

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of June 7, 2010
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Lyle Berry, Jan Burch, Cecil Burch, Lew Clingman, Rudy Godefroidt, Jim Gillis, Mike Henry, Dennis Hodges, Dan Johnson, Lynn Ketelhut, Brian Macomber, Jill Sandro, and Eric Zemper. Nate Hampton was also present, representing the MHSAA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The April minutes not officially approved. They will be reviewed at the September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report for June was not officially approved.

ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was not present, but please remember to get your STATE FINALS reports in.

WEBMASTER: no official report

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: no report

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: no report

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: no report

ZONE 2: no report

ZONE 3: no report

ZONE 4: no report

ZONE 5: no report

ZONE 6: no report

ZONE 7: no report

ZONE 8: no report

USATF: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

No pressing issues to discuss at this time.

STATE FINAL REPORTS:

D1: D1 finals were at Rockford. This was a big meet. There were lots and lots of kids and many fans in a brand new stadium. Rockford used a new Finish Linx timing system that came in the Wednesday morning before. They are going to see how Hytec works compared to Sydex. They are also trying a new clerking system. D1 had no protests and no uniform issues. They did have two false starts and one disqualification in the 800M relay for the team being out of their lane. They had one uniform issue because the athlete had grown out of the uniform. Overall there were 111 women's teams and 121 men's teams. Nate thanked Brian for his great organization.

D2: The Finals meet at Zeeland was a great success. Prelims were a bit slow at the start as the clerks were holding the athletes in the bullpen a little too long. There was one disqualification for a uniform violation and four false starts. Five of the nine umpires were registered ATOM officials and they worked with four other umpires who have at least four years of experience at that position. Pole Vault ran smoothly after the coaches' box was readjusted. There were many positive comments from coaches. Four D2 records were set on the day: both men's and women's pole vault, women's 400M, and men's 800M relay.

D3: The Finals at Comstock Park went very well. Lyle commented that this was the most relaxing meet he had ever worked. Blake Hagman headed up the crew. The 200M prelim was the only race that had to be reseeded. D3 had one disqualification in the men's 1600M. The D3 Final concluded at 5:20pm.

D4: The D4 final went well, but Jenison had many other activities going on besides Track and Field. There was concern with the number of activities Jenison was hosting as well as some of the workers that were assigned to field events not being familiar with that event. At most meets this would have been a problem, but the D4 coaches were helpful in assisting the event judges with understanding what they needed to do and not do. Several of the umpires had flags this year. The clerks did a great job of keeping the meet moving.

UP: The UP Finals were a success. We had no major problems that could not be handled immediately. We had a beautiful day with temps in the high 70s and very little wind (somewhat unusual) and lots of sunburn. Rain arrived in time for the last race of the day. Our area of the state badly needs rain as we are in a drought situation and lake levels are 4-5 feet below average. We had several close races throughout the day that made it exciting for the fans. The stands were filled and fans also lined the fences around the track. It was a great crowd. We had 6 new records set for the girls and 4 new records for the boys. There were two members of ATOM working the Finals: Jeff Schram and myself.

The next ATOM meeting will be on September 12, 2010, at 10:00a.m. at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing.

Future ATOM meeting dates: October 10, November 7, December 12, 2010, and the ATOM Clinic in Clare February 4-5, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.
Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro.