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Minutes
Athletic Council
401 Nut Tree Rd
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Commissioner Joan Mumaugh called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Matthew Powell, Eddie Wilson, Tracy Cordes, Kay Nekota, Matthew Bidou, Beth Kelly, Andrea Daniels and Bill Ewing.

A. Badminton—

1. The MEL tournament went fine with the both days doing late afternoon starts.
2. Armijo's doubles team qualified for Northern California regionals
3. The Section tournament had some problems with lack of organization. Next year, MEL will host the Section badminton tournament, with the site to be announced next school year. Corey Lee has stated that he would like to be the tournament director of the MEL hosted tournament.

B. Baseball

1. The baseball season was conflict free as coaches and ADs worked through rescheduled games
2. With the baseball pitching rules, we briefly discussed a possible need for developing a protocol for setting makeup games.
3. Fairfield was notified at 4:40 the day before a game that officials would not be able to officiate the JV game the next day. Late notification resulted in Fairfield cancelling that game

C. Golf

1. The second league tournament held April 18th was problem free.
2. Two players from Vacaville qualified from the Divisional tournament to go to the Masters at The Reserve in Stockton.

D. Softball

1. The all league meeting took place May 9th.
2. There was some question regarding breaking a tie for the league championship. A discussion ensued in which Joan explained that the league tie breaker was to determine Section playoff qualifiers and positions.

E. Swimming/Diving

1. This is the first year that Rodriguez hosted and ran the MEL tournament, as in the past Vintage had taken on that job. The tournament went Ok with all schools helping
2. Vanden again expressed thanks to the league schools in helping getting their program off the ground.

H. Boys Tennis

1. The Mel competition went fine and finished in the two days scheduled for the tournament.

G. Track

1. The MEL tournament went fine with the exception that a gate was not charged due to a lack of school help. For future, if there is an area of need in running the tournament the host school needs to seek help from the other teams in the league.
2. The MEL being in division III necessitated going to Merced for the Section tournament. Often a tournament site is chosen because there is enough help to run the tournament.
3. Matt Bidou indicated that his coach felt that a preseason meeting should have been held this season, as he often didn't know the procedure for the different type of league meets. Matt Powell indicated that the preseason meeting would be held in the future, as this year it didn't get scheduled in time

II Fall Sports—

1. Levels of Competition for Cross Country

The Section indicated that all sports would be Varsity and JV except cross country, which can have varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and freshman. After a discussion of what classification the MEL should have for cross-country a motion was made by Eddie Wilson.

Eddie motioned that the MEL should have divisions of Varsity and Junior Varsity, which is similar to the other sports. Matt Bidou seconded motion and the vote was unanimous. This item will be on the agenda for the August Board of Managers.

III Winter Sports – No Reports

IV School of the Year

1. Joan handed out the school of the year place tally document. The final School of the Year points are available on the web site.
2. Vacaville High scored 1st with 150.5 points, Rodriguez was second and Vanden was third. CONGRATULATIONS to VACAVILLE HIGH the 2018-19 SCHOOL OF THE YEAR.
3. This is Vacaville's 7th consecutive title and first with the new league alignment.

VI Other

A. Charging Entry Fees

1. Reviewed MEL bylaws related to charging admission fees at home games. Included in the discussion were price, students with student body cards and parents.
2. League passes should be used by staff, admin, school board members and parents that are providing transportation for assigned students.

B. League tournament gate receipts

All MEL season ending league tournaments that result in additional awards such as medals need to charge admission. MEL bylaw 1.28 addresses the specifics such as financial statement and what happens to the fees.

C. Golf Make-up Matches

Golf will need to follow MEL bylaw 1.21 regarding cancelled games. This statement will be added to the golf bylaws. Armijo AD will address this issue at the preseason meetings.

D. All League Tennis Revisit

1. The ADs questioned whether a coaches seeding meeting before the MEL tournament actually occurred. According to the minutes of the March 21 “The consensus was that a pre-tournament seeding meeting would eliminate top players meeting too early in the tournament. Also addressing bylaw 11.4-5 by using a better seeding may eliminate the drawing of competitors by placing entrants based on competition and skill”.

2. Matt Bidou asked that this item be tabled again until the August meeting

E. Track Revisit

1. Dual Meets—if a school does not have a facility for an event should they forfeit all points to the opponent even if they do not have athletes for that event.
2. After discussion it was the consensus that the event would not be scored unless it had direct effect on who won the meet. If the points were needed, than the school claiming the points would have to certify at practice the next day that their athletes could actually perform/ meet qualifications for the event in question.
3. The completed item will be discussed in August at the AD meeting and then be a BOM agenda item in the following week.

F. Basketball & soccer By-laws Revisions

1. At the April meeting Eddie presented potential bylaw changes for basketball and soccer for next year. Each school was asked to review the changes with their coaches and let Eddie know if there were any needed changes. Eddie did not receive any change suggestions.
2. For the August AD meeting Eddie will present the final draft for bylaw changes for discussion and voting. The basketball and soccer suggested changes will be a voting item at the August BOM meeting.

G. Next Meeting Dates

1. Athletic Council Thursday August 21 at Vacaville Unified District Office.
2. Board of Managers Wednesday August 28 at Armijo High School.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

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