

Southern California Football Association
SCFA

Executive Committee Meeting
January 14, 2011
Glendale College

10:00 am

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call

In Attendance: Chuck Lyon, Tony Lipold, Barry Meier, Newton Chelette, Lefty Olguin, John Cicuto, Frank Mazzotta, Bob Jastrab, Dean Dowty, Henry Washington, Carl Beach, Dave Hoover, Chris Ruiz, Rich Kollen, Jim Sartoris

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes of the July 9, 2010 meeting were approved.**

3. President's Report (Need to elect a new SCFA President)

- **Barry Meier, Riverside City College, was elected to replace Larry Reisbig.**

4. Commissioner's Report – Sartoris

Sartoris reminded the committee of the goals of the SCFA: "to bring uniformity, strength and competitive balance to Southern California community College football" should be kept in mind when discussing and deciding issues and that the representatives on the executive committee must keep the "big picture" in mind and strive to do what is best for all 37 colleges in the association.

- Review competitive season

Sartoris reported that a review of the season showed that all conferences were highly competitive, with at least 14 schools still having a chance for a conference championship up through the 9th week of the season.

Congratulations to Conference Winners:

Northern Conference : Cerritos and Bakersfield

Southern Conference : Mt. SAC

West Conference: LA Harbor

East Conference: Riverside

Mountain Conference: San Bernardino

Pacific Conference: LA Pierce

Congratulations to Bowl Game and Playoff Participants

Congratulations to SCFA champion and State champion: Mt. SAC

- Bowl Game sponsorship and awards - D3

All bowl games awards were delivered on time and appeared to be appreciated by the student athletes. D3 Athletics the main vendor used for the awards did an outstanding job for the association and hopefully our relationship with them can continue in the future.

- Appeals, Investigations, etc.

The El Camino forfeiture case was discussed and the committee agreed that colleges must be very careful in checking the backgrounds of transfer students or any student that has a number

of years out of school since high school graduation. The issue of falsification of Form 1's was discussed

- **Form 3 Data and Breakdown**
A breakdown of Form 3 eligibility data for each college was provided to the committee, which basically showed where are students are coming from and comparison of the data was provided for the last three years for out-of-state students in our programs.
- **Need to mandate transcripts as part of eligibility process**
Sartoris discussed the need to mandate high school transcripts as part of the eligibility verification process. The committee agreed that it would help track students and hopefully identify students who falsify their Form 1 information.
- **Next CCCAA meeting – March 28 - April 1 - Marriott San Mateo**
The committee was reminded of the Spring CCCAA convention dates.
- **Cost Containment Issues. (College Feedback?)**
Committee members said that at this time it is unclear how the new budget proposed by Governor Brown would affect their individual colleges and their athletic programs, but it was agreed that things did not look good and that cost containment issues must continually discussed.
- **Proposed new Legislation**
The committee was reminded that several legislative issues were going to be voted on at the Spring CCCAA convention. A brief discussion of each of the following items was had:
 - Poll voters - modify to all coaches (S-7)
Approve
 - Add commissioners to bowl selection committee (S-8)
Approve
 - Logos allowed (P-10) (P-11) (P-12)
Generally approved- but not sure about CCCFCA support
 - Open state recruiting (P-9)
Mixed
 - Compliance Rules Exam - mandatory (P-1)
No comment
 - High School Transcripts mandatory (P-4)
Approve
 - Ed Plan in by Oct. 15 - Fall Sports (P-5)
Concern that it would not be practical and legitimate
 - Weekly Participation log mandatory (P-6)
Approve, - if not passed - would consider making it a SCFA regulation
 - Tryouts (P-8)
No comment
 - Waiver after being "cut" (P-14)
Very concerned it would cause problems with students and parents who were not "cut" seeking releases
- **Football Items from CCCFCA**
The committee was reminded that the Spring meeting of the CCCFCA and Hall of Fame induction was March 3-5, 2011 in Visalia.

- NCAA - remedial redshirt concept
A brief discussion of the possibilities that there would be a major change effecting community college student athletes coming down from the NCAA concerning the possibility of a "remedial redshirt" was had. The committee members expressed general support for the concept, but expressed concern on how it would work and how it could be standardized for all colleges.
- Form X - SCFA voting rep at CCCAA convention
The committee appointed the commissioner and the SCFA president (alternate) to be have voting responsibility at the CCCAA convention on behalf of the SCFA. Additionally, the committee requested Commissioner Sartoris to create language for the Bylaws which allowed for the Commissioner and President to be the voting reps each year.

5. Treasurer's Report – Johnson/Sartoris

A report prepared by T. Mark Johnson was distributed to the committee which showed the income and expenses as of Dec 12, 2010, with projections to the end of the school year.

The committee also reviewed a recommendation to change the due date for SCFA dues from August 15 to August 25, they agreed that dues should be in before games are played but voted to make the due date Sept 1, so that athletic administrator could have sufficient time to work with their business offices. Proposed changes to Bylaw sections :

5.1.4 Payment of Dues

Annual dues must be paid by ~~August 15~~ **September 1** of the current school year. The postmark on the mailing envelope will be used to determine time of payment. Any college who was a member in good standing the previous year, but whose dues are not paid by ~~August 15~~ **September 1** will lose all conference voting privileges until such time as the dues are received by the SCFA Treasurer or the SCFA Commissioner. **Delinquent colleges may also be subject to further penalties.**

5.1.7 Signatures on Checks

Authorized to sign SCFA checks are: the SCFA Commissioner, the SCFA Treasurer, and ~~the President of the SCFA Executive Committee.~~ A check may not be signed by the same person to whom the check is made payable. **Checks cannot be signed unless an invoice has been preapproved by one of the above. All invoices, register records, transactions, bank statements are to be kept up to date and available.**

These changes will be presented the General Assembly for approval at the meeting in May.

6. Director of Football Operations Report - Kollen

Reviewed the season, and apologized for some of the mistakes committed in games during the season. Officials are being scrutinized more than ever because of the availability of video in all different forms. The official's association continues to work hard to make each official better.

Presently they have 13 crews that stay together and are doing well. He reported that they could get better officials to games if the night games would be at 7pm. That would allow for the better officials to work a day game at 1pm and also a 7 pm game. Playing games at 7pm could result in better officiated games in some instances. The committee agreed to encourage colleges that play at night to consider playing at 7pm instead of 6pm.

7. Sports Information report – Ruiz

Chris reported that things went relatively well this season, but reported the biggest challenge is when colleges continually change their roster. When students are assigned different numbers it becomes difficult to track them accurately. Colleges will be encouraged to keep their rosters stable. The committee thanked Chris for his work and particularly enjoyed getting the game results on Saturday night in a timely fashion. Chris encouraged colleges to text him their score immediately after the game to he could get it posted as soon as possible.

8. Old Business

- a. Review Power Ranking Index for playoff qualification
 - 2010 Power Ranking results
 - Plan for 2011 season?

A very lengthy discussion was had concerning the Power Ranking Index (PRI), which was used this season to determine the 3rd and 4th qualifiers to the playoffs. It had been approved on a one year trial basis in May, 2010. The committee agreed that this last season the four best teams were in the playoffs and that the PRI did work. However, there was a concern expressed by several of the committee that it could be modified for the 2011 season. One issue was should the PRI formula be modified to allow for the possible qualification of a undefeated Central Division team. There was strong feelings expressed, both for and against. It was noted that the survey conducted last year which proposed the three division structure, and which ultimately led to the formation of our present three division structure, indicated that playoff teams would come from the National Division.

It was made clear that the CCCAA Football Handbook requires that the SCFA use a PRI, so the committee agreed to encourage the Competition Committee to investigate the PRI and make recommendations for any changes. The recommendations of the Competition Committee would then be considered by the Exec. Committee. It was also noted that if any other process to determine qualifiers to the playoffs which differs from what is in the CCCAA Football Handbook is desired (not using a PRI) then a Form 5 must be initiated by October of 2011 and if passed would not go into effect until the 2012 season.

9. New Business

- 2011 FB schedule approval (Roll over schedule from 2010)
The committee was shown the roll-over schedule and typos were corrected. The schedule is the second year of the two-year schedule approved last year.
The schedule will be sent to SCFA member schools with a request that game times be assigned so that a master schedule can be created and posted.
- Constitution, Bylaws, Supplement review (additions/deletions/changes)
 - Need to change Conferencing Criteria for movement every two years.
Appendix B in Bylaws
This item was delayed and must be discussed at the next meeting of the committee with input from the competition committee.

10. Additions to the agenda

1. Divisional structure for the future - Dowty

A lengthy discussion was had concerning the future of the SCFA's divisional structure. An evaluation of our present three division structure should occur and how best to meet the primary goal of the association, that is to have competitive balance. The committee felt that any changes should be considered by all in a timely and thoughtful manner. Coaches, Athletic Directors and even Presidents should be heard. It was felt that this discussion should start now even though any changes would be implemented for the 2012 and 2013 seasons. The main questions to consider:

1. Is our three-division structure meeting the goal of competitive balance.
2. Would reverting back to our two-division structure meet the goal of competitive balance better.
3. How should non-conference schedules be determined. What specific criteria is needed.
4. What is best for all 37 member colleges?
5. Can we protect our weakest programs from being terminated in this climate of budget crisis at our colleges by conferencing and scheduling to keep them competitive.
6. Should competitive balance stay as our primary goal when conferencing.
7. How should post-season competition fit into the structuring formula.
8. What part does geography and natural rivals play in either conference placement or non-conference scheduling.
9. Other?

The Executive committee realizes these are questions that are difficult to get consensus on. Consensus is probably unattainable. Therefore at some point decisions will have to be made in a democratic way and the membership must be willing to live with the voting outcomes.

The committee has instructed Commissioner Sartoris to create a questionnaire (NOT A SURVEY) asking for thoughts and comments on these very important questions. Feedback from the membership will then be supplied to the Competition Committee for their discussions and to the Executive Committee with input from the Competition Committee.

2. Modification to All Conference - Chelette

A modification to the All-Conference Ballot was approved which makes certain delineations at various positions, i.e.: Offensive Guard and Offensive Tackle instead of just Offensive Lineman, or Inside Linebacker and Outside Linebacker instead of just Linebacker.

11. Set date for next meetings.

- Executive committee meeting - April 13th at Chaffey College - 12 noon
- Competition committee meeting- April 13th at Chaffey College - 10 am.
- General Assembly Meeting
 - May 2 and 3 in Palm Springs