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Minutes
Board of Managers
Armijo High School Library
September 12, 2007

I Opening

A. The meeting was called to order by President Barb Franco at 8:35 a.m.

B. Each member introduced him/her self.

Present:

Armijo	Steven Peters	Jay Dahl		
Fairfield	Patti Barnett	Mike Dailey		
Napa	Barb Franco	Brian King		
Vacaville	Ed Santopadre	Fred Jones	Bob Baclig	Mike Papadopoulos
Vintage	Jen Kohl	Dave Shipp		
Wood	Chris Strong	Bill Ewing	Heather Leonard	Mark Wudel

C. Minutes

Vacaville motioned to accept the minutes of April 18, 2007 as submitted. Second by Wood. Vote unanimous.

II Recommended Action

A. Basketball Double Round 2009

1. Jay Dahl reviewed the coaches recommendation for moving to a double round robin for League competition starting in the 2008 – 2009 school year.
2. A sample schedule was handed out which showed the effect of moving to a double round from a triple round.
3. Fairfield motioned to implement a double round robin format in basketball for 2008 – 2009 season. Second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

B. Track competition Day

1. Bill Ewing spoke to using Thursday as the League competitive day.
2. At the Board of Managers meeting April 19, 2006, this item was discussed and the Board voted to make Thursday the competition day for 2007.
3. Fairfield motioned that track League competition day be opposite of girls soccer (which is Section mandated). i.e. Soccer M/W/F Track Thursday
Soccer T/Th Track Wednesday

Second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.

C. 2007 – 2008 Budget

The proposed budget was presented and reviewed. Motion by Wood to accept the budget as presented. Second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

III Emergency Items

Motion by Vacaville to accept all items as emergency. Second by Wood. Vote unanimous.

A. Golf By-Laws

1. Jay presented golf by-law changes that reflect current practices and language.
2. Motion by Wood to accept the by-law changes as presented. Second by Fairfield. Vote unanimous.

B. Wrestling Date Change

1. The approved basketball and wrestling schedules have both sports starting League play on Wednesday, January 3, 2008. A conflict occurs because **every** school has a home basketball game (either boys or girls) leaving no gym available for wrestling.
2. Athletic Directors spoke about moving wrestling to January 4, 2008 at the Athletic Council meeting.
3. Wrestling coaches are concerned that wrestlers will have to make weight 3 days in a row if they wrestled on January 4th.
4. Bill Ewing spoke that basketball teams often played two days consecutively in tournaments. Moving basketball to January 4th would be similar to tournament play.
5. League starts during Winter Break which would allow wrestling to compete earlier in the day, Basketball would start later as scheduled allowing all teams to compete on January 3rd.
6. Motion by Wood to keep wrestling Wednesday January 3rd and move basketball to Thursday January 4th. Second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

C. Swim Schedule

1. Current approved schedule has Napa and Vintage on the wrong Spring Break schedule.
2. A revised schedule was presented with all schools on the same Spring Break.
3. Fairfield motioned to accept the revised schedule for 2008. Second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

D. Copier

The photocopier that the MEL currently owns is in need of replacement. Commissioner Joan Mumaugh requested a new copier be authorized costing between \$350 - \$500. Motion by Wood to authorize purchase of a new copier. Second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.

E. Water Polo

1. Jesse Bethel from SCAC, a guest school of the MEL currently is fielding only a boy's co-ed team.
2. The Section ruling states if there is only one team available and it is a boys team, then girls are allowed to participate.
3. MEL coaches are concerned:
 - a. Safety of participants
 - b. Aggressive nature of the sport
 - c. Unlike football, wrestling, golf, etc. the positioning actions takes place "out of sight" of the officials.
4. When the MEL agreed to host SCAC, it was a good-faith agreement that each school was fielding boys team(s) and/or girls team(s). At no time was there any indication of co-ed teams.
5. Motion by Wood that the MEL not compete against Jesse Bethel's co-ed team. The MEL will recognize the Section ruling if it is not in agreement with the MEL. Second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.

IV AD Reports

- A. Volleyball -- Brian King handed out the Frosh volleyball schedule.
- B. Soccer -- Bob Baclig again asked that coaches be reminded to email game results to him.
- C. Football -- Coaches meeting September 12 7 p.m. in Armijo Library.

V Information

- A. League Directory -- Each school received a hard copy of the League Directory. The Athletic Directors received an electronic version of the League Directory.
- B. Web site will be updated to reflect the corrections and changes as they are submitted.
- C. League Pass
 - 1. Each school received 50 passes for the 2007 – 2008 school year.
 - 2. MEL will again honor the SCAC pass (Blue) and they will honor our pass.
- D. Play-Off Disbursement -- Everyone received a copy of the MEL play-off distribution for 2006 - 2007 and how much was distributed to the particular schools.
- E. Standing Committee -- Currently we have representatives from Armijo, Vacaville and Wood. Schools are encouraged to select former ADs and coaches to be on the committee.
- F. There is a request from the Section regarding a donation on retirement. Napa motioned that the MEL donate \$100. Second by Wood. Vote unanimous.

VI Other

Emergency Section Board of Managers meeting September 21st.

- A. Barb Franco will be unable to attend the Special Section Meeting.
- B. Fairfield motioned that Steve Peters represent the MEL with voting privileges at the September 21, 2007 meeting. Second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh

MEL Commissioner