



## MHSFCA TO PUSH FOR ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

At the summer meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors on July 23, a unanimous vote was given to implement an All-Star Football Game in the state of Michigan. A letter stating the vote of the Board of Directors was presented to Mr. Allen W. Bush, Executive Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, on August 9. The letter requested Mr. Bush to present our Association's request for the All-Star Game to the Representative Council. Mr. Bush said that the Representative Council will meet in November and that he will present the letter to them. The Council may at that time give a positive or negative vote for the All-Star game, or they may make further investigation such as sending a questionnaire to the

high school principals.

The tentative date suggested by the MHSFCA is the first week of August in the summer of 1979. Mr. Gil Canale, Athletic Director at Northern Michigan University, has been contacted and he has informed our Association that they would be willing to host the game. The summer meeting for the Board of Directors would be held at the game site and there would also be the possibility of having a football clinic in conjunction with the game. Some college coaches may frown on the game, but most of the universities would probably want to host the game to get exposure for their school. Northern Michigan was chosen since most of the playoff and championship games are held in the Lower

Peninsula. If the game becomes a reality, we would like to have a week of activities for the coaches and their families that attend the game.

Much investigation has been done by the MHSFCA in regard to All-Star Football games throughout the United States. At the present time the game could be used as scholarships for young men and women who have participated in high school football programs in the state of Michigan who qualify. The game would surely be a very rewarding experience for any young athlete who was selected to play. If you have any comments about the game, please contact Don Lessner, Riverview High School, Riverview, Michigan 48192.

### CLINIC INFORMATION

The MHSFCA will be involved in two football clinics instead of their usual annual clinic. The 1978 MHSFCA Clinic will be held on February 24-25, 1978, at Battle Creek Lakeview H.S.

The MHSFCA will also take an active part in the "Kellogg's Coach of the Year Clinic to be held in Kalamazoo on January 27-29, 1978. Our Association will receive \$2.50 for each person that attends the Kalamazoo clinic through our agreement with Bud Wilkinson and Duffy Daughtery.

### MHSFCA SCHOLARSHIP

The MHSFCA is now offering a scholarship fund to graduating seniors in the state of Michigan. Any present standing member of the MHSFCA may submit the name of a boy or girl who has participated in the game of football in any capacity either as a player, manager, statistician, etc. for application.

Qualifications are based on the applicant's classroom ability, financial status, acceptance to a college or university of their choice and who shows the value of an education to achieve success. The high school of attendance will forward the necessary information

of the student's present educational status. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis taking all the above factors into consideration.

All MHSFCA members must first file a letter of nomination to their applicant to Mr. John Blackstock, Secretary-Treasurer, MHSFCA, Bad Axe High School, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413, by May 1 of the current school year.

Additional information may also be received by contacting Mr. Ron Holland at North Farmington H.S. or Mr. Arnie Bessonon at Owen-Gage H.S.

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## NOTICE TO HEAD COACHES

As you know the MHSFCA is the main speaking voice for the football coaches in the state of Michigan. Our Organization is as strong as our membership. For this reason it is very important that we make every effort to keep our membership at a maximum number if we want to be an effective group.

At the present time we have some 1,163 members compared to 1,290 last year. Although we have many new members, some 695 coaches did not register this year.

As a head football coach, would you please take the responsibility to see that *all* of your assistant coaches are registered for the 77-78 school year. If

## IMPORTANT DATES

August 15 ..... start of football practice in the state of Michigan

September 9 ..... First football game

November 12 .. Football Quarter Finals

November 19 ..... Football Semi Finals

November 26 ..... Third Annual

Football Finals at

Pontiac Stadium

January 27-29 ..... Kellogg's Coach of

the Year Clinic

February 24-25 ..... Michigan

High School Football

Coaches Clinic

## MHSFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The following is a listing of dates for the MHSFCA Board of Directors Meetings:

1. December 2, 10:00 a.m. at Clare to select "Coach of the Year".
2. February 24, clinic meeting at Battle Creek H.S.

## Newsletter

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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they attended the MHSFCA Clinic at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School last February, they are automatically a member for the 77-78 school year.

There is a registration form on Page 4 of the Newsletter. Cost of registration with the Michigan High School Coaches Association is \$5.00 per year.

Please take the time to check with your assistants. Our Organization is only as strong as we want it to be.

## Honorary Membership

As you know the MHSFCA is very interested in rewarding individuals who have made great contributions to the game of football. At the present time there are 16 Lifetime Honorary Members: Ken Bell, Seton Bovee, Paul Carey, Hal Schram, Tom Smith, Donald Stamats, Jim Porter, Robert Stoppert, Earl Lancaster, James O'Toole, Frank Connolly, Al Cotton, Alan F. Kennedy, Steve Sonoga, Paul Vandam, and Chester Zwissler.

These outstanding men have helped the game of football as coaches, team doctors, announcers, athletic directors, and sport's writers. If you know of any person deserving of Honorary Membership, please contact your Regional Director or Mr. Al Fischer, Battle Creek Lakeview High School, 300 So. 28th St., Battle Creek, Michigan 49015.

At the summer meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors, it was noted that all Past Presidents are Lifetime Honorary Members. This list would include: Dave Driscoll - Jackson Parkside, Dutch Strotenboer - Alpena, Bud Breed - Portage Northern, and Ron Holland - North Farmington.

It is the hope of the Honorary Membership Committee that it might be possible to have a room at some university as a possible site for the MHSFCA Hall of Fame. At the present time, the Committee is checking to see if Western Michigan University is interested in the above.

## ADDED ATTRACTION AT THE SILVERDOME

An added attraction at the State Football Finals this year will be a between-games buffet. The buffet is being organized by the MHSFCA as a chance for coaches, wives, friends, and relatives to meet and socialize between the games. The buffet will be held at the Silverdome immediately after the Class A game. The price of a ticket is \$5.85 and can be purchased from your Regional Representative. Get your tickets early. We hope to see you there.

## CHANGES IN COACHING FOOTBALL

How long have you been coaching football? If you have coached for ten years or longer, you probably noticed that there has been drastic changes and not in just the game itself.

Before you can even field a team you may have the problem with milage as many school districts are facing today. School systems such as Detroit, Ypsilanti, Lincoln Park, Taylor, and Garden City have either lost their athletic programs or are in grave danger of doing so. The financial status of all school districts are questionable and a coach may not know from year to year if he is going to have a program in the fall.

Another real problem facing especially the football coaches is that of teacher contracts. Many school districts do not have contracts for this fall and some districts do not even have contracts settled for last school year. Do you coach or do you stay out if there is no contract? What is fair to your players? What is fair to your teacher association? The decision is always tough and the coaching staff is always wrong. If you stay out, people claim that you are only in coaching for

The MHSFCA is a very active organization. The Board of Directors are involved in committee work as well as representing their different regions. The following is a list of the Standing Committees and Special Committees

the money and you do not care about the players who in most cases have been working out most of the year getting ready for the football season. If you coach, then you are not considered a loyal member of your teacher association. The football coaching staff is often left in the middle.

A third problem in coaching today is that of law suits. Many coaches, administrators, school districts, and sporting goods companies have been sued when a football player has been injured. It seems like there will be more and more lawsuits in the future when a young athlete is injured. So besides trying to win games and keeping your job and sanity, a football coach of today must also face the problem of school milage, teacher contracts, and lawsuits. Maybe our Association must investigate how some of these problems can be remedied.

Being a coach today is drastically different than coaching ten years ago.

## MHSFCA COMMITTEES

along with the chairmen and members of these various committees:

### MHSFCA STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1977

#### I. Public Relations

Chairmen Jim Crowley - Jackson Lumen Christe, Ken Semelsberger - Detroit Servite and John Herrington - Farmington Harrison.

#### II. Finance

Chairman Jack VerDuin - Wyoming Park, Jeff Smith - East Lansing, Arnie Bessonon - Owen Gage and John Blackstock - Bad Axe.

#### III. Honorary

Chairman Al Fischer - Battle Creek Lakeview, John Herrington - Farmington Harrison and Terry Rose - Lake Michigan Catholic.

#### IV. Clinic

Chairman Dick Harris - Harrison, Al Fischer - Battle Creek Lakeview, Tom Seroczynski - Muskegon Nona Shores, Terry Rose - Lake Michigan Catholic, Tom Fagan - Ann Arbor Huron and Chuck Ritter - Ann Arbor Pioneer.

#### V. Rules

Chairman Walt Braun - Marysville, Dick Flynn - Lansing Eastern, and Fred Rademacher - Flint Powers.

### MHSFCA SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 1977

#### I. Scholarship

Chairman Ron Holland - North Farmington & Arnie Bessonon - Owen Gage.

