

**ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE  
PALM SPRINGS  
May 2, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Cypress	Diane Henry, Bill Pinkham
Fullerton	Susan Beers
Golden West	Albert Gasparian
Irvine Valley	Keith Shackelford
Orange Coast	Steve Tamanaha
Riverside	Barry Meier, Clara Lowden
Saddleback	Tony Lipold, Jerry Hannula, Debbie Kerr
Santa Ana	Avie Bridges, Jason Kehler, Reyes Vazquez
Santiago Canyon	Martin Stringer
Treasurer	T. Mark Johnson
Commissioner	John Keever
Guest	Carlyle Carter

1. **Welcome and Announcements** – Tony Lipold, President

Tony called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance.

2. **Approval of March 8, 2011 Minutes – MSP**

3. **Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda**

Item 4m – Fullerton/Irvine Valley Baseball situation

4. **Commissioner's Report** – John Keever

a. Program Review 2012 – Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College

John stated that program reviews are scheduled by districts. He also mentioned that the dates to review Irvine Valley and Saddleback would be scheduled at a later date.

John asked committee members who have not submitted their reports for the Orange Coast and Golden West's program reviews to do so as soon as possible. He is waiting for those reports to finalize his report.

b. Conference Champions and MVP's

John named the conference champions and MVP's. These are listed in the OEC website. Please review to ensure correct spelling. He is still

waiting for Men and Women Track, Men's Golf, Baseball, Badminton and Softball Champions and MVP's.

- c. Eligibility Clerk's Meeting – June 9<sup>th</sup>, Hacienda – Santa Ana College  
9:00 a.m.

Informational item

- d. Program Review – Changes in Constitution

Keith proposed several changes/additions to the program review standards. Avie stated that she did not agree with the proposed Standard Eleven. She indicated that this is an athletic program review and the proposed language seems as though is geared towards a physical education program review.

Discussion followed regarding the program review core indicators, what is being measured during program reviews, adjustments, recommendations, schedule, decorum violations, redundancy and compliance. John will send out a proposed template in an attempt to streamline the program review process. Requests were made to move the program review dates to the month of May as April seems to be an extremely busy month for everyone.

Keith was commended on his great work on the proposed changes; however, no vote was taken at this time to implement the proposed program review standards. This issue will be revisited in the fall.

- e. Conference Voting – 3 votes or 1 vote

After extensive dialogue, **MSP** to change the votes to 1 per school; however, encouragement for additional college representatives was highly promoted.

Keith was asked to re-write the constitution to reflect this change.

- f. Official Fees 2011-2012

John disseminated a hand-out with official fees. The fees have remained the same for the exception of Football officials who added \$3 dollars to their fees.

- g. Fair Play Character Champion Awards

John was a bit disappointed that not all schools submitted student names. He has not yet determined who the winners are; thus, will continue to accept nominations.

h. Dropped Sports

Sue reported that Women's Golf will be given another opportunity this year; however, it will be evaluated in the future. Discussion followed regarding proportionality, gender equity and institutional decisions when deciding the need to drop a sport.

i. Website Report – Jason Kehler

Jason stated that he will be cleaning up the website in the near future. He plans to move the administrative page and add links from there to other areas (i.e. forms, minutes, supplements, constitution).

Keith volunteered to recreate rewritable forms and will send them to Jason for posting.

j. OEC State Champions – Irvine Valley – Men's Volleyball

John congratulated all the state champions including Orange Coast's Men and Women's Swimming teams for their great accomplishment. John also stated that OEC currently holds 5 state titles. He applauded Baseball and Softball qualifiers.

k. CEO Meeting

Keith and Sue proposed a possible OEC/CEO Summit during the summer or Fall semester. A proposed agenda for the summit was disseminated to facilitate the meeting. Discussion followed as the need for college presidents to meet and work collectively in decisions affecting athletics.

Tony volunteered Tod Burnett, President, Saddleback College, to host and invite the other eight CEO's to Saddleback College for this most important summit.

The committee also discussed the importance of continuing to gather data that supports high academic performance by student athletes. Carlyle stated that student athletes out performed non-student athletes in basic skills. The data supporting this statement was gathered via Beta testing. Student athlete information was obtained from the Form 3 and compared with the database in the Chancellor's Office; therefore, the results cannot be disputed. Carlyle further explained that everyone will have access to their own tools to gather their own academic reports.

