

CENTRAL COAST SECTION SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2008

10:30 AM CCS Office

MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – Chairperson Terry Ward called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

Members Present: Terry Ward – Bellarmine Prep – Chairperson
K.C. Adams – Anchorpoint Christian HS
Dan Burns – Alisal HS
Scott Calvin – Peninsula Sports Management Officials Association
David Grissom – Santa Clara HS
Tim McCarthy-TCAL/MBL/MTAL Commissioner
Mike Pilawski-St. Francis
Barbara Uchiyama – Santa Teresa HS
Jeff Young – Stevenson School

CCS Staff Present: Duane Morgan-CCS Assistant Commissioner
Steve Filios-CCS Assistant Commissioner

Members Absent: Jan Mullen – St. Ignatius Prep

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2008 meeting, as submitted.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2008 ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOPS – Assistant Commissioner Morgan solicited comments about this year's Administrators Workshops and recommendations for future years. Several members of the committee felt that some consideration should be given to hosting a separate workshop targeting new administrators, or to breakout the new administrators for their own sessions under the current format. Several members of the committee recommended that workshop presentations continue to be proactive in the promotion of sportsmanship. The committee reacted favorably to a proposal by Assistant Commissioner Morgan to conduct the Administrative Workshops one week earlier.

B. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

1. Assistant Commissioner Morgan reviewed some of the fall recipients of sportsmanship award medals.
2. Assistant Commissioner Morgan presented an update on the proposed CCS/League sportsmanship medals that would be provided and distributed by each member school. In reviewing a cost analysis, the committee agreed that it was worth the extra cost to include the league name on the medal.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FALL PLAY-OFFS

Assistant Commissioner Morgan reviewed some outstanding displays of good sportsmanship from the fall playoffs. He also reviewed some areas of concern, specifically incidents of "storming the field" type behavior. The committee provided input on some steps that might be taken in order to prevent such actions, as well as steps that might be taken if such actions do occur. Suggestions included:

Preventative steps:

- Continue practice of providing member schools the steps for good game management to member schools
- Provide schools with examples of catastrophic results from “storming the field” incidents
- Use student leaders (i.e. player captains) to speak with their peers about the inherent dangers of “storming the field” and possible consequences

Punitive steps:

- Schools submit a letter of apology
- Mandatory meeting with the section commissioner
- Probation
- Cancellation of awards ceremony after incident
- Suspend privilege of hosting playoff games

B. GYM SPORTSMANSHIP SIGNS

Assistant Commissioner Filios reported the results from his survey of the state section commissioners. The committee recommended that the CCS office compile information received in a resource site (i.e. binder/page on the website) that member schools might be able to access.

C. CIVILITY POLICY

Assistant Commissioner Morgan solicited input on how schools are addressing a code of conduct and a civility policy. Several members cited the use of *Pursuing Victory with Honor* documents that required parents to sign. The members of the committee also reviewed how expectations are articulated and how/what type of penalties are/might be enforced. Assistant Commissioner Morgan indicated that the CCS staff will use the committee input to develop a tool and bring it back to the committee for review.

D. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. The Committee discussed the issue of appropriate lyrics to songs broadcasted during warm-ups/halftime of athletic contests. Assistant Commissioner Morgan indicated that the CCS does not currently have a policy governing this. David Grissom indicated that the SCVAL has banned any music with lyrics at contests.
2. Assistant Commissioner Filios provided a report on ejections during the fall season.

E. NEXT 2008-09 MEETING DATE

1. The time of the next meeting, March 9, 2009 has been changed to 10:30 am. (it was originally scheduled for 1 pm).
2. Assistant Commissioner Morgan requested that the members research their school calendars for 2009-10 and bring proposal for meeting dates for next year to the March 9, 2009 meeting.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Ward adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Submitted by: Steve Filios, Assistant Commissioner