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Minutes
Athletic Council
Elm School
401 Nut Tree Rd
April 21, 2016

Commissioner Joan Mumaugh called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Tracy Cordes, Brian King, Fred Jones, , Kay Nakota, Cam Neal,

Mark Wudel,

I Spring Sports

A. Badminton –

1. The Principals changed the MEL meet to Thursday May 5th and Friday May 6th at the Vacaville High gym. Start time for Thursday will be 4:00pm and Friday start time will be 3:00pm. Brian will contact the coaches to determine if singles will start the first day of the tournament, with doubles to follow on Friday or visa versa.
2. Badminton coaches are suggesting that the league schedule be move up so that the league tournament could take place the last week of April thus avoiding the testing conflicts that occur. Badminton currently starts on or close to the Section official 1st contest date. To finish by the last week of April would require more 3 or some 4 days a week of competition. This will be discussed at the Board of Managers in August.

B. Baseball

1. Just a reminder from Cam, if there is a rainout the game shall be made up at the first mutually agreed upon date.
2. Wood pitcher sprained an ankle at Rodriguez as the back of the pitching mound seemed more a drop off angle than a slope. Tracy will talk with the Rodriguez coach regarding the incident.

C. Boys Golf

1. The 2nd League Tournament will be May 3rd. Please remind your coach to have the check on the day of the tournament for the golf course.

D. Girls Soccer

Current standings for playoff entry are: Wood in first with Armijo/ Rodriguez tied for second.

E. Softball—

1. Joan reviewed Bylaw 7.5-3 regarding batting practice on game day, including when and why the rule came into existence.
2. The principals met in a special meeting April 15th to hear the appeal of Vacaville who was charged with a forfeit for violating rule 7.5-3. The principals reversed the forfeit and applied a

level one penalty. From the meeting the principals became aware that the rules regarding batting practice on game day were totally opposite between softball and baseball.

3. The principals asked that the ADs formulate a common batting policy on game day for both baseball and softball. Although there is agreement that the batting policy should be the same, there is not consensus as to whether it should be allowed if both teams are not hitting at all sites. This will be an agenda item at the August Board of Managers

F. Swimming / Diving

1. Currently Vintage girls and Rodriguez boys are in 1st place in league competition.

2. With the new diving policy adopted at the last Board of Managers meeting, question has been raised as to whether the site for the diving competition can rotate and who will supply judges. Tracy will meet with the coaches and report back at the May meeting.

G. Boys Tennis

1. The MEL league tournament will be at Vintage High April 25th and 26th. Singles play will start on Monday with the championship Tuesday morning. Tuesday, doubles will play with the championship date and site to be determined between the two competing schools.

2. There were a couple of complaints about the Vacaville coach: one regarding challenging the integrity of another coach's ladder and two starting a player and then forfeiting the match after 2 points. Kay will talk with the coach.

H. Track

1. During a quad meet there was a question of how to assigned points when the host school did not have a pole vault pit. referred to Article 6 of the National Federation Track rulebook. The rulebook states that other than natural causes if the host school does not provide an event area they will forfeit the points. In quad meets the MEL uses the Article 6 rule, and divides the forfeited points to all visiting schools. Although a school may receive points even though they had no competitors listed for the event, this process has been used in the past and has been determined to be the "cleanest" way to deal with the situation.

2. Kay then introduced a bylaw addition that will be used to determine the league champion, using points for dual and quad meets. Each school is asked to review the proposal with their track coaches for input. This will be an agenda item for the May meeting.

3. Mike reminded everyone that there should be a "place" finish judge as well as timers at the finish line. The place finish judge will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finish in case there are any timing inconsistencies.

4. The league tournament will be held Tuesday May 10 and Thursday May 12 at Armijo High. Wednesday May 11th designated field events will be run at Vacaville High. Mark will send time and place of the pre- meet meeting.

II Fall Sports

Vintage will have a new football coach next season. At this point a new coach has not been selected.

III Winter Sports

The wrestling coaches are asking if a school is not bringing a full squad of wrestlers that they notify the host school before the meet. With less than a full slate of wrestlers competing, home schools may need to consider whether to charge an admission price.

IV Sports Schedules 2016 – 2017---NR

V Other

A. Spring Awards

Banners/Patches and medals were distributed for all spring sports.

B. Rules & Regulation Document

The ADs in charge of fall sports need to get together and develop a one-page document with specific dates and regulations regarding conditioning, pre-season, limited period, out of season, dead period and the 45 day sit out period. Also address the importance of reviewing Section and MEL rules as they pertain to their sport. The approved document will be handed out and reviewed at a coaches meeting at each school. This document must be ready for presentation at the August 31st Board of Managers meeting.

Winter and Spring documents will be also be developed after the approval of the initial document.

C Future Meetings

1. Athletic Directors May 16th

D. Football Camp

The new regulations adopted by the Section regarding football camps was distributed. Football camp forms were available to those schools planning on attending/hosting a football camp. Any school participating in a football camp during the summer must submit a completed form before the end of the school year to Commissioner Joan Mumaugh.

E. Start time change.

1. Vacaville High has requested that some contest start times be adjusted because of the District new start/end times being implemented in 2016-17 school year.
2. Tennis is requesting that the start time be held at 3:45 so that matches can be completed before sunlight becomes a factor.
3. New start time for cross-country and volleyball do not present any problems. Therefore, if the Vacaville District approves the start time proposal, cross country will start their meets at 4:00 and volleyball will start their matches at 4:15.

F. League Financial Report

Swimming & Track will need to submit the form after their respective League meets (to the League Commissioner). A check for admission minus expenses should accompany the form.

G. Section Fees

Each school received an invoice for 1/6th of the spring section playoff fees, to be submitted ASAP.

Meeting adjourned 10:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner