

Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association
Fall Meeting, November 19, 2009 7:00 PM
Team Room, Bierman Complex

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PRESENT: Clay Anderson, Big Nine; Jon Konold, Central Lakes; Dave Nelson, Classic Lake; Eric Longtin, Classic Suburban; Ken Helland, Gopher Vly 1A; Jon Bakken, Gopher Vly 2A; Chris Trostad, Heart-O-Lakes No; Rick Sutton, Lake; Mike Damman, Little Sioux; Nate Harrington & Roger Lipelt, 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; Brian Strand, Northern Plains 1A & 2A; Mike Mahlen, Pheasant No; Con Natvig, Prairie So & No; Derek Parendo, Sea Range; Marc Bachman, So Central; Karl Urbaniak, Southeast; Cory Haala, Southern MN; Beau LaBore, Suburban East; ; Todd Niklaus, Tri-Metro East & 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, Clay Anderson, Paul Lempke, Bubba Sullivan, Jeff Ferguson, Terry Turek, Ron Stolski, Jon Johnson, Jim Dotseth,
ABSENT: Ray Tri, Central MN; Jeff Gronner, Great Northern E; Dennis Holsman, Great Northern W; Bill Christianson, Great Polar Blue; Charlie Campbell, Great Polar Red; Dave Louzek, Great Polar White; Dave Haugen, Heart-O-Lakes Classic; John Austinson, Hiawatha Vly Blue & Gold; Lenny Sedlock, Minneapolis City; Darrin Byklum No Tri-County; Jason McCloskey, No. Tri-County; Tony Thiel, Pheasant So; Jim Utermarck, Southern Confederacy; Erin Elder, Southwest; Jeff Plaschko, St. Paul City; Wally Kostick, St. Louis County; Scott Parker, Top-of-State.

- I. Call to Order - President Johnson
Guest: **Dan O'Brien – U of M**
 - 250 Tickets available for Gopher games. Two games filled.
 - Thanked coaches for their work with high school athletes; encouraged coaches to call with questions and/or discussions. Practices are open to high school coaches. Call ahead: 1-612-625-2523 or obrie667@umn.edu
- II. Approval of minutes from the 4/3/09 spring meeting: **The minutes were approved without correction.**
- III. Additions/deletions to agenda: **Play Clock; Playoffs; Code of Ethics**
- IV. Roll Call – Jim Dotseth **See above**
- V. Treasury/Membership update:
 - A. Financial Report – Dotseth
The current balance in the MFCA account is \$42,789.38. Major sources of income are: Dues, MFC Clinic, and Sponsors. Others are AS Game, Recruiting Fair, and raffle. Major expenses are: Magazine, Scholarships, Awards, MFCA Banquet, and Camp Outreach. TCF Bank sponsored the HOF display at the TCF Bank stadium.
 - B. Membership Report – F. Motschenbacher
Membership is now 1117.....highest ever. Assistant coaches and youth coaches are encouraged to join. The membership includes a \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy that covers insurer's year around including summer camps. Gopher tickets have aided in increasing membership. On-line registration available:
<http://www.mshsca.org/>.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Executive Director's Report – Ron Stolski
 - Thanks to the committee chairs for their leadership on their respective committees
 - The Glazier Clinics has contacted the MFC Clinic seeking cooperation between the two clinics. We've decided to go alone. Out target attendance for 2010 is 1,300 to 1,400 attendees.
 - Visit the baseball press box at the DOME during the semi's for hospitality sponsored by The Graphic Edge.
 - The Vikings and Packers offered to sponsor a Green/Gold game a MN All-Star team would play a Wisc All-Star team at the end of the season. Sites would alternate between the DOME and Lambeau Field. Because the Wisconsin HS All-Star game is a significant fund raiser for them they rejected the idea so as not to interfere

with their current summer game.

- Ron is working with the US Army National Guard to sponsor our AS Game and/or be a MFCA sponsor.
- Sponsors our very important to accomplishing goals for the MFCA.
- 2010 MFC Clinic is March 25-27.

B. President's Report – Jon Johnson

- Work continues on job descriptions for MFCA office holders
- John Erickson has encouraged us to get our only 501(c) 3 Federal number. Total MSHSCA income is now at a point where it will trigger an automatic audit each year. Breaking off and getting our own 501(c) 3 will avoid a yearly expensive and time consuming process.
- Jon went over the MSHSL report:

Written report from MSHSL:

- The amendment to allow a Soph or JV game to be played on the Wed prior to the first varsity game is being reviewed by Region Committees – talk to you're AD's and Region Committees if you support this change. Has to be approved by 9 of the 16 regions to move on to the Rep Assembly in March.
- We plan to rotate match-ups in the quarterfinal round every year instead of every two years.
- The MSHSL has proposed three rule changes – no pass interference on an uncatchable ball; a player cannot recover their own fumble on a 4th down play or a 2 pt conversion attempt; and no high/low double team blocks;
- Perhaps the most important – there continue to be concerns about the scheduling of football. Scheduling issues affect schools in all six classes and in different areas of the state. There could be proposals coming forth in regard to Section football or variations thereof. If Wisconsin passes their new proposal all surrounding states and Nebraska will have some sort of statewide scheduling, which in effect “blocks the borders” and MN teams cannot schedule in those states. I don't have the answer but there will be more discussion on what can be done to solve these issues.
- There could be a statewide point system for those who want to use that type of seeding process for sections.
- Lots of questions in regard to why football doesn't seed – which is a result of the EP vs Wayzata match-up in the quarterfinals.
- The “no contact” period in 2010 is July 1 through July 7

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

There was good coordination. 20 awards to each class – 8 Gold and 12 Silver. Every school that turned in a form received an award. It's important that names are clearly written so spelling errors are avoided. November 1st is the deadline.

D. Mr. Football – Clay Anderson

The 10 finalists were announced: Beau Allen, Minnetonka; Joel Bauman, Kerkohoven-Murdock-Sunberg (KMS); Jacob Brusehaver, Hutchinson; John Crockett, Totino Grace; Seantrel Henderson, Cretin-DH; Ben Henson, Buffalo; Brandon Marquart, Champlin Park; Ryan Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins; Zach Vraa, Rosemount; Zach Zenner, Eagan. Encourage 9M nominations.....there were none this year. There were 24 total nominations.

E. Hall of Fame – Scott Tschimperle & Paul Lemke

Need more applicants. The form is on the website: <http://www.mshsca.org/football/hof.pdf>. There was discussion about assistant coaches being eligible in the future. Active head coaches are eligible. Conference reps are encouraged to check their conferences for eligible nominees.

F. Hall of Fame Banquet – Dave Nelson

The banquet is on March 27th at the Doubletree. In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, State Coach of the Year will be announced, as well as Class, Section, and Conference COY. Other awards are: Service Awards, Butch Nash, Assistant COY; Power of Influence, and Distinguished Service Award. Ordering of tickets this year will be on-line.

G. Recruiting Fair – Jeff Ferguson

Will be on Tuesday, May 4th at the Doubletree – 7:00 PM. 2009 involved 41 colleges; 39 high schools. It's a great opportunity to visit with college coaches without having to do it during the school day. It should be a selling point with school administration. Info is on the website: <http://www.mshsca.org/football/Recruitingfair09letter.pdf>. Growing each year.

H. Scholarship – Will Wackman

Eight scholarships were awarded in 2009. They are listed on the website: http://www.mshsca.org/football/scholarship_winners.htm

- I. Camp Outreach – W. Petermeier
The goal is ten one-day camps in 2010. Kids participate free. Coaches are paid \$500. Schools can repeat if they previously had a camp.
- J. Business meeting incentive/prizes – W. Petermeier
The MFCA business meeting is Saturday, March 27th at 8:00 AM.
- K. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fritze
- The 2009 fund raiser resulted in the All-Star game becoming self-funding for the first time. Previously the game was funded by sponsors, as well as participants.
 - \$1,000 in proceeds was equally divided among two charities: Second Harvest food shelves (<http://www.2harvest.org/>) and the Angel Foundation (<http://www.mnangel.org/>).
 - The 2010 game will be at St. Cloud University on June 26, 2010 – 7:00 PM. Practice will again be the week before the game at Gustavus College. There will be 12 minute quarters rather than 15. It's important that coaches not nominate players who are unable to play.
 - Nomination forms will be sent out in December.
 - Wednesday evening (6/23) will again be alumni night at Whisky River.
 - The All-Star Game outstanding website is <http://www.allstarfootball.org/>. It lists several historical facts and interesting information. Dave Giles, webmaster, does an outstanding job.
- L. Community Service Awards – Beau LaBore
Need more forms turned in. There was a recommendation that all be recognized. Select 4 or 5 to be highlighted at the Don Swanson Tailgate Party at the MFC clinic. The form is on the website:
<http://www.mshsca.org/football/COMMUNITYSERVICEFORM.pdf>
- M. Power of Influence – Bubba Sullivan
Influence in the community. The criteria are not based on wins, losses, or longevity. Need more nominations
- N. Publications – Terry Turek
Terry is working on getting advertising to defray the cost of the magazine. \$400 for a full page ad. The goal is to raise \$2,000 the first year. Conference summaries and articles need to be forwarded to Terry for publication in the Football Magazine.

VII. New Business

- A. Code of Ethics
The Code was adopted by the conference reps. A laminated copy will be sent to all coaches.
- B. 25 second play clock
- There was a discussion about the use of a play clock. A committee of Flint Motschinbacher, Jeff Ferguson, Jay DeCann, and Rick Sutton will investigate. Usage could begin as an option.
 - A suggestion that it be used in the All-Star game in June.
 - Need a request for an Advisory committee meeting in March.
- C. Playoffs
- There was discussion about revamping the playoff system to reshuffle the number of teams in each class as well as the free/reduced lunch policy.
 - Seeding was discussed.
 - No action was taken on either item
- D. Spring meeting – Friday, March 26th at 8:00 AM at the Doubletree
- E. Adjourned at 9:00 PM