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Minutes
Board of Managers
Rodriguez High Conference Room
January 18, 2017

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo	Eric Tretten	
Napa	Annie Petrie	Kelly VanWinden
Rodriguez	Clarence Isadore	
Vacaville	Ed Santopadre	Fred Jones Kay Nekota Chris Santopadre
Vintage	Mike Pearson	Cam Neal
Wood	Adam Rich	Mark Wudel

Kelly Van Winden was introduced as the interim AD at Napa High.

B. Mike Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:40

C. Vacaville motioned to accept the minutes of September 28, 2016 as posted; second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

II Action Items (voting item)

A. Schedules 2017-18

1. Fall Sport

a. Cross Country—Rotated the order of play and reversed H/A.

b. Football—Rotated the order of play and reversed H/A.

c. Girls Golf—Rotated the order of play and reversed H/A.

League meet venues listed as TBA. Carly Perales will get the finalized league tournament venues to the commissioner and Athletic Council

d. Girls Tennis—Aligning with VB as much as possible for transportation.

Adjusted the order of competition and reversed H/A.

September 4th (Labor Day) will be by mutual agreement for change of date.

e. Volleyball—Rotated schedule to align with tennis and reversed H/A.

f. Water Polo—Reversed H/A.

Napa motioned to accept fall schedules for fall 2017; second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.

B. Winter Sports

1. B/G Basketball—Rotated the schedule and reversed the H/A.

The two major points of adjusting the schedule are:

- a. Equal Friday night home contests.
- b. Make sure that the rival game is on Friday night.

2. B/G Soccer-- Reversed H/A

Two schedules were presented for 2018. One schedule had league competition starting after winter break. The second schedule had league competition start in December with a designated rainout cushion in each half. After discussing the two schedules this item was tabled until the March 29th meeting. The current season will be over and we will have a better idea if the rainout cushion schedule would help alleviate scheduling of makeup games.

3. Wrestling—Adjusted the order of play by moving the bottom to the top and the reversed H/A.

Armijo motioned to accept Basketball and Wrestling schedules for 2018; second by Wood. Vote unanimous.

III Emergency issues (voting item) No items

IV New Business (non voting)

A. Realignment/ MEL/SCAC

1. Mike Pearson explained that NVUSD was exploring the possibility of moving the 3 Napa schools to the North Coast Section. Points of interest for Napa district/schools are:
 - a. Transportation costs as well as proximity of competition.
 - b. All 3 schools in the same league.
 - c. The move to the NCS would be 2018-19 school year.There was a lengthy discussion regarding what an impact the NVUSD move would have on the MEL.
2. Mike Pearson said that he hoped NVUSD would have a firm answer regarding the possible move on Friday January 20th.
3. There is also a move by Vanden High School to move to the MEL in the realignment. In order for Vanden to move to the MEL (if Napa & Vintage remain) would necessitate one of the current schools to go to the SCAC.
4. With the uncertainty of the Napa Schools potential move, it was decided to hold an emergency MEL Board of Managers meeting Monday January 23 at 7:30 am. The impending decision regarding NVUSD changing leagues will determine what action the MEL needs to take for the upcoming realignment cycle.

B. Admission Price Change

Cam Neal asked that the league consider changing the admission prices to better align with other leagues in the Section. Joan handed out a listing of 6 other leagues either Division I or Division II in Section with the admission prices listed. By comparison to the MEL 4 of the other leagues charge a higher rate for at least football and basketball.

This item will be a voting item for the March 29th meeting.

V Dale Lacky Nominations

Each school is encouraged to nominate 1 female and 1 male scholar athlete for this Section award. The nomination packets are due to Joan, Monday March 3rd. Each school is reminded to make sure that the nomination packet contains all the required documentation. The standing committee will meet to select the 2 MEL representatives.

VI Section Back- Up Material

A. Section: Voting Items

1. Revision of State CIF Bylaw 504.M

Change in this rule would allow day of respite to be acknowledged based on the observed Sabbath. If this revision passes at SJS it would be taken to the State CIF council for approval.

MEL votes to approve.

2. 3 Person Officiating Crews for Basketball Playoff.

MEL votes against this proposal. This will increase cost to the schools. In addition, the MEL feels there are not a sufficient number of “good” officials to cover all games.

3. Administrative Supervision (Playoff)

MEL votes against this proposal based on lack of penalty clarity. Currently, it is stated: if there is a lack of supervision the penalty will be decided before the next contest and could include forfeiture.

4. Revision to SJS Bylaws 503.3 & 503.4

This revision would require that any appeal of ejections of the last game of the season and during playoffs be submitted to the Section office for review and determination.

MEL votes to approve.

B. State: Voting Item

1. CIF Bylaw revision regarding Pitch Count.

The SJS will review the newly passed mandate regarding baseball pitch count limitations and required days of rest.

MEL votes to approve

B. New Business (Non Voting item)

Section

1. Proposed revision of bylaw 1901.1 & 1901.2 Age Requirement (football)

This proposed revision allows all members of schools the opportunity to utilize the age requirement waiver.

2. Proposed revision of bylaw 1903.2 Team Camps (football)
This revision eliminates the minimum number of teams required for a team camp, the number of team camps a student may attend, and the requirement of approval of a team camp.
3. Proposed revision of bylaw 1903.3 Out of Season (including limited period/football)
This revision aligns the use of football equipment with what is allowed during the summer.
4. Proposed revision bylaw 504.9
This proposal allows specific football equipment during the designated limited period.
5. Proposed revision to bylaw 1903.4 acclimatization (conditioning) period
This proposal would eliminate the 2 -day conditioning mandate and replace it with a mandatory 5 day progressive acclimatization period. Schools would be allowed to start football acclimatization (conditioning) one week earlier.
6. Proposal revision bylaw 1907.8 (football)
This proposal would include the CCAA & SMAL football teams the same process in place for all other schools. In addition Division VII would have a 6-team bracket.
7. Proposed revision bylaw 1501.7 --Playoffs (baseball)
This proposal would change baseball to an enrollment based system, and away from the North/South league playoffs.
8. Proposed revision of bylaw 2700.5 –Playoffs (team tennis)
This proposal would change playoffs from a league-based system to an enrollment based system.

VIII Other

A. Report from Adam Rich

Adam Rich gave a report on Wood's progress of the action plan that was developed last year for the 2-year sanction of the Wood football program. In addition, Adam indicated that Wood is looking at such items as school climate, participation numbers, and quality of competition as it relates to WASC.

B. Additional School Reports

1. Report from Clarence Isadore

Clarence shared with the board, the agenda of items that he covers with the each head before the start of their sport. The agenda includes such areas as league/section bylaws, administrative expectations of coach and participants, eligibility policies, resources and other items.

2. Report from Annie Petrie

Annie reported that Napa is working through the recent issues that have surfaced in one of the athletic programs.

C. Next Meeting—Emergency BOM Monday January 23rd at 7:30. Regular meeting, Wednesday March 29th.

Meeting adjournment at 10:50

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner