

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of December 9, 2018
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Godefroit, Al Wood, Gordie Richardson, Dan Johnson, Mike VanDyke, John Greathouse, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, George Babcock, Dale Kutchev, Brian Macomber, Jill Sandro, Jim Gillis, Lew Clingman, Kathy Hutfilz, Jon Bush, Ron Buchanan.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for October were approved as presented. There was no November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for December was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 87 memberships for 2019. There were 142 memberships for 2018. 2019 memberships are coming in. We have 40 members registered for the 2019 clinic at the time of the meeting. Christine Lee will officially take over after the clinic in January.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike thanked everyone for the year that he has been president. He enjoyed being a part of the group.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon reported that the newsletter went out. Jon would like to add an Interesting Cases section too. If you have anything that would fall under that section, please forward that to Jon. If there is anyone that has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter, please pass those onto Jon. The new email address for the newsletter is atommichigannews@gmail.com. Next deadline: March 1, 2109, for the March mail date.

WEBMASTER: No report this month. Mike and George are working on trying to find a new carrier that will do all the things we need/want our website to do.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Gordie passed around a diagram that outlines how we would like our meeting room at the Doherty set up during the clinic. An email was sent out illustrating a new starting system for everyone to check out. Gordie would like to have a list of all clinic attendees so he can have name tags printed and ready to go that morning. A list of ATOM Year awards was passed out. Gordie asked that zone reps send a message out to any members in their zone that would be receiving an award, so they know. Hopefully this will improve clinic attendance.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: Richard is starting to fill up his schedule.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al had nothing to report.

ZONE 2: No representative.

ZONE 3: Geri was not present for this meeting, but reported on these two activities in zone 3: Middle School held a cross country jamboree at the Belle Isle Cross Country Course the 1st Wednesday in November, 2018 and MiUSATF held their annual Cross Country Championships at March Band on November 10, 2018.

ZONE 4: Dan is still working on filling out his track schedule for the spring. Give him a call if you need help.

ZONE 5: Kathy reported that meets are coming. There are a few conflicting dates that we will have to work out as officials in the area are slim.

ZONE 6: Brian said that CC went well in Zone 6. Couple individual champions out of the zone. Noticed that at the regional that there were teams missing from the list for the D4 regional-this can really alter results. State Final sites: D1-East Kentwood, D2- Zeeland, D3-Comstock Park, D4-Hudsonville. GVSU Women won the championship for the seventh year in a row and the Men won for the first time.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported all is quiet. Lyle was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting. He sent an email reporting that he will be at the clinic in January if "Big Mac" doesn't close on him. John emailed the ATOM members in his zone reminding them about membership registration and if possible to consider attending the clinic. He liked the idea of a list of all Track and Field and Cross Country registered officials, especially officials in each zone. Another idea he had if possible would be to get a list of all past and present members of each zone? This would be a real benefit for the necrology program.

USATF: Eric was not present for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Zone 2 rep: We need a new rep for Zone 2. Lew is working on that.

List of all MHSAA registered track officials: Nate is delivering to Lew this upcoming week.

Membership/Treasurer person: Christine Lee will be our new official treasurer after the 2019 clinic.

Equipment message board: Since our current webpage does not accommodate a message board, Mike will look into different web hosts to see if there is another option that would allow for our members to communicate with each other easier.

You Make The Call: John needs more situations/ideas. Please pass them on when you have them. 1. You can't use a practice pole that is underweight during warm-ups of a finals meet. 2. Using an 8 lb shot is illegal.

ATOM Award Recipients (and who will present the award):

BOB BLOOMER AWARD: Jim Gillis - (Lew Clingman)

BERNIE ABRAMS' LEADERSHIP AWARD: Dan Millhisler - (Brain Macomber/Mike Henry)

JUDY HAGMAN AWARD: Linda Bishop - (Marty Crain)

ART JEVERT-BRUCE JACOBS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

John Greathouse - (Ron Buchanan)

ATOM SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD: Bill Friez, Brad Fairchild, Brian McDaniel - (Brain Macomber & Lew Clingman)

NEW BUSINESS:

Cross Finals: Complete Cross Country Finals report was sent out by Rudy. The starting line will need to be adjusted. This year athletes were standing in mud because it rained the week leading up to the meet. D1 & D2 would like to run in the morning one of these years.

Rules and Regs Mtg: Motion was made to have ATOM present the following at the Rules and Regs meeting:

1. "In 2020 when we go to the one turn stagger for the 1600 and 3200 (and possible consider the 800 and 4x800 relay), we'd like to see the MHSAA meets go back to the waterfall start line. We know there is hesitation for the 800 and 4 x 800 and will consider changing that language but with alley starts we worry about the cut line and congestion, especially if we have a field of 20 entered." Please add to this proposal putting down the double waterfall line(s). That way you have waterfall in lanes 1 - 4 or 1 -5 and then another waterfall line in lanes 5-8 or 6-9."

2. Switch the 3200m run to the first event and 4x800m relay to event #12, after the 200m dash and before the 4x400 relay.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

NEW UNIFORM RULE: Effective for Fall 2018, there is now no undergarment rule for uniforms. This also eliminates the double logo rule.

Changes coming in 2020: for the 800 and above, runners will line up in alleys and use the one turn stagger lines.

New order of events for MS:

New order of events begins this spring (2019),

1. 4 x 800 relay
2. 55 meter hurdles
3. 100 meter dash
4. 4 x 200 relay
5. 1600 meter run
6. 4 x 100 relay
7. 400 meter dash
8. 70 meter dash
9. 800 meter run
10. 200 meter hurdles
11. 3200 meter run
12. 4 x 400 meter relay

Information on the new 209 primer gun

TBI.com - Fred if interested in 209 primer gun. \$199.99 with free shipping.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on January 25, 2019, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

***The 2019 ATOM Clinic will be Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan.

****Future ATOM meeting dates:

Feb. 17 - MHSAA 10:00

March 10 - MHSAA 10:00

April 28 - MHSAA 10:00

June 3 - Hall of Fame Café 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.