

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of November 10, 2024
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
Lansing , Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Lee, John Greathouse, Dave McPhail, Dan Johnson, Mike VanDyke, Gordie Richardson, Lew Clingman, Jon Flott, Kathy Hutfilz, Jill Sandro, Christine Lee, Eric Zemper, Charles Parker, Jon Bush.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance is \$5,425.00. There were no expenses for the month. Income for the month included: \$1,565 from memberships and clinic fees. At the time of the meeting, we had 25 registrations for the 2025 clinic. We have 52 memberships for 24-25. We had 143 memberships for 2024.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave shared that he worked with some great officials at a Cross Country Regional.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jon reported that the newsletter is almost ready to go out. He just needs an updated mailing list and Dave's President letter. Jon has the username and password so he can begin to update the website.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark was not present for this meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Charles had no vice President report.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Richard asked when the 2026 ATOM Clinic would be, so he can reserve the Doherty. He also asked if our group had a Tax ID number.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles reported that he is gearing up for track season.

ZONE 2: Jon is working on his spring schedule. Jon also shared that at the Regional he worked at, the timing company offered to come up to the clinic and do a presentation on recording results for field events using an iPad.

ZONE 3: Geri was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 4: Richard is setting up his spring schedule. He shared that many ADs are starting to figure out that they should have more than one official for larger invitationals.

ZONE 5: John is working on his spring schedule.

ZONE 6: Lew reported that the State Finals sites for Track and Field are - D1: Kentwood, D2: Hamilton, D3: Kent City, D4: Hudsonville. iPads will be used at all for Finals sites for the field events. Mike shared that there will be some changes happening with indoor meets. Information for indoor meets will not be on the MITCA website.

ZONE 7: Kathy's spring schedule is filling up quickly. She also commented that the cross country season went well.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric had a Level 1 clinic on November 9 with a good mix of attendees. There are about 80 proposed rule changes that will be looked at.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION: Eric went over the proposed constitution changes. Discussion was held regarding those changes. The secretary will be added as a member listed on all bank accounts holding the Association funds. Changes were approved and **now the proposed changes need to be distributed to the general membership by email and posted on the website.**

[ATOM Constitution - amended 2025](#)

REVIEW OF 2024 CLINIC SURVEYS: It was mentioned that an explanation of how to read the rating scale on the evaluation needs to be at the top so those filling it out are clear.

ATOM FLIER: John Greathouse passed around the tri-fold format flier he created for comments. 1000 flyers would cost \$320. He asked that people take a look at it to proofread.

2025 CLINIC SESSIONS: Discussion took place to finalize the sessions for the 2025 clinic. Topics discussed included: a session covering field events (15 minutes for each event), using an iPad to record results during field events, break out sessions covering mini sessions on ammunition, RefPay, filing taxes, being assigned to a State Final. Charles will put together a finalized clinic agenda to be sent out by December 5th, for all to review before the next meeting on December 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

CROSS COUNTRY ITEMS: Dave shared a document he created of thoughts he compiled from discussions he had on “best practices for Cross Country officiating.” Please read this over and take note of items you would like to comment on or discuss in further detail. This will be revisited in December.

REGIONAL SITES: The Site Selection meeting will take place on January 9, 2025. If you have a site school that you feel should be considered to host a Regional, please get those school names to Gordie.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: This meeting will take place on January 25, 2025. If there are any rules that you feel need to be changed or reviewed, please get your thoughts on those rules to Gordie.

ZONE CLINIC: Gordie presented the idea of potentially trying to hold a coaches/officials clinic in each zone to cover the basics of a track meet: how to run a field event, exchange zones, starting lines, uniform rules. More discussion will take place

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: January 12, March 9, April 6, 2025.

The next meeting is **Sunday, December 8, 2025**, at the MHSAA building in East Lansing at 10:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sandro