

MTHSSA Fall 2019 Minutes
August 24, 2019 at Harpeth Hall
Middle School Coaches, 10:00 AM

- I. Greeting from Polly Linden.
- II. **Attendance:** Battle Ground Academy, Blackman MS, Brentwood MS, Brentwood Academy MS, Catholic MS, Central Magnet MS, Christ Presbyterian Academy, Coffee County, Columbia Academy MS, Cookeville MS, Cornersville MS, Cox MS, Ellis MS, Fayetteville City MS, Forrest MS, Franklin County MS, Franklin Road Academy MS, Freedom Swim Team, Grassland MS, Harpeth Hall, Immaculate Conception MS, JT Moore, Lewisburg MS, Marshall County MS, MLK MS, Maury County MS, MBA, Meigs Magnet, Mill Creek MS, MTHEA Makos, Mount Juliet MS, Muletown Rec, Oakland MS, Rockville MS, Rock Springs MS, Siegel MS, Spring Station MS, St. Andrew's Sewanee, Stewarts Creek MS, University School of Nashville MS, West End MS, Woodland MS, Valor Collegiate MS, Zion Christian Academy MS.
- III. Minutes from Spring 2019 Meeting were passed **WITH THE CORRECTION THAT THE 100 BACKSTROKE TIME STANDARD SHOULD BE 1:31.99, NOT 1:37.99.**
- IV. Reports of Officers.

Alex Major, President:

December 3 = early registration deadline

January 3 = late registration deadline

After January 3, registrations will not be accepted for the MS Region Championship.

Polly Linden, Treasurer: please send out your Hytek roster (includes DOB and grade level by default).

V. Unfinished Old Business:

- i. Revisiting the co-op rule, in general AND as it pertains to Catholic MS being grandfathered in.

Telly Coleman: Does CMS want to do this? What's their interest?

Will Powell: Yes; it streamlines registration process and allows our kids to swim relays.

Russ Dixon (Fayetteville): we're in the same boat.

Drew Brewer (Oakland): Can we evaluate co-ops on a case by case basis?

Alex Major: seems like it has the potential to be subjective and open to bias.

Will Powell: Our practice at CMS is that if we have 4 kids from a school, we put them on their own relay; I turn in CMS registrations but also Holy Rosary as their own team (since they have 4+ swimmers).

Shawn Daniels: Motion that CMS fall in line with the rest of MTHSSA's co-op rule (team defined as 4 boys OR 4 girls from the same county).

For: 23, Against: 5. Motion passes.

Clarification that co-ops should be named as SCHOOL 1- SCHOOL 2:

"Oakland-Siegel-Blackman."

VI. New Business:

a. MS Region Meet Invite Notes.

We received one bid from NAC.

AMENDMENTS/CHANGES TO THE MS MEET INVITE:

- 1) The 5-minute breaks are only happening in finals, not in the prelims timeline. (Except last year, there actually *was* a break; either way, let's do what the meet invite says.)
- 2) Delete section about registering for MTHSSA at the same time as Region meet entries are submitted (as per the new registration deadlines, December 3 and January 3).

-Strike the word "individual" from the "prelim-final" section on back of first page under "Swimming Format." – should say "all events" b/c relays are also swum as prelims-finals.

- 3) Second paragraph – clarify that there are consolation and championship finals for all individual events EXCEPT the 500 freestyle.

- 4) Relays: Prelim-Final (top 8 swim at night)
500 freestyle: timed final (fastest 8 seeds swum at night)
All other individual events: prelim-final (top 16 swim at night)
All events scored through 16th place.

We'll have have three WU sessions of 25 minutes each.

Motion, second. Amendment passes.

- b. **Father Ryan Relay Meet:** Saturday, November 9 at Sportsplex. This is for both MS and HS teams, and includes diving. Cost is \$100. per team. Will Powell (MS) (swimmerpowell@gmail.com), Shannon Philbin , coachshan@aol.com, (HS) are meet contacts. Includes championship team trophy for MS and HS team winners.

LaVergne MS Invitational Dates (hosted by LaVergne HS).

There is no cost to teams. Jeremy Stansbury (stansburyj@rcschools.net) is our meet contact. All include ribbons/awards.

- Saturday, November 2
- Saturday, November 9
- Saturday, December 7
- Saturday, December 14
- Thursday, January 9
- Sunday, January 19 (*the day that MS Region meet entries are due*).

-Sewanee is hosting a MS Invitational on Saturday, November 16. There is a limit of 150 swimmers. Cost is per event - \$8 per individual, \$4 per swimmers, \$12 per relay.

Naomi Kitahara—contact for Ensworth meet (sunsetmiddleswim@gmail.com) AND kitaharan@ensworth.com to find out date.

-MTSC Invitational is Saturday, October 26: Fees are \$6 individual, \$6/swimmer, \$12/relay, Ribbons!!!

-Excel Aquatics MS Invite: is December 14.

