

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

2016 Clinic Summary
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Clare, MI

The 2016 ATOM Clinic began Friday evening with a regular meeting of the ATOM Executive Committee followed by a hospitality hour.

Saturday morning began with a Rules Meeting conducted by Nate Hampton of the MHSAA. The MHSAA also offers an online rules meeting for officials and coaches.

Among many points of emphasis this year, major rules changes for 2016 Track & Field include: 1) The responsibility of checking the starting blocks now goes to the head starter. 2) Head event judges may use white and red flags to signal fair or foul for a field event trial.

Reminders for the MHSAA include: 1) ALL sunglasses are LEGAL. 2) The only items allowed to be worn on the head during competition are knit watch caps, sweatbands, ski bands, the hood of a one piece uniform of an undergarment may be worn without regard to color or design. 3) The 3200 Meter Relay: In the FINALS tournament, 2 sections with the fastest 12 in the final section. 4) The 800 Meter Run: At Regionals and Finals, 2 sections with 16 in the final section.

With over 75 members in attendance, ATOM President for 2016, Lynn Ketelhut, welcomed everyone and introduced the clinic's speakers.

ATOM Constitution

Constitution changes were presented to the membership by Dan Johnson. Major constitutional changes deal with Past Presidents. The committee is simply proposing that ALL MEMBERS (including past presidents) pay dues beginning in 2017. The only members not being required to pay the annual dues will be the current Executive Board (President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate past president) and all Lifetime members. Dues will be determined each year by the Executive Board. Members voted on the proposed changes by secret ballot. Proposed changes passed.

Officiating the Long Jump

Marty Crane and Jim Loria presented a session on officiating the long jump. The presentation included equipment needed to properly run the event at a large meet. Both presenters went through the check-in procedure, what a foul is, and all the officiating positions involved in the long jump event and their specific roles. The layout of the event and where each official should be was also shown and discussed.

The New Official

Kathy Hutfilz and Rudy Godefroit presented a session for beginners entitled “The New Official.” They outlined ten points of basic procedure: rule book, arrival, sportsmanship, announcer, pole vault, entries, starting line, mechanics, end game, equipment care, and coach contact.

Necrology

To start the afternoon sessions of the clinic, Dan Johnson read off the names of ATOM members who have passed away in the last year. After each name was read, a bell was rung in their memory.

Awards Presented:

Bob Bloomer Award: Ray Drysdale

Past President’s Service Award: Lynn Ketelhut

Art Jevert-Bruce Jacobs Distinguished Service Award: Dennis Hodges, Tom MacAuiff,
Brandon Jiles

Judy Hagman Award: Kaitlin Greathouse

Bernie Abrams President’s Leadership Award: Jill Sandro

ATOM Special Appreciation Award: Blue Shore Sportswear

Many five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five year awards were presented.

* Michael VanDyke was nominated and voted into the 2nd vice president position.

You Make the Call

John Greathouse hosted a lively *PowerPoint* presentation of “You Make the Call.” Those in attendance tested their knowledge of the ‘Case Book’.

*Many door prizes were awarded, ATOM apparel.