

# Minnesota Football Coaches Association

Spring Meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM, at the Doubletree – Room 2

## Officers

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**PRESENT:** Clay Anderson, Big Nine; Jon Konold, Central Lakes; John DenHartog, Classic Lake; Eric Longtin, Classic Suburban; Ken Helland, Gopher Vly 1A; Jon Bakken, Gopher Vly 2A; Dave Louzek, Great Polar White; Jeff Gronner, Great Northern E; Dennis Holsman, Great Northern W; Mike Gindorff, Great Polar Blue; Dave Haugen, Heart-O-Lakes Classic; Chris Trostad, Heart-O-Lakes No; John Austinson, Hiawatha Vly Blue & Gold; Kelly Sherwin & Mike Fritze, Lake; Mike Damman, Little Sioux; Nate Harrington, MN Christian; Terry Turek, MN River; Mike Hennen, Mississippi 8; Bubba Sullivan, Missota; Flint Motschenbacher, No County; Will Wackman, No Suburban; Shannon Gerrety, NW Suburban; Peder Naatz, Northern Plains 1A & 2A; Mike Mahlen, Pheasant No; Ribsy Petermeier, Prairie So; Don Seipkes, Prairie No; Derek Parendo, Sea Range; Marc Bachman, So Central; Karl Urbaniak, Leo Theisen, Southern Confederacy; Paul Dunn, Southern MN; Southeast; Todd Oye, Southwest; Wally Kostick, St. Louis County; Beau LaBore, Suburban East; ; Todd Niklaus, Tri-Metro East; Ron Monson, Tri-Metro West; Bill Ihrke, Three Rivers No & So; Jay DeCann, W Central No; Scott Gonnerman, W Central So; Paul Lemke, Wright County. **Committee Chairs:** Mike Watson, Scott Tschimperle, Dave Fritze, Con Natvig, Dave Nelson, Beau LaBore, Paul Lempke, Bubba Sullivan, Jeff Ferguson, Clay Anderson, Terry Turek, Ron Stolski, Jon Johnson, Jim Dotseth,  
**ABSENT:** Ray Tri, Central MN; Charlie Campbell, Great Polar Red; Lenny Sedlock, Minneapolis City; Darrin Byklum, No Tri-County; Jason McCloskey, No. Tri-County; Tony Thiel, Pheasant So; Dave Zeitchick, St. Paul City; Scott Parker, Top-of-State.

I. Call to Order - President Jon Johnson

Guests:

**Dan O'Brien**, Director of Football Operations/High School Relations: Invited coaches to attend spring practice; coaches are available for visits. Call ahead.

**Mike Nijmtek**, MN Army National Guard, Education Liaison: Training equipment is available for classroom use. Provide classroom programs, inflatables, and Humvees. Look up reps in your area.

**Bill Hoag**, Champions Choice: Original sponsor – 13/14 years. Started with football. New products compared to Varsity Gold; added value. <http://choiceofchampions.net/>

II. Approval of minutes from fall meeting: Minutes Approved

III. Additions/deletions to agenda: see New Business

IV. Roll Call – Dotseth – See above

V. Treasury/Membership update:

A. Financial Report – Dotseth

- Not much activity in the first quarter.
- Costs associated with the 501 © 3 application
- Largest output will be associated with the Awards Banquet

B. Membership Report – F. Motschenbacher

- Currently at 1145, an all time high
- Insurance now includes coverage in the classroom
- Retired/Life coaches covered when they pay the sports fee

## VI. Committee Reports:

### A. Executive Director's Report – Ron Stolski

- Our sponsors/partners are the lifeblood of the association. Be sure you visit the vendors.
- Ron reviewed the silent auction at the Telex booth. Legacy wireless system.
- Several door prize drawings during the clinic and MFCA business meeting.
- Dave Nigon and Ribsby Petermeier have done a great job on securing door prizes.
- 501 © 3 not for profit status is progressing.
- There is a MSHSL task force working on scheduling problems; goal is to minimize scheduling problems. The task force is looking at scheduling pools, football only conferences, schedule in vicinity – more later.
- The American Football Coaches Foundation has offered the MFCA an opportunity to purchase a single brick for hall of fame inductees at their Plaza of Influence. [http://www.afcf.us/?nd=plaza\\_of\\_influence](http://www.afcf.us/?nd=plaza_of_influence). We would be the first High School Association.

