

Minnesota Football Coaches Association

Fall meeting – November 18th, 7:00 PM at the Bierman Complex

Officers

President	Paul Dunn, Springfield
First Vice President	Jeff Weiland, Orono
Second Vice President	Jon Bakken, WEM
Past President	Jon Johnson, Litchfield
Secretary-Treasurer	Jim Dotseth, Mpls
Executive Director	Ron Stolski, Brainerd

PRESENT: Clay Anderson, Big Nine; Jon Konold, Central Lakes; Eric Longtin, Classic Suburban; Ken Helland, Gopher Vly 1A; Chris Trostad, Heart-O-Lakes No; John Austinson, Hiawatha Vly Blue & Gold; Mike Damman, Little Sioux; Giovann Jenkins, Minneapolis City; Nate Harrington, MN Christian; Mike Hennen, Mississippi 8; Bubba Sullivan, Missota; Flint Motschenbacher, No County; Will Wackman, No Suburban; Shannon Gerrety, NW Suburban; Bryan Strand, Northern Plains 1A & 2A; Ribsby Petermeier, Prairie So; Mat Mahoney, So Central; Rick Sutton, South Suburban; Todd Oye, Southwest; Beau LaBore, Suburban East; Jay DeCann, W Central No; Scott Gonnerman, W Central So; Paul Lemke, Wright County.

Committee Chairs: Mike Watson, Scott Tschimperle, Dave Fritze, Con Natvig, Dave Nelson, Beau LaBore, Paul Lemke, Bubba Sullivan, Clay Anderson, Ron Stolski, Mike Fritze, Dave Frisell, Jim Dotseth. **ABSENT:** Jeff Ferguson, Terry Turek, Jon Johnson, **ABSENT;** Ray Tri, Central MN; Jon Bakken, Gopher Vly 2A; Justin Isaacs, Great Northern; Charlie Campbell, Great Polar Red; Dave Louzek, Great Polar White; Mike Gindorff, Great Polar Blue; Dave Haugen, Heart-O-Lakes Classic; John DenHartog, Hopkins; Terry Turek, MN River; Jason McCloskey, No Tri-County; Mike Mahlen, Pheasant No; Tony Thiel, Pheasant So; Don Seipkes, Prairie No; Derek Parendo, Sea Range; Derek Parendo, Sea Range; Karl Urbaniak, Southeast; Jim Utermarck, Southern Confederacy; Wally Kostick, St. Louis County; Dave Zeitchick, St. Paul City; Todd Niklaus, Tri-Metro East; Ron Monson, Tri-Metro West; Bill Ihrke, Three Rivers No & So; Scott Parker, Top-of-State.

I. Call to Order - President Paul Dunn

Guests:

Dan O'Brien, Director of Football Operations/High School Relations: Thanked coaches for their support of the Gopher program. He stated that the process of hiring a new coach is on-going. He stated they aren't involved in the process, but believe the committee is perusing head coaches, not coordinators or pro coaches.

II. Approval of minutes from spring meeting: **Minutes Approved**

III. Additions/deletions to agenda: **NONE**

IV. Roll Call – Dotseth – See above

V. Treasury/Membership update:

A. Financial Report – Dotseth

- The MFCA is financially stable. Carryover balance to 2011 will be about the same as 2010.

B. Membership Report – F. Motschenbacher

- Currently at 1108, which is about 40 short of last year, an all time high.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Director's Report – Ron Stolski

- We have a better understanding of college coaches as members of the MFCA. Often, college athletic departments pay a blanket membership to the MSHSCA which covers coaches in all their sports.
- Spring meeting had very good attendance.

- A small group of high school coaches met with Joel Maturi and Mark Ryan to discuss the hiring process for the new “U” coach. It was a productive meeting that covered qualifications, core values, etc. They were very open and sincere. They are well aware they have to “get it right”.
- The All-Star game will be moved to TCF Bank Stadium after discussions initiated by the Gopher football program. The format will likely change from Metro/Outstate to possibly North/South. Roughly, sections 1-4 would make up the South team; sections 5-8 the North team.
- There is a MSHSL task force working on trying to alleviate scheduling problems. Ron spent some time reviewing the process of how the current playoff system evolved. The driving goal of the current system was that all schools would qualify for the playoffs, as occurs in other sports. If the system is changed to advance only four teams per section to the playoffs it would result in some schools being eliminated from post season play as early as the beginning of October.

B. President’s Report – Paul Dunn

- Paul’s Presidents project is to add an assistant coaches division to the MFCA Hall of Fame. Criteria is being developed and the plan is to inductee as many as three assistants in each of the next three years followed by no more than one each succeeding year. A provision will be made on the current nomination form to include an assistant coach category.
- Request for two policy changes have been advanced to the MSHSL for consideration.
 - Realign sections every year rather than every other year. **Rational:** eliminate the imbalance of 5 teams in one section and 8 or more in another.
 - Allow schools who choose to use 25 second clock play clock. This would be optional, not required.
- Rule change possibilities:
 - No pass interference if the pass was uncatchable
 - Enforce the holding penalty behind the LOS at the previous spot.
 - Allow grounding outside the tackle box
 - Require a minimum of four players on each side of the ball on kick-off.
- Beginning in 2011, the back judge will begin a visual 5 count when there is 5 seconds before a potential delay of game penalty.

C. Academic All-State Reports – Con Natvig & Dave Frisell

- Nominations were up in all classes, except 9M
- Information will be posted on the website:
<http://www.mshsca.org/football/academicallstate.htm>
- November 1st deadline was explained: Fall grades are not included; also the deadline allows postings on the scoreboard during the semi-finals and finals at the DOME.

D. Mr. Football Report – Clay Anderson

- The committee had its first meeting and selected 10 finalists: **Joe Bjorklund**, Rosemount; **Reggie Gandy**, DeLaSalle, **Jordan Hayes**, Brainerd; **Eric Kline**, Blaine; **Dillon Olson**, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke; **Colby Salonek**, Springfield; **Ayrton Scott**, Minneapolis Southwest; **Dylan Ulferts**, Shakopee; **Frank Veldman**, Eastview; **Peter Westerhaus**, Holy Family Catholic.
- The winner will be announced at the Mr. Football banquet on December 19 at the Doubletree Hotel in St. Louis Park at 12:00 PM.
- In future years, it is important that coaches follow up with Clay to make sure the nomination was received.
- There is a good mix in 10 finalists.....small school/big school; outstate/metro.

- E. Butch Nash/Coach of the Year – Dotseth
- Get Butch Nash nominations to Jim Dotseth before January 1st. Dotseth will send out questionnaires to conference/section coaches of the year.
- F. Hall of Fame – Scott Tschimperle & Paul Lemke.
- Nominations are up this year. Deadline is January 1st.
 - A new Assistant Coach Division will be added this year. Nomination forms are on the website: <http://www.mshsca.org/football/hof.pdf>
- G. Hall of Fame Banquet – Dave Nelson
- Saturday, April 2nd at the Doubletree.
 - On-line ticket purchase went fine.
- H. Recruiting Fair – Jeff Ferguson
- May 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Doubletree.
 - 36 colleges participated in 2010.
 - Point of emphasis with administration: Great opportunity to visit with college recruiters without having to leave the classroom.
- I. Scholarships – Will Wackman
- 8 scholarships were awarded in 2010. 4 more will be added for 2011. The four new scholarships will be named in honor of Hall of Fame coaches. Recommendations were: **Bob Peterson**, Esko; **Dale Scholl**, Redwood Falls; **Jim Gustafson**, Albert Lea; and **Ron Stolski**, Brainerd.
 - Deadline is March 1st. <http://www.mshsca.org/football/scholarship.htm>
- J. Camp Outreach – W. Petermeier
- Players attend free. Coaching clinic staff is paid \$500.
<http://www.mshsca.org/football/scholarship.htm>
- K. All-Star Game Report – Dave Fritze
- June 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM at TCF Bank stadium
 - Practice at Gustavus. Players report on June 19th.
 - Format is likely to change. Proposal is South (sections 1-4) vs North (sections 5-8). Number of players from Metro and Outstate would remain the same. Number of coaches would remain the same.
 - Media day at TCF Bank stadium on Wednesday, June 22nd
 - 25 second clock will be used.
 - Nomination: <http://www.mshsca.org/football/outstatenom.pdf>
- L. Community Service Awards – Beau LaBore
- Applications are down. Application is on the website:
<http://www.mshsca.org/football/COMMUNITYSERVICEFORM.pdf>
- M. Power of Influence – B. Sullivan
- Recognizes head coaches for their contribution to their community.
 - Dwight Lundeen, Becker is the 2010 recipient.
 - Need more nominations
- N. Publications – Terry Turek
- May 1st deadline for conference reports
 - Terry is working to secure ads
 - Needs photos
 - Forms published in the magazine are taken from the website.
 - Ron commented that the 2010 MFCA magazine was well done.
- O. MFC Clinic
- Will be held on March 31, April 1st & 2nd at the Doubletree. The MFCA will be working with a new “U” coaching staff and will work to incorporate them into the clinic.

- P. NFL's free High School Player Development (HSPD) camps – John Austinson
- Over 800 players attended in the summer of 2010. There were four camps: Brainerd, Rochester, and two metro sites. Players attend free.
 - Site manager is paid \$750. Coaches receive \$250 each, plus gear.
 - Lakeville South 7x7 team competed in Tampa, Florida against several other NFL sponsored high school teams. They finished runner-up.

VII. New Business

A. Historian

- A motion was made to add a Historian position. Salary to be determined by the Executive Committee. Motion passed. Recommendation to name Dave Giles to the position.

B. Jon Bakken was voted as MFCA 2nd vice-president.

C. Kevin Merkle - MSHSL Task force report

- Zero week will likely be approved. Teams unable to fill open dates during the season, would be able to apply to the MSHSL for a zero week game. During the open date practice would be limited to three practices.
- Two scheduling format possibilities
 - 1st game of the season would be non-conference. Remaining 7 games against section teams. All teams eligible for playoffs.
 - First two games against non-conference opponents. Next 7 games within the section with 4 teams advancing to playoffs.
- A uniform point system will be used when sections choose to use a point system to determine seeding.

D. Adjournment

Spring Meeting, April 1st, 8:00 AM, at the Doubletree – Room 2