

WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – 8:15 AM

Present: Alameda (Ithurnburn. Molina), Arroyo, (Kurzfeld) Berkeley (Fornero), Bishop O’Dowd (Reed), Castro Valley (Fortenberry), Encinal (Snyder), Hayward (Miller), Mt. Eden (Walton, Wright), Piedmont (Goswami), San Lorenzo (Kumar), Tennyson (Taylor), Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: San Leandro

Guests: None

1. There were no corrections to the August 7, 2023 WACC Board minutes
2. There was no public input
3. The NCS is placing a great emphasis on sportsmanship this year. Those present were encouraged to be proactive in encouraging sportsmanship at WACC athletic events. The league revised the Supervising Administrator document that is posted on the website.
4. By consensus, the Board selected Waylon Miller, Principal of Hayward High, to be our representative on the NCS Eligibility Committee
5. MSC (Ithurnburn, Miller, 9-0-0) to approve the 2022-23 Abridged WACC Financial Report posted on the website.
NOTE: A copy of the 28-page 2022-23 Unabridged WACC Financial Report is available to any school upon request
6. MSC (Ithurnburn, Reed, 10-0-0) to approve the 2023-24 WACC Budget posted on the website
7. MSC (Walton, Reedm 11-0-0) to approve the following addition, **in red**, to the Badminton Special Rules:
“2701.2 From among the nominees listed on the ballot, coaches shall select a boys’ “Player of the Year” and a girls’ “Player of the Year.” **If a selected POTY is part of a doubles’ team nomination, the partner of the POTY shall automatically also be placed on the all-league first team.”**
8. Officials
 - MSC (Ithurnburn, Reed, 11-0-0) to approve the contract tender from the ACCWOA (wrestling) as recommended by the WACC AD’s.
 - The league commissioner reported that the AD’s were dissatisfied with the contract tender and presentation from the NEBUA and were looking elsewhere for baseball officials

9. MSC (Ithurnburn, Miller, 11-0-0) to approve the following 2023-24 sports schedules: basketball, soccer, wrestling, badminton, baseball, golf, lacrosse, softball, spring tennis, track and field, and spring volleyball. The swim schedule is not yet ready for action.

10. MSC (Ithurnburn, Walton, 11-0-0) to approve the 2023-24 fall schedules for flag football and golf.

NOTE: Several schools reported that flag football is off to a very good start.

11. The Board reviewed the 9/29/23 NCS Board agenda and directed out delegates to take the following actions:

- Support Steve Amara for the Region 2 rep position
- “Vote their conscience” for the Region 3 rep position
- “Vote their conscience” on Item X. C., the change in the water polo structure
- Support the AD’s decision to vote against Item X. D., the addition to the number of games allowed in volleyball

NOTE: Ron Richardson is on medical leave and the Board asked Dave Kiesel, the League Commissioner, to serve as his proxy at this Friday’s NCS Board meeting.

12. New Business: The WACC Board discussed the following: no action was taken.

- Until now, the WACC has not paid indirect reimbursement costs to individual WACC schools that host league events, whether they’re championship events at the end of a season of sport; like league wrestling, water polo or badminton for example: or league sponsored events in the middle of a season, like a flag football jamboree, a wrestling novice meet or a cross-country center meet. There are custodial costs, set-up and break down costs, security costs, utility costs, that accrue to the hosting school. The Board had a full discussion about the pros and cons of reimbursing individual WACC schools for the costs of hosting a league event and directed AD’s to continue the discussion at the November AD meeting.
- On site certified trainers add a greatly increased level of health and safety care to WACC athletes participating in practices, scrimmages or contests. They are mandated by the California Interscholastic Federation for only a few specific athletic contests. There have been an increasing number of situations at several WACC schools where an on-site certified athletic trainer would have improved outcomes for injured or dehydrated student-athletes. Principals and athletic directors were encouraged to work with their districts, specifically their risk management departments, to explore the possibility of adding an on-site certified athletic trainer to their athletic department.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 24 24 at 8:15 – Encinal High; 8:15 am

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner