

Southern California Football Association
SCFA

Executive Committee Meeting
January 30, 2009
Long Beach City College
10:00 am

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call

Present: Larry Reisbig, Barry Meier, John Cicuto, Newton Chelette, Lefty Olguin, Frank Mazzota, Ed Carberry, Mike Taylor, Jeff Chudy, Henry Washington, Rich Kollen, T. Mark Johnson, Chris Ruiz, Jim Sartoris
Absent: none

2. Approval of October 10, 2008 Minutes

MSP – to approve minutes of 10/10/08 meeting

3. President's Report – Reisbig

President Reisbig commented on the success of the SCFA's first season. He felt things were running fairly smoothly and reported that he had almost no complaints. He said there was some interest in re-examining the post-conference playoff structure. He was very pleased with the feedback he received concerning the professional way the State Championship Game was conducted. Mike Taylor and John Cicuto reported on the post-game wrap-up meeting of the State Championship committee. It was felt that, while things were much improved from the last few years, the State Championship game can be improved and that some of the areas that need attention are: overall security, more strict sideline control, and a pro-active sportsmanship and decorum program/plan for both players and coaches.

4. Commissioner's Report – Sartoris

- Appeals, Investigations, etc.

Commissioner Sartoris reported that he has been receiving a number of Form 4 – Injury Illness Waiver Requests and that most were lacking the new requirement that a “contemporaneous document” from the doctor who treated the student at the time of the injury be provided with the form. Most appeals had a letter from a doctor, but did not include the contemporaneous documents. Sartoris said he was notifying the college of the new requirement and advised them that he would not process their Form 4 until all required documentation were provided.

- Form 3 Data and Breakdown

A breakdown of the 2008 Form 3's were distributed to the committee, which examined how many of our students were coming from our local districts, contiguous districts, in-state high schools and out of state. This data was to provide base data for the SCFA and could be used for future examination of trends.

- New Form C – out of state student information – proposal

The committee was informed that Commissioner Sartoris was working with other commissioners in developing an “expanded” Form C, for out of state students. The goal was to make contact information and financial arrangements for tuition, room and board, and costs associated with going to school more transparent for out-of-state students. Hopefully this will provide a mechanism to monitor out-of-state students participating in our intercollegiate football programs and remove many of the suspicions of illegal recruiting and subsidization associated with out-of-state students.

- Next COA meeting – March 31 - April 3 - Doubletree, Ontario

The committee was reminded that the up-coming CCCAA/COA convention was being held in Ontario on March 31-April 3. Committee members should check the CCCAA website for details concerning registration fees, hotel accommodations and the convention schedule.

- Cost Containment Issues – Football Schedule implications.

A lengthy discussion was had concerning the initial recommendations of the Cost Containment committee, which was set up by the management council. A response to the recommendations by the CCCFCA was provided to the committee. The committee unanimously voted to support the position of the CCCFCA, in that the sport of football should give up 10% of their allowable contests, but that the contest that should be deleted would be the scrimmage, not a game. They agreed that it did not make financial sense, in this time of budget crisis, to delete a money producing game in favor of a non-revenue producing scrimmage. To keep the scrimmage, which still had a number of associated costs (travel costs for traveling team – are the same whether a scrimmage or a game) and give up a game which generated considerable revenue for colleges to meet game expenses and additional revenue used by the college- was counterproductive in the present budget cutting climate. They agreed with the position of the CCCFCA to use the same cost-containment principles employed in 2002 (delete the scrimmage), as well as, delay the start of football practice to August 17th. The committee requested that Commissioner Sartoris send a letter to the cost containment committee in support of the CCCFCA’s position.

- Transfer Waiver proposal

Commissioner Sartoris informed the committee of a proposal coming from the Conference Commissioners which would allow for a transfer waiver after the start of a sport season. While details of the exact mechanism of this proposal were still being worked out – the main idea was to allow student athletes who start practice at one college and who find that they are not going to make the team or find they are not going to get any playing time (ex. 5th string player) will be able to obtain a waiver from that college to go to another college to participate. The committee agreed that in principle a student who is cut from a team should have a mechanism to go to another program, but was concerned about some students wanting to move just because they might not be first-string right away, etc. They thought that the coach should be involved in the waiver process. The committee realized that this issue would be further discussed in the future.

- Proposed new Legislation
 - Football Items from CCCFCA
 - 25 sec clock
 - holiday as one practice opportunity
 - North – additional bowl game proposal to COA
 - Delay of Game Clocks – mandatory starting 2009
 - Form 5
 - Delete the existing COA Bylaw 4.2.5

~~B. The requirement to have visual delay of game clocks (Rule 4, Section 2, article 4.B of the NCAA rulebook, may be waived if the home team does not have delay of game clocks.~~

- Replace with New 4.2.5 - use 25 second delay of game rules

Sartoris informed the committee of the Form 5's that were being forwarded for legislation at the next CCCAA meeting. The committee was reminded that the membership had been informed for over a year that in 2009 visual delay of game clocks were going to be mandatory at all venues and that this legislation would delete CCCAA bylaw provisions that allowed for waiver of this NCAA rule. Additionally, the committee approved the proposal to play with a traditional 25 second count in between plays, rather than play with the new 40 count NCAA rules. The committee supports the Form 5 presented by the CCCFCA to make Labor Day holiday count as one practice opportunity when it falls in the week of the first game. The committee was also informed that the NCFA's proposal to request an additional Bowl Game in the north was being pulled off the table, to be revisited some time in the future.

