

Football Playoff Committee Agenda 1-26-11

Present: Matt Hunsaker – CV - Chair
Orlyn Culp – Yreka – NAL Rep.
Ryan Reynolds – Sutter – BVL Rep.
Greg Grandell – West Valley – NAL Rep.
Douglas Matheson – West Valley
John Studer – Corning
Lloyd Menefee – Corning - AD
Jeff Nelson – Corning
Steve Steinmann – Oroville – EAL So. Rep
Clint McClurg – Burney – SCL Rep.
Dan Johnson – Live Oak – SVL Rep.
Javier Lopez – Wheatland – BVL Rep.
Mark Cooley – Hamilton/Butte College
Martin Dean – Butte Valley – AD
Randy Harrison – Hayfork
Russ Gardner – Maxwell
Terry Hernandez – Chester
Jim Weber – Mercy
Liz Kyle – NSCIF Commissioner

- I. Review Previous Minutes (9/16/10).
 - A. Motion to accept minutes (Hamilton), 2nd (Live Oak)
 - B. Motion Passed.

- II. Discussion/Review from last year's changes to Football Guidelines.
 - A. Question: Why isn't Football Playoff Committee meeting with Board of Managers prior to Board of Managers meetings to discuss issues before they have to be voted upon?
 - aa. Discussion followed...determined that communication between FB Committee and Board of Managers should happen more directly to create a climate of "mutual understanding" on issues prior to Board of Managers voting on issues.
 - B. What's the purpose of Football Committee trying to move forward on Football issues in the section if what Football Committee discusses and votes upon is then ultimately determined by persons (Board of Managers) were not present at both meetings?
 - aa. Discussion followed...once again determined that better communication between Committee and Board were necessary in order to improve process of making the total Football experience better for the entire section.
 - C. Discussion regarding Board of Managers "Voting Protocol" from last spring's Board of Managers meeting as it related to 2010 Football Playoff Committee recommendations.
 - aa. Board of Managers has changed their voting protocol.
 1. Quorum determined by members present at meeting.

2. Passing vote is 51% of members PRESENT at meeting.
 3. Not present DOES NOT mean a “NO” vote as it has in the past.
- D. Discussion on what was ratified by Board of Managers last spring.
- aa. See NSCIF Football Guidelines for details.
 1. Posted on NSCIF website under “Football Guidelines”.

III. Playoff Seeding System.

- A. Because there are still questions regarding realignment and the concern from committee members that “the cart is before the horse” on the issue of determining “playoff points/seeding issues”, it was determined that this issue should be “tabled” until realignment is finalized.
- B. Discussion to move away from “Playoff Points” system.
 - aa. Committee determined to wait for realignment to determine playoff divisions/points/seeding.
- C. Corning presented a National Conference “playoff proposal” for consideration under the current realignment proposal as presented on the NSCIF website .
 - aa. Proposal would require a redefinition of “Division I” and “Division II” within the National Conference.
 - bb. Proposal would nullify most if not all “playoff points” formulas.
 - cc. Proposal would determine playoffs by league finish rather than “playoff points”.
 - dd. Proposal to be discussed further once Board of Managers vote on realignment for 2012-2014.
 - ee. See Appendix: A.

IV. Central Venue.

- A. Discussion: Is “Central Venue” still a viable proposal?
- B. Motion: Continue to pursue “Central Venue” as prepared for proposal to Board of Managers, spring 2010 (West Valley), 2nd (Sutter).
- C. Motion Passed.
- D. Discussion: Why wasn’t DIV included in proposal?
 - aa. DIV “opted out” originally because there wasn’t enough league support and Football Committee determined it would be prudent to run a “trial Central Venue” to see how it worked for Divisions I, II, III before representing to DIV and 8-Man.
 - bb. Question: Will number of playoff teams change “Central Venue” proposal?
 1. Committee determined number of playoff teams irrelevant to “Central Venue” proposal.

V. 8-Man Football .

- A. Discussion brought from Butte Valley regarding 8-Man Football regarding 1st game and playoffs.
 - aa. First game played on last Friday of August (Zero Week).
 - bb. 10 weeks to play 10 games (many 8-Man teams play less than a 10 game schedule).
 - cc. NSCIF Championship Game for 8-Man Football to be played on the Friday BEFORE Thanksgiving.

- B. Language to be developed and provided to Football Committee by 8-Man Football division schools and presented to the NSCIF Football Playoffs Committee for inclusion in NSCIF Football Guidelines at the next committee meeting.

VI. Game Clock.

- A. Use of “25 second Game Clock” was discussed at CIF State Meeting.
- B. “25 second Game Clock” would be in each endzone (similar to college and professional football).
 - aa. Concern: “Game Clock” would require “upgrade” costs and additional necessary workers to run “Game Clock” for each game.
- C. No decision at State level as yet.
- D. NSCIF Coaches need to make a decision on issue to report to next Football Committee meeting.

VII. State Meeting.

- A. Championship Games did not make as much money in 2010 as 2009.
 - aa. Weather was one factor in lost revenues.
 - bb. North won 4 of 5 games!
- B. State wants to know from coaches regarding “25 second Game Clock”.
- C. State voted NOT to implement a “Mercy Rule” for football.
- D. State determined “Sparring” is acceptable as long as cleats (on bottom of shoe) are not covered by tape.
- E. Possible “Play-in Game” up for vote again at State level.
 - aa. NSCIF Football Playoff Committee voted in favor of “Play-in Game” (see previous minutes: 3/17/09).
- F. State discussed “Start Dates” for all sports involved in State Playoffs.
 - aa. No decision made.

VIII. Other.

- A. No other business.

IX. Next meeting: 3/23/11.

- A. Red Bluff High School
- B. 9am.

(Appendix: A)
 NATIONAL/AMERICAN CONFERENCES
 (2012 – 2014)

Division I

Chico
 Enterprise
 Foothill
 Paradise
 Pleasant Valley
 Red Bluff
 Shasta

*6 of 7 teams make the playoffs with current 1 – 6 seeding process. Top 2 seeds receive first round bye.

<u>Week 1:</u>	<u>Week 2:</u>	<u>Week 3</u>
6 vs. 3	(6 vs. 3 winner) vs. 2	Finals
5 vs. 4	(5 vs. 4 winner) vs. 1	
(1 and 2 have byes)		

Division II

Northern Athletic League

Anderson
 Central Valley
 Corning
 Lassen
 West Valley
 Yreka

Butte View League

Gridley
 Las Plumas
 Orland
 Oroville
 Sutter
 Wheatland
 Winters

8 team playoff with 1-4 seeding for individual leagues. Round 1 is league vs. league based on seeding.

Week 1: Top seed hosts (bolded).

1 BVL vs. # 4 BVL
 # 2 NAL vs. # 3 BVL
 # 1 NAL vs. # 4 BVL
 # 2 BVL vs. # 3 NAL

Tiebreaker = Head-to-Head
 3-Way Tiebreaker = League points allowed?,
 Overall record?

Week 1		Week 1
<u># 1 BVL</u> _____		_____ #
<u>1 NAL</u> _____		
# 4 NAL _____		_____ #
<u>4 BVL</u> _____		
# 2 NAL _____	Championship Game	_____ #
<u>2 BVL</u> _____		
# 3 BVL _____		_____ #
<u>3 NAL</u> _____		