



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 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, Okemos, Portland, St. Johns, Waverly, Williamston.

President Chris Ervin of St. Johns called the joint meeting with AD's and principals to order and chaired the discussions. November meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

Mark Uyl of the MHSAA updated the group on the status of Arbiter scheduling software, basketball season dates for 2018-19 and proposed changes in the transfer rule. No agreement has been reached with Arbiter regarding cost, but negotiations continue. The transfer rule change will receive much review via surveys, league/conference discussions and the MIAAA March conference before any final action by the Representative Council.

An update was given regarding potential new member schools. One specific school has completed their internal review and will decide by Feb. 1 if they wish to apply for membership to the CAAC. A suggestion was made to create collateral materials to send to prospective members. No further action was taken or recommended.

Orthopedic Rehab Specialists (ORS) of Jackson presented to the group on athletic training services. They currently work with two CAAC schools.

More discussion took place regarding the scheduling format for division swim meets and future division alignment. It was agreed to conduct a meeting with swim coaches in January for input on both issues, East Lansing will host and choose a date.

An interim financial report was shared for benefit of principals in attendance. The second quarter report will be on the January meeting agenda.

A question was raised regarding crossover scheduling between divisions. Pros and cons and sport specific scheduling needs were discussed, the topic will be on future meeting agendas.

Athletic directors were reminded to get spring schedules to assignors in soccer, baseball & softball, updates were given on hockey and bowling schedules and potential August dates for a fall coaches meeting.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

A discussion took place regarding league basketball scheduling for boys and girls with the change in season dates by the MHSAA for 2018-19. Blue Division AD's agreed to meet for a subsequent discussion regarding an affiliation with an adjacent conference to fill bye dates.

A host school for the spring CAAC Girls Soccer Cup was discussed. Okemos and Williamston both expressed interest. A decision will be made in January which will include determining a host for the fall Boys Cup as well.

The question of moving to three officials for girls' lacrosse games in 2018 was raised. Boys games currently have three officials, and previous discussions targeted 2018 as the year to adopt the same level of officials for girls' games. The CAAC girls' lacrosse assigner will give guidance regarding the availability of officials and feasibility of such a move for further discussion in January.

John Johnson of the MHSAA presented plans for a school PA announcer clinic in January including curriculum and cost.

Plans for the upcoming CAAC Cheer Scholarship meet in DeWitt and the hockey Showcase event were shared, both scheduled for Dec. 16.

Also discussed or reviewed were plans for the 2018 Scholar Athlete to be hosted April 25 by Jackson; officials' fees (updated file will be sent to schools); protocols for all-conference meetings calling for two AD's at each meeting; spectator policy statements regarding post game restrictions; An NIAAA and MIAAA conference update; 2018 meeting dates and trophy/medal distribution for January.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 10, 9 a.m. – DeWitt Board of Education Conference Room