

MTWOA Board Meeting Minutes Date: Sunday, July 20, 2025

Time: 7:02 PM CDT **Location:** Virtual (Google Meet)

Presiding Officer: President David Davenport

Note-Taking Support: Automated AI (Gemini)

I. Call to Order President David Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM CDT.

II. Roll Call (Attendance) Present:

- David Davenport (President)
- Ben Smitherman (Vice President)
- Eric Ward (Secretary)
- Mike Arnold (Assigner)
- Wes McGaffin (Treasurer)

Not Present:

- Barry (Excused)
- Stephen Petricca

A quorum was declared.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes President Davenport stated the minutes were previously sent out. Mike made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Eric Ward and approved unanimously.

IV. Reports of Officers

A. President's Report (David Davenport)

- Noted the need to communicate with Jeremiah and Jake Lowry regarding assistance, specifically for social activities, and helping Stephen Petricca.
- Proposed finalizing the August training schedule for distribution to the membership.

B. Vice President's Report (Ben Smitherman)

- Admitted to not having made much progress in the last month, but committed to contacting Hedges and Kramer to ensure grand championship plans remain in place.

C. Assigner's Report (Mike Arnold)

- Provided an update on pushing out schedules and sending notes to athletic directors and coaches.
- Mentioned a conflict with Benji trying to host a tournament the same weekend as Slamfest, and that 'Page' is also trying to schedule an event at the same time.
- Noted, very weak registration for officials.

- David - Questioned the necessity of a perk for board members whose registration is paid.
- Informed the group that Adrian is the new coach at Dixon County High School and is no longer officiating.
- Stated Tom Hston is the new coach at Clarksville, and Sycamore still has a vacant coaching position.

D. Secretary's Report (Eric Ward)

- Committed to working with Stephen offline to handle technical aspects like a shared drive and Facebook account before the next meeting.

E. Treasurer's Report (Wes McGaffin)

- Reported the current balance as \$22,563.35.
- Noted recent transactions, including \$500 to Seagull for Junior Nationals and \$81.94 for flowers.
- Was advised to obtain a receipt for the flower purchase for audit purposes.
- Inquired about outstanding checks or bills for the summer.
- Was advised by David to review previous summer bank statements for recurring expenses.

V. Old Business

- **Recognition Programs:** Eric Ward reminded the group of previous discussions on recognition programs (challenge coins, wristbands, service milestones) and input to the Dream Team banquet and awards.
- **Fellowship Opportunity:** The group revisited the idea of a fellowship opportunity at Mike's house, confirmed for September 20th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, inviting officials and their families but not coaches.

VI. New Business

- **Grand Championship Setup:** Ben Smitherman shared that Hedges is preparing a document and mentioned that this year is a home basketball game year at Wilson, requiring planning around setup for the grand championships.
- **Hall of Fame Donations:** Mike clarified that donations to the Hall of Fame typically occur during the grand championships.
- **Officials at Harpath High School:** Mike confirmed that officials were present at Harpath High School but were not TSSAA-affiliated.

VII. Announcements

- The next meeting was scheduled for August 3rd at 7:00 PM.

VIII. Adjournment David Davenport entertained a motion to close the meeting at 7:22 PM. The motion was moved by Ben Smitherman and seconded by Mike, and approved unanimously.

IX. Action Items Summary

- **Eric Ward:**
 - Get with Stephen offline to ensure the technical side, including a shared drive and Facebook account, is handled before the next meeting.
 - Send out a calendar invite as a placeholder for the September 20th pool party at Mike's house.
- **David Davenport:**
 - Send an email to Mike regarding the season kickoff pool party in Clarksville, requesting a headcount by September 10th or 15th.
 - Follow up to see if he has Hedges' checklist.
 - Come together with Ben Smitherman and Wes McGaffin to establish a budget for the next meeting.
- **Wes McGaffin:**
 - Review last summer's bank account activity to identify recurring expenses for budget planning.
- **Ben Smitherman:**
 - Reach out to Hedges and Kramer to ensure everything in place stays in place, starting with the Scheduler.
 - Come together with David Davenport and Wes McGaffin to establish a budget for the next meeting.