

West Alameda County Conference
Minutes – Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 8:15 AM – Alameda High School

Present: Alameda (Ithurburn), Arroyo (Kurzfeld), Berkeley (Vegt), Bishop O'Dowd (Evans), Castro Valley (Stacy), Encinal (Snyder), Hayward (Miller), Mt. Eden (Walton), and Piedmont (Smet)

Absent: San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Tennyson

1. There was no public input

2. There were no corrections to the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting

3. The league commissioner, acting on behalf of Tennyson High School, reported that the consequences imposed on a student-athlete who participated in a club soccer tournament while at the same time participating in the school's soccer program met NCS "consequences" guidelines.

4. MSC (Walton, Miller, 9-0-0) to approve the WACC Meetings and Events Calendar, 2024-25 Season, dated 2/29/24.

5. MSC (Ithurburn, Miller, 9-0-0) to approved the following slate of officers from the 2024-25 season:

President: Doug Evans

President-Elect: Monica Walton

Past President: Indira Kumar

NCS SAC Representatives: Dave Kiesel and Kristy Prasad

NCS BOM Representatives: Kirstin Snyder and Kristy Prasad; Dave Kiesel alternate

NCS Eligibility Committee Rep: Waylon Miller

Board Meeting Dates: Site TBA

August 8: 4:00

October 2: 8:15 am

January 22: 8:15 am

March 26: 8:15 am

May 21: 8:15 am (if necessary)

6. The WACC Board directed our delegates to the 3/22/24 NCS Board of Managers' meeting to take the following positions:

- Support Elena DeSantis (MSC - Ithurburn, Walton 9-0-0) and Bruce Triplett (MSC – Ithurburn, Miller, 9-0-0) for NCS Executive Committee positions
- Support the proposal and amended dates for the proposed NCS flag football championships
- Support the NCS AC's directive, supported by the NCS Ex Com, to return the SJND basketball programs to the BAC East
- Vote their conscience on other issues.

7. The WACC Board had a full discussion about implementing the CIF Heat Illness protocol, the CIF Air Quality Index Action Plan, and the CIF Emergency Action Plan.

8. The league commissioner reported on the AD discussion about how best to apportion a third automatic berth to NCS playoffs in several sports. NOTE: the WACC Board took immediate action in the sport of boys' soccer. (see next item below)

9.The Board reviewed AD recommendations for the alignment of, and the scheduling for, the league's basketball programs. While Board members supported the AD's alignment recommendations, there was a full discussion about the fairest way to schedule the five programs. The league commissioner reported that AD's want this to be an individual decision between two schools as many coaches and AD's want a schedule that places boys' games at one site and girls' games at another site. With a full discussion of gender equity and supervision concerns, MSC (Miller, Walton, 7-0-2) to direct the league commissioner to schedule the girls' varsity and boys' varsity programs at the same site whenever possible.

10.MSC (Miller, Ithurnburn, 8-0-1) to align and schedule boys' soccer as below:

A, Alignment

FOOTHILL

SHORELINE

Berkeley

Alameda

Castro Valley

Arroyo

O'Dowd

Encinal

Piedmont

Hayward

Mt. Eden

San Leandro

San Lorenzo

Tennyson

B. Scheduling

The league commissioner shall schedule 14 games for all 12 schools. Each WACC school shall play each other WACC school once, either home or away. In addition the four FOOTHILL schools shall play a second game against each other; Alameda, Hayward, Mt. Eden, and San Leandro shall play a second game against each other; Arroyo, Encinal, San Lorenzo, and Tennyson shall play a second game against each other

C. Championships and NCS Automatic Berths

C. 1. The Foothill Champion shall be the team with the best overall record, using all 14 games in those calculations.

C.2. The Foothill champion and the Foothill runner-up shall be two of our three automatic berths to the NCS playoffs.

C. 3. The league commissioner was directed to develop a rubric for determining the Shoreline champion and 3rd automatic NCS representative, present that rubric to the AD's at their May meeting for tweaking, and the present that tweaked rubric to the WACC Board at their August 8, 2024 meeting for final approval

D. The league commissioner was directed to revise the soccer special rules to reflect the above.

11.MSC (Ithurnburn, Vegt, 9-0-0) to approve the CCAA contract tender (baseball).

12.MSC (Ithurnburn, Snyder, 9-0-0) to add the following to our Baseball Special Rules;

2601.2 – A league game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4 ½ innings, or after the fifth inning, if either team is ten runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat"

13.The Board went into closed session

14 The Board returned to open session

MSC (Miller, Snyder, 9-0-0) to increase the salary of the league commissioner to \$40,000.00 per year, to be paid by an increase in dues to league member schools.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8; 4:00 pm