

# BIG 8

## CONFERENCE

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Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2012  
Santa Rosa Junior College

1. The meeting was called to order by Big 8 Conference President Jim Forkum at 9:50 a.m.
2. All in attendance introduced themselves. Attending and representing SCC: Mitch Campbell; ARC: Greg Warzecka and Rick Anderson; CRC: Jeanne Calamar and Cheri LaDue; DVC: Christine Worsley and Jackie Ponciano-Babb; Modesto: Bill Kaiser; SJDC: Mary Ann Paz and Reed Peters; SRJC: Jim Forkum, Ron Myers and Lacey Campbell; Sierra: Peg Grady and Darci Brownell; Commissioner Mike Liddell and Web Master David Silverstein.
3. **Minutes** -- The minutes from March 21, 2012 were approved.
4. **President's Report** – The President asked for additional add-in agenda items which were: Women's Basketball supplement for coming season (J. Calamaar); Priority registration for athletes (P. Grady), and CCCADA (M. Campbell).

**Dates for upcoming meetings** were discussed:

- a. CCCAA Convention, October 30-November 2, 2012, Irvine, to include review and discussion of legislation with final publication at the spring 2013 meeting.
  - b. Presidents/Deans Meeting, December 6, 2012, CRC, 10 a.m.
  - c. Deans Assembly Meeting, Thursday, March 7, 2013, SRJC, 9:30 a.m.
  - d. CCCAA Spring Convention, March 26-29, 2013, San Mateo
  - e. Presidents/Deans Meeting, Spring 2013, Date to be discussed at Dec. 6 meeting.
  - f. CCADA Meeting, June 4-6, Tahoe, (accepting topics for workshops)
  - g. NATYCAA, June 12-14, Orlando, FL
5. **Spring Sport Supplements/Schedules/End of Year Reports**

**Baseball** – Ron Myers – Supplement - A change was made in dates and make-up games; Schedule presented. MSC 15-0-0

**Men's Golf** – Bill Kaiser – Supplement – Date changes only; Schedule stands as presented (Play at SRJC will be at Oakmont, not Winslow). MSC 12-0-3

**Softball** – Jim Forkum – Supplement – Accepted with minor changes; Schedule is consistent. Question asked, why are we playing 7 contests at home and 4 away?  
MSC 14-1-0

**Tennis** – Rick Anderson – Supplement – Date changes only. MSC 13-0-2  
Schedule – not available to review at meeting time. It was decided to not vote on the schedule at this time as it needs to be redrafted so no one plays four matches in a row on a Tuesday. Vote will be taken by email once the schedule is complete.

**Track/Field** – Rick Anderson – Discussion ensued regarding why there are late fees and when they are assessed, where does the money go? It was agreed that if late fees are assessed, they should be paid to the Big 8 and sent to the Commissioner to deposit in the budget. The current supplement says there are no late fees. Rick will take this issue back to the coaches for discussion; if they agree to have late fees, then supplement should be changed to reflect this. If late fees are assessed, checks should be sent to the Commissioner who will tell the event manager that fees are being paid; team participation will occur in the event. Supplement tabled until later date. Schedule was accepted as presented. MSC 11-0-4

**Swim/Dive** – Mike Maroney – No supplement was available for review. A vote will be taken via internet once a supplement is presented.

6. **Commissioner Report** – Mike Liddell – The 2012/13 **budget** was presented. It was agreed upon by those present to eliminate the line item for “baseball statistician”; this change will be reflected in the next budget presented at December 2012 meeting. MSC with change. The **Decorum** report was presented with no change. The **Appeals/Eligibility Report** was presented with no changes. (It was noted that extensive medical documentation of injury needs to be sent with appeal.) **Self-Reports** were presented with one change noted. SRJC had a violation in a scrimmage. This will be added to the report.

**Commissioner’s Informational Items:** The **decorum** for the Conference has improved. **Scholar Athlete** – SCC presented two athletes for this award—Ferrin Peterson, 3.75 (W Track) and Aaron Tombleson, 3.72 (M Track). The process to submit scholar athlete names should be reviewed and changed so that more colleges are represented. The commissioner will send a reminder to the counselors and deans in a timely manner to put forth candidate’s names. **Form 1’s** and **Form 3’s** should be checked and reviewed for completeness. **Ejected/Suspended athletes** cannot remain in the play arena during the current game or subsequent games if applicable. Athletes who are ejected from an athletic contest and their removal from the playing field/arena creates a supervision problem and possible liability situation if not properly supervised. This needs further discussion and will be addressed. Jim Forkum will take this concern to Management Council for discussion. **SB 1264 Child Abuse/Neglect and Reporting Act**—The law now requires any athletic coach, including but not limited to, an assistant coach or a graduate coach involved in coaching at public or private post secondary institution must report child abuse. This is

- not a CCCAA responsibility but it is an institutional one.** There are no specifics to date about training but a video from the CVC Summit who provided their staff training and information is available from Commissioner Liddell who attended the seminar.. **Tennis Ladder Issue** –It was alleged that some coaches in the Conference were manipulating the competitive tennis ladder. The commissioner will discuss this item via email with the tennis coaches. **David Silverstein, Web Master**, was introduced; David discussed **PRESTO**, a statistical web based program for colleges to use at no expense to the college. He mentioned that baseball currently uses this program and women’s basketball will use it. It does not work for all sports. David is available to assist deans with this program upon their request.
7. **Big 8 Constitution Report – Jeanne Calamar** stated that any changes to the constitution must be approved at the Presidents/Deans meetings held twice a year. She further explained Article 2 may need some changes regarding Form 3 information. Constitution currently says that yearly evaluations will be conducted for the commissioner position yet none was conducted in spring 2012. It was suggested this be changed to reflect a 2 year cycle for this evaluation. Updates in the Appendix section are as follows: **Vice President – Peg Grady**, Sierra; Appendix C, Assembly Reps, **Greg Warzecka** (SCC) and **Peg Grady** (Sierra). Appendix E, **Constitution Chair** will remain, **Jeanne Calamar**, and **Peg Grady** will be added to this committee. Appendix F, **Appeals Board** will be **Greg Warzecka** and **Peg Grady**, Appendix G, **Executive Board**, **Peg Grady** was added as VP. Appendix H, **Gender Equity Board** will be **Christine Worsley** and **Reed Peters**; **Cross Country Administrative Rep** will be **Rick Anderson**; **Tennis Administrative Rep** will be **Peg Grady**. There are no Program Reviews this fall. Reviews will be held Fall 2013 for SRJC, Spring 2014, SJDC, Fall 2014, ARC.
8. **Legislative Review:** President Jim Forkum asked for suggestions on what legislative proposals this Assembly would like to discuss noting that the conference legislative vote will occur at the March meeting with the final vote occurring at the Spring 2013 convention. Discussion occurred on:
- P.3 - Satisfactory Academic Progress for Competition** – much discussion on this subject; group felt it needs to be rewritten; group supports the general concept of this legislation; consensus is it needs more work but this legislation is going to pass in some form.
- P.4 – Recruitment of Student Athletes** – Big 8 Conference does not support P4. Big 8 presidents believe in recruiting local community college athletes. P.4 will be discussed with the presidents at the December meeting.
- P.5 – CCCAA On-line Compliance Rules Exam** – Assembly was generally supportive. Big 8 Conference scores have been excellent; sets minimum scores for compliance next year.
- P.7 – Bylaw 3.5.3, 3.6 and 3.19** – Identifies 175 out-of-season contact hours with athletes plus 175 in-season apportionment. Assembly felt there should be a better

definition of vacation time as contact hours. Needs more study; talk to coaches to clarify; non traditional season scrimmages do not count.

**P.12 – Team Sport-Wrestling** - Generally supportive of a State dual championship.

**P-18 – Wrestling Championship Handbook Change** - Supportive of allowing additional contestants under NAIA Rule change.

9. **Sportsmanship Award/Commissioner’s Cup/Community Service** – This subject will be revisited at the December meeting with the presidents. Criteria will be developed by the Big 8 president/commissioner for consideration. At previous Presidents/Deans meeting, the presidents didn’t want to extend additional awards.
10. **Officials Contracts** – Many of the official contracts need to be renegotiated at the end of 2012/13 academic year. Commissioner will set up meetings with the various assignors, sport administrative reps and coaching reps to negotiate future contracts.
11. **Basketball Scheduling** – Various ideas were discussed for scheduling to meet gender equity guidelines. No clear answers but a solution must be agreed upon for the 2013/14 season. M/W athletes are required to share prime time under Title IX.
12. **Contiguous Boundaries** – Some changes have allowed recruitment in various college boundaries. CCCAA map is final. Check the list to see if it’s accurate for your college.
13. **Proposition 30** - Much concern about how to proceed if this proposition fails and how it will affect athletics at the community college. Uncertainty exists until after the election.
14. **Campus Athletic Clubs** – The constitution is for CCCAA sanctioned sports but if you play on a campus club team during the season, it counts as a year of eligibility.
15. **Priority Registration** – Most colleges don’t have priority registration but new legislation may open the door for continuing students and athletes; sets tiers for various student groups. Districts have ability to set tiers. Work with student services and use CCCAA academic data to promote higher tier to allow athletes to get classes they need to transfer.
16. **Women’s Basketball Emergency Legislation for Supplement** – WBB coaches asked that emergency legislation be adopted that says if a coach doesn’t enter statistics from their WBB games they would be excluded from having their athletes make all-conference team; tabled for further discussion pending CCCAA legislation.