

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Doubletree Hotel, July 9, 2009 at 10:0 AM

I. Call to order (R. Stolski)

II. Attendance **Present:** Don Swanson, Ron Stolski, Dave Nigon, Jeff Ferguson, Dave Nelson, Dave Fritze, Terry Turek, Jeff Ferguson, and Jim Dotseth **Absent:** Wayne Petermeier, Flint Motschenbacher, Dwight Lundeen, Shannon Gerrety, Marc Bachman, Jon Johnson, Will Wackman, John Gross, and Claud Allaire

III. Approve minutes; 12/9/08 Doubletree meeting Minutes were approved.

IV. Additions/deletions to agenda – None

V. Review of April 3, 09 Conference Reps meeting

- The fall President's letter should include mention of the fact that "9/11" falls on a Friday (game night). A suggestion is the National Anthem Ceremony described by Lee Carlson, St. James: See MFCA website <http://www.mshsca.org/football/anthem.jpg>.
- The community service award presentation at the 2010 MFC Clinic will be shortened.
- The fall conference reps meeting will be at the U of M on November 19 at 7:00 PM.

VI. Review of 'Code of Conduct'

- Vote will be by the Conference Reps at the fall meeting.
- Suggestion to add a comment about lopsided scores.

VII. First Vice President

- Two nominations: Joe Scoblic, Lester Prairie and Paul Dunn, Springfield. Paul Dunn, Springfield was nominated as 1st Vice President. 2nd Vice President will come from Class 4A. Jim D will contact 4A conference reps to encourage nominations.
- A 2A replacement is needed for Tony Barnack, Montgomery, on the Team Academic All-State committee.
- A 4A replacement is needed for Tony Buthe, New Prague, on the MSHSL Football Advisory Committee. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 15th at 9:00 AM at the MSHSL office in Brooklyn Center.

VII. Reports

A. Membership

- MHSCA liability insurance expires on 7/31/09. 2010 MFCA membership is required for 2010 season coverage. Jim will include a mention in an e-mail to conference reps in late July.
- There was a discussion about how to increase college memberships. Currently, only St. John's, U of M, and MSU-Mankato are registered as staffs (\$200 per staff) and Brad LaPante, RCTC as an individual (\$25).
- Combining the recruiting fair fee with a membership was discussed.....\$275 would include a staff membership and 50% reduction in the recruiting fair fee.

B. Mr. Football Banquet (C. Anderson)

- To be held on Sunday, December 6th or 13th at 1:00 PM at the Doubletree. Clay will encourage more nominations.....especially from 9M, 1A, 2A & 3A conferences.

C. Camp Outreach

- \$500 is paid to each coaching staff that conducts a clinic for another school. 12 schools participated this year.....up from 10 last year. The schools were: Browerville, Verndale, Swanville, Benson, Plainview-EM, United South Central, Melrose, Ortonville, Redwood Falls, and Long Prairie/Grey Eagle, Swanville, and Lake Crystal-WM.

D. Scholarships

- There were eight scholarship recipients this year.....up from 4 last year. The list can be found on the website:
http://www.mshsca.org/football/scholarship_winners.htm. Recommendation to remain at 8 for next year.

E. MFC Clinic (Dotseth, Nigon, Nelson, & Stolski)

- A clinic review can be found on the MFC Clinic website:
http://www.mshsca.org/football/mfcclinic/Clinic_Index.htm. 2009 attendance was up from 2008. Good feedback on speakers, schedule, and exhibitors. Friday evening speakers will not be scheduled as late in the evening as 2009. Claud Allaire is working on scheduling speakers for 2010. Dates are March 25-27, 2010 at the Doubletree. The MFC Clinic committee has had one 2010 planning meeting. Net proceeds from 2009 were turned over to the MFCA.

F. Awards Banquet (D. Nelson)

- It would be good to have a better college presence – invitation needs to be sent out.
- Work will be done to improve the pre-banquet photo taking.
- 2010 Banquet on March 27th.

G. Recruiting Fair (J. Ferguson)

- 40 colleges attended; 38 high schools; 3 colleges attended who were not pre-registered.....room had to be found for them. One left to pay...W-9 has been provided and payment will be made shortly.
- A suggestion to add a check-off box for GPA range.
- Encourage high school coaches to partner with their Principal to get release time to attend. It is a time efficient way to visit with college coaches without missing class time.
- 2010 Recruiting Fair on Tuesday, May 4th.

H. All-Star Game (D. Fritze)

- The AS committee recommended to remain at Gustavus for training camp and SCSU for the game.
- The new funding plan resulted in increased player revenue.
- Three Metro players and one Outstate player did not show on reporting day. Reasons included illness, summer school, or surgery. The committee recommended having committee chairs (Metro & Outstate) report to camp the first day to help the Game Director with contacting alternates if player selections don't report.
- Publicity is a continuing concern. The committee recommended that a person with media contacts be added to the All Star staff to work on better visibility for the game.
- A common application, while desirable, may not be workable....selection

committees require different sets of background information.

- Ron has made contacts with the National Guard to check on their level of interest in being a game sponsor.
- A review of the 2009 All-Star game can be found on the website:
www.allstarfootball.org

I. Publications (T. Turek)

- Summer book will be mailed around the middle of August
- Terry will check on getting corporate/business ads

VIII. Financial Report (Dotseth)

- Income and expenses for the past 12 months were about the same, which continues to leave a significant balance in the account.....half of which is currently in an interest bearing account.
- The MFC Clinic, Mr. Football Banquet and Recruiting Fair posted a profit while financial support was provided to the Banquet, Camp Outreach, All-Star Game, Magazine, and Scholarships. Sponsors have provided for about half of the proceeds, thanks to the work of R. Stolski.
- The MFCA ordered a spray of flowers for the Ed Thomas reviewal and funeral.

IX. Ex. Director's Report (Stolski)

- Thank you to our sponsors.....The Graphic Edge, Rodgers Athletic, Russell Brands, MN Vikings, Wilson, Game Film Solutions, Doubletree Hotel, Cambria, Saf Enterprises, Minnesotaonline.com, and Ridell All-American.
- Stolski reported that his meeting with the U of M regarding the HOF exhibit at the TCF Stadium went well. The exhibit is a GO! He will also meet with TCF to check on their level of sponsorship.
- The Vikings and Packers are promoting a "Purple & Green All-Star Game" the first weekend in December.....home field would be alternated. It would be in addition to the current All-Star game. The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association is not completely on board. Details will follow.

X. Other

- There was a discussion about the policy that allows schools to "opt down" if they have over 50% free/reduced student population. No recommendation occurred. It was decided the committee would not take a position for or against the policy as member schools are on both sides of the issue.
- The committee recommended a 2010 Section tournament schedule that would mean games on Tuesday, Saturday, and Friday, rather than Tuesday, Tuesday, and Saturday.