

MAC FOOTBALL SPRING COACHES MEETING MINUTES : 5/10/13

Jim Monos – Lebanon Valley : Chaired the Meeting.

Jim Monos called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Jim Monos welcomed all the coaches and thanked them for attending, and made a special welcome to Bobby Acosta new Head Coach at Widener.

Jim Monos and the coaches thanked Mark Oyer-Schutt and Bill Smereczynsky-Lids/Anaconda Sports for sponsoring the MAC meeting, the dinner on Thursday night, and the hotel rooms.

Presentation by John Shigo – ECFOA

John passed out a copy of the rule changes for the 2013 football season to all the coaches then held a discussion on the rules changes that included a Power Point and a Video.

A lengthy discussion ensued focusing on the following rule changes.

- a) Definition of a Defenseless Player
- b) Minimum time for a play after spiking a ball
- c) Targeting-Crown of Helmet and Defenseless Player
- d) Blocking Below the waist

Coaches were most concerned about the procedure the officials would use when a penalty for targeting was called and the possibility that the player could/would be ejected from the game. John explained that the officials should confer to make sure that the call and ejection if warranted was correct.

Jim Monos stressed that we need to communicate with the officials in our pre-game meeting so that we are on the same page as the crew with their procedures for handling a targeting penalty

Coaches should not prepare video clips to show the officials in your pre-game meeting. Officials will be instructed not to watch any videos that are prepared during the pre-game meeting.

When sending John Shigo clips for him to review of the officials must use "Officials plays for review" in the subject line. John receives all of our clips and will delete all those not relevant to the officials. Jeff Knarr – King's is going to consult with Hudl to see if there is a way possible for us to not have to inundate John with all of our film clips.

NEW BUSINESS

Sickle Cell Screening will be mandatory for all Freshmen and Transfers in 2013 and all players in 2014. Jim Monos had a copy of Lebanon Valley's hand out if anyone was interested. He urged us to talk with our AD's to see what form our institutions had for this.

Coaches need to meet with their respected SID's to put together a Pre-Season video to be released in late July. The conference wants interviews with the coach and significant returnees.

Mike Clark – Lycoming gave a brief report from the recent AD's meeting. He stated that most topics will be addressed at a more formal meeting to be held in a few weeks in Ocean City, MD. Mike did talk about

one major point : National Health Care Issue – this could have an impact on how we compensate our intern and restricted earnings coaches.

John Marzka – Albright College

Asked the coaches to be as detailed as possible when nominating a player for All-American. The more information the committee has on the player the better is chances. Also urged the coaches to nominate players from other teams, because a player who is nominated by numerous teams increases his chances on being named to the team.

Presented a comprehensive report on Strength of Schedule (SOS) and how it should be deemphasized by the NCAA when determining at large playoff teams. Urged the coaches to schedule their 1 non-conference game with a quality opponent that they feel they can be successful against. There is a statistical difference in SOS between teams playing 1 or 2 non- conference games and teams playing 3 non- conference games.

Ed Hottle – Stevenson brought up for discussion having unobstructed views with our end zone copy of film. Stevenson has a net set up behind the goal post that obstructs the view of end zone copy of the film. Ed wanted to make this a rule that all end zone copy of film had unobstructed views. **Frank Sheptock – Wilkes made a motion for a vote to have all end zone copy of film be unobstructed. John Marzka – Albright second the motion. Coaches voted 10-0 to make all end zone copy of film be unobstructed starting with the 2013 season.**

Schutt is committed to hosting the MAC Coaches Spring Meeting and Dinner, and they are going to look into the possibility of creating a league discount on equipment reconditioning as long as 100% of the conference has Schutt had their reconditioner.

Jim Monos made a motion to nominate Jeff Knarr – King’s to be the Football Chairman for the 2013 & 2014 Football Seasons. John Marzka – Albright second the motion. Coaches voted 10-0 to have Jeff Knarr – King’s Football Chairman for 2013, 2014 seasons.

Jim Monos made a motion to nominate Brian Surace – FDU to be the Football Vice Chairman for the 2013 & 2014 Football Seasons. Frank Sheptock – Wilkes second the motion. Coaches voted 10-0 to have Brian Surace – FDU Football Vice Chairman for 2013, 2014 seasons.

Jim Monos adjourned the meeting at 12:04pm.