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MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN C. I. F. OFFICE WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1943, AT 3:00 P. M.

Members present: Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hayhurst, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Van Patten. Mr. Burnight, President of the Council and Mr. M. H. Montgomery of the Long Beach Poly High School were also present.

Financial Report

Mr. Van Patten presented the financial report printed below. Moved by Mr. Hayhurst, seconded by Mr. Thompson that the report be approved and published in the March Bulletin. Carried.

C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

February 24, 1943

ASSETS

Balance, January 7, 1943		
In savings account	\$1,000.00	
In checking account	2,187.61	
		\$3,187.61

RECEIPTS

Dues	355.74	355.74
		\$3,543.35

EXPENSES

Helen Fletcher, Office work ..	43.75	
Executive Committee, Mileage ..	16.40	
Anderson Typewriter Co.,		
stencils	7.21	
So. Pac. A.A.U., 1943 dues ..	10.00	
So. Calif. Telephone Co.	19.67	
Seth F. Van Patten,		
January Salary	117.10	
January Mileage	1.90	
January Postage	12.30	
Leslie C. Mock, Bulletins	15.45	243.78

Balance, February 24, 1943 ..		\$3,299.57
In savings account	\$1,000.00	
In checking account	2,299.57	

Major Football Conference

Mr. Van Patten reported that he had had a notification from the Bay League that the schools of that League did not wish to continue as a part of the Major Football Conference.

Mr. Van Patten reported also that he had talked to Mr. Austin of the San Diego High School, and that Mr. Austin told him that in his opinion there was nothing for the two large San Diego Schools to do but to continue for the duration, if possible, a football program similar to the one

they followed last Fall. Mr. Van Patten reported that Mr. Holt of Santa Barbara had phoned to him to the effect that at present Santa Barbara has no football coach and until that problem is solved no attempt will be made to organize a football schedule for the 1943 season.

Mr. Montgomery, speaking for Long Beach Poly, stated that his school would be glad to be made a member of the Bay League in football, or in all sports if possible.

The Pasadena "Bull Pups" were reported as anxious to be assigned to the Foothill League, and if that is not possible, to be assured a football schedule comparable to the one played last season.

No formal action was taken on the question of football programs for the five Free Lance members of the Major Football Conference. It was informally agreed that in the cases of Hoover (SD), San Diego, and Santa Barbara that the solution of their problems seemed dependent on the National War Program. In the cases of Long Beach and Pasadena, it was agreed that more study is necessary.

Council Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Hayhurst, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that we request Mr. Burnight as President of the Council to call the Annual Meeting of the Council for Saturday, May 22, at 9:45 A. M. at the Herbert Hoover High School in Glendale. Carried. Mr. Burnight approved the action of the Executive Committee and directed the Commissioner of Athletics to send formal notice to all League Representatives, early in May. Principals and Coaches are always welcome to attend meetings of our Council and take part in our discussion.

League Changes for the Duration

A long discussion was entered into in which all of those at the meeting took part on the question of regrouping our schools for interscholastic competition.

It was moved by Mr. Hayhurst, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that it is the sense of this meeting that our schools should be regrouped for competitive purposes. That any regrouping made this year be understood to be temporary. That travel mileage be cut to the limit in all cases. That the present League set-up be disregarded. That groups be small, not over four or five schools to a group. That home and home games be played where possible. That where Class A & B schedules are arranged, that Class A & B

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games be played on the same day, one game at one school, and one at the other. That travel by pupil spectators be prohibited just as far as possible. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst, that a committee be appointed to study the geographical location of our schools and the mileage necessary to travel for inter-school games, and present a rearrangement of our Leagues into groups for competition, to the Council on May 22 for consideration and approval. Carried.

The President appointed to the Committee, Mr. Burnight, Mr. Bergstrom, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Hayhurst.

Divisional Track Meets

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst, that the Track Committee consisting of Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Badenoch, and Mr. Hayhurst, set up as many as four Divisional Track Meets, if necessary, and distribute the entries to the Divisional Meets so as to prevent, if possible, getting too many final place winners in a single Divisional Meet. Carried.

Boys Discharged from Service

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst, that for boys honorably discharged from the Service, Rule K, Page 14 (1940 Blue Book) be waived. Carried.

Minutes of the Executive Committee and Council

Mr. Van Patten recommended that the minutes of the Council and the Executive Committee of the C. I. F., Southern Section, be arranged and bound in a permanent form at the end of this year. He suggested also that a brief outline of the early history of interscholastic athletics in Southern California, so far as it is known, be typed and included in the binding. Mr. Thompson suggested that brief statements be gotten from some of the men who took an outstanding part in organizing and directing the C. I. F.,

Southern Section, during the early years and included in the volumes to be compiled.

