

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of September 15, 2024
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
Clare, Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Greathouse, Dan Johnson, Dave McPhail, Jon Yuvan, Rudy Godefroidt, Lew Clingman, Charles Parker, Gordie Richardson, Mike VanDyke, Jon Bush, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Jon Flott, Eric Zemper, Ron Buchanan, Jill Sandro, and guest Tom Farley.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for the April meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance is \$6,441.91. Expenses for the month included: Clinic Booklet printing, State Finals Programs, Flyers, Gift Card, Wrap-up dinner, Membership Cards, Newsletter printing, & mentoring fees totaling \$2421.91. Income for the month included: \$535 membership & clinic. At the time of the meeting, we had 2 registrations for the 2025 clinic. We had 142 memberships for 2024 and 14 memberships for 24-25. Motion was made to not continue publishing an ad in the XC and T&F State Finals programs. Instead we will print additional flyers created by Gordie to have available for distribution.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave reported that the MHSAA building will not be available for our next regularly scheduled meeting on October 13th. The meeting will be moved up a week to October 6th, so we can use the building. Other meeting dates in 2024 include: November 10, and December 8. 2025 meeting dates are: January 12, March 9, and April 6.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jon would love to have any information/articles on local athletes that anyone would like to share. He needs a clinic overview from Charles by October so he can start sending out emails encouraging members to attend. The next printed newsletter will go out in November after the XC State Finals. Jon needs access to our website so he can work on keeping it updated.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark was not present for the meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Charles reported that he is in the beginning stages of planning for the clinic.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Richard had nothing to report at this time.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles reported that the season is underway.

ZONE 2: Jon reported that the XC season is underway, but has found that it has been easier to schedule April track meets rather than October XC meets. He has had some discussions with a few schools regarding officials' pay.

ZONE 3: No rep from Zone 3 was present for the meeting.

ZONE 4: Richard shared that he has started more XC meets this year than in the past.

ZONE 5: John had nothing to report. Don shared that he has helped a couple schools find an official for upcoming meets.

ZONE 6: Lew shared that Zone 6 has had 4 new officials register in the last 6 months. He has not received any calls for help with scheduling for XC meets. The T&F State Finals sights will remain the same for 2025. Mike shared they are trying to revamp how officials are assigned positions for the Finals meets. Officials may have a different assignment than what they might have had in the past. This doesn't mean that the job wasn't done well or properly in the past. They are just trying to give more officials the opportunity to do a different job.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported that Zone 7 has some new ADs that don't know what is exactly happening yet. It sounds like beginning next year, an official will have to be a member of an approved association as part of the official MHSAA registration.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric shared he officiated at a few major meets over the summer. USATF is in the process of planning some trainings for the fall and considering making these trainings remote. Eric will also be stepping down from the USATF board, which means that he will no longer be the USATF liaison to ATOM.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled until the October meeting.

Notes from the April minutes: Eric shared the proposed changes. The link to the constitution is below. Please look at the proposed changes, consider them, and bring back your thoughts to the September meeting. [ATOM Constitution - amended 2025](#) One major discussion point to think about: going to a two-year officer term. Does that get us the result we are looking for?

2025 CLINIC: More discussion will take place in October

REVIEW OF 2024 CLINIC SURVEYS: Tabled until the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS: discussions are happening that AOs may be allowed to come from any meet with very strict requirements.

ADAPTIVE RULES AND EXPANDING OF EVENTS: John made available an Adaptive Track and Field Quick start Guide and a 2025 recommended changes for Adaptive Track in Michigan document.

2025 CLINIC: The 2025 ATOM Clinic will be Friday, January 31, and Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, MI.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: October 6, November 10, December 8, 2024. January 12, March 9, April 6, 2025.

The next meeting is **Sunday, October 6, 2025**, at the MHSAA building in East Lansing. Past Presidents will meet at 9:30am with the regular board meeting scheduled to begin at 10:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sandro