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Minutes
Board of Managers
Armijo High School Library
January 14, 2009

I Opening

A. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Schneider at 8:30 a.m.

B. New Principal of Armijo, Eric Tretten, was introduced.

C. Present:

Armijo	Eric Tretten	Jay Dahl		
Fairfield		Mike Dailey		
Napa	Barb Franco	Brian King		
Vacaville		Fred Jones	Bob Baclig	
Vintage	Eric Schneider	Dave Shipp		
Wood	Chris Strong	Bill Ewing	Heather Leonard	Mark Wudel

D. Agenda corrections:

1. Date corrected to January 14, 2009.
2. Section III Letter B moved from voting item to Section VIII, Other.

E Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2008.

Motion by Wood to accept minutes as submitted. Second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

II Action Items -- None

III Emergency Items

A. Vacaville motioned to accept all listed items for emergency voting. Second by Napa. Vote unanimous.

B. Boys Golf

1. A new boys golf schedule for 2009 was presented that allows for all "Spring Break" schedules.
2. Vacaville motioned to accept the new schedule as presented. Second by Fairfield. Vote unanimous.

C. Schedules 2009 – 2010

1. Football -- Game 9 was moved to game 6 position and the home/away were reversed from the 2008 schedule.
2. Cross Country -- Keeping the rival game in place, the 4th match was moved to the top position and the home/away were reversed from the 2008 schedule.
3. Soccer
 - a. The starting date was moved up one week. This will allow for make up time.
 - b. The home/away were reversed.
 - c. The schedule was removed from voting until next meeting to address conflicts for Wood Thursday home soccer and home frosh football. Both teams use the same field.
4. Tennis
 - a. The schedule was matched with Volleyball September 16 through October 28.
 - b. The home/away of the 2008 schedule was reversed.
 - c. The League Tournament will be held November 5 and November 6 at the Solano Racquet Club.
5. Volleyball
 - a. The starting date was pushed back a week so that there is less time between the end of League and the beginning of Sections.
 - b. The home/away from the 2008 schedule were reversed.
6. Water Polo
 - a. The home/away from the 2008 schedule were reversed.
 - b. Bethel's program continues to be a concern since they often cancel the game. In addition, their competitive level does not create a competitive match.
7. Girls Golf -- The home/away from the 2008 schedule were reversed.
8. Basketball – Boys and Girls
 - a. The home/away from the 2009 schedule were reversed.
 - b. Changed the rival games so round 1 girls play Thursday and boys play Friday. In round 2 the boys play Thursday and the girls play Friday.

A motion was made by Vintage to approve all schedules as presented except for soccer. Second by Napa. Vote unanimous.

D. Baseball -- 3 Games Per Week

1. Dave Shipp explained that after rethinking the possible problems with 3-games-a-week such as rain-outs, transportation, etc., that the MEL should stay with the current format.
2. Vintage motioned that the MEL 2009 – 2010 baseball schedule remain with the current format. Second by Vacaville.

Roll Call Vote:

Armijo	Yes	Vacaville	Yes
Fairfield	Yes	Vintage	Yes
Napa	No	Wood	Yes

The motion passed 5 – 1.

IV New Business -- None

V Model coach

- A. Mike Singer was the MEL nominee and was selected as a Section Model Coach.
- B. Each school is encouraged to submit at least one nomination each year for the Model Coach Award.

VI Dale Lackey

- A. Each school should have received the information from the Section.
- B. The deadline for application is Thursday, March 5th. Send completed packets to Joan.
- C. The Section website also has the Lackey information available.

VII Section Back Up

A. Section Voting Items

1. Revision of by-law 501.7 (Filming)

- a. The MEL football coaches opposed the revision by a 5 – 1 vote. The main concerns were:
 - i. Finding someone to make the film. If one school cannot find someone to film the opponents, then are not they at a disadvantage?
 - ii. Specializing on filming specific players.
 - iii. Would the exchanging of films become a problem?

Napa made a motion to vote against the revision and keep the filming by-law as it currently stands.
Second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.

2. Addition of 2 school to SMAL for 2009 – 2010. Vote unanimous.

B. State Voting Item

Expand all the brackets of the state Basketball Tournament from 8 teams to 16 teams.

- a. The Sac Joaquin Section would have 4 entrants instead of 2 to the State Tournament.
- b. The play-off time would increase by one week from the current schedule.
- c. The MEL supports the basketball expansion.

VIII Other

A. Wood Ejection.

- 1. Joan read an email from Pete Saco that said that the League could not impose a penalty that carried over to the next school year.
- 2. The fact that the student violated League and Section rule on the final game of the season means that the League has no jurisdiction and the entire issue becomes a school site issue.

B. AD Report

1. Football

- a. For the school year 2010 – 2011 the MEL becomes a 7 team league. This means that every school will have a bye during League play.
- b. The Modesto Metro Conference will also be a Division I, 7-team league.
- c. Should the MEL contact MMC for competition on the bye dates?
- d. The consensus is that having an established pairing of the two leagues will benefit all 14 teams. The MEL will contact Modesto Metro to pursue the pairing idea.
- e. Memorial Stadium in Napa will begin renovation at the end of the 2009 football season. For at least the month of September 2010, Napa and Vintage will be playing home games at alternate sites.

2. Volleyball

In the new realignment with 7 League schools, volleyball will want to move to a double round robin.

C. Next Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh

MEL Commissioner