

CENTRAL COAST SECTION-CIF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 29, 2007 8:00AM CCS OFFICE

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Syth, Brad – President
Mathews, Keith – Vice-President
Albert, Dan – Southern Conference
Fallon, Meave – Northern Conference
Lamb, Jeff – ADAC
Ravenscroft, Ed – Central Conference
Stogner, Terry – Northern Conference

MEMBERS ABSENT:

McCrea, Dotty – Past-President
Funk, Chris – Central Conference
Macias, John – Southern Conference
Walker, Doug – At-Large Rep.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Goodbody, Steve – Salinas HS
MacDonald, Paul – Salinas HS
McCarthy, Tim – MBL/MTAL/TCAL Commiss.
Uccelli, Gina – Salinas HS
Watkins, George – *Salinas Californian*

CCS STAFF PRESENT:

Lazenby Blaser, Nancy – Commissioner
Stearns, Steve – Ass't. Commissioner
Ramsey, Jen – Recorder

II. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

President Syth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A. It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2007 meeting, as submitted.

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IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. SALINAS HS – Appeal for Football reinstatement, 2007 Season

Salinas HS Principal **John Macias**, Ass't. Principal **Gina Uccelli**, Athletic Director **Paul MacDonald** and Football/Track & Field Coach **Steve Goodbody** all reviewed the steps that Salinas HS has taken to address the sanctions imposed on the school last year. The Salinas HS staff then formally requested that the Section re-consider the sanctions imposed on the Football program for the 2007-08 school year (probation and suspension from CCS Play-offs). TCAL Commissioner **Tim McCarthy** also spoke on behalf of Salinas HS's request.

The Committee then moved to a "closed session" to consider the matter. Upon return to "regular session," President Syth reported that it was the Executive Committee's decision to re-instate the Salinas HS Football program's eligibility for the 2007 CCS Play-offs, but the program would still remain on probation for the 2007 season.

B. MARINA HS – Request for membership in CIF/CCS and CAL – Fall, 2007

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser and **Dan Albert** reviewed the application submitted by Marina HS, requesting membership in the CIF, CCS and Coastal Athletic League, effective Fall, 2007.

After brief discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to recommend approval of this request.

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V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

President Syth reported that a CCS Nominating Committee had been formed to develop a list of potential candidates for CCS President and Vice President for the 2007-08 / 2008-09 terms. Commissioner Lazenby Blaser reported that the Committee met yesterday and will contact all potential candidates to obtain their consent to be nominated. Nancy also reported that the Section will hold elections at the April, '07 Board of Managers meeting.

VI. STAFF REPORT**A. CCS FINANCIAL REPORTS – January, February, 2007**

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser reviewed the January and February, 2007 CCS Financial Reports, and reported that we are now using a different accounting system.

After brief discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **recommend approval** of these Reports, as submitted. **MSC**

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Awards**

Asst. Commissioner Stearns reviewed the minutes of the March 27, 2007 CCS Awards Committee meeting, and put forward for formal approval the Committee's recommendation for recipients of the *2007 CCS Distinguished Service Award*.

After brief discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to approve the following recipients of this year's *Distinguished Service Award*: **MSC**

Steve Filios (of St. Francis HS) and **Rick Milam**.

2. Sportsmanship

Asst. Commissioner Stearns reviewed the minutes of the March 05, 2007 CCS Sportsmanship Committee meeting. Steve reviewed the following proposals from the Committee, and the Executive Committee took respective action thereon:

- a. Modify the CCS Winter Season Sportsmanship Contract by adding a statement for each school to verify (and summarize) that their school has a process in place that addresses Sportsmanship issues prior to and during Basketball contests.**

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **recommend approval** of the proposal, but with the **amendment** that the verifying statement be included on all seasons' Sportsmanship Contracts and include all sports, not just Basketball. **MSC**

- b. Modify the CCS Sportsmanship Policy to prohibit the removal of clothing at all regular-season and Play-off contests, as well as prohibit "body-painting" (not to include "face-painting").**

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **recommend approval** of the proposal, but with the **amendment** that the language includes "partial/complete" removal of clothing. **MSC**

C. WINTER REGULAR SEASON & PLAY-OFFS REVIEW

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser and Asst. Commissioner Stearns reviewed the Winter Play-offs, reporting that, except for the fan-interference incident at the Wrestling Finals, the Play-offs went quite well, in general.

D. CCS STAFFING

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser reported that she has developed, at the Executive Committee's previous request, a job description for an additional CCS Ass't. Commissioner position. This item was then moved to the "Budget" section (**VIII.-C.**) of this agenda for discussion and consideration.

E. STUDENT TICKET PRICES

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser reviewed the issue of requiring students to have a High School Student ID to receive the discounted price at Play-off events. Nancy reported that the staff has implemented a slight "tweaking" of the language on admission signs (changing "ADULT" to "GENERAL;" changing "ASB Card" to "HS ID;" and designating the Student price as a "discount" on the General Admission price. And although these changes are minor, it is hoped that they will help alleviate some of the confrontational problems our ticket sellers are experiencing at the admission gates.

VI. STAFF REPORT *(continued)***F. NEUTRAL SITES POLICY**

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser reviewed the growing number of complaints being expressed by the public and the media regarding how sites are determined for Play-off contests. Nancy informed the Committee on a specific complaint that has taken on a particularly nasty tone and an inordinately extended life.

G. E-MAIL RESPONSE POLICY

Prompted in no small part by the issue stated in **VI.-F.** above, Commissioner Lazenby Blaser requested that the Executive Committee members discuss their views on what, if any, policy should be established for the staff, regarding responding to e-mail, specifically those communications that are particularly vitriolic and/or personal in nature. At Nancy's request, this item was then moved to the "closed session" portion of the Agenda (**X.-A.**).

VII. ACTION ITEMS – 2nd-Reading**A. FALL SPORTS COMMITTEE PROPOSALS****1. Football****a. Proposal #1 – Open Division Adjuster**

Teams that play in Open Div. will receive 1 extra point, for each round contest in which they participate, towards their LCI calculation for following year

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **support** for this proposal.

b. Proposal #2 – Classification of Leagues

Designate the 4 Leagues with the highest LCI as "A" Leagues; the next 4 highest LCI's as "B" Leagues; and the 4 lowest LCI's as "C" Leagues

Although the Executive Committee had previously taken a position of **support** for this proposal, after lengthy discussion, it was MOVED, SECONED and CARRIED to change that position to one of **non-support**. **MSC**

2. Girls Golf**a. Proposal #1 – Qualifying to Tournament**

Allow all teams that shoot 78% of slope at their League Tournament to enter the CCS Tournament (eliminates the maximum of just 8 teams participating)

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **support** for this proposal.

b. Proposal #2 (Staff Recommendation) – Range-Finders

Would prohibit the use of mechanical range-finders in the Tournament

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **support** for this proposal.

3. Girls Tennis**a. Proposal #1 (Staff Recommendation) – Qualifying of Teams**

Leagues must submit entries in order of League finish, as determined by respective League bylaws

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **support** for this proposal.

b. Proposal #2 (Staff Recommendation) – Submitting Official Line-Up

Teams must submit Official Line-Up form at the Seeding Meeting

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **support** for this proposal.

4. Girls Volleyball**a. Proposal #1 – Classification of Leagues**

Re-classify SCCAL from an "A" League to a "B" League

President Syth reviewed a correspondence from SCCAL President **Diane Burbank** and SCCAL Commissioner **Pat Lovell**, regarding this issue. After lengthy discussion, and in spite of the Executive Committee having already taken a position of **support** for this proposal, it was MOVED, SECONED and CARRIED (by a 5-1-0 hand-vote) to change that position to one of **non-support**. **MSC**

VII. ACTION ITEMS – 2nd-Reading (continued)**A. FALL SPORTS COMMITTEE PROPOSALS (continued)****5. Boys & Girls Water Polo****a. Proposal #1 – Change in # of Automatic Qualifiers**

BOYS – Increase, from 5 to 6, the number of Automatic Qualifiers for the WCAL; decrease, from 3 to 2, the number of Automatic Qualifiers for the MHAL-BVAL, SCCAL and TCAL; and add 2 At-Large spots;

AND

GIRLS – Decrease, from 4 to 3, the number of Automatic Qualifiers for the DAL-SCVAL; decrease, from 3 to 2, the number of Automatic Qualifiers for the TCAL; and add 2 At-Large spots.

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **non-support** for this proposal.

b. Proposal #2 – “Open” Division, plus two 8-team Divisions

Create an “Open” Div., plus 2 other 8-team Div.’s, based on enrollment

The Executive Committee has already taken a position of **non-support** for this proposal.

B. CCS BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- 1. CCS Officials Maximum Fee Policy** – Modify the CCS Maximum Fee Schedule by increasing the allowable maximum amount to pay contest officials, by \$3 per-official-per-contest (except in the sports of Volleyball and Wrestling), in each of the next three (3) years, effective 2007-08
(A Sub-Committee of the League Commissioners developed a revision of this proposal, for which the Executive Committee subsequently **recommended approval**, and this revision was agendized at the January 25, 2007 Board of Managers meeting. At this meeting, this issue was withdrawn from the agenda for further revision and consideration [regarding Wrestling officials fees]. It is the Board’s intent that this item be re-agendized for its April 26, 2007 meeting.)

Commissioner Lazenby Blaser reported that there are even more issues that have emerged on this topic, and recommended that it remain “*tabled*” until next year when the current fee schedule expires.

It was then MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **recommend tabling** this issue for another year. **MSC**

- 2. SCVAL Proposal** – Amend CCS Fraud Bylaws, regarding team forfeitures when a student’s residence is discovered, by the school or district, to have been falsified and no one from the school was aware of the false address

Although the Executive Committee has already taken a position of **support** on this issue, this item was *tabled* at the January 25, 2007 Board of Managers meeting. It is anticipated that it will be “*taken off the table*” at the April 26, 2007 Board of Managers meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – 1st-Reading**A. WINTER SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **accept** all the Winter Sport Committee Reports below. **MSC**

1. Basketball

Asst. Commissioner Stearns reviewed the Basketball Committee Report, and presented the Committee’s proposed major format change (delete Section 4.-D. of the Basketball Bylaws to allow all teams that qualify to enter the Tournament, rather than limiting each bracket to 16 teams; and add Section 5.-B. to provide for the top four (4) seeds in each bracket to receive byes into the Quarter-Finals, unless more than 20 teams are entered in the respective Division).

Steve also reported that the League Commissioners Committee had developed a suggested amendment to the above proposal (retain Section 4.-D. of the Basketball Bylaws, thereby limiting the Divisions to 16 teams; and add Section 5.-B. language to provide for the top four (4) seeds to receive byes to the Quarter-Finals).

After lengthy discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED (by a 5-1-0 hand-vote) to **recommend approval** of the League Commissioners’ proposed **amendment** to the proposed major format change. **MSC**

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – 1st–Reading (continued)**A. WINTER SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)****2. Soccer**

There was no meeting held; thus, there are no proposed major format changes.

3. Wrestling

Ass't. Commissioner Stearns reviewed the Wrestling Committee Report and presented the following proposed major format changes:

Proposal #1 (Staff Recommendation) – *Insert language below the chart of League Entries that provides for the SCVAL to receive one (1) additional entry only in a weight-class in which a King's Academy wrestler qualifies to the CCS Tournament from the SCVAL League Tournament.*

After brief discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **recommend approval** of this proposal. **MSC**

Proposal #2 – *In each weight-class, if open spots occur, and after the League alternate has been placed, or is not available, then qualified alternates from other Leagues may be placed, in rank order (as determined by the Seeding Committee), in the open spot(s) to fill the 29-person bracket.*

After brief discussion, it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED (by a 5-1-0 hand-vote) to **recommend approval** of this proposal. **MSC**

B. REALIGNMENT – Approval of League Alignments

Vice-President Keith Mathews reviewed the below-stated actions taken by the three CCS Conferences, and the Executive Committee took the following respective actions:

1. Northern Conference

The Conference membership voted to support the following League realignment proposal:

- Fremont Christian, Valley Christian (Dublin) and Redwood Christian will move from the CCS to the NCS;
- The CPSAL will fold into the PSAL, with St. Lawrence as the only remaining school in the PSAL from the original schools;
- Most of the old PSAL schools will fold over into the WBAL; and
- Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo will move to the WBAL.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **approve** this proposal. **MSC**

2. Central Conference

There were no proposed changes to the current League alignment.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **approve** the status quo for alignment. **MSC**

3. Southern Conference

The Conference membership voted to support the following League realignment proposal:

- The CAL and the MTAL will merge into an "equity" League that will be divided into two (2) supplemental Leagues, by sport annually.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to **approve** this proposal. **MSC**

C. PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Vice-President Matthews requested that this item (the 2007-08 CCS Preliminary Budget) be moved to the "closed session" portion of the agenda (**X.-A.**).

D. CIF ITEMS**1. First-Reading Items** (to be Action Items at May,'07 CIF Federated Council meeting)

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to recommend sending our CCS delegates

UNINSTRUCTED on all of the CIF items below, except for those designated otherwise: **MSC**

a. Executive Committee Proposals**(1) Projected Budget, 2007-08**

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – 1st–Reading *(continued)***D. CIF ITEMS** *(continued)***1. First-Reading Items** *(continued)***a. Executive Committee Proposals** *(continued)***(2) Nominees for Executive Committee, 2007-08****(3) Revision of Transfer Eligibility Bylaws – Would jointly create a state-wide transfer eligibility process, with the intent of standardizing how all Sections process transfer eligibility waiver applications****(a) Bylaw 200 (new) – Philosophy – Would establish CIF's intent, regarding transfer eligibility****(b) Bylaw 244 (205) – Residential Eligibility – Would re-establish the definition of a "valid" residence and a "valid change" of residence****(c) Bylaw 244 (206) – Transfer Eligibility****i. Would provide for one easy transfer prior to start of third semester of attendance****ii. Would establish that hardship be shown, in order for student to obtain eligibility, for all subsequent transfers****(d) Bylaw 245 (207) – Hardship****i. Would establish a philosophy statement, followed by a "Q & A" regarding what is and is not a hardship****ii. Would establish that a hardship waiver granted by one Section is not necessarily transferable to another Section****(e) Appeals Process – Would establish a state-wide appeals process (that addresses only transfer eligibility)**

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to recommend sending our CCS delegates instructed to vote **NO** on all of the items under **VIII.-D.-1.-a.(3)** above [(a), (b), (c), (d), (e)]. **MSC**

(4) Revision of Bylaw 510 and 510 Form – Would further address the issue of "club" influence on transfers, with appropriate modifications to the 510 Form

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to recommend sending our CCS delegates instructed to vote **YES** on this proposal. **MSC**

(5) Revision of CIF Marketing Plan**(a) Sponsorship Distributions – Would establish that annual distributions to Sections be made according to weighted voting and adjusted annually****(b) "Pricing Floors" – Would retain status quo on biennial review of sponsorship "pricing floors"****(6) Revision of Article 22.-B.12 (Conditions of Membership) – Would provide clarifying language, regarding prohibition of school personnel selling, promoting and distributing performance enhancing dietary supplements to students****b. Economic Viability and Marketing Committee Proposals****(1) Investment Policy – Would modify the focus of the risk profile of the CIF investment policy****(2) 2005-06 Excess Funds – Recommendations for assigning the excess funds from 2005-06****c. Basketball Advisory Committee Recommendations – Would change CIF Bylaw 1605 (Coaches' Box) to provide for a 14-foot long coaches' box, which is recommended by the NFHS, rather than the current six(6)-foot box**

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

None

X. “CLOSED SESSION”

A. PERSONNEL – The following actions were reported out following the “closed session:”

- 1) The proposed budget will reflect a 3.3% COLA for the current staff;
- 2) The proposed budget will include one (1) additional administrative staff position, a second CCS Assistant Commissioner. This position is budgeted for the next school year;
- 3) It is recommended that the Section enter into a four-year contract with the current CCS Commissioner; and
- 4) No change in current e-mail response policy of the CCS staff. As we are not subject to the Public Records act and as most of the materials requested by Mr. Dunn in relation to the Comcast contractee who corresponded with Nancy are available on our CCS web site, and as the request was an e-mail not a letter with contact information for this person included, no response was prudent at this time.

B. LEGAL – No issues were addressed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Syth adjourned the meeting at 12:30pm.