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MINUTES OF CIF, SOUTHERN SECTION, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING — January 24, 1969

The January meeting of the CIF, Southern Section, Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Steve Miletich at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 1969, at the CIF, SS, office.

The following members were in attendance: Chairman Miletich, vice-principal, Beverly Hills HS; Richard Spaulding, principal, Buena Park HS; Keith Lee, principal, Yucca Valley HS; Keith Gunn, principal, Victor Valley HS; Rev. John J. Reilly, principal, Mater Dei HS; Lou Joseph, principal, Desert HS; Claud Hardesty, principal, Santa Barbara HS; James Faul, principal Workman HS; Alex Alexander, principal, Indio HS; Art Hobson, assistant superintendent, Whittier UHSD; Rev. Thomas Kiefer, principal, Bishop Amat HS and Commissioner of Athletics, Ken Fagans.

1. APPROVE MINUTES—It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 22, 1968, as published in the December 1968, Monthly Bulletin.

2. ELIGIBILITY CASES — Mr. Tom Harmon appeared before the committee on behalf of his son, Mark, a student at Harvard School. Mr. Harmon was appealing to the committee to waive the eight-semester rule (Article IX, Section 2) in order to grant Mark an additional year's eligibility at Harvard School. Mark began his high school career at Notre Dame HS, but was moved to Harvard School in his sophomore year because of academic problems. Following his junior year at Harvard, it was suggested to Mark and his family that, in the boy's best interest, it would be wise for him to repeat several subjects, and he was again classified as a junior for the 1968-69 school year. Mr. Harmon requested a waiver of the eight-semester rule in order that his son might be eligible for athletics at the Harvard School during the 1969-70 school year. After a review of all of the facts in the case, it was moved, seconded and carried to deny the request of Harvard School for a waiver of the eight-semester rule in the case of Mark Harmon.

In accordance with Article X, Section 5 of the By-laws, the previous semester rule was waived to grant im-

mediate eligibility to Tony Brandt at Mission Viejo High School.

In accordance with Article XI and its applicable sections in the current Blue Book, the residence rule was waived to grant immediate eligibility to Walter Reynolds of Magnolia High School, and Al Beam of Los Alamitos High School.

After reviewing the facts in each case it was moved, seconded and carried to deny a waiver of the residence rule in the cases of Brock Spear, of South Torrance High School, Steve Wright of Morningside High School, Darrell Harmon of Magnolia High School and Bernard Culverson of Pacific High School.

The committee, by unanimous vote, upheld the recommendation of the Anaheim District Eligibility Committee to grant eligibility for Gymnastics only, to Bill Issler at Anaheim High School. The boy will become eligible for sports other than gymnastics one year from the date of enrollment at Anaheim High School.

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP—It was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the Council that the following schools be admitted to Associate membership in the CIF, Southern Section, effective immediately: La Cumbre Junior High School of Santa Barbara and Lobeer Junior High School of Pomona.

4. SCHEDULES EVALUATED—The football schedule of Cajon High School of San Bernardino was evaluated for possible entry into the 1969 football play-offs. For Cajon High School to qualify for the 1969 football play-offs, it may not lose more than one of the last seven games on its schedule.

The basketball schedule of Chaminade High School was evaluated for possible entry into the 1969 basketball play-offs. It was decided that in order to qualify for the play-offs, Chaminade High School must win eight of ten designated games on its schedule.

5. INDOOR TRACK MEETS—It was moved, seconded and carried to approve entry of CIF, Southern Section, athletes into high school events in the Los Angeles Times Indoor Games on Saturday, February 8th, and the

Los Angeles Herald-Examiner-Federation Indoor Meet on Saturday, February 15, 1969.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER APPROVAL — Maricopa High School requested a waiver of the residence rule in order to permit a number of students who were transferred by Board action from Bakersfield to Maricopa High School, to be eligible for athletics. In accordance with Article XI, Section 7, it was moved, seconded and carried to grant the students in question immediate eligibility.

7. FOOTHILL AREA COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIALS—The Commissioner informed the committee that the Southern Section office was now assigning game officials for over 180 schools. He pointed out that in order to properly handle the tremendous volume of work involved it would be necessary to either augment the Southern Section staff or employ a person in the Foothill area to serve as a Commissioner of Officials.

Because the Foothill area has its own officials' association, and because there is considerable distance between the Foothill area and the Southern Section office, the Commissioner recommended that a Commissioner of Officials be employed in the Foothill area. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize the employment of a Commissioner of Officials for the Foothill area. The Commissioner was directed to form a committee composed of the League Representatives from the Foothill area for the purpose of screening applicants for the position.

8. CROSS COUNTRY PLAY-OFF GROUPINGS—The committee considered the request of several cross country coaches to change the format of our cross country play-offs by increasing the number of groupings from 3 to 4. A survey of the number of leagues involved in the play-offs indicated that all of the participating schools could be adequately handled with three play-off divisions. Because it has been the policy of the CIF, SS, not to increase play-off divisions unless the number of schools competing made it necessary, the recommendation of the coaches to increase from 3 to 4 play-off divisions was denied.

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9. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAMES—Neither the official rules book, nor the CIF Blue Book specifically provides for the length of quarters for junior high school and 9th grade basketball games. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried to amend Article XL, Section 3 of our By-Laws to provide that the length of quarters for junior high school and 9th grade teams be established as six (6) minutes.

10. NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETINGS—For the information of all concerned, the Commissioner announced that the National Federation would hold its 1969 meeting in Las Vegas, its 1970 meeting in Seattle, Washington and the 1971 meeting in Denver, Colorado.

11. BASKETBALL REPORT — The Commissioner brought the committee up-to-date on the latest developments connected with our 1969 basketball play-offs. He indicated that through an agreement with KNBC, TV, (Channel 4) the CIF, Southern Section, will permit four league basketball games to be telecast live, and in color, each Saturday at 12:00 noon, beginning on Saturday, February 1st. Present plans call for the telecasting of a first round play-off game on Saturday, March 1st and a quarter-final play-off game on Saturday, March 8th. Final arrangements have not been made relative to the telecasting of our championship "AAAA" game, scheduled for the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Saturday, March 15, 1969.

The Commissioner also reported that in an effort to better inform the

schools involved as to play-off procedures, a booklet containing all policies, procedures and regulations governing the CIF, SS, basketball play-offs, was being prepared for publication and would be distributed to all schools having an opportunity to qualify for the 1969 play-offs.

In connection with our championship basketball games, the CIF, Southern Section is making plans to honor Perry T. Jones for the many contributions he has made over the years to our interscholastic athletic program. This met with the complete approval of the Executive Committee and it was moved, seconded and carried to direct the Commissioner to arrange for the presentation of an appropriate certificate and a Life Pass for presentation to Mr. Jones on March 15, 1969.

12. COMPETITION WITH MEXICAN HIGH SCHOOL—A letter was read from Calexico High School requesting permission to schedule a junior varsity football game during the 1969 season, with a Mexican High School located just across the border from Calexico. The Mexican team was badly beaten last year by the Yuma High School junior varsity team and Calexico felt that there would be little danger for their boys and it would assist them in completing a representative schedule. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried to grant permission to Calexico High School to schedule a junior varsity football game with the Cetys High School team of Mexico.

13. NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL VIOLATION — It was brought to the committee's attention that Newport Harbor High School had violated State CIF and Southern Section rules in the staging of its Sanctioned Basketball Tournament during the recent Christmas vacation period. A letter from the principal of the high school was read, in which the principal admitted the following violations: (1) We did not submit a new application when the withdrawal of four teams, which were in the approved tournament, necessitated the addition of four new teams. (2) We permitted an alumni team, which did not represent a member school, to participate in the tournament, and (3) we did not secure State CIF Sanction which is necessary when Schools from other Sections of the CIF are participating.

The Commissioner reported that he had been in touch with the Athletic Director at Newport Harbor High School in connection with securing an additional team to fill the eight brackets in the tournament. It was suggest-

ed that a junior varsity team be placed in the open berth in the tournament, but instead the manager of the tournament permitted an alumni team to compete, even though he knew this violated State CIF rules.

