

# ***Association of Track Officials of Michigan***

Minutes of April 27, 2025  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Parker, Kathy Hutfilz, Richard Lee, John Greathouse, Mark Haney, Jon Bush, Mike VanDyke, Don Yuvan, Jill Sandro, Christine Lee, John Flott, Geri Jackson, Gordie Richardson, Don Yuvna, John Greathouse, Charles Parker, Dave McPhail.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance at the end of January was \$8,509.38. For March, we had \$2,197 in deposits which included: membership and clinic fees. Expenses totaled \$6,173.62 for: printing of lap counters, flashlights, booklets; clinic hotel; ATOM flyers; prize gun; check printing; and USATF booklets. Membership for 24-25 is currently at 140. 2024 was 143. We had 75 attendees for the 2025 clinic. 81 attendees for 2024.

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: Charles apologized for missing anyone when he sent out meeting information. He also put together a document for new officials and will share that with everyone.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jon reported that he has the spring newsletter ready and it will go out after the LP finals have concluded. Any pictures that you have from the season, please share with Jon to add to the newsletter. He also needs from Christine the newest email and membership list for that spring letter.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Site is fairly updated, but looking at adding new and additional information to the site so it is more of a resource for the members.

1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: Richard is still looking for ideas for the breakout sessions for the clinic. One idea was bringing in an athletic trainer to talk about injuries and concussion protocols.

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: still looking for a 2nd VP.

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Z1 is struggling to find officials to cover meets with the official shortage and cancellations.

ZONE 2: Jon reported that meets are being canceled because the scheduled meet doesn't have an official. USATF has a good one page handout that explains the check-in/check-out process for field events, specifically talking about the time length athletes have. This page along with a few others would be good to add to the website. Also, it is important that zone reps get to know and learn their zone members. We need to work at getting more involved with the members in our zone so our members feel connected, but then we also can start setting that expectation.

ZONE 3: Geri has not officiated any meets this spring as she is healing from an injury.

ZONE 4: Richard reported that it is very busy. EQ meets do not have to be run exactly like a regional meet. The games committee can set guidelines specific for that EQ meet.

ZONE 5: Don reported that sometimes it is difficult to find officials for meets as some officials don't want to go to certain schools because of poor past experiences. John is going to work on an adapted events video to add to the website. John talked about creating visual cues so everyone around the track knows if there is a recall of a race because of a slipped block or false start.

ZONE 6: Mike reported that Z6 is busy. They are fortunate to not have the difficulties of finding officials that other zones do. Finals prep is going well. Every site has 7 confirmed umpires.

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 shared she is trying to mentor a new official. Gordie summed up officiating issues: don't have enough officials, are contacted too late to schedule meets, meets are all scheduled on similar days. Gordie did a meet in Oxford and had a number of EQ qualifiers.

ZONE 8: John was not present for the meeting.

USATF: Eric was not present for the meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

### ZONE SPRING MINI-CLINICS

Gordie held one that only had a few attendees. Jon Flott held one that had better attendance and said it was very hands on.

NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES: September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14, 2025; January 11, 2026.

The next meeting is **Monday June 2, 2025**, in East Lansing at 6:00p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sandro