

MINUTES OF 1927-1928

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

Southern Section

THIRD MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 1927

The Council of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, met in the Polytechnic High School, at 7:30 P. M., December 22, 1927, as a Section of the Southern California Teachers' Association.

President Ely called the meeting to order.

A. Mr. Oliver addressed the meeting on the subject, "History of the California Interscholastic Federation."

He said in part:

1. A meeting was called at 4:30 P. M., May 15, 1913, by Mr. Oliver, as chairman of the following five leagues, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Suburban, Orange, and Citrus Belt.

An organization was affected to be known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council.

A constitution was adopted.

A Baseball schedule for the year was adopted.

J. E. McKown, of Riverside, acted as secretary.

2. At the meeting October 11, 1913:

Mr. Oliver was elected President.

Mr. Beeman of San Bernardino was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

One League for American Football was organized and three Leagues for Rugby Football.

3. Bulletin No. 2, California State Board of Education, sent out by Will C. Wood, Commissioner of Secondary Schools has this to say: "For a long time we have recognized the need for general faculty control of Inter-School activities. * * * We are facing a condition, not a theory. High School Athletics are with us. * * * They must be controlled if they are to serve their real purpose in moral and physical training. School activities that are allowed to run wild, militate against, rather than assist in the development of character."

"During the past four months, much good constructive work has been done looking toward state wide control of school activities by faculty representatives. Superintendent J. C. Templeton, of Palo Alto, as chairman of a committee of the California High School Teachers' Association, and Mr. E. W. Oliver, President of the Athletic Council of Southern California, have devoted much time and thought to the work. As a result of their interest, a general convention of High School men met in Los Angeles recently and drafted a Constitution for the California Interscholastic Federation. Twenty representatives were present, nine from the three Sections of Northern California, and eleven from Southern California" March 28, 1914.

Mr. Oliver was elected Chairman.

Mr. Templeton was elected Secretary.

The Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation was adopted.

4. At the meeting held June 10, 1914, the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation was adopted and our name was changed from Southern California Interscholastic Council to The California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section.

Mr. E. W. Oliver of Los Angeles High School and Mr. L. L. Beeman of San Bernardino, were unanimously elected delegates from the Southern Section to the Federated Council.

Delegates to the Federated Council were declared ex-officio members of the Council of the Southern Section.

(NOTE—The above was written by the Secretary as the substance of Mr. Oliver's talk.)

B. Mr. Moore then addressed the meeting on the subject, "The Relation of Principal and Coaches to the C. I. F."

The following is a resume of the talk given by Mr. Moore at the Institute session at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School

1. A great deal of misunderstanding arises from ignoring official letters from the secretary and managers, also the principals do not see that these letters are placed in the hands of their vice-principals and coaches.

2. A great deal of long distance telephoning and loss of time could be avoided if school men would read the C. I. F. constitution and regulations contained in the official book. Most of the questions asked are already answered in this book.

3. In regard to our present manager system some school men seem to forget that these managers are school men and cannot devote a great deal of their school time to this work. It is necessary for the Football Manager to appoint more than 80 officials for high school games this year so that the school can hardly expect 100% efficiency in the matter of appointments.

4. Sportsmanship. Where considerations of eligibility arise the school concerned should be given an opportunity to explain the situation before any outside publicity is given. In the matter of officials, schools should treat them as they would another school men who were their guests. It is difficult to secure officials to go to certain schools due to the reputation that is sometime received. In discussions between coaches and officials, coaches should not convey the impression to the crowd in the stands that they believe an official is unfair or incompetent. Most of the serious mix-ups between rival student bodies have been brought about by the attitude of the coach. The home team is the host and should always be willing to make some concessions in favor of the visiting team.

Finally, school men should be loyal to the school and to the C. I. F., which is their athletic organization. Unfavorable criticism given to newspaper men which in turn is given to the general public can only help to break down the splendid organization that has been built up during the past fourteen years.

C. Mr. Green then addressed the meeting on the subject "Some Difficulties met by the C. I. F."

He said in part that the difficulties started at the very beginning.

1. The Indifference, Ignorance and Jealousy of the Principals, Coaches, and Student Body in reference to the C. I. F. rules until their own school was affected leads to confusion.

2. The change in personnel of Principals, Coaches and Representatives to the Council, leads to confusion. Mr. Oliver is the only Representative now on the board who was at the first meeting on October 11, 1913.

Mr. Oliver of the City League.

Mr. Moberly of Compton, of the Los Angeles County League.

Mr. Hall of Santa Ana of the Orange County League.

Mr. Beeman of San Bernardino of the Citrus League.

3. The growth of schools made re-leaguering more difficult.

In 1913—Five League—30 schools.

In 1927—Twenty Leagues—130 schools.

4. The first difficulty was to get the schools to accept the C. I. F.

The first clash was over professionalism.

The second clash was over time and place for semi-finals.

Then the tramp athlete who came for one sport, football or baseball.

The Council used to spend hours and hours over the question, "Shall John Jones be reinstated?" Some meetings as many as twenty boys would be reinstated.

Next we had the "flu" Semester question. Then the changing

of schools without change of homes.

Now it is the "Four Point" record.

5. The troubles of the Secretary were then taken up. The Secretary being a teacher, Vice-Principal, or Principal, he has never had time to properly keep the minutes or files. A fund of valuable information has been lost because the past secretaries did not have proper time to keep the records. For example: I find that the last Rugby football championship game was in 1913-14 between Pomona and Manual Arts. State championship between Pomona and Palo Alto. The names of the Manual Arts players are in the Secretary's book, but no list from Pomona. I feel the list should be there.

At the present time the Secretary has the following duties to perform:

- a. Write and send out minutes.
- b. Have printed and send out Book of Rules, "Four Point Lists," Pink Sheets for A and B Lists.

We sent out in September 130 pounds of mail.

- c. Receive and file "Four Point Lists" from all schools who expect to have "B," "C," or "D" teams in semi-finals.
- d. Receive and file duplicate "Pink Sheets" for all teams of any class which enters semi-finals.
- e. Check Four Point Record of all "class" teams in semi-finals.
- f. Answer many, MANY letters on all kinds of questions.
- g. Answer telephone calls at all times of day or night.

In conclusion, the work of the managers and the work of the secretary has grown to such an extent that a man should be employed to give half or full time to this work. He should be a man who can understand the Executives' point of view, the Coaches' point of view, the Teachers' point of view, the Students' point of view. He should be able to meet Boards of Trustees and Chambers of Commerce. He should influence the press, the athletic clubs, and the universities, in reference to the exploiting of the High School undergraduate.

It was moved by Mr. Clifton, and seconded by Mr. O'Mara, that we request that this C. I. F. Section be a part of the C. T. A. program each year. Carried.

President Ely then turned the meeting into a regular business meeting.

ROLL CALL

- Bay League—C. H. Woodruff—Woodrow Wilson
- City League—Ralph C. Noble—L. A. High
- City Minor League—
- Citrus League—F. L. McEuen—Riverside
- Coast League—James P. O'Mara—Pasadena
- Desert League—S. C. Conrad—Victorville
- Imperial League—C. B. Collins—Holtville
- Inyo League—
- Orange League—M. G. Jones—Huntington Beach
- Private Schools—
- Riverside League—H. W. Moore—Banning
- Marine League—G. H. Freeman—Gardena
- San Fernando League—G. W. Monroe—Owensmouth
- San Luis Obispo—R. J. Armstrong—Arroy Grande
- Santa Barbara—J. A. Westcott—Santa Ynez
- San Gabriel—F. S. Hayden—Citrus
- Southern—J. E. Porter—Fallbrook
- Tri-County—
- Ventura—J. B. Ely—Fillmore
- State Representative—H. J. Moore—Long Beach
- State Representative—E. W. Oliver—Los Angeles High
- Secretary—George M. Green—Inglewood
- Football Manager—H. J. Moore—Long Beach
- Basketball Manager—R. E. Squire—Huntington Park
- Baseball Manager—A. H. Badenoch—Inglewood
- Swimming Manager—Fred M. Johnson—Garfield
- Track Manager—J. C. Reinhard—Central

Honorary Member—Seth F. Van Patten—Van Nuys
About 100 Principals and Coaches.

The minutes of October 29, 1927, were corrected as follows:

Part 7. Mr. Ely was nominated part of the Committee and not ex-officio.

Part 8. Should read "Except track and swimming. Class "C" will be a part of the swimming meet."

Mr. Moore then was called upon to report for the Committee on Reorganization. He said in part that the Committee had no final report to offer but that there were several matters that had been discussed and the Committee had agreed to present these matters for discussion:

FIRST. The Committee thought that some means should be provided to have the work of the Secretary and Managers taken over by a paid Secretary.

SECOND. That three plans had been suggested:

- a. Full time Secretary-Manager to be paid by the Southern Section.
- b. Join with the State Supervisor of Physical Education and pay part of his salary.
- c. Join with the California Teachers' Association and pay part of salary.

THIRD. In order to carry out any plan funds must be provided and a full time Secretary under our control would cost about \$7,500 or \$8,000 for supplies, clerk, and office.

FOURTH. It was suggested that each High School pay \$5.00 dues and 3 cents per pupil in average daily attendance the year before.

FIFTH. It was further suggested that we do away with the present Leagues and divide Southern California into Five Districts, each District to divide into major and minor groups, or into Leagues, or into a "big ten" idea. The Districts were suggested as follows:

- DISTRICT NO. ONE— —20 SCHOOLS
Los Angeles City
- DISTRICT NO. TWO— —21 SCHOOLS
Santa Barbara County
San Luis Obispo County
Ventura County
Lancaster
- DISTRICT NO. THREE— —31 SCHOOLS
San Gabriel
Tri-County
Inyo County
Riverside County
Citrus League
Desert League
- DISTRICT NO. FOUR— —25 SCHOOLS
Bay League
Coast League
Orange League
- DISTRICT NO. FIVE— —15 SCHOOLS
Imperial League
Southern League.

I. It was moved by O'Mara, and seconded by Woodruff, that the matter of finance and the permanent secretary be referred to the Leagues and be reported back to the C. I. F. not later than April 1, 1928. Carried.

II. It was moved by Collins, and seconded by Hayden, that the present committee be continued to work along the lines presented for the reorganization of the C. I. F., and of the C. I. F. Constitution, definite plans to be presented at a meeting in April. Carried.

III. It was moved by Monroe, and seconded by Collins, that each Representative explain to the schools in his league that the Secretary is to be relieved of details—said details to be taken up with the Representative, and the Representative deal with the Secretary. Carried.

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IV. Secretary then reported that he had letters from Sherman Institute, wishing to be placed in a League; from Downey, requesting to be placed in the Orange League; from a committee consisting of Mr. Milliken and Mr. Clifton, requesting that Covina be placed in some other League.

a. It was moved by Woodruff, and seconded by Green, that we request Sherman Institute to make application at the regular May meeting. Carried.

b. It was moved by Oliver, and seconded by Collins, that inasmuch as both Leagues were willing, Downey be transferred to the Orange League. Carried.

c. It was moved by Moore, and seconded by Van Patten that Covina be made a free lance school with permission to enter the Southern California Track in 1928, by qualifying 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, in the Southern Counties or Chaffey invitational meet. A division was called for and the vote was: 14 yes; 2 no. Carried.

V. It was moved by Green, and seconded by Moore, that Rule 24, Page 6, of the insert, be changed to apply only to first place League men and all others who qualify in the Preliminary Meet. Carried.

VI. It was moved by Reinhard, and seconded by O'Mara that we pay only 1-2-3 place men who go to State Meet, and also any 4th place man who places in the State Meet. Carried.

VII. It was moved by Moore, and seconded by Raitt, that hereafter we charge an entry fee of 50 cents per man in the Class A and C Preliminary Track. Carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

GEORGE M. GREEN,
Secretary