

**MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE
ATHLETIC COUNCIL
Minutes**

DATE:3/27/2025

TIME: 9:00am

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

2.01 Introductions/ Roll Call : Pioneer- AP Kim Milisci , Megan Ussery

River City- AP Kristie Dornan , Brittany

Adame Arrived: 9:05am/ Departed 11:02am

Rodriguez- AP Absent, Sarah

McLaughlin(proxy)

Sac High- Prin-Absent, John Ocon (proxy)

Will C Wood- Prin Charleston Brown, Nick

Voight

Vacaville- Prin Adam Wight, Jori Herrman,

Stu Clary, Mike Papadopoulos

Vanden- Prin Kristen Shields, Sean Murphy

FSUSD AD- Brad Burzynski

2.02 Announcements- Congratulations to Pioneer HS Dale Lackey Award winners: Josephine Brandt and Jack Cullison

2.03 Approval of Agenda - RHS 1st, 2nd WCW

2.04 Correspondence

2.05 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

(The board reserves the right to limit Public Communications of each individual to five minutes and cumulative total of thirty minutes per topic.)

2.06 **Approval of minutes:** Vanden made the motion with RHS 2nd. Minutes approved from Jan 25 BOM meeting. Vote unanimous.

2.07 **Commissioner Comments-** Spoke about softball/baseball umpire issues. The Commissioner has contacted the Section Office and is waiting on a response.

3 comments from AD were:

- FSUSD- spoke about fingerprinting non NCOA officials as volunteers.
- Could a 3rd party vendor officials be set up?
- Mandated play dates- how does this play out for rescheduling or not following playdates.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.01 Financial Report

3.02 Committee Reports

Spring Sports- Baseball going well/ Softball all good except officials/ Swim Going well. all swimmers are getting up to distances. Diving needs to be looked at at the MEL level/ T&F- All good. Boys Golf- going well. Working on spectator relations. Parity in league/ Badminton- all good. Boys Volleyball going great/ Tennis all good

4.0 MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE BUSINESS

4.11 Approval of Spring schedules for the 25-26 year

Tennis- River City Tennis coach is requesting the league schedule consist of playing each team twice rather than three times. The request was not supported.

Swim- WCW and VHS share a pool. They are requesting the schedule to put them with the last play date against each other. The request was for Senior night. The league had previously voted to not have rival games as the last date.

Motion to approve schedules as presented. Vanden 1st made the motion and the 2nd was WCW. The vote was unanimous.

4.12 Approval of new All League selection bylaw language and process for:

Basketball, Baseball, Flag Football, Soccer (G&B), Volleyball (G&B),
Water Polo(B&G)

Discussion was led by the committee member from FSUSD. The general bylaw language will change and each sport will have procedures to select All-League athletes. All League language will be removed from individual sport bylaws.

During the conversation a request was made by Pioneer to have the MVP patch reverse colors.

WCW requested the proposed MVP tiebreaker be altered. There should be no tiebreaker if there is a tie for MVP. Patch supplier will determine if it is more cost effective to order two MVP patches in bulk order or add one if there is a tie.

Financial impact to League-

- **Approximately 20 patches @\$3.95 ea**
- **Small Star patch to replace medals (Cost less than \$3.95ea/ Current medals are \$10 ea)**
- **Artwork setup charge (Generally \$30 or less - MVP, Flag Football, Stars)**
- **The MVP patch may require an artwork setup charge. The group liked the idea and it was included in the motion**

Motion to approve by Vanden with Pioneer 2nd. Unanimous vote to pass both the bylaw language change and procedures (with changes of MVP patch and MVP tiebreaker).

4.13 Meeting Calendar for 25-26- Be sure to use the drive in the BOM folder for March 2025. One date changed.

4.14 MEL Calendar - One addition was made T&F meeting date in May.

4.15 Review of MEL General Bylaw 1.22 - 1.25-9 - General discussion. Schools should be communicating. Process for how to deal with and proceed. Questions taken and clarifications made.

President Wight reviewed the bylaw and process to follow if there are issues at a contest. Schools Administration should talk about the issue and follow steps in the bylaw. There was discussion of when to notify the section and/or League. Communication should include the League (President and Commissioner) who can provide direction on Section involvement. Should schools contact the section directly then the MEL Preseident and Commissioner should be CC'd.

4.16 Brown ACT/Procedural Reminders - The document was reviewed and discussed in relation to the Section processes. President Wight used the Vanden Girls BB as an example. We need to be able to follow the Brown Act in order to work within the section.

5.0 SECTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

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.

6.0 STATE BUSINESS

2. State CIF Items

a. Bylaw 2702 - State Soccer Championship {Pgs. 97-101} Brewer The Federated Council will be presented with a Bylaw which would implement a state championship event in girls and boys soccer. This event would begin in the 2025-26 school year.

b. CIF/Sac-Joaquin Section Proposal to Amend Bylaw 1900 - Cross Country Divisions Brewer The Federated Council will be presented with proposed amendments to the Bylaw which would create fixed enrollment divisions at the state meet and add a Division 6 race. If passed, these changes would be implemented for the Fall 2026 Championships. {Pgs. 102-109}

c. CIF/Central Coast Section Proposal to Amend Bylaw 209.C. - Disciplinary Transfer Brewer The Federated Council will be presented with 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. 110-112}

d. Proposal to Amend Bylaw 503.M - Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy Brewer The Federated Council will be presented with proposed amendments to the Bylaw which would increase the sanctions for adults (coaches and spectators) who are removed from contests.{Pgs. 113-115}

7.0 C. 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 Budget for 2025-2026 (Distribute at Meeting) {Pg. 116} Santopadre The 2025-2026 proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Managers for review and discussion.

b. Proposed Continued Success Movement - Winter Sports {Pg. 117} DeBoard This proposal would make recommendations for the movement of schools up a division based on the Sections bylaw language for continued success in the winter sports of girls & boys basketball, girls & boys soccer, and boys team wrestling.

c. Proposed Increase to Section Cross Country Entry Fee {Pg. 118} DeBoard Staff is proposing to increase the entry fee for cross country sub-section and section finals.

d. Proposed Amendments to SJS Bylaw 2207.8 (Football Payoffs) {Pgs. 119-123} Feuerbach This proposal, which originated with the football advisory committee, aims to shorten the season by one week and adjusts the SJS football playoffs brackets from 12-team brackets to 8-team brackets(#1-#8) + “Bowl Games” (#9-#16).

e. Proposed Addition of Two Person Pay Rate for Flag Football {Pg. 124} Feuerbach This proposal, which originated with the officials committee, seeks to align the payment of flag football officials with other sports by adding the multiplier of 1.5, when a game has fewer than the recommended number of officials (3).

f. Proposed Amendment to SJS Bylaw 2700.1.C (Soccer) {Pg. 125} Lorenson Staff is proposing the addition of language to clarify that “Denying an Obvious Goal-Scoring Opportunity” (“DOGSO”) be classified as a disqualification, not subject to an ejection / future game suspension.

g. Proposal to Move Vanden High School Girls Basketball to Division 2 {Pgs. 126-130} Garrison The Monticello Empire League (MEL) is proposing that Vanden High School's girls basketball program placement in Division 1 be repealed and they be placed in Division 2, effective the 2025-26 school year.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS: Vanden is looking at adding Stunt Cheer for 25-26.
Bylaw review will occur and changes brought to BOM
August 2025.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT: 11:11am

Next Meeting: Aug. 28 2025