

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of November 10, 2019
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Godefroit, Kathy Hutfliz, Jill Sandro, Gordie Richardson, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, John Greathouse, Dan Johnson, Al Wood, Jon Bush, Charles Parker, Chris Brewer. chris.brewer2009@gmail.com

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for November was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 42 memberships for 2020. There were 186 memberships for 2019. 2020 memberships are coming in. We have 20 members registered for the 2020 clinic at the time of the meeting. An ad was placed in the XC Finals program. If you pay your membership fee between July 1 and December 31, the fee is \$25. If you pay your membership fee between January 1 and June 30, the fee is \$30.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Gordie addressed many items over the last month including: XC regional info and referee statements, ATOM award information, and new official registration.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon reported that the next newsletter is underway. Needs: U.P. XC finals report from John Meyers, registration information from Christine, President's letter from Gordie. Jon would also like to add a Profile section highlighting a couple officials each newsletter. Jon would like all information to him by Thanksgiving so the December (Clinic) newsletter can go out by early December.

WEBMASTER: No report from George.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard reported that he will stop in Clare this week to confirm dates, set-up of rooms, etc. Discussion was held regarding giving time so officials can meet in their Zone groups to meet/greet/discuss.

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

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles reported that XC season went well. He is working on contacting ADs in his zone to finalize track schedules. Also inquired about the new 2020 rules that are in effect so ADs know that they need to follow them. Asked for a list of officials that are in Zone 1 when it is ready.

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: Chris Brewer is a new additional representative for this zone. XC season for him went very smooth. Geri reported that there is not a lot of activity in the area right now. Geri would like to work on increasing the number of participants that are involved in XC from her area. Darlene was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 4: Dan reported that not a lot is happening in his zone right now. Will work on sending out a letter to his zone.

ZONE 5: Lyle was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 6: Lew was not present for this meeting, but sent that there was not much to report on from Zone 6.

ZONE 7: Kathy reported that all is pretty quiet. She worked the XC Finals and all went well. Kathy would also like a list of officials from Zone 7 so she can send out an informational letter. Gordie reported that there were two large XC meets up in his area. Those meets and the Regional meet at Benzie went very well.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting, but sent an email saying that snow, surgery for his wife, and snow has kept him from attending. Asked if there was a list of officials he could get his hands on.

USATF: Eric was not present for this meeting. Rules changes at the USATF level that may or may not make it to the HS level (reported from the October meeting): 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 - Still working on trying to get this list. Gordie will try to make contact with the MHSAA office to see if he can get his hands on one.

NASO organization self-study - tabled until December. May have to do something in the clinic notebook.

Banners - 8x3 \$75 each, 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 - Lew reported that we may have come across a way to get measuring devices for Shot and Disc to all the Final sites. Depending on the cost, there might be a way to get the same instruments to Regional hosts as well. Lew is still working on the project and will have a complete report at the Dec meeting.

2020 rule changes - just not sure how many tracks will be ready for the 2020 season. If tracks are not marked correctly, revert back to the markings that the track has.

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.

Coaching boxes - will be addressed at Rules and Regs meeting in January. Think about locations for coaching boxes for field events (especially high jump) at places you work and come to the December meeting with any ideas you have. Rudy will attend the Rules and Regs meeting as an ATOM representative in January.

Arbiter issues - Still some issues. Arbiter is now 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clinic - Richard would like to put out a survey at the clinic to try and get an average of what officials are being paid for XC and T&F meets to help officials when accepting official jobs.

Transgender ruling - Discussions are starting to take place. No official ruling has been set.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on December 8, 2019, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing, Michigan at 10:00 a.m.

**Future ATOM meeting January 31, 2020.

***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 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.