

# Association of Track Officials of Michigan

Minutes of February 5th, 2010 ATOM Meeting

ATOM Clinic

Clare, Michigan

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

George Babcock, Lew Clingman, Blake Hagman, Dennis Hodges, Kathy Hutfilz, Dan Johnson, Brian Macomber, John Raducha, Al Wood, Eric Zemper and Nate Hampton from the MHSAA, plus 20 other ATOM members, giving us a total of 30 people in attendance.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT** (Jill Sandro by Dan Johnson):

The meeting date of March 13<sup>th</sup> was corrected to March 14<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and supported to accept the minutes as corrected for the meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Motion approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT** (George Babcock):

We purchased 2010 National Federation rulebooks for all ATOM members at a cost of \$1,890. Current balance is \$9,084.20. Membership is about the same as it has been in the past years. Currently 207 members. Preregistered for the clinic is 82, about the same as in past years. We will get more registrants tomorrow.

## **NEWSLETTER** (Tom Eschmann):

Tom was not present.

## **WEBMASTER REPORT** (George Kniola):

George was not present.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT** (Dennis Hodges):

Clinic is set to go (he hopes). Would like feedback from attendees.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT** (Dan Johnson):

Dan is observing Dennis this year, and planning for next year's clinic will begin soon.

## **REGIONAL REP REPORTS:**

**ZONE 1** (Al Wood): Al reported he has e-mailed all registered MHSAA track officials in Zone 1 and invited them to join ATOM and attend the clinic.

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**ZONE 2** (Doug Kelly): Doug was not present.

**ZONE 3** (Darlene Barber & Geri Jackson): Darlene and Geri were not present.

**ZONE 4** (Dan Johnson): Dan reports he has worked a college meet and a MITS meet at SVSU.

**ZONE 5** (John Raducha): John says people are “trying to find him.”

**ZONE 6** (Brian Macomber and Lew Clingman): Brian says GVSU has a great facility! They attended: Rules and Regulations, Site Selection, and Standards Committee meetings, and felt they all went very well. 2010 State Meet host sites: D1, Rockford; D2, Zeeland; D3, Comstock Park; D4, Jenison. D3 may be changing.

**ZONE 7** (Lyle Berry): Lyle is in Florida rehabbing his knee replacement. He e-mailed Dennis and said “he is not coming back until he sees his shadow for 60 days.”

**ZONE 8** (Mick Chambers and John Meyer): All is quiet in the UP and they don't have much snow.

**USATF** (Eric Zemper): Eric has had good attendance at two Level 1 clinics. Next clinic is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, somewhere in the middle of the state. Sometime in March, he will have a Level 2 clinic.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **RULES AND REGS PRELIMINARY REPORT—Rudy Godefroidt:**

1. STEP UP START: MHSAA Regionals and Finals WILL NOT use the step up start.
2. All times will be rounded to the next slower 10<sup>th</sup>, not to 100<sup>th</sup>.
3. ATOM reminder to all Regional and Final Meets: ALL shot put and discus attempts are to be measured.
4. Same procedures as last year on poles markings; Altius poles must have a letter verifying their legality.
5. Recommendations to Representative Council: A. FAT at all regional meets; B. MITCA certified early qualifying meets; If this passes, may try to side step regional meet.

#### **NATE HAMPTON:**

1. Emphasized that the etching on the Altius pole showing legal weight only in the proper location.

2. The arm sleeve to be ruled the same as socks or gloves. NO RESTRICTIONS. Leg warmers same way.
3. Boxer shorts: They are underwear—don't call it. Underwear and sports bras—Don't call.
4. A "Michigan Rulebook" is needed. This would state rules that differ from the National Federation---

AKA "The Michigan Rulebook" or exceptions to the National Federation. Nate said he will develop this document and get it on the MHSAA website.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Eric Zemper: Every athlete needs a fair and equal opportunity to compete. Some examples were given showing unfairness that we would not allow. The two-turn stagger in the 800, 1600 and 3200, the outside lanes are running about 1.5 feet further. **Motion by Eric Zemper:** ATOM strongly recommends that the MHSAA rescind the Michigan rule modification requiring two-turn staggers for the 800M, 1600M, 3200M and the 4x800M relay races, and return to the normal procedure of a one-turn stagger for the 800M and the 4x800M relay, and a waterfall start for the 1600M and 3200M races, and that ATOM do everything necessary to support a return to this fairer procedure for starting these high school events. **Support by Blake Hagman.** Much discussion. Motion was made to call the question. Support was given. Motion carried to call the question. A hand count vote was conducted. **11 in favor of the motion; 10 against. The motion is passed.** It will now go to our business meeting and eventually see where it goes to the MHSAA.

**FUTURE MEETINGS: March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup> @ the Spartan Cafe' 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.**

Motion by Pat O'Reilly, support by Dan Johnson to adjourn. Motion approved. Adjourned @ 8:32 pm

Minutes submitted by Dan Johnson, acting secretary for Jill Sandro