

Sub-District Reps Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 15, 2024 @ Doubletree, @ 9:00 AM

Officers

President Nick David, Mound Westonka – (4A) - Call to Order 9:02

First Vice President Bryan Strand, Barnesville - (2A)

Second Vice President Ben Burk, Lakeville South (6A)

Past President Brent Schimek, Deer River – (1A)

Secretary-Treasurer Jim Dotseth, Mpls

Executive Director Ron Stolski, Brainerd

I. Call to Order – Nick David, Mound Westonka – (4A)

II. Roll Call - Dotseth

- **PRESENT:** Beau LaBore, Metro (East); Wade Buckley, Metro (Maroon); Nick Johnson, Metro (South); Mark Esch, Minnetonka (Metro (West); Dave Vik, Mid Northwest (White); Adam Tri, Mid NW (3 Rivers Blue); Chris Moscho, Mid NW (Gopher Gold); Joe Scoblic, Mid-Southeast (West); Marc Kruger, Mid-Southeast (West); Greg Spahn, North (East-Red); Shawn Klimek, North (South); Austin Hackett, Northeast (Silver); Matt Diediker, Northstar (East-Gold); Steve Walsh, Northstar (East-Maroon); Cullen Nelson, Northstar (South-Gold); N Jon Vik, Northstar (South-Maroon); Michael Beehler, Skyway (Brass); Nick David, Skyway (Bronze); Andrew Phillips, Skyway (Cooper); Justin Reese, Skyway (Maroon); Samuel Thompson, Skyway (Orange); John Cassellius, Skyway (Platinum); Jim Gunderson, Skyway (Yellow); Brandon Neseth, South (East-White); James Semmen, South (East); Chad Christianson, West (South). Mid NW (Valley Plains W)
- **ABSENT:** Jared Essler, Metro (North); Paul Cark, Mid Northwest (Central); Bryan Strand, Brian Remick. Mid NW (HOL North); Tony Poncelet, Mid Southeast (East); Tim Klingbeil, Mid Southeast (East); Anthony Soderberg, Mid-Northwest (Red); Dave Westerman, North (North); Dave Louzek, Northeast (Blue); Troy Erickson, Northeast (White); Mike Empting, Northstar (North); Josh Zoucha, Northstar (Twin Cities); Scott Howell, Northstar (Twin-Cities); Tom Develice. Northstar (West-Gold); Marc Franz, Northstar (West-Maroon); Matt Townsend, Skyway (Blue); Manuel Spreigl Skyway (Gold); Jon Konold, Skyway (Green); Kris Pulford, Skyway (Red); Tom Kish, Skyway (Silver); Dusty Drager, South (Central-Blue); Mat Mahoney, South (Central-Red); Tom Schuller, South (Central-Silver); Brad Wendland, South (Central-White); Trevor Narum, South (East-Red); Isaac Jenniges, South (West); Tony Smith, South (West-North); Scott Hanson, South (West-Nouth); Randy Schetter, South (West-South); Casey Kroulik, West (North); Aaron Cook, West (North)
- **Committee Chairs: Present:** Ben Burk, Nick David, Mike Diggins, Dave Fritze, Bea LaBore; Dave Nelson, Brent Schimek, Ron Solski, Will Wackman, Jeff Williams, **Absent:** Ben Anderson, Clay Anderson, Claud Allaire, Marc Bachman, Jim Dotseth, Jeff Ferguson, Paul Lemke, Ribsy Petermeier, Bryan Strand, Scott Tschimperle, Terry Turek

III. Approve 4/4/24 minutes. Motioned, Seconded, Unanimously Accepted

IV. Additions/deletions to agenda

A. Blaze Credit Union Rep

- Casey and Kent from Blaze Credit Union presented on a partnership between Blaze and the MFCA.
- Kasey explained that a credit union is a not-for-profit bank focused on consumers and the community.
- Kent explained that one of the pillars for Blaze is giving back, including scholarship programs that total around \$20k, There are also give-back programs totaling \$150k to community programs, including Tackle Cancer.
- Ron Stolski made the point that Blaze reached out to the MFCA which he appreciated.

V. MHSCA President – Rick Ringeisen - Rick Ringeisen was not present.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Financial Report (Dotseth) - End of year balance same as last year, Nick David shared key notes from the financial report. There was a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved.

B. President's Project (David) Nick David provided an update on his president's project, which is an update to the Don Swanson room that would include a video board in the room that will be connected to a similar board at US Bank Stadium. Nick noted they are working on the finances to ensure this project happens.

C. Ex. Director Report (Stolski)

- Ron Stolski appealed to the coaches to consider our association's legacy and what distinguishes us as an association. Talked about our publication, Tackle Cancer, Our Clinic, and most importantly, the membership.
- Ron reminded committee chairs to keep their committee's fresh with new members and

young coaches

- The executive committee has a commitment to a succession plan for the board, the clinic staff, etc. but Ron solicited the group for people to get more involved. 1-5 years
- Sponsorships are the lifeblood of our association. Please support them. Let us know if there are others. If you have ideas/contacts of other potential, contact Ron or Dave Nelson

D. Membership (Bachman)

- Continue to get coaches and assistants to join.
- Membership is one of our THREE sources of revenue...encourage staff to join.

E. Mr. Football (C. Anderson)

- Press release came out with Mr. Football finalists.
- Banquet Dec 15th

F. Scholarships (B. Anderson)

- Applications Due March 10th
- Bo Labore is going to create a one-pager with the names and bios of the scholarship names.

G. All-Star Game (Dave Fritze)

- Dec 14th, 1 pm
- Players and coaches have been named
- Tickets can be purchased online
- US Bank is still being difficult around having people on the field after the game
- The selection committee is charged with finding players across the state, not just getting the best players (always).
- All Star player selection: the selection committees continue to adhere to the original intent for coach and Player selection, THAT IS TO HAVE THE PARTICIPANTS BE REPRESENTATIVE of the entire state.

H. Hall of Fame (Tschimperle)

- Looking for highly qualified nominations
- Ron Stolski made the point that we need to submit more quality candidates for the hall of fame. We need to find the Hall of Famers, especially because they're humble and won't nominate themselves.
- Nick David said the HOF committee needs help on the committee.
- HOF committee: Contact Scott Tschimperle or Paul Lemke GLS if interested in serving.

I. Awards Committee (Dotseth)

- Dotseth has most of the names. Coaches need to be members
- Nominations are due Jan 1st

J. Awards Banquet (Nelson)

- Saturday March 29th. Social Hour 5, Banquet at 6

K. Tackle Cancer (Nelson)

- 12th year, 3.5 million so far.
- Last year we raised 566K
- This year's goal is 600k, we're short by 76k, but we have a lot of schools left to donate, so we are confident we will meet the goal.
- Blaze CU donated a lot
- Prescott Wisconsin joined, which is cool.
- Randolph 70k this year.
- Randy Shaver C and CF were chosen because of Randy's love for HS football, but also the money stays in MN and there are research grants for all types of cancer.

L. Recruiting Fair & Combine (Ferguson)

- Working with Bill Wellie for date and place. The plan is to be in May

M. MFCA Clinic (Allaire)

- March 27th-29th at the DoubleTree
- If we have topics or speakers, we should tell Claud
- We had 2100 people at the clinic. 1600 coaches and then vendors
- Proceeds from the clinic support the association

N. NFF (Lemke) -

- Will still be sending the AAS team winner to them.
- Blaze is a GOLD sponsor and will have the NFF scholarship (\$2,000.00) in their name. The MFCA Blaze scholarship.

O. Jerry Kill Power of Influence (Sullivan)

- Need more nominations: Head coaches only, please send them to Bubba Sullivan, Northfield. AND Bubba is looking for a replacement to CHAIR. If interested, contact him or Ron.

P. Retired Coaches (Essler)

- Retired coaches get free admission to the clinic, there is also a gathering that we need to communicate with people to attend.

Q. Community Service (LaBore)

- Need applicants. Teams that do community service projects need to submit applications. We want to tell that story to celebrate what you do in order to inspire and ignite other programs to do the same thing.

R. Camp Outreach (Petermeier)

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S. Academic All-State (Petermeier & David)

- Posted this week. Most applicants for individual and team in a while.
- Those players will be recognized at half time at the ASG
- The team will be sent to the NFF

T. Football Magazine (Turek)

- Get your articles in. Subdistrict reps need to write up an article
- Keepers' magazine... some Sub-Districts do an EXCELLENT job of the District Re-cap. But too many do not submit a report; please do so.

U. Youth Services: (Diggins)

- Started a resource page on the MFCA website for youth football
- Includes videos - Need to add to it.
- Will continue to have a clinic on Saturday for youth.
- Teams need to share the date with youth associations

V. Publicity (Williams)

- Communicate with Jeff Williams if we have any great stories.
- The Star Tribune now has an all-state team instead of all-metro.
- Make sure you're getting an email from Jim Paulsen about nominations

I. Old Business

A. None

II. New Business

- Books available for coaches from Hugh McCutchin
- Cal Stoll - Courage Award for Coaching under difficult circumstances.
 - Keep that in mind.
- The timeline for setting up new districts and subdistricts will happen this spring. The MSHSL must work through the state to determine all of this. Guess that Mid-May will be the time frame.

Next Sub-District Reps Meeting Thursday, March 27, 2025 @ Doubletree at 4:00 PM