

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of October 11, 2009  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
East Lansing, MI

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Darlene Barber, Lyle Berry, Cecil Burch, Jan Burch, Rudy Godefroidt, Blake Hagman, Dennis Hodges, Kathy Hutfilz, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, George Kniola, John Raducha, Jill Sandro, and Allen Wood.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The September minutes were accepted as presented with the correction to paragraph 3 in New Business from referring to refereeing. George answered the membership question regarding the 8 people that were noted as having not joined ATOM. It was asked if the ATOM nominations form contact person could be changed from George Babcock to Blake Hagman. Jill also let everyone know that Lorenda Jonas will be at the November meeting to take minutes as she cannot attend.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. It was asked if the membership total could be separated into life, honorary, and paid memberships if possible to help clarify why the membership total from one year might be different from the current year.

## ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was not present for the meeting. If you have any corrections or news for the newsletter, please make sure to get it to Tom for the December mailing. Dennis asked if more information about Michigan could be put in the newsletter. This could happen as long as we provide that information for Tom. It was suggested to put information on those individuals going to be receiving awards at the ATOM clinic in the December newsletter for the general membership to read. We would also like to see George Kniola's contact information added to page 2.

## WEBMASTER:

As of the meeting today, there were 3,085 hits on the ATOM website. George has made contact with the website Service Department to discuss the problems he has been having with posting items and it seems to be fixed now. George put a reminder on the Home Page of the location for the 2010 Membership Invoice Application and posted the updated invoice. The follow have been posted on the website: portions for the October 1 newsletter, 2009 Rule Notifications from the March newsletter, portions of the March 15 newsletter, and the June 15 minutes. A link to the National Federation was added on the links page and John Raducha's contact information was changed to reflect him being the new Zone 5 rep. George also wanted us to know that he is out of here next Wednesday and said have a good winter

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

Dennis had everything pretty much ready and all clinic information is all in his laptop. He is ready to take it to press. He does have a couple questions that he will get with Lyle on. He needs to make contact with the hotel. Dennis also passed out the 2010 clinic agenda that can also be found on the ATOM website.

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

Dan is taking steady notes this year as he gears up for planning the 2011 ATOM clinic.

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al said everything is going well. He talked about a Conference meet he worked where there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place tie between two runners that he had to correct and then also had to correct the 6<sup>th</sup> place results.

ZONE 2: Doug was not present.

ZONE 3: Geri mentioned how grateful she was for having the conference calling as an option when she is unable to

attend meetings. All is pretty quiet. She has gotten calls from individuals who want to work meets, but don't want to be members of ATOM. Geri is continuing to still network. Darlene reported that all is quiet.

ZONE 4: Dan sent out a note to Zone 4 informing them of the website updates and that the membership form is now online.

ZONE 5: Jill introduced John Raducha as the new rep for Zone 5. John's contact information can be found on the ATOM website and will be put in the next ATOM newsletter. John also sent an email to all Zone 5 contacts giving them his contact information.

ZONE 6: Lew and Brian were not present. Brian gave George Kniola a photo of a starter who worked a meet in Zone 6 who had on a yellow jacket with red sleeves and black pants. A letter was also passed out giving an example of how Rockford Schools handled a very upset parent's actions to her daughter being disqualified for false starting. It was suggested that ATOM put together a document called "Frequently Asked Uniform Questions" with questions and answers that we could post on our website and hand out when uniform issues arise at meets after approved by the MHSAA.

ZONE 7: Lyle reported all is going well.

ZONE 8: John tried to use the conference call option again, but we missed his connection. John reported through email that September was beautiful and the first two weeks of October have been lousy. The UP went from warm sunshine to cold, windy, rainy days. The UP Final will be in Escanaba this year. Hopefully all will go well. He is sick just like the rest of us, but will be here in November if his local HS football team doesn't make the playoffs.

USATF: Eric was not at this meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

John Raducha was introduced and welcomed as the new Zone 5 rep.

The Legacy program can be done if we are going to target high school age, but certain policies must be followed. Blake suggested having veteran officials go observe new officials when they have an open date to help them improve.

The step-up start topic is going to the National Federation meeting with Nate. It is also on the agenda for the January Rules and Regs meeting. Nate will have an update at the clinic rules meeting in February.

The topic of purchasing rules/casebooks for the membership was discussed as there will be no new rule book for 2010. Rule changes were passed out. Blake asked for all to look over the rule changes and come back to the November meeting to make a final decision as to whether we will purchase rules/casebooks for 2010 or not. These would be passed out at the clinic to clinic attendees. The idea also came up of just putting the rule changes in the clinic notes. George Kniola asked if changes could be posted on the web. He is going to check with Nate first. Al suggested copying the information and sending it through email to everyone in each Zone. Kathy's concern was that officials don't realize/remember that they won't be getting a rule book for the 2010 year.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for ATOM awards given at clinic: Judy Hagman award-Sue Heinzman; Bob Bloomer award-Lyle Berry; Art Jerert, Bruce Jacobs Distinguish Service Award-Sy Collins, Bob Fulcher, and Hugh Matson; Special ATOM Appreciation award-MITCA; and Bernie Abram's President's Leadership Award (w/approval from Lyle)-George Kniola.

General comments made: (1) Geri earned herself a hole-in-one on Hole #8 using an 8 iron on September 24<sup>th</sup>. (2) *Benchmark*, a magazine published by the MHSAA, might be a good way to share information.

The next ATOM meeting will be on Sunday, November 8, 2009. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 55a.m.  
Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro