

# Minnesota Football Coaches Association

Fall Meeting, Friday, November 13, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel at 9:00 AM

## Officers

<b>President</b>	Scott Tschimperle, GSL – 3A
<b>First Vice President</b>	John Clark, Jr. – 1A
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<b>Past President</b>	Jeff Ferguson, Totino Grace – 5A
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	Jim Dotseth, Mpls
<b>Executive Director</b>	Ron Stolski, Brainerd

I. **Call to Order** – Scott Tschimperle, GSL – 3A

II. **Approval of minutes** from spring meeting – approved

III. **Additions/deletions to agenda:**

A. Discussion about Class 9M

III. **Roll Call** – Dotseth

**PRESENT:** John Casselius, Big Southeast Blue; Jon Vik, Big Southeast Red; Lary Herm, East Central North; Paul Lemke, East Central South; Beau LaBore, Stillwater; Eric Longtin, East Metro Red; Rick Sutton, East Metro White; Chris Mensink, Mid Southeast East; Ribsby Petermeier, Mid State Blue; Jim Jacobson, Mikwest Blue; Dave Haugen, Midwest White; Keith Cornell, North Central Blue; Jon Konold, North Central Red; Derrick Gross, North Red; Mike Gindorff, Northeast Blue; Derek Parendo, Northeast Red; Brent Schimek, Northeast Silver; Brian Remick, Northwest West; Jon Bakken, South Central Blue; Bobby Elwell, South Central White; Derek Flann, Southwest Red; Cory Haala, Southwest White; Paul Dunn, Southwest White; Tim Carlson Suburban, Red; Sean McMenemy, Suburban White; Colin Quinn, Twin City Gold; Carl Lemke, Twin City Maroon; Tom Develice, West Metro North; Matt Gegenheimer, West Metro South; Mike Mahlen, West South 1.

**ABSENT:** Scott Hanson, Mid Southeast West ; Jon Thielen, Mid State Red; Scott Gonnermen, Mid State White; Flint Motschenbacher, Midwest Red; Bill Weiss, North Central White; Mitch Dorr, North Blue; Shawn Klimek, North Silver; Jeff Gronner, North White; Ed Cremers, Northeast White; Matt Radniecki, Northwest East; Justin Johnson, South Central Red; Gary Sloan, South Red; Leo Theisen, South White; John Austinson, Southeast Red; Brent Schroeder, Southeast White; Charles Adams III, Twin City Blue; Mark Heisler, Twin City Red; Casey Kroulik, West North 1; Dustin Flaten, West North 2; Brian Dahl, West South 2.

**Committee Chairs:** Claud Allaire, Scott Tschimperle, , Dave Nelson, Beau LaBore, Paul Lemke, Jeff Ferguson, Terry Turek, Ron Stolski, Dave Frisell, Jim Dotseth, Jeff Weiland, Rick Sutton, Will Wackman. **Absent:** Dave Fritze, Con Natvig, Bubba Sullivan, Dave Nigon.

V. **Treasury/Membership update:**

A. Financial Report – Dotseth

- Financial position of the MFCA is sound. A sufficient balance will be available at the end of the year to continue sponsoring all the activities. Report was approved.

B. Membership Report – F. Motschenbacher

- Currently at 1084

VI. **Committee Reports:**

A. Executive Director's Report – Ron Stolski

- Internal audit committee to reviewed revenue/expenses: Jeff Ferguson, Dave Fritze, Ron Stolski, Dave Nelson & Jim Dotseth.
- There were positive results from:
  1. Increased dues by \$10
  2. Discontinue advertising with Dave Shama
  3. Go paperless with Recruiting Fair
  4. Limit camp outreach numbers to 10/12 and give priority to 1st time applications
- Hospitality room at the Prep Bowl – “M” room at TCF; next year will be greater visibility at the US Bank Stadium
- Mayo Partnership – will provide speakers for clinic

- Gopher support – we're in support of Coach Claeys; Coach Kill did a great job. Hit the ground running in 2011 and never stopped. He gave everything. We hope for the best
  - Sent congratulations and support to Coach Claeys.
  - Speaker suggestions
  - Advisory committee historically meets in the fall. A suggestion was made to hold the meeting in conjunction with the MFCA clinic, which will hold this year.
- B. President's Report – Scott Tschimperle
- Change conference reps to Sub-district reps – transitioned well.
- C. Academic All-State Reports – Con Natvig & Dave Frisell
- Frisell, Jody Stone no longer coaching, but will continue as 6A rep
  - Suggestion to go paperless
  - Spelling has been checked and double-checked
  - Great response
  - Discussion about changing the GPA so more balance between Gold and Silver. No action taken
- D. Mr. Football Report – Rick Sutton
- Last spring changed the number of players allowed for nomination. Could be more from 1A & 2A
  - 40 very qualified nominations.....difficult to pick 10
  - Final meeting on November 14th to select Mr. Football.
- E. Butch Nash/Coach of the Year – Dotseth
- Questionnaire needs to be completed
  - Membership required for recognition
  - Deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- F. Hall of Fame – Scott Tschimperle & Paul Lemke
- 7 new applicants. 20 total. Most number of new applications
- G. Hall of Fame Banquet – Dave Nelson
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Any ideas on how to improve, let me now
- H. Tackle Cancer – Dave Nelson
- \$192,000 so far.
  - About 50 schools left to report
  - About \$750,000 has been collected since the beginning
  - Next year should go over 1 million
  - Protocol changed and not everyone received helmet stickers.
- I. Recruiting Fair – Jeff Ferguson
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Encourage coaches to participate. Send an assistant if head can't attend
  - D2 & D3 college coaches are mostly involved
  - Partnered with Preptree [www.preptree.com](http://www.preptree.com) – no charge.
  - There was a discussion about partnering with Preptree to sponsor a Combine.
  - Let Fergie know of any suggestions. He'll report back.
- J. Scholarships – Will Wackman
- 16 \$500 scholarships again for 2016.
  - Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Large number of applications in 2015.
  - Could go paperless
- K. Camp Outreach – W. Petermeier
- Deadline will need to be adhered honored.
  - 10-12 total
- I. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fritze

