

# BIG 8

## CONFERENCE

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Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2013  
American River College

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Conference President Greg Warzecka at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Interim President for ARC, Bill Karns**, welcomed the Assembly guests to the college and to the new Student Center. He is honored to be Interim President and applauded the guests for their commitment to their positions for what they do every day to enhance and change the lives of countless numbers of students.
3. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing ARC: Greg Warzecka and Rick Anderson; SCC: Mitch Campbell; CRC: Liz Belyea, Tony Bloomfield, and Jeanne Calamar; DVC: Christine Worsley, Jackie Ponciano-Babb and Cailin Mullins; Modesto: Bill Kaiser, Cheryl Mulder and Paul Aiello; SJDC: Daryl Arroyo and Mike Maroney; SRJC: Ron Myers, Lacey Campbell and David Wellman; Sierra: Roz Goldenberg, Scott Decker and Darci Brownell; Folsom Lake: Bruce Werner and Matt Wright; Big 8 Webmaster: David Silverstein; Commissioner Mike Liddell, and guest from Lake Tahoe Comm. College, Tim Johnson.
4. **Minutes** -- The minutes from March 7, 2013 were MSC.
5. **President's Report** –The President asked for additional add-in agenda items; there were no additional agenda items.
6. **President Warzecka** announced the upcoming meetings as:  
October 29-November 1, CCCAA Fall Meeting, Sacramento  
President/Assembly Meeting to be scheduled in January 2014  
CCCAA Spring Meeting, April 1-4, Los Angeles
7. **Tim Johnson, representative from Lake Tahoe Community College**, was introduced and given the floor to present LTCC's bid/vote to have their M/W soccer programs hosted by the Big 8 in the fall 2014. Mr. Johnson believes their teams can be competitive with the Big 8. Comments against hosting LTCC in this sport were : GVC a better fit, add balance and strength where needed; women's teams would have to play another two games and compromise preseason play; extreme distance for travel for SRJC/DVC and especially difficult in winter conditions; power ratings could be compromised if LTCC could not offer strong

- competitive play; philosophy of Big 8 out-of-state recruiting could be compromised. A vote was taken to host LTCC; vote count was 0-20-0.
8. New **Administrative Sport Reps** were appointed: Volleyball, Roz Goldenberg, Sierra; Tennis, Mitch Campbell, SCC; Daryl Arroyo, Wrestling, DVC.
  9. **CARA – (Countable Athletic Related Activities, 3.19)** – The ADs in the Los Rios District have met to discuss the effects of this legislation and how to deal with curriculum of out of season classes and the 175 hour rule. There will be a forum on CARA @ the CCCAA meeting in Sacramento Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.
  10. The following **official's contracts** have been renewed/approved for baseball, basketball, water polo and softball. Baseball switched to Central Valley Umpire's Assoc. Deans have reviewed all contracts. Assembly voted to approve all contracts; MSC.
  11. The **Women's Basketball Supplement** was again discussed as related to the issue of trainer/gym availability. Restated from the March 7 Assembly meeting is that the 60 minute facility availability rule remains in the supplement and that coaches/ADs will discuss and arrange extra time if needed for a particular event. Article 2-B addresses a change for games played during weeks with a holiday. A motion was made to play conference games on Friday not Thursday; motion denied, 1-18-1. It was noted that statistics and rosters should conform to the new By-law 4.4.3.3. All supplements should eventually reflect this change.
  12. **Webmaster, David Silverstein** discussed Presto Sports. CRC has moved to Presto and other Big 8 campuses are moving in this direction. Yearly cost for a conference website is \$3000. A motion was made for the Big 8 Conference to contract with Presto to design a new conference website. MSC
  13. **Ed Plans, SB 1456** deals with student registration. It was suggested this topic be revisited at the Presidents/ADs next meeting in January as it deals with orientation, assessment and application. Previously Big 8 presidents strongly supported Ed Plans for athletes before competition.
  14. **NorCal Track Update** – Coast Conference Commissioner, Dale Murray and Commissioner Liddell met this past summer to review the Operation and Procedures Manual of NorCal Cross Country and Track. The revised Manual was sent to all Northern CA commissioners to be reviewed by their respective conferences. It was suggested that the addition of late entry fee and a subsequent statement be added to the manual.
  15. **Big 8 Scholar Pepsi Nominations:** The committee's selections were presented by Christine Worsley. The committee used a point scale to make their selections. There were excellent candidates. Nominations are: MJC, MGolf, gpa 3.75;

- Sierra, Softball, gpa 3.259; Women's scholar, Holly Cramer, SRJC, Basketball 4.00 gpa, Men's scholar, Daniel Sails, Baseball, SCC 4.00 gpa
16. **SCC Pool Course Configuration** – SCC Dean, Mitch Campbell, reported SCC pool wasn't wide enough so they have switched the course to lengthwise which makes the pool better for water polo.
  17. **Special Conference Courage Award** – Jeanne Calamar made a presentation for the conference to give this special award as recognized for unusual circumstances. It should not be limited to student athletes and may not necessarily be given on a yearly basis. She used the example of the incident that took place with a SRJC coach. The commissioner and ADs could vote on the request for an award at any time; the award would be given to the recipient at the Big 8 meeting. A motion was made to add this special conference recognition award to the constitution. MSC 20-0-0. This matter will be discussed at the January 2014 Presidents/ADs meeting and requested to be added to the Constitution.
  18. **Volleyball – Form 5** – (Post conference selection of teams) – Per Greg Warzecka, ARC, this issue missed the CCCAA October 1 deadline. More conference discussion on this issue is needed as it affects the selection of teams and affects other sports. Need to be consistent with the South; North coaches believed it was Big 8 directing who was going to the playoffs. We want to be consistent with the South to qualify with state playoffs. North has 12 automatics; have to fight for At-Large. Need to vote to support this as in the past the North voted this down; need to get the best people to the state playoffs. A motion was made to move Form 5 forward. MSC 20-0-0.
  19. **Big 8 Constitution** – Jeanne Calamar, CRC, serving the Big 8 as our constitutional expert, suggested various housekeeping cleanups to the constitution. The following Bylaws were discussed:  
 Page 2 - Constitution Article VII Ratification  
 Page 10 - Bylaw Article V Section 4.B  
 Page 12 - Article VI Section 2 .B&C  
 Page 13 - Article VII Section 1.F.1- Tabled  
 Page 17- Bylaw Article VII, Section 6.H  
 Page 31 - Appendix 1- Women's Tennis Rep North (Jay Samonte) (SRJC)  
 Page 34 - Appendix K Section 1.B 2&3  
  
 A motion was made to accept the changes mentioned except the item on Page 13 which was tabled to a later date; MSC 20-0-0.
  20. **Gender Equity** – there was nothing to report at this time. The following committee was selected for 2013/14. Roz Goldenberg, Sierra, Christine Worsley, DVC, and Mitch Campbell, SCC.
  21. **Supplements: Spring Sports**

**Baseball** – Ron Myers, SRJC – There were no major changes; added information on page 4 regarding rainouts. Schedule – 24 games (unbalanced schedule). There was discussion regarding changing the date of April 12 to April 11 and a motion was made to effect this change to the 11<sup>th</sup>. MSC 17-1-2 A motion was made to accept the supplement and schedule (with the date change to April 11). MSC 20-0-0.

**Golf** – Bill Kaiser, Modesto – The supplement has minor changes in dates, one personnel change and one name change on page 5. The Schedule has a time change for April 29, men's, to 12:30 p.m. A new schedule will be recirculated. A motion was made to accept the changes. MSC 15-0-5

**Tennis** – Bo Jabery-Madison, ARC – The supplement has minor changes, dates and a name change. Schedule – did not have the schedule for the south; will send it to the Assembly when he has it; Shasta and SRJC play was changed to play double headers. A motion was made to accept the supplement changes and schedule for the north with the south schedule to be sent out when it's available. MSC 20-0-0

**Softball** – Greg Warzecka – The supplement has no changes. However it was mentioned that Page 5 talks about an Honorable Mention award. This award is not recognized in the Constitution; this award will be deleted from the supplement. Schedule – 2014 schedule was accepted by the coaches however it was suggested by a dean that the schedule be redone to reflect a round robin. Liz Belyea, Kelly Nasrawi and Darci Brownell will work on this schedule change, go back to the coaches with changes and bring the new schedule back to the Assembly.

**Swimming** – Mike Moroney, DVC – The supplement had minor changes: Article 2C has date/time changes; 2<sup>nd</sup> to last page, Section 5B, added #8 and #9. The men's and women's schedules are the same and stand as shown. A motion was made to accept the supplement changes and schedule. MSC 18-0-2

**Track/Field** – Rick Anderson, ARC – The supplement has date changes only. The schedule is a master schedule for the coaches to work from; it's based on institutional choice as to what is attended. A motion was made to accept the supplement as it stands. MSC 17-0-3

22. **Commissioner Report** – Mike Liddell – The 2013/14 budget was presented. There were no corrections; an addition to the budget will include adding Presto for \$3000. Decorum – List shows decorum violations from the fall 2013 sports; it was mentioned that verbal or physical abuse will receive decorum violations. There were no appeals/injuries to report and no allegations. A motion was made to accept these reports as presented. MSC 20-0-0

**Other topics:**

- a. Form X – Voting at convention must be an institutional employee.
- b. Prep Schools – Not acknowledged.
- c. EADA Reports – Due November 1, 2013, to CCCAA/commissioner.
- d. Form H – Hall of Fame, to CCCAA, October 20.
- e. Splitting Teams at NTS event – Commissioner will file for ruling.

23. **Form 5 Legislation** – Mitch Campbell, SCC, briefly summarized each bill being presented and answered any questions from the Assembly. These pieces of legislation will be voted on in the spring, 2014. P9 deals with Statewide Recruiting. It was suggested that this bill be looked at more closely in January 2014 with the presidents.
24. Next Assembly Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2014, ARC, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned