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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the C. I. F., Southern Section met in the C. I. F. Office at 11:30 A. M. Saturday, November 8, 1947. Members present were Mr. Kinter Hamilton, President, Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Mr. Ernest Fischer, Mr. Normal C. Hayhurst, Mr. Ewing Konold, and Mr. Seth F. Van Patten. Mr. George Phelps of El Monte High School was also present.

PLAY-OFF TEAMS CHOSEN

Mr. Van Patten reported that Santa Barbara has not qualified for the Major Group Play-off in football. He recommended that the winner in the Ventura League be selected as the opponent of the Foothill League. There being no objection to the recommendation the Chairman ruled that the recommendation was approved. Mr. Van Patten stated that a morning paper had reported Santa Paula had already won the championship of the Ventura League.

1948-1949 LEAGUE PROSPECTS

Mr. Van Patten reported that somewhat over fifty of the questionnaires regarding possible league changes for 1948-1949 had been received. It was pointed out that the Coast League very earnestly wished one or two additional schools in the league.

The Metropolitan League now has nine schools and should be reduced in number.

The Bay League now has eight schools and should be cut down.

Some schools in the Sunset League desire to have the league reduced to six member schools.

Bell Gardens High School in the Montebello school district wants to be assigned to some league for the next year.

With all the above changes being talked about it looks as if some changes must be made for next year.

Moved by Mr. Bergstrom and seconded by Mr. Konold that a special committee of three be appointed to study the situation more fully and report definite plans to the Executive Committee before the Council meeting of December 13. Carried.

Mr. Hamilton appointed Mr. Bergstrom, Mr. Konold and himself to continue the study. Mr. Van Patten is to work with the committee members as needed. It is planned to have several

meetings prior to December 13 in order to get as complete a picture as possible of the needs.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE RULING

Mr. C. Burrell of the Arroyo Grande High School addressed the question to the C. I. F., Southern Section Office: "If a school holds football practice, using nothing but the ball and shoes as equipment, prior to the opening of the first school in the league are they violating 7 and 8 of XVI page 28?"

Mr. Van Patten stated that he had replied as follows: "It is my personal opinion that football practice in gym suits and football shoes, directed by a coach, prior to the start of regular practice in August or September, would be a violation of the spirit of rules 7 and 8 page 28 of our 1947 Blue Book."

The chairman ruled that Mr. Van Patten's opinion be declared the official ruling.

BAY LEAGUE MARKSMANSHIP CONTESTS

A letter from Mr. V. M. Edney, Vice-Principal of Redondo High School, stated that four schools in the Bay League wished to inaugurate target practice as an interscholastic sport. Mr. Hamilton ruled that no control by the C. I. F., Southern Section was needed unless the activity were to become inter-league. He pointed out that in case of another shooting war target practice might be a valuable aid.

CASE OF ERVIN CHINN

Ervin Chinn entered the Colton High School in September 1945 as a 10th grade pupil. He lived with relatives in the Colton district. His mother was out of the State of California on an extended business engagement. In September 1947 Ervin registered in the San Bernardino High School. His mother is planning to return to California and establish a home in San Bernardino. When will Ervin be eligible to compete in athletics?

Ruling: If and when the boy's mother sets up a bona fide residence in the San Bernardino district the boy will be eligible. The mother must maintain a separate home. Moving in with the relatives where the boy has been living will not constitute a legal home for the mother and son.

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FALLBROOK'S BASEBALL CASE

Mr. Van Patten presented a sworn statement from the baseball coach at the Fallbrook High School regarding his part in the case of Ted Chamness. The coaches sworn statement would seem to indicate that the Padre Baseball Club of San Diego were informed that Chamness had another year when he was signed to a baseball contract.

Mr. Van Patten was directed to take the matter to Mr. Clarence Rowland, President of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, and demand that the Padre Baseball Club clear themselves or be punished in accordance with the agreement between the schools and professional baseball.

BELL GARDENS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The Bell Gardens High School, now a free lance member of the C.I.F., Southern Section, presented a basketball schedule and asked to be told how many games they must win to get into the play-off. There being no definite recommendation, the matter was left to the Commissioner of Athletics with power to act.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 1947

The Executive Committee met at the Jonathan Club on Monday, November 17 at 1:45 P. M. They had been guests at a Sports Writers Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Those present were Mr. Kinter Hamilton, Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Mr. Normal C. Hayhurst, Mr. Ewing Konold, Brother Edwin, and Mr. Van Patten.

SIX MAN FOOTBALL

Mr. Van Patten reported that the Flintridge School for Boys in Pasadena and the Trona High

School were negotiating in regard to a match game between the teams of the two schools. These two schools were both league champions in the six man game.

Mr. Van Patten was directed to give any assistance he could in arranging the game. If the game is scheduled and played Mr. Van Patten was directed to secure a suitable trophy for the winner.

MINOR GROUP FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF

Mr. Van Patten reported that five championship teams had expressed a desire to enter the Minor Group Play-off in football. These schools were: Bonita, Barstow, Fallbrook, Laguna Beach, and San Luis Obispo. He reported that Fallbrook and Laguna Beach had already been matched for a game on November 22. As Bonita and San Luis Obispo had each finished their schedule he was directed to match them for this week. From there on Mr. Van Patten was directed to use his own judgment in completing the Minor Group schedule of games.

WRESTLING COACHES MEET

The wrestling coaches of the C. I. F., Southern Section met at the Whittier High School on Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 A. M. Those present were: Mr. Mike Burley, Redondo; Mr. R. K. Burley, Inglewood; Mr. Harvey Harris, Sherman Institute; Mr. Rodriguez, San Diego State College; Mr. W. P. Quinlan, Loyola High; Mr. Ivan O. Olsen, San Diego Vocational School; Mr. G. E. Spencer, El Centro; Mr. Ken H. Maynard, Calexico; Mr. Lee Bogle, Hoover, San Diego; Mr. Frank Crosly, San Diego; Mr. Morris Padea, Whittier; and Mr. Seth Van Patten, C. I. F. Office.

Mr. Morris Padea of Whittier presided at the meeting and Mr. Van Patten took notes.

(1) Moved by Mr. Crosby and seconded by Mr. Spencer that two boys from each of the four divisional meets in each weight be allowed to enter the finals. Carried unanimously.

(2) It was moved by Mr. Bogle and seconded by Mr. Maynard that in the preliminaries the boys be put out by direct elimination when feasible. Carried unanimously.

(3) Moved by Mr. Olson and seconded by Mr. Quinlan that the third place winner in the preliminaries be allowed to go to the finals as an alternate. Carried unanimously.

(4) It was agreed to recommend the four following schools as places to hold the divisional meets: Hoover (S.D.), El Centro, Whittier, and Inglewood. The finals are to be held in the San Diego district.

(5) Dates of preliminary and final meets. Due to the Desert Cavalcade held each year in the Imperial Valley it will not be possible for the

Imperial Valley schools to be ready for the preliminary meet earlier than March 20. The Bay League schools have set the wrestling finals as early as March 20.

It was left to Mr. Van Patten to determine the best date for the wrestling meets.

(6) To shorten the time of the meets it was voted to use three or more mats, and to have at least four qualified officials.

(7) It was agreed to try and organize one or more clinics for officials.

SPECIAL TRACK COMMITTEE MEETS

The special track committee appointed at Oxnard on May 17, 1947 met November 24 at the Los Angeles Board of Education Cafe at 451 North Hill Street. The meeting took place at 6:00 P. M. The meeting was preceded by a good dinner served at 5:00 P. M.

Those present were: Mr. Dick Arnett; Mr. Arthur Badenoch; Mr. B. L. Bergstrom; Mr. Victor Francey; Mr. Fred Greenough; Mr. Kinter Hamilton; Mr. Normal C. Hayhurst; Mr. Raleigh Holt; Mr. Ernest Hartman; and Mr. Seth F. Van Patten.

Mr. Hamilton acted as chairman of the meeting and Mr. Van Patten took notes on the proceedings. All actions were informal and all were by unanimous consent. Every proposition acted upon was carefully considered, and discussed at length.

(1) It was first decided to place the qualification of boys for the final track meet on a strictly competitive basis. For a good many years those chosen for places in track events have been picked on the times made in the Divisional Meets.

(2) It was decided to spread the track preliminaries and finals over three weeks instead of two weeks.

(3) On the first or preliminary day it was decided to have four preliminary meets and select eight boys at each meet (32 in all) to participate in the semi-finals to be held one week later.

(4) Two semi-final meets are to be held with 16 boys in each event in each meet. From each semi-final meet four (4) boys are to be selected for the final meet.

(5) In case of a tie in the preliminary or semi-final meets it must be run off if it involves an extra boy.

(6) In field events it was decided to have the boys compete in pairs. Each pair of boys will take two trials and then wait until all boys have had their two trials and then repeat. This would give each boy four (4) trials.

(7) For the four fields for the preliminary meets a list of standard requirements is to be established. These fields are to be carefully inspected and differences eliminated just as far

as possible. Four general regions are to be considered. These are: San Diego, Ventura, Riverside and near Los Angeles.

(8) Trophies. It was agreed to give every boy who qualifies in one of the four preliminary meets a small bronze medal.

To those who qualify in the semi-finals a small silver medal is to be given.

(9) It was decided to make a film showing starting procedure.

