

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of September 8, 2019
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Lee, Gordie Richardson, Christine Lee, Jim Gillis, George Kniola, Lew Clingman, Brian Macomber, Kathy Hutfilz, Rudy Godefroidt, Charles Parker, Dan Johnson, Lyle Berry, Geri Jackson, Jon Bush, Eric Zemper.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for April were approved as presented with one clarification. George Kniola's e-mail address for the newsletter did not change.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for April was approved. Christine has updated the membership application. Hopefully this will clarify the membership fees and clinic fees that have occurred in the past. She is concerned that the clinic costs do not run in the red. The board stated that the award costs come out of the general fund and not out of the clinic costs. Christine also has the new patches.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Gordie has contacted several sources regarding the new track markings.

He read Brent Rice's e-mail addressing new officials and associations. Lew and Mark Uyl put together our state wide association, so Lew will contact Brent.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon will post the State Cross Country report in the next newsletter. He will also include a mini newsletter for the clinic. The post clinic newsletter will include the new rules and track markings and how we, as officials, will deal with these this spring.

WEBMASTER: George has created an equipment message board. The e-mail address is: atomequipmentboard@gmail.com. He has also posted the Cross Country rules meeting availability dates, several pages for the 2020 season dealing with waterfall painting and instructions followed by the eight page edition of the 2019 MHSAA Track and Field finals. George updated Zone Rep information plus the Board meeting dates through the end of January 2020.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard has made contact with people to present the new rule changes for 2020. He has also included clerking these changes. Richard plans to show a video for marking the track for these new changes. He will address the proper method to weigh and measure the shot and discuss. When reserving rooms, mention that you will be attending the ATOM clinic to receive a discount.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: No 2nd VP. The executive council is trying to get some new people involved in the organization, so will be contacting individuals before the October meeting.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles reported no new news. He is trying to contact all new officials in Zone 1.

ZONE 2: Rep not present at the meeting

ZONE 3: Cross country season is just getting started. Add Chris Brewer as a rep.

ZONE 4: Dan reported that things are just getting started.

ZONE 5: Lyle Berry is the new Zone 5 rep.

ZONE 6: Brian reported that there is a huge increase in the number of sixth graders running. He also reported that Rockford has a new track and paint job including the changes for the 2020 season.

Lew stated the State Finals sites for 2020 will be the same as 2019.

ZONE 7: Kathy will be joining Gordie in Zone 7. Gordie has been talking to A.D.s about the waterfall starts and the 30m. exchange zones.

ZONE 8: John was absent but e-mailed his report. All is well in the U.P. Cross Country has had a good start.

USATF: Eric reported that he plans to set up a Level I training session in late October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lew will contact the MHSAA for a new list of registered track officials.

The MHSAA Rep council passed the waterfall and cut-in at their last meeting. We discussed the seeding of a double waterfall start.

Regarding the State finals in track: be sure the wording and instructions are consistent/same on ALL of the handouts and printed information. Also publish ONLY the seeded times/distances/heights from best to worst. Do not put in flights or heats.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hanging By a Thread (Deanna Wheeler) is quicker at getting the new official's apparel to the membership. Their phone number is (989)644-5738.

Lew discussed the NASO (National Association of Sport Officials) self-study. We could survey the ATOM membership for concerns regarding what we could do to help our members. Jon mentioned including the survey in a newsletter.

The 2020 NF new rule 6-3-2-b-4-a states: metric measurements will be used for tie-breaking jump-offs for vertical jumps. Rudy will bring this item up at Rules and Regs in January.

Field Event check-in procedures and implement inspection: It has been suggested having extra implements at Regional and State final meets for the athletes to use that did not have legal implements. Jim will contact a machine shop to get an estimate for a set of shot put measuring devices.

Lew and Rudy addressed the procedures for assigning State final officials in Track and Cross Country.

Board members are requested to get cost estimates for new banners for the October meeting.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on October 13, 2019, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing-Past Presidents' meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the regular business meeting will follow at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Hutfilz