

Minnesota Football Coaches Association

Spring Meeting, Friday, April 5th at the Doubletree Hotel at 7:15 AM

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| President | Jon Bakken, WEM – 2A |
| First Vice President | Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow – 9M |
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- I. Call to Order – Jon Bakken, WEM – 2A
- II. Approval of minutes from spring meeting - APPROVED
- III. Additions/deletions to agenda: - NONE
- IV. VISITORS:
 - A. Wilson Edwards and Jim Hoveland, Edina Mayor, spoke about the 2013 MN Youth Super Bowl on October 14-20 at Mall of America Field. For grades 3-8; sponsored by the Navy & Marines; website: www.maoso.biz/
 - B. Tom Horne of Rogers talked about the importance of strengthening neck and head muscles. Helmets don't cause concussions or prevent them. The trauma to the brain is mostly caused by weak muscles in the neck, shoulders and head. Make sure you have a neck machine in your weight room. Last year in Pennsylvania a high school player was sent back into the game after receiving a blow to the head. The parents called the police after taking their son to the hospital and the coach was arrested the next day while he was in class.
 - C. Bill Hoag, Adrenaline Fund Raisers, thanked the coaches for the opportunity to run their fund raisers. Adrenaline Fundraising works with high school athletic programs across the nation developing, designing and promoting a customized discount product program. More info on their website: <http://adrenalinefundraising.com/>
- V. Roll Call – Dotseth
Conference reps

PRESENT: **Big 9:** Jon Vik, Rochester Century; **Gopher Valley 2A,** Jon Bakken, WEM; **Great Northern,** Jeff Gronner, Cromwell; **Southeast,** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow; **Southern Confederacy,** Tom Murphy, Nicollet; **Pheasant North,** Mike Mahlen, Verndale; **Gopher Valley 1A,** Chad Gilbel, Blooming Prairie; **Little Sioux,** Mike Damman, MACCRAY; **Prairie South,** Wayne Petermeier, Browerville; **Southern Minnesota,** Cory Haala, Sleepy Eye Public; **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,** Justin Johnson, Belle Plaine; **Prairie North,** Bryan Strand, Barnsville; **Southwest,** Terry Bahlmann, Marshall; **Granite Ridge,** Larry Herm, Foley; **Sea Range,** Derek Parendo, Proctor; **Hiawatha Valley Blue,** John Austinson, Byron; **Minneapolis City,** Giovan Jenkins, MPLS Washburn; **Tri-Metro West;** Sean McMenomy; DeLaSalle; **Wright County,** Paul Lemke, Glencoe-Silver Lake; **Mississippi 8;** Mike Hennen, Cambridge-Isanti; **Missota,** Bubba Sullivan, Northfield; **NW Suburban,** Tom Develice, Blaine; **South Suburban,** Rick Sutton, Eagan; **Suburban East,** Beau LaBore, Stillwater; **St. Louis County/Big North,** Wally Kostich, Mt. Iron-Buhl; **Three Rivers South,** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia; **West Central South,** Scott Gonnerman, Benson; **Heart-O-Lakes North,** Flint Motschenbacger, Detroit Lakes; **Pheasant South,** Tony Thiel, Weaton; **Classic Suburban,** Eric Longtin, North St. Paul; **Tri-Metro East,** Todd Niklaus, St. Anthony. **ABSENT:** **North Tri-County,** Dustin Flaten, Ulen-Hitterdal ;; **Great Polar Red,** Mitch Dorr, Cook County; **Central Minnesota,** Jon Thielen, Eden Valley-Watkins; **Great Polar Blue,** Mike Gindorff, Crosby-Ironton; **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; **Top-of-the-State,** Cory Waling, Kittson Central; **Northstar East & West,** Mark Nohner, Lk/Woods-Baudette; **Central Lakes,** Jon Konold, Willmar; **INDEPENDENT,** Troy Hendricks, Bemidji; John DenHartog; Hopkins, Lake .

