

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of March 10, 2019
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lyle Berry, Kathy Hutfilz, Lew Clingman, Brian Macomber, John Greathouse, Eric Zemper, Dan Johnson, Gordie Richardson, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, and Jill Sandro.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for March was approved. At the time of the meeting, we have 171 memberships for 2019. There were 142 memberships for 2018. Christine is working really hard to compile lists of current members, past members but not current, and members that we have dead emails for.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: These are the following items Gordie has worked on since the clinic: Christine Lee about current membership list; Dave Kuderka about the VS ETS again; Kyle McKown of Clare, MITCA President about meeting March 31st in Clare; Jon and Christine in regards to no longer useful (dead) email addresses; wrote all of the members on the 2019 no paperwork list, all the email addresses were useable, NO returns!; Jacki Clark about membership and sent membership form; Ron Tien about waterfall starts and one turn cut-ins; Al Wood about membership lists by zone; Mike VanDyke sent emails regarding websites; Jon Bush received email and correspondence for the meeting; Rudy Godefroidt sent email blast to Zone 7 trying to help find an official for Fulton meet May 8.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon emailed that the winter (clinic) ATOM newsletter went out a couple of weeks ago. Overall, Jon was pretty happy with it. We had a strong set of articles and a positive response from our membership. Jon hopes that having an annual post-clinic issue will help continue to build attendance for future clinics.

Mailing/Distribution: all members with a working email address received a link to an online PDF of the issue at <http://tinyurl.com/y2vd84cb>. Board members should feel free to share this link widely to prospective members and others who want to learn about ATOM.

We mailed out 253 print newsletters with a total print run of 280. Jon will mail out the extra/unmailed newsletters individually to anyone who joins ATOM before the post-track season (Spring) newsletter.

Upcoming Newsletters: As always, Jon is looking for photos and articles to add to the newsletter. Jon will send out an ATOM wide email next week soliciting submissions. Christine has created an improved ATOM membership form and ATOM Clinic registration form that will be in future

newsletters. Anything you want to stay, Jon would love to share. 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: The ATOM Website has been updated with the following... The February 17, 2019 Minutes, the ATOM Meeting dates for March, April and June, 2019, a reminder of the dates remaining for the MHSAA Track and Field Rules meeting for 2019, posting of the 2019 ATOM Officers and Regional Representatives, the 2018-2019 ATOM Award winners, the Minutes from December 9, 2018 and January 25, 2019 and the Winter 2019 ATOM Newsletter. Please consider the following suggestion...If the major concern about the website is it's lack of having an Equipment Message Board how about making it available through me directly via my email address? If ATOM members have equipment needs or want to get rid of equipment I can develop a location on the current website for those items to be posted. ATOM Officials would have to be willing to have either their contact phone number, home address and/or an e-mail address along with the equipment items so those interested would be able to contact them directly. Also, there would be a request or need for how long to post that information on the website or when to remove it. Let me know your thoughts when you have time or with any other concerns.

*Can a separate tab be created labeled "Classified" for equipment needs and wants?

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard didn't have much to report, but did ask that if there is someone who would like to present at the 2020 ATOM clinic, please let him know. He is also open to any suggestions regarding topics. Ideas already generated include: 5 alive, the new step up start, what to do if you get to a track that does not have a one turn stagger line, the Arbiter website.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no 2nd VP.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Reps were not present for this meeting.

ZONE 2: No representative. Still looking.

ZONE 3: reps were not present for the meeting.

ZONE 4: Dan reported that nothing much is happening. He does have a few dates still open.

ZONE 5: Kathy will be moving out of zone 5 and into zone 7. We will be looking for a new rep for this zone. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let Kathy and/or Gordie

know. Kathy asked how many logos can you have on a UNIFORM? You can have multiple logos (one on the top and one on the bottom), but you can only have one logo on each piece.

ZONE 6: Brian reported that the OK Red conference changed their track schedule to run on Mondays/Wednesday instead of Tuesday/Thursday. Brian's first meet is scheduled for March 21st. The D3 Track State Finals has been moved from Comstock Park to Jenison. 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-Jenison; D4-Hudsonville.

ZONE 7: Lyle reported that there is too much snow in Zone 7 to do anything right now. :) Gordie is working on his schedule. He has had no other requests for officials other than the ones from Rudy, so schools might be more set than we know.

ZONE 8: John sent out two emails about the dead mail as asked. The response was not the best. He received positive responses from the following on both officiating this season and remaining as members of ATOM: himself, J.Cook, Mike Leanes and Marjorie Jarvie. Jeff Schram was a yes to officiating and a no to membership. Jeff said there was "confusion in the past;" I am confused about this. He'll try to find out more.

USATF: Eric reported that the L1 USATF training will now be on Sunday, March 17th in Detroit. New date and location. Looking at an additional training possibly in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

MHSAA track official list: tabled as Al was not present for meeting.

Website, Webpage upgrade: weebly.com was suggested as a possibility by Kevin Behmer of MITCA.

Membership dues: if we are going to move to tiered membership dues levels, then our by-laws will need to be adjusted at our next ATOM general membership meeting. It is in the by-laws currently that Past Presidents do not pay annual membership dues. We would like to change this.

Regional meet info: Lyle would like information put into the Regional Packets regarding that you can have 3 entries, but only 2 can run unless all 3 qualify. Wording is already being put into place so Regional Managers have this information to hand to coaches so they know that if they don't scratch that third entry, it will be done for them. It is a Game Committee ruling at Regionals as to the ruling for athletes leaving events and time allowed before returning.

Re-write of 3200 relay info for finals: Lew took care of this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting with MITCA President: It would be nice if coaches/ADs made sure that a copy of the school's league by-laws were readily available so if there are certain rules that need to be followed, they can be looked up/reviewed quickly before the meet begins.

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 breakdowns 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 teams 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 when entries exceed 24 with the fastest 16 plus ties in the second heat.

3200-one heat.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on April 28, 2019, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

***Future ATOM meeting dates:

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 11:28 a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.