

# MTWOA Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 18, 2026

**Time:** 7:30 PM CST – 8:15 PM CST

**Location:** Virtual (Google Meet)

**Presiding Officer:** David Davenport, President

**Recording Secretary:** Eric Ward

**Note-Taking Support:** Audio Transcript Review and AI-Assisted Formatting

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## I. Call to Order

President David Davenport called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Informal discussion occurred regarding current golf tournament registrations and recent activities before the official business discussion began.

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## II. Roll Call (Attendance)

### Present

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

### Not Present

- Mike Arnold
- Barry Clark
- Stephen Petricca

A quorum was present.

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### **III. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approval of prior meeting minutes was deferred until the next scheduled board meeting.

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### **IV. Reports of Officers**

#### **A. President's Report – David Davenport**

- Provided an update regarding George's recent medical condition and recovery progress following a stroke-related event. Reported that recovery is progressing positively, though ongoing balance and vision-related symptoms remain.
- Discussed current registration status for the upcoming MTWOA Golf Tournament. At the time of the meeting, approximately five teams had registered or committed.
- Reported ongoing efforts to secure additional participation and sponsorship support for the golf tournament.
- Discussed purchasing tournament prizes and coordinating sponsorship-related items.
- Provided an update regarding development of a referee assessment/evaluation program. Discussion included terminology, evaluation standards, and potential training for evaluators.
- Noted ongoing collaboration with senior officials regarding evaluation rubrics and future implementation.

#### **B. Treasurer's Report – Wes McGaffin**

- Reported progress on required IRS nonprofit filing documentation.
- Confirmed the filing process is substantially complete pending final submission.
- Participated in discussion regarding golf tournament sponsorship structures, prize support, and event financial considerations.

#### **C. Secretary's Report – Eric Ward**

- Provided an update regarding MTWOA promotional outreach conducted during a recent car show fundraiser event.
- Reported that flyers were distributed to attendees to help promote MTWOA activities and the golf tournament.
- Participated in discussion regarding future tournament-hosting possibilities and facility options.

#### **D. Vice President's Report – Ben Smitherman**

- Reported that Wilson Central informed MTWOA they will no longer host the MTWOA Championships.
  - Shared and reviewed communication received from Wilson Central administration citing facility capacity, safety concerns, and operational limitations.
  - Discussed possible alternative tournament-hosting models, including:
    - Splitting divisions across multiple facilities
    - Utilizing separate venues for girls, JV, and freshman divisions
    - Exploring schools with expanded gymnasium and auxiliary space capacity
  - Discussed several potential host sites including Green Hill, Mount Juliet, Page, Lebanon, Nolensville, MBA, and other regional facilities.
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## **V. Old Business**

### **A. MTWOA Golf Tournament**

- Continued planning discussion for the upcoming golf tournament fundraiser.
- Board discussed:
  - Minimum participation thresholds
  - Sponsorship opportunities
  - Prize procurement
  - Tournament format flexibility depending on team count
  - Potential scheduling and golf course coordination considerations
- Board agreed additional review would occur approximately two weeks prior to the event in order to determine whether modifications or cancellation would be necessary.

### **B. Official Evaluation Program**

- Continued discussion regarding development of a referee evaluation and mentorship structure.
  - Board discussed terminology options such as “assessors,” “evaluators,” and “mentors.”
  - Preliminary planning for evaluator training and grading rubrics remains ongoing.
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## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Loss of Wilson Central as Championship Host Site**

- Board conducted extensive discussion regarding replacement host-site options for future MTWOA Championship events.
- Discussion topics included:

- Facility capacity requirements
  - Number of mats needed
  - Seating and spectator management
  - Concessions and operational logistics
  - Staffing and setup responsibilities
  - Revenue-sharing considerations
  - Possibility of distributing divisions across multiple locations
- Board members discussed creating a formal hosting proposal outlining tournament requirements and financial considerations for interested schools.
- Consensus favored initially contacting Green Hill and Mount Juliet regarding hosting interest before broader outreach.

## **B. Future Tournament Hosting Proposal**

- David Davenport agreed to prepare a draft proposal document outlining:
    - Facility expectations
    - Mat capacity requirements
    - Seating and operational needs
    - Concession expectations
    - Financial considerations
  - Proposal will be circulated among board members prior to external distribution.
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## **VII. Announcements**

- The board discussed rescheduling the next board meeting in order to review golf tournament participation numbers and make final operational decisions.
  - Tentative next meeting date established for Tuesday, June 2, 2026, with flexibility for adjustment if necessary.
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## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded following final discussion regarding scheduling and tournament planning.

No formal motions were recorded during this meeting.

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## **IX. Action Items Summary**

- **David Davenport:** Draft and circulate championship-hosting proposal for interested schools.
  - **David Davenport:** Continue golf tournament sponsorship and participation outreach.
  - **Ben Smitherman & David Davenport:** Continue development of official evaluation program structure and training concepts.
  - **Eric Ward:** Assist with outreach regarding potential championship host facilities.
  - **Board Members:** Identify and evaluate potential future championship host sites.
  - **Wes McGaffin:** Finalize nonprofit filing submission.
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