- VI. Treasury/Membership update:
- A. Financial Report – Dotseth
- Financial report was approved.
- B. Membership Report – F. Motschenbacher
- Current membership is 1123. Similar to other years.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- A. Executive Director’s Report – Ron Stolski
- Thank you for attending
 - Johnny Tusa, AFCA will make a presentation at the Friday night session. There are numerous benefits for joining the national organization. Their website is: www.afca.com/
 - Thanked John Bakken for his service as president for the past year.
 - Proactive research on concussion
 - Be certain we take care of the initiatives we’re currently operating. New initiatives need to meet the MFCA standard.
 - Partnerships are fluid. The MNARNG sponsorship has been affected by the sequester.
 - Aware of influence as “keepers of the game”
 - Important to be an MFCA member for their benefits, especially the insurance coverage.
- B. President’s Report – Jon Bakken
- Post scholarship Award Criteria
 1. The Recipient must have at least completed their first year of college football.
 2. The high school head coach must be a current member of the MFCA
 3. Nominees must be in good standings at their current college.
 - More info on website: http://www.mshsca.org/football/scholarship_post_hs.htm
- C. Academic All-State Reports – Con Natvig & Dave Frisell
- Team went very well. Criteria changed. Last year there were 83 Golds.
 - Should be more.....just give the home roster to counselor along with criteria.
 - Reclassification changed so contacts have been updated.
 - <http://www.mshsca.org/football/academinfo.htm>
- D. Mr. Football Report – Rick Sutton
- Bridgeport Tusler, Osseo, was 2012 Mr. Football.
 - November 15th is the nomination deadline
 - December 8th is the banquet. Viking schedule is not yet out, so coordination will come later.
- E. Butch Nash/Coach of the Year – Dotseth
- Butch Nash Award recipients:**
- Roger Lindahl, Benson;
 - Daren Sagedahl, BOLD;
 - John McEachran, Perham;
 - John Jensen, Rochester Lourdes;
 - David Larson, Hutchinson;
 - Paul Ruud, GSL;
 - Marc Achterkirch, Owatonna;
 - Mark Elmer, Stillwater
- 2012 Class Coaches of the Year:**
- Class 9M Brian Dahl & Steve Jipson, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley
 - Class 1A John Clark, Jr., Mahnomen
 - Class 2A Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
 - Class 3A Randy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area

- Class 4A Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
 - Class 5A Jeff Ferguson, Totino Grace
 - Class 6A Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- F. Hall of Fame – Scott Tschimperle & Paul Lemke
- Banquet on April 6th. Four head coaches and two assistants
- Hall of Fame inductees:**
- Gene Stritesky, Ogilvie
 - Jerry Foley, Stillwater
 - Steve Ott, Deer River
 - Ivan Kroulik, Kasson-Mantorville
 - Jerry Carlson, Cambridge
 - Don Seipkes, Ottertail Central
- G. Hall of Fame Banquet – Dave Nelson
- April 6th @ Doubletree. Social at 5; banquet at 6
 - About 320 in attendance
 - Several coaches awards in addition to HOF inductees
- H. Tackle Cancer – Dave Nelson
- \$121,000 last year
 - MN Gophers will sponsor a Tackle Cancer game on September 12th against San Jose State
 - There has been a meeting with the MIAC conference about participating
 - A meeting with Northern Sun to check on their participation
 - 145 HS's involved in 2012
 - 90% goes to U of M hospitals to fight cancer.
 - Jeff & Dave were at the presentation meeting. 25 doctors made presentations. Amazing to listen to research that is being done.
 - Randy goal is 400k. MFCA goal is 200k
 - Letter and poster will be sent out in May.
- I. Recruiting Fair – Jeff Ferguson
- 35 high schools have signed up; 39 last year
 - The Recruiting Fair will be on May 6th at the Doubletee.
 - More Outstate schools will attend this year
 - It's an efficient way to visit with several colleges at one time. Well received by both College and high school coaches.
 - Information on the website: www.mnfootballcoaches.com
- J. Scholarships – Will Wackman
- The committee met and selected 12 recipients from the class of 2013
 - A motion was made and passed to go to 16 scholarships for 2014
 - Scholarships have been named after retired coaches. Recommendation is welcome.
- K. Camp Outreach – W. Petermeier
- Probably around 14 for 2013.
 - At 12 right now
 - \$500 for summer camp. Camp is free to the kids
- L. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fritze
- Practice will again be at St. John's. The game is on June 29th at 1:00 PM at SCSU.
 - 425 at banquet last year
 - Wednesday night is the MFCA social
 - Rosters are on the <http://www.allstarfootball.org/>
 - 6 tickets are sent out. If all 400 schools bought 6 tickets would raise \$24,000. Would

