

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of January 31, 2025  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
Clare, Michigan

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Buchanan, Kathy Hutfilz, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, Dave McPhail, Jon Meyer, Jill Sandro, Mark Haney, Eric Zemper, Gordie Richardson, Lew Clingman, Don Yuvna, John Greathouse, Charles Parker.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glen Bette, Mark Miner, George Babcock, Lorraine Brown, Jennifer Lemieux, Jerry Kelley, Jerry Cook, Joe Baker, Greg Glover, Kim Heisler, CJ Sandro, Lou Marimontti, Brian Wilson, Kim Spalsbery, Tony Magni, Steve Linn, Jim Murry, Lynn Ketelhut.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance is \$6,827.51. Christine presented financial reports for February - August 2024, and September 2024 - January 2025. Expenses throughout the year typically included: advertisement, newsletter printing, postage, ATOM awards, clinic expenses, and ATOM merchandise. Income for the year included: membership fees and clinic registrations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave expressed his gratitude to the group for his presidency. He has enjoyed working with everyone and looks forward to a good clinic.

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

WEBMASTER REPORT: no report.

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

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: The dates for the 2026 clinic are February 6 & 7, 2026, at the Doherty Hotel. Richard would like to continue the break-out sessions at the next clinic, so anyone with ideas, please share those with Richard.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Charles reported his track schedule is coming into play and he is working on information for a zone clinic.

ZONE 2: Jon was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 3: Neither Darlene nor Geri was not present for this meeting.

ZONE 4: Richard sent out communication to his zone and shared that Hugh Matson is retiring from officiating.

ZONE 5: John is working on adapted events and shared that Jim DeVoy is retiring from officiating.

ZONE 6: Lew reported that the regional site managers meeting took place discussing coaches' boxes and EQs. Lew shared that indoor track is big in zone 6. The O.K. Conference AD's meeting is set.

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 Eldon Dean has retired from officiating, but is up for visitors and cards. Officials in this zone are overbooked and quite busy. It was suggested to have a meeting with ADs in leagues to help foster smoother meets in the spring.

ZONE 8: John reported that things are very slow and the UP has LOTS of snow.

USATF: Eric is updating the training manuals for starters. There will be a Level 1 training in March. [2025 Rules Changes Summary and Commentary](#)

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ATOM BYLAWS

Will be discussed in the morning session of the clinic.

[ATOM Constitution - amended 2025](#)

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Summary of discussion points from this meeting: was suggested to add a 3rd heat of the 4x800 at the State Finals; pacing gets a warning instead of a DQ; should an athlete that needs help be DQed; indoor track proposal - make indoor track a MHSAA sanctioned sport; UP comes down to LP for XC finals to make a true state tournament; proposal to move to 5 or 6 divisions for track; adapted events/athletes.

#### ATOM FLYER

Flyers were passed out at the meeting. These will be used to inform people of our organization and recruit new members.

## 2025 CLINIC AGENDA REVIEW

No discussion

## SUMMARY for REGIONAL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

It took 40 minutes to select 40 sites. All information is on the MHSAA website.

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFIER STANDARDS for FINALS

EQ information is on the MHSAA website. The attached link is a summary typed up by Gordie.

[AQ info 2025](#)

## REFEREE TRAINING PUBLICATION

All officials will receive this publication when they register.

## NEW BUSINESS

### MITCA CLINIC-JANUARY 23-24, 2025

Charles, Gordie, and John Greathouse presented at this clinic. It was very well received and would like for it to happen again.

## ZONE SPRING MINI-CLINICS

Zones will try to host these clinics before the spring season.

## EARLY IDEAS for 2026 ATOM CLINIC

The 2026 ATOM Clinic will be Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, 2026. If you have any ideas, please share with Richard.

## MISCELLANEOUS

We need a 2nd VP. If you are interested, please let Richard or Charles know.

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

The next meeting is **Sunday February 23, 2025**, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Sandro