**MTHSSA Fall 2019 Minutes
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High School Coaches, 11:00 AM**

I. Welcome from Polly Linden.

II. Attendance: Battleground Academy HS, Blackman HS, Brentwood HS, Brentwood Academy HS, Christ Presbyterian HS, Central Magnet HS, Coffee County HS, Cookeville HS, Columbia Academy HS, Cornersville HS, Davidson Academy HS, Ensworth HS, Forrest HS, Franklin Road Academy, Franklin County HS, Father Ryan HS, Fayetteville City HS, Franklin HS, Franklin Christian Academy HS, Gallatin HS, Harpeth Hall, Hendersonville HS, Hillsboro HS, Hume Fogg, Independence HS, Lipscomb Academy HS, MTHEA Makos, Marshall County HS, Maury County HS, Merrol Hyde Magnet, MLK HS, Mount Juliet HS, Muletown Rec, Nolensville HS, Oakland HS, Page HS, Pope John Paul II HS, Portland HS, Ravenwood HS, Rockville HS, Siegel HS, Spring Hill HS, St. Andrews Sewanee HS, St. Cecilia Academy, Station Camp HS, Stewarts Creek HS, Summit HS, Tullahoma HS, Upperman HS, University School of Nashville HS, Westmoreland HS, Wilson Central HS, Zion Christian Academy,

III. Adoption of Minutes from Spring 2019 Meeting. Minutes were approved without correction.

IV. Reports from officers:

a. Alex Major, President:

New registration deadlines (12/3, 1/3 for early/late deadlines; after 1/3, no registrations are accepted)

b. Justin Karpinos, Secretary

-New region time standards (26.49 for boys' 50 free, 29.99 for girls' 50 free)

-New divisional alignments and framework

-lack of clarity regarding relay-only swimmers at HS Regions.

c. Polly Linden, Treasurer:

The current balance in MTHSSA balance is \$20,134.88.

V. Elections (to include nominations from the floor).

a. President.

b. Vice President (normally 2020, but position is vacant)

c. Secretary.

d. Rules & Regs Chairperson (currently vacant).

- President – Alex Major nominated, confirmed.
- Vice-President – Colin Faris nominated, confirmed.
- Secretary – Justin Karpinos nominated, confirmed.
- Rules & Regulations Chair – Pat Killian and Shannon Philbin nominated. Pat withdraws from consideration. Shannon Philbin is confirmed.

VI. Presentation and Approval of Annual Budget:

- a. Motion to purchase a new banner/photo backdrop for HS Region Meet that is not year-specific. **Motion passes.**
- b. Motion to cap ticket costs at \$10/swimmer for banquet, w/ MTHSSA covering the difference. Second. **Motion passes.**
- c. Starting Console “scholarship” question: could MTHSSA help subsidize the purchase of starting systems for pools who can host meets but lack a starting platform?

Concerns about MTHSSA getting into the business of equipment management/storage – what happens if it gets broken or lost? What if multiple teams need it? How do we get it from one team to the next?

- Lottery System
- provide evidence of need
- limit to one per year

Dawn Van Ryckeghem: mentions that certain counties or facilities (like WISC) could benefit multiple teams, since they host lots of teams.

Polly Linden: idea that we could purchase multiples in our first year, and one per year moving forward;

Motion to provide a lottery for starting consoles (in year 1, purchase three consoles, and one console per year thereafter; previous recipients would be excluded from future years).

Discussion.

Teams that express a need for starting consoles include:

- Hume-Fogg/MLK/HHS @ Pearl Cohn HS.
- Stewarts Creek @ Smyrna HS
- Summit HS @ WISC.
- Nolensville HS @ WISC.

- Page @WISC.
- Brentwood HS @ WISC.
- Franklin Co. HS @ Winchester Swimplex.
- Siegel HS @ Oakland HS pool.
- ALL Division II teams swim @ Muletown Rec.

New proposal from Jordan Brown, Page HS:

- Six units will be purchased and distributed to facilities and teams in need of starting consoles.*
- Teams will use the starters owned by MTHSSA at the discretion of MTHSSA for the duration of the season, as decided by the board.*
- Funds will be allocated to purchase or maintain units on an annual basis.*

Call to question. Motion passes as written.

VII. New Business

a. HS Region Meet Bid.

- registration deadlines are now 12/3 and 1/3, not 12/4 and January 4.
- Question about warmups. These should be three sessions of 25 minutes each.
- Friday, January 24 (diving is Thursday, January 23).
- Question about relay-only swimmers. At the State level this is governed strictly (max of 2 relay only swimmers per relay who swim on "A" relays only) ; presently at the Region meet, it's undefined.

Discussion, and several failed proposals.

New proposal: ANY relay ("A" or "B") entered must have at least one-region qualifier. B relays no longer need to be composed of all qualifiers.

For: 32

Against: very few.

Motion passes. This will be reflected in the meet information.

Vote on the meet proposal w/ changes.

Approved.

- b. **FRHS Relay Meet.** Saturday, November 9 at Sportsplex. This is for both MS and HS teams, and includes diving. Cost is \$100. per team. Will Powell (MS) (swimmerpowell@gmail.com), Shannon Philbin , coachshan@aol.com, (HS) are meet contacts. Includes championship team trophy for MS and HS team winners.
- c. **Sewanee Snowball Invite is Saturday, January 11.**
- d. **LaVergne HS:** hosting a free last chance meet on January 18, that starts at 2:00 PM. Qualifying times will be 2 seconds slower than the Region Q time; anyone with faster than Region Q times will NOT be allowed to swim. Contact: Jeremy Stansbury (stansburyj@rcschools.net).

VIII. Division Alignment:

-Voting on JP2 staying in Division 7 for this season.

-Passes.

-Voting on USN staying in Division 5.

-Passes.

-Voting on HFA staying in Division 5.

-Passes.

A clarification that homeschool athletes attached to a public team NEED to be part of the team they are zoned for. It's the responsibility of the public school team to verify the eligibility -- swimmers must swim for the school they are zoned for if they are representing a public school team.

-We need to publish SCM time standards for Regions, based on the NFHS rule book (NOT Hytek or SwimSwam or any other conversion systemn)

Christian Bahr: Ensworth is interested in hosting a HS diving program in the evenings.

IX. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Karpinos