

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of April 23, 2023
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Geri Jackson, Gorie Richardson, Eric Zemper, John Greathouse, Don Yuvan, Mike VanDyke, Jon Bush, Kathy Hutfilz, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Jill Sandro, Dave McPhail, Charles Parker, Lew Clingman.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for April was presented. There was no income for the month. There were no expenses for the month. Christine is still waiting on final invoices from the clinic and website upgrade. Discussion with putting an ad in both the CC and T&F final programs with cost being about \$900. At the time the report was generated, we had 137 memberships for 2023. There were 143 memberships for 2022 and 161 memberships for 2021. We had 79 registrations for the 2023 ATOM Clinic.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave is working on trying to get a complete list of emails so when he sends out a group email no one is missed.

ATOM NEWSLETTER: There will be a spring newsletter. Jon is proposing that the Spring newsletter (the one after the Track Finals) be in print. Jon will need the Finals reports from each division. Send him photos, preferably with ATOM officials in them.

WEBMASTER: Mark was not present for the meeting.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Charles is working on the clinic topics for 2024. The clinic will be at the Doherty Hotel. Looking to expand the Friday night meeting to be involved more.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: vacant

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles has been working many meets and seeing some things that he would like coaches to go over with their athletes, which will make a meet run smoother.

ZONE 2: Jon Flott will serve as the Zone 2 rep, but was not able to be at today's meeting.

ZONE 3: Geri reported that her schedule is very busy. Darlene's track schedule is busy also.

ZONE 4: Richard reports they are very busy. He shared a site that will send you a track newsletter each week. www.michtrack.org

ZONE 5: John has been getting many emails from assignors or ADs looking for officials.

ZONE 6: Dan's Radiator Repair Shop in GR has 209 primers. The state finals sites for 2023 are the same as last year: D1-Rockford, D2-Forest Hills Eastern, D3-Kent City, D4-Hudsonville (@ Baldwin MS). Starters will increase to 4 at the Finals. Officials' assignments for the Finals will come out around April 30th. Mike VanDyke will serve as a zone 6 rep with Lew.

ZONE 7: Kathy is very busy in her area with lots of kids running and throwing. Gordie is very busy too working many tri, quad, or invitational track meets.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: There was a L1 USATF training in Ann Arbor April 15-16. Eric will share an informational document titled "Information for Volunteer Track & Field Officials." We would like this to be shared with ALL registered officials as well as posted on the ATOM website and Facebook page once released.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zone 2 - Jon Flott will serve as the Zone 2 rep, but was not able to be at today's meeting.

Website/Facebook - Mark will manage the website updates for now. Please contact Mark with any website issues. Jon Bush will manage the Facebook page. Please contact Jon with Facebook information.

Allowing two and three year memberships - discussed this idea to make it more streamlined between registering with the MHSAA and our ATOM membership, but is tabled for now.

2024 ATOM Clinic (February 2-3, 2024) - 2024 Clinic WILL be at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updates on current track season - 1. Olivet College needs a running referee for May 4-5. Can make the 4th work, but if someone can do both that would be better. Contact Karen L. or

Rudy ASAP. 2. For wheelchair athletes, how does the wheelchair line up (hands, chair, feet behind line)? When an athlete lines up for their race, the center hub of the chair wheel needs to be behind the line (wheel may not touch start line). The athletes' feet maybe over the line.

ATOM Mini Clinic - an idea Dave had so we could do training outside on a track. Something to think about. Will be put on agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Shells/equipment/uniforms - Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare has had 209 primers at various times.

NOTES:

Discussion was held regarding recruiting new officials, an official "assignor" scheduling track meets, helping new officials get meets while they get established.

**The next ATOM meeting will be on June 5, 2023, at Harrison Road House in East Lansing.

**Future ATOM meeting dates: October 8, November 12, December 10, 2023.

***2024 ATOM Clinic - February 2 & 3, 2024, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

Minutes taken by Jill Sandro.