I. Questions for Joint Meeting on Tuesday

Tony distributed a 5x7 index card for members to write possible questions for the joint meeting scheduled on Tuesday. These will be given to Rich.

m. Fullerton/Irvine Valley Baseball Situation

John explained that an ineligible baseball athlete from Fullerton College participated in competition this entire 2011 season. The student in question played for Irvine Valley in 2009, and continued this participation at Fullerton College in 2010 and 2011. Student in question might have been eligible for a medical red shirt; however, none was submitted. Fullerton College has now forfeited all their 2011 season games. John brought the matter to the AD's attention because Irvine Valley Baseball coach should have brought the matter to Keith's attention as soon as he noticed the violation rather than waiting until the end of the season.

CCCAA Constitution, Article 7.4.7.2 (page 30) states "Alleged conference or *Constitution and Bylaws* violations shall be reported to the conference commissioner within two (2) working days after discovery of the alleged violation. Failure to report alleged violations may result in the imposition of penalties on the school or individual who failed to report. Failure to report does not bar investigations, rulings or impositions of sanctions against those who should have been reported for violation of the *Constitution and Bylaws*."

John urged that Athletic Director's use this example as a learning tool to encourage coaches to do the right thing. He also stated that both, Fullerton and Irvine Valley baseball programs will be placed on automatic probation. He asked Sue and Keith to submit their written responses of the occurrences via e-mail as soon as possible.

Carlyle stated that current CCCAA database can be used to track how many seasons of competition a student has used. This takes extra steps; however, it ensures a more accurate eligibility process.

Discussion followed regarding the uniform number changes and a golf situation from Cypress.

5. **OEC Meeting Schedule – 2011-2012**

Informational Item

6. **CCCAA Board Report – Todd Burnett**

No report was available.

7. **OEC Budget Report** – T. Mark Johnson

T.Mark disseminated his OEC Financial Report and stated that the carryover was \$9,808. He also mentioned that this would be the last official meeting he attends as the treasurer of the OEC. He thanked everyone for their support and expressed his appreciation. He foresees a smooth transition and reported that no increase in dues will occur next year. He was extremely pleased of the fact that over 30 years of keeping the books, he has never been audited.

John thanked T.Mark for this great work and for everything he has done for this conference.

8. **T. Mark Johnson Supremacy Report** – Jerry Hannula

Jerry distributed the Supremacy Award standings and reported that he will add points to Golf at a later time; however, the points will not change the standings and pointed out that RCC will finish at the top.

9. **Sponsorships (Herf Jones)** – Keith Shackelford

Keith reported that Herf Jones is no longer interested in a business relationship. John stressed the importance of looking for other means to increase revenue so that dues would not be increased in the future.

10. **Conference Issues**– Keith Shackelford

a. Livesports.com

Keith presented an “agreement for broadcasting rights” document to protect OEC from the broadcasters who are calling themselves OEC sports and broadcasting games via live stream. After discussion, it was decided that the document would not be used as OEC has no ties with the broadcasters. AD’s can determine whether or not they want these broadcasters on their college campus.

b. Hosting South Coast Conference – Golf & Tennis

John has not been approached; therefore, nothing will be assumed.

c. Inter-district Eligibility

Keith proposed that a packet be put together from this conference requesting that student athletes, attending a contiguous district be allowed to participate in a team sport not offered by the institution of attendance.

He asked that members refer to the letter with the letterhead outlining the process. Keith referred to CCCAA Bylaw 1.9.7, which states “The COA Board may declare consenting contiguous California community college districts to have multi-college status in specified sports for the purposes of this section. This must be reviewed by the COA Board on an annual basis.”

After discussion, **MSP**, with Diane abstaining and requesting that women’s golf be removed from the list, to approve Keith to put the packet together.

d. OEC Constitution Amendments

No information provided.

e. Form 5 Legislation

Legislation submitted from this conference was not approved; however, John encouraged those that submitted legislation to continue to pursue the legislation and emphasized that the deadline for resubmission is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

11. **Sport Schedule Approvals**

**MSP** to approve the following schedules as submitted:

Women’s Golf  
Softball  
Swim/Dive  
Men and Women’s Tennis

Avie asked that baseball games not be scheduled during set softball games. She asked that the supplements be followed when rescheduling games. She further requested that AD’s be consulted about possible game changes prior to finalizing.

12. **Sport Supplement Revisions**

**MSP** to approve the following supplements with the proposed changes:

Women’s Golf  
Men and Women’s Swimming  
Men and Women’s Tennis

13. **Commissioners Vote** – Tony Lipold

**MSP** to extend John’s contract as OEC commissioner for another year.

Tony stated that Avie is the incoming OEC president.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

**Next OEC Meeting:** Riverside City College, Tuesday, September 27, 2011