**MTHSSA SPRING MEETING: APRIL 12, 2014**

Members Present: Father Ryan, Ravenwood, Franklin, Madison Academy, Merrol Hyde, Station Camp, Franklin County, Lebanon, Watertown, Friendship Christian, Mt. Juliet Christian, Wilson Central, Smyrna, MBA, Stewarts Creek, Blackman, Central magnet, Spring Hill, Zion Academy, Coffee Co, SCA, Brentwood, Page, Makos, BGA, Oakland, HH, Ensworth, BA

Polly Linen, MTHSSA Treasurer, reminded everyone that the dues for the 2014 – 2015 season will be $2 per swimmer and $10 per team. Each roster should be submitted via Hy-Tek or Hy-Tek lite. MTHSSA will only accept ONE check for dues.

Minutes from the 2013 Fall Meeting were approved as written. Nichole Harvey moved to accept.

Discussion Items:

1. The revised By-Laws will be posted by June 1, 2014 so membership will be able to be familiar with updates and vote on them at the Fall meeting.
2. Membership is encouraged to utilize the MTHSSA web site to post any questions or issues prior to meetings.
3. MTHSSA will pursue non-profit status. Membership is asked to give suggestions as to a name of any tax attorney who might help pro bono .
4. MTHSSA Banquet: The Banquet was a big success and everyone seemed to enjoy the banquet at Richland CC. We will always need volunteers to help in planning this annual event.
5. Carol Carr is now with Boost FitClub. The Pool is located in West Nashville on Vaughns Gap Road. The pool is 25 meters, has 6 competition lanes and will be heated and covered from October thru April. She is reaching out to any school interested in practicing at the facility.
6. The TSU Gentry Center Pool is closed for the time being as the facility is being re-evaluated by TSU. More information at the Fall meeting.
7. Middle School: Motion to separate Middle School from High School Umbrella. Failed

Further discussion:

Middle School should have same rules as high school so there is consistency over the possible eight years of competition.

Many coaches would like to see dual meets within possible Middle School divisions.

Several Middle School teams are in the Harpeth Valley Athletic Association (Private Schools only)

Currently there are over 90 Middle School teams and 650 swimmers.

MTHSSA By-Laws do not include any specific guidelines for Middle School Swimming.

Motion made for Middle School to take six (6) months to define Middle School and give suggestions as to how Middle School should be governed, funds separated, separate board.

Middle School Swimming will be further discussed at the Fall meeting.

1. Dennis McEwen has moved out of the Nashville area and Shantel Perry agreed to take over duties of Vice President until a new VP can be elected in the Fall.
2. MTHSSA has guidelines set up to place teams in divisions for each season. Once this occurs, membership always wishes to change placement for various reasons. Going forward, divisions will be posted on the MTHSSA Web Page after the Spring Meeting and membership will have 60 days to comment on placement and possible restructure. Membership is also encouraged to e-mail MTHSSA President and Vice President with suggestions. It is important to remember that the suggestions for placement for the following season come from the Division Reps who are familiar with their division. Part of this philosophy is that it is very difficult to discuss division placement in a general meeting. Division reps and Board Members always try to balance each division.
3. Divisions were originally formulated so that the smaller teams would receive recognition at the conclusion of each season. The system will never be perfect and membership needs to remember that we are the only Region in the State of Tennessee who has divisions in place for the Dual Meet season to be able to recognize as many teams as possible for a job well done at the end of each Dual Meet season.
4. At Fall Meeting, membership needs to establish a policy for any team who will not swim all teams in their Division. Standard guideline is that any team refusing to swim all teams in their division will be ineligible to receive any Division Awards at the conclusion of the season. This guideline has been in place for quite a few years.

Dates to Remember:

August 23, 2014 MTHSSA Fall Meeting at Brentwood Academy

September \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 TISCA Fall Meeting – Site TBA/Coaches Training Session

 November 6 or 7, 2014 Fighting Irish Relay Invitational (Tentative)

 (Want to discuss possibility of separate HS/MS Meet)

 December \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 Excel Middle School Invitational

 December \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 Williamson County Championships

 January \_\_\_, 2015 Excel High School Invitational

January \_\_\_ 2015 Rutherford County Championships

 January 30, 2015 MTHSSA High School Region Championship

January 31, 2015 MTHSSA Middle School Championship

 February 13, & 14, 2015 State Championship –Knoxville

Fall Meeting: August 23, 2014 @ 9 am Brentwood Academy

Respectfully Submitted

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