

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of September 12, 2010
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Lyle Berry, Lew Clingman, Jim DeVoe, Jim, Gillis, Rudy Godefroidt, Blake Hagman, Dennis Hodges, Lynn Ketelhut, George Kniola, John Myer, Jill Sandro, Allen Wood, and Eric Zemper.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The April minutes were accepted as presented. The June minutes were accepted with the meeting date changed from June 2009 to June 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Blake ordered a new supply of red bucket hats if anyone is interested in one. There is one check for the Midwest Meet of Champs that George wrote back in May that has not cleared, but otherwise we are sitting well financially.

ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was not present for the meeting.

WEBMASTER:

George gave an update on the ATOM website. As of September 12th, the visitor count was 4,006. George has posted the June newsletter in 3 parts, the most recent ATOM roster, and D1 and D2 Track & Field Finals photos that were submitted. On the Rules Clarification page, he has posted the field event relay teams, uniforms, and undergarment rules; as well as the new wording on jewelry (NF rule 4-3-3) and hair control devices (NR rule 4-3-3 & 9-6-7) during competition. On the XC and Track & Field News page, the entire MHSAA document titled "2010 XC Rules Information & Updates from August 6, 2010 have been posted.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT:

Dan was not present for the meeting, but emailed Jill. Dan's brother Rob has provided him with his power point presentation that he uses for putting on officiating clinics out west. Rob and Dan have reviewed it this summer and Dan thinks it would make for a great clinic. It has 3 sections, so that would probably be the whole day. Rob has given Dan total permission to use it. If ATOM would cover the cost, Dan could photo copy the program and provide it as notes for the attendees. Secondly, Rob and Dan were wondering about the possibility of setting up a table and selling Rob's book at the clinic. What's the feedback on both counts?

Discussion took place as to the possibility of having Rob's book be the gift clinic attendees receive since the clinic would be structured around this book. Lew will talk to Dan about this possibility.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT:

Lynn is enjoying the start of the cross country season as he is a coach at Allen Park. Lynn mentioned that Kermit Ambros will be 100 years old in January and asked if something could be done at the clinic to recognize him. It was noted that Kermit was one of two 1st recipients of the Bob Bloomer award.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al reported that the weather has been good and there was a lot of cross country going on.

ZONE 2: Doug was not present at the meeting, but emailed that there was nothing to report for Zone 2 at this time.

ZONE 3: Neither Geri or Darlene were able to attend the meeting, but Darlene emailed to report that everything is quiet in Zone 3 and the first cross country meet is Tuesday, September 14th.

ZONE 4: Dan was not present for the meeting, but emailed Jill to report that as most of you know, he coaches CC in the fall and by the time this meeting takes place, he will have had 4 meets. The first two were good and not any ma-

for events, other than a downpour at our meet this past Wednesday September 1st. Other than that, zone 4 is pretty quiet.

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

ZONE 6: The Track and Field Final sites are set: D1-Rockford, D2-Houseman, D3-Comstock Park, and D4-Jenison.

There is a lot of action in the GR area this cross country season. Allendale HS will host the first all class cross country regional in October. Rockford is building some new CC courses. There was debate as to whether to use Hytec vs Sydex as the scoring system for meets. It was determined to use Sydex for track season! Lew also passed out a paragraph summary reminding us that the job of an official is an important one and no matter what role of an official we play at a meet, we should try to be the best official we can to the athletes we encounter.

ZONE 7: Lyle said cross country is going smoothly. He also welcomed Gordie to the executive board. Gordie helps Lyle with zone 7 in the upper north.

ZONE 8: John was able to report in person that things are going well in the UP. The temperatures have ranged from 40-100. He is keeping busy. John asked if a wind gauge could be purchased for the UP State finals. Motion was approved and Lew will get on for him.

USATF: Eric hasn't started cross country season yet. He is finishing up his Track and Field final reports. He was at the US Nationals and Prefontaine meets. He has been very busy traveling this summer. Eric will conduct a USATF Level 1 training sometime this fall. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the training, please pass the information on.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Gillis, Blake Hagman, and Rudy Godefroidt all have new email addresses. Those addresses should be reflected in the new group emails when sent out, but please double check your address books to make sure they have been corrected.

There will not be different bibs for individual and team runners at the CC State Finals this year. ATOM was 100% in support of it and MITCA was 100% against it, so Mark Uyle will drop the issue.

The MHSAA selects individuals to sit on various committees. Blake would like a letter written to the MHSAA asking that Rudy, Lew, and Brian be permanent reps on those committees representing ATOM.

Rule 4-3-3 new PEN regarding jewelry means that now if an athlete is caught with jewelry on it does not result in an instant disqualification. Now the first offense is a warning charged to the team. Lew will write a statement to be put in the newsletter that explains/reminds officials to make an announcement that there should be no jewelry worn at the beginning of every race. Remember PREVENTATIVE OFFICIATING.

Bobby pins, as long as they are no longer than 2 inches, are legal. Colored and patterned ribbons are also legal.

Lew passed out inclement weather guidelines for cross country meets from the MHSAA. George will post these guidelines on the ATOM website if they are also found on the MHSAA website.

The next ATOM meeting will be on October 10, 2010, at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing. The Past Presidents' meeting will start at 9:30am and the regular business meeting will begin at 10:30am.

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

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