

# Monticello Empire League (MEL)

## Board of Managers Meeting Minutes

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**Commissioner:** Eric Tretten (etretten@sbcglobal.net)

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## Meeting Details

- **Date:** March 26, 2026
  - **Location:** 1 Nut Tree Road, Vacaville, CA 95687
  - **Time:** 9:00 AM
  - **Call to Order:** 9:05 AM
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## 1. Routine Items

### 1.1 Roll Call / Introductions

- **Pioneer HS:** Megan Ussery (No Admin)
  - **Sac High:** Destiny Issac (Arrived 9:15 AM, No Admin)
  - **River City HS:** AD Absent / Admin Absent
  - **Vacaville HS:** Jori Herrman, Adam Wight
  - **Woodcreek HS:** Nick Voight, Charlston Brown
  - **Rodriguez HS:** Sarah McLaughlin, Joe Klapper
  - **Vanden HS:** Eddie Wilson, Kristen Shields
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### 1.2 Announcements

- **Agenda Addition:** Congratulations to MEL Dale Lackey Award winners:
    - Camila Perez (Pioneer HS)
    - Brandon Ha (Rodriguez HS)
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### 1.3 Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Approve previous meeting minutes
  - **Result:** Approved (Rodriguez HS / Vanden HS)
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### 1.4 Commissioner's Comments

- None recorded
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### 1.5 Public Communications

- No public comments recorded
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## 2. Consent Calendar

### 2.1 Financial Report

- **Current Balance:** \$8,619
  - **Upcoming Income:** Wrestling, Track & Field, and Swim tournaments
  - **Start-of-Year Needs:** Estimated \$4,000–\$5,000 for supplies (patches, MEL cards, pennants)
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### 2.2 Committee Reports

- **Track & Field:**
  - Discussion on timing systems; Vanden HS offered to provide guidance
  - Meets are running longer due to new equipment implementation
- **Swimming & Diving:**
  - No issues reported
- **Boys Volleyball:**
  - Concerns regarding preseason scheduling impacting rankings
  - MaxPreps issue resolved
  - Discussion on SJS proposal requiring minimum games for playoff eligibility
- **Tennis:**
  - Discussion on adding players to roster
  - Proposal for bylaw development

- Request for coaches to present recommendations at postseason meeting
  - **Baseball:**
    - Season progressing well
    - Improved official attendance
  - **Softball:**
    - Ongoing shortage of officials, especially at JV level
  - **Badminton:**
    - No issues reported
  - **Golf:**
    - No major issues; parent/coach concern addressed
  - **General Reminder:**
    - Games may be rescheduled by mutual agreement
    - Coaches should be reminded during preseason meetings
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## 3. League Business

### 3.1 Tennis Scheduling (Boys & Girls)

- Discussion regarding triple vs. double round-robin formats
  - Consensus: Boys and girls formats should be consistent
  - Coaches may schedule additional matches as needed
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### 3.2 Approval of 2026–27 Spring Schedules

- **Motion 1:** Approve spring schedules (excluding Track & Field; includes tennis doubles format)
    - **Moved:** Vanden HS
    - **Second:** Rodriguez HS
    - **Result:** Passed (4–2)
  - **Motion 2:** Replace triple round-robin with double round-robin for girls tennis
    - **Moved:** Rodriguez HS
    - **Second:** Vanden HS
    - **Result:** Passed (5–1)
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### 3.3 Sport Updates

- **Swimming Championships:** To be hosted at Rodriguez HS (no cost)
- **Track & Field:**

- Schedule not rotated as per past practice
  - Will be revised and presented at a later date
  - Section finals to be held on weekends to avoid testing conflicts
  - **Badminton:**
    - Discussion on co-ed vs. separate boys/girls formats
    - Nick Voight to consult with the section regarding postseason. Can the MEL run a coed season and have a boys final and girls final tournament for section seeding?
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### 3.4 Calendar & Meetings

- **MEL Calendar Adjustments:** None required (site-level flexibility allowed)
  - **2026–27 Meeting Calendar:**
    - Pending SJS release
    - Minor adjustments made
    - **Motion to Approve:** Passed unanimously (Rodriguez HS / Vanden HS)
  - **Preseason & Postseason Meeting Templates:**
    - Approved as a standardization measure
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### 3.5 Coach Meeting Attendance

- Emphasis on administrative responsibility to encourage attendance
  - No formal policy implemented
  - **Action Item:**
    - Megan Ussery to create a shared Google Doc to track coach meeting attendance
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### 3.6 Officials Salary Proposal

- Reviewed and discussed (no formal action recorded)
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### 3.7 MEL Tournaments

- Discussion on financial form and hosting expectations
  - Preference to avoid venues with rental costs unless covered by host school
  - Request for Commissioner attendance at MEL tournaments
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### **3.8 Election of Officers (2027–2028)**

- **President:**
    - Charlston Brown elected (4–2)
  - **Vice President:**
    - Kristen Shields elected (4–2)
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## **4. Section Items**

### **4.1 Old Business (SJS Board of Managers – February 4, 2026)**

Items presented for approval:

- Continued Success Movement (Spring Sports)
  - Amendment to Bylaw 501.4
  - Realignment Model Proposal (2028–2032 cycle)
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### **4.2 New Business (First Read – Non-Voting)**

- Continued Success Movement (Fall Sports)
  - Season of Sport & Calendar Modifications (Bylaw 504)
  - Tahoe Truckee USD Membership Application
  - Proposed Mercy Rules (multiple sports)
  - Realignment Procedure Updates
  - SJS President-Elect Nominations
  - Executive Committee Nominations
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## **5. Other Business**

- Stu Clarey no longer serving as Athletic Director representative for Vacaville HS
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## **6. Adjournment**

- **Time:** 11:20 AM

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## **Next Meeting**

- **Date:** TBD

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**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Eric Tretten**  
MEL Commissioner