

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of February 26, 2017
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lew Clingman, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, Brian Macomber, George Babcock, John Greathouse, Mike VanDyke, Gordie Richardson, Darlene Barber, Jill Sandro, Eric Zemper, Al Wood, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: This meeting represents our March meeting as there was no one available to open the MHSAA building in March.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for February was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 205 memberships for 2017. 69 members attended the clinic, 84 registered, 16 were no shows, and 82 paid.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: John is currently working on the March Newsletter. If there is anyone that has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter, John would love to have it. Next deadline: June 9, 2017, for the June mail date. Those that signed up to receive the newsletter electronically will not receive a paper copy. Since John verified addresses and asked how members would like to receive the newsletter at the clinic, paper mailings were cut in almost half.

WEBMASTER: George was not present for this meeting. Mike did mention that when persons visit the ATOM website, one of the first main links that they see is the link to our necrology list. While we want to honor those that have past, we also want to welcome persons to our website and encourage membership.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: no report.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al said he thinks that all schedules are set and looks like things should be good. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this spring so schedules can stay as is.

ZONE 2: Lynn was not present for this meeting. Lynn is still looking for a new regional rep for Zone 2 as Lynn does not live in that zone.

ZONE 3: Geri wanted to let everyone know that Charles Lewis and Harold McGuire passed away and would like his name be added to our neurology list. She has been getting calls and continues to work at recruiting new officials. Darlene continues to recruit new officials as well.

ZONE 4: Dan worked at EMU the last few days. Otherwise things are going well.

ZONE 5: Kathy was not present for this meeting but reported that all is well in Zone 5. Our calendars are full. Kathy is concerned with the size of Zone 5 and where she lives. She can easily cover M57 north, but would like a partner somewhere from the Lansing area or south to cover the southern part of the Zone. If interested, please contact Kathy or Lew.

ZONE 6: All 3 MHSAA communities have met with ATOM members represented. The nice February weather has allowed HS students to get out and run outside. Many schools are calling and asking about the Lynx timing system as Michianna Timing is charging \$1200 for a dual meet.

ZONE 7: Gordie asked how did the MHSAA draw up the boundaries for the zones we currently have. The zones were mainly figured by school population. Zone reps, please look at your zone list and if you feel like there is someone is in your zone that would best be served by another zone based on his/her location, please pass that name on to the zone rep that you feel could best serve that member.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: USATF training L1 on March 11th L2 clinic starter clinic in am, umpires and clerking in pm on March 18 or 25th. Eric has worked on updating the library of rules books and resources. Eric also has a short document that includes all the 2017 rules changes with an emphasize on starting. Anyone interested in this document or other documents that Eric may have, please contact him.

OLD BUSINESS:

ATOM Recognition Plaque at MHSAA Lew will look into this further and report back.

Charitable contribution by Membership This topic has been tabled for multiple meetings. Do we move forward with it or let it go? Discussion was held and the ideas for making a donation to a charity or give a scholarship were mentioned. Motion was approved to make a \$500 donation to Team Michigan for the MidWest Meet Of Champions meet for this.

Starting next year, this will be a line item on the membership/clinic registration form for members to freely donate to this group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clinic Update and evaluations Clinic feedback was very positive. Liked the short presentations, felt like they got a lot of good information. Members want more of the “same” information. Members liked that door prizes were given throughout the day, but that the big prizes “guns” were given away at the end.

Rule referring to Field Event Pit openings-info to ADs Please make sure that ADs in your Zone know that Field Event Pits are CLOSED until there is a supervisor to watch over that area when athletes are warming-up. It is strongly recommended that there is a sign to let all know when the event is closed so there is no confusion.

Communication to schools in Zones w/reference to guidance for running track meets

- a) **Registered starters and referees**
- b) **Providing shells/reimbursement for shells**
- c) **Rules governing pit usages**
- d) **Using ATOM Zone Reps to help find officials.**

Please get this information to the ADs in your zone. A) schools must use registered officials. B) for small schools this might not be as much of a problem. C) see above notes. D) let them know that you are there to help.

Zone reps looking for additional reps for Zone 2 and 5.

**The next ATOM meeting will be April 23, 2017, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m.

***Future ATOM meeting dates: September 10, November 12, and December 10, 2017, at the MHSAA Building. October 8, 2017, will be the Past Presidents’ meeting at 9:30 and regular board meeting at 10:30 at the MHSAA Building, and June 5, 2017, at the Spartan Cafe in East Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.