

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of November 12, 2017  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
East Lansing, MI

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for October were approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Next meeting, Dec. 10th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for November was approved. At the time of the meeting, we had 15 memberships for 2018. There were 209 memberships for 2017. 2018 memberships continue to come in.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: The next newsletter will go out on December 1st. If there is anyone that has anything that they would like to add to the newsletter, John would love to have it. Next deadline: November 15, 2017, for the December mail date. John will snail mail this newsletter because of all the clinic info that is in it.

WEBMASTER: No report.

1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT: Mike said things are coming along well with the clinic. A proposed clinic agenda was passed out.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT: no report.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al said not much to report. Good cross season and he hasn't heard much about spring track schedules yet.

ZONE 2: Lynn was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 3: Geri reported that the Detroit Public School community is working on the MS cross country and track teams/schedules to help better filter students from the MS into the HS teams.

ZONE 4: Dan reported all is quiet.

ZONE 5: Kathy said all things went well this fall. She volunteered at the UP CC State Finals and said things went very well. Kathy is still concerned with the size of Zone 5 and where she lives. She can easily cover M57 north, but would like a partner somewhere from the Lansing area or south to cover the southern part of the Zone. If interested, please contact Kathy or Lew.

ZONE 6: Brian said things went very well during the cross season in Zone 6. Weather was a factor this season as we had 10 days where temperatures were over 90 degrees. Standards committee is December 5th, rules committee meets in January, regional site selection also meets in January, CC regional selection will be May 9th. Comstock Park was worried that they might have to bail out of State Finals because the radio station B93 has scheduled their "Birthday Bash" at Fifth Third Park, about a mile and a half away from Comstock Park. It looks like it will work out as B93 is limiting the number of tickets being sold and charging for parking.

State Final sites for 2018: D1-Kentwood, D2-Zeeland, D3-Comstock Park, D4-Hudsonville.

ZONE 7: Lyle said his CC season went well, many invitationals and jamborees. Gordie said the meets he did went well. He did have to help find an official for a meet.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric is now serving on the USATF rules committee and shared some of the changes being considered that may filter down to HS: referee, based on personal observation, may overturn a call made by a judge; judges can change a ruling if they determine the call was made in error; bib numbers for horizontal jumpers as well as vertical jumpers can be worn on either the front or the back; an athlete can be DQd if help from another athlete propels them closer to the finish line, but simply helping to obtain an upright position is not illegal assistance; if an athlete is charged with a false start in error (normally this would be determined by video review), the athlete may be allowed to run a solo race later to obtain a time or advance to the next round based on time; rulings about hurdles; an athlete can be charged with a false start if they flinch/move and cause another athlete to false start; 4x100 and 4x200 - exchange zones will be extended to 30m and eliminate the acceleration zone, no change for the 4x400 or other relays; time limits for all field events when 3 or more athletes remain will decrease to 30 seconds instead of the current 1 minute, except in pole vault; circle throws - it will not be a foul if shoe touches the back of circle during initial rotation as long as weight is not put down on it; when interrupting an attempt and setting an implement down, an athlete no longer will have to exit the back half of the circle in throws if they choose to leave the circle.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Zone reps:** looking for additional reps for Zone 2 and 5.

**Jacket Questions:** Mark at MHSAA showed Lew a jacket that he thought would work as the new official's jacket for CC and T&F. This was similar to a baseball/softball jacket. Lew showed a red Port Authority jacket with black accent that might work. The sample jacket can be ordered as a 3-in-1 for about \$70. A recommendation will be made to the MHSAA to move from the traditional red jacket with yellow sleeves to an all red jacket (with possible black accent). It will also be recommended that we move to black pants/shorts and away from the khaki color. Lew will contact the MHSAA. If approved, the committee will work on an order form and have samples ready to have at the clinic in January.

**Potential ATOM charitable gift or athlete award:** Because we are a whole state organization instead of a regional group, it might be difficult to award one athlete an award from the entire state. The suggestion was to ask members to donate one check per season to a fund that would in turn award this money to an organization of our choosing. Examples: Special Olympics, fund a MITS meet.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Cross Country Finals:** Only had to treat 5 athletes in the medical tent, but all athletes were released. Radios MHSAA gets were great. Course was very good for all races. The D1 boys' race was a little sloppy after all the weather. Security wasn't great. One kid ran in the wrong race. Packet pick-up on Friday worked fantastically. MIS will be making some improvements that may affect the finish line. Time schedule will remain the same with 40 minutes in between races. D1 and D2 teams would like to run in the morning instead of the afternoon. Suggestion was made to have athletes wear wristbands to identify them. This would help with making sure they ran in the correct race.

**MITCA:** MITCA's clinic date changed because they had to change location. They will go back to their original date next year so there won't be any conflict.

\*\*The next ATOM meeting will be December 10, 2017, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m.

\*\*\*The 2018 ATOM Clinic will be held on Friday, January 26th, and Saturday, January 27th, 2018 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.