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Minutes
Athletic Council
Elm School
129 Elm Street, Vacaville
November 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

All Athletic Directors were present except Mike Papadopoulos.

I Fall Sports

- A. Football – No Report
- B. Volleyball– No Report
- C. Soccer

Seeding for Section play-offs seemed to be determined by length of travel except for seeds 1 and 2. The MEL schools were positioned to go through #1 or #2 seed by the 2nd rounds.

D. Tennis

- 1. The coaches are recommending that the third set play should be a compromise between only 10-point tie breaker and a regular set.
Vacaville motioned that when one team winning 5 points has decided a match, all third sets starting after that shall be played as a 10-point tiebreaker. Second by Wood. Vote unanimous.
- 2. Third set will be a voting item at the January Board of Managers meeting.

E. Water Polo

- 1. The coaches are recommending that the tiebreaker procedure be either an additional game (time permitting) or goals scored.
- 2. Joan explained that the League had gone away from each sport determining individual tiebreaker procedures. An all-sports tiebreaker was developed by the League representatives to streamline the process.
- 3. Armijo motioned that water polo use a triple round robin for 2012. Napa seconded the motion.
Discussion points:
 - a. A triple round robin would eliminate ties for first place.
 - b. Currently determining the League champion with only 6 games may not result in the “true” champion.
 - c. Currently water polo is allowed 27 contacts and by using only 6 for League means teams must participate in a large number of tournaments to reach the maximum contest allowance.

The vote was unanimous for a triple round robin.

- 4. This will be an agenda item at the January Board of Managers meeting.

F. Golf

The MEL hosted Division I North Sectional at Rancho Solano October 24th. The MEL qualified Napa as a team and 2 individual players from Wood to the Masters Tournament at The Reserve in Stockton.

G. Cross Country

1. The League meet ran without any problems.
Vacaville girls took the first place banner.
Vacaville boys edged out Fairfield for the boys first place banner.
2. The Sub Section, as an “all comers meet” had good MEL representation.
 - a. A Vintage girl captured the girls Sub Section race.
 - b. A Wood boy captured the boys Sub Section race.
 - c. Both Vacaville and Wood boys and girls teams qualified for the Section meet on November 12th.

II Winter Sports

A. Basketball

1. All schools were represented at the pre-season meeting.
2. Two members of the officials association attended the pre-season meeting to review rules and points of interest for this upcoming season.

B. Wrestling

1. The MEL by-laws have a couple of needed typing changes. Fred gave Joan a copy of the by-law changes.
2. The MEL Championship will be held at Vintage High on February 11th.
3. The Novice Tournament (MEL/SCAC) will be held at American Canyon on November 23rd.
4. The Division I North Tournament will be held at Vintage High in 2013.
5. Starting next year (2013), Rodriquez will be part of the MEL for dual meets and the League Tournament.
 - a. With a 7-team bracket the League dual meets will need to start mid-December.
 - b. The Fairfield High coach indicated that he would be interested in moving to the SCAC in place of Rodriquez.
 - c. The Fairfield Principal must send a letter to the League President and a copy to the League Commissioner stating Fairfield’s desire to move to the SCAC for wrestling no later than December 2, 2011.

If such a letter is received, the Commissioner will contact the SCAC and the Section.

6. The MEL coaches think that the number of participants qualifying for Divisionals in Division I should reflect Rodriquez’s change from Division III to Division I.
The MEL Rep needs to contact the Division I Section Rep with the League’s concern/suggestion.

III Spring Sports – No Report

IV Other

- A. End of Season Standings
Fall standings, School of the Year points and All League selections are on the website.
- B. Model Coach
Mike Papadopoulos of Vacaville is the MEL nominee.
- C. League Dues
All 6 schools have paid their MEL 2011 – 2012 League Dues.
- D. The next meeting is Thursday, December 15th, 2011.
- E. Schedules 2012 – 2013
Fall and Winter preliminary schedules should be available for review at the December meeting.
- F. Section Certificates – Each school is responsible for printing their own Section Participation Certificates.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh MEL Commissioner