

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of October 11, 2015
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Lew Clingman, John Greathouse, Lyle Berry, Ron Buchanan, Geri Jackson, Blake Hagman, Dan Johnson, Darlene Barber, Rudy Godefroidt, Jim Gillis, Kathy Hutfilz, Jill Sandro, George Kniola, Lynn Ketelhut, George Babcock, Gordie Richardson, John Meyer, Eric Zemper, Al Wood, Tom Ecshmann.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for September were approved. Correction: Motion for Past Presidents to begin paying the \$25 membership fee was a mute point as that change has to be voted on by the entire membership. This point was a recommendation only and if it is to be pursued, it will have to be brought up at the clinic for a membership vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: There are individuals on the ATOM roster who are not officiating anymore. If you know of someone who is on the list that is not officiating anymore, please let Tom know.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for October was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 215 memberships for 2015.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Tom passed out an outline for the December newsletter. Anyone who can help with adding information to the newsletter, please get those to Tom. Next deadline: November 16, 2015, for the December mail date.

WEBMASTER: George reported that the current number of visitors on the website is at 12, 178 as of the time of the meeting; an increase of 201 visits since the September 13th meeting. The following update has been made: Portions of the October 1, 2015, ATOM newsletter were posted along with a blank copy of the 2016 ATOM membership invoice. Both were posted on October 1, 2015.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Lynn is getting started on clinic plans. He has locked in Nate Hampton from the MHSAA for a live rules meeting.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al reported that the weather has been good. Plenty of officials and no complaints.

ZONE 2: Lynn is starting to get calls for meets for next spring. He uses the ATOM list that Tom sends out as a reference to recommend ATOM officials to ADs that call.

ZONE 3: Darlene says things are getting very busy. If you are interested in the USATF CC meet on November 14th, please see Darlene. Geri had no report.

ZONE 4: Dan hasn't done a whole lot with CC this fall.

ZONE 5: Dennis was not present for the meeting.

ZONE 6: Lew reported CC has been going well. Strong numbers, especially at the JV and MS level. Most conferences have moved to the Jamboree style, which makes finding officials a bit easier. Shells are a shortage all over. Catholic Central will have a new facility for the spring. Finals Sites so far: Hudsonville, Comstock Park, and Zeeland. D3 will for sure be at Comstock Park. The other divisions are up in the air. Rockford and Kentwood will be under construction so are unavailable to host. There are 4-5 sites being considered, but nothing confirmed. Indoor Track Schedules will be full this winter. Both Aquinas and GVSU will be hosting HS and College meets every weekend.

ZONE 7: Lyle has had the busiest CC season yet and most have been in the North. Gordie has a couple CC meets left for the season.

ZONE 8: John reported that the weather was phenomenal for the CC season. They have had hot days and a few rain days. The UP CC Finals will be on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

USATF: Eric reported there will be a L1 training at MSU on Saturday, November 7, 2015. If you know of anyone that is interested in attending, please contact Eric. They are still working on getting a L2 training for early December. The NF Pre-Notes will be coming out sometime after the first of the year with many interesting topics. Make sure to look for it.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016 Clinic: Does there need to be a live rules meetings? There is a rules meeting available online. Discussion was held as to the pros of having a live meeting. This will be a point of discussion for the Clinic committee that will meet on November 15th.

Does there need to be a board meeting on Friday night? Discussion was held as to some of the benefits for a meeting on Friday night: helps with conference room costs when overnight rooms are booked.

*A Clinic committee of Ron, Dan, Kathy, Lynn, George B., Christine, Lew, Rudy, & Gordie was formed to discuss ways to improve the annual clinic and help reduce expenses. This committee will meet for the first time on November 15 at 9:00 at the MHSAA building, before the regular executive board meeting.

*As a way to save money, one suggestion was to reduce the number of State Finals programs that our ATOM ad went into. A motion was made and passed to have the ATOM ad be printed in the UP and LP Cross Country and Track & Field programs only.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blake passed around the 2016 NF Rules book to view.

Many officials need shells. If you need shells, please contact Jim Gillis. He has some boxes and will look into trying to get more.

ATOM Award Recipients and who will present the award:

BOB BLOOMER AWARD: Ray Drysdale - Darlene Barber

BERNIE ABRAMS' LEADERSHIP AWARD: Jill Sandro - Christine Lee

JUDY HAGMAN AWARD: Kaitlin Greathouse - John Greathouse

ART JEVEERT-BRUCE JACOBS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Dennis Hodges - Lew Clingman

Tom Micallef - Lynn Ketelhut

Brandon Jiles - Darlene Barber

ATOM SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD: Blue Star Sportswear - Rudy Godefroidt

The next ATOM meeting will be November 15, 2015, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m.

Future ATOM meeting dates: December 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the MHSAA building.

The 2016 ATOM Clinic will be held on Friday, January 30, and Saturday, January 31, 2016 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro.