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Minutes
Board of Managers
Rodriguez High Conference Room
October 15, 2014

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo

Napa

Rodriguez

Vacaville

Vintage

Wood

Barb Franco

Clarence Isadore

Ed Santopadre

Mike Pearson

Cliff DeGraw

Brian King

Tracy Cordes

Fred Jones

Cam Neal

Mark Wudel

Kay Nekota

Andrea Kamman

B. Mike Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:35

C. Napa motioned to accept the minutes from September 10, 2014 as posted. Vintage seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

II Old Business (voting item)

A. Start Times for fall/spring sports

1. The Athletic Council at the October 2nd meeting discussed start times and the recommendation was to change the times for: Badminton, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball. The change would be in effect at the start of the 2015-16 school year.

2. Vacaville motioned to accept the recommended start times that were presented. Rodriguez seconded motion. Vote unanimous.

B. Cross County Bylaws

1. The cross country coaches and AD met and recommended that bylaws; 2.2A, 2.8, 2.8-1, 2.10 2.12 be reworded to standardize the use of "league tournament" and simplify the intended meaning of some of the bylaws. Vacaville motioned to accept the presented changes. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. Addition of Bylaw 2.13

Joan proposed bylaw 2.13: Restrictions on Coaches and Non-participating Athletes and Spectators. The new bylaw is a result of having coaches and spectators running and/or biking along side athletes during competition. Rodriguez motioned to accept the new bylaw as presented. Wood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. This new bylaw will become **effective immediately**.

C. Revised Wrestling Schedule

Fred presented a revised wrestling schedule that corrected some errors that were found in the approved schedule. The Athletic Council approved the revision at the October 2nd meeting. Wood motioned to accept the revised schedule as presented. Vacaville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

III Emergency issues (voting item)

A. Napa/Vintage Rival Football game

1. Napa Principal, , requested League permission to raise the adult ticket price by \$1.00 above League standards for the Napa/ Vintage rival football game. For the rival game, the host school is required to have additional police officers to ensure the safety of the expected crowd. Vacaville motioned to allow Napa to raise the adult ticket price by \$1.00 for the rival football game. Wood seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

2. Vacaville motioned that Napa and Vintage be allowed to raise the adult prices by \$1.00 for the rival game yearly without Board approval. If any amount other than the \$1.00 increase is needed the schools would need to petition the Board for approval. Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote unanimous

IV Section Back- Up Material

A. Old Business

Section

1. Election of Large School Athletic Director Representative

Vintage motioned to vote for Mark Wudel as the AD representative to the Section. Vacaville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. MEL will cast its' vote for Mark Wudel.

B. State—None

V. Model Coach

Each school is allowed to nominate one male and one female coach for consideration for Model coach. Joan should receive the nomination packets no later than Wednesday October 29th.

VI Other

A. Football helmet during Spring Practice

1. Mike Pearson stated that 2 football players sustained concussions during spring practice and were not able to compete this year in football. The Section does not allow helmets during spring practice, however helmets may have eliminated the injuries. The MEL is in full agreement that helmets **should** be worn during spring football.

- a. Required concussion-training stresses taking all safety precautions to protect the athlete in whichever sport he/she is participating in.
- b. Other sections allow helmet during spring training, which causes parents to question the SJS, ruling regarding helmets.

- c. Mike will work with Fred and Joan on a draft letter to the Section regarding helmets during spring and summer football. The plan is to get the item on the Section agenda for the January meeting for a 1st reading so it can be a voting item for the April meeting.

B. MEL Track Update

Joan contacted Mike Papadopoulos regarding Vintage request to consider changing the final day of MEL track meet to Friday or Saturday. The MEL is currently using John Busto as the starter for both days of the MEL meet. John is a coach at Vallejo and he stated that the SCAC would not be in favor of alternating T/Th- W/F meet days. Saturdays' in May often have their own problems with activities' like prom, senior trip etc. So at this point we have 2 possibilities: 1) Find a new starter, or 2) Move the start time for the running events to 4:00. Kay will check and see if John has any recommendations for other starters.

This item will be a voting item at the January meeting.

C. Next meetings

1. Board of Managers---January 14 2015, 8:30 Rodriguez Conference room. Section Commissioner Mike Garrison will be attending the meeting. Vacaville will be in charge of refreshments.
2. Athletic Council---November 6, 8:30 401 Nut Tree Rd.

Meeting adjournment at 9:35.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner