

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of November 12, 2023
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordie Richardson, Lew Clingman, Geri Jackson, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, Darlene Barber, Jon Bush, Eric Zemper, John Greathouse, Mike VanDyke, Jon Flott, Dave McPhail, Don Yuvan, Jill Sandro.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for November was presented. Expenses for last month included: newsletter publications, NSF, and an unknown \$20 Christine will find. Income came from clinic registrations and membership dues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave didn't have much to report. He did 5 cross country meets.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Jon hoped everyone was enjoying the clinic emails that are coming. If you are a regional rep, please forward these emails to your zone to make sure that everyone is getting them. As far as the newsletter goes, Jon is getting the next newsletter around. He has reports for the lower peninsula XC finals, but we need a contact for the UP so we can get information about the UP in the newsletters. The primary focus of this next newsletter will be XC Finals and promoting the clinic. This newsletter will be both paper mailed and emailed.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark was not present for this meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Charles was not present for this meeting, but gave a clinic report. He needs someone to present the Arbiter/RefPay (what can I use on my taxes) and the Field Event sessions. [Proposed Clinic Agenda 2024](#)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: We still do not have a 2nd VP. This may be a position we have to recruit at the clinic.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 2: Jon asked Christine if she could tell him how many officials from zone 2 have registered as members after he sent out communications.

ZONE 3: Geri reported that the XC finals went well and she overall had a good season. Darlene shared everything was going great.

ZONE 4: Richard reported that things are going well.

ZONE 5: John had just a few XC meets this season. Stressed that we really need to increase the membership in this zone. Don is also trying to increase the membership of this zone.

ZONE 6: The track final sites are now locked in: DI at East Kentwood, DII at Hamilton, DIII at Kent City, and DIV at Hudsonville. Cody Ingles will be taking over as overseeing the state finals planning committee. The XC season was very successful for West Michigan and many of the top teams in the state came from this area. The indoor season will begin in January. GVSU and Aquinas are talking about running two meets per week outside the MITS schedule for the HS level.

ZONE 7: Gordie sent out 51 emails in Zone 7 and received 15 positive replies. Gordie will be in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade on the CMU float.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric shared that he is in discussions about potential rule changes at the USATF level. There will be a Level 1 training clinic on Saturday, December 16th in the Detroit area.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE STATUS: The clinic information, membership form, and zone reps need to be updated. Christine suggested putting a list of equipment that new officials need on the website.

BYLAWS AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE: Recap of what the committee discussed at their meeting last month. Eric will send out their proposed changes again for review.

[ATOM Constitution - amended 2024](#)

FEES FOR OFFICIALS: discussion was held that fees for track officials are inconsistent and have not increased like other sports.

ATOM CLINIC: The clinic is February 2-3, 2024, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. Discussion was held as to how we can make the clinic an event that ALL officials want to attend.

[Proposed Clinic Agenda 2024](#)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED: this may be a position that we seek volunteers for at the 2024 clinic.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES SUBCOMMITTEE:
discussed in old business [ATOM Constitution - amended 2024](#)

CONSENT OF ATHLETES FOR PHOTOS: Double checking with Cody, but think consent is implied.

STATE XC FINALS/SEASON WRAP-UP: This was the 28th year of having the XC finals at MIS. Finals' meet went very well.

The next meeting is **January 7, 2024**. This is a NEW date.

The 2024 ATOM Clinic will be February 2-3, 2024 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sandro