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Minutes
Board of Managers
Armijo High School Library
September 10, 2008

I Opening

A. The meeting was called to order by President Patti Barnett at 8:50 a.m.

B. Each member introduced him/her self.

Present:

Armijo	Steven Peters	Jay Dahl	
Fairfield	Patti Barnett	Mike Dailey	
Napa	Barb Franco	Brian King	
Vacaville	Kari Gibson	Fred Jones	Bob Baclig
Vintage	Eric Schneider	Dave Shipp	
Wood	Chris Strong	Heather Leonard	Mark Wudel

Also in attendance: John Williams, Assistant Commissioner, SacJoaquin Section.

C. Minutes

Vacaville motioned to accept the minutes of April 16, 2008 as submitted. Second by Vintage.
Vote unanimous.

II Asst. Commissioner John Williams

A. Financial Statement.

The SacJoaquin 2007-08 budget and play-off disbursement were reviewed.

B. A variety of Section related topics were briefly discussed.

C. Section Deadlines

1. Opt-Up	September 30, 2008
2. Hall of Fame Applications	October 31, 2008
3. Model Coach	November 7, 2008
4. Coaching Education	December 31, 2008

III Budget 2008 – 2009

The proposed budget was distributed and reviewed.

Fairfield motioned to accept the budget as presented. Second by Napa. Vote unanimous.

IV Emergency Items

A. Spring Schedules

1. Copies of the spring schedules were distributed.
2. After review, Wood motioned to accept all of the spring schedules. Second by Fairfield.
Vote unanimous.

B. Admission Prices

1. The Athletic Council recommends an addition to the by-laws (0.5-1) to include admission prices to League Tournaments.
2. Fairfield motioned to add 0.5-1-1: The admission prices for all League tournaments will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.
Second by Wood. Vote unanimous.
3. Barb Franco requested the League consider allowing Napa/Vintage to raise the rival football admission price by \$1.00 to help defray the cost of security.
Vacaville motioned that if unusual circumstances arise that would necessitate an increase in admission prices for the rival football game for any school that a letter be sent to the League explaining the situation. The Board of Managers would then approve or disapprove the request. Second by Napa. Vote unanimous.

C. Sportsmanship

1. The Athletic Council recommends the following addition to 0.21:
Any student ineligible for participation may not wear the team uniform, sit on the team bench or travel with the team during the suspension.
2. Fairfield motioned to accept the addition to the Sportsmanship by-law. Second by Armijo.
Vote unanimous.

D. Swimming

1. The Athletic Council proposed a wording clarification to 9.2-2 to read:
The League Champion will be determined by a combination of dual meet “win” points and the League Tournament final standing points. Results will be as described in general Rule 02.2.
2. Motion by Napa to accept the wording clarification as recommended. Second by Wood.
Vote unanimous.

V Baseball Recommendation

- A. Dave Shipp presented a proposal by the baseball coaches to change the schedule from 2 days a week to 3 days a week (All 3 games would be against the same opponent), and move the League schedule start date to April.
- B. Pros
 - 1. Pitchers would have increased time before League starts to get into “shape” which could help avoid injuries.
 - 2. The outcome of a week’s games would result with the better team” not the “better pitcher” being victorious.
 - 3. More daylight would mean game start times could be later. Later game times means students would not need to miss as much class.
- C. Cons
 - 1. This schedule would compress the season to 5 weeks. Students could potentially be out of class 15 of 25 instruction days.
 - 2. Transportation could be a problem.
 - 3. April / May are traditionally mandated and AP testing months.
- D. This item will be a voting item at the October 8th Board of Managers meeting. Each school should discuss the pros/cons before the scheduled meeting.

VI Reports by ADs

A. Fall

- 1. Soccer -- Napa High has a new varsity coach who currently will also be coaching JVs.
 - 2. Water Polo
 - a. Bethel has reported to Mike Dailey that they have a 7 boy non-competitive team.
 - b. Armijo motions that guest schools competing on the MEL schedule be considered mandate non-league contacts. Second by Fairfield. Vote unanimous.
 - i. As a non-league contact, JV members may move to varsity level and then return to JV level for League.
 - ii. This will become by-law 0.8-4 in Player Status.
 - 3. Frosh Football
 - a. Question asked -- Can a Frosh player play in the Frosh game and then play in the JV game?
John Williams says a Frosh player may play on both teams just *not* on the same day.
 - b. Wood will play Frosh games on campus on “Wild Cat” field, formerly the lower field. The visitor side currently has no bleachers; Fans may bring lawn chairs.
 - 4. Volleyball
 - a. The MEL changed warm-up time to reflect the times used in state competition.
 - b. The state volleyball rules regarding warm-up time have recently changed which means our rule may change again.
- B. Winter -- No Report
C. Spring -- No Report

VII Information

- A. Each school received a hard copy and the Athletic Directors have an electronic copy of the League Directory.
- B. Web site – The site is current with 2008 – 2009 schedules and by-law changes.
- C. League Passes
 - 1. Each Athletic Director received their school’s 50 passes.
 - 2. The MEL and SCAC will again honor the other’s League pass.
- D. Play-off
 - 1. An explanation of how play-off money was distributed was handed out to the schools.
 - 2. 5 of the 6 MEL schools received a check based on the number of Section play-off games in the designated sports of football and basketball.
- E. Standing Committee
 - 1. The committee members are former ADs in the MEL.
 - 2. Currently there are no members from Fairfield, Napa and Vintage.
 - 3. The purpose of the committee is to handle all protests as well as to select the MEL representative of “Model Coach” and “Scholar Athlete”.

VII Other

- A. Vintage

There was an incident of unsportsmanlike behavior at a recent football scrimmage when officials failed to attend the scrimmage. Vintage High is handling the discipline of their coaches and players involved in the incident.
- B. Next Board of Managers’ meeting is Wednesday, October 8th. Fairfield High will be responsible for refreshments.

Meeting adjourned 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner