

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of September 12, 2021  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
Lansing, Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Lee, George Kniola , Rudy Godefroidt ,  
Kathy Bosio Hutfilz , Geri Jackson, Darlene Barber, Gordie Richardson , Christine Lee, Jill  
Sandro, Jim Gillis, John Greathouse, Dave McPhail .

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No official minutes were taken for the June meeting. All discussion from that meeting involved the 2021 State Finals reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for September was presented. Income for the month was from memberships coming in. Expenses for the month included: a sponsorship for the State Track and Field meet, wrap-up dinner meeting, MHSAA membership, mentoring of a new official, and printing of the newsletter. At the time the report was generated, we had 10 memberships for 2022. There were 161 memberships for 2021 and 162 memberships for 2020. We have three registrations for the 2022 ATOM Clinic.

\*\*\*PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Richard reported that not much is going on. He was asked to be the assignor for the Blue Water Area conference, but said no thanks.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon was not present for this meeting.

WEBMASTER: George reported that the following items regarding the ATOM website: (1) the Cross Country Rules Meeting was available and ends on September 16, 2021, posted on June 21, 2021, (2) omitted the Track and Field State Finals list of locations for 2021, (3) the latest ATOM newsletter posted on September 2, 2021.

1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT: Mark was not present for this meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT: Dave had no official report. He is hoping to be able to help Mark with the clinic.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 2: No rep.

ZONE 3: Geri didn't have anything to report at this time. Darlene shared that cross country is going well and scheduling for track hasn't really started yet. With the AD turnover, scheduling for track and field isn't always at the top of the list.

ZONE 4: Dan was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 5: No rep.

ZONE 6: Brian and Lew were not present for this meeting.

ZONE 7: Kathy reported that things are up and "running." Meets are going well with lots of participants. Gordie reported that all is "running" like it should.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

\*\*\*USATF: Eric reported through email: My officiating adventures this summer included serving as track referee for the NCAA DII championships at Grand Valley, and as the head video referee and then start referee for the US Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. I was reassigned to be the start referee for the last three days of the Trials when the original start referee pulled a positive Covid test and had to go into quarantine. In mid-August I went back to Hayward Field in Eugene to be the start referee for the Prefontaine Diamond League meet. In early August we had a USATF Level I officials training clinic at Grand Valley, with five attendees, including one woman and two young former GVSU T&F athletes. This was the first time we have been able to give a clinic in almost two and a half years because of Covid restrictions. Hopefully, we'll be able to return to a more normal schedule soon.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Zone 2** - Since we are still having difficulty finding a rep for Zone 2, we are asking Charles (Zone 1) and Geri/Chris/Darlene (Zone 3) to help cover this zone with communication until we can find a permanent zone rep.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Clinic Updates** - Zone reps please make sure to let your zones know that the clinic is January 28-29, 2022 as the date on the registration form is incorrect.

**Weight event procedures** - Discussion was held as to the number of throws an athlete takes during each round of competition. Currently at most meets, athletes throw twice in the first

round and once in the second round. A suggestion/discussion was held to change that protocol to athletes throwing once each time up. If we want to make a recommendation to the rules and regs committee in January, we will have to make that decision by the December meeting.

**Statement on writing on shorts waistband** - “Clarifies that garments with logos completely around the waistband on uniform bottoms are legal.” This is supposed to go into effect for the 2022 Track season.

**Award in honor of Lyle Berry** - ATOM will honor Lyle at the 2022 Clinic during the Nuecology.

**Arbiter Class Action Lawsuit** - Limited discussion was held. If you would like to opt out of this class action suit, you need to do so by November 19, 2021.

**MHSAA Middle School Cross Country Regionals** - a new meet, sponsored by the MHSAA, will take place for middle school cross country runners. There are 8 MS regional sites and medals will be awarded. More information to come.

**Leadership Meeting** - Christine attended this meeting in July. Main topics of discussion included: rating of officials and officials’ recruitment.

**2022 Clinic** - discussion was held as to whether or not we would be able to offer the clinic live streamed. Gordie will ask a few questions with a connection he has and report back in October.

\*\*The next ATOM meeting will be on October 10, 2021, at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. The Past Presidents meeting will be at 9:30, with the regular meeting starting at 10:30.

\*\*Future ATOM meeting dates: November 7, 2021, and December 12, 2021 scheduled for in person at the MHSAA building.

\*\*\*2022 ATOM Clinic - January 28 & 29, 2022, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.