Moved by Mr. Hayhurst, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the above suggestions be followed out by the Commissioner of Athletics. Carried.

Red Cross Donation

Mr. Van Patten presented a letter from the South Pasadena Branch of the American Red Cross asking the C. I. F., Southern Section, for a donation. The President ruled that the Executive Committee had no authority to authorize the use of C. I. F., Southern Section, funds for such purposes, and that we could not consistently donate to the South Pasadena Branch of the Red Cross without making similar donations to other Red Cross Branches in cities where we have member schools.

Tennis Tournaments

Mr. Van Patten recommended that the Classes A, B, & C, tennis tournaments be held this year at the Mark Keppel High School. He stated that the Keppel High School had assured him that its courts would be available. There being no objections, the Chair ruled the recommendation approved.

Adjournment

At 5:00 P. M. the Meeting was adjourned, to meet on Saturday, May 22, at 9:00 A. M. in Mr. Hayhurst's Office in the Herbert Hoover High School.

FAIRWEATHER RIDERS ON THE BAND WAGON

By Mr. H. V. Porter of the
National Federation Office

Conference and state association connections must be even more firmly maintained in emergency times. This is no time for bickering or for memberships of the "fair weather" variety. The highest degree of teamwork is essential.

When school administrators were first confronted with a new set of circumstances created by war activities there was considerable panicky thinking. The first tendency was to drop the usual school activities and to substitute untried procedures whose chief virtue was that they were different. Experienced school men were not stampeded and a degree of sanity has returned. There is a realization that most of the school activities, including those of the athletic and physical fitness department, have been sponsored through the years in order to take care of a situation such as that which now exists or of any other emergency which might confront the nation. To fail to continue these activities is to admit that the schools were doing nothing worthwhile along these lines in times of peace.

It takes a great deal of fortitude, which is

the highest phase of courage, to continue worthwhile activities when difficulties are doubled and tripled. The line of least resistance is to throw up the hands and adopt the policy that if the federal authorities will not subsidize these activities to the extent of making transportation concessions, the whole responsibility for physical and athletic training should be shifted to the military service groups. **School leaders have never been in the habit of doing this and that is one reason why the public school system has remained strong and efficient.**

The school athletic department must be kept strong. It must function even more efficiently in times of stress. Its conference and state association connections must be even more firmly maintained. This is no time for bickering or for memberships of the "fair weather" variety. The highest degree of teamwork is essential. This might be taken as axiomatic but here are some conflicting facts.

A Tennessee report shows that 30% of the schools have dropped membership in the state association in this year when organization is more important than ever. In Oregon, only 60% of the schools had renewed membership when the yearly report was made up. In Oklahoma, 30% of the schools failed to register for tournaments, a very important factor in maintaining the athletic organization. In one state a minority group in the state legislature initiated action to secure control of the school athletic activities at a time when "fairweather" members are allowing their enthusiasm and support to lag. In a large metropolitan area, the political party in power has seized the chance of sponsoring a post-season basketball game for the benefit of a pet project of the mayor, with management, sale of tickets and distribution of funds in control of the political administration. In another state, the democratic operation which has characterized the state high school organizations, is threatened by a small group of "meeting attenders" who see a chance in the war-weakened state of the existing order to permit the new group to "get control" of the resources and administrative machinery of the state athletic association.

No one of these things is a national calamity in itself. They are straws in the wind. Enthusiasm and unfading support for the organizations which have been built through years of hard work on the part of many leaders and which have stood the test of good times and bad, must be maintained. **The times demand staunch and loyal workers to offset the "fairweather" variety of riders on the band-wagon.**

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A BASKETBALL ASSEMBLY

Beverly Hills and Inglewood High Schools have tried an experiment this basketball season that is interesting. We hope other schools may see fit to try like experiments in coming basketball seasons.

In the first round of the season the two teams met at Inglewood. The double header games, Classes B & A, were started at 10:00 A. M. Half of the Inglewood student body was to see the Class B game and the other half was to see the Class A game. The Inglewood gymnasium would seat only about one-half of the 2,100 student body. Some difficulty was experienced in synchronizing the school periods and the game periods, and the result was that the audience had to be changed during the fourth period of the Class B game.

The second assembly period ended before the Class A game had been finished and a large part of the audience seemed to be more interested in lunch than in the basketball game and left the gymnasium.

These disturbances detracted from the game and probably confused the players to some extent. The games were close and well played and deserved the best support possible.

