

DIABLO ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley Charter, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Mt. Diablo, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley, St. Patrick-St. Vincent (spring 2021 only)

Minutes

DAL ZOOM LEAGUE MEETING

Tuesday, June 8th 2021

9:30am - Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://auhsdschools.zoom.us/j/88541462561>

Meeting ID: 885 4146 2561

DAL LEAGUE MEETING NORMS

1. THE MEETING WILL START AT 8:00AM (regular meetings only); 2. MINIMIZE SIDE BARS; 3. ONLY ONE PERSON SPEAKS AT A TIME; 4. THERE WILL BE TIME LIMITS ON THE AGENDA; 5. A VOTE ON A MOTION STOPS DISCUSSION ON THAT ITEM; 6. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE FOLLOWED.

1. Closed Session at 9am
2. 9:30am Introduction and Roll Call
 - a. All Present except Clayton Valley Charter (joined late), and St. Patrick - St. Vincent.
3. Report out on closed session
 - a. All present, except Clayton Valley Charter and SPSV
 - b. Unanimously voted to hire Mark Tran as League Commissioner for the 2021-22 school year.
4. Public Comment
 - a. Eric Barnett: Requests that All-League awards are honored for this year. He would like the athletes to have the recognition this year and notes that other leagues (EBAL) have included these awards.
5. Approval of minutes
 - a. 5/6/21 Meeting [Minutes](#)

-Motion: Acalanes motions to approve the minutes as presented. **College Park second. Motion passes unanimously.**
6. President's report
 - a. Hiring committee -- updates in closed session, action taken
7. Commissioner's update
 - a. Shared the information about the change of league name (happened historically, but formal changes on our legal documents need to be made).
 - b. Discussed the process for creating the business schedule and updated athletic schedules.
8. Discussion
 - a. Start times for 2021-22 (8:30am) and impact on athletic contests
 - i. Schools shared start and end times; there was variation between schools with some beginning at 8:00 and others at 8:30 this year.

- ii. Concern that missed class with the change will be particularly challenging for our athletes.
 - iii. It is recommended to set the start time for all sports as 4pm. There are three fall sports, girls tennis, cross country and swimming in the fall that release early. Golf can also be an issue depending on the course availability. Concerns of three games a week sports that cause an issue.
 - iv. Group did not move to take action at this meeting. ADs and Principals will gather feedback from coaches with contests beginning before 4pm to have an action item at our first fall meeting.
- b. All League awards were discussed. After discussion, it was decided to stay with our earlier decision not to give All League awards this year given the impacts of Covid-19 on teams and schools.
- c. 2021-22 Schedules
- i. Football:
 - Chamberlain/Alhambra raised the issue of football placement of their team. After looking at the data, he believes that Alhambra should not be placed as it is. They shared a document that included crossover games for both Foothill and Valley divisions.
 - Non-league games are protected; first four weeks are not impacted.
 - Concerns that schools without head coaches would be struggling to make changes late.
 - Discussed that Alhambra and Northgate could switch spots in the division, but this could cause the same issue that Alhambra currently has.
 - Concern that if the schedule is not adjusted that football numbers at Alhambra could drop.
 - Concern was raised that treating football differently than the other sports in the league. This was not a point of consensus.
 - Question regarding if this were opening the door to realign other sports as well.

Motion: Alhambra motions to accept the amended football schedule as presented. Benicia Seconds: **Motion Fails:** Yea votes: Alhambra, Benicia, College Park; No votes: Acalanes, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley

 - Alhambra expressed their disappointment at the vote outcome.
- d. Petitions to change division in softball. Schools interested are Concord, Acalanes and Berean Christian; all three schools rescinded their requests; no action taken.

9. Action Items

- a. Las Lomas Forfeit disclosure and plan approval: JV Girls Basketball [letter](#); waterpolo [letter](#)
- Motion:** Las Lomas motions to acknowledge the Las Lomas High School forfeits in JV Girls Basketball and proposed remedy; **Acalanes second. Motion passes:** Votes: Yea Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley
- Motion:** Acalanes motions to acknowledge the Las Lomas forfeits in Boys Waterpolo and proposed remedy; **Berean Christian second. Motion passes:** Votes: Yea Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley
- b. Acknowledgement of league title changes to Diablo Athletic League
- Motion:** Acalanes motions to acknowledge that the league was named the Tri County Athletic League 23 yrs ago, which was changed to the Diablo Foothill Athletic League, and is now named the Diablo Athletic League. This name shall be reflected on all legal documents. **Berean Christian second. Motion passes.** Votes: Yea Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley

- c. Northgate HS is requesting to move from the Valley division to the Foothill division in boys water polo: Cooper requested the upward movement based on the record for the last year and the difficulty in scheduling.

-Motion: Northgate motioned to move Northgate High school from the Valley Division to the Foothill Division for the 2021-22 school year. **Failing to receive a second, the motion was rescinded.**

- i. Discussion of rules for the timing of petitioning for school movement up/down division. Reminder of By Laws ([LINK](#)) and requirements on the post season meeting.
- d. 2021-2022 Business Schedule: [LINK](#)

-Motion: Acalanes motions to approve the business schedule with dates as presented and locations to be determined. **Las Lomas second. Motion passes unanimously.**

10. Future Agenda items:

- a. Start time for sports with the mandated 8:30am starts for schools in 2022-23.
- b. Tran and Takahashi will research this for next year. ADs and Principals will gather feedback from coaches with contests beginning before 4pm to have an action item at our first fall meeting.

11. Announcements

- a. President for next year: Miramonte High School: Vice President; Mt. Diablo High School