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Minutes  
Athletic Council  
Vacaville Department of Educational Alternatives office  
November 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

All Athletic Directors were present except Mike Papadopoulos and Mike Dailey.

Guests: Ron Hardin.

I Football Hall of Fame

Ron Hardin is chairperson for the Solano County Football Hall of Fame selection committee. Each year one lineman and one back are selected to the county Hall of Fame. Each selected individual will receive a \$1,000 scholarship as well as attend a banquet in San Francisco.

The criteria for nomination is:

1. G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher
2. Football skills including performance and attitude
3. Leadership and citizenship in school and community

Ron encouraged each athletic director to see that qualified individuals are nominated from their site by their head varsity football coach.

II Fall Sports

A. Football

1. The All League meeting will be Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Room 55 at Vacaville High School.
2. Nomination forms will be sent to each school. The selection procedure will be the same as in the past.

B. Volleyball

Four MEL schools are in the Section play-offs: Napa and Vintage in Division I and Vacaville and Wood in Division II.

C. Soccer

1. A number of coaches did not attend the All League meeting.
2. The coaches had the following concerns:
  - a. Cemented area and benches on the sidelines at Vacaville High.
  - b. In the second half of the season there is less daylight. Playing the varsity game at Wood after the JV game has the potential of the varsity games being stopped early.
  - c. Is the Section considering a power rating format for Sections?
  - d. The vote to move to a double round robin schedule for next year was 3 – 3.

- D. Tennis
  - 1. The League tournament finished Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. Solano Athletic Club was very accommodating in rescheduling the rain-outs.
  - 3. Vintage will host the Section tennis November 13 and 14.
- E. Water Polo -- No Report
- F. Golf
  - 1. The final League tournament was held at Rancho Solano on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - 2. The MEL hosted Division I North Sectional at Hiddenbrook on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. Wood's team qualified for the Masters Tournament on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Stockton.
  - 4. Pace of play needs to be addressed with the players prior to the League and Section tournaments.
- G. Cross Country
  - 1. Fairfield won both the boys and girls varsity division in League.
  - 2. The pennants and patches were distributed at the League tournament on October 29, 2008.

### III Winter Sports

- A. Basketball
  - 1. The pre-season meeting was October 20<sup>th</sup> and all schools were represented.
  - 2. At the meeting, the new rule regarding line-up for free throws was explained.
  - 3. Schools are **not** required to paint the new block on the free throw lane lines.
  - 4. Using floor tape to designate the "new block" is not allowed.
- B. Wrestling -- No Report

### IV Spring Sports

- A. Baseball
  - 1. Vacaville and Vintage request that the 3-games-a-week to be revisited at the next Board of Managers meeting.
  - 2. Dave Shipp and Fred Jones will lead the discussion regarding the reasons the Board should reverse the decision made in October 2008.
- B. Girls Soccer
  - Brian indicated that Napa was considering forming a frosh girls soccer team in the spring.

### V Other

- A. End of Season
  - The final League standing and All League recipients need to be sent to Joan as soon as the information is available.
- B. Model Coach
  - 1. Armijo was the only school to submit a nominee for Model Coach.
  - 2. Mike Singer was the coach nominated by Armijo.
  - 3. Mike Singer's nomination was sent to the Section.
  - 4. Each school is encouraged to take a more active part in looking at their coaching staffs for possible nomination in the future.
- C. League Dues
  - All schools have submitted the League Dues except Napa and Wood.
- D. Next meeting – Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh            MEL Commissioner