



Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Meeting

President John Shirilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at St. Ignatius High School in the Library.

Those in attendance were: John Shirilla, Mark Hollars, Chris O'Brien, Matt Wilson, Jim Ryan, Joe Zombek, Mark Wagner, Chuck Kyle, Nick Restifo, Nick Ciulli, Russ Jacques, Jim McQuaide, Rick Adams, Anthony Watkins, Doug Sovchik, Gerry Steuber, Gary Jackson, Larry Keller and Ron Lewis

Old Business:

- Minutes – Ron Lewis read the minutes from the January meeting.
- Recruit Night – Chuck Kyle reported that the spring recruit night will be the first week of May.
- Treasurer's Report – Jim Ryan provided a written report on the finances of the GCFCA. Jim stated that we are in good financial shape. Copies of the report are available.
- State Association Report – Jim Ryan provided notes from the OHSFCA meeting in February. Copies of the report are available. Discussion included:
 - Proposal to recoup 3 days of instruction in the summer
 - Coach Jim Tressel meeting with OHSAA commissioners regarding a lack of contact opportunities for Ohio players compared to states such as Florida and Texas (spring practice, etc...)
 - North vs. South All-Star game and difficulty of fielding a team of all-stars. Those in attendance voted to support looking into a game in the Spring
 - OSU clinic is April 23-25
 - Possible move of start date for 2-a-days because of school opening dates in NW Ohio
 - June 20th is State 7on7 and Linemen Challenge
 - Coaches Certification Class is online and possible to get graduate credit
 - "Horse Collar" tackle penalty will be enforced in high school this year
 - OHSFCA Clinic went well with over 2000+ in attendance
- Scholarship Report – Nick Ciulli reported that scholarship applications are available on the GCFCA website and are due February 15th
- Membership Report – Doug Sovchik reported that membership numbers are the same as our December meeting. Doug would like to complete membership by the March meeting to accommodate All-Star game voting and membership cards and directories will be distributed at the May meeting.
- Parliamentary Report – No report at this time
- Sunshine Report – Members of the association that wish to contact Gerry regarding the Sunshine committee can reach him at: 440.338.1968 (Home) or 440.655.6480 or you can email him at tanglefoot@windstream.net



- Winter Clinic – Russ Jacques reported that the winter clinic is scheduled for February 20 and 21st at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville. The second mailing has already gone out but coaches can also download a registration form from the GCFCA website. The speaker line up is complete and available with the second mailing. Those in attendance complete the clinic checklist with Russ, including working the registration tables, bringing materials and contacting local media.
- Golden Deeds – Mark Wagner reported that the date for the banquet will be April 27th or May 4th at a site to be determined. Golden Deeds nominees were discussed and ballots were handed out. The 2009 Golden Deeds winners are: Larry Keller, Tom Ban and Tom Schoen. Congratulations to all. Anyone with a nomination for Golden Deeds should contact Mark Wagner at mark.wagner@admin.rockyriver.k12.oh.us
- East West All-Star Game – Larry Keller reported that coaches have been selected for both teams. Kevin Johnson for the East and Jamie Hitmar for the West. Both coaches are working on putting together a staff. JCU will be the site for the 2009 game. Larry provided a reminder that in order to nominate a player for the game you must be a member of the GCFCA.

New Business:

- Cleveland TD Club banquet will be March 16th at LaCentre in Westlake. Chuck Kyle, Larry Pinto and a number of players from GCFCA schools will be honored. A motion was made by Jim Ryan to purchase an ad in the program. Second by Russ Jacques. Motion carried.
- Jim Ryan reported that letter was filed with Cleveland Browns regarding sponsorship.
- Next meeting will be March 11th at 7:00pm at St. Ignatius. Voting for the All-Star team will take place.

Chris O'Brien provided a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim Ryan provided the second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Lewis, Secretary