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MINUTES OF CIF SS COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 1956

The meeting of the CIF SS Council was held in the patio of Helms Hall on Saturday, February 4, 1956. The meeting was called to order by President, Frank O. Hopkins, Principal of Brea-Olinda HS. Representatives from all leagues were in attendance with exception of Coast, Desert-Inyo, Imperial Valley, Metropolitan, and Riverside County Leagues.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 10, 1955, be approved as published in the January, 1956 Monthly Bulletin.
2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in the C.I.F. Office at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, February 4, 1956, be approved as read.
3. It was moved by Mr. Walden, Bay League representative, and seconded by Mr. McIntosh, Citrus Belt League representative, that the action of the Council in placing Santa Monica High School in the Bay League for all sports be rescinded. There was a great deal of discussion on this item with Mr. Walden presenting the case of the Bay League, and Dr. Ewing Konold speaking on behalf of Santa Monica HS. Mr. Kenneth Peters, Principal of Beverly Hills HS, and a member of the releguing committee from the Bay area, gave an explanation as to why he recommended the placing of Santa Monica HS in the Bay League for all sports. Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Bergstrom spoke briefly on the issue in relation to past experiences of the SS Council. A roll call vote was called for and the motion lost by count of 23 to 1. As a result Santa Monica HS remains in the Bay League for all sports for the 1956-57 school year, and it is hoped that league schedules can be adjusted so that each school can meet every other school on a round robin basis.
4. Mr. Art North, Chairman of the Committee on "Recruitment of Officials" presented the recommendations of his committee. All representatives were urged to take mimeographed copies of the committee's report back to their respective leagues for review and consideration. The recommendations will then be presented at the May meeting of the Council for adoption, or rejection.
5. At the December, 1954 Council meeting a motion was passed to permit the Tri-County League to conduct an All-Star football game at the conclusion of the 1955 season on an experimental basis. Mr. Gordon Duncan, Tri-County League representative gave a report on the outcome of this game and indicated that everything went off satisfactorily and that all schools were very pleased with the outcome.
6. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the SS would be opposed to the establishment of a State Wrestling Tournament. The opinion expressed by the majority of the representatives was that they were not in favor of extending playoffs on a State level.
7. It was moved, seconded, and carried that SS did not favor the establishment of a State Golf Tournament.
8. Mr. Robert Farrar, Sunset League Representative, presented a progress report of the committee appointed to study the problem of televising of high school football games. This report was mimeographed and copies were made available for all representatives so that it could be taken back to the league for review and consideration. Chairman, Robert Farrar, stated that the committee basically favored the televising of high school athletic contests, but that this report dealt specifically with football. He hoped that all schools and leagues would endeavor to divest themselves of any prejudice against the televising of high school football games that may have arisen from the experiences of last year, and trusted that all members of the CIF SS would study the problem with the idea of working out a mutually satisfactory solution.
9. An announcement was made to the effect that the Los Angeles city schools were to begin classes on Monday, September 17, 1956. The majority of SS schools are scheduled to begin classes on Monday, September 10, 1956. It was hoped that as many schools as possible would consider carefully the opening day of school in the light of scheduling of football games.
10. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Fagans,
Secretary

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 4, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, B. L. Bergstrom, at the C.I.F. Office, Saturday, February 4, 1956. Members present were Messrs. B. L. Bergstrom of El Monte, Oliver Corbin of Covina HS, Frank O. Hopkins of Brea-Olinda HS, B. F. Jamison of Centennial HS, Floyd A. Johnson of San Diego Hoover HS, Winston Nelson of Pomona HS, Douglas White of Santa Barbara HS, and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the C.I.F. Council that Camarillo HS of the Oxnard School District; the Don Bosco Technical HS of South San Gabriel; and West Covina HS be accepted as regular members of the C. I. F., Southern Section.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend to the Council that all playoff football games be played on Friday night of the week scheduled, unless it is mutually agreed by both competing schools to play at some other time.

3. It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend to the Council that Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Chairman of the Executive Committee, be sent to the Annual meeting of the National Federation, to be held at Jackson Lake Lodge, Wyoming, June 24 through June 28.

4. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council that they approve the 1956 Basketball Playoff Financial Regulations as presented by Mr. Fagans. The regulations are the same as those used in the 1955 playoffs. A mimeographed bulletin outlining the playoff regulations will be sent to

all schools involved in the 1956 playoffs, which get under way February 28.

5. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council that they approve the same relative calendar dates for the playoffs for the 1956-57 school year as the council approved for the 1955-56 school year. This playoff calendar will be published in the March 1956 Bulletin.

6. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the request of the Southern California Football Officials' Association for the high schools to drop the Federation football rules and adopt the Collegiate rules be denied. It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the National Federation football rules have been developed over the years to give maximum protection to the players, and that our high schools have representation on the National Federation Football Rules Committee, and are free to make recommendations and sit in on discussions of rule changes that will prove beneficial to our high schools, and consequently this code of rules better meets the needs of our high schools.

7. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the releguing committee be scheduled for Monday, April 9, 1956. All members of the releguing committee should be prepared at this time to give a progress report on conditions in their respective areas relative to releguing for the 1957-58 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Fagans,
Secretary

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following is a supplemental list of approved sanctioned events since publishing of the January Bulletin:

BASEBALL:

Mar. 26, 27, 28 7th Annual Baseball Tournament @ Puente

SWIMMING:

April 21, 1956 AAU Indoor Swim Championships @ Mission Bay HS

TENNIS:

April 26, 27, 28 Ojai Tennis Tournament

TRACK:

Mar. 17 Santa Maria Invitational Relays
Mar. 17 Lompoc Relays
Mar. 29 Glendale Relays
Mar. 31 Mustang Relays @ San Dieguito HS
May 15 AAU Track & Field @ Mission Bay HS

GOLF:

May 10 So. Calif. Catholic HS Invitational Golf Tournament @ Montebello Golf Course

GYMNASTICS GAINING IN POPULARITY

In keeping with the tremendous growth of interest in the Southern Section Gymnastic program, it was decided to add two qualifying meets to the 1956 Championships. In former years we have held only one championship meet to which all boys were entitled to enter. This year two preliminary meets are scheduled from which the top five boys in each event will qualify for the championship meet.

The preliminaries will take place on Friday, April 20, 1956, with one being scheduled for the northern schools at Santa Paula HS, while the other preliminary will be held in the south at Bellflower HS. The championship meet has been awarded to Pasadena HS, and will be held in their new gymnasium on Saturday, April 28th, 1956.

Entry blanks for this event will be sent to all schools and we will accept the entry of one boy, or a full team of three entries in each event. If your school has a boy desirous of taking part in this fine competition, be sure to complete the entry blank and return it to the Southern Section Office.

REMINDER OF THE 1956 STARTING DATE FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Attention is invited to the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 24, 1955, as published in the December 1955 Monthly Bulletin, pertaining to the authorized date that schools may begin football practice in 1956. This date was set as September 3, 1956. The 1957 starting date was not set because there has been the feeling on the part of a number of member schools that the opening date of practice should coincide with the opening day of classes. It is hoped that leagues sharing this view will bring the matter before the Council so that it can be placed upon the Agenda of a future meeting for discussion and disposition.

In connection with the start of football practice you are reminded that if a school in a league begins classroom instruction before September 3, 1956, that school, as well as every school in that same league may start football practice on the day classes begin.

With September 3, set as the opening day of practice for 1956, most of our schools will not be able to schedule their first practice contest earlier than September 20, because of the rule which makes it mandatory that the squad must have had at least 14 days of practice before their first game. Football carnivals and games must not be scheduled earlier than September 20, 1956, unless schools begin practice earlier than September 3, 1956.

BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Players and coaches of Southern Section basketball teams are now well into the second round of competition in their league and those schools near the top of the standings are beginning to look ahead to the playoffs which are slated to get underway at the end of the month. The spacious and beautiful Long Beach City College gymnasium has already been secured for March 9th and 10th, for the semi-finals and championship game to decide the Central Group champions. The following five dates have been set for the Central Group playoffs: Feb. 28, March 2, 6, 9, and 10th.

With two entries allowed from each league, the northern and southern group of league playoffs should find many outstanding small school teams entered, and the competition should be spirited with many close contests. It will require only four nights to complete the tournament, with action beginning on Feb. 28, the quarter-finals on March 2, semi-finals on March 6, and the championship games being played on Friday, March 9, 1956.

Free Lance schools interested in entering any of the playoffs, who have not contacted this office relative to this matter, should do so at once, if they expect to be entered into competition.

GUEST EDITORIAL

by: M. F. Sprunger, Illinois HS Assoc.

"NOLO CONTENDERE"

To save some readers a trip to the dictionary, the heading above is a legal phrase whose loose interpretation might be, "I do not choose to fight," "I give up," "The heck with it!" and other possible expressions of abnegation or evasion. Occasional reports from officials and other observers lead us to believe that within some member schools, principals and athletic directors have entered pleas of **nolo contendere** against a rising tide of poor sportsmanship and bad manners. Booing, temper displays, near riots are excused by statements to the effect that conditions are no worse than in other places and in previous years. As a result, nothing is done to improve a situation that continues to deteriorate. Abuse is heaped on officials, visiting teams and fans, and some of the very purposes for which athletics were instituted are thwarted and defeated. Coaches often urge their players to fight for the glory and honor of the school but will themselves not raise a finger to fight in defense of virtues athletics are supposed to teach.

Perhaps this story is overdrawn but it illustrates the point. The story deals with a principal who was asked what he did about booing and bad manners at basketball games. His answer: "It bothers me so much that I often leave the gym and retire to my office where I can't hear it." Yet many school athletic authorities are guilty of the same "head-in-the-sand" attitude; the same feeling of "don't look now; maybe it will go away."

Poor sportsmanship at athletic contests does not cure itself. It takes **doing**. Student assemblies, enlistment of community support, supervision, employment of capable officials, are all a part of a long-term program of education. Without these efforts, and others, high school athletics will bring out the worst, instead of the best, from those who play and watch the games.

WHAT WE SEE, DEPENDS ON WHAT WE LOOK FOR

SOUTHERN SECTION MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO 1956 OLYMPIC TEAM FUND

In keeping with the policy established in 1952, the Council for the C.I.F., Southern Section, at their meeting on December 10th, unanimously passed a motion to contribute the sum of \$100 to the 1956 Olympic Team Fund. A check in this amount was recently turned over to Mr. Wm. Schroeder, Chairman of the Olympic Fund Drive, and we received from him the following letter of appreciation:

"On behalf of the Southern California Chapter of the United States Olympians, please accept our heartiest thanks for the donation which the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, made to the United States Olympic Fund.

"Your donation will be properly credited to your organization when it comes time for us to file our report with the United States Olympic Association.

"We will appreciate it if you will kindly express to all of the members of your C.I.F. Council our gratefulness for their support of the Olympic Fund."

We feel that this is a very worthwhile cause, and we are certain that many of our former Southern Section athletes will be represented on the 1956 Olympic Team.

DATES AND SITES ANNOUNCED FOR 1956 SOUTHERN SECTION TRACK PROGRAM

This year's State Championship Track and Field Meet will be held in Chico, California, on Saturday, June 2, which is one week later than has been the case in previous years. Because of this fact the Southern Section can still have the same starting date for our preliminary meets and not have to crowd the three qualifying meets into a period of 8 days, which has been necessary in the past. This year the preliminary meets will be held on May 12, and the qualifiers can then rest until May 19, when the semi-finals will be held. Another week will ensue before the Southern Section Championship Meet, which is scheduled for Inglewood HS, on Saturday, May 26, 1956.

As a result of Council action at the December meeting, the Commissioner of Athletics was directed to make arrangements to charter a plane to fly those qualifiers who desire to go by air, to the State Meet at Chico. A poll of possible qualifiers will be taken immediately after the semi-final meets scheduled for May 19, so that an estimate can be obtained as to the number of persons wishing to avail themselves of this type of transportation.

The following sites and dates are listed for the 1956 championship track meets.

Saturday, May 12, Preliminary Meets—
San Diego State College
Riverside Poly HS
L. B. Poly HS
Santa Monica HS

Saturday, May 19, Semi-Final Meets—
Compton HS
Chaffey HS

Saturday, May 26, SS Championship Meet—
Inglewood HS

Saturday, June 2, State Meet, Chico HS

FOOTBALL GAMES WANTED

With the opening of the new Rancho High School in Las Vegas, there are now two schools in that city who are looking for opponents in football for the 1956 season. The scheduling for both of these schools is conducted by Mr. Pat Diskin, who can be reached at Administration Bldg., Box 551, Las Vegas.

Both of these schools have open dates which have been published in the February Newsrelease, and they would like very much to hear from Southern Section schools who are interested in making a trip to Las Vegas during the next football season. Teams are well treated at Las Vegas, they play under ideal conditions, and an educational feature is a trip to Hoover Dam.