allow us to reduce funding requirement from each player. Purpose to help support

- Costs about \$70 grand. St. Johns is 30k

M. Community Service Awards – Beau LaBore

- Holy Family Catholic is featured in the 2012 magazine for their work on helping raise awareness for Celiac Disease. It is the biggest fund raiser the Celiac Disease.
- White Bear Lake will be featured in the 2013 magazine. They have included community service as a component in determining eligibility for a WBL athletic letter award.
- Looking for more applicants
- The form is on the website: www.mnfootballcoaches.com

N. MFC Clinic – Claud Allaire

- 2013 will be another attendance record
- Dave Nigon and Claud spend countless hours to procure vendors and speakers.
- Visit the vendors
- If you know of a speaker please let the committee know.

O. Power of Influence – Bubba Sullivan

- Mark Froehling, Farmington coach is the 2013 Power of Influence recipient.
- We need nominations for 2014.

P. Publications – Terry Turek

- Magazine is on schedule
- Need conference summaries
- Send photos
- Assistant coach articles will be included in the 2013 magazine

Q. Everything but “X’s & O’s” Clinic – Jeff Weiland

- 2nd year this year
- Growing in numbers
- The date has been set for the last Saturday in January – 25th in 2014.
- It will be at Orono Middle school again.
- Assistants are welcome.
- Ideas are welcome.

R. NFL's High School Player Development (HSPD) camps – Austinson

- Sauk Rapids, Edison, Rochester Century will host summer camps
- 7 on 7 winner will go to Cleveland
- Website is <http://nflhspd.com/hs-player-development/program-overview/>

VIII. New Business

A. MSHSL Update – Kevin Merkle

- 1) We know that some coaches are not happy with the new ball contract. I would have preferred to stay with Wilson, but the difference in money is significant -- \$60,000 per year. This money will go back to the schools through our revenue share program. This ball is being used in Florida, Iowa, California, Pennsylvania and several other states. Remind coaches that a Spaulding ball only needs to be used starting with the State Quarterfinals.
- 2) We continue to work on reasonable restrictions for the amount of physical contact that players should have in the summer and minimum conditioning prior to having contact. This will likely be in the form of a recommendation for this summer, but could become policy in the future.
- 3) Other changes being looked at include practice restrictions during two-a-days; number of quarters in which a player can participate within a 3 day period.
- 4) At the National level, some states are considering limitations on the number of practices during which there can be full contact.
- 5) MSHSL Bylaws require that schools rent or lease protective equipment used in the summer

and that this equipment must be inspected and reconditioned prior to use in the regular season. While there is good reason for this policy it is not practical. We are looking at options to make this policy more workable.

6) There was a bill presented in the State Legislature that would require the MSHSL to schedule games for the entire state. The bill did not get a hearing and hopefully it is dead, but be aware. The MSHSL was not supportive of this bill.

7) With that said the issue of FB scheduling will continue to be looked at. A group of schools has requested the Board to go to Section Scheduling beginning in 2015. There will be more discussion on this issue this spring and next fall.

8) The enrollment cut-off for 9-man will be 150 beginning with the next two year cycle in 2015.

9) Major Rule Changes for 2013: There will no longer be a loss of down on Offensive Pass Interference AND there will no longer be an automatic first down on Defensive Pass Interference. Also communication devices may now be used during the game and halftime. No restrictions on the use of computers, phones, pictures, video etc. on the sidelines. These items cannot be used to communicate during conferences held inside the 9 yard marks.

Discussion:

- Spalding footballs were a change without MFCA input.
- MSHSL returns funds to the high schools

B. Summer Practice survey

C. The “Keepers of the Game” documentary – Ray Kirch

- John Gross, Dave Giles, Ron Scott, John Hersch. Will put together in two 30 minute segments for release in 2014.
- Interview some coaches today.
- Let us know of coaches in your area who are great story tellers.
- We’d love history or memorability if you know of.

D. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 15th at the Doubletree at 9:00 AM