

Monticello Empire League  
Board of Managers Meeting  
Minutes  
April 20, 2004

Armijo High School

I Opening

A. The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Mills at 8:37 A.M.

Present:

Armijo Rick Vaccaro, Jay Dahl  
Davis Michael Cawley, David Blackwell  
Napa Barb Franco, Scott Kostecka  
Vacaville Wayne Mills, Fred Jones, Gail McNally  
Vintage Maryanne Christoffersen  
Wood Bill Ewing

MEL Commissioner Joan Mumaugh

B. Adoption of Agenda – Bill Ewing requested to add D) Track Update to Section IV New Business.

C. Approval of Board of Manager Minutes 1/15/2004. Motion by Vacaville with second by Wood to accept the minutes as presented. Vote unanimous.

D. Election of President and Vice President

President – 2-year term starting Fall, 2004. Vacaville nominated Barbara Franco with second by Vintage. No other nominations. Vote unanimous electing Barbara Franco as MEL President 2004 – 2006.

Vice President – 2-year term starting Fall 2004. Vacaville nominated Rick Vaccaro with second by Wood. No other nominations. Vote unanimous electing Rick Vaccaro as MEL Vice President 2004 – 2006.

E. Budget Update – Joan presented the Board with a “Balance of Account” from 9/1/2003 to 3/31/2004. also presented was a proposed budget for 4/1/2004 – 7/31/2004.

II Old Business

A. Soccer Field size. – After a review of concerns related to this topic, Napa motioned to add a by-law to soccer that states: Schools will attempt to make the playing field size a minimum of 80 X 120. Second by Vintage. Vote unanimous.

- B. Increase of All League patches.
  - 1. Golf to be increased from 6 to 8.
  - 2. Football to add a “Kicker” and a “Punter” patches. Motion by Wood to increase patch numbers as described in both golf and football. Second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.
- C. Tennis Format – Vintage motioned to change the format from 4 singles 3 doubles to 6 singles 3 doubles in both Boys and Girls Tennis starting with 2004 – 2005 school year. Second by Wood. Vote 5 – 1 Passed.
- D. Medical coverage at football games.—Napa/Vintage often get officials from North coast Officials Association. The officials require medical personel in attendance for the game to begin. Barb Franco has checked with Sac Joaquin Section office and they decline to change the current wording from “endeavor to provide.” Napa/Vintage will handle the problem within their district.

III Emergency Items – Motion by Vacaville to address all the emergency items. Second by Davis. Vote unanimous.

- A. Swim/Dive
  - 1. 4/29/2004 is League diving at Schaul Center. However, if UCD gets into NCAA the MEL could have to move to a different location.
  - 2. 4/30/2004 Swimming trials. Exhibition swimmers allowed.
  - 3. 5/1/2004 finals at Schaul Center if MEL moves start time. Davis motions to change MEL Finals start time for this year only on 5/1/2004 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. Second by Vintage. Vote 5 – 1. Passed.
- B. Volleyball – Scott reviewed the M/W, W/F game days.
  - 1. Problems that exist with Fridays:
    - 1. Parking
    - 2. Facilities such as locker rooms and restrooms.
    - 3. Supervision – especially if football and volleyball are at different sites.
  - 2. Problems that exist with Mondays:
    - 1. Teams required to play without practice the day before.
    - 2. Coaches believe playing on Monday will change the dynamics of the game.
  - 3. After a lengthy discussion, Vacaville motioned to accept Wednesday/Friday as MEL game days. Second by Vintage. Roll Call vote:
    - Armijo Yes
    - Davis Yes
    - Napa Yes
    - Vacaville No
    - Vintage Yes
    - Wood No
 Passed 4 – 2.
- C. Spring Break -- Next year there will be 3 separate Spring Break weeks in used by the schools in the MEL. Scott Kostecka stated that he thought a schedule could

be devised that allowed schools on Spring Break to be off. Vacaville motioned that: Scott attempt to create a round robin schedule for next Spring that addresses each school's Spring Break. Second by vintage. Vote Unanimous. Scott will bring a sample to next Athletic council Meeting.

- D. Admission charges -- Davis explained the situation where they were the only school charging for baseball and felt the League price of \$5/adult, \$3/student was too high. Davis motioned to add a new by-law 0.5.5 which would state: "If only one school is charging admission for a particular sport, (i.e. baseball, soccer, etc.) that school may set the admission price either lower than or equal to the League required admission price. Second by Vacaville. Vote unanimous.
- E. Adoption of schedules 2004-2005
  - 1. Vacaville motioned to accept the Fall (football, G golf, G tennis, B soccer, volleyball, water polo) and Winter (B/G basketball, wrestling) schedules as approved by the Athletic Council. Second by wood. Vote unanimous.
  - 2. Bill Ewing presented the cross country schedule. Motion by Vacaville to accept the cross country schedule as presented. Second by Armijo. Vote unanimous.

#### IV New Business

##### A. Baseball by-laws. The baseball coaches are requesting the following changes:

- 1. Rule 6.6-2 Eliminate the sentence "No batting practice ..." also eliminate the penalty portion. Based on feeling that players would then lose out on 15 days of batting practice because of League schedule
- 2. Increase patch numbers from 14 to 15. This would allow for 5 IF, 4 OF, 2C 3P, 1 DH/Util
- 3. Spring Break – Language in the by-laws to state: "A League school is required to release their opponent from a League commitment to participate in an outside tournament."
- 4. Make every effort to re-schedule rained out games in sequential order.

B. Standing Committee – Joan explain that a committee made of retired coaches and athletic directors could be formed to handle such items as protests, Dale Lucky awards, etc. Gail McNally suggested that each school submit names of possible members from their former coaches and Ads.

##### C. Dale Lucky Awards 2004

- 1. The award winners from MEL were:
  - C. Calderon from Wood. Cross Country / Track
  - K. Kendall from Vintage Volleyball / Basketball
- 2. Reminder for all schools to schedule foundation Games in volleyball and basketball. The proceeds from these games goes directly to the Dale Lucky Award payout.

D. Track – Athletes **may not** participate in both the JV track finals on May 7th and then in the Varsity trials and finals on May 12 and May 14. Those athletes participating on May 7th are concluding their season.

V Section Business

Old Business Section – Approve 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Old Business State – Let Section representatives vote 1 and 2.

Item 3 CIF budget. Question: “What type of safeguard will be in place to avoid continuing increase in health benefits being paid through student assessment fees?”

Section – Old business

1. Volleyball Power Ratings

Question on 2 “C” wording “It may be moved.” Why not “It will be moved?”

2 – 6 Section Track Yes

6 Officials assignment fee

a. Vote NO. With all cutbacks in schools, this is not the time to vote an increase.

b. Additional concerns

i. Charges for changes

ii. Move the due date for Fall schedules from May 15th to June 1st. AD’s feel that current timeline comes during a busy period and should be moved to the later date when most sports are wrapped up.

7. No information provide

State – 1 – 7 Yes

New business – Information to be brought back

1. Section basketball power rating – Report handed out
2. Open enrollment

VI Other

1. Meeting dates for next year’s Board of Managfers. Joan will check Section meeting dates and email Principals with dates for 2004 – 2005.
2. Davis requested if any of the schools had a code of ethics for athletics and/or attendance policies for athletes to please send copies to David Blackwell.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