## L. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fizez

- Two games in 2015.
  1. Sat June 25 1:00 PM St Cloud State for players who used up their eligibility in November 2015
  2. Players report Sunday June 19 at St John's
  3. 2nd game will be Dec 10 2016 for players who use up their eligibility in November 2016
- Coach Selection in December (if you know worthy candidates, have them send me names)
- Player nominations due before Xmas (you will get an email from your rep)
- Vikings sponsor at some level

## M. Community Service Awards – Beau LaBore

- January 1 deadline

## N. National Football Foundation – Nigon

## O. MFC Clinic – Claud Allaire

- March 31-April 2
- Partnership with Gophers
- Bielemaa. Fleck. SD State staff
- HS coaches
- More than “X” & “O”. social
- Practice like the Pros – how to make the game safer
- Want to continue involvement of membership
- Go to website

## P. Power of Influence – Bubba Sullivan (Jon Vik)

- Jon Bakken last yer
- More nominations

## Q. Publications – Terry Turek

- Magazine out.
- Summaries of Sub-Districts – send photos

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

- January 16<sup>th</sup> at Orono Middle School

## VII. Old Business

### A. AFCA Convention – January 10-12, 2016

## VIII. New Business

### A. MSHSL Update – Kevin Merkle report

- Thanks to Coaches for their cooperation and efforts in the implementation of the summer and pre-season practice policies. Initial studies are showing that there have been fewer concussions in states that have implemented limitations on physical contact. Coaches are also thanked for the continued cooperation in coaching kids to play the game more safely. We still have work to do, but the changes with the targeting rule and renewed emphasis on unnecessary and excessive contact have made the game safer.
- Two updates to the current interpretation of the Summer Coaching policy (June and July) – are being considered. Still working on the exact language.
- A single practice may be longer than two hours with an “appropriate rest period,” and limitations on pads, conditioning and contact. This will allow those that practice for 3-4 hours in a camp setting, for a limited number of days, to continue to do that.
- A more strict interpretation of practicing for 7 on 7 is being considered upon the recommendation of the FB Coaches Advisory Committee. Practices will no longer be allowed without counting toward the 11 day limit for contact days. 7 on 7 games do not count as contact days.
- District football realignment for 2017 and 2018 will take place this spring. New enrollment figures will be available in late February. Schools will have until at least April 1 to declare if

they will play 9 man and to finalize co-ops. All schools will have the opportunity to file an updated school information form to share specific details with the District Placement Committee. Placements will be completed in May; and reviewed by the AD's Advisory Committee before being finalized by the MSHSL Board of Directors in early June. After that time Districts will finalize sub-district alignment and schedules can be developed for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. There has been some discussion about making an adjustment so that District realignment happens the same time as section placement, but there are significant trade-offs if that were to be done.

- This may already be on your agenda, but the MSHSL Board will be discussing football playoffs. Some schools have expressed concerns about all schools making the playoffs. Main concern is #7 and 8 playing #1 and 2, in what are usually one-sided games. Some schools are not seeing any value in playing these games.
- The League is continues to work on continuing education for coaches, especially in regard to safety issues. Further study is being given to both the USA Football "Heads Up" program and the "Practice Like the Pros" program. "Practice Like the Pros" will be making a presentation at the spring clinic, and all coaches are strongly encouraged to attend this session.
- Rule change proposals have been submitted to eliminate clipping in the free blocking zone; changing the penalty for offensive fouls behind the line of scrimmage; and eliminating the bunch kick. These are only proposals – rule changes will not be finalized until February.
- Nine man continues to have issues in that there are at least 4-5 schools that may or may not have teams in 2016. This makes it difficult to finalize schedules. At this point there are no easy answers, and this will likely continue to be a "moving target."

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Executive Committee Nominee – Terry Bahlmann, Marshall, 4A

- The committee unanimously elected Terry Bahlmann, Marshall as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president

C. 9M concerns

- 9M needs to decide on modifications and take it to Kevin Merkle
- Also, Dunn will check to find out the rational of allowing selected schools to play 9M when their enrollment was above the limit.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Doubletree at 7:15 AM**