



## Board Of Directors Meet

A board of directors meeting was held at Boyne Mt. July 27-28, 1973. Regional directors and association officers were both present for the work sessions.

It rained most of the weekend so it was all business and little recreation. Directors arrived Friday afternoon and committee meetings were scheduled for 3:00-5:30 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friday.

The agenda called for meetings at 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. Saturday. Directors started to return to their homes Saturday afternoon.

Following is a quick review of business conducted. A list for 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary-treasurer and public relations committee duties was presented and accepted.

The finance committee approved the yearly financial audit and established a proposed annual budget of \$4,600. The 1972 budget was \$3,479.77.

See the annual audit for a further financial break down. The play-off committee continued planning and studying the different alternatives and systems for a play-off plan.

The Rules Committee presented a questionnaire for the newsletter along with several informative articles for coaches concerning rule changes.

The Rules Committee also expressed the philosophy that the MHSFCA should attempt to emphasize an affect on the rules established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, because the rules established by the National

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## Football Play-Off - How Is It Coming?

How is the Michigan High School Football Play-Off proposal progressing? Well, here is a list of events that have taken place and what the future holds. On August 3, 1973 a presentation was made to the Athletic Directors at Camp Kett near Cadillac at their annual workshop meeting.

The purpose of the presentation was to inform the Athletic Directors of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations' thoughts regarding the possibilities of a state high school football play-off in Michigan.

The Secondary School Principals will be discussing this system in November.

The MHSFCA play-off committee met with the Michigan High School Athletic Associations' representative council in May concerning the play-off proposal.

Recently the representative council organized a Blue Ribbon Committee to study and survey state principals and superintendents

regarding the desirability of a Michigan High School Football play-off.

The ultimate success of the play-off plan depends on our ability to communicate with the Athletic Directors, Principals, Superintendents, and the general public. Try to relate to them the many benefits that can be derived from such a play-off. Stress the following:

1. The fact that over 300 states presently have a football play-off.

2. The play-off is not an over emphasis of football, simply an attempt to place football on the same level as other state sports.

3. Only 16 schools would have their seasons extended one week. Only 8 schools would have their season extended two weeks.

The Play-off committee is studying various plans of determining the selection of teams. The best possible features will be incorporated into the Michigan plan.

## Members Now Total Over 700

The total membership in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association reached 791 for 1972-73. However, there are now over 300 members who need to renew their membership.

If you purchased your membership at the First Annual Coaches Clinic in Jackson on January 26, 1973, your membership is valid until the

Second Annual Clinic at Portage Northern in January 1974. You may renew your membership at the clinic.

If you purchased a membership prior to the annual clinic, your membership is up for renewal in July.

A joint membership is being offered this year 1973-74 for coaches who wish to belong to the Michigan

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## MHSAA Rules Committee Meeting Held

On May 21, 1973 the Michigan High School Athletic Association met in Lansing. Members are Vern Norris and Lonnie Lowery of the state office, Roy Allen, Detroit, Robert Apple, Marquette, Barry Aspenlieter, Petosky, Bob Atkins, Detroit, Frank Crowell, Madison Heights, Larry Harp, Muskegon, Ron Holland, Farmington, Jerry Hutchins, Lawrence, Dick Koski, Negaunee, Charles Quick, Midland, Tom Sorocznski, North Muskegon, Dick Soisson, Kalamazoo, David Woodcock, Detroit, Jerry Ganzel, Milford. The following rule changes were recommended for submission to the Representative Council for consideration for 1974.

1. Permit two days for football scrimmages per school prior to the first scheduled game.

2. Eliminate the restriction requiring scrimmages to be held at one site.

3. Require a minimum of five

days between pre-season scrimmages.

4. If the above three points are rejected, permit one day of scrimmage per school with no limitation on length of the scrimmage or scrimmages nor on the number of sites where scrimmages could be conducted.

The committee recommended the following points of emphasis be presented to the National Alliance Football Rules Committee in January 1974.

1. The penalty for failure to wear mouth guard should be 5 yards.

2. Defensive pass interference penalty should result in the offense receiving the ball at the spot of the foul and an automatic first down.

3. The penalty for roughing the kicker should be five yards if the defender incidentally touches the kicker and 15 yards if he hits the kicker. The 15 yard penalty should include an automatic first down.

## 'Coach Of Year' Is Readied

The MHSFCA is preparing for the 1973 "Coach of the Year" selections in each of the four classes. Mid-way through the football season all head coaches will receive a ballot to vote for the "Regional Coach of the Year" in class A—B—C—D. This ballot must then be returned to the Regional Director by November 16, 1973. The Regional Directors will then meet for the selection of the "State Coach of the Year". Both the Regional and State Coach of the Year selections will be honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations' Annual Clinic, to be held

on January 25-26 at Portage Northern High School.

The 1972 State Coach of the Year Winners were Class A Elmer Engle — Bay City Central, Class B — George Barcheski — East Grand Rapids, Class C — Tom Saylor — Hudson, Class D — Gary Shanley — Island Lakes.

Look for your ballots during the season, study the teams in your region — MHSFCA regions are the same as MEA regions. Remember, you must be a member of the MHSFCA to become selected a "Coach of the Year".

