

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of October 13, 2019
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Meyer, Richard Lee, Ron Buchanan, John Greathouse, Mike VanDyke, Rudy Godefriot, Gordie Richardson, Lew Clingman, Kathy Hutfilz, Jill Sandro, Christine Lee, Geri Jackson, George Babcock, Eric Zemper.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for October was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 19 memberships for 2020. There were 185 memberships for 2019. 2020 memberships are coming in. We have 7 members registered for the 2020 clinic at the time of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Gordie addressed many items over the last month including: current by-laws, banner quotes, board positions, scheduling officials, ATOM award information, Arbiter, and Cross Country.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon was not present for this meeting. He sent out, through email, a membership form and the 2020 clinic registration form

WEBMASTER: Posted the minutes from the September 8, 2019, executive board meeting. As of this week, there have been no requests for placing any information on the ATOM Equipment Board Page. The new contact address remains the same...atomequipmentboard@gmail.com.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard has contacted various vendors to attend the clinic. The vendor for the electronic timing system would like to come back to the clinic and make a presentation. Because there is not time in the schedule for his presentation, Richard will offer him the opportunity to set up a vendor table out in the lobby area where he can talk to interested party. Three of the four speakers for the clinic are confirmed.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: This position is still open.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles was not able to attend the meeting today.

ZONE 2: Kevin was not present for this meeting. Gordie has not received any correspondence from him and will reach out one more time to see if he is still interested in being the Zone 2 rep.

ZONE 3: Darlene was not present for this meeting, but shared that all is well. Geri reported that things are going well. Cross Country meets are going well.

ZONE 4: Dan was not present for this meeting and reported that nothing of major importance is happening in Zone 4.

ZONE 5: Lyle was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 6: Lew reported XC is starting to wind down. The college indoor season is getting started and it is looking like both Grand Valley and Aquains are due to be powerhouses again this upcoming season.

ZONE 7: Kathy reported all is quiet. Gordie reported that he has helped a few ADs with finding officials, but all is going well.

ZONE 8: John reported that they have had LOTS of rain. The XC season overall has been very good-not very warm, but have gotten all of the meets in.

USATF: Eric reported about some rules changes at the USATF level that may or may not make it to the HS level: An official or other adult can help an athlete to their feet if they have fallen/collapsed; false start rule is being rewritten; clarifying knocking down hurdles; horizontal jumps (2020) if toe of shoe breaks the plane it is a fault; NCAA will retain the 30 sec rule except for pole vault. The Next Level 1 USATF training will be in March 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

MHSAA track official list - Lew just sent a message asking for this list.

NASO organization self-study - tabled until November

Banners - should have at least 10 (two at each State finals site). If we purchase the largest size banner, 10 would cost about \$800. Suggested that along with the ATOM logo, the web address also be put on the banner. Because of the location of where the banners can be hung at the State meets, we will purchase 6 to start.

Field event implement gauges - still looking into seeing if we can have someone make these to keep the cost down.

2020 rule changes - one turn stagger start for the 800 and up; double waterfall start for the 800 and up; 30m exchange zone length (eliminated the acceleration zone) for the 4x100, 4x200; if an athlete needs to be helped during a race, that athlete and the athlete that helps him/her will not be disqualified.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coaching boxes - locations of coaching boxes, especially in high jump.

Arbiter issues - Arbiter now is charging each school \$600 to use their services. Some schools are balking at this fee and trying to go back to the old fashion way of paying officials for their time.

ATOM Award Recipients (and who will present the award):

BOB BLOOMER AWARD: Eric Zemper - (John Greathouse)

BERNIE ABRAMS' LEADERSHIP AWARD: Dennis Hodges - (Lew Clingman)

JUDY HAGMAN AWARD: Jill Evers - (Geri Jackson)

ART JEVERT-BRUCE JACOBS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Randy Williams & Tony Mifsud- (Ron Buchanan)

ATOM SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD: Andy Marsh - (John Greathouse)

**The next ATOM meeting will be on November 10, 2019, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing, Michigan at 10:00 a.m.

**Future ATOM meeting dates: December 8, 2019.

***2020 ATOM Clinic - January 31-February 1, 2020, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan. The Executive Board meeting will be held Friday night, January 31, 2020. The clinic will be held Saturday, February 1, 2020. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.