

# MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE

## Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 16, 2026

**Location:** Pioneer HS

**Commissioner:** Eric Tretten

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **8:35 AM** by Commissioner Eric Tretten.

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### 2. Roll Call

School / Role	Representative	Status
Pioneer HS	Megan Ussery	Present
Rodriguez HS	Sarah McLaughlin	Absent
River City HS	Brittany Adame	Present
Sacramento HS	Destiny Isaac	Present
Vanden HS	Sean Murphy / Eddie Wilson	Sean Murphy Present
Vacaville HS	Jori Herman	Present
Will C. Wood HS	Nick Voight	Present
FSUSD AD	Brad Burzynski	Present

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### **3. Public Input**

None.

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### **4. Board of Managers Report**

None.

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### **5. Announcements**

None

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### **6. Sport Reports**

#### **Boys Volleyball**

- Coaches are reminded to ensure all scores and information are entered into MaxPreps.

#### **Swimming & Diving**

- All-League meeting conflict noted.
- Diving site concerns discussed.
- Tournament date adjusted; future site planning needed.

#### **Track & Field**

- Divisional Trials (Manteca): one-day format, earlier start time anticipated.
- Increased qualifiers (5 per event).
- No concerns regarding MEL League meet end times.
- Senior Recognition scheduled for 12:00 PM; meet begins at 2:30 PM. For MEL League Tournament

#### **Baseball**

- Season progressing well; official's coverage is adequate.

## **Softball**

- Season progressing well.
- Limited response (4 of 7 coaches) to All-League meeting scheduled:
  - May 5, 6:00 PM at River City HS.
  - AD's please encourage your coaches to respond or to send a qualified substitute (Assistant Coach, AD)

## **Tennis**

- Season progressing well.
- Concern regarding coaches independently attempting bylaw changes. Sean will address.
- Finals hosted by Vacaville HS at 9:00 AM.
- Ladder procedures clarified; Sean Murphy to draft formal language.

## **Golf**

- Positive season update.
- MEL 1 coaching assignments to groups were ineffective.
- MEL 2 structure allowed better flexibility.
- WCC tournament information shared.

## **Badminton**

- No issues reported.
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# **7. League Business**

## **7.1 Badminton Update**

- Expansion to boys and girls divisions under discussion.
- Conference call to be scheduled with Jeff (Nick Voight and Eric Tretten participating).

## **7.2 All-League Meetings**

- Includes Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Track & Field, and Golf.
- Pioneer HS to host Track & Field end-of-season meeting (not All-League).

## **7.3 Track & Field Schedule (2026–27)**

- Travel pairing: Sacramento HS and Pioneer HS.
- No consecutive byes.
- Adjustments needed due to spring break schedules.

- Discussion on long meet durations; possible start time adjustments.

#### **7.4 Tournament Communication**

- Standard set: All communication should come from both schools' Athletic Directors when the school hosting is not the School in charge of the sport for MEL Tournaments  
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#### **7.5 Swim Tournament**

- Follow-up needed; Brad Burzynski to connect with Sara.

#### **7.6 MEL Cards**

- Approved addition: "Not valid at MEL League tournaments."

#### **7.7 Section Tournament Director**

- MEL Girls Golf information referenced from March Commissioner meeting.
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## **8. Section Items**

### **Old Business (Voting Items)**

Discussion included:

- Continued Success Movement (Fall Sports)
  - Season of Sport calendar adjustments (Bylaw 504)
  - Tahoe Truckee USD membership proposal (effective Fall 2028)
  - Mercy rule proposals (multiple sports)
  - Realignment procedures update
  - Elections (President-Elect & Executive Committee)
  - Officials fee schedule (2026–2029)
  - Officials assignor contract extension
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### **New Business (First Read / Non-Voting)**

Discussion included:

- Proposed 2026–27 budget
- Continued Success Movement (Winter Sports)
- GSL football expansion proposal

- Medium school AD representative nominations
  - NorCal Frontier League proposal
  - Playoff pass usage amendment
  - Classification terminology change (Frosh-Soph → Novice)
  - Accounts receivable policy proposal
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## 9. State CIF Items

### Old Business

- Proposal to add State Baseball and Softball Championships.

### New Business

- Proposed spectator conduct policy (Bylaw 503.M).
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## 10. Other Business

- Calendar discussion.
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## 11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **9:15 AM**.

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## 12. Next Meeting

**May 14, 2026 – Will C. Wood HS**

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Eric Tretten**  
MEL Commissioner

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