## Clinic Plans Are Made

During the Board of Directors meeting held July 27-28, the MHSFCA Clinic Committee made considerable progress in planning and organizing the annual football clinic. The Second Annual Clinic is slated for January 25-26, 1974. The site will be Portage Northern High School in Kalamazoo, which has offered its facilities to the MHSFCA. The starting time will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, January 25, 1974. The Second Annual Clinic will offer many of the great qualities of the first clinic; such as high school coaches

speaking, exhibits, a luncheon, awards, hospitality, door prizes, and a great opportunity to "rap" with the greatest high school coaches in the nation. Look for more information on the clinic in the next issue of the

newsletter and in clinic information that will be sent to you by the Clinic Committee. Over 850 coaches attended the 1973 clinic at Jackson Parkside High School. We hope to increase that number for our 1974 clinic.

## Honorary Members

Do you know of someone that should be awarded honorary membership in the MHSFCA? The following guides may be used when considering recommendations:

1. Sports writers who have aggressively supported high school football over a period of years.

2. Coaches who have retired after twenty or more years as an active coach and who have performed some meritorious service for the Association or the game.

3. Dedicated individuals who have contributed outstanding services to the development of football.

Nominations for honorary membership should be submitted in writing to Jack Ver Duin, Wyoming Park High School, Grand Rapids in time to be voted on at the December meeting. A three-fourths majority of the Board of Directors is necessary for your candidate to be elected.

The next meeting  
of the MHSFCA  
will be Nov. 30, 1973  
at  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

## Members

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High School Football Coaches Association and the Michigan High School Coaches Association for a total \$5.00 fee. If you desire joint membership, send payment with the application form on the back of the newsletter and joint membership will be effected.

Head coaches are encouraged to persuade their assistants to join the MHSFCA. Members who are delinquent in current fees are encouraged to renew their memberships. A large membership is a characteristic of strength.

We need strength if the MHSFCA is going to effect changes in the state of Michigan that will benefit and improve football in Michigan. Be a part of an organization working for you. Do it now — Send for your membership today.

All head coaches and current members will receive this issue of Newsletter — only members will receive future issues of Newsletter.

## Directors Dedicated Individuals

You should know that the Regional Directors of the MHSFCA are not only dedicated to their individual schools and football players; they are also dedicated to you the coaches, all the football players of this state, and the game of football in the state of Michigan.

Many of the directors have been with the Association since its organization in March 1972. Since that time the directors have incurred considerable financial expenses attending Board of Directors meetings to conduct the business of the Association.

There have been six meetings held, once in each of the following places — Lansing, Traverse City, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Mt. Pleasant, and Boyne Mt. Not once have the directors received compensation for mileage.

In over one year, director meeting expenses have cost the Association \$253.75. In most cases lodging and meals have also been paid for personally by the directors.

The Ohio Football Coaches Association spent over \$1,500 on its directors meetings in 1971. It has been the philosophy of the Michigan directors to serve Michigan High School Football. They have used caution in spending Association funds.

Not only have the directors contributed financially, but they have made large investments of time attending meetings, conducting committee work, organizing clinics, studying 30 different systems of football play-offs, writing and

publishing newsletters, attending state rules meetings, making presentations to State organizations, and conducting the "Coach of the Year" selections.

These are just a few of the many time consuming activities of a director. However, there isn't a director who would have it any other way.

Ask any one of them and they will tell you, "it's a great honor and a challenge to serve the Michigan High School Football Coaches and Players of this great state."

This is your organization, coach. We want you to take an active interest in it.

President Dave Driscoll  
Appointed Elmer Engle  
MHSFCA Historian

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Federation must be changed by the MHSAA.

The Public Relations Committee presented the new official seal for MHSFCA and presented certificate awards to the Executive Board Members in recognition of the fine job they have done. The format of the newsletter was discussed and circulation method was decided.

The Clinic Committee formulated plans for the 1974 clinic. The Honorary Committee established the mechanics for the "Coach of the Year" selections for November 1973.

## MHSFCA Football Questionnaire

Do you favor? Circle Yes or No

1. Having a state football play-off system Yes No

2. Permitting the schools two pre-season scrimmages with other schools Yes No

3. Eliminating the restriction of scrimmages being held at one site. Yes No

4. Requiring a minimum of five days between pre-season scrimmage seasons. Yes No

5. Replacing the "one contest per 5 day rule" with a "4 quarter participation rule per 5 days. Yes No

6. Having a Michigan Senior All

Star Football game. Yes No

7. Requiring an official to wear a position identification number. Yes No

8. Recommendation that officials provide each coach a card listing officials and their positions. Yes No

9. Do you presently use the week of conditioning practice allowed by the MHSAA. Yes No

Please circle your preferences and return this card to Jim Ooley, Traverse City High School, Traverse City, Michigan.



# MHSFCA Statement Of Revenues And Expenditures

## REVENUES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 1973

Membership and Clinic Funds  
Directors  
Interest Income

\$ 6,548.60  
96.00  
24.93

Total receipts

\$ 6,669.53

## EXPENDITURES

Director's meeting expenses  
Office supplies  
Clinic expenses  
Secretary -Treasurer  
Postage and shipping  
Refunds of overpayments  
Bank charges  
Incorporation costs  
Handbooks  
Printing and publishing  
Miscellaneous expenses

253.75  
291.56  
1,984.35  
200.00  
277.45  
37.00  
10.36  
20.00  
3.25  
362.25  
39.80

Total expenditures

3,479.77

EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES

\$ 3,189.76

## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

## APPLICATION FORM

Renewal 1973-74 \$2.00  
Joint MHSFCA  
MHSCA \$5.00  
New  
Membership 1973 \$2.00

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