



ANNUAL CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1:12pm at Desert Willow Conference Center.

Members in Attendance (51 signed in):

91 st Psalm	Heritage – Mesa	Madison Highland Prep
Academy del Sol	Heritage Elementary	Maricopa Institute of Technology
ALA- Ironwood	Holy Family	Mission Heights Prep
Arrowhead Christian	Imagine - Avondale	Red Rock
BASIS- Chandler	Imagine - Coolidge	Ridgeline Academy
BASIS – Peoria	Imagine – E. Mesa	Salt River
Bella Vista	Jefferson Prep	San Tan Charter
Canyon State Academy	Joy Christian	Sequoia Pathway
Caurus Academy	Legacy - Avondale	Skyline Prep
Desert Heights Prep	Legacy – Chandler	Skyline – Gila River
EVAC	Legacy – Gilbert	Southwest Leadership
Glennview College Prep	Legacy – Laveen	South Valley Prep
Grande Innovation	Legacy – Maricopa	Tri-City Christian
Harvest Prep - Goodyear	Legacy – NW Tucson	Tri-City Prep
Harvest Prep - Yuma	Legacy - Phoenix	Trinity Christian
Heritage – Gateway	Legacy - QC	Val Vista Academy
Heritage - Laveen	Legacy – Surprise	WSST

CAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Paul Brown, *Tri-City Christian Academy*
 Dion Koltes, *Legacy Traditional School - Avondale*
 Robert McCormick, *Imagine Schools – Superstition*
 Troy Miletta – *Heritage Elementary*

CAA STAFF:

Randy Baum, *Executive Director*
 Shannon Eastin, *Director of Officials*
 Melissa Rigazio, *Asst. Director of Finance*
 Alan Weber, *Director of Finance*
 Keith Zaborski, *Operations Manager*

GUESTS:

Maury Samilton, *Esports*
 George Henderson, *Esports*

INTRODUCTION

Randy Baum, *Executive Director*, welcomed all attendees and went over the meeting’s agenda.
 Paul Brown, *CAA Executive Board President*

LEAGUE FEE RECOMMENDATION VOTE

Motion was made by Madison Highland Prep and 2nd by Ridgeline to have the following League Fee recommendations voted on by the membership:

- ❖ **HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FEE** increase from \$1,500 to \$1,700. (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **PASSED** (19-8).
- ❖ **OFFICIAL TRAVEL FEE.** Add a Phoenix Metro Area Travel Fee of \$10.00 per official per assignment (*doubleheaders will only be charged \$10*). (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **PASSED** (34-7).
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PARTICIPATION FEE RECOMMENDATION VOTE

Motion was made by Madison Highland Prep and 2nd by Ridgeline to have the following League Fee recommendations voted on by the membership:

- ❖ **High School & Junior High BASEBALL - Fee increase from \$200 to \$350.** (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **DENIED** (15-12).
- ❖ **High School & Junior High BOYS VOLLEYBALL - Fee increase from \$200 to \$300.** (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **APPROVED** (12-10).
- ❖ **Junior High Co-Ed SOCCER - Fee increase from \$200 to \$300.** (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **DENIED** (16-10).
- ❖ **High School & Junior High SOFTBALL - Fee increase from \$300 to \$350.** (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **DENIED** (15-13).
- ❖ **High School & Junior High FLAG FOOTBALL - Fee increase from \$200 to \$300.** (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **APPROVED** (17-16).
- ❖ **Junior High BASKETBALL - Fee increase from \$300 to \$350.** (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **APPROVED** (19-15).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

- ❖ **CAA By-Law 4.8.1** **2 SCHOOLS JOINING FOR A PARTICULAR SPORT.** *“The joining together of students from two or more schools (**member-schools**) in the same area or close proximity to form a single team (combining of teams.”* (League).
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Tr-City Christian and 2nd by Desert Heights Prep. Motion **APPROVED** (44-7).
- ❖ **CAA By-Law 10.3.2** **TEAM CANCELLING A GAME WITHIN 48 HOURS (M-F) OF THE AGREED UPON SCHEDULED GAME will be subject to the following fines:**

“1st Offense - Team Cancelling will be assessed a **\$25 Service Fee plus responsible for compensating the officials. In addition, they will be responsible for any reimbursable expenses incurred by the opponent and will be paid directly to that school.**

2nd Offense - Team Cancelling will be assessed a **\$25 Service Fee plus responsible for compensating the officials. In addition, they will be responsible for any reimbursable expenses incurred by the opponent and will be paid directly to that school. PLUS, the school must meet with the Executive Board.**

 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Legacy-NW Tucson and 2nd by BASIS - Chandler. Motion **PASSED** (37-14).
- ❖ **NEW CAA By-Law 10.3.2** **TEAM CHANGING A GAME (TIME AND/OR VENUE) WITHIN 48 HOURS (M-F) OF THE AGREED UPON SCHEDULED GAME.**
 - No guarantee that the game change requested can be accommodated.
 - If game change is made, school making the change will be assessed a **\$25 Service Fee.**
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Legacy-Chandler and 2nd by Red Rock. Motion **PASSED** (44-7).
- ❖ **CAA By-Law 8.5.10**

Teams/schools who owe the league any outstanding fees and/or dues for that season 2 weeks prior to the start of the State Tournament, will **NOT be eligible for post-season play.**

 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Desert Heights Prep and 2nd by Canyon State. Motion **PASSED** (40-7).

❖ **CAA By-Law 4.8.2** **COMBINING OF SCHOOLS – CHARGING OF FEES**

A CAA member -school that is sending their students to another CAA member-school to participate in sports is required to pay the required Participation Fee and any regular season and/or post-season fees. These non-school students should not be able to be grouped with that school when it comes to these fees. This is for sports that are primarily individualized: GOLF, SWIMMING, CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK, WRESTLING, TENNIS.

- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Madison Highland Prep and 2nd by Desert Heights Prep. Motion **PASSED** (44-7).

❖ **CAA By-Law 8.3.8** **TEAM CANCELATIONS OR 3+ FORFEITS IN A SEASON.**

If a team cancels their season or has (3+ forfeits in a season):

After the schedules have been released but before the 1st day regular season games can be played:

- The school will be charged a \$250 fine.

After the 1st day regular season **games-BEGINS**:

- Fine of \$200 in addition to the appropriate PARTICIPATION FEE.

- Team will be placed in an Independent Conference for the following season and will responsible for scheduling their own games.

- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Legacy – NW Tucson and 2nd by Caurus Academy. Motion **PASSED** (47-3).

❖ **CAA By-Law 8.4.2** A team (JH or HS) is only eligible to participate in no more than two (2) tournaments and/or Showcases/Classics events not including the end of the season state tournament.

- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Heritage - Mesa and 2nd by Imagine-Superstition. Motion **PASSED** (45-5).

❖ **NEW CAA By-Law 8.3.11** Teams may only play 2 non-conference games against teams OUTSIDE the state of Arizona. (Except for Open Division)

- If a request to play a non-CAA school within AZ, approval is needed using the appropriate form and non-CAA school must pay a \$250 Associate Participation Fee for that sport.
 - This non-CAA team/school is limited to playing only 4 games against CAA teams.

- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Legacy-Chandler and 2nd by Academy del Sol. Motion **PASSED** (47-3).

❖ **CAA By-Law 6.3** Head coaches must complete the NFHS First Aid, Health & Safety course as part of the Coaching Certification requirement.

- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by BASIS - Peoria and 2nd by 91st Psalm. Motion **PASSED** (41-9).

❖ Add 2 umpires for all Softball games (JH & HS).

- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Legacy – NW Tucson and 2nd by Red Rock. Motion **DENIED** (22-25).

E-SPORTS PRESENTATION

- ❖ PRESENTERS: Maury Samilton Founder of MoEnergy Youth Foundation & George Henderson Founder OC8 Gaming
- ❖ Presented information regarding E-Sports and the possibility of offering this sport/activity to our CAA member-schools and student-athletes.
- ❖ Esports officially stands for electronic sports, not to be confused with videogames.
- ❖ Esports is about teamwork, communication, strategic thinking and leadership.
- ❖ Please see Esports PowerPoint presentation sent via email to members on April 16th.

BOARD ELECTION

- ❖ The CAA Constitution was modified to reflect having 7 members on the CAA Executive Board.
- ❖ The following individuals ran for the CAA Executive Board and were granted 5 minutes to speak before the membership. A vote was taken immediately afterwards (individuals in BOLD, were voted in, classification noted in red)

Don Brown, Bella Vista
 Vaughn Flannigan, *Skyline – Gila River*
 Matt FritzMiller, *BASIS – Chandler*
Jerome Garrison, *Imagine Prep – Avondale (at-large)*

Erik Gray, *Leading Edge Academy – GEC (at-large)*
Robert McCormick, *Imagine – Superstition (HS)*
Courtney Martin, *Desert Heights Prep (JH)*

JUNIOR HIGH PROPOSALS

- ❖ **NEW CAA By-Law 5.3.6** JH Players MUST be “rostered” to only 1 team. (i.e. if a school has 2 JH teams, a player can only play on one of those teams). A player rostered on the school’s #2 team, may also play up to 4 games with the #1 team (similar to JV – Varsity). Elementary players must only play on the Elementary teams. No players on the JH team(s) can play on the Elementary Team. Likewise, no elementary players may play on any of the JH teams.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **APPROVED** (17-10).
- ❖ Drop the requirement to submit Age Verification forms for Junior High.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **DENIED** (23-4).
- ❖ Move JH Boys Basketball to Spring and move JH Boys Baseball to Winter.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **DENIED** (18-9).
- ❖ Create a JH only Constitution.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **APPROVED** (27-0).

HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSALS

- ❖ **CAA By-Law 5.2.3 & 5.2.4**
 - 5.2.3 Junior Varsity athletes can be in 7th – 11th grades only. Exception: Varsity football, players must be in (8th) 9 -12 grades.
 - 5.2.4 Varsity athletes can be in 7th – 12th grades only. Exception: Varsity football, players must be in (8th) 9 -12 grades.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Desert Heights Prep and 2nd by WSST. Motion **DENIED** (13-7).
- ❖ **CAA By-Law 5.5.** Student (either junior high ~~or high school~~) transferring into a school AFTER the official start date of a CAA season (first official day of practice) must sit out that season unless student:
 - a. did not play that particular sport the year before; or
 - b. changes address or domicile to a location closer to the school the student is transferring to.

High School Student Transfer Rule. Any student-athlete who transfers after August 1, the athlete would not be eligible for that sport (regardless of season for the first 50% of that teams’ Regular Season games unless student:

 - a. did not play that particular sport the year before; or
 - b. changes address or domicile to a location closer to the school the student is transferring to.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion **APPROVED** (11-9).
- ❖ **CAA By-Law 5.6.** Remove this section regarding International Students and teams with International students being placed in the highest division.
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Canyon State and 2nd by Caurus. Motion **PASSED** (11-10).

- ❖ **CAA By-Law 5.7.** Students who attend a school (either a CAA member-school or Non-CAA school) that does not offer a particular sport and who request to compete for a current CAA member school must submit the General Appeal Form prior to the start of that sport season. The student must submit the following items to the school's AD:
 - Letter from parent
 - Letter from non-CAA Administrator verifying school does not offer that sport
 - **Current copy of transcripts**
- After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by WSST and 2nd by Caurus. Motion **PASSED** (20-1).

RECRUITMENT RULE. It was determined that there is an issue regarding recruiting. As such, it was overwhelming approved that the League set-up a Recruitment Committee to propose policies and language for the CAA Constitution regarding Recruitment.

OPEN TOPICS

- ❖ What can be done regarding when scheduling? Specifically, if one school is not willing to compromise or assist in scheduling a game on a date and time that works for both schools. For example, what if a school only wanted to schedule games at 6am on a weekday?
- ❖ **Proposal to add BADMINTON as a Fall Sport.**
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Desert Heights Prep and 2nd by Val Vista Academy. Motion **PASSED** (21-0-1).
- ❖ INDEPENDENTS. The League needs to evaluate Independents. Should they be eligible for post-season play even though they meet the minimum number of games but schedule against weaker teams and still are ranked high enough to be eligible for State Tournament. A team can be placed in this "Division" for numerous reasons, but should they even be considered for post-season play?
- ❖ "OPEN" DIVISION. The League should really look into establishing a true "OPEN/PREP" division for current schools as well as a way to generate additional income by allowing other "Prep" teams to compete in this Division.
- ❖ **Proposal to add ELEMENTARY JH CO-ED SOCCER as a Spring Sport.**
 - After allotted time for discussion, Motion was made by Tri-City Christian and 2nd by Desert Heights Prep. Motion **PASSED** (17-0-3).
- ❖ REGIONS. The League should re-visit Region placements. How are the regions assigned? (geographically, strength of teams, other criteria)?
- ❖ POWER RANKINGS. The League should meet again with the League's ranking company to make sure the rankings are truly accurate and working properly. Should head-to-head results be weighted more?
- ❖ RUGBY. Schools should consider adding this sport for their student-athletes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLOSING REMARKS

- ❖ The Association and/or Executive Board should review Vote of Confidence process as it relates to retaining the Executive Director.
- ❖ The Association now has an office.

Meeting closed at approximately 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Zaborski
Operations Manager