

**MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE  
ATHLETIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DATE:**

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PURSUING  
VICTORY WITH HONOR

**Roll Call:**

Pioneer HS	Megan Ussery	Present
Rodriguez HS	Sarah McLaughlin	Present
River City HS	Brittany Adame	Present
Sac High	John O'Con	Not in Attendance
Vanden HS	Sean Murphy	Present
Vacaville HS	Stu Clary, C. Santopadre	Present
Will C Wood HS	Nick Voight	Present
FSUSD AD	Brad Burzynski	Present

**Call to order**

Eric Tretten called the meeting to order at: 8:30am

**Public Input**

None

**BOM Report**

None

**Committee Report**

Update on All League selection processes and Patches to be awarded.

Presentation to the group on suggested processes. This includes the number of teams participating, nominating process and patches (numbers of patches and in name only awards were decided). Folders will be sent to each representative electronically. Language will be placed into the bylaws : All League players, for the MEL Sports, will be selected by a process approved by the BOM and conducted by the Athletic Director in charge of each sport. Current bylaws will be reviewed to remove outdated language. Schools from outside our league (Ex: H2O polo would pay a flat fee to participate. They would be eligible to receive patches and awards). Discussion held regarding all individual sports awarding 2nd and 3rd place finishers.

## **Announcements**

### **Additions to the Agenda**

- Section email regarding season of sport. Discussion occurred.

### **MEL League Business**

#### **3.03 Brown Act - Section information regarding the Brown Act**

Athletic Directors were encouraged to read and bring any questions to the next BOM meeting.

The following procedural reminders were provided to the AD Council regarding individual sport meetings..

- Each sport represents a Standing Committee. This committee should meet twice per year (typically a pre season and post season meeting), chaired by the AD in charge, and then at other times by consent of the members as issues require. We want to encourage coaches to actively participate and be involved. Typical agenda items may include reviewing the schedule for the year, discussing next year's schedule, reviewing the league bylaws, discussing rule changes if any, and provide updates on Section business.
- AD In Charge should publish an agenda prior to the meeting, keep notes, and then distribute minutes from the meetings to the coaches, AD Council, Commissioner and President. Recommend placing copies in the MEL Google shared drive.
- Committees may propose bylaw changes to the AD Council. The Athletic Council then can make proposals to the Board of Managers.
- The Board of Managers is governed by the Brown Act.
- The Agenda for the Board of Managers meeting shall be published in advance (ideally a week, but at least the Monday prior). Once the agenda is approved by the Board, no additions may be made.
- All school representatives and athletic directors shall have the right to bring motions to the floor, make seconds, and to take part in discussions and debates. All votes will be cast by the principal or his/her administrative representative.

Send template of both agenda and Minutes.

**3.04 Winter sports report-** Wrestling- bylaws (Girls) will be updated for August BOM

**Spring sports report-** Golf issues (scorekeeping, patrons), Weather issues-T&F requesting to schedule ASAP.

Assigners are not responding to cancellations and reschedule requests. Bruce and Monty are not responding to needs to reschedule or payment issues. Stu advised them to be forceful. Request made to send me info regarding assigners and issues (good and Bad)

**Fall sports report - None**

**3.05 Spring 26 schedules**

Final version for BOM approval. All sports ready for approval.

T&F schedule- Reminder that traditional rivalries are not to determine schedule. Presented A&B schedules (Group chose option 2.)

**3.06 Vendor for Patches**

Ideas for small patches to replace medals to be discussed.

RHS AD will mock up examples of 2nd place/ 3rd place. AD wants to start with Sport and year included.

**3.07 1.27 SENIOR NIGHT RECOGNITION: (Request for reminder of Bylaw and follow)**

**1.27-1 Teams honoring “senior” players before/after warm-ups or just before the game can announce the following: Player name, number, position, and Mom/Dad or guardian name(s).**

**1.27-2 Honoring seniors after the completion of the game the announcing of other items such as college acceptance, stats, etc. is acceptable.**

**1.27-3 Senior participants of support groups such as cheerleader, band, and drill team can be done at half time if it does not extend the half time break. Otherwise, it must be after the game.**

**3.08 Bylaw review and update schedule-** Baseball bylaw update for next year.

T&F update- Bylaw should be updated. For next year. Play out this year and update in the future. No rival game will drive scheduling.

**3.09 2025-26 Wrestling Tournament Director Boys -** River City and Vacaville are interested. RC is checking on having to rent a space. Will the section pay ?

### 3.10 School of the year update - Set up by season. All agree on points.

## Section Item

### 4.0

#### NEW BUSINESS (Non-voting Items)

These are first reading items presented for the purposes of information/discussion. No action is anticipated; however, a member can revise the agenda in order to act on any Section related item. State items will be first reading items at the Federated Council meeting on October 6, 2023.

