on March 22 at Snyder track, with a 3k on the road or trail, and a follow-up event to be organized by Kelsey.

## Saint Pat's Meeting and Bylaw Changes

The discussion revolved around the upcoming Saint Pat's meeting and the voting on bylaw changes. Rozanne had sent out the new wording for the bylaw changes, which were aimed at cleaning up the language and transitioning to electronic voting. The team agreed to finalize the changes before the September meeting. The Board also discussed the decision to hold the Junior Olympics on two separate days, with the first day on the 21st and the second on the 28th. The team also discussed the possibility of representatives attending sectionals and promoting the meet. The conversation ended with a motion to adjourn.