Executive Committee meeting
June 16, 2025

President Don Lawrence called the June meeting of the Executive Committee for the Niagara Association together at 8:05pm EST. The following Committee members were present: Don Lawrence, Rozanne Redlinski, Jacky Mendes, Terry Eason, Matt Merrill, Danielle Anderson, Eric Boyce, Kathy McLymond, Jim Glinsky, Sharon Gruttadauro, Mike Nier, Lexi Lindamer, Kelsey Ryan, Jason Henderson and Brett Shelton. Other members of the Association in attendance were: Jim VonHoltz and Cathy Vonderheide.

Mike Nier and Terry Eason made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting as presented by Rozanne Redlinski.

Presidents Report: Buffalo Marathon was well attended and produced. Consideration for an expo booth in the future? Empire State Senior Games were held Fri-Sun…I was asked to be the T/F Coordinator along with Walk Coordinator. NY State Meet last Fri/Sat in Middletown. 2026 Outdoor will be Webster Schroeder HS…Booth Opportunity once again!! Looking forward to our Champs coming up the next two Saturdays…who's assisting?

Don also announced that the Annual USATF meeting will be in Orlando again this coming year. There will be changes to the format and the number of delegates that will be attending. Information will be announced as time moves on.

Voting on ByLaw changes: Rozanne briefly explained the changing in the bylaws. Most of the changes removed the process for "on location" voting and added the process for electronic voting. Other changes involved the editing of the term "Board" and replacing it with "Executive Committee". The changes were approved and will take effect immediately.

Chair reports:

VP Administration: Danielle Anderson had not new information.

VP Operations: Kelsey Ryan expressed frustration with the USATF registration process for new youth members. It is too complicated and had a time lag between the registration and the sign up for races.

Treasurer's report: Jacky said that all forms were into their respective agencies. Her full report can be seen at the end of these minutes.

Sports Chairs:

Youth: Brett Shelton reported on the meet registration and Jason said that he had volunteers lined up for the meets.

LDR: Eric Boyce reported that Jason Coppi has qualified for the Worlds after winning the Corning Wine Glass 8K. Swain Championships will be on August 8th.

High Performance: Matt Merrill stated that Mandeline Nooner will be running the Steeplechase at the Niagara Association meet on June 28th.

Committee Reports:

Officials: Kathy McLymond asked about the time of arrival for the officials that will be at the Association Youth meet on the 21st.

Membership: Jim Glinsky : Jim reported that we are ahead of the individual and club membership as compared to last year. Jim's report can be seen at the end of these minutes.

Safesport: Lexi Lindamer stated that the National Safe Sport is not returning communications with her.

At Large:

Mike Nier stated that he just completed the 4 miles race in Peoria, Ill and will be going in Indianapolis for the Mile race. He also told the Committee that GVH has signed up to take care of a 10 mile stretch of the Eric Canal Trailway. This is a stretch that they run on and he thinks it is a great opportunity to be involved in the history and care of the Canal system. Mike recommended that other clubs located along the Canal Trailway could do the same thing. Mike and Matt talked about adding information and pictures of these activities on our website. Matt requested that we highlight more clubs on our website. Examples he gave were "Pole Vault" clubs.

Mike Nier also analyzed the membership data for the Association and hoped we could pull some of the unaffiliated members into clubs. About a third (over 300 members) are

not affiliated with a club. The assumption is that when you're in a club, you'll stay with the association longer and the clubs are healthier. The Board plans to work on ways to get more of these members affiliated with a club.The assumption is that when you're in a club, you'll stay with the association longer. The clubs are healthier.

Sharon Gruttadauro reported that the women's racewalk took 3rd in their Race in Columbia. The next Women's race will be in Tula Vista.

Terry Eason asked about developing the Para program in this area. Other officials have been certified but there are very few Para Athletes at any T/F meeting in NYS.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and secondly, respectively, by Terry Eason and Kelsey Ryan at 9:22 pm EST. The motion passed.

