

Minnesota Football Coaches Association

Spring Meeting, Friday, March 30th at the Doubletree at 7:30 AM

Officers

President	Jeff Weiland, Orono, 4A
First Vice President	Jon Bakken, WEM, 2A
Second Vice President	Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow, 9M
Past President	Paul Dunn, Springfield, 1A
Secretary-Treasurer	Jim Dotseth, Mpls
Executive Director	Ron Stolski, Brainerd

- I. Call to Order - President Jeff Weiland, Orono
Guest: Sgt. Richard Gore, MN Army Nat'l Guard – High School Player Development. All MN Army Nat'l Guard events: Rock wall; obstacle course; leadership; conflict resolution. Send Name, school and e-mail to richard.gore@us.army.mil. Visit: <http://www.nationalguard.com/>
Wilson Edwards, AAU – 2012 Youth Football Championship, premiere preseason event for grades 3-8. http://image.aausports.org/sports/football/pdf/09MN_Flyer_FINAL.pdf July 29-August 5th. Wilson@maoso.biz 612-386-3795. Early Bird Fee: **\$200 or \$300 after June 1st**.
Randy Shaver KARE-TV with “Tackle Cancer” – The MFCA and the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund have partnered for the 2012 football season. The mission of the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund is to support the cancer community in Minnesota by funding research, prevention, treatment and other programs relating to the cancer community's needs. September is “Tackle Cancer Month” for MN HS Football teams. 1.) choose a home game or games in September; 2.) Collect donations at the gate; 3.) Team that raises the highest amount (per student enrollment) will be featured on KARE 11 Sports in October; 4) More details will be mailed to head coaches in May.
- II. Approval of minutes from fall meeting - APPROVED
- III. Additions/deletions to agenda – NONE
- IV. Roll Call – Dotseth
PRESENT: **Great Northern**, Jeff Gronner, Cromwell; **Southeast**, Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow; **Top-of-the-State**, Cory Waling, Kittson Central; **Southern Confederacy**, Tom Myrphy, Nicollet; **Pheasant North**, Mike Mahlen, Verndale; **Gopher Valley 1A**, Chad Gilbel, Blooming Prairie; **Little Sioux**, Mike Damman, MACCRAY; **Northstar East & West**, Mark Nohner, Lk/Woods-Baudette; **Prairie South**, Wayne Petermeier, Browerville; **Southern Minnesota**, Cory Haala, Sleepy Eye Public; **Gopher Valley 2A**; Jon Bakken, Waterville-EM; **Great Polar White**, Dave Louzek, Moose Lake/Willow River; **Heart-O-Lakes Classic**; Dave Haugen, Pelican Rapids; **Hiawatha Valley Gold**, John Austinson, Byron; **Minnesota River**, Terry Turek, LeSueur-Henderson; **Prairie North**, Bryan Strand, Barnsville; **Southwest**; Paul Dunn, Springfield; **Granite Ridge**, Larry Herm, Foley; **Minnesota River**, Justin Johnston, Belle Plaine; **Sea Range**, Derek Parendo, Proctor; **Hiawatha Valley Blue**, John Austinson, Byron; **Minneapolis City**, Giovann Jenkins, MPLS Washburn; **North Suburban**, Will Wackman, Spring Lake Park; **Tri-Metro West**; Sean McMenomy; DeLaSalle; **Wright County**, Paul Lemke, Glencoe-Silver Lake; **Big Nine**, Jon Vik; Rochester Century; **Central Lakes**, Jon Konold, Willmar; **INDEPENDENT**, Troy Hendricks, Bemidji; **Mississippi 8**; Mike Hennen, Cambridge-Isanti; **Missota**, Bubba Sullivan, Northfield; **Classic Suburban**, Eric Longtin, North St. Paul; **Lake**, John DenHartog; Hopkins; **NW Suburban**, Shannon Gerrety, Blaine; South Suburban, Rick Sutton, Eagan; **Suburban East**, Beau LaBore, Woodbury. **ABSENT:** **St. Louis County/Big North**, Wally Kostich, Mt. Iron-Buhl; **North Tri-County**, Dustin Flaten, Ulen-Hitterdal ; **Pheasant South**, Tony Thiel, Weaton; **Great Polar Red**, Mitch Dorr, Cook County; **Central Minnesota**, Jon Thielen, Eden Valley-Watkins; **Great Polar Blue**, Mike Gindorff, Crosby-Ironton; **Three Rivers South**, Brent Schroeder, Caledonia; **West Central South**, Scott Gonnerman, Benson; **Heart-O-Lakes North**, Chris Trostad, Crookston; **South Central**, Mat Mahoney, Fairmont; **Three Rivers North**, Bill Ihrke, Plainview-EM; **West Central North**, Dan Essler, New London-Spicer; **St. Paul City**, Dave Zeitchick, Highland Park; **Tri-Metro East**, Todd Niklaus, St. Anthony; **South Suburban**, Mike Fritze, Apple Valley.

