



Committee Needs More Responses

Jim Ooley, Traverse City Rules Committee chairman, reports he has received only several responses regarding rules changes. Now is your chance if you want a voice in the rules that govern Michigan football.

If we are going to approach the MHSAA, we must have some ideas from you. What's your feeling about:

1. 2 scrimmages
2. A 10 game season
3. All-Star game for Seniors
4. Players allowed in Clinic.
5. The present sudden death
6. Is the mouth guard rule to severe?
7. Should hurdling be legal?



Tom Fagan, Tecumseh, speaking on the kicking game.

First Annual Football Clinic A Huge Success

The first annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations Clinic was held January 25, 26 at Jackson Parkside High School in Jackson, Michigan. The consensus seems to be that it was a tremendous success. Over 850 coaches were



Jeff Smith, Lansing Eastern, MHSFCA Clinic Director.

Thanks and Hats Off . . .

thanks and Hats off to Jackson parkside High School and principal George Kiesel for allowing the MHSFCA to host its first annual Football Clinic. The facility is beautiful and the accomodations for the Clinic were excellent.

present to listen to some of Michigan's top football coaches.

The speakers did an excellent job of imparting information pertinent to the high school football coaches needs. The presentations went off like precision clockwork. They certainly had all the timing of a coaches' practice session.

Jeff Smith, East Lansing, and Dick Comar, Southgate Aquinas, are to be commended for directing and for the publicity of the Clinic.

This was our first Clinic. Plans are being made to make next year's Clinic even bigger and better. If you have any constructive ideas how the Clinic may be improved, pass them along to us.



Frank Joranko, Ferndale, now at Albion College, speaking at the first MHSFCA Clinic.

MHSFCA Holds General Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony At Clinic Luncheon

Business Meeting Minutes

The MHSFCA held its first general membership business meeting at the noon clinic luncheon on January 26, 1973. The luncheon was attended by 500 coaches who pre-registered to the clinic early allowing them to receive the 500 free luncheon tickets. The Business Meeting agenda consisted of an introduction of regional directors; a constitutional amendment allowing funds from the MHSFCA to be given to a charity if the association is disbanded, a constitutional amendment allowing the present MHSFCA executive board to remain intact for one more year to maintain momentum. President Dave Driscoll, Jackson Parkside, presided. The next MHSFCA Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday March 30, 1973 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



The General Business Meeting, January, 1973.

MHSFCA Coaches Of The Year Are Honored



The four coaches of the year winners in each class were presented trophy awards at the awards ceremonies noon luncheon January 26, 1973. The winners were A, Elmer Engle, Bay City Central; B, George Barcheski, East Grand Rapids; C, Tom Saylor, Hudson; D, Gary Shanley, Island Lakes.

Over 60 coaches received gold foil framed certificates for being picked regional coaches of the year. The highlights of the awards ceremony was a spontaneous standing ovation for Elmer Engle. It was a very touching moment to a great man. Ron Holland of Farmington designed and acquired the awards and trophies.

Membership Has Grown To 750

Association membership has increased to 750. However, it's time to renew memberships for some coaches. Annual membership runs from January through January of the following year. Anyone who became a new member at the clinic has a valid membership for 1 year. If your membership anniversary was prior to the January clinic, your membership is up for renewal in July 1973.

Head coaches are urged to encourage assistant coaches to join. The Ohio HSFCA has over 2,000 members. They are a strong association. We need that same strength; we need your coach and your staff. Join now, don't put it off; send your membership today.

The Pros and Cons

A Michigan High School Football Play-Off!

We hope you are aware that your coaches association is in the process of studying and setting up the ground work for a state football play-off. Over 30 states are now involved in football play-offs. We feel we are ready to place our proposal before the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Here is how you can help further the cause. We believe the M.H.S.A.A. will send a questionnaire survey to the principals or athletic directors of the state to "feel their pulse" concerning a football play-off. The results of this survey must be favorable.

Therefore, we ask that you study the following pros and cons. Then have a talk with your principal or athletic director and explain the benefits. We believe the play-off really does have great value. Try to reach your administrators before the state questionnaire.

The mechanical details on how we propose a play-off system will be explained at a later date. We must first convince the administrators so that we can go before the M.H.S.A.A. Representative Council in May. If this is favorable, we would like to have a dry run play-off on paper in 1973 and an actual play-off in 1974.

PROS

For a football play-off

1. We are in agreement by recognizing what the National Federation of State High School Association has to say in their statement of purpose and philosophy.
2. Only 16 schools would have their season extended one week and only eight out of the 630 schools would extend their season two weeks.
3. The play-off is educationally sound.
4. The play-off game would be played on Saturday.
5. Michigan would then bring their total season games in line with other states.
6. By using a point system in selecting a regional champion, it will provide an unbiased method of determining the best high school football team.
7. Thirty states are currently involved in a football play-off.
8. Provides equality with other sports — basketball, baseball, and track.
9. Provides a new dimension of motivation.
10. Provides a comparison of excellence of geographical areas.
11. Provides a social experience in living for teams and gives spectators the opportunity to follow a successful team.
12. Provides revenue for the state.

CONS

1. Lengthen the regular season. (2 weeks for 8 teams)
2. Interferes with the school day. (?)
3. Too much emphasis on football competition. (No more than any other state play-off).
4. Interferes with school activities. (?)
5. Too many problems involved with such a play-off. (30 other states have overcome)
6. Cold and muddy weather conditions. (On artificial turf)
7. No good way to determine a regional champion.
8. Financial problem. (It will pay for itself)

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Regional Directors Named

An election of Regional Directors and alternates to the Board of Directors for odd numbered regions was held at the clinic. Following is a list of current Regional Directors:

1. Nick Cheola, Detroit Finney
2. Dick Comar, Southgate Aquinas
3. Chuck Miller, Vander Cook Lake
4. Ken Foust, Albion
5. Ivan Muhlenkamp, St. Joseph
6. Jim Bates, Port Huron N.
7. Paul Temerian, Royal Oak
8. Jeff Smith, East Lansing
9. Jack Ver Duin, Wyoming
10. Fred Rademacher, Flint Powers

11. John Blackstock, Bad Axe
12. Elmer Engle, Bay City Central
13. Tom Seroczynski, North Muskegon
14. Art Gillespie, Alpena
15. Jim Ooley, Traverse City
16. Paul Baldwin, Sault Ste. Marie
17. Jerry Crengos, Escanaba
18. Pat Gallinogh, Bessemer

How Are Directors Elected To Board

Elections are conducted annually at the clinic. Odd number regions elect directors every odd year. Even regions elect directors in even years. To become a candidate you must contact the Association secretary, Steve Sonoga, Jackson High, by January 1, 1974 to have your name on the ballot.

An Editorial

The efforts of the MHSFCA executive board are to be commended. In one year, they have directed the MHSFCA from an idea to a solid functional organization of 750 members. To watch these men preside over a business meeting, setting priorities, establishing committees and objectives and weighing the alternatives of decisions is evidence these men possess the abilities of truly first class executives. Superb job Dave, Steve, Dutch, Bud and Ron. You are an example for the coaching profession.



MHSFCA Executive Board, left to right. 2nd V.P., Bud Breen, Portage Northern; 1st V.P., Dutch Schrottenboer, Alpena; President, Dave Driscoll, Jackson Parkside; Sec.-Treas., Steve Sonoga, Jackson; Public Relations, Ron Holland, North Farmington

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