

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of January 25, 2019
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
Clare, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordie Richardson, Jill Sandro, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, George Babcock, Lew Clingman, Mike VanDyke, John Greathouse, Jon Bush, Al Wood, Dan Johnson, many ATOM members, and Nate Hampton-MHSAA Representative.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for December were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for January was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 153 memberships for 2019. There were 142 memberships for 2018. We have 84 members registered for the 2019 clinic at the time of the meeting. Christine Lee will officially take over as the new ATOM treasurer in February.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike enjoyed being president this past year. He learned a lot and had a great experience. We need more younger officials to join our group and be willing to step into leadership roles to keep our group going.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon reported the March "Winter" newsletter will be a clinic recap. Anything you want to stay, Jon would love to share it. Jon would like to add an Interesting Cases section to the newsletter. If you have anything that would fall under that section, please forward that to Jon. If there is anyone that has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter, please pass that onto Jon. The email address for the newsletter is atommichigannews@gmail.com. Next deadline: March 1, 2019 for the March mail date.

WEBMASTER: No report this month. Mike and George are working on trying to find a new carrier that will do all the things we want/need our website to do within our budget.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Gordie thanked everyone for being here and hope we all can learn something new.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard reported that he has completed his first official duty as 2nd VP by booking the Doherty Hotel for the 2020 ATOM Clinic. The 2020 ATOM Clinic will be on January 31-February 1, 2020.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al reported all is well.

ZONE 2: No representative.

ZONE 3: no report for this meeting.

ZONE 4: Dan encouraged someone from Zone 2 to step up and be the rep. The job is only as challenging as you make it. Schedules are starting to be put together.

ZONE 5: Kathy was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 6: Lew reported GVSU has started up their winter HS season. Great participation. Aquinas will start their portion of the program in the next couple weeks. ADs are finally getting it and have worked really hard to get a comfortable schedule together. Unless there are cancellations, they should be set to start in April.

State Final sites: D1-East Kentwood; D2-Zeeland; D3-Comstock Park; D4-Hudsonville.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported that there have been numerous AD changes up north, which also leads to a number of coaching changes. This makes filling schedules a bit delayed, but they are continuing to work on those.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting. He sent an email reporting that the 2019 Cross Country UP Finals will be held in Marquette. He also said that officials in his zone want to know if they have to get the new official's uniform or are they still grandfathered in. The traditional red body/yellow sleeve jacket with tan pants uniform is still acceptable.

USATF: Eric was not present for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Zone 2 rep: We need a new rep for Zone 2. Lew is working on that.

Equipment message board: Since our current webpage does not accommodate a message board, Mike will look into different web hosts to see if there is another option that would allow for our members to communicate with each other easier.

You Make The Call: John needs more situations/ideas. Please pass them on when you have them. 1. You can't use a practice pole that is underweight during warm-ups of a finals meet. 2. Using an 8 lb shot is illegal.

Rules and Regs Mtg: The following will be presented at the Rules and Regs meeting next week (originally scheduled for earlier in January, but was postponed):

1. "In 2020 when we go to the one turn stagger for the 1600 and 3200 (and possible consider the 800 and 4x800 relay), we'd like to see the MHSAA meets go back to the waterfall start line. We know there is hesitation for the 800 and 4 x 800 and will consider changing that language but with alley starts we worry about the cut line and congestion, especially if we have a field of 20 entered." Please add to this proposal putting down the double waterfall line(s). That way you have waterfall in lanes 1 - 4 or 1 -5 and then another waterfall line in lanes 5-8 or 6-9."

2. Switch the 3200m run to the first event and 4x800m relay to event #12, after the 200m dash and before the 4x400 relay.

NEW BUSINESS:

QUESTIONS from the floor:

1. With the trouble of getting officials for Regional meets, has there been any discussions of allowing a Regional to be ran on a Thursday night? No discussion has occurred yet.

VS Athletics - gave a presentation on an electronic starting device that includes speakers. A school could get the whole system for under \$2000.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

NEW UNIFORM RULE: Effective for Fall 2018, there is now no undergarment rule for uniforms. This also eliminates the double logo rule.

Changes coming in 2020: for the 800 and above, runners will line up in alleys and use the one turn stagger lines.

New order of events for MS:

New order of events begins this spring (2019),

1. 4 x 800 relay
2. 55 meter hurdles
3. 100 meter dash
4. 4 x 200 relay
5. 1600 meter run
6. 4 x 100 relay
7. 400 meter dash
8. 70 meter dash
9. 800 meter run
10. 200 meter hurdles
11. 3200 meter run
12. 4 x 400 meter relay

Field events:

1. Pole Vault

2. Shot Put (8lb, 13 oz. or 4Kg. for boys; 6lb. for girls)
3. High Jump
4. Long Jump

Information on the new 209 primer gun

TBI.com - if interested in 209 primer gun. \$199.99 with free shipping.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on February 17, 2019, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

***Future ATOM meeting dates:

March 10 - MHSAA 10:00

April 28 - MHSAA 10:00

June 3 - Hall of Fame Café 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.