

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Doubletree Hotel, Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM

I. Call to order- R. Stolski

II. Attendance: Present: Claud Allaire; Jon Bakken; Jim Dotseth; John Gross; Beau LaBore; Paul Lemke; Dave Nelson; Dave Nigon; Gary Sloan; Ron Stolski; Rick Sutton; Will Wackman; & Jeff Weiland. **Absent:** Marc Bachman; Jeff Ferguson; Dave Fritze; & Flint Motschenbacher.; Scott Tschimperle

III. Approve 9/19/12 minutes **Approved**

IV. Additions/deletions to agenda

- **Victory Day – See VI-D**

V. Reports

A. Financial Report (Dotseth) **Approved**

- **Finances remain healthy. Revenue and expenses are similar to previous years.**

B. President's Project (Bakken)

- **MSHSL update:**
 - a. **The MSHSL has signed a 5 year contract with Spaulding, which means the official MSHSL ball is now a Spalding ball. Beginning with the state quarterfinals teams will be using a Spalding ball.**
 - b. **Section football is again being discussed. The request is coming from Southern MN – Blue Earth, St. James and others. The board will again give this consideration. Nothing will change in the next two years.**
 - c. **There is discussion about more clearly defining the number of quarters in which a player may participate in a given period of time.**
- **The scholarship project is going fine. Currently 3 or 4 applications. Draw will occur during the AS game. The player will only get the money only if they participate the next season. Applications are on-line.**
- **Rules changes: <http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=8507>**
- **AFCA convention was worthwhile. College coaches all over the place. Dick Vermeil talked about getting burned out. Strong emphasis on family.**

C. Ex. Director Report (Stolski)

- **Encouraged committee members to attend the National convention. Emphasis on family and not having regrets. Ron was in lengthy meeting with other exec directors...maybe 25. About a 4 hour meeting. Grant Taft wants the AFCA to be more than just college organization. Concerned about: 1. Recruiting influences down to junior high. 2 Summer contact variances. Minnesota probably only state with full contact practice. 3. Influence of AFCA – trying to get more high school coaches involved. MFCA is the only association that honors our HOF inductees at Waco.**
- **We want to send the president every year as well as other key people.**
- **We want to make today's meeting a meaningful meeting. Your role is a sounding board for other coaches.**

- Ex Dir role is to strengthen relationship with our partners.
- Other associations don't compare in terms of initiatives.
- Goal is to increase number of scholarships and camp outreach. Open to suggestions.
- Had a discussion with MSHSL as to whether or not we're relevant. Not being involved in the new ball contract may answer that.
- Spaulding got the bid. What are you going to do with the money? Is cost being considered on how this is going to affect local budgets?
- The Wilson contract involved a \$5,000 partnership with the MFCA.
- There is still discussion about 6A section football
- We have a good relationship with Coach Kill
- Concussion issue probably needs to be addressed with a small committee. Our voice needs to be included. Gary Sloan – Vikings equipment manager thinks concussions are related to poorly fitting helmets. Dave Nigon – A device is available to place on the helmet to monitor contact.
- We have a challenge is to engage our young leadership

D. Membership (Motchenbacher)

- Coaches are required to be members in order to have a player or coach award recognition.
- Continue to check with a coach if there is a discrepancy.
- Motion to maintain the membership policy currently in existence – coach must be a member within a reasonable time. Approved

E. Mr. Football (Sutton)

- Continue to make clear that the player needs to be nominated by the conference.
- 2012 changed to a breakfast banquet in order to fit the Viking schedule of a noon game. Candidates were introduced at halftime.

F. Scholarships (Wackman)

- March 15 deadline
- 12 scholarships
- Committee members need to be updated.

G. All-Star Game (Fritze)

- Teams have been selected
- North nomination numbers down so more Outstate players on the team
- 44 players on each team
- Practice at St. John's; Game on June 29th at St. Cloud State; 1:00 PM
- Goal is to reduce fee
- All-Star game coaches need to be selected soon... a 'special meeting of the All-star committee needs to be held. Suggestion to include more assistants

H. Hall of Fame (Tschimperle & Lemke)

- Paul spoke about a need to clarify eligibility. A motion was passed to continue the 15 year head coaching requirement. Eligibility for retired coaches is minimum 50 years old. Eligibility for active coaches is 30 years (15 as head).

I. Awards Committee (Dotseth)

- Will meet at 1:00 PM and select class and state coaches of the year. Also 8 Butch Nash award recipients.

