

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Doubletree Hotel, Sept 19, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

I. Call to order- R. Stolski

II. Attendance: Present: Marc Bachman; Jon Bakken; Jim Dotseth; Jeff Ferguson; John Gross; Dave Nelson; Dave Nigon; Gary Sloan; Ron Stolski; Rick Sutton; Will Wackman; & Jeff Weiland. **Absent:** Claud Allaire; Dave Fritze; Beau LaBore & Flint Motschenbacher.

III. Approve 5/1/12 minutes

- **Approved.**

IV. Additions/deletions to agenda

V. Reports

A. Financial Report (Dotseth)

- **Finances remain healthy. Revenue and expenses are similar to previous years.**

B. President's Project (Bakken)

a. *Advisory and MSHSCA meeting feedback:*

- **Playoffs will be at TCF Bank Stadium in 2015. The new facility should be available in 2016. Construction schedule will ultimately dictate.**
- **New rules for coaching licensure are coming**
- **For Title IX purposes schools should try to equal the participation of boys and girls. If programs are added and girls are not interested you are still in compliance.**
- **Riddell and Schutt say if you add the bubble around the helmet it may no longer be NOCSAE approved.**
- **Subway is becoming a sponsor for the MSHSCA and will have sandwiches ready if you call ahead.**
- **Average coaching career is 3.5 years**
- **When out of season, do not use social network for contact with players.....go through the Athletics Director.**
- **The MSHSCA banquet is October 13, 2012.**
- **The MSHSCA is planning to set up an "Everything but X's & O's" clinic, modeled after the MFCA clinic.**
- **Finalists in Section 6A will get trophies.**
- **Random draw is possible for 6A state playoffs.**
- **Only two teams failed to fill a full schedule of 8 games – Wayzata and Virginia. "Football only" conferences are eliminating some of the scheduling problems. Zero week may no longer require a waiver.**
- **9M reclassification on hold: Possibly take the smallest 64 into 9M; Discussion about the limits of "free & reduced lunch" exemption. One school with 214 enrollment was able to opt down.**
- **Pre and post tests are one tool for identifying a concussion, but not a complete fix.**
- **There is a discussion about changing the preseason practice rules.**

- Live capture during the game is not allowed.

b. Post High School Football Scholarship

- Nomination form now available. Will be on the website soon.
 - 4-\$500 scholarships available to 2nd, 3rd and 4th year student athletes;
 - Athlete needs to be nominated by his high school coach.
 - Drawing will be held at the All-Star game.

C. Ex. Director Report (Stolski)

- Attended a two day executive committee meeting at the AFCA headquarters in Waco. Other states were Nebraska, Michigan, Florida, Texas, and Minnesota. All agreed that coaches need to be an important mentor in the life of young boys who largely come from one parent families. Our HOF is behind the offices at Waco. Some of the high school leagues of respective states are run by legislatures. Few coaches have summer contact with players that involve padded practices.
- FB Magazine needs to go to several outlets besides the high school coaches. Colleges, plus media outlets. Members of the committee will e-mail Jim Dotseth with suggestions on who should get the magazines.
- There was a discussion about limiting the number of summer practices. A decision was made to do a survey of high school coaches and get feedback on whether or not the current system needs to be modified.
- History project is well on its way. Committee members are: John Gross, Dave Giles, Ray Kirch (chair), John Hirsch, and Ron Scott. Brian Harper, Vikings and Jim Dotseth also attend. Harper thinks it can be put together for next fall. Will it be ½ hour; possibly longer.
- A motion was passed to allocate \$500 for Dave Nigon and \$500 to Jon Bakken to attend the AFCA convention in Nashville.

D. Membership (Motchenbacher)

E. Mr. Football (Sutton)

- The nomination form was revised so as to be more specific regarding character issues.
- There will be an attempt to change the time of the Mr. Football banquet from 12:00 noon to a breakfast banquet to accommodate the sponsor, MN Vikings. Mr. Football nominees will be able to be introduced at the Viking game at noon.

F. Scholarships (Wackman)

- 12 scholarships is a good number

G. All-Star Game (Fritze)

- Some of the issues that occurred during the 2012 All-Star week were:
 1. Players in areas (buildings) that were off limits.
 2. Some players were at the lake after curfew.
 3. There was some inappropriate player behavior.
- At the end of the game, both benches cleared during an on-field altercation.
- There was a fair amount of *TRASH TALKING* during and prior to the game.
- Dave Fritze will meet with the St. John's representative, Gary Fashing and several coaches from the 2012 game to deal with minor issues such as:
 1. Provide a lounge/gathering place for the players during down time.
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3. Provide a way for players to buy beverages and snacks after hours.
4. Making movie night mandatory.
5. Provide team meeting rooms.
6. Opening the pool during evening down time.
7. Providing players a list of areas that are off limits.
8. Supervision of the dorms each evening by SJ players, All Star coaches, or area coaches.

