

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of November 14, 2010
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East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Darlene Barber, Lew Clingman, Rudy Godefroidt, Blake Hagman, Dennis Hodges, Kathy Hutfilz, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, Doug Kelly, Lynn Ketelhut, Brian Macomber, Gordie Richardson, Jill Sandro, and Al Wood.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The October minutes were accepted with the spelling of Brian's name corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Renewals are coming in. So far there are 109 memberships for the 2011 year. 37 of those renewals are also clinic registrations.

ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was not present at the meeting.

WEBMASTER:

Current number of hits is 4,149. The minutes for September 12, 2010, have already been posted and George will wait until after the meeting to post them for October 10, 2010 with the assumption that they will be approved. Also, the date change for the November meeting was noted on the Home Page. Lew has sent George several photos from both the Allendale Regional and State XC Finals and they will soon be posted. The list of this year's membership award recipients has been posted on the Awards page.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dan passed out meeting dates for 2011. Those are listed below. He also noted that the clinic notes will be put back into a 3-ring binder this year.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT:

Lynn reported that he enjoyed State XC Finals as a spectator this year. He thought everything at MIS was very well organized.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al said that Cross Country season was a success. Everything went smooth.

ZONE 2: Doug said things were quiet for him this fall. On February 26, 2011, the MITS indoor track meet will be at either Eastern Michigan or U of M.

ZONE 3: Darlene said she did a USATF Track & Field meet on Saturday, November 13th. It went very well. Geri was at the State XC Finals and commented on the beautiful day and how organized it was. Both ladies are trying to recruit new members and are looking forward to the upcoming Track & Field season.

ZONE 4: Dan had an issue at the Regional meet where the starter told the athletes that shorts could not be rolled. Rolling of the shorts is **NOT** illegal.

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

ZONE 6: Brain reported that Regional cross country meets in Zone 6 went great. Many top performers at the State Meet came from Zone 6. The State XC Finals went well too. The new timing system with the DT chips went well. Overall a great day. The GVSU indoor meets are all set. T&F State Finals sites are D1: Rockford, D2: Houseman, D3: Comstock Park, D4: Jenison. There has been discussion about moving the shot and discus events to Friday night to help with crowd control and timing. This topic is just in the discussion stage.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported that he hasn't heard too many complaints. He did note that at XC meets that the misinterpretation of rules happens often in Zone 7.

ZONE 8: John emailed that the UP season is over and all things were good. He hopes to make it down in December.

USATF: Eric was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was decided that a \$25 donation will be made to the family of any ATOM member that passes. This donation will be made with the understanding that it will go to a charity of the family's choice. We will have Tom will put a paragraph in the next newsletter requesting information about passing members. This information should be forwarded to George Babcock.

How members will be recognized will be tabled until December. One idea would be to have a moment of silence at the clinic for those deceased with a posted list of those names on display.

There will also be a cake at the clinic for Kermit to help him celebrate his birthday.

NEW BUSINESS:

The State XC Finals went great! One concern that was brought up was the amount of dust that was created at the first crossover. There is still one finish placing being debated regarding when a D-tag was read.

The thought/desire to have more athletes qualify for the State XC Finals is a MITCA issue with the XC coaches, not ATOM as officials.

*There also needs to be clarification on the warm-up time for the vertical jumps.

~The new rulebook/case books are now available from the National Federation.

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

Future ATOM meeting dates: the ATOM Clinic in Clare February 4-5, 2011; March 13, 2011; May 1, 2011; September 11, 2011; October 9, 2011; November 13, 2011; and December 11, 2011, will all be at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m., and June 6, 2011 will be at the Spartan Café in East Lansing at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro