

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of February 17, 2019
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordie Richardson, Al Wood, Charles Parker, John Greathouse, Dan Johnson, Jon Bush, George Babcock, Lew Clingman, Kathy Hutfilz, Jill Sandro, Richard Lee, Christine Lee.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for February was approved. At the time of the meeting, we have 165 memberships for 2019. There were 142 memberships for 2018. We had 84 members attend for the 2019 clinic. Christine Lee is now the official ATOM treasurer. Christine would like to change up the registration form a bit to make things more clear-exactly what dates does our membership cover, when does the late registration fee actually come in to effect, add a box so members can identify whether the registration is a renewal or a new membership. Also separate the registration form for the clinic and membership registration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: These are the following items that Gordie has worked on since the clinic: a note to the new zone reps helping to layout their responsibilities and making sure they knew to attend Bd. meetings; Contacts with: Christine Lee about a current membership list. Copy of Doherty Hotel contact, Dave Kuderka about suggestions that might help with cost and convenience with the VS ETS, Brent Rice forwarding information about the VS ETC to the MHSAA, Kevin Behmer dealing with information about Bobby Glenn and ATOM hats, John Meyer about meeting, Lyle Berry about meeting and concerns dealing with Regional information given to coaches, Kyle McKowen of Clare, MITCA President about speaking with the MITCA Bd and the ATOM/MITCA relationship, Several requests from ATOM members about getting information that was discussed at the Clinic, Jon and Christine in regards to no longer use (dead) email addresses, George Kniola through email regarding websites, Mike VanDyke through email regarding websites.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon reported that the clinic newsletter has went out. Should be getting through snail mail around February 20th. Next newsletter will come out post track season. 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: June 4, 2019 for the June mail date.

WEBMASTER: George has begun to update the ATOM website and will continue to do so. So far he has gotten the new Officers and Regional Representatives, ATOM Award winners and the next ATOM Clinic for 2020 dates updated. Next will be the minutes and posting of the Winter 2019 ATOM Newsletter and anything else that might be needed.

George sees that there is still interest in going to a new website provider and would like someone to email him about those concerns with the current provider. He also checked several providers as to their cost per month...

Currently ATOM pays \$11.99 per month for the 1&1 Website for a 6 month billing of \$71.94, for comparison...

1. Weebly.com was mentioned & I think maybe MITCA might use them and they have four (4) cost levels: Free with poor features, Connect at \$5.00 per month also with poor features, Pro at \$12.00 per month with better features and Business at \$25.00 per month with a few better features. Of course the latter is designed for a true "business" for the selling of items.

2. Other rather highly rated building sites are WIX.com starting at \$4.50 per month, SiteBuilder starting at \$9.22 per month and GoDaddy starting at \$5.99 per month.

Please let George know your thoughts when you have time.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard received 25 surveys back from the clinic. Things people would like to see at next year's clinic: new cut in exchange zones, gather information from coaches about things that have been dealt with at track meets and then discuss if those items were dealt with correctly, Arbiter assigning meets. Ideas to improve clinic: have persons only attending the rules meeting sign in at a different location, give a meal ticket to those that have paid for the clinic and will be staying for lunch to get more of an accurate count.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no 2nd VP.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al will be stepping down as the Zone 1 rep and Charles Parker will be taking his place. Welcome!

ZONE 2: No representative.

ZONE 3: reps were not present for the meeting.

ZONE 4: Dan is working on his schedule.

ZONE 5: Kathy reported that zone 5 officials are really going to be busy this spring. Many meets and not many officials to cover those meets.

ZONE 6: Lew reported that not much is going on as the indoor season is wrapping up. The outdoor season is right around the corner and ADs are doing a pretty good job of getting officials for the season. The one concern Zone 6 has is not having enough FAT operators for the number of track meets scheduled. For the State Meet, Lew is looking for more officials to help in the field event and umpiring areas. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Lew.

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

ZONE 7: Gordie thinks he has helped the schools that have Regional meets to find officials so they are ready.

ZONE 8: John hopes to be back for a meeting next month. Gordie reached out to Joe Baker, the new rep for the Eastern UP.

USATF: A training will take place in March in Ann Arbor.

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.

Rules and Regs Mtg: The following is a recap of what was discussed at the Rules and Regs meeting:

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."* The one issue that ATOM brought up on the waterfall being added as an option to tracks for 2020 was accepted unanimously.

2. *Switch the 3200m run to the first event and 4x800m relay to event #12, after the 200m dash and before the 4x400 relay.* The issue of changing the order of events in middle school was a mute issue as the representative council accepted the changes last May.

3. For the 3200 relay, there will be two sections at the finals. If there is 21-24 schools entered than the top 12 times plus ties will be in the second section. If there are 25 or more entered than the top 16 plus ties will be in the second section.

4. For the 800 there would be the best 16 times plus ties in the second section.

5. The possibility of holding a regional on Thursday was passed and will be forwarded to the representative council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership dues: will remain the same. Christine does have a number of small ATOM items. Was agreed that some of these items will be given to new registered members at future clinics.

Regional meet info: 3 entries, only 2 run unless all 3 have the qualifying time. This is the rule and we as officials should be able to enforce this rule and not have it overturned because someone called Nate to overturn it.

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. 200 meter dash
12. 3200 meter run
13. 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.

Heat break downs for Finals

4x800-two sections at the finals. If there are 21-24 teams entered, the top 12 times plus ties will be in the second heat. If there are 25 or more team entered, the top 16 times plus ties will be in the second heat.

800-20 or less, one section. 21 or more entries-two sections with the 16 fastest times plus ties in the second heat.

1600-two sections with entries exceed 24 with the fastest 16 plus ites in the second heat.

3200-one heat.

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

*****Future ATOM meeting dates:**

April 28 - MHSAA 10:00

June 3 - Hall of Fame Café 6:00

*****2020 ATOM Clinic - January 31-February 1, 2020, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.