

BIG 8

CONFERENCE

Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2010
Modesto Jr. College

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Conference President Bill Kaiser at 9:00 a.m.
2. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing MJC: Bill Kaiser, Bo Aiello, and Cheryl Mulder; SCC: Mitch Campbell; SJDC: Mary Ann Paz, Gary Scott, and Mike Maroney; CRC: Liz Belyea, Jeanne Calamar, and Cheri Ladue; DVC: Christine Worsley, Cailin Mullins, and Jackie Ponciano-Babb; Sierra: John Volek, Scott Decker, Vera Nelson; SRJC: Jim Forkum, Ron Myers, and Emiria Salzmann; ARC: Jean Snuggs, Kevin Higgins, and JR Matsunami; FLC: Ron Richardson; Big 8 Commissioner, Mike Liddell.
3. **Minutes Approval** --President Bill Kaiser asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 7, 2009 minutes. The minutes stand approved as presented.
4. **Additions to the agenda**--President Kaiser asked if there were additions to today's agenda. Additions are:
 - a. Commissioner Evaluation (Jeanne Calamar)
 - b. State Wrestling Update (J. Forkum)
 - c. Basketball Competition Dates/Times (J. Forkum)
 - d. P.E. Bylaw discussion (M.Campbell)
 - e. Website (J. Calamar)
5. **President's Report**

President Kaiser reviewed the dates for the upcoming meetings:

1. COA Convention, Ontario, March 29-April 2
2. Big 8 Conference, AD/Presidents, Thurs., June 3, 9:30 a.m., SJDC
3. CCCADA Convention, June 20-21, Anaheim Marriott
4. NATYCAA Convention, June 21-23, Anaheim Marriott

John Volek presented information and importance of the NATYCAA being held in CA and encouraged all colleges to send representatives. He outlined many of the events, speakers and topics planned for this conference.

There are three meetings scheduled for the fall; however, dates are TBA - CCCAA, October, Burlingame; Big 8 Conference, AD/Presidents, December; Big 8 Conference General Assembly, October, SJDC.

Fall Supplements – The fall supplements were presented with changes by each sport administrative rep.

Men’s Basketball – Jim Forkum discussed various changes for the supplement. All changes were approved; supplement was passed unanimously.

Women’s Basketball – Jeanne Calamar presented the changes. All changes were approved; supplement was passed unanimously.

Cross Country, Men and Women – Jean Snuggs presented the changes. All changes were approved; supplement was passed with one abstention.

Women’s Golf – Bill Kaiser presented the changes. All changes were approved; supplement was passed unanimously.

Soccer, Men and Women – Liz Belyea presented the changes. All changes were approved; the women’s supplement was passed with one abstention; the men’s supplement was passed unanimously.

Volleyball – Mary Ann Paz presented the changes. All changes were approved; supplement was passed unanimously.

Water Polo – Scott Decker discussed the changes. All changes were approved; supplement was passed unanimously.

Wrestling – Mitch Campbell discussed the changes. All changes were approved; supplement was passed unanimously.

Agenda Addition: State Wrestling - Jim Forkum announced that the State wrestling coaches have organized into four conferences with five colleges in each conference. Commissioners and schedules will be developed this spring.

Form 5 Legislation - President Bill Kaiser announced that we will be voting today on 13 pieces of legislation. The legislation and conference vote is listed below.

Proposal Number	Vote (Approve/Oppose/Abstain)
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P.1.S09 (vote w/changes to be made)22-0-0	
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COA-1-F09	22-0-0
P-12-F09	22-0-0
P-14-F09	19-1-2
P-16-F09	21-0-0
P-17-F09	21-0-0
P-18-F09	no vote needed; coaches pulled legislation
COA-9-F09	18-1-2
S-20-F09	0-21-2
S-21-F09	22-0-0
S-22-F09	22-0-0
S-23-F09	22-0-0
S-24-F09	22-0-0

Constitution Report (Agenda Change) – Jeanne Calamar presented numerous constitutional revisions. Special focus was made on the awards policy. All revisions were approved unanimously. The revised constitution will be posted on the COA Big 8 Conference website for all to view.

All Conference Academic Certificates were discussed; recommendations will be forth coming.

Gender Equity Report – There was no report.

Commissioner's Report – The budget report, decorum report, appeals report and allegations report were approved as presented.

Pepsi Scholar athletes from the Big 8 Conference were recognized: Markie Benavidez, CRC, and Jason Singh, SCC. Both will be honored in Ontario.

SCC President, Kathryn Jeffrey, was announced as the new COA rep for the Big 8 Conference.

Commissioner's Periodic Newsletter – More information is requested from colleges.

Jason Boggs, COA office, wants more Athlete-of-the-Month nominations from the Big 8. It was suggested that the COA provide a standardized form for coaches to use when making nominations.

A Big 8 Conference statistician for all sports was approved beginning fall 2010; stipend to be approximately \$2500/yr.

DVC has officially suspended M/W cross country, M/W track, M/W tennis beginning fall 2010.

Title 9 should be considered before dropping or suspending a sport.

Sierra College has de-funded several sports and is allowing athletic dept. to self fund programs.

Colleges are encouraged to discuss suspending sports with conference members.

Program review – Dates and committees have been set for SCC (April 29) and DVC (May 6).

Big 8 statistical report – Commissioner reports 128 teams, 66 women's teams, 62 men's and 92 out-of-state athletes, 1247 male athletes, 962 female athletes in 2009/10. Twenty-three teams were hosted in the Big 8 Conference.

Official's contracts – Volleyball and soccer contracts have been negotiated for next year; no increase in fees.

On-line testing will be implemented fall 2010 from the COA website.

Darcy Brownell, Sierra Softball coach, will be honored with the coach's award in Ontario. Mary Conway, Sierra Health Educator, will be honored in Ontario. Cesar Plasencia, CRC Women's Soccer coach, received national coaching honors.

Conference/cost containment committee – Commissioner was picked to be part of this committee. Committee will meet and make recommendations for conferencing changes in northern and southern CA. Possible changes will occur to save travel expenses. The general feeling of the Big 8 Conference reps is no changes need to be made.

Agenda Additions:

Jim Forkum, SRJC, requested the possibility of SRJC to play men's and women's basketball on Saturday night. SRJC is trying to create more interest and extra funds. Start times and dates were discussed. Arrangements can be made if ADs agree. This item is to be discussed at the June 3 meeting.

Mitch Campbell discussed briefly the P.E. contact hours; could be form 5 legislation. This will be revisited in June meeting.

Jeanne Calamar inquired if the new website Baseball Sac.com is in any way in violation of the COA website constitution bylaws. Commissioner Liddell is waiting for executive director, Carlyle Carter to rule.

Commissioner evaluation is being coordinated by Gary Scott, SJDC.

Commissioner requested Jim Forkum to briefly discuss program promotion. Jim presented ideas such as developing a philosophy statement, develop a campus fact sheet about “what we do” and “how we measure success once athletes leave the community college” (do they come back to the community college after graduation?). Jim may have a template in Ontario. This will be a discussion item at the June meeting with the presidents.

Meeting Adjourned.