During the second round of league play, the teams met in a double header at Beverly Hills. The Beverly Hills gymnasium is large enough to care for the entire 1,400 student body. At Beverly Hills the Class B game was played, starting at 9:30 A. M. with only the basketball squads, coaches, administrators, etc., present. By 11:00 A. M. the Class B game was finished and the Class A teams were warmed up and ready to go. The Class A game was finished during the one-hour period allotted to Assembly. The student body all stayed until the end of the game which was close and exciting throughout. Inglewood won 38 to 36.

The Commissioner of Athletics of the C. I. F. was present at both contests. At Beverly Hills he spoke briefly to the student assembly at the intermission in the Class A game. To test the sentiment of the student body as to such games, he said to the students, "If you like this arrangement for your basketball games, give it a good hand." The applause was vigorous and universal.

In evaluating this type of interscholastic basketball there are numerous questions to be considered.

Is the use of school time justified?

The visiting team plays without bleacher support. Is this fair?

At an assembly of the student body an admission fee cannot be charged to the games. Should the Board of Education pay all expenses?

How can we measure the effect, emotionally,

on the student who under the usual way of conducting interscholastic contests never goes to games?

We recommend the experiment tried by Beverly Hills and Inglewood to the careful consideration of other schools of the C. I. F., Southern Section. The best way, we think, to arrive at a just estimate of its value is for other schools to give it a try, and weigh results carefully and with an open mind.

OFFICIATING DIFFICULTIES

During the present school year, the C. I. F. Office has tried, in assigning officials for high school games, to send men to contests as near their homes as possible. We felt obligated to help in every way we could in saving rubber.

Coaches and Administrators have cooperated splendidly and have accepted officials to whom they might have objected in other years.

One coach, in his written report on the work of an official, gave expression to his willingness to help out by saying, "If you think it necessary to send this man to any of our remaining games, please have him bring along his roller skates or a scooter."

LEAGUE TRACK PROGRAMS

Most of the Leagues in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties are carrying out a modified track program this season.

The Bay League will follow the same plan that they have carried out for several seasons past. This League engages in a free-lance dual meet program. The Inglewood High School will stage its annual relays for League members just prior to the Divisional and Southern California Meets. The League stages its championship meet to qualify boys for the final championship.

The Foothill League will follow a program similar to the one outlined above for the Bay League, except that it has provided no relay events.

The San Gabriel League is planning a round-robin of dual meets. The teams will compete on their home fields and the results will be compared by telephone and by letter in order to determine the winner of the dual contests. Just prior to the Southern California Meet, a League meet will be held to select entries to the Southern California Meet.

The Sunset League will follow a program of track events given below:

Sunset League Track Schedule 1943

March 5—Brea Relays.

March 12—Novice Meet at Anaheim

March 20—Southern Counties Invitational

March 26—Excelsior Relays

April 8—Divisional Quadrangular Meets
(Newport Harbor, Orange, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana at Santa Ana)
(Fullerton, Anaheim, Jordan, Excelsior at Excelsior)

April 9—Sunset League Meet at Anaheim

The Riverside County League reports that it will run off the track schedule as usual. The final meet will be held at Perris on May 8.

COMING EVENTS

The Brea-Olinda Relays are scheduled for Friday, March 5. Mr. "Shorty" Smith of Brea, who has managed these relays so efficiently for years past, reports that about the usual number of schools have indicated that they will enter contestants.

Huntington Beach has announced the Southern County's Invitational Meet for Saturday, March 20. Entries have not been sent in as yet, so the number of contestants is still unknown.

The Southern California Invitational Swimming Relays are set for Saturday, March 6, at the Beverly Hills Swim-Gym. At the present time, ten schools have entered teams. Three or four more schools have indicated that entries will be sent.

The Southern California Invitational Swimming Meet is scheduled at the Whittier High School Pool for Saturday, March 13. A goodly number of entries is anticipated.

The Pasadena Junior College, lower division, is to stage a baseball tournament Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 15 to 17. Mr. Ed Laurenson, Director of Physical Education at the Pasadena Jr. College, announces that ten schools have already stated that they will enter teams. Mr. Laurenson would like two more entries which would make a bracket of twelve. That is as many teams as he cares to undertake to handle.

Classes C and B tennis have been set for Saturday, April 10, at the Mark Keppel High School. Entry blanks will be sent out the latter part of March.

ENCLOSURE

Extra copies of the entry blank for the home court free throw basketball tournament are enclosed. All schools are urged to enter this contest, if possible.

CANCELLED EVENTS

The Ojai Tennis Tournament, the Chaffey Invitational Meet, and the Russell Cup Meet at Carpinteria have all been cancelled for the duration of the war.