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Minutes
Athletic Council
Vacaville Department of Educational Alternatives office
November 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

All Athletic Directors were present.

Guests: Chad Collins, Creighton Kahoalii and Tony Asaro from River Cats Baseball organization.

I River Cats Presentation

The River Cats have a program for high school baseball teams to play on Raley field on one of the specified available dates.

Basically each team needs to purchase 500 River Cats regular season tickets and then sell those tickets in the community. The ticket sales can be a fundraiser by increasing the cost of the ticket from the price paid on the initial buy.

An Informational packet and open play days were given to each of the Athletic Directors.

II Fall Sports

A. Football

1. The All League meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th, 7 p.m. Room 55 at Vacaville High School.
2. Mark Wudel reported on the in-house action taken for the level one misconduct assessed for a football coach attending a game while on suspension.

B. Volleyball

1. Brian discussed a power-rating problem that occurred when Napa was moved from the 3rd seed to the 4th seed for Section play-offs. The action by the Section volleyball committee creates a number of questions/concerns:
 - a. What do the power ratings really determine?
 - b. Should the final power ratings be posted and not just the mid-season ratings?
 - c. Power rating information allows for lower seeded teams to be adjusted but no mention about upper seeded teams.
2. Heather discussed proposed by-law changes 11.2, 11.7, and 11.11-1, which will be an agenda item for the Board of Managers. The coaches did vote to continue with the triple round robin for the 2008 season.

C. Soccer

1. Vintage, Napa, and Armijo represented the MEL in Section play-offs. Currently Vintage is the last remaining MEL representative.
2. Bob Baclig reviewed the Vintage/Vacaville soccer game from October 10th. The soccer coaches discussed the game at the All League meeting and felt the game should be recorded as a "no contest". There are no rules in soccer or in the MEL that indicate a "no contest" may be declared for a game. The ADs were concerned that the officials did not give the coach the ability to control the bench and fans before calling the game. Additionally, the official did not

follow Association protocol in regards to writing a report for a terminated game. There had been sportsmanship issues displayed during both the JV and Varsity games.

Roll Call Vote	1)	Game to remain to be tied	2)	Vacaville forfeits
Armijo Forfeit		Vacaville Tie		Fairfield forfeit
Vintage Forfeit		Napa Forfeit		Wood Tie

The season record will be changed to reflect the Vintage / Vacaville game on October 10th scored as 1 – 0. Forfeit by Vacaville.

D. Tennis

1. MEL singles and doubles tournament was completed with one issue: Players had unfamiliarity with the 12-point tiebreaker.

It is the responsibility of the coach to educate the players about how the 12-point tiebreaker works *before* the League Tournament.

2. Each MEL school was billed for the USTA official.

E. Water Polo

3 teams each (boys and girls) represented the MEL in Sections.

F. Golf

Wood qualified as a team for the 1st and 2nd rounds of Sections. There were also 7 individuals that qualified for Sections.

G. Cross Country

Mark handed out the final standings, boys and girls, and both All League lists.

III Winter Sports

A. Basketball -- No Report

B. Wrestling

1. MEL/SCAC will have a Jamboree.
2. On February 9th Armijo will host the League Tournament.
3. In 2009, Fairfield will host the League Tournament.
4. By-law changes recommended for section 5.3 and 5.4. Proposed changes will be a Board of Managers agenda item.

IV Spring Sports -- No reports.

V Other

A. End of Season – Standings and All League recipients are listed on the website.

B. Schedules for 2008 – 2009. ADs need to bring proposed League schedules to the December meeting.

C. Model Coach -- The two MEL nominees are:

1. Thor Jensen Wood Wrestling
2. Thalia Puddy Wood Softball

D. League Dues and Charge Backs

1. Vacaville and Wood dues have been received. The remaining schools are asked to check with their financial personnel at their site and/or their district for payment specifics.
2. Section fees for Volleyball, boys/girls Tennis and Track will be charged back to each school on one billing in the spring.

E. Next meeting – Thursday, December 6th.

F. Banners and Patches

1. all sites are pleased with the banners and patches from Basix.
2. The winter and spring awards order will be placed with Basix by the Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh MEL Commissioner