

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Doubletree Hotel, December 9, 2008, 5:30 pm

I. Call to order- R. Stolski

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

III. Approve minutes; 9/4/08 Doubletree meeting Minutes were approved.

IV. Additions/deletions to agenda - None

V. Reports

A. Executive Director Report (Stolski):

1. **Constitution** Marc Bachman was introduced. He will make the changes in the constitution to reflect the change from MHSFCA to MFCA. A short review of the constitution was made. A more extensive review will take place later.
2. **Bereavement Policy** Flowers will be purchased from the MFCA for coaches that qualify as: Icons, Hall of Fame, Leadership role. Jim and Ron will develop a policy.
3. **Role of Executive Committee** Made up of most committee chairs and will function in an advisory and policy role.
4. **Role of President's Committee** Presently too big to function efficiently. The Awards Committee will consist of 10 members: Awards chair will chair the committee; also, executive director, president, 1st vice president, banquet chair, all-star game director, past assistant coach of the year, and three past presidents to be determined by the committee chair and executive director. The Hall of Fame committee will consist of HOF committee chairs, executive director, 1st vice president, and 8 past presidents.
5. **Sponsorship Update** Economic times have resulted in some sponsors being unable to fulfill their agreement. Varsity Gold will honor their commitment; Graphic Edge is prepared to sign a 5 year agreement. It's important to patronize the sponsors whenever possible. Let Ron know if there are sponsors that could participate but are current not. Metro Athletic is a suggestion.
6. **Progress on HOF in the TCF Stadium** This will be a duplication of what currently exists at the Doubletree. It was suggested that an expanded HOF could include MFCA past history. Funding will be by the MFCA. What and where to be established.
7. **Relationship/Influence with the MSHSL; also HOF** We need to be vigilant; not give up our influence. We need to directly to Merkle/Stead to represent US. Some change is bottom up/some not. We need to regularly nominate to the MSHSL HOF.....Fine Arts have one or two every year. We should not go to every other year for the award.

8. **Community Service Award** A new award to recognize programs who are involved in community service activities. Recognition will occur at the MFC Clinic tailgate party. A form exists on the website for programs who would request recognition. We should get assistant coaches involved on a committee.
 9. **Mercy Rule** Was instituted at the MSHSL Board level with out MFCA input. Modification of the rule has been sought as follows: The head coach of the team that is losing by 42 or more points at the end of the 3rd quarter has the option of requesting the institution of the Mercy Rule for the 4th quarter. It has been requested that the MSHSL make sure officials enforce the rule properly.....the clock continues to run only after incomplete passes and runs out of bounds; at all other times the clock stops.
 10. **Wilson contract** Generates \$5,000 annually to the MFCA.
 11. **Dome contract after '10** Clay Anderson will organize a committee to look at the schedule after 2010.
 12. **Academic All-State** Proper criteria needs to be on the website along with a conversion to 4.0 GPA.
- B. Finances- Jim Dotseth** \$37,045.70.
- C. MFC Clinic- Committee** 2008 was a success with over 800 registrations and \$20,000 profit for the MFCA. Doubletree Hotel works best for a host because of parking, room availability, cooperation. It was suggested that the Thursday evening social needs to be in a larger venue. Brochure will be sent out in early January.
- D. Membership- F. Motschenbacher** Currently 916 members
- E. All Star Game Report- D. Fritze** An agreement with Impact Sports will institute a new incentive based fund raiser which allow players not only raise money to fund the game, but will also result in clothing for them personally. The fund raiser has been used quite successfully in Wisconsin. Dave recommended that the All-Star committee look at a proposal from St. John's University to host the week of practice. A decision will be made after a visit by the All-Star game committee.
- F. Recruiting Fair- J. Ferguson** – A discussion occurred about whether or not a notation can be made on each player indicating their academic standing. It can't. It will be held again in May.
- G. Mr. Football Banquet – C. Anderson** To be held on Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 PM at the Doubletree. It was moved from Saturday because a couple of players had conflicts with the ACT test as well athletic contests. The 10 finalists come from 10 different conferences.
- I. Hall of Fame Banquet- D. Nelson** The banquet is April 4, 2009 at the Doubletree. A decision was made to increase the number of inductee photos to 15-20. The school song could also be added. The presenter will be selected by the inductee.
- J. President's Report- S. Gerrety** Shannon is working on a code of ethics.

K. Scholarship Report- W. Wackman \$500 Scholarships will be increased from four to eight. Four more names are needed to be attached to the scholarships. February 1st is the deadline.

VI. New Items

A. 2nd Vice President

B. 4A replacement for Tony Buthe, New Prague, on Advisory Committee To be selected by the MFCA president.

VII. Next meeting time/date Next meeting to be in January/February.

VII. Adjournment