

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of March 14, 2021
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Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Jill Sandro, Jon Bush, Rudy Godefroidt, Eric Zemper, Gordie Richardson, Kathy Hutfilz, Charles Parker, Ron Buchanan, Mark Haney, Dave McPhail, George Kniola, Geri Jackson, Darlene Barber.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for March was presented. Income for the month was from memberships coming in. Expenses for the month included: postage, website fee, and membership card printing. At the time the report was generated, we had 158 memberships for 2021. There were 151 memberships for 2020 and 186 memberships for 2019.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Richard reported that his schedule is filling up. He has 24 meets and Christine has 10.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: Jon apologized for the newsletter being delayed. Things he needs: Mark Haney-his addition, Dave McPhail-do you want to do something from a 2nd VP standpoint, a list of 5-10-20 membership lists. The newsletter will be at the printer by the end of the week. Jon is also down on meets this spring and is willing to pick up more if you find you have a meet that needs an official. He is willing to travel within an hour radius of Kalamazoo.

WEBMASTER: George posted the available dates for the 2021 Track and Field Rules Meetings on 02-17-21. Other than that, there were several items posted in the middle of December.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Mark is researching topics for the 2022 clinic. If you have any ideas/topics, please pass those onto him.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: Dave threw out the idea of really trying to talk to athletes at the end of the season about possibly becoming an official.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles has been talking to ADs helping them schedule officials for meets this spring.

ZONE 2: No rep.

ZONE 3: Geri did not have any new information to report. Darlene did not have anything to report.

ZONE 4: Dan was not present for this meeting. Rudy reported that he has been working with the schools in both Zone 4 and 5 trying to help them schedule officials for the dates of meets they have.

ZONE 5: Lyle was not present for the meeting, but reported that he sent an email to his Zone reminding them to take the rules meeting.

ZONE 6: Neither Brian nor Lew were present for this meeting.

ZONE 7: Kathy is starting to put her spring schedule together. She also asked that everyone use her gmail address as she checks that one more frequently. Gordie has continued to pick up meets for this spring and is up to around 24 meets.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric reported that the USATF does not have a location for a USATF training so that is on hold for now. Eric will also put together a booklet specifically geared towards new officials.

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:

COVID guidelines - Gordie sent out COVID guidelines that came from the MHSAA. Please make sure to take a look at those guidelines to stay informed before working a meet.

Spartan Cafe wrap-up meeting on June 7th - Richard will contact the Spartan Cafe to check last possible cancellation dates. He will try to book both large rooms for June 7th with the thought that we might have to cancel one or both of those rooms as it gets closer to the date.

Membership - Christine was concerned about our membership numbers in December being low, but now the numbers are much better after getting many registrations in the mail after much delay. We are not up to 158 memberships for 2021.

Budget - Christine sent out two clinic budget proposals (A & B) for review.

Annual Meeting and Clinic - These are tentatively scheduled for January 28 & 29, 2022. Nate Hampton from the MHSAA usually attends this and needs to be invited each year.

Newsletters (hard copy or email) - We spend over \$600 on postage each time we send out a newsletter and many times 10-15 are returned. It was suggested that we put a place on our next membership application where we ask members how they would like to receive the newsletters each quarter. Also discussed was the move to only printing one hard copy newsletter each year and that would be the one sent out in December after the Cross Country Finals. This newsletter would have the new membership application and upcoming clinic registration in it. Future discussions will continue.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on April 18, 2021, via Zoom.

**Future ATOM meeting dates:

***2022 ATOM Clinic - The tentative date for the 2022 ATOM clinic is set for January 28 & 29, 2022, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32a.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.