- V. Treasury/Membership update:
- A. Financial Report – Dotseth – APPROVED
- Since January 1st there has been \$25,819 in income and \$24,922 in expenses. There will be significant income again from sponsorships and programs yet to fund are scholarships, camps, MFCA magazine, etd.
- B. Membership Report – F. Motschenbacher – Membership is at 1160.
- VI. Committee Reports:
- A. Executive Director’s Report – Ron Stolski
- Coaches should pick up a calendar/poster at the MFCA booth.
 - Positive comments about the presidency of Jeff Weiland and his project of the inaugural “Everything but X’s and O’s Clinic” at St. Thomas.
 - Visit the vendors.....they are the life-blood of the clinic.
 - Good support by the Doubletree. Pamela Holsten is our contact.
 - Positive comments about the job of the MFC Clinic committee. In two weeks they start planning the 2013 MFC Clinic.
 - Encouraged AFCA membership: <http://www.afca.com/article/article.php?id=36>
 - Would like to add a “Issues of Concern” forum. “We need to be who we say we are: The Keepers of the Game”.
- B. President’s Report – Jeff Weiland – “Everything but X’s and O’s Clinic” was good for an initial start. Encouraged participation on a clinic committee as well as speaker recommendations.
- C. Academic All-State Reports – Con Natvig & Dave Frisell – Get apps on-line. Good participation in 2011, but need better participation from 9M.
- D. Mr. Football Report – Rick Sutton – Philip Nelson, Mankato West was named Mr. Football. Nomination numbers were better in 2011. The deadline has been changed to November 16th.
- E. Butch Nash/Coach of the Year – Dotseth – The committee met in January and selected COY and Butch Nash recipients. Good return of COY questionnaires. Several excellent Butch Nash nominations. Awards will be at the HOF Banquet on March 31st.
- 2011 – 9M Coach of the Year [Andrew Fleischman, Edgerton/Ellsworth](#)
2011 – 1A Coach of the Year [Cory Larson, Dawson-Boyd](#)
2011 – 2A Coach of the Year [Brent Schroeder, Caledonia](#)
2011 – 3A Coach of the Year [Carl Lemke, St. Croix Lutheran](#)
2011 – 4A Coach of the Year [Mike Rowe, Rocori](#)
2011 – 5A Coach of the Year [Mike Grant, Eden Prairie](#)
2011 – State COY [Carl Lemke, St. Croix Lutheran](#)

BUTCH NASH AWARD

[Rick Haley, Delano; Thomas Pink, Kelliher/Northome; Mark Ritter, Eden Prairie; Ralph Weber, Anoka; Patrick Rieder, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton; Joel Baugarten, ROCORI; Michael Boomer, Cook County; Will Wackman, Spring Lake Park.](#)

Assistant Coach of the Year – [Mark Ritter, Eden Prairie](#)
Distinguished Service Award – [Mike Turner, Varsity Photos](#)
Power of Influence – [Paul Mork, New Life Academy](#)
Don Swanson Award – [Conley Natvig, Swanville-Grey Eagle, Browerville](#)

SERVICE AWARDS:

50 years – [Ron Stolski, Brainerd](#)

45 years – [Mike Watson, Centennial](#)

[Deryl Ramey, Willmar/Brainerd \(2010\)](#)

[Paul Mork, New Life Academy \(2009\)](#)

40 years – [Merrill Pavlovich, Delano \(2010\)](#)

35 Years – [David Faust, Henry Sibley/Hamline University](#)

[Bob Jackson, White Bear Lake](#)

[Chet Stevenson, Brainerd](#)

200 Wins – [Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz](#)

F. Hall of Fame – Scott Tschimperle & Paul Lemke – Banquet on March 31st. Encouraged more nominations for 2013. 2012:

- [Earl Bauman, St. Michael-Albertville](#)
- [Paul Gasner, Totino Grace](#)
- [Dick Hanson, Burnsville](#)
- [Steve Nunnink, Brainerd](#)
- [Terry Ogorek, Kittson Co Central](#)
- [Tyrone Wacker, Jackson/Gaylord](#)

G. Hall of Fame Banquet – Dave Nelson – March 31st. Social at 5:00 PM; Banquet at 6:00 PM

H. Recruiting Fair – Jeff Ferguson – May 1st at the Doubtree at 6:30 PM. Contact Jeff if you plan to attend: ferguson@totinograce.org

I. Scholarships – Will Wackman – 49 applications, committee selected 12. Some of the difficulty in the selection process was incorrect completion of the app.

J. Camp Outreach – W. Petermeier – There will be 15 camps on 2012. Cash the check within 90 days.

K. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fritze

- Practice has moved from Gustavus to St. John's
- 5 tickets are sent to each high school. Please participate by sending back the \$50.
- The game is on June 30th at 1:00 PM. Will probably have to moved away from TCF Bank Stadium due to a change in NCAA regulations.
- AS Game banquet on the 29th.
- Social on Wednesday, 27th in the St. John's area.....6:30 PM.
- Updates on the website: www.allstarfootball.org

L. Community Service Awards – Beau LaBore – many sent in Community Service information. The committee settled on three: Fergus Falls, Hayfield and Holy Family Catholic. Highlights are on the website: www.mnfootballcoaches.com

M. MFC Clinic – Claud Allaire – over 1300 registered. Excellent speakers again. Appreciate the relationship with Coach Kill and “U” football.

N. Power of Influence – Bubba Sullivan – recipient is Paul Mork, White Bear Lk/New Life Academy

O. Publications – Terry Turek – send in conference summaries. Need 300 dpi photo resolution. When the magazine arrives, be sure to circulate amongst other coaches.

P. NFL's High School Player Development (HSPD) camps – Austinson – June 24th. Contact John at: john.austinson@byron.k12.mn.us

VII. New Business

A. MSHSL Update – Kevin Merkle

- Emphasis on safety. There are those who would want to eliminate football. We need to be proactive. There were 5 deaths last year.
- Research is being done on a new chin strap.....flashes when there is excessive force.

- There will be discussion about the correct cut-off number for 9M. Currently, there are 25 schools that qualify for 9M but opt up. If they stayed in 9M there would be too many.
- Sites are set for the 2012 playoffs
- If the legislature approves funding for a new Viking Stadium, we would need to play the playoffs one season outdoors. Lobbying is being done to have the MSHSL use the new facility for seven dates “free of charge”. “Rent free” would involve payment for cleanup.
- 2012 Rule Changes: <http://www.nfhs.org/football.aspx>

B. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 23, 2012 at the Doubletree at 9:00 AM