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Minutes
Board of Managers
Rodriguez High Conference Room
August 31, 2016

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo	Eric Tretten	Carly Perales
Napa	Annie Petrie	Brian King
Rodriguez	Clarence Isadore	Tracy Cordes
Vacaville	Ed Santopadre	Fred Jones Kay Nekota
Vintage	Mike Pearson	Cam Neal
Wood	Adam Rich	Mark Wudel

Section Director of Communication Will DeBoard

- B. Mike Pearson called the meeting to order at 9:08. Each member introduced themselves to the group.
- C. Rodriguez motioned to accept the minutes of March 30, 2016 as posted. Second by Vacaville. Vote was unanimous.

II Section Director of Communication

Will DeBoard covered section information which included: Financial review, Awards, Current League Alignment, Playoffs and Realignment Timeline.

Topics of special interest were;

- CIF Home, the online information site for all transfers, dues information and other SJS documents. September 1, 2016 all transfer forms must be submitted via CIF Home.
- 2018-19 Sports Calendar, tentatively showing the start date for all sports moving up a week. Fall sports practice would start July 30, Winter sports October 29 and Spring sports February 9th. Starting the seasons earlier is the result of the State CIF playoff games being moved forward.
- Baseball Pitch Count restrictions will start in the 2017 season. As of this point the entire specific pitch numbers and mandated rest days have not been disclosed.
- Bylaw 600 will be in effect for the soccer teams this year. A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an outside team, in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport (See Bylaw 511)

III Recommended Action (voting item)

A. Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2016-17 was distributed.

- Joan stated that the charge back of Section playoff fees to each school resulted in the reserve being high enough to carry the league until dues from each school are received in Oct/Nov. The basic cost of awards has gone up slightly but the \$1.00/student will continue to be sufficient to cover the expenses at least for another year.

2. Napa motioned to accept the budget for 2016-17 as proposed. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. Revised Badminton Schedule

1. The badminton coaches have submitted a replacement schedule that starts at the allowed date of February 24 but includes additional 3 games a week for each school. The additional 3 game weeks allows for the league tournament to be moved forward to Friday April 28th. The adjusted schedule eliminates the yearly conflict of IB and AP testing.
2. Vacaville motioned to accept the revised badminton schedule for 2017. Armijo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

C. Revised Boys Golf Schedule

1. The closing of the Vacaville course caused Vacaville High to have to share “home” facilities with Armijo, which required a schedule adjustment. With the adjustment, spring break was addressed as well.
2. Napa motioned to accept the revised schedule. Armijo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

D. Revised By-Laws

1. Softball

7.5 Game time will be 4:00pm. Strike warm-up time as 3:00.

7.12-1 Strike the league champion will host the all league meeting.

7.5-3 No batting practice will be held by either team on the day of a contest. Coaches want to keep this bylaw, however it is totally different than baseball, which is considered a “like” sport. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made in keeping with Section playoff regulations.

Armijo motioned that-- No batting practice by machine or live pitching will take place on game days in preseason, league or section playoffs in softball or baseball. The use of whiffle balls, soft toss and batting tees are acceptable for game day practice. Vacaville seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Armijo-Yes

Vacaville-Yes

Napa-Yes

Vintage-Yes

Rodriguez-Yes

Wood-Yes

Motioned passed unanimously.

2. Swimming

9.4-3 Entry and dive sheets are considered final when the meet begins. Once entry or dive sheets are submitted any changes must include notification of both head coaches before the event takes place.

9.4-4 During swim and dive events, concerns regarding officiating must be addressed to the head referee. Approaching judges will not be permitted.

League championships:

9.5-2 Diving will start at 11:00 am on Thursday.

9.5-3 Swimming trials will start at 11:00am on Friday. The finals will start at 9:00am on Saturday.

Eligibility

9.5-4 A student must be fully eligible under all local school district policies. A swimmer must compete in a minimum of one interscholastic meet to qualify for league sponsored championship.

Entries for League Meet

9.5-5 Entries for the league meet must be completed and submitted by the Saturday following the close of the dual meet season by 2:00pm. Entries one day late must be accompanied by a \$100 check. Entries two days late must be accompanied by a \$200 check.

Napa motion to accept the proposed swimming bylaws 9.4-3 through 9.5-4 as presented and 9.5-5 after striking late fees sentences. Motioned seconded by Rodriguez. Vote was unanimous.

3. Track

8.01 The league schedule will consist of dual, quad and league meet competitions.

8.4-1 all entries for the qualifying meet must be made the Friday before the meet.

8.4-6 The league post season qualifying meet will hold trials at 2:00pm for field events and 3:00pm for track events.

8.4-9 Athletes may not participate in both J.V. track finals and then participate in Varsity trials and finals. Those athletes participating in the J.V. culminating meet are concluding their season. The exception would be those J.V. athletes that are moved up as "Alternates" in relays only for the Divisional or Masters meet.

8.5 DETERMINATION OF A TEAM LEAGUE CHAMPION:

8.5-1. Each year, each school will compete in five dual meets, two quad meets, and a league championship.

8.5-2. The overall league champion will be determined by the five duals (maximum of points possible), two quad meets (maximum of 5 points possible), and the league championship (maximum of 10 points possible).

8.5-3. All dual meets will be scored with one (1) point given to the winning school. Each dual meet counts as one contact.

8.5-4 All quad meets will be scored with one (1) point awarded to a school that finishes above another school. A maximum of three (3) points are possible for all quad meets.

8.5-5 Rival schools will compete in two quad meets together. Regardless of rescheduling for natural causes, the first scheduled quad meet will count as the quad contact for rival schools. The second quad against rivals will not be considered in team standings, as it is the third contact between the rival schools.

Vacaville motioned to accept the bylaws as presented. Wood seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On a side issue Napa requested that for the quad meet hosted by Armijo on March 22 2017, that the pole vault competition take place at Vintage High March 21st. The BOM agreed to the request.

4. Wrestling

The coaches have asked that the order of the criteria for seeding the league tournament be revised as follows.

- a. Head to Head competition
- b. Current State Ranking or Current body of work
- c. Previous Season Results
- d. Coaches Vote.

Vacaville motioned to accept the revised seeding criteria as presented. Napa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

E. Penalty Phase

Level two of the penalty phase had been discussed in March of 2016. A vote on the recommended change of one sport—two-year probation was not held. Currently the penalty is one sport –one-year probation.

B) Level Two Misconduct—suggested penalty:

1. One sport—one-year probation
2. Loss of Play-off Share

Rodriguez motioned that Level Two of the penalty phase read One sport –two years probation. Vacaville seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

IV. Information

A. League Directory

The Directory is in the final stages of correction and will be emailed to everyone as soon as possible.

B. Web Site

The web site has updated schedules and school information. Please notify Joan of any needed changes.

V. Other

A. Rules/Regulation Document

At the request of the Principals the AD were asked to compile a one page document, by season of sport, highlighting the Section rules regarding start dates, limited practice, dead period, out of season activities, and sit out period, that could be used by all 6 schools for their coaching staffs. Mark Wudel compiled the document and reviewed said document with the Board.

B. Tennis Schedule Changes

Vacaville High construction of new tennis courts is due for completion October 1st. Both Vacaville High and Wood High have made changes in their home schedules. The adjusted schedule has been uploaded to the website.

C. Armijo Soccer Changes

Armijo High football field and track will be renovated starting at the completion of their football season. Both boys and girls soccer home games will have adjustments of location and time. Carly Perales will contact each school with the adjusted place and time.

D. Wood Report

Principal Adam Rich reported on the progress of the action plan put into place as a result of a football violation in 2015-16. Wood High continues to make positive progress on their “action plan”, which was created to help eliminate any further Section/League violations.

E. Cheerleaders

There seems to be a lot of confusion as to when and how cheerleading will be incorporated into athletics. Kay Nakota was asked to research cheerleading as part of athletics in regards to timelines, regulations and competition. Kay will report back at the next meeting.

F. Report by Rodriguez

Clarence Isador reported that he had met with all the Rodriguez head coaches to review the level one violations of last year so there would be no repeats this year. The meeting covered such items as coaching resources, Section/League bylaws, and coach expectations.

G. Suspected Violation

Mike Pearson discussed an AD-to-AD involvement regarding suspected violations. At a special meeting of the Board of Manager Principals in April 2016 it was decided that suspected violations by school A of school B should have an AD to AD step to begin the process.

AD-to-AD reports about rule violations.

This step would start with ADs of both schools discussing the possible violation. Although these AD reports are considered unofficial, the Principals of both schools should be informed. The Principals can then have a discussion as set forth in the “inquiry” stage of violations. With social media being a big part of today’s world the Principal needs to know what is happening in case there are discussions, complaints and questions from outside sources. In addition, the Principal of the school who possibly violated a rule will email the league commissioner and cc the other Principal with the gathered information. The league commissioner will keep a file of reports, which could be used to determine like violations, and/or repeat violators.

H. Next Meeting---September 28th, refreshments by Armijo

Meeting adjournment at 11:30

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Mumaugh, MEL Commissioner