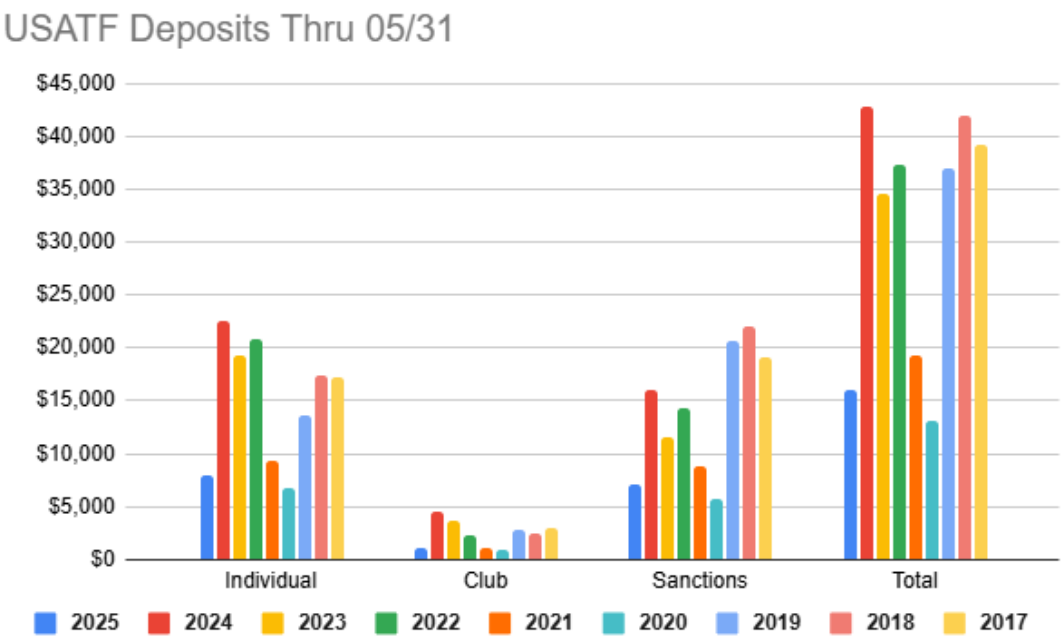
Treasurer's report:

1. We are roughly $2,000 behind in revenue compared to this time last year and $500 ahead compared to 2023.
2. Nothing new from our CPA or the IRS!
3. **As of 05.31.2025 our financial standing is:**

Checking:	8,817.87
Savings:	28,753.13
CD:	50,293.00
Total:	87,864.00

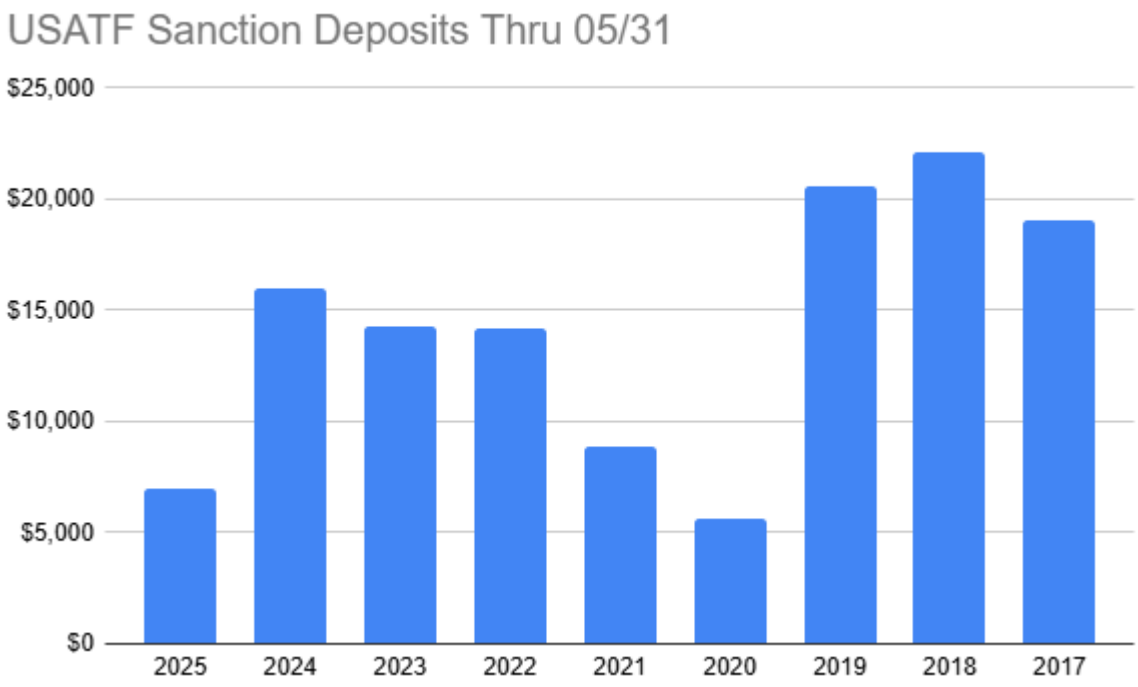
4. Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2025	$7,915	$1,106	$7,020	$16,041
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



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
05/01/2025	14	1	0	0	0	$0	$1,123



Membership report:

Niagara Membership Report 13 June 2025

	Male	Female	Total	%
Youth	253	240	493	42%
Open	157	88	245	21%
Masters	286	142	428	37%
Total	696	470	1166	
Clubs	55			

We increased by 256 individual and 2 club members since the last report.

The surge in Youth memberships has that demographic back on top as the largest.