Because of the far-reaching implications connected with these violations by Newport Harbor High School, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to withhold further sanction of invitational events sponsored by Newport Harbor HS for at least one year, because of these violations which jeopardized the eligibility of all teams that participated in the tournament and created embarrassment for the CIF, Southern Section.

14. CORONA DEL MAR HIGH SCHOOL VIOLATION—The Commissioner submitted information concerning the alleged violation by Corona del Mar High School coaches, of Article XLVI, Section 2, of our By-laws, pertaining to out-of-season practice in swimming.

As a result of protests reaching the Southern Section office, the Commissioner personally visited Corona del Mar High School at 6:00 a.m. on a week day for the purpose of observing activity taking place in the high school pool. He found approximately 20 boys, all students at Corona del Mar High School, participating under the direction of the high school coach, in time trials. No water polo balls were in evidence, water polo goals were not in place, lane lines were in the pool and the coach had a stop watch timing the boys as they competed in various time trials. The Commissioner advised the coach that he was in violation of CIF rules by conducting swimming practice prior to the opening date of February 1st. The coach indicated that this was an AAU team, and not a high school team, although all those in attendance were students at Corona del Mar High School. Regardless of this fact, our By-laws do not permit a high school coach to instruct members of his team in the sport of swimming, even though it is an AAU activity.

Letters were read to the committee from the school principal and the two aquatics coaches involved. A thorough discussion of the case then ensued and it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the type of activity witnessed by the Commissioner was definitely a violation of existing regulations. In discussing a penalty to be imposed, it was the feeling of those in attendance that Corona del Mar by its illegal practice, had gained a definite advantage over other schools in the CIF who were obeying the out-of-season swim practice regulations. It was

therefore, moved, seconded and carried that Corona del Mar HS be ordered to cease and desist this illegal swimming practice immediately and that their high school teams be denied any swimming competition beyond the league level. This would include the CIF Swim Relays—any high school invitational swim meets and the CIF Championship Swim Meet. The Commissioner was directed to inform the

MINUTES OF CIF, SOUTHERN SECTION, COUNCIL MEETING — January 25, 1969

The winter meeting of the CIF, Southern Section, Council was held on Saturday, January 25, 1969, in the choir room at Gahr High School. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Council President Rev. John J. Reilly, principal, Mater Dei High School.

Representatives of all but the Bay, Camino Real, Condor, Crestview, Delphic, Frontier, Hi-Lo, Olympic, Preparatory, Santa Barbara County, Santa Fe, Sierra and Tri-County Leagues were in attendance.

1. APPROVE MINUTES—It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the September 28, 1968, Council Meeting, as published in the October Monthly Bulletin.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the November 22, 1968, Executive Committee meeting, as published in the December Monthly Bulletin.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the January 24, 1969, Executive Committee meeting, as read by the secretary.

2. SAN LUIS ATHLETIC LEAGUE REQUEST—Mr. Roland Ewing, San Luis Obispo Athletic League representative, appeared before the Council on behalf of Arroyo Grande High School to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee which refused Arroyo Grande High School the right to permit its ninth grade students to participate on its athletic teams.

In discussing the case, Mr. Ewing explained that Arroyo Grande HS, while considered a four-year high school, had its 10th, 11th and 12th grade students on one campus and its ninth grade students on another campus, under a separate building principal. Although a number of the ninth grade students attend classes on both campuses, the majority of the students maintained separate academic programs.

Irvine League representative and the Superintendent of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District of this situation and the action taken by the Executive Committee.

Because the principal indicated in his letter of explanation that other CIF schools were guilty of violating the out-of-season swim practice rules, the Executive Committee directed the Commissioner to ask Mr. Mekes to

Mr. Ewing was reminded that the ruling which forbade Arroyo Grande from using its ninth graders on athletic teams was a State ruling, and that the State Federated Council set down two criteria for cases of this type. If (1) students are on two separate campuses, or (2) if students are under two separate administrations, they would not be allowed to participate on the same athletic teams.

After a thorough discussion of the problem, it was moved, seconded and carried to recommend to the State Federated Council that its rule be waived in order to permit the ninth grade students to participate on the senior high school athletic teams.

3. SPORTS REGULATION COMMITTEE—Mr. Steve Miletich reported to the Council on the progress being made by the Sports Regulation Committee in its attempt to rewrite legislation governing out-of-season practice in our approved sports. Mr. Miletich reported that the committee had encountered a great deal of difficulty in attempting to rewrite these rules. He indicated that the committee recently met with a group of coaches representing large, small and private schools and were surprised to find that these coaches preferred to strengthen our out-of-season practice regulations rather than to liberalize them. Mr. Miletich stated that the committee would appreciate any constructive comments from coaches or administrators regarding this proposed legislation.

4. FOOTBALL REPORT — The Commissioner brought to the attention of the Council several items concerning the CIF, SS, football program for the 1969 and 1970 seasons.

The question of when to begin football practice in 1970 was again brought before the Council, after being tabled at the September meeting. Since Labor Day in 1970 falls on Monday, September 7, football practice, according to the By-Laws, would not start until Tuesday, September 8. This would then move the entire season, and the play-offs, back one week.

submit the names of any schools that he was aware of that were in violation of our rules.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Kenneth Fagans,
Commissioner of Athletics

In discussing of the situation, the Foothill, Pacific and Rio Hondo Leagues went on record as being in opposition to the proposal that practice start on Tuesday, September 1, in 1970 only. Reasons given for opposition to the proposal were that it would place a hardship on coaches who would have to report back to school one week early to begin practice, families of football players would have to cut vacations short in order to be back in time for practice to begin, and the first football game would then fall in the first week of school, which would place an additional burden on school employees in preparation for the game. Representatives from many other leagues then spoke in support of the proposal.

It was moved and seconded that for the 1970 season only official football practice would be permitted to begin on Tuesday, September 1, instead of Tuesday, September 8. A roll call vote was called for, and the motion was carried by a 29 to 6 vote.

The Commissioner then presented proposed football play-off groupings for the 1969 season to the Council for consideration. In discussion of the proposed groupings, several leagues voiced discontent at their placement, since the placement was based on average enrollment in all schools in the league rather than the enrollment of the school which would be in the play-offs.

In the ensuing discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the President appoint a committee to study the football play-off groupings in an effort to arrive at a system of grouping which would be more equitable to all schools concerned.

President Reilly appointed the following persons to serve on this committee: Mr. Dick Palmer, vice principal of Fillmore High School, to represent the small schools; Mr. Truck Lindsey, athletic director of Chaffey High School, to represent the Citrus Belt Area; Mr. Larry Rossi, consultant, Long Beach Unified School District, to represent the large schools; Mr.

Russ Bell, principal of Paramount High School, to represent the San Gabriel Valley Area, and Rev. John J. Reilly, principal, Mater Dei High School, to represent the Orange County Area.

5. PROPOSED BY - LAW AMENDMENT—The Council considered a proposal presented by the Water Polo and Swimming Coaches and Officials Association pertaining to the method to be used in qualifying swimmers for the CIF, SS, Swimming Championships in May. The recommendation from the Association was that a boy be allowed to meet pre-established qualifying standards in any meet throughout the season, provided there were three watches timing his lane, and each timer, the starter and the host coach attest to his meeting the qualifying standard.

During discussion of the proposal, several representatives voiced concern that they had not had an opportunity to discuss this proposal with their leagues. However, it was moved and seconded to adopt the proposal as presented.

A motion was then made to table the previous motion, but the motion to table was defeated. A vote was then taken on the original motion and there were 17 votes for and 11 against. Because this represented a By-Law change, the 17 to 11 vote did not represent a two-thirds majority and therefore the motion failed.

The Commissioner was then directed to submit additional information to all league representatives and to prepare a ballot so that each league, after discussing the matter, could submit its vote on the mailed ballot.

