

**MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE  
ATHLETIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DATE: Nov. 14, 2024**

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Roll Call:

PURSUING  
VICTORY WITH HONOR

Pioneer HS	Megan Ussery	In Attendance
Rodriguez HS	Sarah McLaughlin	In Attendance
River City HS	Brittany Adame	Absent
Sac High	John O'Con	In Attendance
Vanden HS	Sean Murphy	In Attendance
Vacaville HS	Stu Clary, C. Santopadre	In Attendance
Will C Wood HS	Nick Voight	In Attendance
FSUSD AD	Brad Burzynski	In Attendance

**Call to order**

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

**Public Input**

None

## **BOM report**

None

### **Announcements:**

Minutes approved from Oct. 24, MEL CBEDS count due. League dues determined from this. Reminder of Home Campus notification regarding Fall Sports Misconducts

### **Additions to the Agenda**

- None

### **MEL League Business**

- MEL Calendar was presented and discussed. Additions were solicited. General impression was positive.
- Davis football joining the MEL was discussed. Schools mentioned they already had contracts to fill the bye week in 25-26. The section is looking at the conference model possibly beginning in the next 1-2 years. Vote was 4-2(1 absentee) in favor of not admitting Davis Football.
- Schedules for next season were presented. Some schools will make corrections and add to the folder. Spring sports wanted to wait until 25-26 Sports Schedule is released from the section with exact dates.
- All League voting was discussed by Fall sports. Football did not respond. **Fall:**

**Volleyball-** Want mixture of voting systems for all league. Schedule to come.

**Flag Football-** All League meeting ok. After 1st year Coaches want to review bylaws. Making schedule changes

**Water polo-** AHS asked to build schedule w/o them. Contact Jeff at Section? Brad referred to email from the section from earlier to reference who is in what league. Could the teams join another League?

**Girls Golf-** Schedule to come. Coaches want to start the season later to avoid dead period. AD's liked the idea **Girls Tennis-** All good

**Cross Country-** Schedule not done.

### **Winter:**

**Basketball-**Posted will add dates from SJS Sports calendar. Question

about wrestling and Basketball conflicts. AD's will look at switching Home and Away.

**Wrestling-** Questions about hosting quads. Schools willing to host RC/ Wood & RHS/Vaca.

**Soccer-** Schedule not in. Will have it soon.

**Spring:**

AD's proposed to bump schedules to the last BOM for approval due to SJS Sports calendar not being adjusted

**Baseball-** Posted schedule is correct for this year.

Badminton- Nothing reported

Softball- Nothing reported

Swimming / Diving - Nothing reported

T&F- Nothing reported

Athletic Directors would like to rotate meetings (AC and BOM) between schools.

Athletic Directors would prefer no Virtual /Zoom meetings. They felt with the rotation the travel burden is felt by all.

Wrestling: The sport growing for the girls. No bylaw dictates the number of athletes that constitute a team. This needs to be decided.

Group votes to do a Girls banner. The group felt that with a girls league beginning the practice of girls filling in and wrestling for the boys should not be allowed.

Bylaw update wrestling:

LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS:

~~6.13-1 J.V. and Girls championships will be held in conjunction with the league championship. Any J.V. or Girl, not involved in the varsity championship may participate. A Novice scrimmage will be held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, hosted by the previous year league tournament host school. Eligible wrestlers shall not have medaled in a varsity tournament.~~

**6.13-2** A League tournament is to be held the week following the section team tournament.

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- Volleyball and Flag Football bylaws need to be approved by the BOM. Discussion was held around having AD's make suggestions for changes. Some AD's felt this was too much work. The group decided that it should be less work with no new sports being added. AD's will make recommendations, BOM will vote and the Commissioner will get changes posted.

- **Basketball foundation games**

**Important Reminders:**

**Do NOT schedule the foundation game in Arbiter.** Section staff will handle all official assignments.

**Do NOT list the event on GoFan.** All tickets must be sold through the **SJS GoFan account.** We will provide the ticket link during the week of the event.

**NO CASH SALES** for this event.

**NO Lower level scrimmages** may take place on the date of the foundation games.

- CIF scholar Athlete of the year- March 10, 2025 due date- see Home Campus. This is not the Dale Lackey Award.
- Standings on Website: AD voted to only have standings posted after the end of the season. All League will be posted after playoffs.
- NEXT MEETING: look at all-league patches.. BB- Coaches want 10 patches. Start time are correct in general bylaws. Need to adjust in Basketball.

- Pioneer Expectations PPT- this was shown and discussed among the group.

## **Section Items**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **4.01 Proposed Continued Success Movement - Spring Sports {Pg. 43}**

This proposal recommends the movement of five (5) member schools up a division based on Section bylaw language for continued success in the spring sports of baseball, softball, boys tennis & boys volleyball.

**4.02 Sport Specific Bylaws/Rules/Regulations Reorganization {Pgs. 44-116}** After working with the SJS Editorial Committee, Section staff is presenting an expanded playoff format concept that incorporates the removal of verbiage from sport specific bylaws.

#### **4.03 Proposed Dead Period Violation Policy {Pgs. 117-118}**

Staff is presenting a proposed policy, inclusive of tiered sanctions, for the violation of the newly implemented (Board approved) SJS dead period.

#### **4.04 Proposed SJS Spring Season of Sport Adjustments {Pg. 119}**

Staff is proposing adjusting the action taken by the Board of Managers at their January 30, 2023 meeting with regard to the SJS spring season, to include all spring sports.

#### **4.05 Proposed Girls Wrestling Team Duals Championships {Pg. 120}**

This proposal recommends the implementation of a girls' wrestling team duals championship.

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

Adjournment: 11:00am

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Tretten, MEL Commissioner