



Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame
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Minutes
Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Meeting – Subcommittee Nomination Middle
December 18, 2023

The Middle Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (“TNSHOF”) met this day at 2:00 PM CT for a meeting, with a physical location at 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 13th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243 and hosted via WebEx with available call-in numbers. Notice being given seven (7) days prior on the TNSHOF website and Facebook page. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM CT by Ezell. Roll was called and a quorum was established, with the following members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT¹

Lisa Campbell
Mark Ezell
Shan Foster
Ammon Hitchcock
Brad Lampley²
Candice Lee
Chris Massaro

GUESTS PRESENT

Alicia Widrig, Department of Tourist Development/Attorney & Secretary to SHOF
Brad Willis, TNSHoF, Executive Director
Bob Carlton, on behalf of Thay Butchee
Ron Bolinger, on behalf of Jack Elder
Elizabeth Foss, on behalf of Amy McClain Joyner

AGENDA

Welcome, Ezell

Ezell, Real honor to be debating, vetting and choosing middle Tennessee nominations.

Housekeeping, Widrig

- Widrig, asked if any guests were on the call that may wish to be recognized. Several guests were present, and directed that they would be given the opportunity to address the subcommittee for five (5) minutes following conclusion of housekeeping.

¹ All members were present via telephone.

² Lampley joined the call at 2:10 PM CT.

- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-108(a)(d), the determination of necessity for conducting the TNSHOF Middle Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee meeting electronically was read into the record and rendered as essential in order to determine selections for the 2024 Class of the TNSHOF for presentation to the full board.
- Approved the December 21, 2022 Minutes of the TNSHOF Middle Tennessee Nomination Subcommittee without a reading, as the Minutes were provided to members in advance of the meeting. Motion, by Campbell with second by Massaro. No discussion. Roll call vote.

Lisa Campbell	Yes
Mark Ezell	Yes
Shan Foster	Yes
Ammon Hitchcock	Yes
Brad Lampley	
Candice Lee	Yes
Chris Massaro	Yes

Motion carries, Minutes approved.

Public Comment, Willis, Those wishing to speak on behalf of a candidate will be given five (5) minutes to address the subcommittee. This will be done alphabetically by candidate. Thrilled to have guests on the call and while this is a public meeting, Willis, requested that the subcommittee and guests refrain from disclosing the nominees in order to make special announcements for those that are selected.

1. Bob Carlton on behalf of Thay Butchee, Butchee is a fit for the Hall of Fame. While the package shows Butchee as a coach and professional he also had impact on students regarding sportsmanship. Thay was a nationally ranked player and he is responsible for hosting the National Juniors tournament.
2. Rob Bolinger on behalf of Jack Elder, When Elder become the Executive Director in 1971, brought program and built in 22 area programs across the state. Elder was in that position for 18 years until became the Special Olympics International SE Regional Coordinator. Elder worked with Enders family at Ober to start the Winter Games in 1986.
3. Elizabeth Foss on behalf of Amy McClain Joyner, While not born in TN, Joiner lived here her entire adult life. One of the first 6 to receive an international cheerleading award. Joiner has been acknowledged for her athletic accomplishments and community involvement.

Review of Nominees, Willis

1. Full List of Nominees, Willis, Will go through the full list of nominees and then give guests the opportunity to speak before the subcommittee moves onto deliberations. Thrilled to have guests on the call and they will each be given five (5) minutes to address the subcommittee. While this is a public meeting, Willis, requested that the subcommittee and guests refrain from disclosing the nominees in order to make special announcements for those that are selected.
 - Nominees for 2024:
 - Thay Butchee (tennis)
 - Scott Hamilton (figure skating/broadcaster)
 - Chris Johnson (football)

- Bruce “Buddy” Petway (posthumous, baseball)
- Pekka Rinne (ice hockey)
- Margaret “Babe” Holloran Settlers (posthumous, basketball)
- Ron Slay (basketball)
- Travis Stephens (football)
- Bessie Stockard (tennis, basketball, coach, admin.)
- Previous Nomination:
 - Jack Elder (administrator)
 - Wayne Garland (baseball)
 - Amy McClain Joyner (cheerleading)
 - Jean Patton Latimer (women’s track)
 - David Loos (basketball coaching/administration)
 - Jim Mitchell (posthumous, football)
 - John Pointer (football)
 - Malcolm P. “Mutt” Quillen (posthumous, football, baseball, basketball, track)
 - Lamar Rogers (coach)
 - Lee Fowler (basketball, coaching, administration)
 - Diane Turnham (administration)
 - Les Hunter (basketball)
 - Dr. Harriet Kimbro Hamilton (coach)
 - Walter Burgwyn McDade (racquetball)
 - Rudy Kalis (broadcaster)
 - Derrick Mason (football)
 - Stephen DeJuan “Bubba” Miller (football)
 - Jay Cole (basketball, track and coach)
 - Larry Latonia Fitzgerald (basketball, baseball)
 - Doug Matthews (football, coach)
 - Michael McKenry (baseball)
 - Tom Robinson (football, basketball coach)
 - Lonnie Sadler (posthumous, football)
 - Pete Weber (broadcaster, hockey)
 - Thomas Wilson (posthumous, baseball team owner)
 - Walter “Vic” Rouse (posthumous, basketball)
 - William Richard “Dick” Abernathy (posthumous, football)
 - William Earl Webb (posthumous, baseball)
- 2. Clarification on Nomination Date/Process, Willis, Process will work by narrowing the field to as many as seven (7), with two (2) candidates being preferred nominees and the remaining five (5) being at-large that will require the entire Board to vote on their candidacy.

Those are the Nominees up for consideration for 2024. Open for discussion on any candidates that anyone wishes to speak on or move forward for further consideration.

Discussion of Nominees and Questions

- Nomination Criteria, Willis, Provided update of East TN Regional Nomination Subcommittee discussion. Since this is a persisting issue, recommend Directors present proposals with their ideas to remedy the issue and present those proposals to Willis. Willis will then include the proposals on the Agenda. The full Board can then assign the

responsibility to the Nomination Committee to resolve. Willis will offer this same option during the remaining subcommittee meetings.

- Board members then went through the current and previous candidates along the biographies provided by Willis. They utilized a process whereby Members would move certain nominees forward for discussion until prepared to vote and discuss preferred versus at-large nominees.

Voting Process

- Motion, Campbell, move for Jean Patton Latimer and Thay Butchee to be the preferred candidates for the Middle TN Nomination subcommittee. Second from Lee. No further discussion. Moving to a roll call vote:

Lisa Campbell	Yes
Mark Ezell	Yes
Shan Foster	Yes
Ammon Hitchcock	Yes
Brad Lampley	Yes
Candice Lee	Yes
Chris Massaro	Yes

Motion carries.

- Motion, Lee, move Elder's nomination to the Nomination Committee for their consideration in presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award. Second by Massaro. No further discussion. Moving to a roll call vote.

Lisa Campbell	Yes
Mark Ezell	Yes
Shan Foster	Yes
Ammon Hitchcock	Yes
Brad Lampley	Yes
Candice Lee	Yes
Chris Massaro	Yes

Motion carries, added to the business of the Nomination Committee.

- Motion, Lampley, move to advance Pekka Rinne, Chris Johnson, Scott Hamilton, Dave Loos and Doug Matthews as state-wide candidates. Second by Hitchcock. No further discussion. Move to a roll call vote:

Lisa Campbell	Yes
Mark Ezell	Yes
Shan Foster	Yes
Ammon Hitchcock	Yes
Brad Lampley	Yes
Candice Lee	Yes
Chris Massaro	Yes

Motion carries, slate finalized to advance to full Board.

Review date for Full Board Meeting, Willis. Will reach out to the board members to get dates to continue the process. Appreciate time and effort today.

Closing Remarks, Ezell and Massaro, Happy holidays and thank you. **Motion**, Foster, as no further business motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Massaro. No further discussion, roll call vote:

Lisa Campbell	Yes
Mark Ezell	Yes
Shan Foster	Yes
Ammon Hitchcock	Yes
Brad Lampley	Yes
Candice Lee	Yes
Chris Massaro	Yes

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM CT.

Approved:

Dec. 16, 2024

Date



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