

**MTHSSA Fall Meeting**  
**August 28, 2021 9:00 a.m.**  
via Zoom

Members present: Brittany Johnson (PCA), Kyndal Wagner (Central Magnet), April Milstead (Rockvale), Angel Harmon (Zion Christian), Allie Keane (Blackman MS), Skyler Finlay/April Parker (Hume Fogg), Jacob Madden (Harding Academy), Josh Tinley (Green Hill HS), Daun Lutz (Ravenwood), Karla Gencauski (Battle Creek MS), Tracy Rickstrew (Homeschool Makos), Rob Eidmiller (Blackman HS), Jessica Bennett (Rockvale MS), Erica Slocum (Blackman HS), Jim Champman (Brentwood Academy), Kathy Kerchief (Immaculate Conception MS), Matt Pierucki (Lebanon), Sean Shockey (Providence Christian Academy), Susan Farmer (Tullahoma), Theresa Swanson (Goodpasture), Angela Dealy (Brentwood MS), Laura Camacho (GCA Franklin), Liza Zach (Harpeth Hall Middle), Laura Carrico (Woodland Middle/Ravenwood), Carson Clanton (Columbia Central Homeschool), Tim/Connie Henschel (Freedom Middle), Nate Schwab (Legacy Middle), Drew Brewer (Oakland MS), Hayley Beehn (Page HS), Marion Knoll (St Andrews/Sewanee), Brian Williams (HCHS), Shannon Philbin (Catholic MS), Skyler Finley (Meigs MS), Beth Rivers (Legacy MS), Carrie Travis (Spring Station MS), Jacqui Wright (Heritage Christian Academy), Jenny Malone (Cookeville/Upperman), Jeff Borne (Marshall County), Ragan Hardy (Siegel HS), Robert Mills (Lincoln Co), Sara McCormick/Lori Frame (Fayetteville), April Boshers (Mt Juliet MS), Megan Osborne (Page MS), Jilly Clarke (Nolensville), John Heller (Central Magnet), Nan Long (St Andrews/Sewanee), Shannon Cook (Nolensville), Shawn Daniels (Grace Academy), Jeremy Stansbury (LaVergne), Colin Faris (Centennial), Melanie Huffhines (Franklin County), Hadley McCrary (JP II), Shannon Philbin (Father Ryan), Tim Jones (Mid TN Diving), Millie Recalde (Agatha HS/MS), Tim Raab (Brentwood High), Maureen Kolton (Freedom), Savannah Carpenter (FCA), Polly Linden (Harpeth Hall), Royce Russell (Spring Hill), Jessica Horne (Grassland MS), Charles McGowan (Mount Juliet HS/West Wilson MS), Carrie Vaughan (Summit/Independence/Spring Station MS), Becky Behrendorff (Coffee Co HS/MS/Westwood MS), Shannon Cook (Mill Creek), Alex Major (Wilson Central), Ellen Crosby (USN)

**Reading/Adoption of Spring Minutes**

**Reports of Officers**

- Alex Major, President: Requests feedback about accommodations that may need to be made re: COVID. Reports that Region meet likely will return to normal. Colin Faris will be leaving to take a job in Louisville.  
Re: Middle School Championship Meet, NAC proposed dropping all times but board felt that dropping only the 50 free would be a more effective way to reduce the number of people on deck. Board also recommended eliminating B relays. Warm-ups start at 7:30, meet begins at 9:00. Question about whether 400 free relay would be prelim-finals or timed final with the top 8 seeds swimming in the evening.
- Drew Brewer, MS Rep: Not a lot went on last season. Not many were able to host. This year should be mostly back to normal. MS Championship meet should be Sat. Jan. 29 with a \$35 per swimmer fee and a new 50 free cut time, 35.99.  
Members posted hosted MS meets in the chat.

- Polly Linden, Treasurer: We spent no money last year, nor did we take any in. We're holding at \$17,000 in our account. We should resume taking up membership/registration dues this year. That info will go up on the website.
- Colin Faris, Vice President: Moving to Louisville to work with Cardinal Aquatics and University of Louisville swim team. Appreciates everyone in MTHSSA, wishes everyone luck.

### **Middle School Championship-Related Motions (Saturday January 29, Hosted by NAC)**

Motion to drop MS Championship time standard in 50 free by 1 second, Savannah Carpenter. Second, Jim Chapman. Motion passes overwhelmingly.

Membership unanimously in favor of beginning warm-ups at 7:30 a.m. at MS Championship.

Membership unanimously *not* in favor of swimming 400 free relay as timed final at MS Championship.

Motion to eliminate B Relays at MS Championship, Russ Dixon. Second, Pat Killian. Motion passes 27 (yes) to 7 (no)

Motion to accept \$35-per-athlete fee for MS Championship, Savannah Carpenter. Jessica Bennett, second. Motion passes unanimously.

Jim Chapman moves to adjourn MS meeting; Pat Killian seconds. Motion passes.

### **High School Region Meet, Friday January 28. (Hosted by Excel.)**

Should be the same format/cut times as 2020. Expect fee change (hopefully not \$35).

Previous fees: \$4 individual swimming event; \$12 per diver; \$12 per relay; \$10 surcharge per athlete.

Motion to accept \$30-per-athlete flat fee cap for HS Region Meet, Rob Philbin. Savannah Carpenter, second. Motion passes overwhelmingly. Will bring back to membership if fee comes in greater than \$30 per athlete.

### **MTHSSA President Nominations**

Josh Tinley, Jacqui Wright (HCA) nominated

Pat Killian, Jim Chapman (BA) nominated; Pat turns it down

Josh wins the vote unanimously

### **MTHSSA Vice President Nominations**

Pat Killian, Polly Linden (Harpeth Hall) nominated

Pat wins the vote unanimously

### **Discussion of Divisions**

Savannah Carpenter mentioned that FRA doesn't currently have practice space.

Jeremy Stansbury: Advocates doing one more year without divisions, mentions forfeited athletic events in Rutherford Co.

Energy in the chat for taking another year off of divisions.

Uniform agreement for putting a hold on divisions for another year.

### **Discussion About End-of-Season Banquet**

Pat Killian: MBA could host the banquet in its dining hall, and would be happy to do so.

Brentwood Academy: Also a possibility as a host.

Hume Fogg: Would love to have the banquet, has concerns about COVID/where things will be in February/March.

Possible work-around: Video acceptance speeches/Zoom access

Could be a non-meal-serving event

Boxed meal format?

School policies may not allow athletes to attend if food is served or if attendees are unmasked

Majority in favor of an in-person banquet or end-of-season recognition event

### **Discussion of Registration Fees**

Polly Linden: comfortable with no dues this season

Hume Fogg: suggestion that MTHSSA host an invitational meet, subsidize high school invites; Alex Major: We would need to go through a club to get enough volunteers to run it.

Suggestion of purchasing another starter system/timing console as a back-up for championship meet.

Polly Linden: most of banquet costs associated with division awards

Fees: \$ per swimmer/\$25 fine for missing deadline

Deadline for dues likely around January 1

**Other**

Motion to congratulate Alex and Colin on their service.

Motion to allow exhibition relays at the Region meet made up of swimmers from different schools (for teams with fewer than four swimmers in one gender), Skyler Finley. Second, Royce Russell. 24 no/11 yes. Motion fails.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, Savannah Carpenter. Second, Shannon Philbin.

Motion to adjourn, Colin Faris. Second, Matt Pierucki.

Motion passes unanimously.