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Minutes
Board of Managers
Rodriguez High Conference Room
January 12, 2016

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo	Eric Tretten		
Napa	Annie Petrie	Brian King	
Rodriguez	Clarence Isadore	Tracy Cordes	
Vacaville	Ed Santopadre	Fred Jones	Kay Nekota
Vintage	Mike Pearson	Cam Neal	
Wood	Cliff DeGraw		

B. Mike Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:37

C. Vacaville motioned to accept the minutes of September 30, 2015 as posted; second by Armijo.
Vote unanimous.

II Action Items (voting item)

A. Schedules 2016-17

1. Fall Sport

a. Football-- Switched H/A , adjusted order of play.

b. Girls Golf—Rotated the schedule and switched H/A. League meet venues listed as TBA.
Carly Perales will get the finalized league tournament venue to the commissioner and Athletic Council

c. Girls Tennis—Switched H/A. Aligning with VB as much as possible for transportation.

1. Vacaville High is scheduled to have new tennis courts completed by the opening of school 2016. Any delay in the court situation will be reported to the league.

d. Volleyball—Rotated schedule and reversed H/A to align with tennis

e. Water Polo—Rotated the schedule and reversed H/A.

f. Cross Country--Reversed H/A.

Vintage motioned to accept fall schedules for fall 2016; second by Napa. Vote unanimous.

B. Winter Sports

1. B/G Basketball—Rotated the schedule and reversed the H/A.

1. A concern is noted that the same school as the 2016 league schedule is hosting the Friday rival games in 2017. According to the archives the hosting of the Friday rival games have been on a two-year block. It is recommended that the hosting of the rival Friday game change every year.

2. Schedule accepted as presented.

2. Wrestling—Schedule not available.

3. Boys Soccer—

a. The Section has designated the MEL competition days as MWF for boys' soccer for 2017-18. The coaches are all recommending that the league use W/F.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding conflicts with basketball and soccer having rival games on same date.

b. Vintage motioned that the soccer schedule be tabled until the March 30th meeting so that the Athletic Council could discuss alternative schedules. Napa seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

c. A concern was voiced regarding the game start time since soccer is moving to the winter in 2017. This will be an agenda item for the March 30 board of Managers meeting.

III Emergency issues (voting item)

A. Wrestling by-law addition

1. The wrestling coaches propose the following MEL bylaw addition:

5.13-4 The following criteria will be used for seeding the varsity MEL Championship individual tournament brackets:

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Previous Post Season Results
3. CIF State Ranking
4. Coaches Vote

The board was concerned with item 2 of the coaches' suggestion. Again a lengthy discussion took place regarding using previous season results for current seeding. A short break was declared so that each school could contact their head wrestling coach regarding his position on the using previous season results. Once everyone had returned Armijo motioned to accept the proposal as listed; Wood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. This bylaw goes into effect immediately.

The Board also has asked that the wrestling representative (Fred Jones) make a report at the March 30th meeting regarding use of the new seeding regulations.

B. Penalty Phase Revision

1. Joan presented a list of additions/revision to the MEL penalty phase that would align our league with the updated Section penalty phase. Updating our penalty phase listing was discussed at the Athletic Council in December 2015 and the following is a result of that meeting.

League Penalties 0.22-4

Suggested revisions:

1. Levels One Misconduct—Add #4. In-service on CIF/MEL rules and regulations.
2. 0.22-6—Self-discovery/self presentment offenses for the first time shall be considered level one or level two misconduct.
3. 0.22-7 (New)--Charges brought by another School—A school found guilty of a CIF and/or MEL rule that was brought to their attention by another school may be found guilty of any level of misconduct as determined by the hearing committee.
4. 0.22-8 (formally 0.22-7) Number change and Correction—Second and Third offenses shall be considered level three and/or four as deemed appropriate by the hearing committee.
5. Re-number: 0.22-8 to 0.22-9 and 0.22-9 to 0.22-10

Motion by Napa to accept the revisions, seconded by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

2. Vacaville recommended that the suggested penalty for a level two misconduct be two year probation instead of one year. This will be a voting item at the March 30th meeting.

C. Tournament Ticket Prices

According to bylaw 1.6 section 0.5-1 Fr/Soph wrestling tournament admission is listed as \$5 and \$3, which is less than regular dual match admission. The recommendation is that admission for all league tournaments be Adults \$6, Students and Seniors \$4, unless otherwise listed or approved by the Board.

Vintage motioned to accept the amended recommendation, with a second by Napa. The vote was unanimous

V New Business (non voting) No Items

VI Dale Lucky 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, Friday March 4th. Each school is reminded to make sure that the nomination packet contains all the required documentation. The standing committee will meet to select the 2 MEL representatives.

VII Section Back- Up Material

A. Section or State voting Items—Mike Pearson is directed to vote in the best interest of the MEL on all voting items.

B. New Business (Non Voting item)

Section

1. Proposed revision of bylaw 1903.2 Tam Camp Football

There was a short discussion regarding the proposal, which will prohibit the use of protective gear (helmets, shoulder pads and leg pads) at football camps. This will be a voting item at the April Section meeting.

2. Playoff Committee Recommendations

Proposal A—Would require a league champion in water polo to play at or above the level of league competition.

Proposal B—Requires that any (boys or girls) basketball team that qualifies for NorCal ‘open division’ be placed in the Sac-Joaquin division 1 playoff the following year if the qualify for playoffs.

Proposal C—The recommendation is that qualifying marks for divisional meets come from only the divisions that are participating in that meet.

Proposal D—Recommendation a redivisioning of league for enrollment based sports (football, volleyball, soccer, water polo, basketball and softball) to create better parity. Both of the non voting items will be on the April Board of Managers agenda.

VIII Other

A. Report from Cliff DeGraw

As part of the league sanction of the Wood football program, Cliff DeGraw was required to develop an action plan for the prevention of future CIF/MEL football bylaws violations. The reporting of Wood’s action plan was distributed at today’s meeting and reviewed by Cliff DeGraw. The plan addresses accountability of respective CIF/SJS regulations, meeting attendance by coaches, attendance logs, Principal and AD weekly meetings, consequences of future violation and a comparison of past practices vs new practices as outlined by the action plan.

There were no items recommended for revision, indicating the Board of Managers accepts the Action plan as presented.

Cliff DeGraw will report to the Board in March as to the implementation of the Action plan as spring sports are in session. Cliff will also report to the Board of Mangers in August, late fall and next January, again to review the use of the action plan at the Wood campus.

B. Report from Clarence Isadore

In October the Rodriguez volleyball coach ran a clinic for Club Solano Volleyball. The clinic was on a Sunday and there were a number of Rodriguez JV and Varsity volleyball athletes in attendance. Rodriguez self reported the violation to the Section office October 21st. The Section imposed a loss of 2 practice days as the penalty for the violation. Rodriguez Principal then met with the volleyball coach regarding the SJS violation and reviewed the practice and contact regulations of the section bylaws.

C. Discussion Pre-enrollment Contact

Mile Pearson opened a discussion on pre-enrollment contact basically as it applies to 8th graders.

Points of interest are:

Section bylaw as it applies to 8th graders Article 201. A (4)

What constitutes “Undue Influence”

Districts implementing guidelines to avoid pre-enrollment contact/undue influence

Possible league committee to address pre-enrollment contact/undue influence.

D. Vacaville Unified Schools start time 2016-17

Ed Santopadre informed the league that Vacaville Unified was probably going to move secondary school start time to 8:30 next school year. So Vacaville and Wood would have school hours of 8:30-3:30. With this probable new start time Ed would like to review sports start time that impact student class time. Start time will be on the March 30 agenda and Ed will come with recommendations of which sports might need a change of start time.

E. AD Reports—No Reports

F. Victory with Honor

There was a discussion about making sure that teams do not run up scores on their opponents.

Everyone understands that if the 2nd and 3rd string athletes are playing the coach is making an effort to avoid running up the score. Setting school or individual records by not taking starters out of the contest that has a totally lopsided score is not practicing Victory with Honor.

G. Next Meeting---Wednesday March 30, 2016. Refreshments--Wood

Meeting adjournment at 11:25.

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Mumaugh

MEL Commissioner