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PURSuing  
VICTORY WITH HONOR

Minutes  
Athletic Council  
Elm School  
129 Elm Street, Vacaville  
November 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

All Athletic Directors were present except Mike Papadopoulos.

I Fall Sports

- A. Football – The All League football meeting is Tuesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. room 55 at Vacaville High School.
- B. Volleyball
  - 1. Vintage was undefeated in League play.
  - 2. Rodriguez was a welcome addition to League play.
- C. Soccer
  - 1. The final standings were distributed.
  - 2. Three M.E.L. play-off teams were Armijo, Napa and Vintage.
- D. Tennis
  - 1. Each school was sent an invoice in the amount of \$45 to cover the cost of the USTA official for the 2-day League tournament.
  - 2. A discussion was held regarding allowing coaching “during” competition. The coaches voted 2 for, 3 against and 1 undecided. The ADs decided that coaching during the match was not allowed at Sections, so it should not be allowed during League competition. Furthermore, there was not a majority of coaches in favor of the change. Coaching will remain available only during the change over.
- E. Water Polo
  - 1. The coaches are requesting a double round robin in order to get more comparable competition for their teams. A double round robing would mean:
    - a. 6 League games and 21 non-league games
    - b. More likelihood for ties for first place.
  - 2. The coaches are also requesting a separate tiebreaker procedure that would entail a play-off game.
  - 3. Both items 1 and 2 were tabled to the December meeting so the ADs can talk with their coaches.
- F. Golf
  - 1. Napa and Wood advanced to the Section Divisional as teams along with the next best 6 individual players.
  - 2. Two Napa golfers advanced to Masters.

- G. Cross Country – Each school was invoiced \$75 for the cost of using Lagoon Valley as the League venue.

## II Winter Sports

### A. Basketball

1. The pre-season meeting was October 15<sup>th</sup> at Armijo High. The officials association sent representatives to review rule changes and to answer questions.
2. Rule change 2012-13 – The **official scorekeeper must** wear a black/white stripped shirt or penny so they can be distinguished from the others at the table.
3. A point of information – Vintage High yearly hosts a girls wrestling tournament the second weekend in January. A change of League game is done by mutual agreement.

### B. Wrestling

1. M.E.L. will host the Section Division 1A at Vintage High on February 15 and 16. Additional information will be sent to the coaches.
2. Wrestling coaches are proposing a by-law addition that reflects a change in the NFHS rules. Wrestling By-law addition:

Prior to weigh-ins for a league dual, coaches shall conduct a random draw for the starting weight class for weigh-ins and the meet. Dual meet weigh-in shall begin with the random draw selected weight class, proceeding through the weight classes, wrapping around through the lowest weights. The dual meet shall then begin with the weight class randomly drawn preceding weigh-ins.

This will be a voting item at the M.E.L. January Board of Managers meeting.

3. A correction for the website schedule is the Master's is Fri/Sat, Feb 22 and 23.
4. MEL / SCAC novice tournament held at Vintage is considered a scrimmage
5. Wood will host the M.E.L. Championships on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## III Spring Sports – No Report

## IV Other

### A. End of Season Standings

All final standings, school of the year points and All League recipients will be posted to the website as the information is received.

- B. Model Coach – There were three nominees for Model Coach. The selection committee sent Don Trolinger's application as the M.E.L. candidate.
- C. League Dues -- As of this writing only Wood has not paid its 2012 – 2013 dues.
- D. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Elm School.
- E. Schedules 2013 – 2014

Fall preliminary schedules should be available for review at the December meeting. Please bring copies for all council members.

F. Section

1. Basketball – 3 man teams
  - a. The letter from Brian Moore and the Section information regarding 3-person crews were discussed.
  - b. M.E.L. school AD's are in favorable of 3-person crews for play-offs if indeed the North and South training sessions take place.
  - c. As for League play, the M.E.L. will use 2-person crews for all pre-season and League games.
2. Protests -- Pete Saco informed Joan that the only sports where NFHS rules allow protests – can a game be protested.

G. Soccer Balls –

1. Our by-laws do not designate a specific ball for competition but the Section designates a Wilson ball for all Section playoffs.
2. The soccer coaches should discuss whether we should designate a specific ball for League play.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh                      MEL Commissioner