Executive Committee meeting

June 1, 2026

The May 18th EC meeting had been rescheduled to June 1, 2026. The following Committee members were present when the meeting was called to order my Don Lawrence at 8:02pm EST: Don Lawrence, Kelsey Ryan, Matt Merrill, Jacky Mendes, Sharon Gruttadauro, Lexi Lindamer, Kathy McLymond, Eric Boyce, Danielle Anderson, Terry Eason and Rozanne Redlinski. Sonja Robinson was excused.

Track and Field Events Update

Don reported on recent track and field events including the Mountain Goat Syracuse, Penn Relays, and Buffalo Expo Marathon, emphasizing the importance of engaging with recreational runners. Danielle discussed her work on Region 2 sponsorships and received guidance on reaching out to potential sponsors, including new tracks venues in Fredonia and Cortland. Kelsey shared her successful collaboration with Mike Nier on a Snyder track and field program held at Dick's House of Sport.

Track Program Junior Olympics Planning

Kelsey reported that her track program has 106 kids with many interested in participating in Junior Olympics meets, particularly high school students. She is coordinating with Jay Pratt from Blaze to organize joint competitions in the Buffalo area. Don confirmed that Junior Olympics registration should be available by Wednesday, with Sonya taking the lead as meet director for JOs while Matt will handle Open and Masters events. .

Financial Progress and Challenges

Jacky reported significant progress in cleaning up QuickBooks, with only $100 outstanding and a much easier reconciliation process compared to previous years. The organization saw increased club membership and revenue compared to the previous year, though they experienced a $74 late fee for sanctions. Jacky discussed the decline

in monthly interest from savings accounts, noting that current rates are very low nationwide, and she planned to check with Key Bank about potential improvements.

Track Facility and Event Planning

Don and Eric discussed Eric's report and upcoming 3K event, with Eric offering to take Don's place at the state meet. The conversation then shifted to facility details, clarifying that Webster Thomas has a hammer cage while Webster Schroeder does not. Don inquired about potential host sites for Region 2 outdoor track and field next June or July, mentioning Fredonia, Cortland, and Ithaca as possibilities, though Ithaca's current outdoor facility limitations were noted. Matt reported that the Opening Masters event has 11 participants signed up for 20 events, which is comparable to the average from previous years with a month remaining before the event.

Event Merchandise and Officials Planning

The group discussed merchandising options for an upcoming event, with Kelsey estimating about half of children might purchase race day t-shirts while adults were unlikely to buy them. Matt mentioned having 30 cross country shirts available on clearance. Don announced he had recruited a new official to help with the June 27th training meet and mentioned plans to involve newer officials in track meet operations. The discussion concluded with Don promoting USATF's involvement in a golf tournament hosted by Strider's, emphasizing the importance of increasing USATF's public recognition.

Golf Scramble and Championship Planning

Lexi reported on a successful golf scramble event that raised money for youth programs and discussed connecting Don with Tom Wilson, the track coach at Fredonia who is interested in hosting summer meets. Don expressed interest in potentially having Fredonia host the Snyder Championships next July, noting the facility's proximity to Chautauqua and Niagara Falls. The discussion also touched on Safe Sport coordination needs, with Sonya planning Zoom calls for June 27th. No new Safe Sport coordinator has been appointed following Bailey's departure from the National Office position.

Summer Track Meet Planning Discussion : Don discussed summer track meet scheduling with Terry, mentioning that Tyndall had offered to include a race walk event at Gates Chili in Rochester on Tuesday nights, similar to the Snyder meets held on Thursdays in July.

Javelin Competition Organization Planning

Don discussed organizing a javelin competition for St. Mary's of Lancaster's state meet after learning about the event's inclusion in New York state competitions. He successfully sanctioned the competition with 6 throwers participating, including Mason Streffler from Williamsville who qualified for the state meet. Don mentioned plans to potentially organize a throws competition in an off week or with the UB alumni meet next year, and he committed to involving Terry in these discussions.

Athletics Competition Qualifications and Updates

Don discussed the New Balance and Nike National Outdoor Championships qualifications and shared insights about supporting athletes financially for international competitions. Sharon provided updates on race walking activities, mentioning recent national and international events, including successful performances by Lauren Harris and a team in Brazil. They also discussed the challenges of reviving the USA-Canada race walking event due to financial constraints on the Canadian side.

Youth Nationals Scheduling Challenges

Don, Rozanne, and Matt discussed scheduling conflicts with the Youth Nationals, noting that the timing conflicts with school schedules in northern states and creates challenges for participation. Don explained that the national championship format has struggled with high disqualification rates due to athletes not running proper banking in indoor races. The group confirmed they will hold their next meeting in three weeks on the 20th.

LDR Report: by Eric Boyce

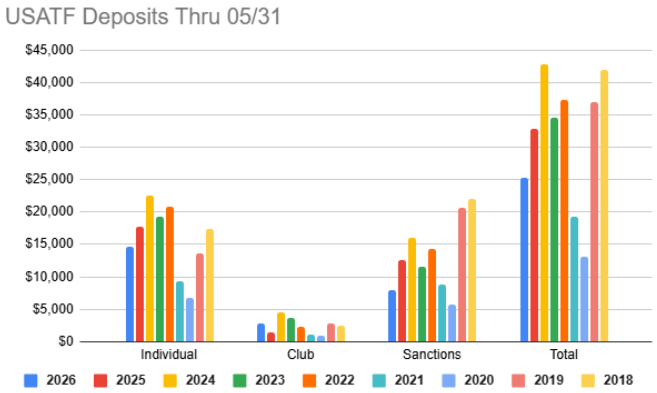
May 3rd was the Mountain Goat 10 Mile race which hosted our Association's 10mile championship. 64members finished. Results/recap can be found: https://niagara.usatf.org/10milerecap26

This was the 2nd race in the year long runner of the year/Grand Prix series.

Next up is the 3k at the track and field championships on June 27th.

Treasurer's report: by Jacky Mendes

June 1, 2026 report



1. We are roughly $9,000 ahead in revenue compared to this time in 2025, and roughly $7,000 ahead compared to 2024.

2. As of 05.31.2026 our financial standing is:

Checking:	27,464.55
Savings:	72,058.43
Total:	99,522.98

3. Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2026	$14,637	$2,795	$7,912	$25,344
2025	$17,755	$1,366	$13,014	$32,770
2024	$22,499	$4,475	$15,986	$42,760
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
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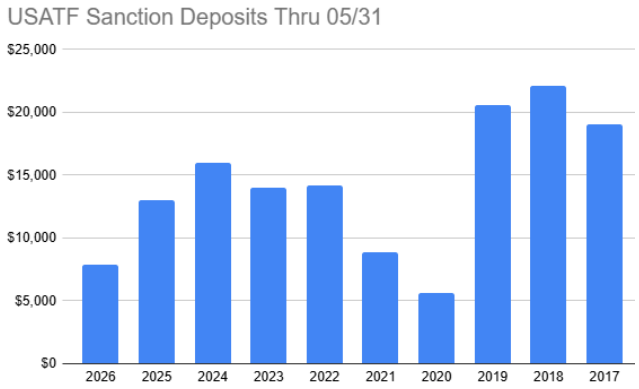
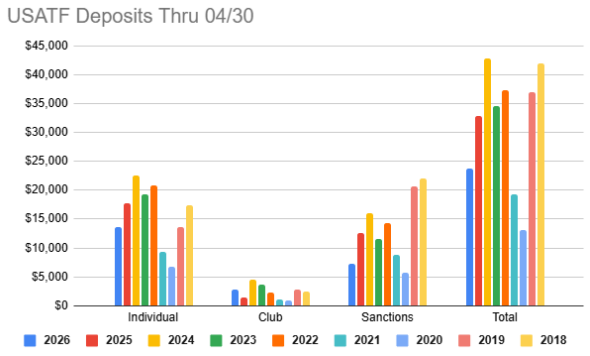


May 18th report



1. We are roughly $10,500 ahead in revenue compared to this time in 2025, and roughly $9,000 ahead compared to 2024.

2. As of 04.30.2026 our financial standing is:

Checking:	25,397.15
Savings:	72,043.14
Total:	97,440.29

3. Summary of all deposits

	Individual	Club	Sanctions	Total
2026	$13,603	$2,730	$7,332	$23,665
2025	$17,755	$1,366	$13,014	$32,770
2024	$22,499	$4,475	$15,986	$42,760
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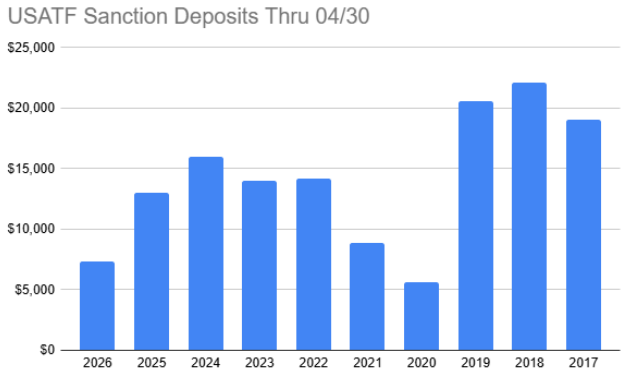

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM est.