

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of January 27, 2017
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
Clare, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Godrodoit, Kathy Hutfilz, George Babcock, Lynn Ketelhut, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, John Meyer, Al Wood, John Greathouse, Lew Clingman, Gordie Richardson, Brian Macomber, Eric Zemper, Ron Buchanan, Mike Vandyke, Dan Johnson, and other ATOM members. Special Guest: Nate Hampton, MHSAA.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lynn thanked everyone for helping the board, Lew (clinic organizer), and himself throughout the year. He enjoyed being President and looks forward to the opportunity to serve again.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for January was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 191 memberships for 2017. 76 members have registered for the clinic.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: The December newsletter was sent to everyone John had an email address for to see how sending it out electronically went. At the clinic, he has a list of members with email addresses. He will have individuals check their addresses to make sure they are accurate and also check how they would like to receive the newsletter. Anyone who can help with adding information to the newsletter, please get those to John. Next deadline: February 3, 2017, for the March mail date. Those that signed up to receive the newsletter electronically will not receive a paper copy of the newsletter in March.

WEBMASTER: The current number of visitors is at 14,874 as of Tuesday evening, January 24, 2017. An increase of 459 since the last ATOM Executive Board Meeting in September and the December meeting was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The following updates were made in October and December.... 1. Posting of two (2) links on the "ATOM Newsletter" page of the 2016 Cross Country LP State Finals that were not included with the original December 1, 2016 ATOM Newsletter. (posted 12/22/16) 2. Posting of the first edition of the newly formatted ATOM Newsletter, dated December 1, 2016 and is available for viewing on the "ATOM Newsletter" page. 3. A Necrology statement was posted near the top of the Home Page

on October 14, 2016. 4. Notice of the above postings on both the ATOM Facebook page and the ATOM Twitter page. 5. There were no changes to the ATOM Website during the month of November.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Lew thanked everyone for coming and is looking forward to the clinic tomorrow.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al says all is well. Last week he thought he was all good with scheduling, but ADs sent him many dates for the spring, so now he has some work to do.

ZONE 2: Lynn is still looking for a new regional rep for Zone 2 as Lynn does not live in that zone. U of M has ran three large indoor meets so far. The smallest meet had 700 athletes. The indoor State meet will be at Aquinas College February 25th & 26th.

ZONE 3: Darlene and Geri were not present for this meeting.

ZONE 4: Dan has worked some college indoor meets and enjoyed them.

ZONE 5: Kathy has taken over as Zone 5 rep and things are going well.

ZONE 6: Brian reported that MHSAA has been working on the State Standards. Aquinas and GVSU have ran many indoor meets. A few ADs are still looking for officials for the spring. Michiana Timing has lost a few operators and have asked schools if they would rearrange their schedules to accommodate this loss. Schools are being resistant to this as they feel an organization should not dictate when they have track meets. Dennis Hodges will use an electronic starting gun (Gill gun that can be attached to a portable speaker system or megaphone) this spring as much as possible to see how it works in action.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported that the North has around 3 feet of snow and said track season will start in the North when Mother Nature is ready. Scheduling for spring sports are set at the moment, but don't think ADs are thinking spring sports.

ZONE 8: John commented that spring season typically doesn't start until the end of April because of weather.

USATF: There will be a training clinic for new and experienced officials on Saturday, February 4th, at Calvin College in GR. A second clinic is being planned for March 11th tentatively down in the Detroit area. Eric will be giving a presentation on false starts at the clinic on Saturday afternoon.

OLD BUSINESS:

******Free membership to one new member:** As an approved association, we are eligible for a new member to be able to have their membership dues paid by the MHSAA for their first year of being an official. If you have someone in mind, please see Lynn Ketelhut.

Recommendations for Rules Changes: Rudy presented the idea of changing the preferred alley for the 800m run and up to Alley 2 instead of Alley 1. This was an ATOM recommendation.

For the open 800, 16 runners in fast heat if entries are over 20.

For the 4x800 if 21-24 entries, 12 in the fast heat plus ties, 25+ or more 16 in fast heat.

NEW BUSINESS:

MidWest Meet of Champions: Michigan will host this meet on June 9, 2018, at Michigan State University.

****The next ATOM meeting will be February 26, 2017, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m.**

*****Future ATOM meeting dates: April 23, 2017, at the MHSAA Building and June 5, 2017, at the Spartan Cafe in East Lansing.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.