J. Awards Banquet (Nelson)

- Sat, April 6th

K. Tackle Cancer (Nelson)

- \$120,000 was raised. Jeff Fergeson, Dave Nelson and Jeff Moritko attended the meeting where doctors made presentations for funding. Very impressive meeting.
- 140 schools were involved
- Coach Kill has committed to have the Western Illinois game be a tackle cancer game.
- Dave Nelson is meeting with MIAC coaches to encourage participation.
- Would like add more schools
- 33% of the funding in 2012 came from the MFCA.
- Randy would like to attend the MFC Clinic again this year.
- Schools participate on a volunteer basis.
- Look to include at the MFCA booth
- Meeting with the Gopher marketing department.
- Dave received special recognition; congratulations and applause from entire group for his leadership on the Tackle Cancer initiative.
- There will be a sign-up for 2013 at the MFCA booth at the MFC Clinic.

L. Recruiting Fair (Ferguson)

- Monday, May 6 at the Doubletree from 6 to 8 PM (this is a change.....we have moved it to Mon) hopefully it will be easier on coaches than Tues.
- Email me (jeff.ferguson@totinograce.org) to reserve a table
- Coaches can enter data from Feb 25 to Mar 8
- Flyers will be emailed to all HS head coaches in the next week.

M. MFC Clinic (Allaire)

- April 4-6. Similar to other years. Working with Gophers. They're committed to a big headliner
- Hal Mumme – the father of the spread offense is one of the speakers.
- Joe Lee Dunn – architect of the 33 stack defense
- Other details on the website:
http://www.mshsca.org/football/mfcclinic/Clinic_Index.htm
- Other highlights: MFCA social, FCA luncheon, conference reps meeting, business meeting, retired coaches social.
- Consensus that the "legends session at the Clinic was missed and is much appreciated; especially among the more experienced..... recommendation that the Clinic committee consider reinstating the session.

N. NFF (Nigon)

- AFCA vendor area is huge. Many of our vendors are present. Eight new vendors were added to the MFC Clinic..

- Two NFF \$1000 scholarships are funded by the MFCA. The spring banquet is on April 28 at St. Thomas.
- Contact sean@nffmn.org for membership

O. Retired Coaches (Gross)

- John is working on getting the word out about the retired coaches social at the MFC Clinic

P. Community Service (LaBore)

- Tough to get coaches to fill out the form.
- 4 of the 10 in the SEC conference are involved in community service, but don't fill out the form. Have resolved that some aren't going to fill out the form.
- Have 5 nominations for this year, but 3 have previously won before
- Stillwater has 1550 hours of community service last year.

Q. Concussion Awareness (Bachman) –

- 1st Vice President, Gary Sloan will make his presidents project.

R. Everything but X's & O's clinic (Weiland)

- About 100 in attendance
- A \$60 staff discount was added.
- Have had good feedback for 2014.
- Assistants as speakers is a future option.

V. Old Business

1. Awards (Nigon)

- The awards committee has updated the Service Awards:
 - a. 30 year award – acrylic plaque
 - b. 35 year award – MFCA logo watch
 - c. 40 year award – Crystal football & tee (etched)
 - d. 45 year award – Custom marble clock
 - e. 50 year award – \$500 flight voucher/resin football
 - f. 200 wins – Jade epic crystal award
 - g. 300 wins – Greenwich arrowhead crystal award
- Motion to accept the updated awards was approved

2. Poster/Calendar (Allaire)

- Will continue

3. Summer Football (Stolski)

- Survey isn't very thorough. Maybe have another survey as responsible professionals
- 72% interested in limiting summer contact
- Summer football... a suggestion was made to provide a survey in the clinic materials received by coaches at the MFCA clinic.

4. MFCA Documentary (Kirch)

- In a holding pattern. Bigger project than anyone imagined
- Committee comprised of members that are either too busy or too old. Possibly both
- Two 1/3 hour segments. Before playoff system and after playoff system

5. 6A Regions (Stolski)

- Possible have a 6A coaches meeting at the MFC Clinic

- No action taken on a 6A meeting, but some interest in scheduling one... may get more 6A coaches to attend. See New Business C. film exchange

VI. New Business

A. 2nd Vice President (3A, 1A, 4A, 2A, 6A, 9M, 5A).

- Tabled until May meeting

B. Co-Coaches (Dotseth)

- Currently co-coaches are not recognized for awards.....schools must select one.
- Motion passed to changed the policy and recognized both coaches.

C. Film Exchange (LaBore)

- Film exchange during the playoffs is a challenge – agenda for 6A meeting at the MFC Clinic
- A motion was passed to recommend to the MSHSL to allow qualifying schools that are on Hudl to have access to all games. It is believed that schools are getting access anyway.

D. Victory Day (Allaire)

- <http://www.victorydayfootball.com/>
- Victory Day in Trenton, MI is an event set up for cognitively and physically impaired children to have an opportunity to play football or cheer and have their "moment in the sun."
- Started by coach in Michigan
- Suggest association promote through website

Conference Reps Meeting: Friday, April 5, 2013 @ 7:30 AM – Doubletree

Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2013 @ 3:30 PM – Doubletree