

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of October 10, 2010  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
East Lansing, MI

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Darlene Barber, Tom Eschman, Jim Gillis, Rudy Godefroidt, Blake Hagman, Mike Henry, Dennis Hodges, Kathy Hutfilz, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, Lynn Ketelhut, George Kniola, Brain Macomber, Gordie Richardson, Jill Sandro, and Eric Zemper.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The September minutes were accepted as presented.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Memberships are coming in. George will get those processed.

## ATOM NEWSLETTER:

The deadline for the December ATOM Newsletter is Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tom welcomes any help he can get with news involving our sport. Rudy will send Tome the names of officials working the Cross Country Finals.

## WEBMASTER:

George has posted the September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Portions of the October 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter are also posted. There is a link to the Membership Invoice for interested persons to use. As of the meeting date, the website had 4,085 hits.

## 1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dan will have dates for our 2011 meeting at the next meeting. Dan is looking at the power point that his brother put together as the clinic guide. This power point goes along with the book written by his brother that will be used as the clinic notes. The book will run \$10.00 plus shipping. He is also looking into an "equipment" bag as another gift. He will come to the next meeting with pricing.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT:

Lynn and his father, at the age of 79 ½, ran a 5K in the beginning of October. His father beat him out at the finish line. Lynn also asked about a cross country course that has 642m of boardwalk in it. Lynn asked for the board's opinions. He would like any thoughts on this course to be emailed to him. [lynnketelhut@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnketelhut@hotmail.com)

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al was not present at the meeting.

ZONE 2: Doug was not present at the meeting.

ZONE 3: Darlene and Geri are trying to actively get members involved in ATOM. They continue to recruit new officials. They have had some issues of Cross Country coaches not helping athletes learn the rules of cross country. But they also have had many CC coaches that do know the rules and are there to help the athletes learn the rules.

ZONE 4: Dan sent out the new hair (bobby pin) rule to all his zone 4 contacts. This rule is posted on the MHSAA website too. Dan also saw a Frankenmuth middle school student who is visually impaired running in a CC race.

ZONE 5: John was not at the meeting, but emailed that there was nothing to report for Zone 5.

ZONE 6: Brain reported that zone 6 has had great weather for cross country and the number of participants has been great. He has seen large JV, middle school, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams and they continue to grow. The quality of these teams is great too. Zone 6 has 3 new officials. The upcoming Regional sites will all be staffed with ATOM per-

sonal. CC State Finals area is looking good. The Finals committee is looking for clocks to use at various spots on the course at Finals. The Cross Country online rules tests had much approval. There was recommendation that a proper start for a CC meet be discussed. T&F State Finals sites are D1: Rockford, D2: Houseman, D3: Comstock Park, D4: Jenison.

ZONE 7: In the northern part of the Lower Peninsula, many small schools are starting to create CC teams, just not full teams. In track, there are not many places for the kids to run, so they are running in the same places against the same teams. Traverse City Central and Gaylord Women's teams, and the Harbor Springs teams look strong. In the North, CC is just not a sport that is well covered.

ZONE 8: John was not at the meeting as he was heading to Florida for the week for some R & R, but emailed that the Cross Country season is progressing nicely. We have had several good meets with the weather cooperating. He hopes to see us in Nov or Dec.

USATF: There will be a level 1 USATF training at SVSU on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need any information, please contact Eric. The NO False Start rule is working very well in the upper levels. Finally the "whole" world is at our "HS" level.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Rob Johnson's T&F book will be used as the notes for the ATOM clinic.

Rudy, Lew, and Brain cannot be "permanent" members on various MHSAA committees because ATOM doesn't get three representatives on every committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

ATOM Award recipients for 2010 included: Bob Bloomer; Brain Macomber; Bernie Adrams Leadership Award; George Babcock; Judy Hagman; Jan Gillette; Art Jevet-Bruce Jacobs Distinguished Service Award; Mark Uyl, Jim Sullivan, and Dennis Whitehead; ATOM Special Appreciation Award: Laura and Doug Kelly.

There was also discussion as to what our procedure will be in regards to honoring ATOM members that have passed away. Ideas discussed included: card to all members, past presidents-\$25 donation, recognize all on an easel at the ATOM clinic. Please think about this and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The next ATOM meeting will be on November 14, 2010, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro