

November 27, 1995

Minutes of SCVAL Cross Country Post Season Evaluation

The following members were present: Marron Honigman(Mt. View), Paul Jones(Palo Alto), Walt Van Zant(Wilcox), Bob Sharpe(Milpitas), Marshall Clark(Saratoga), Julie L'Heureux (Santa Clara), Ed Cutshall (Cupertino), Margaret Bennett(Los Altos), Steve Barth(Los Gatos), Hank Lawson (Lynbrook), Hal Daner(Gunn), Mike Morris (Fremont), Roberta Chisam (St. Francis). Absent: Ron Ross(Monta Vista), Verne Thornburg (Homestead) and Ted Lecicero

I. All coaches received complete CIF State Meet Results, a copy of our league by-laws and the minutes from the track and field/ cross country advisory committee.

II. Hal Daner and Roberta Chisam presided over the meeting in the absence of Ted Lecicero.

a. Congratulations were given to the coaches and athletes in the League that were successful at the League, CCS and CIF Championship meets.

III. Discussion of our League Championships:

a. kudos were given to Julie L'Heureux and Roberta Chisam for hosting the League Championships. Next year's hosts will be : Wilcox and Lynbrook.

b. it was requested that we try to order the numbers for the athletes in our League meet. They will need to be ordered early by the host for that season.

c. the coaches were reminded that both divisions of the league now have a rotating host:

	<u>El Camino</u>	<u>De Anza</u>
1996:	Wilcox	Lynbrook
1997:	Palo Alto	Saratoga
1998:	Gunn	Homestead
1999:	Mt. View	Los Gatos
2000:	Los Altos	Fremont
2001:	Milpitas	Cupertino
2002:	Santa Clara	Monta Vista
2003:	Wilcox	St. Francis

d. This year we were given all team championship certificates and had to reorder the all league certificates. We need to be sure to have both types of certificates available at the meet for the coaches.

e. Bob Sharpe showed an interest in having pins or ribbons for the athletes as participants like the CCS meet when they exit the chute. Hal Daner explained that the Board of Directors would probably not allow it , but if we had the numbers, most athletes use them as momentos.

f. our league has been given Tuesday to use Crystal Springs, so depending on the CCS meet, it will be on either Nov 5th or Oct 29th for 1996.

IV. CCS Feedback:

We felt that the overall running of the meet went very smooth. Being that the meet was run in very warm weather for the season, there were very few problems.

a. Julie L'Heureux and Roberta Chisam brought up the fact that they would like to have the order of the divisions be rotated so that the same teams don't have the advantage of the cooler weather or if rain occurs, everyone should have the chance to run in the best conditions, and not just the Division I athletes every season. Discussion has been raised at the CCS meetings on this and few other coaches wanted changes. Division IV coaches especially want to keep status quo because of the travel time. We felt that we could leave Div IV status quo and rotate the three other divisions.

b. Hal Daner brought up the disqualification of the St. Francis male runner that impeded another runner (Soquel) in the last 50 yards of the race. Eventhough the Soquel runner beat out the St. Francis runner, he was disqualified for a "flagrant" foul. It was felt by other coaches that there probably a lot of other fouls on the course and that we do not have the man-power to put coaches on the course to properly referee the complete course. Comment was made that maybe we need to identify and ensure that in the last 500 yards of the race has referees or officials that could make the calls necessary in these situations. Part of the problem was that we have been

fortunate enough to not have had many problems like this and so we did not identify proper officials for making these calls. At the meet, Bob Rush and Bill Daskarolis, who were in the shed at the time of the incident to make the call. They had to view a parents videotape to make the call. If there is an official videotape, that is the only one that could possibly be used.

c. our recommendations to the CCS for preventing this to occur again:

- i. designate a meet referee
- ii. designate a protest committee
- iii. have assigned monitor available for the last 300-500 yards of the course.
- iv. do not make Bob Rush make these calls when he is the head scorer already and is probably in the shed and will not see what happens.

V. State Meet Discussion:

It was unanimous that the management did an extra fine job in using mile markers, and timing devices at each marker. The course was marked well and there was plenty of chute space to keep the lines moving.

a. the only complaint was that the same division boys and girls races were split apart. It was requested that they be brought together again.

VI. By-law changes:

a. Article IV, Sec 2. We would like to amend the number of entries for the frosh/soph division boys race. We would like to run all the frosh/soph together instead of putting the 11th and on in the Open division. This will allow the athletes of similar age to run together. The 8th runner on will not displace in the scoring. 5 in favor, 2 against, 5 abstained

b. We need to determine if the Board of Managers accepted our request to allow the top 10 finishers of the Open boys race to receive All-League Certificates.

c. we voted unanimously to keep the league alignments status quo.

d. our recommendations to the CCS Committee if they were to vote on the movement of the Cross Country or Track Championships so that Basketball could be moved to the Southern Section are:

i. the use of Sacramento's Hughes Stadium would be acceptable

ii. we would prefer not to use Mt. SAC for Cross Country because of the heat and smog problems.