

## **2011 MAC Fall Meeting 11/14/11**

### **Item #1 - Officiating**

Milt Halstead joined the conference call to discuss the officiating program from the fall. Everyone agreed that the addition of John Shigo was a huge benefit. There were no complaints from anyone who had worked with John in regards to questionable calls that were submitted for review. The coaches were also pleased that there had been evaluators at the majority of our league games. Milt assured us that we would continue to have evaluators at 80% of league games in the future as they are paid for by a grant from the NFL.

Milt also took the time to explain the process of how crews receive feedback and watch tape of questionable and/or bad calls from the week before. Officials who continue to receive poor ratings on a weekly basis are removed from crews for a week. Ultimately, bad officials are let go by Milt. He expects that there will be 20-25 new officials in his organization next year due to retirement, promotions, etc.

### **Item #2- Film Exchange Contract**

Ken Andrews discussed film exchange options for the conference. He stated that our current contract with GTE was up, but would be renewed automatically if they did not hear from us within 4 weeks from the end of our season. The coaches discussed HUDL as an option. Lycoming, LVC and FDU agreed with several coaches from the spring that HUDL was the way to go. Del Val and Wilkes offered concerns as current non HUDL customers, but both were open to switching. It was stated that HUDL could be used for exchanges even if schools use other systems for editing. Ken stated that he would get a film exchange only price from HUDL for the non-HUDL schools and let GTE know that we would not be renewing our contract. The coaches were unanimous in the vote to use HUDL for exchanges in 2012.

### **Item #3 – Fact Book Code**

Ken talked about the Fact Book Policy of having to have a doctor at games and asked where each school stood in terms of doctors at JV games. It was agreed that Ken would take the issue to the Athletic Directors to discuss the language of having doctors at JV games.

### **Item #4 – Live Scouting**

The coaches discussed the fact that there is to be no live scouting of opponents by coaches or players. We all agreed to remind our players about not attending MAC games during our bye weeks. NCAA playoff games are excluded from this.

### **Item #5 – Filming of games**

The coaches discussed the fact book policy about filming games. All were reminded to tell filmers to keep cameras on the field for 5 minutes after the end of the game or until the field is cleared. All of the coaches agreed that this would help with any post game altercations.

#### **Item #6 – Letter to home opponents (Game Information)**

The coaches discussed this topic briefly and most could not remember why this policy is in place. The coaches voted and unanimously agreed to do away with it since all of that information can now be found on the home team's website.

#### **Items #7,8,9 – Sportsmanship Rankings and NCAA Conduct Report**

All coaches were reminded to get the necessary information to Ken and Katie ASAP.

#### **Item #10 – AFCA All-American Selection**

John Marzka talked about being on a regional committee with Tim Keating (McDaniel) to help nominate the best players possible for the AFCA All-American Team. Many players were discussed and Ken agreed to help John gather whatever information was needed for this team.

#### **Item #11 – No spring meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Any other day will be fine, but that is the same day as the AD meetings.

#### **Item #12 – NCAA Legislation**

Ken spoke briefly about some potential changes to NCAA legislation and told us that he would update us if and when these changes take place.

#### **Item #13 – Starting times**

Kick-off times, specifically those after daylight savings time begins, were discussed. While no changes were made, it was generally agreed that both coaches could discuss the topic late in the year. A few coaches were concerned about longer trips on game day creating an advantage for the home team. There was no formal vote on this issue, but all agreed that the start time could be moved up with the approval of BOTH coaches.

#### **Item #14 – Stat Sheets**

It was agreed upon that the home SID would provide six (6) copies of complete game statistics for the visiting team.

#### **Item #15 – Penalties for a bad hit/Intent to injure**

This was a pretty big issue for the coaches. Initial discussions had film clips being sent to Jim Clements, John Marzka, Jim Monos and Frank Sheptock for review with the four of them making a recommendation to Ken Andrews. While most coaches agreed with this, it was also stated that this is a significant topic and needs more discussion. Questions raised included: Do the AD's need to be brought on board now? What would the penalty be for this type of hit?

#### **Items #16 and 17 – START Program and SAAC**

Ken spoke briefly about each of these programs and reminded all of us to have a SAAC representative.

**Item #18 – Technology Ideas for league**

Everyone agreed that it would be nice for SID's to include video clips of the players of the week. Hopefully with HUDL, it will be easy for our SID's and the MAC office to accomplish this. No specific plan was discussed about how to make this happen.

**Item #19 – Noise Makers, ETC**

Ken agreed to review this policy with the AD's.

**Item #20 – Clock Operators**

The coaches briefly discussed the importance of having good people working as clock operators for games.

**Item #21 – All Conference**

The coaches used the last part of the call to discuss their players as All-MAC nominees.