5. Treasurer's Report – Johnson

T. Mark Johnson presented a status report on the budget to date and a proposal of the projected budget for 2009/2010. It appeared to the committee that in this first year the projected expenses would be covered by the income and that some carryover would be realized. However, the committee felt that there were still a number of uncertainties, particularly for post-conference and supporting bowl games in the future, and that a significant contingency fund be kept. It was decided by the committee to recommend no increases in the dues and keep the dues the same for 2009/2010. A proposed 2009/2010 Budget will be presented to SCFA General Assembly in May, 2009.

6. Director of Football Operations Report - Kollen

Rich Kollen reported that he felt the season had gone very smoothly. He reported that he felt there was good communication with the coaches and said the official's association was working to improve their training videos. He encouraged coaches to send in videos of plays of interest to him so that he could include plays from our games in their training films.

7. Sports Information report – Ruiz

Chris Ruiz felt that overall the new SCFA website was a success. He reported that he had very good communication with almost all colleges and that with their cooperation almost all game reports were on the website by Sunday afternoon. He was receptive to any suggestion on how to improve the site and would be working to update it on a regular basis. He is hoping to have our SCFA website linked to other athletic websites around the nation. The committee felt that our website is a valuable tool for four-year coaches to know about our student athletes and that we should encourage all four-year schools to visit our website on a continual basis. Ruiz said he was ready to publish the SCFA All-Academic honors as soon as they became available. Sartoris said that now that grades should be in from the Fall semester he would ask for member colleges to nominate their outstanding academic student athletes, according to the criteria that has been created. Additionally, the committee felt that a Freshman Academic Honor Roll should be created and published on the website. Sartoris agreed to put the call out for nomination of 1st year students who achieved a 3.0 grade point average with a minimum of nine (9) "academic" (non PE activity) units included in their schedule.

8. Old Business

- a. Conference Passes- increased from 50 per school to ?

The committee has requested that a few more SCFA passes be printed up and that if a colleges needed more then the 50, which is initially sent to each college, they could request additional passes from the commissioner.

9. New Business

a. Review of committee assignments

Sartoris passed out a list of the standing committee assignment and a reminder of the duties of each committee as set forth in the SCFA Bylaws. The executive committee felt that there should be no change in the standing committee assignments at this time.

b. Evaluations

Under the provisions of the SCFA Bylaws an evaluation of the Commissioner, in the first year of his tenure, was to be done by the evaluation committee, with a recommendation going forward to the General Assembly in the May meeting. Since there is no formal evaluation tool, it was decided to look into the creation of a form to be used by the evaluation committee. Sartoris said he would investigate whether the NCFCA has a form that could be used.

Also the SCFA Bylaws require to commissioner to give an annual evaluation of the other officers of the SCFA – Director of Football Operations, Treasurer and Sports Information Director.

Sartoris made the following recommendations:

Director of Football Operations – recommend continuing the services of Rich Kollen

Treasurer _ recommend continuing the services of T. Mark Johnson

Note: T. Mark informed the committee that he was willing to continue on as the Treasurer for one more year, but that the committee should be looking for someone to take over after that.

Sports Information Director – recommend continuing the services of Chris Ruiz

c. 2009 FB schedule approval

The 2009 SCFA football schedule was distributed to the committee to examine and it was MSP to approve the schedule. It is the same as the 2008 schedule with the home/away sites reversed. It is the second year of the two-year schedule approved at the last General Assembly meeting in May of 2008. Note: with cost containment issues being dealt with – the schedule is subject to change.

d. Constitution, Bylaws, Supplement review (additions/deletions/changes)

No recommendations at this time.

e. Proposal to change playoff selection format

A lengthy discussion was had concerning the playoff structure presently being used. A number of the committee reps reported that there were a number of concerns expressed by their conference coaches. The committee felt that discussions should start now to explore modifications in the structure and that even though it is too late to effect any change for the 2009 post-conference structure- input should be requested now from coaches as to what they think would address some of the inequities that seem to exist. It was agreed that each rep would ask for suggestions from their member colleges and that a meeting of the SCFA's Competition Committee would be held on Wednesday, April 1 at 3:00pm (in conjunction with the COA convention – Ontario).

10. Set date for next meeting.

- Executive committee meeting
 - **Will meet as the Competition Committee – April 1, 2009 – 3:00 pm to primarily discuss ideas for modification of the Southern California playoff /bowl structure.**

- General Assembly Meeting
 - **The SCFA General Assembly Meeting will be held on May 5, ²⁰⁰⁹ in Palm Desert, in conjunction with the joint meeting of all Southern California Community College Conferences. It was agreed that each conference will meet separately at 10 am – with the general assembly meeting at 10: 45.**
 - **The General Assembly consists of all 37 SCFA member colleges, with representation from each college consisting of the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. (two votes per college-See SCFA Bylaw 3.2.2 for voting and proxy procedures.)**