

# *Association of Track Officials of Michigan*

Minutes of March 14, 2010  
Association of Track Officials of Michigan  
East Lansing, MI

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Babcock, Jan Burch, Lew Clingman, Rudy Godefroidt, Blake Hagman, Dennis Hodges, Kathy Hutfilz, Dan Johnson, Doug Kelly, Brian Macomber, John Raducha, Jill Sandro, Allen Wood, and Eric Zemper.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The February minutes were accepted with John Raducha's name being added under the members present.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. The only other expense we will have for this year will be the purchase of the wind gauges for the State Finals. The report already reflects the purchase of the rules books from the clinic.

## ATOM NEWSLETTER:

Tom was not present for the meeting. Dennis submitted an article regarding dew points. He would also like to see more local information in the newsletter. Kathy suggested putting the biographies of the award recipients from the clinic in the profile section.

## WEBMASTER:

George was not present.

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

Dan mentioned that his brother has a PowerPoint presentation that goes along with the book he wrote. Dan will look into possibly using some or all of the presentation at the clinic next year.

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

We all want to welcome Lynn as the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Due to health issues, Lynn was unable to be at the meeting. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Al mentioned that he has had a few non-ATOM members ask him for rule books.

ZONE 2: Doug worked indoor home meets for U of M. Eastern MI University will likely be the site for the 2010 MITS Indoor State Finals. There will be issues with the weight throws. The athletes are throwing their implements almost on top of the recorders table. At the 2009 MITS Indoor State Finals, there were 51 male milers. Doug has a full officiating schedule that will start April 17th.

ZONE 3: Neither Geri nor Darlene were present for the meeting, but reported that all is going well and their schedules are filling up.

ZONE 4: Dan has worked 3 indoor MITS meets at SVSU, a MAC indoor meet at CMU, and a collegiate indoor meet at SVSU.

ZONE 5: John had nothing to report.

ZONE 6: Zone 6 has had many successful indoor meets. The first outdoor meet is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. The following list is where the State meets will be held: D1 at Rockford, D2 at Zeeland, D3 at Comstock Park, and D4 at Jenison. Something Lew and Brian do for the OK Conference is send out an email in March to all ADs in the conference asking them to send them any open dates they have that they still need officials for. Then Lew and Brian help fill those dates. It was suggested that each zone rep send an email to ADs letting them know that you are willing to help them fill dates with officials. This will not only help them, but also help them realize that ATOM is here

to help. Many student athletes in Zone 6 have signed Letters of Intent. One male pole vaulter is going to MSU and a female high jumper is going to the Air Force Academy.

ZONE 7: Lyle is in Florida enjoying the weather and bad-mouthing Dennis.

ZONE 8: John was not present but emailed Jill. He said they are having a spring thaw. With the snow melting and March Madness (high school) ending soon, the kids should be outside soon.

USATF: There will be a Level 1 training on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Olivet from 9:00-4:30 for beginning officials covering rules. There will be a Level 2 training on March 21<sup>st</sup> at U of M's indoor complex. Starting will be covered from 12:00-2:30, with race walking and horizontal jumps. Eric has training DVDs and a PowerPoint presentation that is updated every year if anyone is interested in them. Eric is helping coordinate officials for the Huron Relays that will be held at EMU. He has had good response from ATOM members willing to work. If you are interested in working, please contact Eric. Eric also mentioned that he worked at the Canadian University Indoor Championships as the head of the Jury of Appeals.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Nate Hampton asked ATOM to purchase wind gauges to be used at each State Finals T&F site. Lew did the research on the equipment and found a gauge and accessories to be around \$130 (\$99 for the gauge, \$14 for the clamp, \$18 for the tripod) if pieced together. A motion was passed to purchase 6 gauges, 8 clamps, and 8 tripods. Because Brian and Lew both have 2, and Blake and Jan each have one, the thought was by purchasing the amount above, each State site could have three complete wind gauges. The trade off of ATOM purchasing these wind gauges is an ad (\$185) in both the Cross Country and Track & Field State Finals programs be paid for by the MHSAA for the next two years. Also the deal with MITCA would be that if they want someone in the award's tent handing out All-State information, then that person would read the wind gauges when needed.

Eric passed out an article that he is working on explaining how the two-turn stagger rule is unfair to the runner. After much discussion, the two-turn staggers topic was tabled until the April meeting. Doug and Eric will get together and then be in contact with MITCA so MITCA and ATOM can work together on the wording to make this rule change following the correct procedure.

Jan asked if event entries were now going to be made using Hytek rather than Sydex which is used now. Sydex will still be the main website/program used when submitting regional and state times. Hytek is used for the website Athletic.net so results may be posted minutes after it is finalized.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Rudy asked for clarification as to where he might find information specific to the start of the 300 hurdles for a local school district that has their 300H start line on a curve. It was mentioned to refer to the Official's Pal so the school knows that the race should start on a straightaway. If they start the race on a curve, then the common finish line would need to be moved for that race.

Blake talked a little on Rob Johnson's book *Officiating High School Track & Field* {tfofficiating.com}. Blake recommended this book for all new officials.

- The group congratulated Rudy for being added to the Breckenridge Hall of Fame.
- Rudy has shells if anyone needs them.
- A reminder from Nate: If you haven't taken your rules meeting on line, do so.

~Meeting dates for 2010: June 7<sup>th</sup> @ Spartan Café in East Lansing, September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will be held at the MHSAA building in East Lansing unless otherwise stated.

~The next ATOM meeting will be on Sunday, April 18, 2010. The meeting will start at 10:00a.m. at the MHSAA building in East Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Minutes submitted by Jill Sandro