



USATF Niagara Executive Committee Meeting

May 19, 2025

President Don Lawrence call the meeting of the Executive Committee together at 8:03 pm EST . The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Don Lawrence, Rozanne Redlinski, Jacky Mendes, Danielle Anderson, Kathy McLymond, Lexi Lindamer, Eric Boyce, Jason Henderson, Kelsey Ryan and Mike Nier.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as prepared.

President's report: Personally, the end of April means PENN Relays Time. It's an amazingly efficiently managed track meet. All Officials (125) are not paid but receive a coveted Red Penn Relays cap! I lead a Team of USA Race Walkers to Warsaw Poland for the RK Warsaw RW Cup. Amazing city and Awesome experience. Loucks Games was up next as I was recruited due to a large fast race walk field, I also served as super busy line clerk for 2500 athletes. The Buffalo Marathon is Memorial weekend, and I am pleased to say it is sanctioned and certified through USATF, I will assist with finishers medals once again.

Chair reports:

Danielle Anderson is working on Sponsorships for the meets.

Kelsey Ryan is setting up smaller meets with fewer events.

Jacky Mendes gave the treasurer's report. The written report can be seen at the end of these minutes.

Sport Chairs:

Youth: Jason Henderson reported on the volunteers for the upcoming meets.

LDR: Eric Boyce gave the committee information about the upcoming LDR series. He also talked about a change in procedure at the LDR events because of an incident that occurred at one event. (see Eric's report at the end of the minutes.)

High Performance: Matt Merrill was not in attendance.

Committee reports:

Officials: Kathy McLymond stated that the officials were ready for the upcoming May meets.

There are training Zoom available through Kathy and Scott Phoenix.

Membership: Jim Glinsky was not present but his report can be seen at the end of these minutes.

Safe Sport: Lexi had nothing to report.

At-Large: There was nothing to report.

Old business: Don asked to volunteers to set up USATF booths at the Outdoor Sectionals
Rozanne reminded everyone about the By Laws vote to take place at the June meeting.

New Business: Don expressed concerns about Sponsorships and Grants being a pathway forward to the Association.

Adjournment: Jacky Mendez and Mike Nier made a motion and seconded, respectively, for the adjournment of the meeting at 9:00pm EST. This motion was approved.

Membership report:

Niagara Membership Report 16 May 2025				
	Male	Female	Total	%
Youth	142	121	263	29%
Open	147	85	232	25%
Masters	276	139	415	46%
Total	565	345	910	
Clubs 53				
We increased by 39 individual and 6 club members since the last report.				
On 18 May 2024 we had 819 individual and 40 club members.				
I think we are starting to see a significant increase again.				
It's interesting that our largest age group is now Masters. It was Youth				
for a long time.				

LDR report:

I'm reaching out to Andy Martin to put something on the website for ppl to contact/submit/report results from our members. We as the board are volunteers and can't keep track of everyone so this will help put some of the ownership onto our members to help us out. This stems from Andy posting something this year and because he didn't post something from the following year, I got blamed and attack for it by an individual.

May 4th was our 10mile championships, mountain goat in Syracuse

2024: 78 members

2025: 72 members

It's a tad lower from last year. However, there was less than 10 members from the Syracuse area this year and last year there was closer to 25-30. Syracuse is a tricky part of the association. There is a great running scene and a lot of club involvement. However it appears there usatf involvement in the last few years have dwindled.

I'm adopting a new association rule for our LDR championships, there was some controversy at mountain goat over a nonexistent uniform rule. National doesn't address or have any rule in place stating it's mandatory for open athletes with team scoring to where the same uniforms. I did find a few associations do address this rule. I plan on modeling and tightening this up before our next championship.

I'm considering retooling the Grand Prix and runner of the year series. I am consider creating a separate MUT series which I have mix thoughts about. It might promote more membership in the trail scene to non members currently but I think it might weaken the overall Grand Prix series competitiveness. This idea comes from we have a lot of Fairweather road runners that complain about MUT even though they aren't being forced to run them. lol.

I also recently had some conversation with Muddysneakers race director for some usatf involvement. This race is probably our associations most historic trail race. The race recognizes the crowd that's been running the race for the last 20 years is getting older and how can the race regenerate and appeal to a younger crowd for future sustainability.

I was out at the lilac 10km yesterday. This is evidence that what we do in LDR matters. In 2023 was the last time they hosted an association championship. In 2023 51st place broke 40 minutes in the 10km. Without the race hosting our championship, 2025 12th place broke 40 minutes. The race does seem to be thriving from a numbers stand point of participants but this demonstrates the value we bring with our members from the competitive side.

Eric

Treasurer's report:

1. We are roughly \$1,500 behind in revenue compared to this time last year and \$700 ahead compared to 2023.

2. The IRS needed an amended version of the bylaws. Those were sent over during the first week of March.

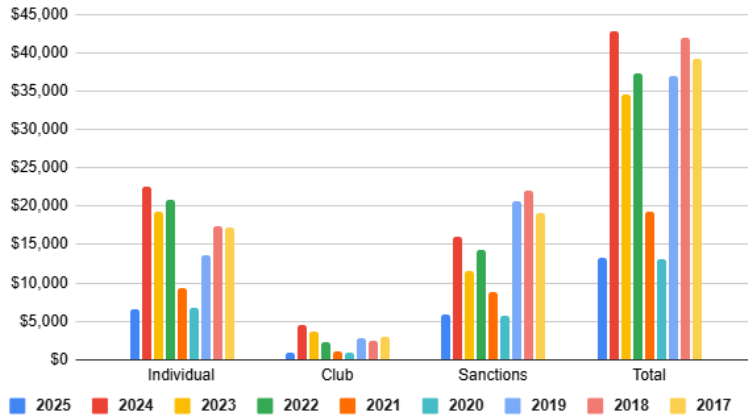
3. As of 04.30.2025 our financial standing is:

Checking:	8,927.87				
Savings:	28,740.92				
CD:	50,151.01				
Total:	87,819.80				

4. Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total	
2025	\$6,502	\$846	\$5,897	\$13,245	
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	

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5. 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
1/1/2025	27	1	0	5	0	\$0	\$2,732
02/01/2025	18	2	3	0	0	\$0	\$1,407
03/01/2025	17	1	0	1	0	\$0	\$1,246
04/01/2025	16	1	0	2	0	\$0	\$872

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