

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of December 8, 2024
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
Lansing , Michigan

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance is \$5,133.94.00. Expenses for the month included: stamps, mentoring fee, and clinic prizes. Income for the month included: \$1,087.50 from memberships and clinic fees. At the time of the meeting, we had 45 registrations for the 2025 clinic. We have 85 memberships for 24-25. We had 143 memberships for 2024.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave had nothing specifically to report from the President's desk.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jon reported that the newsletter for December is out. Please use the Google link to share the newsletter with anyone you feel could benefit from it. <https://tinyurl.com/ATOMNEWSFALL2024> He will also be sending out emails promoting the clinic, so be looking for those.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark and Jon B. can post news links to the website pretty easily, but actually moving items around on the site is more difficult. They will continue to work together to keep it updated and useful.

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

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Richard had no 2nd vice President report.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

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

ZONE 2: Jon reported the indoor season is underway.

ZONE 3: Geri shared that all is quiet right now. She is looking forward to the spring and hoping for another good season.

ZONE 4: Richard shared that scheduling of track meets has slowed down a little.

ZONE 5: John is scheduled to work many indoor college meets.

ZONE 6: Lew reported that the State Finals sites for Track and Field are - D1: Kentwood, D2: Hamilton, D3: Kent City, D4: Hudsonville. Finals are on Saturday, May 31st. Finals planning will continue in January. Look for Finals assignments to come out a little earlier than last year. College meets have started in zone 6. MTTS has their own website now. They are not connected to MITCA.

ZONE 7: Kathy's spring schedule is filling up quickly with not many open dates left. Gordie will be attending the Rules & Regs and Regional sites meetings in January.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric was not present for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ATOM BYLAWS

[ATOM Constitution - amended 2025](#)

Proposed changes need to be distributed to the general membership by email and posted on the website. Jon B. will take care of this towards the end of the month.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This meeting will take place on January 25, 2025.

ATOM FLYER

John made some changes to the flyer to make it more visually appealing. He would like updated pictures that included officials working a track meet, officials in official uniform, & officials with their MHSAA patch on. John is looking for any other suggestions to make the flyer better.

2025 CLINIC SESSIONS

Charles sent out the latest agenda for everyone to review. New this year, there will be break-out sessions for attendees to select which topics they would like to learn more about.

INPUT for RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Topics of discussion will include: animal attendance at sporting events. If you have any other topics you would like Gordie to bring up at the R&R meeting, please make sure to make contact with him by the end of December.

INPUT for REGIONAL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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. Tabled for a future date.

NEW BUSINESS

COLLABORATION WITH MITCA

MITCA would like to have an “officials” session at their clinic this year. The session would first focus on an official’s perspective of a track meet and end with a “You make the Call” type Q & A. From the official’s perspective example: Coaches-”it’s one thing to know the rule book, it’s another to coach the rule book to your athletes.” If you are interested in presenting at the MITCA clinic as part of this session, please reach out to Dave for more information.

STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS TO FINALS

Standards used for athletes to qualify for the Finals meet before Regionals have been set. Certain criteria need to be met for the additional qualifying time/height/distance for the standard to count. Mike and Lew will share the standards and criteria once all points are finalized.

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

2026 CLINIC: The 2026 ATOM Clinic will be Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, 2026.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: January 31, March 9, and April 6, 2025.

The next meeting is **Sunday, January 12, 2025**, at the MHSAA building in East Lansing at 10:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sandro