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Minutes
Board of Managers
Virtual Meeting via Google Meets
April 23, 2020

I Opening

Present:

Armijo	Sheila Smith	Matthew Powell
Fairfield	Will Cushman	Eddie Wilson
Rodriguez	Clarence Isadore	Tracy Cordes
Vacaville	Ron Thomas	Stu Clary Fred Jones Chris Santopadre Mike Papadopoulos
Vanden	Kristen Shields	Matt Bidou
Wood	Adam Rich	Andrea Daniels Mark Wudel
Guest	Adam Wight	

- A. President Clarence Isador called the meeting to order at 10:10am.
- B. Armijo motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Wood seconds the motion. Vote unanimous.
- C. Fairfield motioned to accept minutes of January 29, 2020 as posted. Vacaville seconds the motion. Vote unanimous.

II Old Business—No Items

III New Business (voting)

A. Election of league President and Vice President 2020-2022.

1. President

a. Vacaville nominated Adam Rich for league president, with a second by Armijo. There were no other nominations. By unanimous vote Adam was elected as league president 2020-2022.

2. Vice President

a. Vacaville nominated Sheila Smith for league Vice President 2020-2022, with a second by Wood. With no other nominations, Sheila was unanimously elected league Vice President for 2020-2022.

B. Section Voting Items

a. Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 ----**Vote “No “**—Clarence will reach out to the schools May 26th for final thoughts on voting for the Section budget.

The proposed 2020-21 Section budget (presented at the January 29, 2020 BOM meeting); as approved by the Executive Committee and recommended for approval by the Economic Viability Committee (1/29/20) is being submitted for approval with adjustments to dues assessment and playoff entry fees.

Talking Points:

1. Biggest concern is where are schools' budgets going to be in the fall.
2. Is this the time for changing the way schools are assessed Section fees.
3. The Section can always come back with a budget revision if the finances statewide are better than projected.

b. Continued Success Movement—Fall Sports--- **Vote Yes**

This proposal recommends the movement of ten (10) schools up a division based on the Sections bylaw language for continued success in the fall sports of football, girls tennis, girls volleyball and boys water polo.

c. Proposed Bylaw 503.10 - Application to Host --- **Vote Yes**

This proposal would require each member school to submit, yearly, an application to host form in order to host Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs games.

d. Proposed Post Season Playoff Structure - Softball --- **Vote Yes**

This proposal would change the playoff structure of the Sac-Joaquin Section softball playoffs from a double elimination format to a single elimination format.

e. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 2007.9 - Football “Zero Week” –**Vote Yes**

This proposal eliminates the reference to “zero week” in the football bylaws.

f. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 2007.8.d.iii (Football Playoffs Division Movement) – **Vote Yes**

This proposal changes the criteria for moving a team down a division from smallest enrollment to lowest Cal Preps rankings.

g. Small, Medium, Large School Athletic Director Representative Election

As per SJS Constitution - Article 4, Section 7.2, athletic director representatives shall be elected to two-year terms and shall be elected at the spring meeting of the Board of Managers. All three (3) representative positions will be voted on by the BOM

MEL votes as follows:

- Large School AD—Rick Spears
- Medium School AD—Chuck Selna
- Small School AD—Anthony Restuccia

h. SJS President, President-Elect & Executive Committee Election As per SJS Constitution - Article 4, Section 3,

The BOM will be asked to elect Kevin Swartwood as President –MEL Votes for Kevin

Elect one (1) individual from those nominated by the nominating committee for the position of President-Elect (Ed Santopadre or Clarence Isador)

MEL votes for Clarence Isador.

C. State CIF Voting Items

For all items listed below, except item 2, Clarence shall vote in the best interest of the league after hearing talking points or concerns.

For item 2 there were no concerns addressed about suspensions for non-fighting or leaving the bench. However, there was clear consensus that the portion of the bylaw dealing with multiple game suspensions should be voted against.

1. 2020-2021 State Budget

2. Bylaw 503.M - CIF Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy—Vote No if the suspension types can not be separated.

The MEL had a lengthy discussion on this bylaw with major points regarding suspension for fighting or leaving the bench and numerous suspension games.

a. There is no definition what will be used to determine if the suspension will be of 3, 4, 5, or 6 games. With no clear definition the days of suspension could vary greatly between like incidents.

b. Basic consensus that the number of days that a player could be suspended is excessive.

c. Multiple games of suspension should not be made without the school's input.

3. Multi-School Bylaw Revisions Bylaw 208.B - Foreign Exchange Students Bylaw Revision (CIF Student Study Abroad)

4. Bylaw 209.C.1 - Disciplinary Transfer

5. Election of President-Elect

6. Election of Executive Committee

IV. New Business (non-voting)

A. Girls Wrestling

The coaches have submitted letters requesting that the MEL institute a girls' league tournament and inclusion in league duals. After discussion the BOM is directing the MEL wrestling coaches develop a girls league-wrestling tournament where both patches and medals will be awarded. Once the AD council receives and reviews the submission it will be directed back to the BOM for a vote.

At this point, it was decided that before a separate girls dual program can be develop there needs more research in terms of cost, schedules, numbers, etc.

B. Spring Schedules 2020-21

All spring schedules will be reviewed at the August 20th AD meeting. Once reviewed the schedules will be sent to the BOM on August 26th for approval.

C. Meeting dates 2020-21

Everyone was sent a copy of next years meeting dates. The Athletic Council will again meet at Vacaville Unified District Office. BOM will meet at Armijo High faculty lounge.

Section BOM (site to be determined) will be attended by Adam Rich and Joan Mumaugh.

V Other

A. Refreshments 2020-21

August 26th—Armijo

January 20—Wood

September 23—Rodriguez

March 24--Fairfield

Armijo will also supply coffee for all meetings.

B. End of Year Wrap up

1. Armijo – Sheila thanked everyone for voting for her.

2. Fairfield NR

3. Rodriguez thanked everyone for all the help all year.

4. Vacaville- Ron Thomas announced that he was moving to Pioneer Elementary School in Davis as Principal starting next school year. Adam Wight will be the new Vacaville High Principal. Ron mentioned that he was honored & privileged to be part of the group and built positive relationships with all the individuals. Thank you for all your mentorship and guidance the last 2 years.

5. Vanden NR

6. Wood-- Thanks Ron for your collaboration for the last 2 years. Also welcoming Adam Wight to the group.

Clarence—A major shout out to Joan for mentorship, hard work and dedications to the MEL and high school athletics.

It was motioned and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner