



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2015 – MHSAA Office

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

President Brian Osborn of Fowlerville called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. May meeting minutes were approved. New athletic directors were introduced and welcomed; Scott Castele of Waverly, Mona Mendez of Lansing Eastern, Elizabeth Ballinger of Lansing Everett, Chris Henderson of Lansing Sexton and Chris Piecuch of Lansing Catholic.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

Dates and plans for the fall CAAC Boys Soccer Cup were reviewed.

The move to 7 officials for varsity football games was discussed and an update given on CAO A preparations and the recent coaches informational meeting. Draft language for severe weather suspensions/cancellations was reviewed with final language to be sent once reviewed by the football assigner.

Cheer dates were reviewed and locations determined for division meets as follows:

- Dec. 19 – Scholarship meet at Mason
- Jan. 13 – White Division meet at Fowlerville, Red Division meet at Mason
- Jan. 27 – White Division meet at Portland, Red Division meet at Dewitt
- Feb. 10 – White Division meet at Williamston, Red Division meet at Waverly

Invitational dates as follows:

- Jan. 9 – St. Johns
- Jan. 23 – Grand Ledge
- Jan. 30 – Waverly
- Feb. 6 – Mason
- Feb. 13 – Owosso

The dates will be communicated to the cheer officials' assigner.

The commissioner will conduct a bowling coaches meeting to set schedules for 2015-16. A coordinator and stats person will be part of league administration. All teams from the previous year are expected to have a program, the competition will be in two divisions with a double round robin format. The Blue Division will have two league meets prior to the winter break and the Red division one league meet with the conference meet the week prior to MHSAA Regionals.

Hockey league schedules have been finalized. A coaches meeting will be held and a composite schedule with start times will be developed.

The August CAAC Coaches Education (CAP) sessions were reviewed. Attendance was about 20 for each of the three sessions. With MHSAA CAP requirements beginning in 2016 it was agreed to determined dates for future CAP sessions. It was agreed that CPR training for coaches will be handled by individual schools.

It was reported that basketball schedules should be sent to the league assigner for Arbiter entry, or by the school AD if preferred.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Athletic directors were presented with a letter from Charlotte AD Dan Stafford requesting re-admittance to the CAAC as soon as policies and procedures allow. After Charlotte community surveys resulted in over 70% of respondents supporting a return to the CAAC, the Board of Education approved making a request for CAAC membership consideration. Response was generally supportive of membership, however several questions were raised, among them:

- A 21 school league would create one uneven number division resulting in scheduling challenges.
- Which division would Charlotte be placed in initially and how would it affect the next realignment process.
- Would membership be possible for the 2016-17 or 2017-18 school year?
- Is Charlotte committed to long term membership and initial division placement decided by the CAAC AD's?
- Is it possible for an additional school to join the conference along with Charlotte?

It was suggested that the league follow closely existing expansion policies as stated in the Constitution and conduct discussions within each district for more input. The Commissioner will create a "framework" for a follow-up review with Charlotte administration and report back to the league at its September meeting for further discussion.

Co-op team approvals were given to Fowlerville/Byron in Gymnastics, Sexton/Covenant Christian in wrestling, the addition of Pewamo-Westphalia to the Holt hockey co-op, and the addition of Springport to the Jackson hockey co-op.

MHSAA Associate Director Tom Rashid reviewed new out of season coaching rules with emphasis on a more flexible approach to the 4 player rule.

Andy Frushour reviewed plans for the CAAC/MHSAA Captains Clinic Sept. 14 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Lansing. Each school will send 8-10 student/athlete leaders. A \$2000 subsidy was approved from CAAC funds to reduce the cost for the event to \$15/student. Schools should identify their attendees by Sept. 9.

A fiscal year 2014-15 final financial report was given. The league surplus that will carry over increased to \$20,591, largely due to the Sparrow scholar athlete sponsorship. Monthly bank statements were available for individual school review on request. A budget was presented for 2015-16 that should result in a surplus of approximately \$8,000. The financial report and budget was approved. It was agreed that going forward financial reports will be provided on a quarterly basis. Dues invoices were distributed to all member schools. IRS tax returns have been prepared and filed by the league CPA.

A plan for the 2016 academic games was reviewed with budget figures supplied by the event coordinator. Eight schools will take part in the competition.

Trophies, medals and all-conference/academic certificates have been produced. Distribution at the September meeting.

Approval of adaptations to playing rules allowed by the MHSAA was tabled until September, as was the issue of lacrosse schedules and officials assigners for lacrosse.

Other topics discussed were training services/hours, outdoor event noisemaker policies relating to vuvezalas, constitution committee plans, communication policies, and Web content.

Division meetings took place with emphasis on schedules. Steve Baker will distribute league passes when they are delivered. A survey of JV and freshman teams took place with several dates filled during the discussions.

Next Meeting – September 9, MHSAA office, East Lansing - 9 a.m.