



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2017 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing

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

President Tom Hunt of East Lansing called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. March meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

Foremost on the agenda was the final phase of the 2018-19 division configuration and alignment process that began in August of 2016. Discussion began with a report on the recent alignment committee meeting regarding scheduling models for a 5-5-5-5 configuration, which was suggested at the March meeting. The scheduling models for team and individual were presented and discussed.

A review of all configuration and alignment proposals, models and discussions from previous monthly meetings took place, including 8-6-6, 6-6-8 and 5-5-5-5 models with update enrollments. It was pointed out that in the absence of any motions brought forward for new configurations or alignments, the current 8-6-6 alignment, updated with new enrollments would be retained. A motion was made and seconded to retain the current 8-6-6 alignment with updated enrollments for effective with the 2018-19 school year.

After a brief discussion, the motion was approved 19-1 by a roll call vote, Dewitt the single vote opposed. It was noted that although a subsequent vote by member school principals was not required, it was agreed that a communication to each school principal summarizing the process and vote, and asking for a response in support of their athletic director position would be good league policy. The commissioner will initiate such a communication.

Following the alignment motion approval, the league Constitutional By-Law allowing for opt-up requests was applied. Schools were asked in order of enrollment, beginning with White Division if they wished to exercise the opt-up provision. Williamston requested to opt-up from the White Division to the Red Division with Ionia agreeing to be the "partner" school and move from the Red Division to the White Division. The Williamston opt-up request and corresponding Ionia move was unanimously approved. Subsequently, remaining schools eligible were asked if they wished to exercise and opt-up request. No other opt-up requests were made.

With the configuration, alignment and opt-up process complete following thorough review, discussion and final league action, the 2018-19 CAAC 3-division, 8-6-6 structure will be as follows:

Blue Division 2018-19

Holt, Grand Ledge, Lansing Everett, Okemos, Jackson, East Lansing, Waverly, Dewitt

Red Division 2018-19

St. Johns, Mason, Fowlerville, Haslett, Lansing Eastern, Williamston

White Division 2018-19

Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Ionia, Lansing Sexton, Lansing Catholic, Portland

It was confirmed (and earlier approved in January of 2016) that for the 2017-18 school year, Charlotte will become a full member of the CAAC and be placed in the Red Division replacing the departing Owosso.

Additional review topics were discussed as follows:

- BA/SB rules adaptations - 2-hour time limit for sub-varsity, tiebreaker in SB in the 8th inning
- Revised Red Division Cross Country dates for 2017, no change yet determined
- Sr. Scholar Athlete procedures update, April 26 at St. Johns
- Gymnastics officials assigning, commissioner will meet with assigners and Holt AD Sadler
- Wrestling single division league meet, tabled for more discussion with coaches
- Lacrosse post season tournament coordination review
- Spring Girls Soccer Cup procedures review
- Report on the recent multi-conference meeting, specifically OK league BB scheduling
- MIAAA Annual Conference wrap-up/review
- April 19 was set as the 2017-18 scheduling meeting at Haslett

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Among new business items discussed, approvals were given to co-op team renewals as follows:

- Haslett/Williamston, boys & girls' lacrosse (Haslett primary)
- Holt/Eaton Rapids/Portland, hockey (Holt primary)
- Fowlerville/Byron Center, girls' gymnastics (Fowlerville primary)
- Jackson/Jackson Christian/Lumen Christi/Parma Western, boys & girls swimming (Jackson primary)
- Jackson/Northwest/Parma Western/Springport, hockey (Jackson primary)
- Lansing Sexton/New Covenant Christian, wrestling (Sexton primary)
- Williamston/Lansing Christian, boys & girls swimming (Williamston primary)

The third quarter financial report was presented. Expenses through March 31 of the current fiscal year were reviewed. All revenue has been received. Anticipated expenses through the remaining months of the fiscal year were and the YTD bank balance explained. The fiscal year-end balance (surplus) is expected to exceed \$22,000. All revenue and expenses are consistent with budget projections. The quarterly financial report was approved.

Other new business topics with reports given or discussions held were as follows:

- The 2017-hockey scheduling meeting with coaches and facility managers will be April 24
- A season end review and discussion between girls & boys basketball coaches and representatives of the CAO group and the CAAC officials assigner will be held April 25 at the MHSAA
- Sparrow trainer contracts, pricing and advertising discounts
- Exploration of switching to a VNN conference Web site
- Discussion of changes in Competitive Cheer Divisions and dates for 2017-18, review of all "rainbow" division assignments
- Swim meet scheduling for division meets, possible changes
- Reminder to provide league assigners with FB, Boys Soccer and VB schedules for 2017
- Reporting of spring meet results, distribution of spring trophies/medals
- Commissioner position renewal, possible required seasonal coaches' meetings
- Confirmation of June 21 as the league golf outing at Brookshire
- Update on the required ambulance law currently in the legislature

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 10, 9 a.m. – Location TBA