

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

Thursday, May 6, 2021

8:00am - Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://auhsdschools.zoom.us/j/89047420175>

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. Introduction and Roll Call
 - a. All present except Berean Christian
2. Public Comment -- none
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. 4/15/21: [LINK](#)
 - b. Approved unanimously
4. President's report
 - a. Constitution and By-Laws review -- discussed the need to postpone the audit and committee until next year with the new commissioner
 - b. Shared the updates on the commissioner search committee. Posting will close 5/20, contact president with inquiries.
5. Commissioner's update
 - a. Update on financial accounts
 - b. Discussed schedule process for next year
 - c. JV baseball officials -- shared that we are having a problem getting officials for JV games.
 - i. Officials are down by nearly half this year
6. Discussion
 - a. JV baseball officials -- shared that we are having a problem getting officials for JV games.
 - i. Officials are down by nearly half this year
 - ii. Concerns about liability issues without external officials
 - iii. Options may include moving games, but logistically this may not be feasible for many games
 - iv. SSS umpires as an option
 - v. Coaches have been acting as an umpire, but this can cause discontent
 - vi. AD T. Kruger shared how to check in the system if there is an umpire assigned

- vii. Suggest having a protocol for how to handle the lack of officials. Suggestions included having freshman coach umpire.
- b. Quarantine rules and communication protocols -- 10 days out of practice and play for indoor sports
 - i. Discussed communication protocols
 - ii. If there are any visible symptoms, team wouldn't play until full team tests negative.
 - iii. Negative rumors are hurting community confidence in athletic programs.
 - iv. Open communication is helpful to everyone.
 - v. If games need to be cancelled, make sure it is happening at the administration level with AD support.
 - vi. Make sure coaches are talking to AD and not making independent decisions.
- c. Masks:
 - i. There are concerns about coaches, players on the bench, players on the field.
 - 1. Especially noted in Solano County, still in red tier.
 - 2. CDPH -- Anyone not in active competition is required to wear a mask. (Coaches and sideline players must wear masks.)
 - 3. J. Parks offered to draft a message about why league rules are not identical to CDPH guidelines regarding outdoor mask wearing. Including parent spectators.
- d. Spectators:
 - i. Site protocols for spectators, no more than 2 for indoor events. Outdoor events allow households with facilities capacities.

7. Action Items

- a. 2021-22 Schedules
- b. **Football:**
 - i. ACTION: Miramonte motioned to accept the 2019-20 schedule for the Foothill division and the 2020-21 schedule for the Valley Division for the 2021-22 school year. Concord seconded. **Motion passes.** Yeas Acalanes, Benicia, Campolindo, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley. Nos: Alhambra, Mt. Diablo. SPSV Abstained
 - ii. Previous Football ([LINK](#)) for reference
 - iii. Discussed keeping schedules for this year.
 - iv. Football schedule and concerns of competitive equity for Alhambra if the prior system is kept. Requested a 3 level division. However, this worked mainly because SPSV wss in the league. Concerns about losing automatic bid to playoffs and need to fill more games with out of league teams.
 - v. Value of keeping 5 guaranteed games for all teams was raised as central.
 - vi. Raised the issue of aligning teams by division.
 - vii. Discussion regarding realignment, agreed to form a subcommittee next year to student realignment. Alhambra and Miramonte to chair.
- c. All other schedules:
 - i. ACTION: Concord motions to approve all 2020-21 schedules with adjusted calendar dates for the 2021-22 school year. Benicia seconds. **Motion passes** unanimously.
 - 1. Discussion of competitive equity in softball. Will discuss mitigations with coaches and AD before the season next spring.
- d. Wrestling schedule
 - i. No motion was made. Teams will continue to schedule scrimmages individually.
- e. Postpone annual review of Constitution and By-laws until 2021-22 year
 - i. ACTION: Las Lomas motioned to postpone review of the Constitution and Bylaws until 2021-22. Acalanes seconds. **Motion passes** unanimously.
- f. Approve the League Commissioner Job Description ([LINK](#))
 - i. ACTION: Acalanes motioned to approve the DAL Commissioner job description as presented. Northgate seconds. **Motion passes** unanimously.
 - 1. Discussion of salary to be reviewed next year.
 - 2. Discussed commitment to interview POC candidates and proactively recruit candidates for a wider pool of candidates.

8. Future Agenda items
 - a. Commissioner committee updates
9. Announcements
 - a. None
10. Special Meeting Tuesday, June 8th at 9am via zoom