Dave will also work with everyone involved in the game to create an appropriate All-Star atmosphere.

H. Awards Banquet (Nelson)

- The awards banquet is Saturday, April 6, 2013.

I. Recruiting Fair (Ferguson)

- A motion was passed to move the Recruiting fair from Tuesday, May 7th to Monday, May 6, 2013. Note: Coordination with the Doubletree after the meeting will result in the move.....the Fair will be on Monday the 6th.

J. MFC Clinic (Allaire)

K. NFF (Nigon)

- A motion was passed to sponsor two \$1,000 scholarships with the NFF.

L. Retired Coaches (Gross)

- John would like notification of any coaches deaths.
- John is continuing to work on making improvements in the coaches social at during the MFC Clinic.

M. Community Service (LaBore)

- Beau was unable to attend but sent a note indicating he hoped schools continued to pursue their projects in addition to the Tackle Cancer initiative.
- A continuous issue is getting coaches to complete the form. A push will be made after the season.

N. Everything but X's and O's.

- The clinic will be on Saturday, January 26, 2013.
- A site has yet to be determined. One possibility is Orono High School. The Doubletree is also a possibility, but the cost would be higher. There would be no cost for the Orono site.

VI. Old Business

A. Fall Conference Reps mtg – Friday, 11/16/12, 9:00 AM @ Doubletree – no change.

B. Awards – Nigon

- The awards committee offered recommendations on service awards and coaches awards: 30year award – acrylic plaque; 35 year award – logo watch; 40 year – crystal football; 45 year – clock; 50 year – gift certificate and plaque. Mork and Stolski awards would be retroactive.

C. Tackle Cancer Update (Nelson)

- 135 schools participating. More are being added.
- How the fund raiser is promoted is up to the individual schools.
- Wide range of funds raised – \$65 to \$4,000.
- Suggestion was made to compile a list of ideas that worked after the season.

VII. New Business

A. 2nd Vice President (5A, 3A, 1A, 4A, 2A, 6A, 9M).

- **Jeff Ferguson was recommended as 2nd Vice Pres. His name will be presented to the conference reps in November.**

B. Dave Shama Sponsorship – tabled

C. MHSFCA Recruiting Position Paper – Stolski passed out a Michigan position paper on recruiting.

D. Summer Football

- **There was a discussion about whether or not football should initiate limitations on summer practice. It was decided a survey should go out to state coaches regarding this issue. Committee members are asked to send survey questions to Dotseth.**
- **Rick Sutton offers these questions:**
 1. What is your football classification? (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, 9M)
 2. Are you at a Metro or Outstate school?
 3. Including all football activities (camps, passing leagues, 7 on 7 tournaments; team camps, etc) how many total days do you schedule activities during the summer waiver period?
 4. How many padded days do you currently schedule?
 5. Are you in favor of limiting the number of days available for summer football activities (not including conditioning days)?
 6. If the number of summer activity days were to be limited, which of the following models would you prefer?
 - a. 15 days total - 10 padded
 - b. 15 days total - 7 padded
 - c. 15 days total - 6 padded
 - d. 10 days total - 5 padded

E. Youth Summit (Ferguson)

- **One coach from each state was in attendance, plus past NFL players who are now coaches.**
- **Topics covered were: Character, concussions, promotion of positive values in your program, revision of NCAA core class requirements; how can we shape the perception of players in the community.**
- **79% percent of D I recruiters check social media for information about their recruits.**
- **One coach will be sent each year. Sponsored by Vikings**

F. Seeding/Random draw (Stolski)

- **Concern was expressed that the 6A format doesn't any longer allow for a section champion.**
- **Section football in the Metro area was discussed as a way to alleviate scheduling problems.**
- **Dotseth will contact the 32 6A coaches to determine whether they have a preference on random drawing all eight state participants. Note: After checking with the MSHSL, no change can be made for the 2012 playoffs. Current format for 2012 is: Seed four and random draw the remaining four.**

G. Miscellaneous

- **Some schools are misusing the \$79 rate at the Doubletree.**

Conference Reps meeting: Friday, 11/16/12 9:00 AM @ Doubletree

Next Meeting: Saturday, 1/12/13 10:00 AM @ Doubletree