

NEWS – JANUARY 16, 2012

2011 KVFOA BANQUET

The KVFOA's Annual Banquet was held on December 9th at the Dunbar Bingo Hall. Catering was provided by the AJ's Pig Pickin and again did a very good job.

President Fred McPherson started by recognizing the Banquet Committee for their great efforts in putting the event on. Members are Alan Settle, Mike Pickens, Ron Whitten and Robert Taylor.

President McPherson next welcomed our guests and retired officials in attendance. Those in attendance included:

Bill Young	Jim Maxwell
Rick Payne	George Pack
Herb Peters	Danny Wells
Carl Nutter	Jack Cremeans
Bill Winters	Butch Hughes
Bob Dickson	Bud Humphreys
Pat O'Reilly	Ralph Lee
Ron Christy	Don Burton
Alex Perry	Dave Riley
Mark Holtsclaw	David Watkins
Larry Mack	Charlie Fowler
Mike Webb - WVSSAC	Larry McCloy – Ohio-WV Football Officials Association

President McPherson presented our guest speaker, sports broadcaster Mark Martin who entertained us with his experiences in sports, both as a participant and as a broadcaster.

President McPherson recognized KVFOA members who worked in the WVSSAC State High School Playoffs.

President McPherson recognized Will Edwards for working a NCAA Playoff Game.

President McPherson then announced those members to be recognized for Years of Service Awards:

5 Years

Marvin Smith
Mark Nida
Steve Robinson
Matt Spry

10 Years

John Brady
Jason Buckley
Tim Dingess

15 Years

Steve Young
Dan Sizemore
Joey Johnson

25 Years

Herb Hively presented Bill Mangus his 25-year watch.

30 Years

Walker Pauley

35 Years

Bill Crum

Next was the presentation of special awards.

President McPherson presented the Blake Wood Rookie Award. The recipient was Travis Rose.

President McPherson made the presentation of the annual Carl Walker Award to Terry Wass.

President McPherson turned the program over to Mike Beller who administered the swearing-in of the 2012 officers for the KVFOA.

At the end of the ceremony, all KVFOA officials who have passed away were remembered.

Throughout the evening, Banquet Committee sold tickets for prizes proceeds of over \$900 helped to pay for banquet expenses.

In addition, we raised \$300 for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign through donations.

In three years, we have donated a total of \$1,000 to the Toys for Tots campaign.

KVFOA OFFICERS FOR 2012

President – Neil Caruthers

Vice President – Jeff Tanner

Secretary/Treasurer – John Hudson (Final Year of a Three-Year Term)

Assignment Commissioner – 2-year – Tom Light

Assignment Commissioner – 1-year – Ron Runnels

Member-At-Large – Dan Sizemore

Immediate Past President – Fred McPherson

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

I hope to have the 2012 Meeting Schedule posted on the website in March.

2012 OPEN DATES

It is our desire to have all varsity-eligible KVFOA members working every Friday.

If your crew has open dates, please e-mail the webmaster and let us know.

If you are varsity-eligible and not on a crew, beginning in June we want to list your name and available Fridays on the website so we can get everyone working.

CLINICS FOR 2012

Here are West Virginia clinics so far in 2012:

Below Route 60 - Southern WV Football Clinic

Saturday, July 28, 2012

Independence High School; Coal City, WV

Here are directions: <http://ihs.rale.k12.wv.us/directions.htm>

Registration: 8:00 am – 8:45 am

Contact: Tom Shupe (304) 741-7536

We will plan our KVFOA Clinic with dates and location announced soon.

FROM MIKE WEBB:

FREE OFFICIATING COURSE FROM NFHS

From Mike Webb:

Just completed the NFHS Interscholastic Officiating course. Good course.

They included Jeff Tanner's article on "Preseason Conditioning for Officials" in the course. Jeff is one of our football officials from the KS Board.

The course takes a little while to complete in one sitting (maybe an hour and a half). I recommend this to all of our officials. Perhaps there is a way to incorporate it in our training programs.

To access the course, go to:

<http://www.nfhsofficials.com>

Once there, go to Order Now and select the course. It is free.

VIEW THIS VIDEO

Check this out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVk5g4kVB EQ&feature=related>

UPCOMING CNN SHOW ON CONCUSSIONS

Executive Directors, NFHS SMAC and NFHS Football Rules Committee:

The NFHS was just notified of a presentation that CNN will be airing called "Big Hits, Broken Dreams" on January 29, 2012 at 8:00 pm. (ET). The NFHS is not promoting this program, as all we have seen is what is contained in the following link in the short trailer on the presentation. The NFHS just wanted to make you aware of this presentation from CNN on concussions. We know very little as to what all of the content in the presentation will include.

Please click on the following link that will take you to the CNN Web site for a short trailer on the presentation:

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/sports/2011/11/11/gupta-big-hits-broken-dreams-trailer.cnn>

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The show will air January 29th at 8:00 pm EST.

Q and A

I was reading about Field and Equipment and thought I'd ask a question. Since the rules for jerseys are going to change (Rule 1-5-1 b. 6 and 7) in 2012 (white body for visitors and non-white body home team), do you believe schools are prepared for this change for next season?

I would think if white is a part of their team colors, it might not be an issue. If team colors are red and silver (Cabell Midland) or green and yellow (Huntington High), are they prepared?

Answer from Mike Webb:

They have had a 5 year warning regarding this change. I have received many calls in the past about this change, so I believe we are going to be OK

WHITE-HAT WORKSHOP

Mike Webb is planning a workshop for current and prospective HS varsity referees on Sunday, May 6th at the WVSSAC Offices in Parkersburg.

Times have not been announced. Lunch will be provided.

The purpose of the Clinic is to provide to referees, and prospective referees, with the expectations of what comes with their position.

Veteran referees will be leading the instruction. They are planning to provide a lot of material including powerpoints, videos, and printed materials to those attending.

Dan Greear and Fred McPherson from our Board will be making presentations.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Fred McPherson as soon as possible.

NFHS FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The NFHS Football Rules Committee will conduct their annual rules meeting January 20th – 22nd in Indianapolis.

As soon as I get some news from Mike Webb, I shall pass it along.