

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of October 12, 2025
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, Michigan

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rudy Godefroidt, Jon Flott, Ron Buchanan, Charles Parker, Mark Haney, Chistine Lee, Richard Lee, Don Yuvan, John Greathouse, Geri Jackson, Eric Zemper, Dave McPhail, Gordie Richardson, Jill Sandro, Kathy Hutfilz.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our current ATOM account balance at the end of September was \$5,149.80. Throughout the month we had \$1,067.50 in deposits which included: clinic registrations and membership fees. There were no expenses. Membership for 25-26 is currently at 52. 24-25 was 140. At the time of the meeting, we had 28 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.

Jon Flott looked into various options for ATOM to receive electronic payments. Options discussed included: Venmo and Paypal. Consensus was to continue to look into electronic payment options so we can be ready to receive that type of payment beginning in the 2026-2027 season. Jon will continue to gather more information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Charles had no official President report at this time. Clinic booklet format was discussed.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Fall Newsletter will come out as soon as possible following the Fall LP XC Finals with contributions from:

- Rudy (LP Finals summary)
- Charles (President Notes)
- Rich (2nd VP Notes/Clinic Preview)
- Jon F (1st VP Notes)
- Jon B (UP Finals summary)
- Christine (if needed – an updated registration form)
- Any additional photos – either from the season or the finals – will be greatly appreciated.

MIGS Email

- The Email to all members with ATOM news and perspectives on MHSAA “Member in Good Standing” status went out on Friday, Oct 3. We’ve received a good response— thanks and appreciation – from multiple members. Note for the board: Let's forward this to officials who are NOT in ATOM.

Clinic Information

- There will be several ATOM Clinic emails going out – about once per month – with clinic information and registration forms. I will ask several of you to give me a photo (in action, if possible) and a comment or two of why you attend the clinic.
- I will also draft an email from Rich and Charles with an invitation to all officials to attend the clinic and join ATOM. This is something we encourage board members to distribute widely to non-ATOM officials. (Rich, Charles – you’ll see a draft from me next week. I’d like to send it out in early November).

WEBMASTER REPORT: Mark had no official Webmaster report at this time.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Richard talked about the Friday night clinic meeting and how we can make this time more valuable for the members. It was discussed to move the board meeting to Saturday morning and Friday night to have more of a focus on sport related topics. These ideas will be discussed at the Clinic subcommittee meeting. Please remember: when looking at the schedule of the clinic, 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: Charles reported that things are going well in Z1 as he received no complaints.

ZONE 2: Jon reported that the cross country season is going well. He said that a couple people have asked him to have the tablet training back at the clinic again.

ZONE 3: Geri reported that things seem to be going well in Z3. The weather has been exceptionally good.

ZONE 4: Richard reported that he has been busy officiating cross country meets. He is finding that he is getting paid more this season.

ZONE 5: John had a few cross country meets this fall. He is also working on an adapted events booklet to give to Cody to look over. He will have this completed by the next meeting. Don has helped a few ADs find officials for a few cross country meets in the area.

ZONE 6: Mike and Lew weren't able to be able the meeting, but Mike reported that Zone 6 is pretty quiet. He did talk to Cody about MIGS. We should be good with MIGS from what Rudy did with Jeff. Mike reached out to Jeff also and started the process of becoming an assignor for Track. Cody would like to move to using Arbiter for Finals assignments as it will be a lot easier to pay all of us. This might take a few years, but that is his goal. Assigning track officials through Arbiter and then paying them through Arbiter Pay. Not much else going on in Zone 6 right now.

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. Kathy has been laid up so has not been officiating this fall.

ZONE 8: John was not present for the meeting.

USATF: Eric reported that the B10 Cross Country Championships will be at MSU on October 31st. There will be a USATF Level 1 training on November 22, 2025, at Alma High School.

OLD 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

A committee (Jon Flott, Rudy Godefroit, Gordie Richardson) will meet at the December meeting. This committee will be responsible for creating the criteria ATOM members need to meet to be considered a member in good standing for the MHSAA. 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.

TRAINING

Gordie is trying to send out the training presentation he put together, but the file is too big. He is working to try to condense that file, so he can send it in one email.

CLINIC PROGRAM/PROGRAM BOOKLET

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

MAC INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP @ CMU

Gordie just wanted to let everyone know about this meet as CMU is looking for officials. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, Gordie will be happy to pass those names onto CMU.

MISCELLANEOUS

RULES & REGS MTG in JANUARY

This meeting will be coming up. If you have any items that you would like brought up at this meeting, please pass those items onto Gordie.

CROSS COUNTRY

Might want to look at meets of larger races, runners **MUST** wear a transponder for accurate results.

YEARS of INVOLVEMENT

How will we record this? Involvement will be counted on the year that it occurred.

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

The next meeting is **Sunday, November 9, 2025**, in East Lansing at 10:00A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Sandro