

## **Empire 8 Football Conference Call Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**

**10 AM**

### **Call to order (Sherman Wood) – 10:08 AM**

In Attendance: Dave Murray – Alfred University, Jason Mangone – The College at Brockport, Jerry Boyes – SUNY Buffalo State, Tom Rogish – Frostburg State University, Mark Carr – Hartwick College, Mike Welch – Ithaca College, Sherman Wood – Salisbury University, Paul Vosburgh – Saint John Fisher College, Blaise Faggiano – Utica College, Chuck Mitrano – Empire 8 Commissioner

### **Chuck's Sportsmanship Article:**

Sherman Wood was impressed and supports this article. All coaches were encouraged to submit copies of the article to their student-athletes.

### **Update Travel Squad Size (58 to 62):**

No movement on this topic until the next AD's meeting. Chuck believes we should hear something by mid June.

### **Update on Possible New Members (Morrisville, Cortland and Alfred State) – 10:29 AM:**

Sherman Wood opened the discussion asking whether the firing of Terry Dow (Morrisville) would affect our decision to vote them into the conference. Blaise Faggiano believes a new coach at Morrisville would not have an effect on our decision. On the contrary, Mike Welch believes that this decision may have an effect on our decision. Sherman Wood reminded the coaches that (during our last conference call) we all agreed to add 1 new member to the conference with Morrisville being our first choice.

Prior to re-voting, Jerry Boyes stated that he would choose Cortland as his first choice, but did not believe they would be interested in joining the Empire 8. Jerry emphasized the importance of scheduling local teams for his program opposed to traveling nationally just to receive recognition. Although Jerry preferred Cortland, he agreed that Morrisville should receive the first vote. Mark Carr was concern with losing non conference games if we were to vote for more than one new member. Mark believes scheduling non conference games would help SOS.

Paul Vosburgh informed coaches that some conferences would rotate conference games if necessary.

Following this discussion all votes were as follows:

### **How many teams would you like to vote into the E8 conference at this time?**

Alfred University – 1

The College of Brockport – 1

SUNY Buffalo State – 1

Frostburg State University – 1

Hartwick College – 1

Ithaca College – 1

Saint John Fisher College – 1  
Salisbury University – 1  
Utica College- 1

**Which Institution would be your first choice to invite into the Empire 8?**

Alfred University - Morrisville  
The College of Brockport – Morrisville  
SUNY Buffalo State – Morrisville  
Frostburg State University – Morrisville  
Hartwick College - Morrisville  
Ithaca College - Morrisville  
Saint John Fisher College - Morrisville  
Salisbury University - Morrisville

**NOTE:** Considering Morrisville’s current status with the NJAC, there was a sense of urgency to inform them ASAP if they are to join in 2015.

**Start Times:**

Sherman Wood asked Chuck to clarify his comments (during previous conference call) pertaining to start times. Due to the number of variables and the decisions of the ADs, Chuck directed coaches to the by-laws. Start times could be a topic of discussion during the next AD’s meeting.

Dave Murray asked whether ADs could start games when they want.

Mark Carr read E8 by-laws and directed coaches to the mutual agreement between ADs and Presidents. Mike Welch emphasized the importance of respecting opponents when making these decisions.

*Wording from by-laws regarding game times*

*12.7.1 E8 game times shall be determined by the host institution under the following guidelines. Afternoon contests shall begin between 12 - 2 p.m. and night games shall start between 7 - 7:30 p.m. Exceptions may be made as noted in 12.7.2 below.*

*12.7.2 Start Time Exceptions. Games may start at an alternate time as follows:*

- 1) Upon mutual agreement of both institutional AD’s or Presidents;*
- 2) If the game is to be broadcast live by the regional cable carrier or national television/satellite network (not campus TV station) AND involves opponents within a 4 hour drive of one another. This game change requires written approval from the commissioner’s office.*

**Recruiting Workshop Group Survey - 10:43 AM:**

Blaise Faggiano thought the survey was a good and positive model for the coaches. All coaches completed survey.

**Proposed Recruiting Calendar – 11:09 AM:**

This model was submitted by Mike Welch. Mike informed coaches that he prefers a more structured recruiting model in d3. Mike also stressed the QUALITY OF LIFE is important as a coach.

During this discussion most of the concerns and questions were directed towards the month of May:

Emails – All voted yes to include emails

Combines – All agreed to no high school visits, but included Combines

Consider Schools with Early Decisions

Paul Vosburgh asked about 1 day combines. Blaise Faggiano markets the month of May.

Jerry Boyes supports Mike's model and encouraged Mike to use his AFCA status to push this through.

All coaches were in favor of the recruiting model pending a few changes.

**Football Strength and Condition Period:**

Mike Welch emphasized the important of being on the same page when it comes to spring activities. Discussion ended with all coaches agreeing to follow all NCAA rules and by-laws pertaining to spring activities.

**Youth Football Programs – 11:35 AM:**

Sherman Wood reemphasized the importance of reaching out to local youth programs encouraging safety within our sport. All coaches agreed to reach out and provide a list to Chuck for our files.

**Frostburg's Press Box Status:**

Tom Rogish informed coaches that their press box is currently under construction, but should be completed by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Tom will inform visiting teams of updates.

Jerry Boyes followed with the status of their locker rooms. There will be no locker rooms available for visiting teams during half-time.

**HUDL:**

Sherman Wood encouraged coaches to take another look at Hudl. We believe Hudl is a very dependable source in which saves time and money. An email will be submitted either by Sherman or assistant Ryan Fleetwood with a detail description of the benefits compared to other services.

Meeting concluded with a possible conference call in November/December/January.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by Sherman Wood 5/15/13