

WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE
MINUTES – AD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

Present: Alameda (Molina), Arroyo (Budge), Berkeley (Parker), Bishop O'Dowd (Kigar, Nishimoto), Castro Valley (Stacy), Encinal (Gorham, Lyons), Hayward (Prasad), Mt. Eden (Duran), Piedmont (Smet) San Leandro (Thomas) San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Sagapolu) (Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: None

Guests: None

Rachel Sagapolu and Juanita Lyons were welcomed to the AD group

1. There was no public input.

2. There were no changes to the May 12, 2023 AD minutes.

3. We drew priority numbers for school year 2023-24. They are posted on our website.

NOTE: Football priority numbers were drawn at the 8/8/23 football coaches' preseason meeting and are also posted on the website.

4. The league commissioner reviewed lots of NCS and WACC paperwork.

- When schools have their registration and eligibility lists for fall sports, they need to be sent to the league commissioner along with the cover sheet, signed by an "approved" member of the school's staff.
- The Meetings and Events Calendar, 2023-24 has been revised with the addition of items in red
- Dates of determination need to be sent in when academic reporting periods are established
- The league commissioner asked schools to amend their school's "drop off procedures" as necessary
- League and NCS passes were disseminated

The league commissioner reviewed the financial state of the league:

- Final 2022-23 Financial Accounting Sheets were given to AD's and explained
- Proposed 2023-24 Financial Accounting Sheets were handed out.

NOTE: These documents have been revised and these revised sheets were emailed to schools. This caused invoices to be revised – (See next bullet)

- League Dues invoices were given to AD's

NOTE: These invoices were revised and all schools received a new invoice amount

5. MSC (Duran, Longaker, 12-0-0) to pay trainers \$40/hour when working at league-sponsored events, up from \$35/hour

6. AD's agreed (consensus) that "Honorable Mention" honorees in all sports should receive an all-league certificate

7. MSC (Prasad, Duran 11-1-0) to award medals to placers in some of our league championship tournaments: Badminton (4), Swimming and Diving (6), Tennis (3), Track and Field (6), and Wrestling (3) – see # 25 below

8. The league commissioner asked all AD's to work with their school administration to develop a protocol to escort officials to their vehicles after an athletic contest when they request accompaniment

9. Cross-Country – Arroyo, Encinal, and San Leandro are working with the EBRPD in obtaining permits for our center meets. Hayward will have a championship meet fact sheet ready for approval at our September 26 AD meeting

10. Flag Football is a work in progress.

Mt. Eden proposed a format for the 9/9 jamboree; well received by the AD's that will be discussed at the coaches' meeting. NOTE: Coaches met on 8/8, discussed the proposal, and liked it

Hayward proposed a format for the 10/28 championship tournament (and that format was further tweaked in informal discussion). NOTE: Coaches met on 8/8, discussed the proposal, and liked it

The league commissioner is working on special rules.

11. Football - Redwood Christian is available to fill holes in some JV schedules.

12. Fall Golf – MSC (Parker, Smet, 10-0-2) to approve the Girls' Golf Schedule posted on the website. As always, schools may agree to change the date, time or site of a scheduled match. Arroyo is hosting the 10/16 postseason tournament and will have a fact sheet ready for approval at the 9/26 AD meeting.

13. Tennis – AD's reconfirmed approval of moving tennis matches from Tuesday/Thursday to Wednesday/Friday.

NOTE: at the 8/7 tennis coaches' meeting, Bishop O'Dowd agreed to host the tournament at Chabot College. Bishop O'Dowd will have a fact sheet ready for approval at the 9/26 AD meeting.

14. Volleyball – AD's were reminded that spectators need to exhibit good sportsmanship at volleyball games. Start times posted on schedules must be accurate. All Football schools have three levels with the exception of Encinal and website times have been adjusted.

15. Water Polo – Encinal and Alameda will co-host the tournament using Encinal and Berkeley pools with San Leandro's pool available if necessary.

16. Basketball – Tennyson indicated that they are working to build a varsity-level program; a work in progress. They have a new coach and are using "open-gym" to build interest. Other league schools indicated that their basketball schedule is full (26 games) and the addition of Tennyson to a formal league schedule will be difficult. AD's indicated that one way to develop a varsity-level program would be to have a competitive JV team this year and build towards a varsity-level program next year. The league commissioner was asked to work with the Tennyson girls' basketball stakeholders, monitor Tennyson's progress in building a varsity-level program, and report back to AD's in late September.

17 – Soccer – Arroyo and San Lorenzo are working with other league schools to move early afternoon side-by-side single games as these games are very hard to find officials who are available.

18. Wrestling – A new contract tender will come from the ACCWOA as our present contract is up.

19. MSC (Duran, Molina 11-0-1) to approve the badminton schedules posted on the website. AD's understand that some of the matches may need to be moved as they're scheduled over a school's spring break.

20. MSC (Duran, Parker, 12-0-0) to approve the baseball schedules posted on the website. The league remains committed to providing two JB baseball games a week for all schools with JV programs.

21. MSC (Duran, Molina 12-0-0) to approve the softball schedules posted on the website. The tournament format was briefly discussed but not approved a AD's wanted more time to evaluate fairness to all schools.

22. AD's rejected the swimming and diving schedule proposal and asked the league commissioner to develop and schedule with 8 scheduling units, combining Hayward and Mt. Eden. AD's understand that this pushes the swim schedule start week one week earlier.

23. MSC (Longaker, Duran, 12-0-0) to approve the REVISED track and field schedule posted on the website.

24. MSC (Duran, Longaker, 12-0-0) to approve the spring volleyball schedules posted on the website. AD's understand that some of the matches may need to be moved as they're scheduled over a school's spring break.

25. AD's had a discussion about the awards the league makes available to student-athletes in the various sports. The focus of the discussion was fairness to athletes in some individual sports. MSC (Molina, Gorham, 10-1-0) to add the following to WACC awards: - see Item # 7 above

Swimming and Diving

Award first team all-league honors to the winners of the individual events and all members of the winning relay teams

Award second team all-league honors to the 2nd place finishers in the individual events and all members of the 2nd place relay teams

Track and Field

Award first team all-league honors to the winners of the individual events and all members of the winning relay teams

Award second team all-league honors to the 2nd place finishers in the individual events and all members of the 2nd place relay teams

Badminton

Award 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place medals to the four top placers in each of the five divisions in both D I and D II tournaments

Tennis

Award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals to the top three top singles and doubles.

Wrestling

Award 1st, 2nd, 3rd place medals to the three top placers in all 14 varsity weight classes.

All of the above would also be given certificates

In all sports with "honorable mention," certificates would now be given to honorees.

26. AD's addressed several items on the 8/28/23 NCS SAC agenda

- Gary Duran reviewed the history behind the proposal to add a D II team championship in badminton and our D II badminton schools support it – Item V. D.
- With no discussion, AD's continue their opposition to Item VI. A., the shift in water polo playoff structure
- There was general support for Item VII. A, a proposal from the NCS staff to restructure NCS playoffs in several sports although AD's would probably support some tweaks that might get proposed at the meeting
- Consensus opposition to VII. B., the item from the BAC that would restructure some NCS playoffs

27. Hillary Kigar led our DEI discussion that then also included a discussion on how to improve sportsmanship and spectator behavior at WACC contests. Schools were encouraged to be DEI proactive, to have announcers use positive NCS-developed and school-developed scripts, to develop scripts for officials to use when meeting with captains, etc. The league needs to make banners, placards, posters, etc. available to schools.

28. Website Issues

- Several AD's reported some "corrupted" files on our website and asked the league commissioner to get those repaired.
- Schools must make sure website dates, times, and sites are correct and all non-league games need to be on our activity scheduler/calendar. There was no new business.
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Meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August September 26 – 8:00 am – Hayward STEAM Building