

MAC FOOTBALL FALL END OF THE SEASON CONFERENCE CALL

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2012 : MINUTES OF MEETING

Ken Andrews Agenda Items :

- 1) **NCAA Conduct Reports** : Ken e-mailed the form to every coach. Needs to be filled out and returned to Ken after your last game.
- 2) **Sportsmanship Nominee** : Nominate 1 player from your team for the sportsmanship player award.
- 3) **Sportsmanship Ranking** : Rank 3 teams that you feel exhibited the best sportsmanship during the season.
- 4) **Sportsmanship / Game Management Consideration** : Ken asked if any of us had any issues or problems with the game management on our away games. Also if we had any problems with fans interacting w/ players. Only incident mentioned was Wilkes @ Widener, some fans from the community with no affiliation with Widener were on the Wilkes side yelling at the players. Ken recommended that if we felt that a venue was an issue to have the two AD's talk about it and come up with a solution.
- 5) **Quality of Officials / Use of Hudl** : Coaches are frustrated with the lack of consistency that games are officiated. Coaches had no idea that officials receive a Rules Interpretation Bulletin every week. We wondered why we didn't receive that Bulletin. Ken will forward them to us. Coaches feel that Milt needs to be involved to clarify for us what these interpretations are and to make sure that we as Coaches receive these. John Shigo has been very diligent and quick in responding to the video clips sent to him through Hudl. Coaches feel this is a very valuable tool, and it's being utilized well by Milt & John.
- 6) **Conference Schedule** : Ken said that the conference schedule is set, he was just checking with the schools on homecoming dates for '15 & '16. Coaches confirmed that the MAC / NJAC challenge ends after '13, and made a recommendation to Ken that the MAC doesn't participate in anymore challenges. The Challenges drive our conference S.O.S. to .500 or below which will limit seeding for our champion and make it very difficult for a 2nd place team to receive an at large bid. Coaches want the flexibility to go out and find a game that best fits the needs of their school.
- 7) **Fact Book Accuracy** : May need to incorporate any changes from today's meeting.
- 8) **Film Exchange** : Ken asked for a motion to continue to use Hudl for film exchanges in 2013. Coaches voted unanimously to continue to use Hudl for film exchanges.
- 9) **Hardship Waivers** : To be eligible for a hardship the injury must occur before the mid-point of the season which is the 6th game. If a player plays in more than 3 JV games he is not eligible for a hardship.
- 10) **NCAA Recruiting Calendar** : NCAA is looking into establishing a Recruiting Calendar. It is more in the Philosophical stages at this point. The MAC Conference is genuinely opposed to a Recruiting Calendar.

- 11) **Lightning Policy** : Get the Athletic Trainers more involved with this policy to take the gamesmanship out of play & to get everyone on the same page. Should we have lightning detectors, but concern is how reliable are they.

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- 1) **Severe Weather Policy** : Discussed whether we needed to change our policy on when a game is "Official" due to extreme weather. Our current policy is in accordance w/ NCAA rules. We agreed to Table this item for later discussions.
- 2) **Cancelling a game due to weather** : Coaches feel that due to an act of "God" a school shouldn't be forced to forfeit a game for Tie breaking procedures. Coaches proposed that if a team can't play a game due to an act of "God", they should be removed from any other team that they played that is involved in the tie breaker. By doing this all teams involved in the tie breaker are being weighed equally and fairly. This is an item that we want put on the agenda for the AD meeting. Fact book would have to be changed to separate a game canceled and forfeited due to lack of players and a game canceled due to an act of "God"
- 3) **Consistency of Film Exchange** : Coaches feel that we are still having to many inconsistencies with our film exchanges. All data must be entered, and we must be more diligent with our filmers so that they don't miss clips! If a school is having trouble with their film, or due to circumstances beyond their control a number of clips are missing, they need to call their next opponents Head Coach to report the problem and work out a solution. Problems persist bring issue to our AD's and then to Ken Andrews.
- 4) **Film Exchange of Regular Season Games** : Exchange all 10 Games in the Regular Season but No Playoff Games. Coaches made a motion to have all games go into the Hudl Pool after week 4 no matter about byes or cancellations. After week 4 all teams should have 3 games into the pool, otherwise it is a 1 for 1 exchange till after week 4.
- 5) **Officials** : Contract says that we will not have the same crew more than once at home, but could see them multiple times on the road. Want to talk with Milt about changing this to : No team will see the same crew more than twice an entire season. Coaches biggest question for Milt : **Are there repercussions for officials based on Hudl reviews by John Shigo? Milt is supposed to send us a Roster of Officials by June 1st and the sport committee is to receive the grades of the officials at seasons end. Need to hold Milt accountable for this information. Also we as coaches need to let Milt know what guys we would not like to see do our games. Milt has been very good at honoring these requests.**
- 6) **Helmets for Spring Football** : Coaches support this 100%. Need our Presidents and AD's to get behind this.
- 7) **Head Coaches Monthly Conference Call** : Suggested as a better way for us to share information and resolve issues and to be on the same page as we meet for our Spring Meeting. No coach was particularly opposed to this idea. Ken is not sure this is a good idea from the standpoint of getting legislation and issues we have on the agenda's of the AD's and Presidents meeting schedule.

8) Head Coaches Meeting moved from May to August & establish players panel : Coaches were not in favor of moving the meeting to August. Coaches are in favor of establishing a players panel, to better understand the players issues and for them to better understand our issues. The players voice can be a powerful voice to get things done (i.e. SAC). We are looking at a January time frame to set up the players panel.

John Marzka who is on the District 2 AFCA All-American Nomination Committee thanked us for having 7 out of the 10 schools nominate players, and for 5 of the schools to nominate players from other teams.