



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2015 – Dewitt Board Room**

**Schools present:** Dewitt, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Fowlerville, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt, Ionia, Jackson, Lansing Catholic, Lansing Eastern, Lansing Sexton, Mason, Okemos, Owosso, Portland, St. Johns, Williamston.

Darin Ferguson of Haslett called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. March meeting minutes were approved.

**Old business items were reviewed as follows:**

The YTD financial report was given. A surplus of approximately \$20-21,000 is expected at the end of the fiscal year largely due to the Sparrow sponsorship of the Senior Scholar Athlete program and reduced expenses in several areas.

Plans for the April 29 Senior Scholar Athlete awards ceremony at East Lansing were reviewed. It was suggested that a custom photo of each school group be taken and made available to students and parents. Contact will be made with Hoffman photography for the photos.

Football assignor Mike Conlin gave an update on the training taking place with CAOFA football officials in preparation for the transition to 7-person crews for varsity games in 2015. It was suggested that a coaches meeting be held (or video/print information made) to educate and familiarize football coaches with 7-person mechanics and what to expect. A decision will be made in May regarding the approach to be taken. It was agreed that a new backup procedure will be developed when severe weather forces postponement and re-scheduling of football games that gives more direction to AD's, officials and assignors. Conlin also requested more access to school Huddle videos for training and evaluation.

Questions regarding basketball scheduling were also raised with Conlin regarding a suggestion to use Mondays for portions of the schedule to ease the pressure on securing officials.

Plans for the spring girls CAAC Soccer Cup were discussed. A communication will be sent to school AD's that reviews procedures for data gathering, the seeding process and meeting that will determine division assignments (Gold, Silver or Bronze) and first round pairings.

The CAAC/MHSAA Coaches Education sessions scheduled for August were reviewed. Options for including CPR training were presented. Registration forms will be sent and reminders given to maximize coaches participation in the CAP 1, 2 & 3 sessions scheduled for August 4, 5 & 6.

The commissioner reported on a review of the CAAC constitution for updates and revisions. Plans for a committee meeting to determine changes, edits, updates and reformatting will be discussed in May.

The spring scheduling meeting will take place at Haslett April 22 at 9:30 a.m. A break took place for Division meetings discussions at 10:30 a.m.

### **New business topics were discussed as follows:**

Approval was given for cooperative renewals and or the addition of new schools for Jackson (b/g swimming), Fowlerville (gymnastics) and Lansing Everett (b/g swimming).

A request from Laingsburg to join the CAAC for soccer only was denied as the CAAC policy does not allow single sport membership.

Conducting media days for team sports such as football, volleyball and basketball was discussed. Inquiries to the media will be made regarding the idea and reported back in May.

A report was given on the March joint conference meeting at Grandville in March. Of significance was information regarding a recent OCR hearing at the college level giving flexibility to scheduling men's and women's basketball. It was agreed the conference will investigate possible opportunities at the high school level in cooperation with other leagues and organizations.

Greg Lattig gave a report on the MIAAA Winter Conference. Dallas Lintner of Owosso was elected recording secretary. Lattig will also coordinate the summer Camp-Mid Conference in Mt. Pleasant.

An update was given on hockey scheduling. The league dates have been secured pending approval of Jackson home dates. Non-league games will be handled by each school. The process is several months earlier than the prior season.

Concerns regarding the assigning of lacrosse officials were discussed. It was agreed that moving toward a league assignor for 2016 would be preferred over current practices. Interested persons will be contacted. Dewitt and Lansing Catholic will coordinate the girls & boys spring CAAC tournament events.

Cheer dates for 2015-16 were reviewed and approved and will be forwarded to the league assignor. The dates are as follows: (subject to change)

Dec. 14 – Owosso Inv.

Dec. 19 - Recommended date by coaches for the Scholarship meet @ Dewitt

Jan. 9 – St. Johns Inv.

Jan 13 – Red & White Div. Meet #1 (host TBA)

Jan. 16 – Owosso Inv.

Jan. 23 – Grand Ledge Inv.

Jan. 27 – Red & White Meet #2 (host TBA)

Jan. 30 – Waverly Inv.

Feb. 6 – Mason Inv.

Feb. 10 - Red & White Meet #3 (host TBA)

The commissioner reported on thoughts for changes in conference coordination, duties and responsibilities. More information will be forthcoming at future meetings.

**Next Meeting – May 13, MHSAA office, 9 a.m.**