

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Lee, Al Wood, Richard Lee, Lew Clingman, Brian Macomber, Blake Hagman, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, Darlene Barber, Jill Sandro, Kathy Hutfilz, Rudy Godefroidt, Ron Buchanan, Gordie Richardson, Eric Zemper.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for April and June were reviewed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: no report

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for September was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 215 memberships for 2015. Discussion took place as to how we can help balance our yearly budget. Points of contention: advertising, past presidents pay dues, send newsletters electronically. Motion was made and approved for Past Presidents to begin paying the annual dues of \$25.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Tom was not present for the meeting. Two changes to be aware of Rick Lott is in Grand Haven, not Niles. Jill Sandro has a new address. Anyone who can help with adding information to the newsletter, please get those to Tom. Next deadline: November 15, 2015, for December mail date.

WEBMASTER: George was not present for this meeting.

1st **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Lynn was not present for this meeting.

2nd **VICE-PRESIDENT:** no report

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Early in the season. only two meets so far. Everything seems to be going well. Starting to see contracts for invitational for spring verses duals and triangular meets.

ZONE 2: Lynn was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 3: Geri reported she is getting ready to start cross country. Darlene is busy too with cross and trying to recruit new officials.

ZONE 4: Dan has not started a cross country meet yet, but has started getting calls from schools. Any members who have past, please let Dan know. Rich Tompkins from Mears.***

ZONE 5: Dennis was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 6: Brian reported that the calendar is messing with the schedule since Labor Day was so late. Large number of MS students running CC. Super Regional at Allendale. Lew prepping for track state finals. Looking for another site for D1 as Kentwood and Rockford will be under construction. Have only had a couple last minute calls for a starter for the CC season. Prep for track finals is in the beginning stages.

ZONE 7: Gordic reported he had a meet called off early in the afternoon as there would be no place for shelter had the weather turned. Part of the problem for Northern Michigan regarding officials is that ADs don't know how to find them.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting, but emailed: Our Cross Country season is in full swing and things are great. We have had good weather and few controversies. I plan to attend the October meeting on the 11th. My best to all for a great season.

USATF: Eric reported he has done a lot of traveling. He has had a busy spring and summer officiating throughout the country. L1 training clinic coming up in either late October or early November. L2 sessions hopefully this fall as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2016 ATOM Clinic will be held on Friday, January 30, and Saturday, January 31, 2016 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan. More information and specific details about the clinic will be in the December newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

*A Clinic committee of Ron, Dan, Kathy, Christine, Lew, Rudy, & Gordic was formed to discuss ways to improve the annual clinic and help reduce expenses. This committee will meet for the first time on November 15 at 9:00 at the MHSAA building, before the regular executive board meeting.

**2106 Rules are out. New: checking blocks is now the responsibility of the head starter. Foul and fair flags for field events are now red and white flags. Please go to the National Federation website, T&F to view these.

**If you have anyone you would like to nominate for an ATOM award, please pass those names onto Blake or Kathy before the next meeting. blake.bagman@gmail.com.

**As of right now, 6th graders need an additional race. Example, 6th graders start one minute later. 6th graders cannot run track with MS due to liability.

**Kathy attended the local approved association mtg this past summer. Topics discussed at the meeting included: concussions, recruiting new officials, Arbitor pay, professionals expectations, MHSAA fees, ejections.

***The Senior Olympics in August 2016 will be held at Oakland University.

The next ATOM meeting will be October 11, 2015, at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. Past President' meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. with the regular board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Future ATOM meeting dates: November 15, December 13, 2015, both at 10:00 a.m. at the MHSAA building.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro.