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Minutes
Athletic Council
Zoom Conference
March 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm

Present:

Armijo	Melissa Wilson
Fairfield	Eddie Wilson
Rodriguez	Tracy Cordes
Vacaville	Mike Papadopoulos, Stu Clary, Chris Santopadre
Vanden	Matt Bidou
Wood	Andrea Daniels
Guest	Jeff Lorensen Davis H.S. AD

I Badminton

A. Should the season be moved?

1. There was a lengthy discussion on reasons to move and reasons to leave the schedule where it is currently scheduled. Badminton was placed in Group B sports 1) giving the sport the best chance of getting to play this year, so they wouldn't lose 2 competition years and 2) having the ability to move the start date for the sport if the CDPH and/or CIF didn't allow an early start due to Covid restrictions.
2. The decision was to leave badminton where it currently is located with competition starting the week March 22nd. At this point we will continue with the possibility of playing both singles and doubles competition. We will continue to monitor playability in case we need to push the starting date later.
3. If doubles remains in the yellow tier than we will go to all singles competition with 15 singles matches.
4. In order to not forfeit, a school must have a minimum of 8 players available to play at every match.

B. Davis High

Davis High has been a member of MEL badminton since 2010-11 school year.

- a. Davis was removed from the 2021 schedule, as the majority of the schools within the MEL were not able to participate outside Solano County.

- b. With the newest guidelines from CDPH/CIF Davis High has requested to be reinstated onto the 2021 schedule.
- c. Vacaville Unified schools are able to compete with adjacent County schools but there is a question regarding the Fairfield school district's position.
- d. Joan has send an email to the 3 Fairfield District Principals asking them for clarification on their schools' ability to play league opponents outside of Solano County.

II. Football

A. New Schedule

1. The BOM on 2/23/21 suggested that a new schedule should possibly be explored since the Fairfield schools were uncertain if they would be ready to play by March 19th.
2. Vacaville High, the school in charge of football, did look at the schedule and determined that the games must start on March 19th in order to finish by the Section mandated date of April 17th. Adjusting the order of play would not solve the problem of Fairfield schools not being ready to play, as at least 1 non-Fairfield school would still have a game scheduled against one of the Fairfield schools.
3. No new schedule was created.

B. How long before a scheduled game must a school cancel.

1. At the last BOM of managers meeting it was suggested that a school should be notified 14 days before the scheduled game. As the games are only going to be a week apart, if a school has a remote possibility of forfeiting they should let the opponent know as soon as there is a question of playing.

C. League pennant and all league

1. The awarding of the league pennant and all league patches will be determined using the normal practices of the MEL.

D. Vacaville Scheduling

Vacaville has a game scheduled with a non-league opponent at the same time as they are scheduled to play a league opponent. The scheduling of a non-league opponent was done to assure that the Vacaville team had a game as there is a good chance that the league opponent will not be ready to play as scheduled. Vacaville did guarantee that if the intended league opponent is able to play there would be a Vacaville team there.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding transparency, how the other league schools perceived the action and how many other non-league games are scheduled during league contest dates.

III Other

A. Forfeits

Each school was asked if they had forfeited any league contest and if so which sports.

1. Armijo said they had forfeited 3 golf matches as their coach had resigned just before the first league contest. Armijo has since secured a golf coach and is playing scheduled matches.
2. Fairfield has forfeited 1 cross county meet and postponed another.
3. Rodriguez may have forfeited 1 golf match however the AD wasn't sure.

4. Vacaville reported that they have not forfeited any contest, However, Vacaville has many competition with teams that fielded only partial squads.

B. Scrimmages

At the beginning of the process of setting our sports groups and the adapting to the CDPH guidelines it was determined that there would be not scrimmages. At this point, football teams have scheduled a pre-season scrimmage with the Section approval. Joan will contact the Section office a get the latest information so that all the sports will be working with the latest information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner