

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Realignment 2012-2014

Red Bluff Board Room

October 6, 2010

10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

I. Introductions and Welcome

Agenda - 1st motion for approval by Erin Johnson, Hamilton - 2nd by Doug Kaelin, Pierce

Motion passed unanimously.

II. Roll Call-

Member schools present- Dan McDonald/Tony Herman- Williams, Doug Kaelin-Pierce, Kathleen Lynch- Trinity, Steve Nesheim- Mount Shasta, Russ Barnhart- Modoc, Erin Johnson/Cris Osegura- Hamilton, Angie Callas- Tulelake, Mike Ristuccia- Weed, Rebecca Changus/Dave McGrath- Colusa, Todd Franklin- Liberty Christian, Mike Pena- Biggs, Dan Hayward- Esparto, Lane Carlson- U-Prep, Jim Weber- Mercy, Russ Gardner- Maxwell, Tom Barnett- Hayfork, Jeanne Utterback- Fall River, Tom Puskarich- Burney, John Perry- Willows, Jeff Ray/Sue Segura- Quincy, Kristy Warren/Rick Bass- Portola, Bill Frey/Jean Murphy- Atkins- Durham, Darren Brown- East Nicolaus, Matt Weinrich/Mat Gulbrandsen- Live Oak, Terry Hernandez- Chester, Les Helsey- Etna, and Dave Pilger- Los Molinos.

Member School not present- Redding Christian

Quorum established

III. Hearing of the Public

No public Comment

IV. Review of Voting Procedures per Bylaws

Discussed that during first meeting the vote would be by consensus.

Thumbs Up- like it

Thumbs sideways- I can live with it

Thumbs down- NO

Discussed that at the second meeting if necessary the first 3 votes are by consensus and the proceeding votes are by an 85% majority.

V. Review of Submitted Proposals

- Three submitted

Discussion broken into two configuration. Football Only and Other Sports.

Started discussion with the Football realignment. Hayfork and Mercy playing 8 man. Possibility that other teams in SCL may move to 8 man.

Discussions

- **Mount Shasta feels strongly that the best fit for their program is the SCL based on geography and enrollment.**
- **SCL shared concerns that Mount Shasta was not a fit competitively.**
- **Williams and Colusa argued that even that enrollment and geography should not be the determining factor in their placement. Concerns that neither could compete in the SVL and evidenced by their past performance in the MVL.**
- **Mountain Valley League shared that they like the 4 team league structure with teams playing each other twice, because of the difficulty in finding preseason games with schools their size.**
- **UPrep shared that their enrollment is capped at 400 and that their school suffers from athletes going to the large high school sports programs and believed that they should be placed based on competitiveness and not size.**
- **The MVL and SVL shared the desire to have at least six teams in their leagues.**

After numerous votes it was decided to table football discussions and move to Realignment for other sports.

Discussions

- **Trinity requested to be moved out of the SVL and back into the SCL. The SCL welcomed the move.**
- **Colusa and Williams shared that they didn't feel they could compete in the SVL.**
- **Pierce expressed concerns that schools similar in enrollment and geography should be in the same league.**
- **East Nicolaus, Hamilton and Esparto expressed concerns with travel to both Portola and Quincy and elected to be placed in the SVL.**
- **Los Molinos requested to be moved into the Tri-Cities League and Maxwell the MVL.**

After multiple no votes and discussion the alignment for 2012-14 was approved. Motion made by Durham. Second by Hamilton. Vote passed

with no thumbs down and seven thumbs sideways(Hamilton, East Nicolaus, Biggs, Esparto, Maxwell, Colusa, and Williams).

Committee looked at Soccer, Wrestling, Track, Golf, Tennis, Cross Country, and Swimming.

Soccer- It was decided that the MVL Co-ed team would move to the SVL and compete on the boys schedule.

Wrestling- Trinity and Mount Shasta moved to the SCL and The few MVL teams were added to the SVL

Track and Cross Country - It was decided that the Track Committee would look at configuration and bring a proposal to the group after the February Board of Mangers Meeting.

Golf- The few SVL teams that have golf were added to the MVL

Tennis and Swimming- Remained Status Quo

Motion by Pierce to let the Track committee align leagues and seconded by Quincy. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Soccer, Wrestling, Golf, Tennis, Cross Country, and swimming made by Hamilton and seconded by Williams. Motioned passes unanimously.

Discussions returned to football realignment. After a number of unsuccessful motions it became apparent that no progress was going to be made. The issues revolved around Mount Shasta and the SCL, The number of teams in the Mountain Valley League, and finding a team to make the SVL and the MVL six team leagues.

The decision was made to meet Dec. 1, 2010 back in the Red Bluff Board room to resume discussions.

VI. Other areas of concern

- None discussed

VII. Set Next Meeting Date- Wednesday, December 1, 2010 starting at 10 a.m. in the Red Bluff Board Room

VIII. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 1 :10 p.m.