

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of December 13, 2015
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Godefroidt, Al Wood, George Babcock, Lew Clingman, Brian Macomber, Lyle Berry, Lynn Ketelhut, Kathy Hutfilz, Jill Sandro, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Geri Jackson, Eric Zemper, Gordie Richardson, John Greathouse, Dan Johnson.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report, but wanted to wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for December was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 135 memberships for 2016 and 53 registered for the clinic.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Tom was not present for this meeting. Tom emailed Lynn wanting the group to consider a positive course of action when it comes to attracting and maintaining active membership. Discussion was held. Points brought up included: how can we connect to our members, send our newsletters out through email instead of hard copy, send out a message letting all members know that the newsletter is on the ATOM website.

WEBMASTER: George was not present for the meeting, but emailed the current number of visitors is at 12,475 as of Saturday afternoon, December 12, 2015. An increase of 98 visits since the November 15th meeting. The following updates have been made: 1. Posting of portions of the December 1, 2015 edition of the ATOM Newsletter 2. Notice of the above posting on both the ATOM Facebook page and the ATOM Twitter page.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Lynn had nothing to report.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al had not much to report. He is gearing up for spring.

ZONE 2: Lynn said the MITS schedule is up. There are 5 meets scheduled at U of M. The State Finals will be at Aquinas over two-days, trying something new.

ZONE 3: Darlene was not present, but sends her blessing. Geri reported things are well and she is getting ready for the spring season.

ZONE 4: Dan reported not a lot going on. Ferris will have their invitational this year and will host the Conference meet the first week in May.

ZONE 5: Kathy reported not much going on. Working on filling her spring track schedule.

ZONE 6: Lew reported State Finals sites: D1 Hudsonville, D2 Zeeland, D3 Comstock Park, D4 Houseman Field. Brian reported two athletes finished in the top for the nation at the Foot Locker CC meet. GVSU and Aquinas have full schedules for the indoor season.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported all is quiet. They are just waiting for snow. Lyle reported he has a full schedule and can't wait to get to Florida.

ZONE 8: John was not present for the meeting, but emailed not much going on. He will be contacting track officials from the UP about the clinic and joining ATOM. The forecasts say bad weather is coming. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

USATF: Eric reported he has been busy at USATF meetings looking at rule changes. A summary of those will be published in January. Michigan had 7 officials selected to work major meets around the US. MSU will be hosting its only home meet on April 8th and 9th. If you are interested in working that meet, contact Eric. A L1 training will take place sometime in March.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016 Clinic: Clinic presenters are set. Award presenters are set. Lew has been working on the clinic gift, agenda, and book.

Standards Meeting: This meeting was the first week in December. This year it went the smoothest it ever has. All standards are computed based on FAT times.

Site Selection for Track Regional: This meeting will be in January.

Rules and Regulations Meeting: This meeting will happen in January. Suggestions for this committee: 1. take the final for the 4x800 and open 800 from 16 back to 12. 2. go from prelims straight to finals in Regionals-eliminate semis. 3. change format for long jump: right now open order until finals. Once you get to finals, jump from worst to best. Would like to suggest open order for finals as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

ATOM 2016 Proposed Constitution Changes were passed out for review and discussion. This will be put in the Clinic notebook and presented to the general membership for review and vote.

Santa Lew visited and presented the board with a windbreaker to show appreciation for the time and work put in throughout the year.

The next ATOM meeting will be January 29, 2016, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare at 10:00 a.m.

The 2016 ATOM Clinic will be held on Friday, January 29, and Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro.