

# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

## Doubletree Hotel, Friday, May 4, 2015 @ 3:30 PM

### I. Call to order- R. Stolski

### II. Attendance:

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

### III. Guest

- **Justin Hegna**, President/CEO of with Breakdown Sports USA.  
<http://www.breakdownsportsusa.com/> Previously a teacher and coach in Becker.
- “Promoting and Serving High School Athletics since 2001”.
- Breakdown sports offers season preview publications, in-season premier events, off-season leagues, great photography and an extensive website with news and blogs for several sports including boys & girls basketball, volleyball, hockey and baseball.
- Justin is interested in adding football. Would gather information for a preseason publication with information about teams, players, etc.

### III. Approve 1/2/15 minutes

- Approved

### V. Additions/deletions to agenda

### VI. Reports

#### A. Financial Report (Dotseth)

- Approved

#### B. President's Project (Tschimperle)

#### C. MSHSL update

- 6A Playoff approved
- Webinars are up and running first two weeks in May

#### D. Ex. Director Report (Stolski)

- Change is constant
- Pleased that football coaches seem to have accepted the new guidelines for summer and fall practice.
- Has had conversation with Lifetouch to produce a 5-6 minute video with a unified message on why we play football. Introduction by exec director and then have 30 second videos of participants stating why they play football – partners, coaches, players, officials. Lifetouch will not charge
- Remember to support our partners

#### E. Membership (Motschenbacher)

- 1146

#### F. Mr. Football (Sutton)

- Nominations Due – October 30
- Selection of Finalists – October 31
- Selection of Mr. Football – November 14
- Mr. Football Banquet – November 22
- Motion to no longer limit the number of nominations, but retain the “Conference stamp of Approval”. After discussion, the motion passed.

#### G. Scholarships (Wackman)

- Committee met at the MFCA Clinic and selected 16 recipients.

## **H. All-Star Game (Fritze)**

- A conference call was set up so Dave could update the progress of the effort of initiate a post season All-Star game sponsored by the MN Vikings.
- Dave is working to have a written agreement (in principal) for an announcement at the June 25, 1915 All-Star game at SCSU.
- The game would be played at the new facility the week after the Prep Bowl. Players would arrive at the Doubletree Hotel on Wednesday with a game planned for Saturday, December 3, 2016. The annual banquet would be on Friday night.
- Practices would be at local high school facilities. Minnetonka would be one site.
- It would be an all-day event and would include stadium tours, youth clinic, mom's clinic, Vikings Skoal Line, dance lines and cheerleaders. A choir would sing the National Anthem.
- The goal is to eliminate the requirement on the part of participants to raise funds via ads, etc.
- Coaches would be selected in May and players by MEA week.

## **I. Hall of Fame (Tschimperle & Lemke)**

- The pool of nominees is not large.....need more nominations

## **J. Awards Committee (Dotseth)**

- A concern was expressed that player's names be spelled correct when that are submitting for awards. Annually plaques have to be remade because of incorrect spelling of player names. No action taken

## **K. Awards Banquet (Nelson)**

## **L. Tackle Cancer (Nelson)**

- Looking forward to another successful year. Kick-off will again be the the All-Star game on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Gophers and Vikings will again participate. Gopher game is October 19 vs Kent State
- Over \$500,000 in Tackle Cancer funds have been raised in three years.

## **M. Recruiting Fair (Ferguson)**

- 36 high schools and 40 colleges pre-paid. Expect it to be another successful event.

## **N. MFC Clinic (Stolski)**

- Saturday attendance is down. Committee working on adjustments to the schedule.

## **O. NFF (Nigon)**

- Banquet last night at the Downtown Hilton – over 800 in attendance
- Dwight Lundeen – recognized as MFCA COY
- 9 HS scholar athletes honored
- Dick Hanson received the John Gagliardi Legacy award

## **P. Retired Coaches (Gross)**

- Great reception
- About 50 – many stayed until 5:00 PM
- Kill comes and stayes for about 1-1/2 hours

## **Q. Community Service (LaBore)**

- Grand Rapids received the award

## **R. Concussion Awareness (Bachman)**

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

- Looking for speaker suggestions
- Scheduled for January 16, 2016

## **VII. Old Business**

## **VIII. New Business**

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

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: September 16, 2015 @ 9:30 AM – Doubletree**