#### II. All-Star

Chairman Don Lessner - Riverview and Jerry Cvengros - Escanaba.

#### III. Play-Off

Gillespie - Alpena & Jim Ooley - Traverse City.

#### IV. Historian

Chairman Dave Driscoll - Jackson Parkside.

#### V. Clinic Revision

Chairman Jeff Smith - East Lansing, Ivan Muhlenkamp - St. Joseph, Ron Holland - North Farmington, John Blackstock - Bad Axe, Harley Pierce - Sturgis, and Dave Driscoll - Jackson Parkside.

If you have any comments about our Organization or the work of the committees, please feel free to contact any of the committee members. It is our Organization and any organization is only as good as its members. If you have a certain feeling, feel free to voice it.

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT 'IKE'

The directors and officers of the MHSFCA have just completed a very successful summer meeting. Many ideas were discussed and debated for the good of football in Michigan. With the hard work of all concerned, we accepted the following main items of business.

We will help Duffy Daugherty and Bud Wilkinson operate the Kodak Clinic, Jan. 27, 28, and 29 in Kalamazoo, for a fee of \$2.50 per clinic registration. The money we achieve from the Kodak Clinic will be partially used to fund a scholarship program which the MHSFCA has adopted to benefit youngsters in the state of Michigan.

Our Clinic Committee is hard at work to make the 1978 clinic which will be held at Battle Creek Lakeview the best ever. The date is Feb. 24th and 25th.

The Rules Committee is concentrating most of its efforts on the "3 man rule" which is a very difficult area and hopefully we will get some results soon.

The All-Star Committee has approached the Michigan High School Athletic Association with the possible implementation of an All-Star Football Game in 1979. A lot of work must be done and many details covered before this can become a reality.

The playoffs are going fine and with quarter finals this should be the best year yet for the playoffs.

Our financial report shows a balance in the area of eight thousand dollars, which indicates the strong support of the state football coaches at our clinics and through membership in the association. Coaches, if you have not renewed your membership this year please do so because we carry a lot more weight on any issue if we represent the majority of the football coaches in the state.

If any coach has an issue or a suggestion which he wants discussed at the director's level, contact your director so he can present it at the next Association meeting which is December 1st.



**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION**  
**ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**FOR YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 1977, AND MAY 31, 1976**  
**"UNAUDITED"**

|                           | May 31,<br>1977 | May 31,<br>1976 |                                 |             |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash Revenues .....       | \$16,243.65     | \$12,022.94     | Secretary and Treasurer         |             |             |
| Cash Expenditures:        |                 |                 | Salary .....                    | 225.00      | 750.00      |
| Clinic Expense .....      | 4,375.16        | 4,187.86        | Michigan High School            |             |             |
| Directors' Expense .....  | 4,104.30        | 2,536.22        | Coaches Association             |             |             |
| Directors' Meeting and    |                 |                 | Joint Members .....             | 967.85      | 60.00       |
| Conferences .....         | 968.89          | 2,498.70        | Printing & Typing Expense ...   | 674.38      | 949.95      |
| Association Expense ..... | 105.00          | —0—             | Bad Checks and Tawas            |             |             |
| Postage, Shipping and     |                 |                 | Bank Charges .....              | 30.40       | —0—         |
| Newsletter .....          | 1,672.59        | 582.14          | Refunds .....                   | 12.00       | 104.00      |
| Placement .....           | 50.05           | —0—             | Accounting Fees .....           | —0—         | 100.00      |
| Public Relations          |                 |                 | Total Cash Expenditures .....   | \$14,030.41 | \$12,969.66 |
| Committee .....           | 232.30          | 997.63          | Excess of Cash Revenues Over    |             |             |
| Rules Committee .....     | 270.05          | —0—             | Cash Expenditures .....         | 2,213.24    | (946.72)    |
| Secretary, Treasurer,     |                 |                 | Fund Balance, Beginning of Year | \$ 5,669.06 | \$ 6,615.78 |
| and Office Expenses ..... | 342.44          | 203.16          | Fund Balance, End of Year ..... | \$ 7,882.30 | \$ 5,669.06 |

**Michigan  
High School  
Football Coaches  
Association**  
**APPLICATION  
FORM**

Send To: Mr. John Blackstock  
 Bad Axe High School  
 Bad Axe, Mich. 48413

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