### B. President's Report – Jon Johnson

- Jon completed his president's project of more clearly defining the jobs of the MFCA office holders.
- Need replacements for Advisory Committee – service term is 4 years.
- Expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as president the past year.

### C. Academic All-State Reports – Con Natvig & Mike Watson

- Need more nominations.
- Information is on the website: <http://www.mshsca.org/football/index.htm>
- Scott Gonnerman, Benson, will replace Steve Solem, BOLD, as 2A rep to the Academic All-State Individual Committee.
- Include as much information on the form as possible.
- Thank you to Mike Watson for serving as chair of the Academic All-State Individual Committee. Thanks for your service

### D. Mr. Football Report – Clay Anderson

- No nominations from 9M in 2009. Encouraged members to nominate player from every conference. All nominated players receive a certificate.

### E. Butch Nash/Coach of the Year – Dotseth

- Awards banquet is on Saturday evening (3/27) at the Doubletree. Eight assistant coaches with a minimum of 15 years will be honored. Also, service awards and coach of the year awards. The Don Swanson Award will be given to Mike Watson, Centennial for his many years of service in the MFCA.

### F. Hall of Fame – Scott Tschimperle & Paul Lemke.

- Need more nominations. Active coaches are eligible. Deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4 inductees in 2010: Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake; Dennis Hale, Worthington; and Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson in the Coaches Division. Jim Dotseth, Minneapolis Henry, in the Citation Division.

### G. Hall of Fame Banquet – Dave Nelson

- Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree.
- Ticket purchase this year was on-line.

### H. Recruiting Fair – Jeff Ferguson

- May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Doubletree.
- 42 colleges participated in 2009.
- Point of emphasis with administration: Great opportunity to visit with college recruiters without having to leave the classroom.

- I. Scholarships – Will Wackman
  - Outstanding applicants again this year. Their essays about “what football means to me” are always impressive.
  - There were 30 applicants; 8 selected.
- J. Camp Outreach – W. Petermeier
  - There is opening for two more camps; more will also be honored.
- K. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fritze
  - June 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM at SCSU stadium
  - 15 minute quarters will be reduced to 12 minutes.
  - Experimental 25 second clock will be introduced.
- L. Community Service Awards – Beau LaBore
  - There are 6 teams on the website that are recognized:  
<http://www.mshsca.org/football/communityservice09.htm>
  - \$13,500 was raised for charity
  - 24,000 meals were served
  - St. Peter football program raised \$6,000 for cancer research. Article and photos on the website.
  - Beau suggested that instead of recognizing a few programs, he would like to investigate recognition of all of high school football in Minnesota by combining the work of participating programs.
  - Service is the award rather than a plaque.
- M. Power of Influence – B. Sullivan
  - Recognizes head coaches for their contribution to their community.
  - Dwight Lundeen, Becker is the 2010 recipient.
  - Need more nominations
- N. Publications – Terry Turek
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for conference reports
  - Terry is working to secure ads
  - Needs photos
  - Forms published in the magazine are taken from the website.

## VII. New Business

- A. Code of Ethics – Gerrety
  - MN football programs in attendance at the MFC Clinic will receive a Code of Ethics poster at registration. Mailings will go out to those not in attendance.
- B. Play Clock – Gerrety
  - Action at the MSHSL on the 25 second play clock is on hold until 2011
  - The MFCA passed a motion endorsing the optional use of the 25 second play clock.
- C. NFL's free High School Player Development (HSPD) camps – John Austinson
  - John is the regional director of these free camps. 10 hours of instruction. Contact John at [john.austinson@byron.k12.mn.us](mailto:john.austinson@byron.k12.mn.us)
- D. MSHSL approved Wednesday competition for Sophomore/JV teams if the varsity opens the season on the Thursday prior to Labor Day.
- E. Black-out week is July 1-7, except for softball and baseball.
- F. Fall meeting – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Bierman Complex
- G. Adjournment