

**MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE  
ATHLETIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DATE: 12/11/25 @ WCW HS  
8:30 am**

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VICTORY WITH HONOR

Roll Call:

Pioneer HS	Megan Ussery	Present
Rodriguez HS	Sarah McLaughlin	Present
River City HS	Brittany Adame	Present
Sac High	Destiny Isaac	Present
Vanden HS	Sean Murphy/Eddie Wilson	Present/ Absent
Vacaville HS	Mike Papadopoulos / Jori Herman	Present/Present
Will C Wood HS	Nick Voight	Present
FSUSD AD	Brad Burzynski	Present

**Call to order**

Eric Tretten called the meeting to order at 8:35am

## **Public Input**

None

## **BOM report**

None

## **Announcements**

### **Additions to the Agenda**

- **Additions to Agenda-** MEL League Tournaments- The question was asked if all expenses for tournaments should be presented and approved (total up but not to exceed) prior to tournaments. The feeling was unanimous as it gives the whole AC input on expenses. When possible entrance fee should be charged. Example was given that Golf would not charge. Very hard to enforce and the cost to run is nominal. Tournaments are rotated between member schools but schools can decline or are not eligible due to facilities. AD in charge will look at the MEL Financial form and look to revise per needs of the tournament.
  
- Revisit Swim Schedule 25-26- The RCHS Principal requested we re-visit previous decisions regarding the Swim schedule for the 2025-26. AD Adame (RCHS) read a statement from the RCHS Principal and then the group held a discussion. RHS AD who made the schedule described to the group the process used to make the schedule. Questions were asked and a vote was taken. The vote was 6 to 1 in favor of keeping the schedule as is.
  
- Badminton- We discussed two emails from the Davis HS Badminton Coach.
  1. The Coach wanted the MEL to revisit the schedule due to matches being held during Spring breaks for member schools. Discussion revolved around the number of Spring breaks with 5 districts. Other sports are scheduled to play or have played during breaks. The Vacaville Coach was in attendance and informed the group that Coaches generally discuss this at the preseason meeting. Ad's were supportive as long as they were kept informed prior to the matches taking place and the AD in charge was kept in the loop.
  2. The DHS Coach sent out a questionnaire regarding next steps for the MEL in regards to Boys playing Badminton. The group was surprised that it was being sent out to coaches without first coming to the AC. Many concerns were brought up such as what is the section proposing? What cost would be associated with

moving forward? If we have no section tournament can student athletes compete at state? Would schools lose kids from Tennis to play Badminton?  
The commissioner will call the section (invited AD's and Vacaville Coach to join) to gather information.

- Dale Lacky- **This is from last years 24-25 information. The CIF Sac-Joaquin Section/ Scholar Athlete Awards are memorial scholarships in honor of Clarke Coover and A. Dale Lacky. The \$1,500 scholarships are in honor of former Sac-Joaquin Section Commissioner Clarke Coover (1968-1993); also, an inductee to the Section's inaugural Hall of Fame class of 2010. A. Dale Lacky served as CIF Sac-Joaquin Section President from 1966-1978, was the Section's first CIF State President from 1978-80, and made a significant number of contributions to the success of our Section.**

**The Section is seeking candidates whose academic and athletic careers have been truly exemplary; students whose personal high standards and accomplishments are a positive model for others; students who possess high levels of integrity and honesty, and who have benefited from their participation in high school interscholastic programs. The following criteria will be used:**

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS. To qualify, the applicant must:**

- 1. Be a graduating senior, AND**
- 2. Have participated in a varsity sport in the Sac-Joaquin Section for two years, AND**
- 3. Have a record of good citizenship**

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS. To qualify, the applicant must:**

- 1. Possess no less than a 3.70 unweighted grade point average**
- 2. (optional) scored a minimum of 1000 on the SAT (two components) or 24 on the ACT (two components).**

**GENERAL CRITERIA (secondary criteria)**

- 1. Athletics**
- 2. Community Service**
- 3. Student Essay**

The above information was provided so AD can start their search for deserving students .  
The section will send out information after winter break.

## **MEL League Business**

**3.11 Winter sports report-** Soccer-all good. Discussed section notice regarding poor behavior of fans. Nick mentioned short videos to use for parents.

Basketball - Brad will fix issues with schedule and make it editable.

**Spring sports report-** Officials are booked for new MEL Tournament track dates.

**Fall sports report-** Pioneer coach is working scheduling golf tournament(#2) at yocha de he

### **3.12 2026-27 schedules (Spring)**

**Please verify that all 26-27 schedules are in the folder. Verification of Sport schedule dates will occur by the end of May.**

With the exception of Basketball (B&G), Tennis and Baseball all schedules are done and ready for approval. The remaining schedules will be brought to AC in Jan.

The group liked that some schedules breaks were included (In the informational dates). The group encouraged those who have breaks to include them on the schedule.

Pioneer altered proposed schedule (VB) to match the new mandated play date.

**3.13 Play date Section Calendar -** Group reviewed and discussed.

**3.14 Communication w/in AC group-** Please be sure to respond to emails. Responses to section may depend those communications (Ex: email sent regarding changing Soccer play dates. Only received 3 responses).

### **3.15 Sport meetings**

- **Do we need a template of what to cover (@ a minimum)-** The group is in favor. Volunteers to create this are Sarah- Megan- Sean.
- **Need agenda/notes from all meetings-** Reminder to send agendas and notes from meetings.
- **Coaches attending the meetings-** Short discussion on encouraging Coaches to attend all meetings. Question asked, can schools make it mandatory? ● **Other -** N/A

**3.16 Single Sport Schools attending all AC meetings-** President does not support. Question was asked regarding setting up a meeting specifically to include them? The group supported information being included in the preseason meeting.

**3.17 Wrestling update-** Wanted to know how the “Go Fan “ for League Tournaments was proceeding or if it was. The group decided to wait until MEL Financial form was redone and then revisit the issue.

**3.18 Update on new Patches-** 2 new Water polo patches are needed. They were lost in the mail. So far no complaints on the patches themselves.

**4.0 Section Items -** No New Items

**5.0 STATE ITEMS-** No New Items

**6.0 - Other Business-** RCHS had an issue at a game 3 kids and possible coach ejection. Section has not sent information yet. RCHS AD was encouraged to call the section.

Adjournment: 10:40

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Tretten, MEL Commissioner