

ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE
Riverside City College
September 27, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.
MINUTES

Cypress College	Diane Henry, Yvonne Cota, Bill Pinkham
Fullerton College	Scott Giles, Susan Beers
Golden West College	Albert Gasparian, Danny Johnson
Irvine Valley College	Jerry Hernandez, Keith Shackelford, Devin Adams
Orange Coast College	Steve Tamanaha, Mary Bola
Riverside City College	Barry Meier, Clara Lowden
Saddleback College	Tony Lipold, Jerry Hannula, Debbie Kerr
Santa Ana College	Avie Bridges, Jessica Rapoza, Jason Kehler
Santiago Canyon College	Martin Stringer
Commissioner	John Keever

1. Welcome and Announcements – Avie Bridges, President

Avie called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and welcomed all those in attendance. Mary Bola was announced as the new Orange Empire Conference Secretary.

2. Approval of May 2, 2011 Minutes - MSP

3. Additions/Deletions/Changes to Agenda

Item 14 – Administration fees for Track & Field, Addition of Sand Volleyball and Cypress College considering the addition of Badminton.

4. Commissioner's Report – John Keever

a. Program Review 2012 – Irvine Valley, Saddleback and Fullerton College (revisit)

The date to review Irvine Valley College has been scheduled for April 13, 2012. The date to review Saddleback College has been scheduled for April 20, 2012. Fullerton College will be allowed to answer via report only. The appeal for Fullerton College was approved unanimously by all present.

b. Website Report – Jason Kehler

Jason needs more content in the reports coming from the Sports Information Directors. He would like to see some student-athlete success stories that could in turn be moved up to the CCCAA website.

He will be updating the State Championships and History information. He will also be cleaning up the website and make it more user friendly.

c. 3 Conference Representatives per college – 1 vote per college

John clarified that while each college can have 3 conference representatives there is only 1 vote per college. The vote must be a campus decision. Keith was asked to change the language in the constitution.

d. Sport Rep Assignments

John requested that these be listed on the website Administration page. He would like the Appeals Board to see all Conference information when considering appeals.

The appeal for Orange Coast College's John Joyce was denied by the Appeals Board. John outlined that OCC could bring the matter to the Executive Board for review and the next step after that would be an attorney. Discussion followed regarding whether the Appeals Board takes the conference vote into consideration when approving appeals. John stated that Appeals Board does have access to all Conference information prior to voting.

The appeal for Kayla from Riverside City College has not been determined to date (2 weeks old).

e. Cal Pass (APR)

John stated that you can only view your own college, was for internal use only and there was a confidential agreement involved.

Diane Henry noted that it was cumbersome and took them 3 days to log into system. Other discussion included that they only received hard copy from the state and there were several colleges who stated they could not access it.

f. Form 5's due October 1 to CCCAA

Tony Lipold proposed legislation to open recruiting state wide. Discussion followed with the committee stating that it was too difficult to police and that current contiguous districts were ridiculous. Some committee members felt it would create more work

overall. After discussion, an **MSP** to submit proposed legislation to open recruiting was accepted.

Bill Pinkham proposed adding an Amendment 2.1g to the Constitution. It included covering an athlete that wants a one-time evaluation conducted in a manner that is acceptable to the college's Risk Management department without having to be enrolled in a class. This would be available once per athlete per school. **MSP** to propose adding Amendment 2.1g to the Constitution was unanimously passed.

g. Scholar Teams & Athlete

John stated that since October 1st falls on Saturday the scholar teams & athletes due date will be extended to October 4th. All forms need to be sent to Clara Lowden and they will be turned in to the state by 10/15/11.

h. Hall of Fame Nominees

Nominees are due by 10/20/11.

i. Suspended Sports

Moorpark College is considering the suspension of baseball, men's cross country and men's track.

Oxnard and Ventura Colleges are also considering the suspension of sports.

Discussion followed regarding the merits of completing a cost / analysis report. This report would have to match the EADA report. A conference template for this report was also suggested.

j. CCCAA Exam

John thought that the exam should not have to be taken every year. He also remarked that he liked the idea of the coaches taking the exam because it forced them to take a look at the constitution.

The committee also had some constructive criticism on the CCCAA exam. Avie stated that the exam should be sport and area specific. Barry commented that there should not be trick questions or badly worded questions. In addition, Jason stated that he was directed to the wrong bylaw or that the bylaw listed on the question did not exist. There was also an instance where the "right" answer was not the correct answer. Steve stated that scores were not reported for all participants. Diane thought that the test should only be taken in the 2nd year if a new rule was implemented and that the test should be on the new rule only.

It was also stated during discussion that NCAA coaches only had to take the exam if they recruited off campus.

k. OEC Spring State Champions

John congratulated all the state champions including Irvine Valley's Men's Volleyball, Orange Coast's Men's and Women's Swimming, Cypress' Softball, and Irvine Valley's Badminton teams for their outstanding accomplishments. John stated that the OEC currently holds 7 state titles.

l. Probation

Golden West's Women's Volleyball and Orange Coast's Women's Volleyball have completed their probation and MSP to terminate probation.

John stated that Orange Coast's Men's Golf Team is now on probation for using an ineligible player that was on appeal. College administration was notified of probation status. In addition, coach agreed to comply and the player was then held out until the appeal was approved by the CCCAA Board. Coach acknowledged probation status and there was no further issue with coach through the remainder of season. Coach participated in online tests and received a 92%. He also participated in the August Compliance In-Service Training.

John also stated that Riverside City's Women's Basketball Team is now on probation for allowing a high school student to participate in a class on 5/4/11. The college self-reported the incident. Administration was notified of the probation status.

m. Facebook and Social networks

John cautioned that if there is a college athletic page on the Facebook or social network then it must be linked to that specific college's athletic homepage. Discussion included questions about whether or not every sport needs one link vs. a link to one site only. It was also recommended that it should be institutional not a CCCAA rule.

Keith was asked to write the legislation and it will be forward on to the state by John.

5. CCCAA Extra Fee 2011-2012 – Avie Bridges

There is a proposed \$100.00 additional fee per college in the conference. Avie stated that she is against this additional fee. She felt that the additional fees are not advisable in these difficult economic times.

The committee discussed various means of controlling fees. The comments included finding out what the actual costs were and that more transparency was needed. In addition it was felt that the conferences were 3 to 4 days long and could be shortened to 1 or 2 days. It is believed that if we continue to raise fees then we will be running the risk of suspending sports.

6. OEC Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

Saddleback College – Tuesday December 6, 2011
Santa Ana College – Tuesday March 6, 2012
Palm Springs – Monday April 30, 2012
Joint Meeting – Tuesday May 1, 2012

7. CCCAA Board Report

Tony spoke about re-conferencing and the need to stick together as the OEC. He recommended looking at geography for cost savings. He stated that Bakersfield, Allen Hancock and Cuesta were opposed to re-conferencing but he feels that we need to do what is best for the majority of the schools vs what is best for 3 schools.

8. OEC Budget Report – John Keever

John reminded everyone that T. Mark Johnson resigned the Treasurer position and that he would now be handling both Commissioner and Treasurer.

John disseminated his OEC Financial Report and stated that he was introducing a new format. John noted that the estimated reserves have been consistently declining in the past few years and there may be a need for a fee increase in the spring. It was also suggested that the budget be reduced to avoid a fee increase. Suggestions included changing time and location for the Palm Springs social and duplication of service for track officials.

MSP to approve the budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

9. Program Review Standards (round 2) – Keith Shackelford

Keith questioned whether we need as much depth in the Review. Discussion followed regarding what is being measured during program reviews, the need for a greater involvement with campus researchers and the need for data driven reports.

Keith will review the document and rewrite a proposal. Proposal will be ready for a vote at the December 6, 2011 meeting.

10. Coach of the Year

The winners of the coach of the year are Anthony Iacopetti (Orange Coast – Men's Swimming & Diving) and Dave Almquist (Riverside City – Women's Water Polo). Congratulations to the winners.

11. CCCAA Fall Conference – Hyatt Regency Irvine, October 25 – October 28, 2011

Informational Item

12. Sport Schedule Approvals

MSP to approve the following schedules as submitted:

Men's Golf

Sue Beers requested a baseball schedule change request for the game on April 20, 2012. Game moved to April 21, 2012. **MSP** to allow change and approve baseball schedule.

13. Sport Supplement Approvals

MSP to approve the following supplements with proposed changes:

Baseball

Men's Golf

Softball – Supplemental was tabled until Dec 6, 2011. Discussion on new 10 run “mercy” rule.

14. Additions to the Agenda

Keith proposed adding an intercollegiate (not club) sand volleyball division in the spring. Discussion followed regarding the low cost involved and the high interest in this area. Information only.

Cypress has noted an increased interest in badminton on their campus and is currently considering adding this sport.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Next OEC Meeting: Saddleback College, Tuesday December 6, 2011