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Minutes Athletic Council 401 Nut Tree Rd November 4, 2021

Commissioner Joan Mumaugh called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Present:

Armijo	Melissa Wilson		
Fairfield	Eddie Wilson		
Rodriguez	Tracy Cordes/Lopez	Z	
Vacaville	Chris Santopadre	Stu Clary	Fred Jones
Vanden	Matt Bidou		
Wood	Andrea Daniels	Nick Voight	
Guest	Brad Bruzynski		

I. Fall Sports

A. Football

- 1. 4 Mel teams qualified for Section play-offs---Rodriguez, Vacaville, Vanden and Wood.
- 2. All league meeting went well. There were no recommendations for changing process.

B. Volleyball

1. The coaches are interested in looking at next year's schedule having 3 games a week.

2. MEL mandated play days for 2022-23 are probably T/Th, which would mean the 3rd day of play would probably need to be a Monday or Saturday.

C. Girls Tennis

- 1. The all-league selection hosted by Vacaville High went well.
- 2. Vanden girls team tennis will be playing Central Catholic Nov. 8th for the Section title.
- D. Girls Golf--NR

E. Cross Country

- 1. The league tournament was held October 20th at Lagoon Valley. All went well.
- 2. Stu reported that the new format of only doing 2 league meets instead of duals did not seem to increase the numbers of participants.

II. Winter Sports

- A. Basketball
 - 1. The boys and girls coaches preseason meeting took place on 10/25 at Fairfield High. The Covid protocol was reviewed.
 - 2. Suggestion was made to move the frosh start time to 4:30. Frosh teams should arrive dressed in uniforms and arrive around no earlier than 3:45.
 - 3. Girl's coaches are concerned that the Section dates do not give teams any practice time between a "play-in game" and the 1st round of bracket play.
- B. Soccer
 - 1. Schedule
 - a. The soccer coaches are concerned that the officials association will not be able to supply the needed officials for both our boys and girls teams if they play on the same nights. The concern was raised with the head assignor and he indicated that there could be a problem. Based on the conversation the coaches suggested that we move back to the mandated play days for both boys and girls teams.
 - b. Joan contacted Monty Muller and then Derek Francois and discussed the issue. TheMEL offered to move back to the Section mandated games if there were going to be problems with filling officials for our games. The final result was Monty turned the decision to Derek and Derek stated that he didn't think the MEL needed to change the schedule.
 - c. At this point the boys and girls game schedule will remain on Tuesday and Friday.
 - d. The question then came up about the possibility of hiring officials outside the Section if there are not enough officials for our games. Joan will talk with the Section regarding the issue.
 - 2. Bylaw Changes
 - a. Coaches are recommending amending 4.11-6 to read Coach of the years will be voted by an open vote by all coaches. A lengthy discussion issued which resulted in two motions. The first motion by Fred Jones was "eliminate the coach of the year bylaw". There was no second to that motion. Eddie Wilson then motioned to leave bylaw 4.11-6 as it is currently stated. Andrea Daniels seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - b. Bylaw 4.8-1a be amended to read all rosters, schedules and statistics will be posted and updated on MaxPreps no later than Sunday each week. Vacaville motioned to accept the changes. Fairfield seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - 2. Frosh Start Times.
 - a. ADs agreed that the frosh games would start at 3:30 with the JV at 5:00 and Varsity at 7:00.

- C. Wrestling
 - 1. The Novice tournament will be November 24th at Armijo High School.
 - 2. All spectators, coaches, and wrestlers will wear masks at all meets. However, when wrestling the participant will not need to be masked.
 - 3. If a school has only one wrestler in any weight class, that wrestler must wrestle Varsity.
 - 4. The Wood coaches will assume the responsibility of being the MEL representatives on the Section wrestling Advisory Board.
 - 5. Girls Wrestling as League sport.
 - a. According to bylaw 1.5 four(4) schools must field a team for any sport to become a league sport.
 - b. There are 14 weight classes for wrestling so how do we determine what constitutes a team?
 - c. MEL Patches and medals can only be awarded in sports that meet the requirement of bylaw 1.5

III. Spring Sports

- A. Track
 - 1. Wood will host the 2022 MEL track trials and finals on May 3rd and 5th.
- IV. Covid Game Protocol

A. Melissa presented a document that she and Charleston Brown developed for handling missed games due to player(s) quarantine. The document outlined rescheduling canceled games, schools unable to complete league schedule and playoff determination procedures. The document will be presented to the BOM on January 20th.

V. Other

- A. End of Season Standing---All Fall sports have been updated on the website for final league standing and all league players except girls golf.
- B. League Dues—Dues have been received from Fairfield, Rodriguez, and Vanden. Armijo, Vacaville and Wood should check at their site for payment progress.
- C. Schedules 2022-23 Fall and Winter

1. Draft of possible fall and winter sports schedules should be available for presentation at the December meeting.

2. 2022-23 the schedules should be rotated with the rival game remaining as the last game of each round.

3. Mandated Play Days—Joan will contact the Section and ask that the 2022-23, 2023-24 mandate play day schedules be posted.

- D. Ticketless Entry—Each school reviewed what process they were going to use for the winter seasons where a entry fee is charged.
- E. Free Entry for Students—Each school reviewed if they have free student entry games.
- F. Drum Line in Gym
 - 1. Vanden expressed concern regarding the Vacaville Drum Line playing during their warm-up time at a volleyball match.
 - 2. The discussion included maybe designating when/where a drum line can perform at a match.
- G. Next meeting---December 2nd

Meeting adjourned 10:32

Respectfully submitted, Joan Mumaugh Commissioner