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Minutes  
Board of Managers  
Rodriguez High Conference Room  
January 14, 2015

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo	Eric Tretten	John Lammon	
Napa	Barb Franco	Brian King	
Rodriguez	John Pizzo	Tracy Cordes	
Vacaville	Fred Jones	Kay Nekota	Andrea Kamman Mike Papadopoulos
Vintage	Mike Pearson	Cam Neal	
Wood	Cliff DeGraw	Mark Wudel	
Guest	Michael Garrison-	Section Commissioner	

B. Eric Tretten called the meeting to order at 8:30

C. Vintage motioned to accept the minutes October 15, 2014 as posted; second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

II Michael Garrison

Section Commissioner Michael Garrison attended the MEL meeting to get a chance to introduce himself to the league. Mr. Garrison gave a short history of his involvement in education to his current position as Commissioner. Mr. Garrison also expressed his philosophy that athletics promotes the education side of school for students. Mr Garrison remained at the meeting to answer questions.

III Action Items (voting item)

A. Schedules 2015-16

1. Fall Sport

- a. Football-- Switched H/A but left the order of competition the same.
- b. Girls Golf—John Lammon submitted a schedule with H/A rotated but leaves the League meets venue as TBA. The Athletic Council will discuss possible venues, cost and format for the league tournaments.
- c. Boys Soccer—Reversed H/A.
- d. Girls Tennis—Rotated H/A. Aligning with VB as much as possible for transportation.
- e. Volleyball—adjusted the schedule to align with tennis.
- f. Water Polo—Reversed H/A and kept the same rotation.

Napa motioned to accept fall schedules for fall 2015; second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

## 2. Winter Sports

a. B/G Basketball— Reversed H/A kept the rotation the same. At the end of the first round of play the girls teams will play their rival game on Thursday and the boys will play on Friday. With boys playing the Friday rival in round one all 3 levels (frosh,jv,varsity) can participate on that night. By the end of the season at the 2<sup>nd</sup> rival games frosh boys teams are finished with their schedule and no longer playing. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> rival game the boys will play on Thursday night and the girls will play on Friday.

b. Wrestling—Rotated H/A. Rodriguez will host the league tournament in 2016.

Armijo motioned to accept the winter schedules for 2016; second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.

## B. Track Start time

The league again discussed whether the start time for the MEL finals in running events should be moved from 3:30 to 4:00. Items of note were availability of starters, AP testing, transportation if we had 2:00 field events time and runner starting at 4:00, setting a precedence that might have other sports asking for time change because of testing.

Call for a motion resulted in no motion brought forward. The MEL track finals will continue at the times listed in the by-laws.

## IV Emergency issues (voting item)

A. Boys Golf Schedule 2015. Golf coaches have requested that the first league tournament be moved a week earlier as the current date is during “spring break” for 4 of the schools. To accommodate the proposed change the start of the season needs to move one day earlier from March 12 to March 10. The rotation and home/away designation does not change. The second half of the league schedule will be the same as the current approved schedule.

Vacaville motioned to accept the revised schedule as presented; second by Rodriguez. Vote unanimous.

## B. Cross Country schedules 2015

Both Mark Wudel and Kay Nekota presented cross-country schedules. Mark’s schedule designated as schedule 1 was the same rotation as last year with H/A reversed. Kay’s schedule designated as schedule 2 changed the rotation and the H/A designation. Proposal 1 has 4H/1A format with the reverse the following year. Proposal 2 has 3H/2A format and the reverse the following year.

Vacaville motioned to accept Schedule 2 for 2015; second by Rodriguez. Vote unanimous.

## V New Business (non voting) No Items

## VI Dale Lacky Nominations

Each school is encouraged to nominate 1 female and 1 male scholar athlete for this Section award. The nomination packets are due to Joan, Monday March 9th. The standing committee will meet to select the 2 MEL representatives.

## VII Section Back- Up Material

### A. Old Business (Voting item) State

#### 1. Bylaw 503H-Consussion Protocol.

Requires an athlete diagnosed with a concussion by a licensed health provider complete a graduated return to play protocol of no less than 7 days from the diagnosis.—MEL supports

2. Bylaw 1901 A and B Full contact practice.  
Included is the Policy Page defining allowable activities during season of sports, during the off season and at team camps. –MEL supports
3. Bylaw 1502 and 2502  
Requires that all individuals must wear protective helmet while coaching bases.  
Implementation is immediate.---MEL supports
4. State Football Bowl Championships Revisions  
The revision would allow all Section champions/representatives the opportunity to participate in the Bowl Championships.—MEL supports
5. Revision Bylaw 22.B(9) and Bylaw 503J  
This would require education and training of coaches for the awareness, recognition and management of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes.—MEL supports

B. New Business ( Non-voting)

Section

1 Proposed change of Season of Sport for Soccer

Section staff is proposing to changed the season of sport for soccer from Fall (B)/Spring (G) to Winter both B/G. The implementation would be school year 2016- 17. This will be a voting item in April 2015 at the Section Board of Managers

State

1. Proposed State Girls Volleyball Revision

This would expand the existing brackets from 8 teams to 16 teams in Division I-V and add an open division bracket. Implementation would be fall 2016.

VIII Other

A. Report from Cliff DeGraw

Cliff reported that a transfer students deemed eligible by the Section had not sat out the required time by the Vacaville District after becoming academically eligible and played one week early during football season. Cliff contacted the other school's principal as per MEL bylaws and explained the situation. Since Wood lost the game there was no need to forfeit. The student will sit out the needed additional week at the beginning of spring sports.

B. Report from John Lammon

During “winter break” the Armijo JV basketball coach was ejected from a game. The coach did not notify any Armijo administrator and coached in the next game. John met with the coach after the break and reviewed the Section and league bylaws regarding coach ejection. Armijo imposed a two game coaching suspension for the JV coach. The suspension took place Friday January 9 and Tuesday January 13. The Mel Board of Managers felt that the imposed penalty was adequate as this has not been a reoccurring problem.

C. All League Meeting Protocol

During an all league meeting this past fall one or more coaches shared voting information (such as votes received, rank, etc) with a parent whose child was not selected. The Board of Managers discussed the issue and has directed that the Athletic Council create a sign in form for the all league meetings. On the form will be a statement regarding the

confidentiality of the voting process used in selection of the all league recipients. In addition no photos of the final voting shall be taken by anyone other than the AD in charge of the meeting.

D. Football helmet Proposal

Mike Pearson stated that he has not moved forward with a draft proposal to the Section regarding the use of football helmets during spring football. A meeting with Fred, Joan, Mike Pearson and possibly has been scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

E. AD Reports

1. Badminton will have their pre-season meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Napa High
2. Armijo is looking for a boys' tennis coach for the spring season. At this point there have been no applications received. John will keep the Athletic Council informed of the situation.
3. Girls' preseason soccer meeting will be January 26, 6pm At Vacaville High room 5.
- \*\*\*\* 4. Andrea asked that the Board review the continued request of the soccer coaches to move the schedule from a triple round robin to a double round robin starting with the fall of 2015. The discussion included transportation, allowable contest numbers, and competition availability outside of the league.

Vacaville motioned to move soccer from a triple to double round robin starting with the fall of 2015, second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

\*\*\*\* Andrea will adjust the approved 2015 schedule to a double round, leaving room at the end of the schedule for any needed make-up games before the Section mandated date for the list of league play-off qualifiers.

F. Next Meeting----Wednesday April 22, 2015. Refreshments--Vacaville

Meeting adjournment at 10:45.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joan Mumaugh  
MEL Commissioner