

# BIG 8

## CONFERENCE

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Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2009  
Modesto Jr. College

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Conference President Bill Kaiser at 9:30 a.m.
2. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing MJC: President Rich Rose, Bill Kaiser and Cheryl Mulder; SCC: Mitch Campbell, and Tim Kiernan; SJDC: Mike Maroney, MaryAnn Paz and Gary Scott; CRC: Jeanne Calamar, Liz Belyea and Ron Preble; DVC: Cailin Mullins, Jackie Ponciano-Babb and Bill Trumbo; Sierra: Scott Decker, Vera Nelson and John Volek; SRJC: Jim Forkum; ARC: Jean Snuggs, Tim Finney and Rick Anderson; Big 8 Commissioner, Mike Liddell.
3. **Minute Corrections**--President Bill Kaiser asked if there were any corrections to the October 7, 2008 minutes to which he announced that the MJC representatives were not mentioned as being in attendance at that meeting when in fact they were present. The Oct. 7 minutes stand approved with this correction.
4. **Additions to the agenda**--President Kaiser asked if there were additions to today's agenda. Additions are:
  - a. Swim suit issues (J. Forkum)
  - b. MJC Wrestling, Reasons for Leaving (B. Kaiser)
  - c. Paper Trail, (J. Snuggs)
  - d. Units for Classes (M. Paz)
  - e. Rep Assignments
5. **President's Report**

Bill Kaiser talked about the value of **NACDA** (National Assoc. of College Directors of Athletics) and the convention dates of June 17 and 18 in Orlando, FL at the World Center Marriott Resort. He then recognized John Volek as a new board member to NACDA. John made the following comments: he encouraged all members to support NACDA; he mentioned that legislation is being discussed that will affect all JC student athletes; he made the point that ADs need to promote the worth, value and outcomes of their athletic programs in the current economic crisis; he suggested having a clinic for the Big 8 ADs to share and discuss ways to promote their programs more effectively. Both Volek and Jim

Forkum, a NACDA member, commented that NACDA gives outstanding awards and recognition to community college student athletes. They encouraged all ADs to nominate students from their colleges for these awards.

During the discussion about NACDA, John and Jean Snuggs talked about the importance of keeping accurate files on the **injury illness waivers**. They emphasized these waivers may be checked by the **NCAA** for eligibility in the future. Commissioner Liddell said all injury /illness appeals are on file in the commissioner's office.

**Meeting Dates**--President Kaiser confirmed the following meeting dates:

- a. COA Convention, Ontario, March 31-April 3
- b. CCCADA, Lake Tahoe Harrahs, May 31-June 2
- c. Big 8 Conference AD/Presidents, SCC, June 4
- d. Big 8 Conference General Assembly, MJC, Oct. 7 (tentative date)
- e. CCCAA Fall Meeting, Burlingame Crown Plaza, Oct. 14-16
- f. Big 8 Conference AD/Presidents, MJC, Dec. 2 (tentative date)

**Pepsi awards**--President Kaiser recognized the following CCCAA Pepsi 2008 Scholar Athlete and team award winners:

Tamar Gruwell (Sierra) scholar athlete; Scholar team recipients: Women's Swimming and Diving and Men's Tennis (ARC); and Softball (Sierra).

**Add-in agenda items**--

- a. **Unit value for PE classes**--Mary Ann Paz discussed increasing unit value for PE classes, increasing them from 2 to 3 units. She was encouraged to discuss this with her on-campus curriculum committee.
- b. **Paper trail**--Jean Snuggs wanted to clarify the paper trail when a contest has to be rescheduled. This was discussed. When a contest has to be rescheduled, the communication must be between coach to coach, AD to AD and AD to commissioner and administrative rep for the sport involved. Changes made with commissioner's approval.
- c. **Sport Reps**--President Kaiser reviewed and assigned the Sport Reps for 2009/10. Please see attachment to the minutes for the appointment list.
- d. **Swim suits**--Jim Forkum discussed his concern over the use of the new Olympic type swim suits that have been approved by the NCAA. Carlyle Carter has ruled these suits are legal. The State swim coaches had a divided vote on the use of these suits. Should JC's be expected to purchase these high priced suits which have a short use life? Some campuses have already paid \$6000 for the suits. It was recommended the Big 8 take a stand against the use of these swim suits for one year and come up with a policy that is consistent for every campus.

**ACTION:** Bill Kaiser asked Jim Forkum to put a recommendation together to be sent to the COA to request a moratorium for one year. It was recommended that these swim suits not be allowed this year. The Big 8 voted 19-1-0 to approve a moratorium for one year.

- e. Bill Kaiser passed out a 1 page sheet detailing why MJC might want to join the Coast Conf. for wrestling. Reasons: 1. balancing the Big 8 and Coast Conf.; 2. travel time as it negatively impacts student's academics; 3. travel distance—teams would save considerable money; 4. financial savings would occur at the other Big 8 colleges. ADs were not receptive to MJC leaving the Big 8 and felt this is a bigger issue.

**ACTION:** Jim Forkum and Mitch Campbell will work with wrestling ADs to look at wrestling schedules and come up with a more compatible, cost effective format for wrestling meets including looking at 3 way matches and tournaments which would be conducted on weekends. Mitch Campbell will take that proposal back to the coaches for discussion. This motion was passed unanimously.

6. Big 8 Commissioner search report was commented on by Mitch Campbell, search committee chair. He introduced Mike Liddell as the new commissioner.

7. **Commissioner's Report**

- a. John Volek was again recognized as a board member of NACDA.
- b. Liz Belyea corrected the Sac Bee report that named her as receiving national recognition for CRC's women's soccer program. The recognition should have gone to Cesar Plasencia and the women's team.
- c. Mary Ann Paz was recognized for the two outstanding men's and women's SJDC basketball teams who went to the State playoffs.
- d. The **financial report** was presented. There will be no increase in fees for 2009/10 but the commissioner will have to adjust several categories to increase the travel budget to cover meeting obligations. No further comments.
- e. **Decorum** violation report was presented without comment.
- f. **Appeals report** was presented emphasizing that injury illness appeals must have supporting documentation from a licensed physician within a contemporaneous timeframe of the injury/illness (refer to bylaw 1.8.1). There were no further comments.
- g. **Allegations/violation report** was presented. Mitch Campbell commented that if violations occur, ADs should report them according to the constitution. There were no further comments.
- h. **Cost containment** was discussed and it was affirmed that the reduction in schedules will go into effect fall 2009. It has not been decided at this time, but other cost containment measures are possible. John Volek corrected the

commissioner saying the cost containment recommendations came from the Competition Committee and not the Management Council.

- i. **Form 3** clerical errors and concerns. The 10 day ruling of posting final Form 3 verifications on line was emphasized. ADs/coaches must review their Form 3s so clerical errors are kept to a minimum. Carlyle Carter is reviewing clerical errors for accuracy; penalties will be assessed if falsifications occur.
- j. **Hosting report** – It was reported Yuba College dropped tennis at a late date. GVC Commissioner, Clar Appledorn, declared that Butte/Feather River and Shasta will be making application to be hosted in men's and women's cross country for 2009/10. Laney and Merritt Colleges have not paid their hosting fees as of March 12<sup>th</sup>; they owe the Big 8 \$1625. The commissioner is rigorously pursuing payment. He commented the Big 8 needs hosting fees to balance the budget. John Volek suggested that the Big 8 discuss at a future meeting the subject of colleges dropping sports at late dates.
- k. **Out-of-state documents**--Liz Belyea presented two out of state documents she and Bruce Werner developed. Also presented was an out of state student form developed by Jim Sartoris and John Wood, S.CA commissioners. These forms were discussed but no further action was taken at this time.
- l. **Women's basketball concerns**--Jeanne Calamar presented women's basketball concerns. The commissioner, Jeanne, Bill Trumbo and coordinator of officials Daniel Hooper will meet March 19 at CRC to discuss concerns and the officiating contract. Jeanne Snuggs made a motion the commissioner will negotiate contracts with officials. The vote to this motion was 23-0-0.
- m. **Student IDs** should be used on Form 1 rather than social security numbers; there is concern about identity theft.
- n. **End of season reports**-- Repts filing end-of-season reports must follow the format in **appendix K**. Jean Snuggs mentioned sport supplements need to stay within **appendix J**.
- o. **Conference academic awards** were discussed how student athlete recipients can be posted online. Jean Snuggs commented a certificate has never been developed on line. Bill Kaiser commented on the importance of recognizing student athlete's academic success and emphasized their achievements should be posted on the website. The commissioner will develop a timeline for posting when the Constitution Committee has finalized these guidelines.
- p. **Big 8 website** - There was discussion and comments on the Big 8 **website** and the web master. There were various opinions expressed. Commissioner will attempt to meet with Chris Ruiz at the COA convention and discuss timelines for reporting information on the web. It was suggested that ADs send recommendations of qualified web masters to Liddell. This subject should be discussed at a future meeting.

8. **Constitution Committee report**--Jeanne Calamar discussed awards. She emphasized uniform awards for all sports must be consistent with the constitution. The Constitution Committee and coaching reps will standardize these awards. Jeanne commented the supplements have to be in line with the constitution.
9. **Program review** -- DVC is the next college to be reviewed in the fall of 2009; because Bill Trumbo is interim AD until July 2009, he requested DVC's program review be postponed until spring 2010 because of potential leadership changes. It was agreed two program reviews, DVC and SCC, will be done in spring 2010. The commissioner will meet with the ADs and presidents in June and Dec. They will discuss program review concerns. The commissioner will select two program review teams for spring 2010.
10. **Code of ethics** – there was a discussion on the code of ethics presented by Liz Belyea.  
**ACTION:** It was voted to accept the code of ethics as a guideline in the constitution. The vote was 16-0-0
11. **Gender equity** – Jeanne Calamar commented the committee hasn't met; there was no report. There is a need to discuss legislation already passed at the June AD/Presidents meeting.
12. The **fall sports supplements** were presented by sport admin. reps with changes. Discussion occurred around several sport supplements and how a conference champion would be recognized. Various supplement changes were approved for 2009/10. The commissioner's office will now post online. There was controversy over two sport supplement change proposals.

- a. Water Polo – The conference water polo coaches at their last meeting voted 7-1-1 in favor of changing the championship supplement format to crowning the champion at a end-of-season tournament. There were comments on this issue and a vote was taken on a motion by Mike Moroney and seconded by Gary Scott to change the championship format. This motion failed 2-12-2. More discussion followed after this motion failed; Jeanne Calamar made a new motion to accept the supplement changes with the exception of going back to last years scoring system for the championship format. The conference water polo championship format remains the same in the supplement as it was in 2008/09. This motion was seconded with the vote being 12-2-2.

- b. Wrestling – The wrestling supplement was presented by Mitch Campbell. John Volek made a motion to not accept the supplement but have the wrestling ADs and sport rep redo the schedule to reflect what was discussed in 5.e. above. This motion passed 16-0-0.

13. Spring Sport Updates: No specific reports were given for spring sports.

14. COA/CCCAA Summary of Spring 2009 Legislation – Conference Vote

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Vote</b>
a. P-1-S09 Article 1.5.4.G Title IX	20-0-0
b. P-2E-S09 Article 7,8 Const/Bylaws	20-0-0
c. P-3E-S09 Bylaw 1.15.8 Forfeiting	20-0-0
d. P-4E-S09 Bylaw 1.4.2 Elig. Ver.	17-0-2
e. P-5E-S09 Bylaw 1.15.3,4,6	0-19-0
f. P-6E-S09 Bylaw 3.11 Volleyball	19-0-0
g. P-7E-S09 Bylaw 7.2.5.P	0-19-0
h. P-8E-S09 Bylaw 3.12.C Football	19-0-0
i. P-11E-S09 Baseball/Softball	19-0-0
j. P-3-F08 Bylaw 3.17.1	16-0-3
k. P-5-F08 Bylaw 3.17.4	0-18-1
l. P-6-F08 Bylaw 4.3.3	1-18-0
m. P-7-F08 Bylaw 4.4	15-2-2
n. O-1-S09 Bylaw 3.14.1.C Basketball	17-0-2
o. O-2-S09 Cross Country	19-0-0
p. O-3-S09 Cross Country	0-19-0
q. O-4-S09 Bylaw 4.2.5.B Football	19-0-0
r. O-5E-S09 Men's Golf	19-0-0
s. O-6-S09 Soccer	19-0-0
t. O-7-S09 Soccer	19-0-0
u. O-8-S09 Soccer	19-0-0
v. O-9-S09 Soccer	19-0-0
w. O-10E-S09 Bylaw 6.13.2 Track/F	19-0-0
x. O-11-S09 W. Volleyball	19-0-0
y. O-12-S09 W. Volleyball	19-0-0
z. O-16-S09 Bylaw 4.2.15.B Wrestling	19-0-0
aa. O-17-S09 Bylaw 4.2.15.C Wrestling	19-0-0
bb. O-18-S09 Wrestling Handbook	19-0-0