

Executive Committee Minutes

Doubletree Hotel Saturday, 1/4/14 @ 9:30 AM

I. Call to order- R. Stolski

II. Attendance:

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

III. Approve 9/18/13 minutesapproved

- a. Motion to approve by Jon Bakken & 2nd by Marc Bachman. Passed

III. Additions/deletions to agenda

- a. Discussion about whether to seed the state tournament in the future

V. Reports

A. Financial Report (Dotseth)

- Motion to approve by Rick Sutton & 2nd Paul Lemke. Passed

B. President's Project (Sloan)

- Good feedback on the concussion project. Claud reported that Macalester used the video also.
- Jim will remind Rob Nielson to include the link when the July notice goes out

C. Ex. Director Report (Stolski)

- Leadership group needs to examine whether or not “we are who we say we are”.
- Brochure was passed around and discussed mission statement. Based upon mission statement we are fulfilling our mission. Feedback is that we should continue to print brochure.
- Compared to other states we are very active.
- Rob does a great job with the website.
- Jeff’s Weiland’s “Everything But X’s & O’s is a great addition to what we’re about.
- Encouraged by the cooperation with the MSHSL.
- The MSHSL states that the “District” idea is a result of direction from the legislature indicating that “scheduling needs to get fixed, or they will” Will Wackman stated that Classes 4 & 5 could easily schedule within their respective sections and still protect the integrity of “natural rivalries”
- Spalding football situation is a result of the MSHSL listening to the coaches.
- Discussion about the proposal to substitute
- **A motion passed unanimously that the executive committee supports the plan to start practice on August 10, 2015, and instead of a scrimmage at the end of the second week, a game would be scheduled. The understanding is that in 2016 the schedule would revert back to a scrimmage at the end of the second week of practice.**
- MFC Clinic process has begun. Important that we have leadership support.
- The idea of whether or not to have a “headliner” was presented to the conference reps in September.....mixed response on whether or not it was important.
- We learned that speakers after 9:00 PM don’t work. “Also, we need to remember we are not the Glazier clinic”.
- Let’s be sure we don’t over extend ourselves. We need to be good at what we do.

D. Membership (Motchenbacher).....1109

E. Mr. Football (Sutton)

- December 8thJeff Jones, Washburn, was named Mr. Football
- Great response from the coaches. More nominations this year.....39.

F. Scholarships (Wackman)

- Due to the fact that we will now be offering 16 scholarships, we need to select four coaches to name the scholarships after. The following names have been submitted:

Frank Fredlund, St. Peter, Ken Baumann, Mahnomen, Dan O'Brien, New Prague, Earl Wetzel, Farmington, Paul Schmidt, Red Wing, Ron Stolski, Brainerd, Ron Scott, Dick Walker, Gary Gustafson, George Thole, Mike Mahlen, Jim Simser, Dick Lawrence, Rollie Bromberg, Buz Rumril

- Stolski will convene a committee to select 4 names for the new scholarships, as well as 4 names for the Post High School scholarships.

G. All-Star Game (Fritze)

- June 28th 1:00 PM at St. Cloud.
- Committee decided at the September meeting to continue at St. Cloud. Exception would be if TCF Bank Stadium became available.
- Each MN high school is expected to fund for 5 All-Star game tickets whether or not they have a player in the game.
- Ideas to generate interest:
 - i. Promote at the clinic.
 - ii. Suggestion to send less than 5 tickets to the smaller schools

H. Post High School Scholarships (Bakken)

- First year worked great.

I. Hall of Fame (Lemke & Tschimperle)

- Meeting later today
- Good pool of nominees

J. Awards Committee (Dotseth)

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K. Awards Banquet (Nelson)

- March 29th at Doubletree.

L. Tackle Cancer (Nelson)

- \$190K....last year \$121K
- Bakken, LaBore and Fergie did a great job leading the effort, also Sloan and Sutton
- Plan to have an All-Star game kick-off in June.
- Good response at Gopher game. Suggest coaching staffs from around the state to assist. Especially Outstate
- We need to help assist coaches in how to promote. Prepare a packet and include 10 ideas on how to get a positive response.
- Jeff Moritko has a "kick-off" in the fall at his restaurant – Moe's. Usually takes place on the scrimmage Saturday.....6:00 PM

M. Recruiting Fair (Ferguson) M

- Monday, May 5th

N. MFC Clinic (Allaire)

- Format the same as previous years
- USA weight lifting will hold a clinic on Wednesday night and Thursday - \$250.
- Gopher practice will be earlier so less speakers on Saturday.
- Individual fee was increased from \$85 to \$90.
- No college credit.....to few take advantage.
- Trying to bring back the legends sessions with college coaches.
- Difficult to get "headliners" with the clinic scheduled when it is. Most colleges are in spring practice.
- Ken Sparks. Carson-Newman. winningest coach in Div II will be one of the speakers.

- Contact Dave Nigon if you know of an interested vendor.
- We're going to recognize one of our partners.....John Reglien, The Graphic Edge
- Suggestion the Gopher staff spread out and do more sessions.
- Have O'Brien talk about scrimmage, hand out roster and practice schedule.

O. NFF (Nigon)

- Motion to again sponsor two \$1,000 scholarships. Motion by Dave Nigon and 2nd by John Gross. Motion passed.

P. Retired Coaches (Gross)

- Retiree coaches reception again this year. Last year Coach Kill spent about 45 minutes with the retired coaches. Very much appreciated.

Q. Community Service (LaBore)

- Not many applications

R. Concussion Awareness (Bachman)

- Suggestion to put informational piece in the clinic bag
- Discussion about using Simpson helmets.....made by NASCAR.
- Marc Bachman's son wore a helmet at Gustavus and won't go back to a conventional helmet.
- Will be a vendor at the National Convention.

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

- Brochure went out to head coaches the first week in January.
- Hamline clinic the same day, with Kill and Tessel as clinicians.

VI. Old Business

A. Scholarship names

- a. Committee will be established

B. MFCA Documentary (Kirch)

- a. Ray unable to continue as chair
- b. Looking for someone to replace Kirch

C. College Players survey

- a. Several college programs were surveyed to get information on how many MN High School players are on their respective rosters. There were 1819 in the fall of 2013.

VII. New Business

A. Memorials for HOF/Office Holders spouses.

- a. Continue with current precedent of only recognizing HOF and office holders.

B. Seeding the state tournament

- a. Discussion about whether or not to recommend seeding the state tournament
- b. Lemke recommends to the advisory committee a seeded tournament in the future.
Motion passed

C. Climatization and limits to summer and 2-a-day practices:

- a. Need to give Merkle concrete proposals
 - i. Not in favor of being dictated to in regard to limits to pads and practice time
 - ii. Recommend a conference call once we know what the MSHSL is considering.
 - iii. **The following motion passed unanimously: The committee strongly urges the MSHSL not to make final decisions regarding # 7 & 8 on the December 30 update below without input from the Executive Committee and or Advisory Committee.**

Summary of Advisory Committee Conference call on Friday, December 20, 2013:

1. Strong consensus to not start the season on August 3
2. Although some on the committee were OK with a four team playoff, the consensus was to make adjustments to allow for a full playoff schedule.
3. Strong preference to play the first game on August 22 in place of the scrimmage. Coaches feel that the scrimmage is generally more taxing for players than playing in a game. This will allow for a full playoff schedule. This option will depend on approval from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
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5. Last choice would be to shorten playoffs and if that is done allow sections the option as to whether or not they would play the consolation rounds.

MSHSL Update received from Kevin Merkle on Monday, December 30, 2013

1. The MSHSL Board is scheduled to vote on a change in football scheduling at their meeting in January 23. Info on the "District" scheduling plan has been sent to all schools. Webinars are scheduled for January 13, 14 and 15. Suggestions for improving the plan should come to me. Coaches/schools should share their thoughts in regard to this plan or others with the Board Member who represents them – Board contact info can be found on our website.
2. The Advisory Committee Recommendation from 6A coaches will be reviewed by the AD's Advisory Committee on Jan. 22 and will be voted on at the Board Meeting on the 23rd.
3. Playoffs for 2014 are set, and the Board will finalize the plan for 2015 at the January Board Mtg. Advisory Committee recommends starting practice on August 10, and playing the first game in place of the scrimmage, on August 22. That would allow for a complete playoff schedule. Other options are to start Aug. 3, or to shorten the playoffs with only 4 teams advancing from each section.
4. Reminder that the semifinals will be played at various sites in 2014 and 15. At this point the sites will be St. Cloud State and four or five additional sites in the Metro area.
5. We are continuing to work with Spalding on the football situation. The SB1 is supposedly being redesigned and other steps have and will be taken in regard to the manufacturing issues. As some coaches know, the Spalding J5V may actually be a better ball in shape, feel and performance and is actually at a lower price point. Our goal is to have more definite information and share that with schools by February 1 - - but I can't guarantee that.
6. We are continuing to move ahead with the policy that would limit players to six quarters in a 3 day time period, the Board will decide whether or not to take that to the Rep Assembly later this spring.
7. I continue to work on the policy that better defines and restricts what coaches can do with players during the summer coaching waiver period. What we have shared is still a good outline of what we will do, but some of the specifics will change. There will be an acclimatization period before full contact can take place and the number of days of contact will be limited – the Board will decide whether to take this to the Rep Assembly later this spring.
8. There may be further policy or recommendations in regard to pre-season practices for football as well as other sports. This could mean more acclimatization and limits on the length of practices and on when 2-a days can occur -- similar to the NCAA model. Could still happen for 2014.

Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, May 5th @ 3:30 PM – Doubletree

Next Conference Reps meeting: Friday, March 28th at the Doubletree at 7:30 AM