

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of September 14, 2025
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, Michigan

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Godefroit, Don Yuvan, Mike VanDyke, Lew Clingman, Gordie Richardson, John Greathouse, Richard Lee, Christine Lee, Jon Flott, Eric Zemper, Charles Parker, Jill Sandro, Geri Jackson, Jon Bush.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance at the end of August was \$4,082.30. Throughout the summer months, we had \$860 in deposits which included: clinic registrations and membership fees. Expenses totaled \$1,310.46 for: web site fee, stamps, wrap up dinner, and newsletter printing. Membership for 25-26 is currently at 35. 24-25 was 140. At the time of the meeting, we had 15 registered for the 2026 clinic. We had 75 attendees at the 2025 clinic.

Christine noted she has many new official memberships and clinic registrations she wasn't able to process before the time of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Charles had no official President report at this time.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jon was pleased with the Spring newsletter. He feels that an email should be sent out soon to our membership to keep communication open. Topics to include in this email: cover MIGS and membership fees have a different due date. Jon needs for the Fall newsletter: the President's Report, a preview of the upcoming clinic, and any cross country info to share. He would like this info by November 15th.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark was not present for this meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Richard and Charles have had a few Zoom meetings in preparations for the 2026 clinic. Breakout sessions are still in the plans for the upcoming clinic. When looking at the schedule of the clinic, please remember to allow time for attendees to travel from session to session so things don't feel rushed.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Jon had no official 2nd VP report at this time.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Z1 is underway.

ZONE 2: Jon reported that he has worked some cross country meets where he has noticed that officials and ADs need training regarding cross country meets.

ZONE 3: Geri reported that things seem to be going well in Z3.

ZONE 4: Richard reported that he has been busy officiating cross country meets. He has helped get equipment to a new official and worked with another new one in his zone.

ZONE 5: John has a few cross country meets this fall. He is also working on an adapted events booklet to give to Cody to look over.

Don has helped a few ADs find officials for a few cross country meets in the area.

ZONE 6: Lew reported that they have started to work on the sites for the 2026 T&F Finals, with a couple new sites coming. Mike inquired about the duties of an official "assigner".

ZONE 7: Gordie reported that he has helped a few ADs get officials for some cross meets, but has been busy officiating volleyball this fall.

ZONE 8: John was not present for the meeting.

USATF: Eric reported that USATF had a few training clinics this past summer that were well attended. They are gearing up for the B10 cross country meet hosted by MSU at the end of October.

OLD BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP

TRAINING

Now that the state requires officials to join an association when they register, we need to make sure we are providing training for these officials. Gordie will send out the powerpoint he created in the spring for view so we can use that as a tool for the training.

PAST PRESIDENT MEETING

The past President's meeting will be held Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 9:30am. If you have any nominations for our annual awards, please pass those onto Kathy before the meeting so she can get those names on the list. For those nominations, please know how to spell their name, where they are from, and your reason for the nomination.

CLINIC PROGRAM/PROGRAM BOOKLET ZOOM MEETING

The clinic subcommittee will meet after the November meeting to look over the clinic program and clinic booklet so it can be finalized by December.

NEW BUSINESS

MHSAA ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Rudy took care of the registration form for making sure ATOM was an approved association by the MHSAA for the 25-26 season. Mike will follow up with Cody to ask some clarification questions about the registration, then we can decide the process we want to follow to make sure this is taken care of each year moving forward.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING for MHSAA

Much discussion was held regarding this MIGS status. Mike volunteered to work with Cody and Jeff from the MHSAA when working with defining this status as he works at assigning the officials for the T&F State Finals.

A motion was made to make all paid ATOM members between 24-25 & 25-26 seasons MIGS while the MHSAA decides if MIGS will officially apply to the sports of XC and T&F. Christine will send this membership list to Jill and Jill will send it to Jeff/Cody at the MHSAA, as wording states right now that MIGS status needs to be reported by either the association's President or Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

A moment of silence was taken for Tom Eschmann, long time ATOM member and Newsletter coordinator.

Christine would like everyone to think about how we want to recognize our membership for their years of involvement now that our membership year is from September to August instead of the calendar year. More discussion will come next month.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: November 9, and December 14, 2025; January 11, 2026.

The next meeting is **Sunday, October 12, 2025**, in East Lansing. The Past Presidents' meeting will begin at 9:30 with the regular board meeting beginning at 10:00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sandro