



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2016 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing

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

Athletic Director Brian Osborn of Fowlerville 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:

Preparations for the April 27 Senior Scholar Athlete banquet at Okemos HS were reviewed. Some suggestions were made to add some new elements to the award but no changes were approved.

The MHSAA/CAAC Coaches Education sessions for April 30 were discussed. The CAAC will subsidize the cost with more registrations encouraged.

AD's were reminded of the spring scheduling meeting at Haslett April 20. Charlotte will take part to help fill schedules prior to their full membership year of 2017-18.

It was agreed to form a student sportsmanship advisory group to meet with AD's in evaluating existing and new sportsmanship policies. A spring or fall meeting and agenda will be planned.

A report on the 2016 MIAAA Conference was given by incoming association President Greg Lattig of Mason. Plans for the summer workshop were also reviewed.

Competitive Cheer dates for 2016-17 were reviewed and update as follows and will be communicated to the officials' assigner:

2016-17 Division meet dates:

- Dec. 17 – Scholarship meet at Mason
- Jan. 11 – White Division meet at LC or Williamston, Red Division meet at Dewitt
- Jan. 25 - White Division meet at Portland, Red Division meet at St. Johns
- Feb. 8 – White Division meet at Eaton Rapids, Red Division meet at Owosso

2017 Invitational dates:

- Jan. 7 – Portland
- Jan. 21 – Grand Ledge
- January 28 – Owosso
- Feb. 4 – Mason
- Feb. 13 – St. Johns

It was agreed to collect and post results for softball, baseball, soccer and lacrosse along with standings on the league Web site. Coaches and coordinators will be encouraged to report results to the Webmaster.

Updates were given on the hockey and bowling all-conference meetings and plans for a hockey league scheduling meeting in April with coaches and rink management. Work on a better plan for hockey officials assigning and coordination was also discussed.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

A previous request by Jackson Lumen Christi to be a member of the CAAC for the sport of hockey began a discussion of the concept of single sport membership. A draft proposal was presented as a possible amendment to the league By-Laws that would allow for "Associate Membership" on a single sports basis with certain requirements and restrictions. Pros and cons were discussed and the topic was tabled for further discussion with principals at the May meeting.

With Charlotte becoming a full league member in the Red division effective in 2017-18, a request was made for league membership effective in 2016-17 in the "rainbow" sports of B/G bowling, B/G swimming and competitive cheer, and for participation in the White Division for wrestling. A motion was made and approved unanimously for 2016-17 membership in the aforementioned sports where they will compete for championships and post season honors.

The quarterly financial report was given with expenses and revenue in detail through March 2016. Projected expenses for the balance of the fiscal year still indicate the league surplus of approximately \$20,000 will be maintained for carry over to 2016-17 even with added expenses that were approved in addition to the original budget figures. Bank statements and check ledger were made available for individual school examination. Dues invoices for 1016-17 will include shared costs for divisional cross country timing expenses so the vendor can be paid directly from the league.

Co-op approvals were given to the Lansing schools for B/G golf, boys' tennis and B/G swimming, and to Grande Ledge/Fowlerville for their hockey renewal.

Dates and plans for the spring CAAC Girls Soccer Cup were reviewed. It was agreed that once season results are collected and coaches make their recommendations for seeding, the commissioner will meet with AD's from each division to finalize the pairings.

Plans for the June golf outing were reviewed. The date will be June 15 at Brookshire CC in Williamston at the same cost as the previous year.

A plan to update, edit and re-write game sheets and other language in the CAAC Constitution and By-Laws was shared. The project will target late summer for completion and board review. The focus will be on clarity, format and content accuracy for AD's & coaches.

Next Meeting – May 11, 9 a.m. at Dewitt Board of Education meeting room