

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of January 12, 2025  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
Lansing , Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave McPhail, Gordie Richardson, Charles Parker, Christine Lee, Richard Lee, Jill Sandro, Kathy Hutfliz, Don Yuvan, Jon Flott, Eric Zemper, Geri Jackson, John Greathouse.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance is \$4,158.70. Expenses for the month included: printing for the December newsletter and trophies for the clinic. Income for the month included: \$2,012.50 from memberships and clinic fees. At the time of the meeting we had 59 registrations for the 2025 clinic. We have 96 memberships for 24-25. We had 143 memberships for 2024.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave shared a Charter Arms P5860 Pro .209 gun that he purchased. This cost was \$330. This gun will be given away as the final door prize at the 2025 clinic.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jon was not present for this meeting.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark was not present for this meeting.

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Charles had no specific vice President report.

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Richard called the Doherty Hotel and reserved the location for the 2026 clinic, February 6 & 7, 2026.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles had no report.

ZONE 2: Jon is starting to work on a zone clinic.

ZONE 3: Geri shared that all is pretty quiet at the moment in Zone 3.

ZONE 4: Richard shared that he picked up a cross meet for the fall and two more track meets for the spring.

ZONE 5: John is working indoor meets and on his presentation for the MITCA clinic.

ZONE 6: Lew reported many of the indoor track meets are taking place at Aquinas, Grand Valley, and Calvin College. These meets seem quite popular, using ATOM officials. We are also putting together a “How To Do It” manual for the area ADs referencing the things you need to know to run an efficient track meet. Once it is done, the manual will be available to everyone to share in their regions.

As a reminder, the State Finals sites for Track and Field are - D1: Kentwood, D2: Hamilton, D3: Kent City, D4: Hudsonville. Finals are on Saturday, May 31st.

ZONE 7: Kathy reported that all is quiet, but this area is having a hard time finding officials for the meets that are scheduled.

ZONE 8: John was not present for this meeting.

USATF: Eric shared that the USATF had their national meeting in December. There were 81 rule proposals and 62 were accepted. [2025 Rules Changes Summary and Commentary](#)

## OLD BUSINESS

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ATOM BYLAWS

Eric will review these changes at the clinic and then the proposal will be voted on.

[ATOM Constitution - amended 2025](#)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

This meeting will take place on January 23, 2025.

## ATOM FLYER

John G updated photos and moved some information around. Jon B is editing the mission statement. Once that is complete, John G will share it with everyone electronically and prep it to be printed for distribution. These flyers will be shared at the MITCA clinic (January 23-24, 2025), the MIAAA clinic (March 13-14, 2025), and the ATOM clinic (January 31 & February 1, 2025). 2500 flyers will be printed after final approval from the Board is given.

## 2025 CLINIC AGENDA REVIEW

Charles shared the final 2025 clinic agenda. [2025 clinic agenda](#) Topics for the mini workshops will cover: Ear Protection; How to get more money out of your AD; How to work the State meet and what we need in workers?; Guns, Shells, and Gun Cleaning. For the zone meeting, the agenda will cover: introductions; zone reps getting contact information; zone reps finding out the needs or concerns the officials are having in their zones; finding out what kind of program they want to see at the clinic; any concerns or suggestions. And if you have enough time, have each person talk about what works well for them and what they need help with. [Zone meeting agenda](#)

## SUMMARY for REGIONAL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Selected schools were notified on Friday, January 10th. If they accept the Regional, schools may start contacting officials on January 23rd.

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFIER STANDARDS for 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 to count. All 17 events must take place at the meet and be conducted separately for the event to meet the standard to move on to State. If a standard is met in a prelim event, the athlete must participate in finals, but the prelim time can be used as a seed time. More will be discussed and finalized at the Rules & Regs meeting on January 23rd. Gordie will attend that meeting and report back at the Friday night clinic meeting on January 31st. [AQ info 2025](#)

## MITCA CLINIC-JANUARY 23-24, 2025

MITCA will have an “officials” session at their clinic this year. John Greathouse, Charles Parker, and Gordie Richardson will be attending and presenting at the clinic, which will take place at the Crowne Plaza.

## NEW BUSINESS

### REFEREE TRAINING PUBLICATION

Gordie shared the NFHS Track and Field Pre-Meet Notes pamphlet and Track and Field and Cross Country Officials’ Manual. Motion was made to purchase 60 manuals @ \$14.27 and 70 pamphlets @ \$3.22. Manuals will be available for purchase at the clinic for \$10.00 each. All clinic attendees will be receiving a notes pamphlet at the clinic.

## MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING (MIGS)

This is tabled for now.

## ZONE SPRING MINI-CLINICS

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. This was briefly discussed at the meeting. Gordie shared the linked documents as a starting off point for these clinics. He has also talked to Cody Inglis at the MHSAA who is in full support. [AD/Coaches Zone Clinic ideas](#) [ATOM Track Clinic Agenda](#)

## STATE FINALS

Just a thought: at the State Finals officials’ meeting the Friday night before, could officials group together based on their assigned position and discuss the responsibilities/duties/procedures for each position for consistency?

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: February 23 (change from March 6), April 6, June 2, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14, 2025; January 11, 2026.

The next meeting is **Friday, January 31, 2025**, at the Doherty Hotel in Clare at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Sandro