6. LIFE PASS AWARD — The Commissioner then saluted Mr. Chester Shirk, former principal of Anaheim HS, and President of the Council in 1966-67, for his outstanding achievement in the field of administration, and his contribution to the CIF, SS, program. The Commissioner presented Mr. Shirk with a CIF Life Pass in recognition of his contributions. Mr. Shirk thanked the Council for the honor and expressed the hope he would be able to use it often in the future years.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT—In the absence of Mr. Richard Palmer, chairman of the Nominating Committee, the Commissioner reported on candidates recommended by the committee for offices to be vacated at the close of the current school year.

The following candidates were placed in nomination:

Executive Committee, Orange County, four-year term: Ferren Christensen, principal, Westminster HS; Richard Spaulding, principal, Buena Park HS.

Executive Committee, Los Angeles County, four-year term: Dave Capelouto, vice principal, Hawthorne HS; Steve Miletich, vice principal, Beverly Hills HS.

Treasurer, three-year term: Russ Ball, principal, Paramount HS; Keith J. Lee, principal, Yucca Valley HS.

State Federated Council, three-year term: Rev. Thomas Kiefer, principal Bishop Amat HS; Steve Miletich, vice principal, Beverly Hills HS.

State Federated Council, two-year term: Alex Alexander, principal, Indio HS; Keith J. Lee, Principal, Yucca Valley HS.

NOTE: Due to the recently-adopted change in Article VI of the Constitution, the Nominating Committee drew straws to see which office would be a three-year term and which would be a two-year term in order to begin a rotation system for four-year terms, with one man to be elected annually.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the Nominating Committee report as presented.

8. RELEAGUING COMMITTEE REPORT—Mr. Steve Miletich, chairman of the releaguings committee, reported that his group was beginning work on releaguings for the 1970-71 school year, and would hold its first meeting on February 4. He urged representatives to notify their area Releaguings Committee representatives if there were any problems which should be considered by the committee. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the Releaguings Committee report as submitted.

9. DOWNEY - WARREN REQUEST—Mr. Gus Shiney, principal of Warren HS, appeared before the Council to request that Downey and Warren High Schools be removed from the Coast League and placed in another league or be allowed to free lance, effective in July, 1969.

In making this request, Mr. Shiney cited many incidents involving unruly conduct and personal attacks on Downey and Warren supporters at games involving competition with other Coast League schools. He stated that although there have been numerous incidents over the years, the problem was brought to a head when an L.A. school administrator was savagely attacked after a Warren football game at Compton by a group of unidentified persons. One member of the group

struck the administrator in the head with a hatchet and narrowly missed killing him.

Mr. Shiney indicated that he had first appealed to the Coast League for permission for his schools to resign as of the close of the current school year. This request, however, was denied by a four to two vote and therefore this appeal was being made to the Council.

The ensuing discussion centered around the problems involved in removing two schools from the Coast League at this late date. Schedules for the coming year have already been established and the CIF Releaguings Committee took official action on releaguings for the 1969-70 school year at its meeting held in September, 1968.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the Council acknowledge the request of Downey and Warren High Schools to be removed from the Coast League and the President be directed to appoint a special committee to begin immediate study on the problem and be prepared to report back to the May Council meeting with firm recommendations for a solution.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Kenneth Fagans
Commissioner of Athletics

CHET SHIRK PRESENTED GOLD CIF LIFE PASS

Chester Shirk, who retired last spring as principal of Anaheim High School, was honored by the CIF, SS, Council at its January 25 meeting, when he was presented a Gold Life Pass for his service to high school athletics.

Mr. Shirk, who began his career in education at Lompoc High School as a football, basketball and baseball coach in 1930, came to Anaheim in 1937 and, except for a three-year military leave, spent the rest of his career in the Anaheim Union High School District.

Chet spent a great deal of time serving the CIF, SS, and was Council President during the 1966-67 school year, as well as serving as Sunset League representative for several years.

Mr. Shirk and his wife Alberta were on hand at the Council meeting, and Chet indicated that he would make good use of the Life Pass, and hoped to get back and see his friends on the Council many times during the next years.