

ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE
Golden West College
September 28, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Cypress	Diane Henry, Bill Pinkham, Yvonne Cota
Fullerton	Susan Beers, Scott Giles
Golden West	Albert Gasparian, Danny Johnson
Irvine Valley	Keith Shackelford, Julie Hanks
Orange Coast	John Altobelli, John Knox, 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

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

Tony called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., welcomed all those in attendance and thanked Albert for his hospitality.

2. **Approval of May 3, 2010 Minutes – MSP**

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

Item 16 – Women State Golf
Item 17 – Football Information Item XO's
Item 18 – All Conference Selections

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

a. Program Review Dates 2011 – Golden West College & Orange Coast College

John will contact Albert and Steve to decide on a date, in March or April, for their program review. He wants to ensure that presidents are available to meet with the team. John reminded representatives of colleges that they are required to be part of the review team unless they send a representative on their behalf.

John stated that there has been no final program review summary for Fullerton College. This is due to the change in administration. Fullerton

College will once again undergo a small program review in Spring 2012 to address issues. The committee will be composed of John and two other members. It should only take a few hours. John will work on agenda and protocol prior to the review.

b. Website Report – Jason Kehler

John commended Jason for the great job he is doing with the maintenance of the website. He added that documents, minutes, supplements and meeting dates and times can be found in the website.

Jason reported that he has been tracking visitors to the website. Thus far, 1,270 people have visited the site. He further noted that 74% of visitors are new and 32% used the site to link to colleges within the Orange Empire Conference. Many of these visitors are from 19 different countries including Canada and Croatia.

There was discussion regarding selling of advertisements within the website to possibly generate revenue. Keith will look into it.

John asked Jason to add Fair Play's logo and requested that Character Awards recipients be included in the website.

c. Presentation of T.Mark Johnson – Orange Empire – Supremacy Award

John provided those present with a brief synopsis of what the award represents. He also thanked T.Mark Johnson's daughter and son-in-law for being in attendance.

T.Mark stated that he was honored and humbled to receive such a prestigious award. He spoke of his career in the sport business and was grateful his daughter and son-in-law were able to attend. He then proceeded to present the plaque to Steve Tamanaha (OCC) for "winning a lot".

d. Sport Rep Assignments – Martin Stringer, Men's Soccer/Susan Beers - Baseball

Informational item

e. Coaches Code of Ethics – Hand out copies

A copy of the CCCCA Coaches Code of Ethics was disseminated. The form was sent by Carlyle. John reported that currently, there is no code of ethics in the constitution. He felt that the document was inclusive and should be considered as an addendum to the OEC constitution. Diane moved to consider the document in the future, if approved by the COA. This issue will be up for further discussion during the December meeting.

f. Retention and Graduation Rates

John emphasized the importance of having documentation that supports the success of our students in the areas of retention, persistence, transfer and graduation. He further stressed how imperative it is to have such documentation when fighting to retain sports.

Discussion followed about the campuses that have software to track these successes. Tony and Keith will e-mail the reports they use to track this type of data to all members.

John requested that no standardized report be implemented until Albert reports on the outcome of the Cal-PASS (California Partnership for Achieving Student Success) meeting which will be this Friday. Albert also mentioned that the COA will likely come up with something soon.

g. Scholar Teams Due to Committee

Informational item

Clara reported that last springs recipients of the awards were Cypress (Women's Soccer), Saddleback (Women's Volleyball) and OCC (Women's Water Polo).

h. Dropped Sports – Women's Water Polo, Santa Ana College

Avie reported that Santa Ana has not dropped the sport. It is only suspended. John will make the correction.

i. CCCAA Test – Avie Bridges

Avie asked for a show of hands from those schools who have taken the coaches' on-line exam. Several schools have taken the test and concurred that the test is too long and confusing. Avie felt that the test for coaches should only include recruiting rules, eligibility and decorum. Albert reported that the exam will be mandatory next year. Discussion followed.

j. Try-outs (non-enrolled students) – Albert Gasparian

Albert shared a scenario about a female student who was not enrolled in a Volleyball class at Golden West but somehow managed to "practice" with the team for a few minutes. Due to this reason, Golden West W. Volleyball has been placed on probation. Discussion and concerns followed regarding open gyms, try-outs and liabilities. John reinforced the fact that "try-outs" are not allowed.

Avie also shared a scenario where she felt an injustice had been done to a student who was "cut" from a program a day after the August 15th start of

practice date making her ineligible to participate in athletics in any other institution.

MSP for Keith to draft amended legislation regarding open gyms and try-outs; however, members felt that this was beyond a Form 5 as it may make coaches' vulnerable and drive up insurance and liability issues. Discussion also followed regarding the possibility of recommending the striking of the bylaw from the constitution, the possibility of a waiver or it being an institutional decision. There are strong arguments from both sides. Keith will submit proposed Form 5 legislation.

k. State Champion, Softball – Cypress, Women's Tennis – Saddleback, Men's Track – Riverside City College

John congratulated all the winners. Informational item

l. 2010 Pepsi/NATYCAA – Orange Coast College

John praised OCC on their accomplishments. Informational item

m. Softball Showcase

Albert clarified that the showcase was not held at Golden West College. It was canceled.

John mentioned that showcases are allowed; however, he explained that gifts are not allowed. It must be sponsored by the coaches association.

n. Miscellaneous

John reported that Golden West College and Orange Coast College have been placed on probation for Women's Volleyball for academic year 2010-2011. He stated that article 7 of the constitution requires the college placed on probation to submit a written statement on how they will be working with the coach to ensure that the incident does not re-occur.

John also reported that Fullerton College has concluded their probation with Men's Tennis. He requested a motion to remove them officially from probation. **MSP** to remove Fullerton's Men Tennis from probation.

John stated that per article 7.4.12.10.2, Fullerton will be placed on an informal probation for three years to ensure that the violation does not happen again.

5. **OEC Meeting Schedule – 2010-2011**

Informational item

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

Tony reported that Tod was unable to attend the meeting. Tony mentioned that new legislation will now be voted on in the Spring. He also informed the committee that the board has been discussing academic and athletic standards and appeals related to units and grades.

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

T. Mark reported that all dues are in. He further mentioned that the OEC is doing good this year due to the fact that there was a decrease in insurance. Currently, there is \$7,000 in the reserve account.

John explained that OEC has a new insurance carrier with better coverage and better rates. He also stated that this insurance carrier is used by many in the state.

John added that at least \$5,000 dollars need to be in the reserve account at all times to pay for the insurance deductible should someone decide to sue the conference.

8. **CCCAA Legislation** – Tony Lipold

Tony distributed a Form 5A proposing amended legislation regarding Recruitment (Bylaw 2.3). After discussion, **MSP** (20 ayes, 1 nay) to approve proposal as submitted.

Tony also disseminated proposed amended legislation regarding Residence (Bylaw 1.2). After dialoguing, it was requested that the underlined statement, in the Proposed Revisions column, be changed to “and provides their most recent official high school transcripts by the fourth week of the semester of the season of sport”. **MSP** (11 ayes, 6 nays and 3 abstentions) to approve proposal with changes.

Avie presented proposed amended legislation to Practice (Bylaw #3.5.6). Avie requested assistance with the wording. After review, the committee decided that the wording, in the Proposed Revisions section, state “A student who is “cut” from the team prior to the beginning of the season of sport shall be allowed to submit an appeal to the Conference Commissioner and may be given a waiver to transfer to another California Community College and compete in that sport the same season.” **MSP** (12 ayes, 2 nays, 5 abstentions) to approve proposal with amendments.

9. **Constitution Finalized** – Keith Shackelford

Keith disseminated copies of the new proposed OEC constitution. He stated that the proposed constitution had been e-mailed to all Athletic Directors. He added that he received feedback from some A/D's suggesting corrections and/or additions. He also mentioned that the new document is more uniformed and

easier to use. **MSP** to approve the new OEC Constitution document as presented. John requested that Keith e-mail Jason a copy of the document so that it is added to the website. Avie requested that the page numbers be inserted at the bottom of the page prior to posting on the website.

10. **PCAC/OEC Combined Swimming Championships** – Albert Gasparian

Albert distributed a proposal from the Pacific Coast Conference requesting to merge the Swim Championships with the OEC. This merger would save the PCC monies. Should this committee approve, it will be effective Spring 2011. After discussion, **MSP** (9 ayes, 2 nays, 3 abstentions) to approve the merger. It was decided that as long as this agreement is in place, PCC teams would travel to OEC campuses, bring their own trainers, managers and timers.

11. **Coach of the Year**

The winners of the coach of the year are Jim McCarron (Riverside – Men’s Track and Field) and Ian Woodhead (Santiago Canyon – Women’s Soccer). Congratulations to the winners.

12. **CCCAA Fall Conference** – Hyatt Regency, Irvine – October 27-29, 2010

Informational item

13. **Sport Schedule Approvals**

MSP to approve the following schedules as submitted:

Baseball
Men’s Golf

14. **Sport Supplement Approvals**

MSP to approve the following supplements as presented:

Men’s Golf
Men and Women Tennis

MSP to approve Baseball supplement with a change in section 4.15A(c) to read: Saturday – play Monday

After discussion of the Men’s Soccer supplement section 4.137, it was tabled until the December meeting.

15. **Additions to Agenda** – See below items

16. **State Women Golf** – Jerry Hannula

Jerry reported that Saddleback had been selected to host the State Women’s Golf match since Tom Shine, SCC, is no longer coaching a women’s team. He mentioned that the proposed budget to the COA has been handled. He

requested help from all members of the conference. Avie mentioned that Gary, Athletic Trainer – SAC, may be able to assist. She will follow up with Jerry on her findings.

17. **Football Information Item: XO's** – Albert Gasparian

Members discussed coaches' agreement regarding dissemination of game film through XO. John suggested that the matter be brought to Sartoris' attention. Further discussion is scheduled during the December meeting.

18. **All Conference Selections** – Tony Lipold

Tony requested that coaches not speculate or accuse anyone without having all the facts. He spoke of a scenario where a softball student was hitting many home runs and she was accused of using a bat that had been tampered with when in fact, it was not. He asked that people be careful with making false accusations.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Next OEC Meeting: Irvine Valley College, Tuesday, December 7, 2010