

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Doubletree Hotel, Saturday, January 2nd @ 9:30 AM

I. Call to order- R. Stolski

II. Introduction:

- **Ashley Chmielewski, group sales manager – 3 months on the job. Rooms, reservations, meeting ideas**

III. Attendance:

Present: Marc Bachman; Jim Dotseth; Jeff Ferguson, Dave Fritze; John Gross; Beau LaBore; Dave Nelson; Dave Nigon; Ron Stolski; Scott Tschimperle; Will Wackman; & Jeff Weiland. **Absent:** John Clark, Jr; Claud Allaire; Flint Motschenbacher; Paul Lemke; Rick Sutton;

III. Approve 9/16/15 minutes

- **Motion to approve by Dave Nigon & second by Dave Nelson - passed.**

V. Additions/deletions to agenda – none

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report (Dotseth)

- **Motion to approve by Dave Fritze & second by Scott Tschimperle - approved**

B. President's Project (Tschimperle)

- **Recruited sub-district reps to replace conference reps to coincide with the new District alignment**
- **1st Vice President, John Clark, Jr. – when he becomes president, he will produce video on why we play football.**

C. Ex. Director Report (Stolski)

- **Concussions:**
 - i. **Have made contact with Dr. Uzma Samadani who wrote the counterpoint article in response to two U of M professors who recommended football be taken out of the high schools and be handled as a club sport in the community.**

<http://www.startribune.com/minnesotans-offer-two-takes-on-the-concussion-debate/363470001/>

- **Where should we be with this issue?**

- i. **Science should direct the discussion**
- ii. **Continue to emphasize what is right about playing football.**
- iii. **Write an editorial, letter to editor??**
- iiii. **We educate, encourage, and publish through our Assoc.**
- v. **Continue to model and teach life lessons.**
- vi. **Football is much safer now than even two years ago.**
- vii. **Encourage kids to participate in youth activities, including football.**

D. Membership (Motchenbacher)

- **Could membership numbers improve?**
- **Currently 326 head coach members and 771 assistant coach members**
- **Marc Bachman said he could set up 30 iPads in a room at the clinic for registration**
- **Ron will talk to Flint about where he stands on continuing with membership. Marc is available to proceed.**

E. Mr. Football (Sutton)

F. Scholarships (Wackman)

• **16 in 2015**

7-10-15

- March 1st is the deadline for 2016.

G. All-Star Game (Fritze)

- Last year of June 25th summer game at SCSU; report Sunday prior
- December 10, 2016 is the AS game following the 2016 season.
- Vikings will provide production of game and rental of US Bank stadium
- Goal is to not have to have players raise funds.
- 16K rental for the stadium is less than anticipated
- We can include an all membership coaches meeting – facility holds 1,500; also banquet room for Friday night banquet
- Hopefully two bands; choir for the national anthem; cheerleaders
- Have selected coaches from a pool of all-star/HOF coaches
- Augsburg and Minnetonka will provide practice space.
- Game time will probably be 6:00 PM.
- Ticket prices will be minimal.
- Would like the MFCA to benefit financially
- Partnership visibility on the scoreboard will be available
- Hopefully an agreement will be in place by the end of January

H. Hall of Fame (Tschimperle & Lemke)

- 23 nominees in the pool.....meeting at 2:00 PM

I. Awards Committee (Dotseth)

- Meeting to follow at 12:00 noon

J. Awards Banquet (Nelson)

K. Tackle Cancer (Nelson)

- Tackle Cancer – 1st Four Years – '12 (\$121,037.00); '13 (\$189,997.86); '14 (\$228,422.67); '15 (\$229,992.92); Total: \$769,450.45
- 2016 Goal - \$230,549.55 (This would bring our 5 year total to \$1,000,000)

L. Recruiting Fair (Ferguson)

- Blane Teterault, Preptree Recruiting Network was introduced. Came on board last year with our Recruiting Fair. It's a way to get the junior players visibility. Provided the ability to move more online. May 2, 2016.
- Combine – modeled after Wisconsin. It's here to stay.....only going to grow. Hasn't mushroomed yet in Minnesota. Provides the means to authentic information about prospects. MFCA has the opportunity to be on the leading edge in Minnesota. Can be instrumental in directing how it's run. To a degree players are being preyed upon, spending needless money to get recruited. MFCA can craft how it should be done and decide on price.
- Sample: Coaches coming into town for the Recruiting Fair, possibility the Sunday before the Recruiting Fair.
- Will need to check with the MSHSL to find out if eligibility is an issue.
- Want to run a quality event.
- A motion was made by Jeff Ferguson for the MFCA to partner with Preptree on the Recruiting Fair and add the combine. Second by Dave Nigon – Passed. Goal would be to start On May 1st.

M. MFC Clinic (Allaire)

- E-mail blasts and post card will be coming soon.
- Brad Salem was suggested by Fergie.

N. NFF (Nigon)

- Dues were renewed in 2015 - \$2,000 scholarship

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- Banquet in early May
- Let Dave know if you want to attend.

O. Retired Coaches (Gross)

- John Gross reviewed his 50 years with the association, clinic, and committees. Very appreciative of his time, however, said it's time to step aside.
- Tom Mahoney was responsible for getting him involved.
- Recommends changing the name of the MFCA reception to reunion.

P. Community Service (LaBore)

- Have applicants from which to select.

Q. Concussion Awareness (Bachman)

R. Everything but X's & O's Clinic (Weiland)

- January 16th. Speakers: Leo Pohlcamp, Pierz; Nick David, Mound-
Westonka; Chad Sexauer, So St. Paul, Tyler Krebs, Burnsville; Tim
Carlson, Jefferson

S. Camp Outreach (Petermeier)

- Going back to 10 camps in 2016.

VII. Old Business

A. Concussion protocol

VIII. New Business

A. Seeding State Playoffs

- Motion by Jeff Ferguson & second by Scott Tschimperle to recommend to
the MSHSL seeding the final 8 in classes 9M to 5A
- In the past generally travel has been the inhibitor.

B. New website feedback

- Harder to find things; Not as user friendly.
- Beau, Stillwater, had positive comments about how much they like the
domain.

C. Advertising with Shama

- Not at this time

**D. Coaches won/loss records (wins in other states are currently included) – No
change.**

E. 7 x 7

- Counts as one of the 11 summer practices if you practice
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Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2016 @ 3:30 PM