

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of April 19, 2009
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darlene Barber, Lyle Berry, Cecil Burch, Jan Burch, Lew Clingman, Rudy Godefroidt, Blake Hagman, Kathy Hutfilz, Dennis Hodges, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, Doug Kelly, George Knolia, Brian Macomber, Jill Sandro, Allen Wood, and Eric Zemper.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The March minutes were accepted as presented. Jill is trying to make sure that she is sending the minutes to everyone she needs to. If you see or hear from someone that should be getting them and is not, please let her know.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

George was not present at the meeting. He received a 45 year award from the State the night before. Congratulations, George!

ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was not present at the meeting, but the June newsletter will be coming out shortly after State Finals. If you have Final summaries to be put into the newsletter, please get those to Tom ASAP after the Finals.

WEBMASTER:

As of the day of the meeting, there were 2618 hits on the ATOM website. Since the newsletter came out, George is having trouble putting it on the site. The following have all been items George has put on the website: a listing of starting items that are for sale, a list of the award recipients, Al Wood as the new Zone 1 rep, and the Clinic summary/February minutes. There was a date error was found and corrected. If there is anything on the rules pages that should be removed, please let George know.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dennis said Tuesday, April 21st will not have good weather. Dennis' main focus right now is the clinic. Eric Zemper will give a talk at the clinic. Disqualifications are being considered as another possible topic with a panel discussion to follow on possible scenarios. He still needs a couple more ideas if anyone has any thoughts.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dan is still learning the ropes of 2nd VP.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al took the list for Zone 1 and make contact with persons in the zone. He too is still learning the ropes. He asked if all would talk up ATOM to try and recruit. Many persons in Zone 1 are not ATOM members. He wants to reach out to the coaches, athletic directors, and officials. If you have any ideas, please pass them on.

ZONE 2: Doug has decompressed and became human after tax season. His first meet didn't have too many uniform issues. Otherwise it is quiet for now, but a busy season is coming up.

ZONE 3: Darlene and Geri are just doing local stuff right now. Emails about the double logo uniform rule were very helpful. Darlene got to drive a Hummer

ZONE 4: Dan has done five meets so far and the weather was good – thank you. At one of his meets a hair band fell to around the girl's neck during the race – no call was made. He has had some trouble with coaches so far this season.

ZONE 5: Jill received an email from Bill Bupp asking to be put on the email list for Zone 5. Since John Raducha from Ithaca has really been the only member from Zone 5 that has expressed any interest in being the new rep, Jill will contact him to see if he officially would like the position.

ZONE 6: Lew talked about the shortage of officials there is in the Grand Rapids area. With the OK Conference having 52 teams running dual meets, the shortage is huge. The good news is those that are officiating are doing a great job as there are no officiating problems. Lyle did a meet on April 18th that used the MITCA scoring format where everyone that runs scores. GVSU's new facility is fantastic. The indoor arena has 6 lanes of 300m each. In the meets, the major problem Zone 6 is seeing is that relay teams are not matching.

ZONE 7: Lyle mentioned that uniforms need to be tucked in if they can be. He did an invite on April 18th that used the Links system. The invite started at 9:30am and finished at 1:45pm. Links does not match up with Sydex.

ZONE 8: John reported through email that there have been a couple of indoor meets at NMU this past week for several schools. We start the outdoor season next week weather permitting. There is some snow still on the ground. Have a great season to all. See you in the fall. Mick reported through email that the first track meet of the season was being held indoors on April 14 at the Superior Dome in Marquette. There would be D1 track meet on April 14th, D2 on April 15th, and D3 on April 16th. Croci are up and the robins are back, and piles of snow remain.

USATF: Eric did a level 1 training in March and will do a level 2 training this summer. There will also be a vertical jumps clinic this summer and then another level 1 training this fall. The Michigan Youth Olympics will be June 30th-July 5th at EMU. The first two days will be trials for the Youth National Championships. This year he is trying something new - a starter assistant: a recall starter with no gun. An assistant's main job is to get the athletes ready at the line. Eric will also be going to the Drake Relays in Iowa the weekend of April 25th.

OLD BUSINESS:

We can use Doug's conference call number to conduct our meetings through a conference call. If you would like to be included in our meetings through the conference call option, please contact Doug Kelly for further detailed information. This option will start for September 13th meeting. This option will be available to board members only.

As a way to help encourage college/high school students to attend our clinic and possibly become members/officials, Jan proposed the idea of reducing the fee for our clinic. The "legacy" age would be 18 (senior in high school) to 25 (college). Blake volunteered to be the legacy contact person. He will put together some guidelines and bring them back to the September meeting. Motion to have a "legacy" clinic fee was tabled until the September meeting when Blake, Kathy, and Jan have the guidelines ready to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

The step-up start: are we using them or not? Lew will get clarification from Nate and get that information to Zone reps to get it out in the general membership.

Asked for clarification on the alternate stitching – where stitching is different color than garment – don't have to worry about it for this year.

Motion was passed to waive the fee for anyone who was a speaker at our annual clinics.

Motion was passed for ATOM to give a donation of \$250 to the Junior Olympic Nationals meet.

The CDs created by Jim Gillis were made and will be given out to all track Regional managers.

Knowing how important your eyes are and how damaging the sun can be, Jim G. wanted Rudy to mention that kids should be allowed to wear their sunglasses, if not prescription, until the last possible minutes before their races.

The next ATOM meeting will be on June 1, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Spartan Cafe in East Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro