

National Conference
Realignment Cycle 2008-2010
March 11, 2008
Minutes

1. Welcome: I welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Roll Call: All conference schools had representatives present except Paradise and Gridley. A quorum was present.
3. Additional Agenda items: Add 4e
4. Information/Discussion
 - a. Review of the realignment plan and leagues for 2008-2010 cycle: I reviewed the process followed during the realignment cycle and provided a copy of the three leagues for the 2008-10 cycle (attached)
 - b. Financial impact of state cuts to education (Athletics): Each school reported on what if any cuts have been made or might be anticipated. Chico Unified (Pleasant Valley and Chico High Schools reported that there have been discussions about cutting funds for athletics. The impact could be a reduction in sports and teams (levels) offered. Randy Gilzean and Bob Hanson felt that some, if not all reductions would be made up by "self funding" (fundraisers paying the cost). The other schools indicated that some discussion had taken place, but until the budget is passed in Sacramento, no action will take place. I emphasized the need to communicate changes to the other schools as they happen.
 - c. Football
 - Review conference schedules for 2008-10: We reviewed the football schedules for 2008-10. They have been some additions and changes made. Gridley and Lassen have openings in week 4. Since Gridley was not present, Scott Turner agreed to contact Gridley and see if they are interested in playing Lassen. (copy of corrected schedule is attached)
 - football scheduling guidelines. The Board of Managers have requested that the conference consider establishing guidelines for scheduling football games. A list of possible guidelines was given out. A lengthy discussion took place on possible guidelines. The major issue is week one. A motion was made by Tom Aldridge (Oroville) to have no guidelines, but that schools should be aware of the issues discussed as they schedule football games in the future. The main consideration was filling week one games for conference schools. Second was made by Randy Gilzean (Pleasant Valley). The motion was approved by a 17-1 vote.

- d. Selection of a new conference chairperson: I have finished my two year term as conference chairperson. I am also retiring in June. I presented two options to the group. First, they could select someone today for the position or wait until next September and the first meeting to select a new chairperson. I emphasized to need to have someone who has been through the realignment process and has some history of the conference. No one indicated an interest. It was agreed to have the selection be made at the meeting in September. I thanked everyone for their work during the past two years on realignment and wished them luck in working on the next cycle.
 - e. Number of schools in the conference and how that is determined: I explained that the chairs of the conferences along with the Section Realignment chair and Section Commissioner meet and make recommendations about moving schools from conference to conference. Schools may make formal request to move. Recommendations are made to the Board of Managers for action.
5. Next meeting date: The next meeting will be in September, 2008. NSCIF Commissioner, Liz Kyle will set the date and location.
6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Submitted by: Bob Beale, National Conference Chair