

**ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE
CYPRESS COLLEGE
DECEMBER 9, 2009 – 9:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

Cypress:	Diane Henry, Bill Pinkham; Bob Simpson
Fullerton:	Pete Snyder. Scott Giles
Golden West:	Albert Gasparian
Irvine Valley:	Keith Shackelford, Martin McGrogan
Orange Coast:	Barbara Bond, John Knox, Laura Behr, John Knox
Riverside:	Barry Meier, Clara Lowden
Saddleback:	Debbie Kerr, Tony Lipold, Jerry Hannula
Santa Ana:	Avie Bridges, Jason Kehler, Reyes Vazquez
Santiago Canyon:	Martin Stringer, Ian Woodhead

1. **Welcome and Announcements** – Tony Lipold, President
 - a. Dr. Todd Burnett was unable to attend the meeting; however, he is scheduled to attend the next OEC meeting at Fullerton College.

2. **Approval of September 9, 2009 Minutes**

Minutes were approved with the following corrections – add attendees from Saddleback College and Men’s Basketball supplemental was approved as presented.

3. **Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda**
 - a. Add golf issue – double par rule to item 8 – Women’s Golf and remove from item 9 – Men’s Golf

4. **Commissioner’s Report** – John Keever
 - a. All American Trophy – John brought the new MVP and OEC Championship plaques. He mentioned that OEC will save somewhere between \$500 and \$800 a year with the new plaques. Committee members were pleased with the plaques.
 - b. List Conference Championship Team and MVP – John asked those present to provide him with the information and the correct spelling of students.
 - c. Program Review 2010 – Cypress College is scheduled to have their Program Review on Friday, March 19, 2010. Fullerton College will have their Program Review on Friday, April 16, 2010. John included a member of each college to serve on the Program Review except for those colleges who are scheduled to have their Program Review. He also mentioned that representatives could be assigned in lieu of committee members. John reiterated that Program Reviews are stated mandated and that he will continue to be involved and will write the final report.

- d. Website Report – John reported that all minutes will be archived and accessible in the OEC website. He asked that all SID's send articles promoting the success of the conference and conference standings for all sports to Jason. Discussion followed. John will work with Jason.
 - e. All Conference Certificates – Members were asked to take as many certificates as needed. Members concurred that sport representatives were responsible for sending certificates for their respective sport to all schools at the end of the season and prior to award ceremonies.
 - f. Golf Statistics – After discussion, a **MSP** for Donna Wright to continue as statistician until the end of next year.
 - g. Scholar Athlete & Scholar Team – John stated that Clara will lead this committee. All scholar athlete nominations are to be sent to Clara who will in turn send them to John once a decision has been made.
 - h. Soccer & Water Polo Game Reports – John mentioned that he does not need all game reports unless there are decorum violations. Ejections need to be submitted to sport representatives only via e-mail. Bill did see a problem with the request. Barbara will meet with Men Soccer coaches to revise the Men's Soccer supplement to reflect the change. Albert reported that he has never received a report. John will follow up with Doug Gleaser on this issue.
 - i. Open Gyms are Illegal – John reiterated that open gyms are illegal. He stated that anything not listed in the recruiting section of the by laws was illegal. Discussion followed about community education classes. John will do research on community education classes and will report at the next meeting.
 - j. OEC Character Champion Award – Once again John stressed the importance of promoting positive competition and scholarly achievements from student athletes. **MSP** to accept Fair Play sponsor the award. He mentioned that each college would decide which male and female athlete they would nominate for this award. John requested input from members on the criteria once he e-mails it.
 - k. OEC State Championships & Finalists – John sent his congratulations to all the winners and runner ups.
 - l. Establish Constitution Committee – John and Keith will review the constitution. Any possible changes will be brought to the committee at the meeting scheduled in March.
 - m. OEC Meeting Schedule: 2009-2010 – Informational item
5. **COA Legislative Process Flow Chart** – Informational item
 6. **COA Board Report** – Item tabled.
 7. **Supremacy Award Report** – **MSP** to name this award after T. Mark Johnson. After discussion, it was decided that John and Keith will review the criteria used by the Pacific Coast Conference as a possible criteria to be used for this award. John and Keith will report finding at the next meeting.

8. **Fall Sport Reports – Schedules and sport supplemental changes**
- a. Women's Basketball – no report
 - b. Men's Basketball – no report
 - o Fullerton College's gym will not be available for the January 6th game. He will look for an alternative location. Members requested that Pete e-mail everyone with the new location.
 - c. Men's & Women's Cross Country – nothing to report
 - d. Women's Golf – Diane read a question from a coach regarding double par. It was determined that no changes can be made to the supplements unless they follow the legislative process. However, if coaches want to add the rule to the supplement, they can request to do so in the Spring. Diane will follow up with coaches.
MSP to approve Women's Golf schedule and supplemental changes as presented.
 - e. Women's Soccer – **MSP** to approve the 2010 schedule as submitted.
 - f. Men's Soccer – **MSP** to approve the men's schedule as presented.
 - g. Women's Volleyball – **MSP** to approve schedule with changes: Cypress College will move their home games to 7:00 p.m. on October 15th, 22nd, 27th and November 3rd and 6th. **MSP** to approve the supplemental changes with the exception of item E (5). The approved language for item E (5) is "The home team shall provide *two trained line judges*".
 - h. Men's & Women's Water Polo – **MSP** to approve the 2010 Water Polo Master Schedule. After discussion, the **motion** to pass the supplemental changes **failed**. Red cards and conflict/protest issues were discussed. John stressed the importance of explaining to coaches that contests cannot be added to a schedule to ensure enough games so that a player can "eat up" a red card. Albert asked that members present explain to coaches the importance of knowing, understanding and following the language in the supplemental.
9. **Spring Sport Reports – Schedules & sport supplemental changes**
- a. Badminton – **MSP** to approve the 2010 schedule as submitted
 - b. Baseball – nothing to report
 - c. Softball – nothing to report
 - d. Men's & Women's Swimming – Albert is waiting for the location of the state finals before he publishes the schedule
 - e. Men's & Women's Tennis – nothing to report
 - f. Men's & Women's Track – **MSP** to approve the schedule as submitted
 - g. Men's Golf – Diane stated that coaches should not move from one location to another without notifying AD's first.
 - h. Men's Volleyball – State championships will be held the week before May 1st.
 - i. Trainers – Debbie stressed the importance of understanding that when schedule and location changes are made, they have an effect on trainers.

10. **Cost Containment Issues**
John read the various motions that passes and failed during the video conference. Informational item.
11. **Re-Conferencing – Concerns & Issues**
John reported that 83% of respondents agreed with re-conferencing; however, 3 colleges and a president are not in agreement with the proposition. After discussion, John stated that the issue has been tabled until April.
12. **Riverside City College Appeal – Form 4B 1.8.3 page 58**
An error occurred on a Form 3 from Riverside College. Two athletes who were eligible were accidentally omitted from the Form 3. After dialogue, members present agreed to support the commissioner in submitting an appeal to the COA on behalf of Riverside City College - **MSP**.
13. **Additions to Agenda**
 - a. Compensation – Members discussed the issue of students who have accepted compensation to compete professionally. It is John's perception that if a person accepts monies to play in a specific sport and then returns it so that he/she may be eligible to play in a community college setting is not permitted. The student is deemed ineligible. John also stated that signing for a professional sports deems the person ineligible. John will seek the definition of pay or compensation and the rule for paying back monies already received. He will report his findings to the committee at the March meeting.

Next OEC Meeting: Fullerton College, Tuesday, March 9, 2010.