

BIG 8

CONFERENCE

Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2013
Santa Rosa Junior College

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Conference President Jim Forkum at 9:30 a.m.
2. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing SCC: Mitch Campbell; ARC: Greg Warzecka and Rick Anderson; CRC: Liz Belyea; DVC: Christine Worsley, Ralph DePew and Cailin Mullins; Modesto: Bill Kaiser; SJDC: Mary Ann Paz and Mike Maroney; SRJC: Jim Forkum, Lenny Wagner, Ron Myers and Lacey Campbell; Sierra: Peg Grady and Scott Decker; Commissioner Mike Liddell and guest from Lake Tahoe Comm. College Tim Johnson.
3. **Minutes** -- The minutes from October 18, 2012 were MSC.
4. **President's Report** –The President asked for additional add-in agenda items which were: Track Hosting Costs (M. Campbell).

The 2013/14 assembly leaders will be **Peg Grady**, President, and **Greg Warzecka**, Vice President.

Dates for upcoming meetings were discussed:

- a. CCCAA Spring Convention, March 26-29, 2013, San Mateo, with final legislative voting. Agenda is available on-line. The Management Council will meet Monday, 25th, with breakout meetings in an effort to come up with recommendations for change to be discussed during the week.
- b. Presidents/Deans Meeting, Date TBA, CRC, 10 a.m.
- c. CCCADA/Lake Tahoe, June 5-7, will be somewhat different in attempt to make the meetings more relevant. If you have topics for discussion, send them to Dan Smith, Cerritos College, or Jim Forkum, SRJC, or other Council members.
- d. NACDA/NATYCAA, June 10 -16, Orlando, FL. The featured speaker will be Michelle Obama and her brother, Craig Robinson, Head Basketball Coach at Oregon State Univ.

Track/Field Issue – The Big 8 ADs and commissioner have had two conference calls to discuss the course of action to address the issues raised regarding the operation of this sport. An AdHoc committee will be assembled to

look at the issues raised and make some recommendations on how to make the sport stronger and better as we move forward. Thus far those leaders who have been asked to serve on the AdHoc committee are: Dale Murray, Commissioner, Coast Conference; Gary Lewis, Commissioner, Golden Valley Conference; and Christine Worsley, AD, DVC. Jim Forkum will work on adding others to this committee.

IEPs –How are we doing with IEPs and are we using this information? There was a general consensus within the group that the IEPs are being used effectively and feel they are beneficial to the institutions as well as to the athletes. We need to look at the empirical data of student who have ed plans and discern the difference it makes in their progress and success.

Form 5 Legislation – Jim Forkum said that we can take each piece of legislation one by one and vote on each or we can pull out ones that we need to clarify, discuss and vote individually on these only. It was decided that the group would identify certain items, discuss and take individual vote on these items and a group vote on all the other pieces of legislation. Those identified for discussion were: P1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12 and 15.

P1 – On-Line Testing - Concern: are the 10 questions enough to cover new rules. It was felt that the coaches receive all the new information at the R2 training sessions. The Big 8 Conf. folks have high ratings in the state and it was felt that this speaks well for the test and knowledge of participants. Is there is a minimal score to pass when taking the 10 question test?
Vote: 12-0-0

P3 B & C – Academic Progress – The question was raised, why isn't the same GPA used for B & C, 2.0 vs. 2.25? It was felt that it shows discrimination to use two different GPAs; we need equity. This should benefit all sports and needs discussion from the whole body; perhaps a new amendment will come out of discussion at the convention.
Vote: 3-13-0

P4 – Statewide Athletic Recruiting - It was noted that Big 8 presidents voted against this idea but what is the CCCAA Board's position? It was suggested that if P4 passes, the CCCAA Board will probably approve (it didn't get a 2/3 vote last year). Can the Big 8 Conference continue to resist this much longer? The impact might be that we will see more rosters filled with in-state athletes rather than so many out-of-state athletes. Many institutions are actively recruiting international and out-of-state athletes.
Vote: 5-10-0

P5 – Signing of the R2 form before taking the exam before August 27. The suggestion is to change the language so the date of August 27 is not used.
Vote: 6-7-0

P7 - Contact Hours and Related Activities (there are amendments to P7). Championships and midterms do not count. It is felt that every campus will be highly scrutinized and audited for number of contact hours.
Vote: 14-0-0

P12 – Sport of Wrestling; cost containment for regionals and dual meets. Big 8 wants CCCAA to recognize dual meets.
Vote: 4-6-6

P15 – CCCAA Baseball Super Regional. Do away with super regional (a cost containment item). This gives more teams a home series (3rd game improves the revenues). This extends the play offs, not the season.
Vote: 14-1-0

All other legislative measures not listed above for discussion were voted on.
Vote: 15-0-0

*** It was suggested that everyone take one more look at the legislative measures with their coaches before the San Mateo convention vote on Thursday, 3/28/13.

5. **Fall Sport Supplements/Schedules/End of Year Reports**

M Basketball – Christine Worsley – Supplement: Approved with noted changes.
MSC: 15-0-0
Schedule: Prime time play; how do we standardize times for conference games and meet gender equity? After much discussion it was suggested that each college should have the right to set their own schedule. A new schedule will be sent out to each college.
MSC: 16-0-0

W Basketball – Liz Belyea for Jeanne Calamar – Discussion ensued over Article 2, Section 2. C stating that the facility should be ready for use 90 minutes before the game rather than 60 minutes before the game. A 2nd vote was taken on this subject with it being decided to make the supplement read “90 minutes”.
MSC: 16-0-0

M/W Cross Country – Rick Anderson – Approved with noted changes.
MSC: 16-0-0

W Golf – Bill Kaiser – Approved with noted changes. Bill Kaiser will research the green fee payments at various women’s college programs.
MSC: 16-0-0

M/W Soccer – Liz Belyea – It was mentioned that some coaches want to play on Saturdays but not everyone is in agreement. There is a section regarding an

increase in awards; this needs to be researched to see if this is covered within the constitution; supplement needs to reflect what constitution covers. The Schedule was approved for fall. Regarding the men's schedule, Liz will email all changes and call for a vote on-line.

MSC: 16-0-0

Volleyball – Mary Ann Paz – Approved with noted changes.

MSC 16-0-0

Water Polo – Scott Decker – Supplement – There will be an increase of \$100 in fees so hosting colleges can cover costs. Approved with noted changes.

MSC: 16-0-0

6. **Track Fees** – Mitch Campbell – Fees will be increased to pay officials.
7. **Commissioner Report** – Mike Liddell – The 2012/13 **Budget** was presented.
MSC: 16-0-0

It was agreed upon by those present to increase the web master's fee by \$1000 beginning 2013/14. **MSC:** 16-0-0

The **Decorum** report was presented with no change. The **Appeals/Eligibility Report** was presented with no changes. (It was noted that contemporaneous reports must be presented with the appeal.) **Self-Reports** were presented with no changes. All reports were approved as presented.

Tim Johnson from Lake Tahoe Com. College was introduced. They are looking to add soccer for the fall semester 2014 and desire to be hosted by Big 8.

Commissioner's Informational Items:

Official's Contracts – Commissioner will be meeting with sport reps and officials during the spring. There will be some increases in officiating fees.

Pepsi Scholars – The SCC wrestling team from Fall 2011 will be honored at San Mateo Conference along with two SCC individual athletes, Ferrin Peterson and Aaron Tombleson.

April 15, 2013 is the deadline for NATYCAA scholar athlete nominations. ADs are encouraged to make nominations.

Forms 1 and 3 – Commissioner requested deans to check for accuracy before submitting Forms 1 and 3. If requesting a change to a verified Form 3, research statistics before submitting.

Program Review – SRJC is the next planned site for program review, Fall 2013. Having an interim AD at this time could create a problem. Commissioner will review the schedule rotation and make adjustments.

Profanity in Big 8 sports – While the Big 8 is trying to address this problem by having a zero tolerance, several present voiced concern the officials should do more to enforce zero tolerance.

Water Polo coaches have voted to keep their current assignor, Chuck McCollum.

Residency Report will be available at the May meeting.

Swimming Championship Fees were discussed with a request to increase these fees by \$100 beginning Spring 2013. A spreadsheet was presented showing a deficit budget exists for these championship meets. A motion was taken from the floor to pass and increase fee. Motion passed unanimously by assembly members present. This increase will be noted in the supplement by Admin. Rep Mike Maroney.

The Presidents/Deans Meeting will be scheduled by the Commissioner.

Meeting Adjourned