#### 1. Sac-Joaquin Section Items

- a. **Proposed Continued Success Movement - Fall Sports {Pg.126} DeBoard**  
This proposal makes recommendations for the movement of schools up a division based on the Sections bylaw language for continued success in the fall sports of cross country, flag football, football, girls golf, girls tennis, girls volleyball, girls & boys water polo.
- b. **Proposed Elimination of the League Champion Rule (Post Season) {Pg. 127} Feuerbach** This proposal eliminates the league champion rule for all sports, for post season divisional placement; similar to what was done for football for the 2024-25 SY.
- c. **Proposed Amendment to SJS Bylaw 503.3 & 503.4 - Classifications {Pg. 128} Garrison** This proposal amends the Section bylaw on classifications and eliminates grade levels associated with each classification.
- d. **Proposed Amendment to SJS Bylaws 203, 204, 205, 207, 2200 - Statute of Limitation Garrison** This proposal eliminates the statute of limitation wording in the following SJS bylaws: 203.2, 204.3, 204.5, 205.3, 207.3, 207.8, 2200.3. {Pg. 129}
- e. **CIF-SJS Executive Committee Nominations {Pgs. 130-137} Brewer** The SJS Nominating Committee met by conference call, as per SJS Constitution - Article 4, Section 5 to nominate no less than two (2) individual candidates for a three-year (3) term on the Executive Committee for the position of Area Administrator Representative-North (see attached materials for names & resumes). Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- f. **Superintendent Representative (North) Nominations {Pgs. 138-140} Brewer** The BOM needs to elect a Superintendent Representative from the North to serve on the Board for a three-year term, as a result of Mr. Santopadre being elected as the SJS President-Elect. The Section is accepting nominations/applications from superintendents / Heads of School / Presidents of member schools from Galt, North (See backup materials for details).
- g. **School Board Representative (North & South) Nominations {Pgs. 141-143} Brewer** The BOM needs to elect a school board member from the South and one from the North to serve on the Board for a three-year term. The Section is accepting nominations/applications from school board members (See backup materials for details).
- h. **Request to Leave Sac-Joaquin Section - Trinity Prep {Pgs. 144-146} Garrison** Trinity Prep of Napa is requesting to leave the Sac-Joaquin Section and Northern Pacific Athletic Conference so that they can join the North Coast Section.
- i. **Proposed Amendment to SJS Bylaw 2206.1 (Football Overtime Rule) {Pg. 147} Feuerbach** This proposal, initiated by the football advisory committee,

amends the SJS football overtime rule.

j. **Proposed Amendment to SJS Bylaw 2208.1 (Football Mercy Rule) {Pg. 148} Feuerbach** This proposal, initiated by the football advisory committee, amends the SJS football mercy rule.

k. **Proposed SJS Bylaw 2207.12 (Football Sub-Varsity Time) {Pg. 149} Feuerbach** This proposal, initiated by the football advisory committee, creates a sub-varsity time allowance, aligning with current practice.

## STATE ITEMS

### 5.0 State CIF Items

- a. **CIF Executive Committee Nominations {Pgs. 150-152} Brewer** The CIF Nominating Committee met by conference call, as per Bylaw 70.E., to nominate at least five (5) candidates for a two-year term on the CIF Executive Committee. Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- b. **Bylaw 2702 - State Soccer Championship {Pgs. 153-157} Brewer** The council will discuss the addition of this Bylaw which would implement a state championship event in girls and boys soccer. This event would begin in the 2025-26 school year.
- c. **CIF/Sac-Joaquin Section Proposal to Amend Bylaw 1900 - Cross Country Divisions Brewer** The committee will discuss proposed amendments to the Bylaw which would create fixed enrollment divisions at the state meet and add a Division 6 race. **{Pgs. 158-165}**
- d. **CIF/Central Coast Section Proposal to Amend Bylaw 209.C. - Disciplinary Transfer Brewer** The committee will discuss a proposed amendment of this Bylaw which would add language that only students who transfer with discipline in place or pending specifically related to and/or listed in Education Code Section 48915, shall be ineligible for competition in all sports for one (1) year from the date of the transfer to the new school. **{Pgs. 166-168}**
- e. **Proposal to Amend Bylaw 503.M - Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy Brewer** The committee will discuss proposed amendments to the Bylaw which would increase the sanctions for adults (coaches and spectators) who are removed from contests. **{Pgs. 169-171}**
- f. **Proposed Budget 2025-26 {Pgs. 172-178} Brewer** The attached projected budget for the 2025-2026 will be presented to the Federated Council.

Adjournment: 11:27am

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Tretten, MEL Commissioner