

COAST CONFERENCE MEETING
APRIL 25, 2003
SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE

- I. **Call to Order – Debbie Budd, President**
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Quorum established
 - C. Agenda additions/changes
 - 1. Item added to Agenda
 - i. Coast Conference becoming a football conference

- II. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes of March 24, 2003 – MSP to accept Minutes

- III. **Commissioner’s Report**
 - A. Appeals – noted
 - B. Decorum – continued concern for coaches behavior was noted. Because of the number of disqualifications and ejections of coaches.
 - C. Hearing Board Action – None at this time
 - D. COA Action – discussion of action taken for cost reduction. Dale Murray noted that continued examination of post season competition is on-going and that adjustments are still possible. Starting and ending dates will probably be the same. Dale as conference commissioner, is responsible to report back to the COA measures taken to reduce costs.

- IV. **Conference Business**
 - A. 2003-2004 Vice President’s selection – MSP Andreas Wolf, Skyline College. Conference selected as VP.
 - B. Water Polo conferencing – Dale gave a brief history of water polo conferencing. Travel distances are biggest concern particularly hosting other conferences (see lists provided). Concern for returning to home conference for water polo may require hosting Central Valley colleges – MSP (14-3-5) to return to Coast Conference for water polo competition.
 - 1. Coast Conference, Football Conference – There was a lengthy discussion over the issue as to whether or not the Coast Conference should return as a football conference separate from the Northern California Football Assn. Primary concerns are for the cost of travel to other colleges for large football teams. Also discussion of philosophy of equity in competition, health of a conference only associated with football and other issues. Key points included:
 - i. Mandated cross-overs were required previously when the Coast Conference still had football.
 - ii. Discussion of starting dates and length of schedule
 - iii. Discussion of what might happen if Coast moved to an all-sports conference for football; the mechanics of the change and how it

might occur. Dale noted that it was a lengthy process that would take at a minimum two years.

- iv. Suggested that the conference let Nor Cal cycle through it's changes in divisions as required to see what happens after next season. Also, suggestion that cost containment move up on the criteria list for decision making for divisions.
 - v. It was recommended that the Nor Cal football association be directed to conduct a new survey for regional competition. It was noted that the Nor Cal has provided many benefits to football.
 - vi. It was noted that equity in competition is very important for football.
 - vii. Input to football competition committee is vital.
 - viii. Discussion of cost containment as required by football.
 - ix. Motion was made to return to the Coast Conference to an all-sports conference including football. MSF (7-9-7). It was then suggested a committee be formed to study possibilities of returning to a football conference. MSP (17-0-5) form Ad Hoc Committee to study and provide information concerning a Coast Conference football conference. Committee members: Gary Dilley, Sue Gatlin, Lyndon Schutzler, Steve DaPrato, Alex Golomeic.
- C. Divisions, Philosophies and Adjustments – discussed briefly. Current philosophy for creating divisions within the conference. Considerations include equity in divisions and playing complete schedules against all conference colleges.
- D. Officials Proposals – Dale discussed schedule changes and affects on sports and other factors concerning officials.
1. Tennis – no officials except for Conference championships
 2. Volleyball – discussed one official proposal and support to provide a second official. MSP to accept official proposal for reduction in fees using one official.
 3. Basketball – MSP to accept officials three person crew proposal.
 4. Soccer – see proposal MSP to accept proposal from officials and negotiate for reduced costs at double header.
 5. Baseball – MSP to accept proposal.
 6. Water Polo – will use one official
- E. Conference Schedules
1. Soccer – W – discussion of division's and scheduling with cross-overs in regard to maximum games allowed. MSP to approve coaches proposal.
 2. Soccer – M – One year, three division proposal to work with cost reduction. MSP to accept coaches proposal
 3. Volleyball – Discussion about counting cross-overs for divisions. MSP to accept proposal as written counting cross-overs.
 4. Basketball – W – Discussion of women's philosophy for cross-overs. Currently coaches are not working together. Proposal by three coaches to play six additional conference games with three teams

based on strength of program. Dale provided clarification for cross-over philosophy. MSP directing Sue Gatlin to work with women coaches and forward a schedule to Dale and Debby Budd.

5. Basketball – M – See letter. Proposal by coaches to play full cross-over schedule, but not count games outside of division. Problems with creating new time line for conference schedule was noted. There was a long discussion concerning various aspects of basketball schedule. MSP to accept coaches proposal for one year.

- V. **Adjournment** – Debbie Budd was thanks for her service as Conference President and the meeting was adjourned.