(10) It was decided to give to the relay winners in the final meet a small plaque to be kept by the school.

(11) It was decided to abolish the Class C 50 yard run and put in its place a 180 yard run.

(12) Mr. Hamilton agreed to run several starting clinics if they were organized.

These twelve items are to be recommended to the Council for adoption at its meeting on December 13.

STATE COUNCIL MEETS

The State Council of the C. I. F. will hold its first meeting of this school year in Room 418 of the Students Union Building at the University of Southern California Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 A. M. The Council will end its meeting in time to take in the Notre Dame-U.S.C. football game in the Coliseum that afternoon.

C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION WILL HOLD DECEMBER MEETING

The Council of the C. I. F., Southern Section will hold its December meeting in Room 418 of the Students Union Building at the University of Southern California December 13 at 9:00 A. M.

Divisional track meet plans and relegating for 1948-1949 will be the chief items of business.

The meeting will have to close by 11:30 A. M. in order that the council members may get to the first football game by 12:00. The meeting must start promptly at 9:00 A. M.

A CREED FOR ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

Believing that mine is an important part in the nationwide school athletic program, I pledge myself to act in accordance with these principles.

1. To know fully the rules and accepted officiating procedures for each sport in which I serve as arbiter.
2. To build my game schedule through my accepted worth, potential possibilities and inherent character rather than through transitory acquaintance or

trading of favors or attempted pressures.

3. To honor every contract, even though this may occasionally result in financial loss of opportunity to work for a larger school or one involving less travel.
4. To keep myself physically and mentally fit.
5. To be systematic, prompt, and business-like in all my dealings with those I serve.
6. To wear the accepted Official's attire and to maintain a neat and creditable appearance.
7. To act in such a way as to be a worthy example to those under my supervision.
8. To remember that my responsibility also extends to my fellow officials and that I must work as one member of the team.
9. To make my decisions promptly but without snap judgment, firmly but without arrogance, fairly but without officiousness; and to base them on the rules regardless of the type of school, the closeness of the score of the opinions of partisan spectators.
10. To keep in mind that my first charge is the safety and general welfare of those under my supervision.

—From National Federation Press Service.

REPORT ON 1947 HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM AS OUTLINED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

RELATED FACTS: For the purpose of stimulating interest in baseball and creating better appreciation of the machinery which keeps the sport a great game, several conferences between official representatives of the National High School Federation and of the Professional Baseball groups were held and a Joint Baseball Committee made up of representatives of the two groups was formed.

As a result, a high school program was put into operation in 1945, expanded in 1946 and further expanded in 1947. Prior to the inauguration of this program, baseball had almost ceased to exist as a major sport in the high school program. In contrast, the sport is now in a healthy condition and has become one of the three major high school athletic activities despite the fact that there are seasonal limitations which make administration of this sport more difficult than for some of the other sports which are in season during the school year. The nationwide program has centered around five types of ac-

tivity which are briefly outlined in this report.

1. ABOUT CONTRACT AND TRY-OUT ACTIVITIES: The solicitation and contract agreement has been operating in a quite satisfactory manner. There has been excellent co-operation between the high school group and the Commissioner's office. This agreement has reduced adverse activity to a minimum and has had a good effect on baseball agents and also on men who are connected with the schools. There have been many cases in which prompt action by the club owners, or the Commissioner or the school organization has prevented questionable activity in time to avoid any loss of eligibility by a high school athlete or any penalty for the club or agent. Of course, there have also been a number of cases when it was not possible to prevent violation of the contract agreement and it has been necessary for the Commissioner to assess a penalty. Enforcement seems to have been fearless, equitable and in accordance with the regulations as adopted. There is need for further clarification of some of the provisions of the agreement and there is also need for further nationwide agreement among the member high school state associations as to activities in which a high school boy may participate without endangering his eligibility. A great deal of work has been done along this line and some progress is being made. It is hoped that there will ultimately be a nationwide policy which can be accepted by all of the states.

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5. SUMMER BASEBALL PROGRAM: Attempts to extend the high school baseball season through the summer months has met with some success. There are many obstacles in this type of activity but several States have made remarkable progress. Iowa now has a state championship series for the spring months, another for the summer and another for the fall season. Minnesota inaugurated a summer series and several hundred schools held their baseball teams together and engaged in this activity in a series of contests which led up to a state high school championship in August. In Illinois, nearly all of the larger cities in the southern part of the state authorized the extension of their high school sports program through the summer months. Members of the high school athletic staff were kept on during these months to supervise baseball and similar activities. In many cases, the schools cooperated with other community groups in providing wide participation. In the states of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, a summer baseball series, which was started in 1946, was continued in 1947. Plans for its continuation in 1948 have already been made.