

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of December 10, 2017
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Gillis, Kathy Hutfilz, John Greathouse, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Rudy Godefroidt, Lyle Berry, Lew Clingman, Mike VanDyke, Dan Johnson, Brian Macomber, Jill Sandro, Gordie Richardson, Lynn Ketelhut, Al Wood, Geri Jackson, Ron Buchanan.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for December was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 135 memberships for 2018. There were 209 memberships for 2017. 2018 memberships continue to come in. 53 have registered for the clinic.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: The December newsletter will go out by snail mail this week. The next newsletter will go out on March 15. If there is anyone that has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter, John would love to have it. Next deadline: March 1, 2108, for the March mail date.

WEBMASTER: The current number of visitors is at 16,770 as of Saturday morning, December 9, 2017. An increase of 352 since reported at the ATOM Executive Board Meeting on October 7, 2017. There have been no website updates since October, 2017.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Mike reports clinic is coming along nicely. Clinic notebooks will be put together after the first of the year.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al had nothing to report. All is quiet.

ZONE 2: Lynn reported the MITS indoor track schedule is up. There will not be any meets at U of M this season. More meets will be at Eastern. The State Indoor meet will be at SVSU. Lynn mentioned a few items for all of us to keep in mind regarding ethics of being an official: 1. We should not talk to the press at any sporting event 2. We should not talk to a coach about another official or an official's decision.

ZONE 3: Geri has some new officials that are excited about working. Things are going well and she is looking forward to a good season.

ZONE 4: Dan reported that things are quiet now, but starting to fill his track schedule.

ZONE 5: Kathy reported things are quiet now, but starting to fill in schedules. Kathy is still concerned with the size of Zone 5 and where she lives. She can easily cover M57 north, but would like a partner somewhere from the Lansing area or south to cover the southern part of the Zone. If interested, please contact Kathy or Lew.

ZONE 6: Brian reported that things are pretty quiet in Zone 6. There are a few indoor college meets happening in the area. State standards meeting was Tuesday, December 6th. After standards were set, other items discussed included: using metric measurements in field events, step-up starts, changing the seeding locations in distance races, changing the cut-in location of the 800, and the possible uniform change for track officials. January 16, 2018, will be the Rules and Regulations Committee meeting. The OK conference will send out a letter to all ADs to reinforce that schools need to use registered officials at all meets. This letter will also included uniform rules. State Finals sites: D1-Kentwood, D2-Zeeland, D3-Comstock Park, D4-Hudsonville.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported they have snow, but otherwise pretty quiet. Lyle is getting ready to head to Florida and all is quiet.

ZONE 8: John sent a message reporting they are getting snow.

USATF: Eric reported they had their USATF meeting in Ohio last week. Most things mentioned last month will join the rule book in the upcoming year. Those that will most likely filter down to the HS level at some point include: adjusting relay exchange zones was approved- there will now be no acceleration zone, just a longer exchanged zone. Look for that in possibly 2019 or 2020; all time limits in field events when 3 athletes or less remain in the event, expect pole vault, will decrease to 30 seconds instead of the current 1 minute limit. Eric will now be the officials' coordinator for U of M. U of M will host 4 meets this season: Jan 13, Jan 26, Feb 2-3, Feb 16. If you or anyone you know is interested in working any of these meets, please contact Eric.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zone reps: We are looking for additional reps for Zone 2 and 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rules and Regs: Items that could be discussed: Step-up start will be a big thing especially with the number of athletes that are qualifying in the distances races. Adjusting the alley preference to 2-3-1-4. Adjusting the cut-in for the 800 to a one-turn stagger. Clarifications on the logo ruling for uniforms. Possibly adjusting the MS order of events to mirror the HS order. ATOM will let MITCA present at the meeting first as many of these topics may be on their agenda.

A motion was made and passed that the undergarment rule be rescinded. This rule change suggestion will be presented at the Rules and Regs meeting for further discussion and final decision.

Coat problems/solutions: Samples and pricing for a new style of jacket for officials will be offered to members at the clinic. Order forms will also be available for members to take. The 3-piece jacket will include the ATOM logo, the MHSAA logo, and the American flag. These jackets will run approximately \$79-84 depending on size. This jacket is being offered for new and current officials as another uniform option as the traditional red and yellow jacket is extremely difficult to find.

**The next ATOM meeting will be January 26, 2018, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan at 7:00 p.m.

***The 2018 ATOM Clinic will be Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a live rules meeting with MHSAA representative Nate Hampton.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.