

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of March 13, 2011  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
Clare, MI

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Darlene Barber, Lew Clingman, Tom, Eschmann, John Greathouse, Blake Hagman, Mike Henry, Dennis Hodges, Geri Jackson, Dan Johnson, Lynn Ketelhut, Brian Macomber, John Raducha, Gordie Richardson, Jill Sandro, and Al Wood.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The February minutes were accepted as presented.

## CLINIC REPORT:

24 clinic attendees returned the clinic evaluation forms. Despite officials not wanting the power point presentation read, all were very pleased with the content of the clinic. They thought the information presented was valuable and beneficial for all to hear whether you were a novice official or a seasoned one. The book "Officiating High School Track and Field", given as part of the clinic gift, was viewed as a useful tool for all.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. There were 75 officials that registered for the clinic and 7 new that day. 82 officials attended the clinic. We have 220 members for 2011. Our current balance is \$6,588.15. Dennis Hodges will be taking over as treasurer for George Babcock at the end of our fiscal year which is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was given many compliments on how great the March newsletter was. The next newsletter in June has the STATE Finals reports in it. This is a big part of the newsletter and Tom will need everyone's help with compiling information from the divisions for it.

## WEBMASTER:

George was not present at this meeting.

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

Lynn commented on how well the MITS State meets went. He said the Men's high jump reached 7'2" and two ladies when 4:54 and 4:55 in the 1600. The Huron Relays will be March 26-27. Lynn is starting to gather ideas for next year's clinic. One idea he had was to write the newsletter at the clinic and include: items you have in your track bag, and various roles you do and jobs you have when you are at a meet. A couple gift ideas he has are a box of shells or a red poncho.

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

John said it was nice to be here and is looking forward to working with the ATOM board.

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

**ZONE 1:** Al reported all is quiet. Scheduling for starting track meets will begin to pick up now that basketball is finished.

**ZONE 2:** Doug emailed that all is pretty quiet in his region right now. He had the MITS state meet at EMU at the end of February and had many ATOM officials working. It was a great meet and they finish fairly quickly (5:30) for the number of athletes that competed. Other than that, he is just trying to get his season scheduled.

**ZONE 3:** Geri said all was quiet for her. She continues to recruit new officials. Darlene is starting to fill her schedule for the spring. The Schumaker Relays will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Renaissance High School. If anyone would like to work, please talk to Geri or Darlene.

ZONE 4: Dan worked some of the many MITS meets hosted by SVSU. He said the meets were very organized and went well. There were about 100 athletes at each meet. The athletes were very cooperative.

ZONE 5: John has been working with Vestaburg High School as they prepare to host their first conference meet.

ZONE 6: Many indoor meets were held at GVSU's facility. Please remember that high school rules are used at indoor meets. The outdoor track season is scheduled to start March 24<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned. Nate and Lew did a survey of how many electronic timing systems (FATs) were in the state. 65-70 schools have FAT systems. 80% of those systems are linked. About 20% of the systems are still in the box because the schools don't have the people to use them. Sydex will convert all FAT times to hand-held times this year so all times will match. There are 7 new officials in the Grand Rapids area. The Michigan Games will be at East Kentwood this year. Houseman is hosting 19 meets this spring. Lew wanted to reassure everyone that there will be parking at Houseman. The Officials Assignment committee will meet in April to select officials for the State meet. GVSU will host the HS invite the last weekend in March.

ZONE 7: Gordie reported that Grayling got 6 inches of snow the day before their first scheduled outdoor meet, so the outdoor season up north will be slightly behind. Other than that, all is quiet.

ZONE 8: John sent an email to Dan saying he had nothing to report.

USATF: Eric was not present.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Necrology-Dennis will be our contact person to notify when any ATOM member passes away. Tom will put an information box in the newsletter for any inquires. George K. will put information on the website also. It was suggested that this list be recognized at the annual clinic each year.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Ron Buchanan will be known as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ad hoc.
- Jill Sandro was approved to continue her role as secretary.
- Dennis Hodges was appointed treasurer. He will assume his responsibilities July 1.

Discussion was held and a motion was made regarding raising the membership and clinic fees. Membership fee would be raised to \$30.00 and the clinic fee to \$50.00, effective for the 2012 year. Motion was withdrawn and item was tabled for now. Item will be added to Old Business.

Blake will send an information sheet out on how to set-up 800, 1600, and 3200 heats for all to share.

Blake needs to be notified before the October meeting of any nominations for our yearly ATOM awards.

It was suggested that all milestone year award recipients' names be read before lunch at the ATOM clinic. Awards will be laid out and recipients may pick up their award on their way to or on their way back from lunch.

#### OTHER:

REGIONAL REPS: Please ask your zone if there are any in your zone who would be willing to work as an umpire at the State Meet. Please pass the names of any that are interested onto Lew.

The next ATOM meeting will be on May 1, 2011 at the MHSAA Building in East Lansing at 10:00 a.m.

Future ATOM meeting dates: June 6, 2011, at the Spartan Café in East Lansing at 6:00 p.m., 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 the ATOM clinic is tentatively set for February 3-4, 2012 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro