

Fall 2018 MTHSSA General Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2018
Harpeth Hall
9:00 AM

I. Roll Call.

Schools Present: Battleground Academy, Blackman HS, Brentwood Academy, Brentwood HS, Centennial HS, Central Magnet, CPA, Coffee County, Columbia Central, Cookeville HS, David Lipscomb, Davidson Academy, Enrichment Fellowship, Ensworth, Father Ryan, Fayetteville HS, FRA, Frankli County HS, Franklin HS, Friendship Christian, Harpeth Hall, Henry County HS, Heritage Christian Academy, Hillsboro HS, Immaculate Conception, LaVergne HS, Lawrence County HS, Lebanon HS, Lincoln County HS, Montgomery Bell Academy, McGavock, Merrol Hyde, Middle TN Diving, MLK High School, Mount Juliet, Nolensville HS, Oakland HS, Page HS, Pope John Paul II, Ravenwood HS, Riverdale HS, Siegel HS, Spring Hill HS, St. Andrews Sewanee, St. Cecilia Academy, Station Camp, Summertown HS, Summit HS, University School of Nashville, Warren County, Watertown HS, Wilson Central HS, Zion Christian Academy HS

II. Spring 2018 meeting minutes were adopted without correction.

III. Reports of Officers:

- a. Alex Major – We are in need of a new VP, since Angela Curtiss retired from MTHSSA and coaching
- b. Justin Karpinos – Please note the proposals approved in the spring meeting, especially concerning dual meet scoring. We are experimenting with MTHSSA Twitter presence for nuts and bolts and reminders
- c. Polly Linden, Treasurer: Please mail your checks and team rosters to Polly directly (not e-mail). If you add a swimmer/diver later after submitting the roster, just add \$2.00 and the names of additional swimmers. *(MTHSSA budget is presented later on in the meeting).*
- d. Drew Brewer – no one was on board with changing MS Q times for Region meet back in the spring, and co-op issue that we'll bring up in the MS meeting; aquavol@gmail.com is Drew's contact information;

IV. Reports of Committees and Coordinators:

- a. We will need someone to take over the banquet process; this previously was Angela Curtiss' domain to organize.

V. Presentation and approval of the annual budget (Polly Linden):

Last year, MTHSSA had about 1400 HS swimmers and collected \$3,700. Last year, lots of teams were fine with paying late fees. Our current balance is about \$17K.

NFHS rule books are no longer going to be purchased by MTHSSA. You can buy this however you want through the NFHS website. MTHSSA will waive the cost of rule books from MTHSSA registrations, so everything is \$10 less than it was in 2017-18.

-Last year, some teams were ineligible to compete @ Regions b/c of late registrations, so please get your registration materials in by the deadlines!

VI. Unfinished old business:

- a. Henry County (geographical bylaw issue): Henry County is not in the geographical territory of any TN Region; MTHSSA is the closest region, but according to our bylaws that are not included. We would amend the bylaws to include them.

Motion, Second, vote passes: Henry County is included in MTHSSA.

VII. Elections for Vice President and Treasurer.

VP: Nominated Abby Chapman, Brentwood Academy MS and HS. Third year involved in coaching in MTHSSA.

-Nominated Jill Brewster, but Jill declines.

-Nominated Andy Selph. Andy declines.

Abby Chapman is confirmed as VP.

Treasurer: Nominated Polly Linden. **Polly Linden is confirmed as Treasurer.**

VIII. New Business:

- a. **HS Region Meet Invite (from Excel Aquatics (Colin Faris)).**

HS Region meet will be Friday, January 25. Increase in surcharge from \$6 to \$10. This price increase is in both the MS and HS region meets. Costs are increased on the Sportsplex end, so these costs are being passed on to meet hosts, and to meet entrants.

We'll run three Warmup sessions, and start the meet at ~10:00. Each pool runs independently (breaks after the 50 free and 200 free relay are specific to each pool).

The HS Region meet entry deadline is 8:00 PM the Saturday before the meet (Saturday, January 19). Deadline for MTHSSA registration is January 4.

Motion, second, approved. HS region meet invitation passes.

Plans to continue the photo backdrop this year (paid for by MTHSSA).

- b. **Bylaw Amendment – Voting. (submitted by Alex Major, Wilson Central.)**

By-law amendment- Voting-Alex Major- Wilson Central

Members of MTHSSA that exclusively coach Middle School Swimming may not vote on a High School Swimming specific item of legislation. Members of MTHSSA that exclusively coach High School swimming may not vote on

Middle School specific legislation. Members of MTHSSA that coach both High School and Middle School swimming shall maintain full voting rights in both arenas.

Three clarifications in respect to this provision:

1. If legislation is proposed that simultaneously effects both High School Swimming and Middle School swimming, all MTHSSA member schools will have full voting rights
2. If legislation is presented that would effectively add/or eliminate any portion of High School or Middle School swimming to/from the governance of MTHSSA, all MTHSSA member schools will have full voting rights.
3. If legislation is presented that would affect shared funds between middle school and high school swimming all MTHSSA member schools will have full voting rights.

Question/clarification: is it one school, one vote?

Yes – one vote per school or coach.

Motion, second, passed.

c. Nashville Dolphins (Megan Kelly, Hillsboro and MLK coach).

The Nashville Dolphins are always looking for volunteers. We have 200 kids on waiting list on top of 200 swimmers already served, who participate at no cost to them. Our Participants compete at Special Olympics and practice at multiple pools throughout the area.

IX. Adjournment.

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II. The spring 2018 minutes were adopted without correction.

III. Reports of Officers.

Drew Brewer, MS: MS Q times made no movement in the spring. Is there any discussion about them right now?

Times will remain the same as they were in 2017-2018.

No report from Justin Karpinos.

Polly Linden: MS and HS operate from the same MTHSSA bank account. Last year we had about 1,000 MS swimmers registered. This year, MTHSSA is not going to provide rule books. Adjusted fees and deadlines are available on MTHSSA webpage. Do not email rosters, please – send printed rosters and checks to Polly directly.

IV. Reports of Committees and Coordinators.

We got clarification from the origins of MS swimming in Middle TN, from back in the 2012 season that explains the situation of co-ops in MS.

V. Unfinished old business.

A. Middle School Eligibility & Co-ops:

Shannon Philbin: In 2012, when MS swimming was started, a committee was tasked with doing some basic guidelines. One of them defined a MS team as “grades 5-8 in the same building.” Because of the way this currently written, we have had to do 5/6 and 7/8 as separate teams (Freedom Middle/Intermediate are the functionally the same institution but swam as two teams last year).

First, the “one building, one principal” situation should come to the MTHSSA board for review. School district arrangement from 2012 is tricky now and needs to be reconsidered.

The proposal is: *It is preferred that MS team of 5-8 be in the same building, and this is the norm. However, there are now several special school districts who separate grades 5-6 and grades 7-8 and*

these students have a different principal. In these cases, the member school where students in said grades participate on other combined athletic teams will be able to participate together as one team and will be able to select their team name if needed. This is subject to MTHSSA Board review on an annual basis.

Motion, second, vote passes.

b. Part II – Co-ops.

Shannon: From 2012: If a team has less than 4 boys and 4 girls, they may combine with other smaller (<4 boys, 4 girls) to make a team. If they have more than 4 and 4, teams can no longer combine. Catholic MS has followed this rule.

The language from 2012 reads: *“Swimmers who attend a school that doesn’t offer swimming as a sport may combine and form a team. Total # of athletes from one school must be 9 or less, and the team size may not exceed 30 swimmers. Any MS team using swimmers from multiple schools will submit a roster which properly designates the school of each swimmer. This will serve as a method to verify that no swimmer on the roster has a team that is simultaneously registered with MTHSSA. This list will be submitted to MTHSSA treasurer each year and these athletes are “one school” with a designated team name for entry purposes in Dual, Invitational, and Championship meet.*

The proposal on the table allows for co-oping from schools w/ rosters 9 or less, and TOTAL team size may not exceed 30 swimmers. Friendly amendment to change “9” to “6” in guideline 1. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT IS MADE.

-CALL TO VOTE ON THIS PROPOSAL AS WRITTEN WITH EXCEPTION OF CHANGING “9” to “6.”

For: 3 , Opposed: 19

The co-op situation now defaults back to 2012 rules from MS meeting minutes. A team is defined as 4 boys + 4 girls.

Proposal from Jacob Madden, Harding: change definition of team to “4 boys OR 4 girls.”

For: 15, Opposed: 3

A team is now defined as 4 boys OR 4 girls.

Proposal from Pat Killian, MBA:

To be eligible to co-op: schools in the same county can combine up until they meet the MTHSSA definition of a team (4 boys OR 4 girls). *If the combination of any two schools in a co-op arrangement meet the definition of a team, a third school may not be added. Membership may not be denied to a swimmer who applies for membership for the sake of preserving a co-op arrangement.*

For: 18

Opposed: 4

Proposal passes.

Clarification is made that you don't HAVE TO co-op if you less than 4 boys or 4 girls.

-Shannon Knight Cook, Mill Creek MS: Motion to allow Catholic MS to be grandfathered in with the stipulation that their athletes must attend parochial schools only. Friendly amendment that this be subject to review on an annual basis.

For: 11, Opposed: 7

Proposal passes. Catholic Middle Schools is grandfathered in for this year, and we'll review in Fall 2019.

VI. New Business:

Drew Brewer: Please share information about invitational meets with me, so we can communicate it to teams.

Alex Major: announces the legislation approved in the HS meeting (regarding voting eligibility).

Upcoming Invitationals to be aware of:

MTSC Invite is October 27: CoachCindy@charter.net

Jeremy Stansbury (stansburyj@rcschools.net) is hosting some invitationals at Lavergne HS

- October 27 (sprint format)
- November 11 (sprint format)
- December 15 (championship format)
- January 12 (championship format)

VII. Adjournment.