

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of March 8 2015
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lyle Berry, Lew Clingman, Rudy Godefroidt, Jim Gillis, Dennis Hodges, George Babcock, Kathy Hutfilz, Jill Sandro, Dan Johnson, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, Al Wood, Tom Eschmann, Darlene Barber, Gordie Richardson, Geri Jackson.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: January minutes were approved as presented. Minutes will be sent in either a word document or pdf format.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for January was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 204 memberships for 2015. A clinic expense summary for the 2015 clinic was also presented.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: An outline was passed out as to what will be in the newsletter for June 2015. Anyone who can help with adding information to the newsletter, please get that to Tom. Next deadline: June 5, 2015, for a June 15th mail date. Information in the June newsletter include: Regional rep reports, A.T.O.M. Profiles, 2016 Clinic Plans, State Meet Reports, MHSAA info, Articles relating to interests, local track & field info, Midwest Meet of Champions.

WEBMASTER: The current number of visitors as of Thursday, March 5, 2015, 10,505. The following have been added to the website: 1. Posting of the January 30, 2015 and December 7, 2014 Executive Board Minutes. 2. Reminder notice of the MHSAA 2015 Track and Field Rules Test that is available from February 9, 2015 until April 16, 2015. 3. Posting of the following: A. NFHS 2015 Track and Field Rules Changes. B. Pole Vault Manufacturer contact list from the NFHS. C. A 14 page NFHS Track and Field Pre-Meet Notes document. 4. Posting of the following photos from Lew Clingman: MHSAA Cross Country Finals Meet, ATOM Officials working the MIT Meet and during the MHSAA Track and Field Rules Meeting at the ATOM Clinic. All of the above items were noted on both the ATOM Facebook and the ATOM Twitter accounts.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Lynn confirmed that the 2016 ATOM clinic will be at the Doherty Hotel in Clare on January 31, and February 1, 2016. Lynn attended the MITCA Track & Field Clinic to promote ATOM and try to recruit retired coaches to become officials.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: All the activity in Zone 1 right now is centered around scheduling officials for the outdoor season.

ZONE 2: Lynn was involved in the MITS State Meet held at Eastern Michigan University. Over 1000 were in attendance. Because of the number in attendance, EMU wasn't big enough and now the MITS State Meet needs a new venue.

ZONE 3: Geri reported athletic secretaries are sending out mass emails to fill their dates; same process as last year. Shells are scarce. Please let Geri know of any sources where shells can be purchased. Darlene was not present at the meeting as she was working the Open and Master Meet at U of M. Track schedules are going well here, she reports. If any one is available, please contact Darlene if you are interested in working any of the USA Track meets in June. The dates are June 6th (Open and Masters) and June 20th (Youth meet). Both meets are at Olivet.

ZONE 4: Dan reported all is quiet. Dan has many calling looking for officials for the same date. He worked indoor meets at U of M and CMU. Dan will send out an email to ADs in his region letting them know that he would help and try to get officials for meets they still had open.

ZONE 5: Dennis will send out a similar email and also send one to all the officials in his zone asking if they would like to be on the email list when he is helping a school try to find an official for a meet.

ZONE 6: Zone 6 met with Nate. It looks like all 40 regional sites will be FAT timed. The indoor season is coming to end. Now the team concept will take over and teams will have a chance to compete one more time towards the end of March before the official outdoor season starts. Johnny Macs in Lansing can and will order shells. Lew is still looking for umpires for the state meets. If interested, please contact Lew. State Sites: D1 Rockford, D2 Zeeland, D3 Comstock Park, D4 Hudsonville.

ZONE 7: Lyle and Gordie were not present for the meeting.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric was not present for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

2015 Clinic: George put together a clinic expense summary sheet that showed the expenses of the clinics from 2006-2015. Since we lose money on the clinic each year, discussion was held as to ways we could come closer to breaking even in respect to the clinic. Ideas suggested included: set a budget for the clinic and stick closer to it; raise clinic fee by \$5; raise membership fee by \$5; decrease the amount of food ordered for Friday night and Saturday morning's meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Clinic date: January 31 and February 1, 2016 at Dorerty Hotel in Clare.

Regional dates: Friday, May 15 or Saturday, May 16, 2015.

State Final date: Saturday, May 30, 2015.

New MHSAA rules for 2015 Track & Field Season:

- All types of sunglasses are legal.
- Headwear of all colors are legal. Headwear does not need to be a solid color to be legal.
- All jewelry is allowed.

ATOM Banners: at one point, there were 6-8 ATOM banners floating around. Now we can only find 1-2. Lew asked if we wanted to replenish these banners or not. One price quote he received was an 8x5 for \$97. This item will be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

The next ATOM meeting will be April 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the MHSAA building in East Lansing.

Future ATOM meeting dates: September 13, November 15, December 13, 2015, all at 10:00 a.m. at the MHSAA building. June 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Spartan Cafe in East Lansing. October 11, 2015, at the MHSAA Building. Past Presidents' meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. with the regular board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro.