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Minutes  
Board of Managers  
Rodriguez High Conference Room  
September 10, 2014

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo	Eric Tretten			
Napa	Annie Petrie	Brian King		
Rodriguez	Clarence Isadore	John Pizzo		
Vacaville	Ed Santopadre	Fred Jones	Kay Nekota	Andrea Kamman
Vintage	Mike Pearson	Cam Neal		
Wood	Cliff DeGraw	Mark Wudel		

Sac-Joaquin Section Director of Communication—Will DeBoard

B. Eric Tretten called the meeting to order at 8:25. Each member introduced themselves to the group.

C. Vacaville motioned to accept the minutes of April 16, 2014 as posted. Second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

II Section Director of Communications

Will DeBoard attended our Board meeting to review items of League related Section business. The areas of Section finances, and Playoffs were discussed more in depth.

A. Section Budget and Dues

1. 2013-14 Section budget income reflects a significant increase over the 2012-13 budget due to the increase in school dues and good weather during playoffs. However, there was a significant decrease in playoff income (deficit ) in the spring sports of baseball and softball that hadn't been present in past year.

B. Play-offs

1. Limited/Dead Period change-- During the Section designated limited time, each team at a school can determine whether they are using the "limited period" rules or the "out of season" rules. No team will be allowed to use a combination of the two rules.

2. Playoff Modifications

a. Late Fee-- A host school that does not submit the financial report along with the check for gate income (12/15 for fall, 3/15 for winter and 6/1 for spring) by the deadline will be billed \$50.

b. Home Site Admission-- Schools must charge at all home site Section games (baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer) not just football and basketball. Schools that host and cannot or do not charge will be billed \$225 fee to help cover the cost of officials and mileage.

### 3. Playoff Structure

a. Top 9 qualifying will be used in many of the sports this year. Leagues will qualify 3 teams (unless five or fewer league schools field the sport; they qualify 2). The Delta and SFL qualify 4 teams. The 9 leagues that have had the best postseason winning % over the past three seasons will receive an additional spot in the playoffs.

b. Quick reference Playoff Structure was handed out.

### C. Practice Allowance

1. All teams are allowed no more than 18 hours of practice per week and no more than 4 hours in any single day.

2. Assembly Bill 2127 dealing with football practice will be effective January 1 2015.

### D. Other

Other topics covered by Will were: Foundation games, Awards/Programs, Eligibility, Cannons and Noisemakers at games.

## III Recommended Action

### A. Proposed Budget

Joan distributed the proposed budget for 2014 – 2015. There is an increase of dues from \$.75 to \$1.00 per student in this year's proposed budget. The increase is necessary to cover the increasing cost of awards and the Section entry fees. After a review Vintage motioned to accept the budget as presented. Second by Rodriguez. Vote unanimous.

### B. Cross Country Non-participants'

1. There is concern that coaches and spectators are running or bike riding along side the athletes during races, which could constitute pacing even if it is done for encouragement purposes. John Williams at the Section office was contacted and the MEL was instructed to "eliminate" the practice

2. The NFHS does not define pacing although they state that pacing by a teammate not in the race or persons not participating in the event is an Unfair act, which could result in disqualification.

3. A message has been sent to all the other leagues in the Section to see if they have or are dealing with this non-participant issue.

4. Joan will email the Board of Managers a possible cross-country bylaw addition in regards to non-participants on the course.

## IV New Business

### A. AP testing conflicting with the league track meet days

Vintage is suggesting we look into possible solutions to having at least the MEL finals on either Friday or Saturday. Joan will contact regarding possible solutions

### B. Start time Fall and Spring sports

Wood is suggesting that we look at moving fall and spring sports to 4:00 start times. Mark Wudel will bring a proposal to Athletic Council at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

C. Soccer going to Double round robin

The soccer coaches are requesting that soccer move from a triple round robin to a double round robin. The proposed move would allow more competition outside the league. This item will be a voting item at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers meeting.

D. AD Reports

1. Cam Neal reminded ADs that the 1st round tennis ladders were due as the first round started September 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Soccer roster by Napa and Vintage need to be inputted on MaxPreps
3. Water polo still working on getting start times listed properly

V Information

- A. The League directory will be sent electronically to each League Principal and Athletic Director. The principals also received a printed copy of the league directory.
- B. Web Site  
The website is currently up and running. Any corrections or additions needed please notify Joan.

VI Other

- A. Next Meeting
  1. Board of Managers----- October 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Rodriguez Conference Room.  
Refreshments Vintage
  2. Athletic Council-----October 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 401 Nut Tree Rd
- B. Model Coach-- packets due to Joan October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjournment at 10:30.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joan Mumaugh  
MEL Commissioner