

**Basketball Committee Meeting- Minutes**  
**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am**  
**Pleasant Valley High School Library**

1. Call to Order-1:05pm
  
2. Roll Call- Present: Dan Weagant (LP), Gary Memeo (West Valley), Bill Mache (Corning), Randy Gilzean (PV), Seth Roberts (Paradise), Sam Simmons (Chico High), Erin Walton (Live Oak), Mike Carpine (Weed), Mark Priano (Champion Christian), Phil Bryant (Westwood), Jason Perry (Downieville), Liz Kyle (Section Commissioner).  
Absent: Mike Ayotte (Sutter), Scott Burnum (Pierce) Todd Franklin (Liberty Christian), Jerry Walker (Biggs), Bob Schmautz (Oroville), Tom Vido (Colusa), Jim Vossler (Wheatland), Jim Bayley (Hayfork), John Kufner (Happy Camp), Kevin Askeland (Computer Expert),
  
3. NSCIF Advisory committee responsibility-Reviewed the responsibilities of the committee.
  
4. Review ALL guidelines.
  - A. Sites and nights-2009
    1. Lock in divisions or continue to rotate- There was a proposal to lock in the bigger divisions to increase gates. It was voted down due to the feeling that ALL divisions should have a shot at the prime time games.
  - B. Brackets (12 teams in Division 4 and 6) Going to 12 teams improved to quality of all games in these divisions.
  - C. NO more Foundation games. 26 contests MAXIMUM-All teams will be limited to 26 games in the future. Without foundation games teams are urged to be sure they know whether tournaments are 3 or 4 game tournaments and to plan accordingly.
  - D. Seeding criteria
    1. All division 5 teams are (or should have been) Division 5 for Div. 5 formula with only NON-league games counting in the strength of schedule formula. There was discussion about Pierce and Quincy having their league games count. According to Kevin they could be hurt more by not counting their league games.
    2. Strength of league as a possible tiebreaker criteria. This was discussed but there was no interest in adding another tiebreaker at this time.
  - E. Concerns were raised in connection with schools not traveling when weather was questionable but not dangerous. The recommendation is for the following guideline: In inclement weather conditions, schools MUST notify the NSCIF office prior to postponing a contest, then follow up with documentation from their transportation department or the Highway Patrol to verify the need to postpone.
  
5. Consequences for no show (forfeit) in the Section tournament. Real concern was expressed about teams dropping out of the playoffs after being seeded in the tournament. We have criteria that teams MUST complete ALL levels of the Northern Section, NorCal and State tournaments if they did not opt out and are seeded into the tournament. Still it

has happened. Committee members felt uncomfortable in penalizing future innocent teams from that school. They also felt it was too easy and financially beneficial to drop out of the tournament if they ended up having a long trip that would cost a great deal in transportation. The recommendation is to fine schools \$1,000 if they fail to opt out of the tournament and then forfeit at tournament game. \$1,000 should discourage teams from forfeiting games and if they should would help the section recoup the lost gate revenue.

5. State Information Update- The 2008 State Tournament was a big success even with several schools having both teams in the finals, which tends to hurt the overall gate revenues. The 2009 State tournament will be a two week format. Plans are in the works to propose a three week format for 2010 with an expanded Tournament. See handout. The State is voting at the Federated Council on a proposal to allow each section to place teams in divisions based on their own criteria. The consensus was that we would stay status quo (with just enrollment changes) for 1 more year and develop a plan for movement of teams prior to any discussion of actually moving teams.
7. Model coach nominations- Any school may nominate a coach as a model coach. This year the nominations must be to the section office by November 1<sup>st</sup> since the awards will be given at the state basketball championships instead of the state track championships. Contact Liz Kyle at the Section Office.
8. Varsity home uniforms MUST be a white based uniform, not just a light color. The rule will move down to JV then Frosh.
9. Northern Section Basketball Advance Bulletin- Please have coaches and A.D.'s review the bulletin when it arrives. That could greatly reduce confusion and questions to the section office.
10. Adjournment-3:17pm