

MHSAA Board Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2020

The Madison High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) held its 2nd Board Meeting of 2020 on June 9th. This was a "ZOOM" meeting, set up by Bob Smith (MHS '58). The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Rick Pharris (MHS '75). Also present were Vice-President Roy Jones (MHS '67), Secretary Jerry Armour (MHS '66), Tim Watrous (MHS'57) and Bob Smith (MHS '58).

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting:

Secretary Jerry Armour read the minutes of the prior meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gale Andrews reported that, currently, the Association has \$1,831.73 in its General Fund and \$14,976.97 in its Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Committee:

Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Armour reported that the Committee received 5 applications this year, and that all of them were impressive. The Committee interviewed all five applicants and agreed to give them all scholarships.

Scholarship Recipients for 2020 are:

Christopher Allard Bayne

- From Ooltewah High School
- Grandson of Judy Durham Sanders (MHS Class of '66)
- Attending Bryan College
- Majoring in Education

Timothy Jordan Watrous

- From LaVergne High School
- Son of Michael Watrous (MHS Class of '85); and,
- Grandson of Tim Watrous (MHS Class of '57)
- Attending Trevecca Nazarene University
- Majoring in Computer Science

Caroline Grace Parks

- From Goodpasture Christian School
- Granddaughter of James Perkinson (MHS Class of '59)
- Attending Lipscomb University
- Majoring in Pre-Law

*Brian James Stinson

- From Hendersonville High School
- Grandson of Dan Stinson (MHS Class of '60)
- Grandson of Emily (Litton) Stinson (MHS Class of '63)
- Attending Martin Methodist College
- Majoring in Education

Colton Clint Jones

- From Robertson County Virtual School
- Son of Teresa (Street) Jones (MHS Class of '80)
- Attending Pepperdine University
- Majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications

* Brian James Stinson was the recipient of the Bill (Bull) Cartwright Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Cartwright Family (Bob (MHS '65), Jim (MHS '69) and Rose (MHS '70)).

Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500.00. Two scholarship recipients (Caroline Grace Parks and Brian James Stinson) have already enrolled and their checks have been mailed. At the time of this meeting, none of the checks have been cashed by the recipients' respective universities.

Jerry expressed gratitude to the other members of the Scholarship Committee: Gale Andrews, Tim Watrous, and Bob Smith.

2020 MHSAA Golf Tournament Committee:

The 2020 MHSAA Golf Tournament will be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Golf Tournament Committee [Cathy Dunn Wedekind (MHS '69), Debbie Locke (MHS '69), Roy Jones and Rick Pharris] reported that they will be meeting soon to plan next year's tournament. There was some talk of joining with DuPont's Alumni Association to hold a "Madison-DuPont Golf Challenge" in 2021.

2020 MHSAA All-Class Reunion Committee:

The 2020 MHSAA All-Class Reunion will also be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There was some interest in having our next "All-Class Reunion" off-campus.

New Business:

■ Exploration of The Establishment of an MHSAA Trust
Recognizing there may come a time when the Alumni Association might wish to dissolve the organization (due to an aging membership/lack of interest/etc.), the Board agreed to ask for legal advice as to how this might be done, including (1) exploring the decision whether to establish a trust, (2) establishing a process to select an administrator, (3) determining what documents would be needed, etc. At least two concerns were identified as being especially in need of consideration: (1) Provision of a person/system to oversee dispersion of Alumni Scholarships; and, (2) Provision to provide proper storage of memorabilia.

President Rick Pharris reported he has contacted attorney John Reynolds (MHS '64) to help with these decisions, but hasn't yet received a reply. The Board approved contacting John again and, if he is not available, to pursue other attorneys having connections to Madison High.

Jerry Armour announced an offer from an experienced trust advisor from his financial planning team, who offered to help us with the trust process on a "no fee" basis. Jerry said the advisor would be willing to meet with the Board and our legal representative to help develop a solid, well thought-out document. The Board approved meeting with the trust advisor.

All Board members wished to go on record that we certainly hope that the dissolution, if/when it occurs, will be far into the future. The Board also cited the need for some of the younger alumni (i.e., MHS classes from the late 70s through the 80s) to step into more active roles and leadership positions in MHSAA.

■ Email, Newsletter, and Other Communication with Members
In an effort to increase membership, participation and donations, MHSAA's Board agreed that greater communication with Madison High alumni is needed. It was agreed that the Association will publish a newsletter (Ram Page format) twice/year. Tim Watrous and Jerry Armour agreed to provide copy for the newsletter. Other alumni were also listed as possible writers/editors for the project.

Alumni e-mails would also be another method used to announce the ZOOM Board Meetings, upcoming events, news, etc. The Board approved pursuing business sponsorships to help with the costs associated with the communication efforts.

■ Plea for MHSAA Donations

Bob Smith motioned that, common to all forms of alumni communication, there be a direct plea for donations to help cover the lack of funds raised this year due to pandemic cancellations of the Golf Tournament and All-Class Reunion. Both of these events are primary sources of funds for scholarships. Bob suggested the inclusion of wording to the effect, "MHSAA urges your generosity in these difficult times, so that our scholarship students are not hindered in pursuing their educations." The Board approved the motion. Along with the pleas for donations from alumni, it was also agreed that we would seek corporate (Kroger, Dollar General, etc.) donations as well.

■ Recording of All Meetings

The Board voted to record all meetings going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. MHSAA's next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will again be held via "ZOOM."

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Armour (MHS '66), MHSAA Secretary