

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of June 6, 2011
Association of Track Officials of Michigan
East Lansing, MI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Lyle Berry, Ron Buchanan, Lew Clingman, Jim Gillis, Rudy Godefroidt, John Greathouse, Blake Hagman, Dennis Hodges, Kathy Hutfilz, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, Lynn Ketelhut, Brian Macomber, Gordie Richardson, Jill Sandro, and Al Wood. Nate Hampton was also present, representing the MHSAA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The May minutes were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report for June approved. Blake formally thanked George for his service as treasurer all these years and welcomes Dennis into his new position.

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:

Discussion was held as to whether or not to raise the dues and clinic fees for 2012. A motion was made and passed to keep the dues amount the same, but to increase the clinic fee to \$50.00 (up \$5). A rules book line item will be added to the invoice for anyone that would like to order a rulebook on the off years of the MHSAA. This deadline for ordering a book will correspond with the early bird registration deadline for the clinic - December 31st. Those that ordered will be given their books at the clinic. Those that don't show will have theirs mailed.

STATE FINAL REPORTS:

D1: D1 finals were at Rockford. Issues at D1 included: violation of uniform in shot put, clerking, athletes using tape verses chalk to mark steps on the track, spikes, and crowd control. No issues with multiple kids in distance races. The shot put uniform issue was a competitor was seen with contrasting stitching after 3 throws. Because a parent noticed this instead of an official, the athlete was allowed to participate. The medical team was outstanding. The AD was continually giving water to the workers. There were misting stations, a water bath, and the school was open for all with the AC going. There were 3 countdown clocks set up at high jump and pole vault for the athletes. The first event finished was pole vault. The entire meet finished at 5:30.

D2: The Finals meet at Houseman was a success. D2 had about 20% more athletes than the other three LP sites, which means several heats of each event. There were over 24 "Red shirts" working as meeting officials, 12 were umpires headed by Dennis Hodges. There was a misting station as well as a water station on the backside of the track during the 3200m races. Detroit Country Day Women and East Lansing Men were crowned D2 State Champs. The meet began at 9:30am with field events and everything concluded at 6:05pm.

D3: The Finals at Comstock Park went well. Wrong info was sent out for the order of the field events for the morning, so officials were a little worried if athletes would get to their events on time, but everything could be worked out. Field event officials were all registered. Fred Smith was the clerk. D3 had many umpires. Things ran well. The hour mandatory break was from 12-1 with the women's events finishing at 4:45 and the men at 5:07. There were no disputes on the track. There were two spectators that fainted in the stands. Comstock Park will be going through some renovations this next year.

D4: The D4 final at Jenison went well. Pole Vault started at 10:00 because they had to move a pit to cover cement. Jenison had water stations set up as the temperature on the track read 106 degrees. D4 had 2 umpires that did very well. The athletes were polite. Running events went well. There were a few delays, as they had to wait for the computer people to catch up and because of a low hurdle crew. The meet concluded at 5:39pm.

UP: The UP Finals were a success. Kingsford hosted the UP Finals for Divisions 1, 2 and 3. There were two members of ATOM working the Finals: Jeff Schram and John Meyer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rudy passed out his thoughts on things he saw from a clerking standpoint. Followed was much discussion on clerking. We have clerking heat protocols that need to be followed and were not. Nate will form a committee in the fall to look at these protocols and adjust or fine-tune them as need be.

The next ATOM meeting will be on September 11, 2011, at 10:00a.m. at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing.

Future ATOM meeting dates: October 9, November 13, December 11, 2011, and the ATOM Clinic in Clare February 3-4, 2012. The October meeting will be in two parts: the Past Presidents' meeting will begin at 9:30 with the regular business meeting beginning at 10:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.
Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro.