



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2016 – 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. Absent – Williamston

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

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

An update on the deliberations by the alignment committee was given. Various models for a new division alignment are being considered, but a final recommendation has not yet been agreed upon. A timeline for an alignment proposal and subsequent school vote was discussed with the March or April meeting targeted for conclusion of the process. It was suggested that an alignment vote be conducted via e-mail with each school submitting a ballot with the athletic director, principal and superintendent all signing off on their school vote. The committee will meet again January 8.

Updates were given on hockey and lacrosse officials assigning. A new Arbiter account and officials group has been created for hockey that will better enable the use of Arbiter/Ref Pay. Weekly communications to schools and coaches concerning hockey assignments will continue during the transition. The commissioner reported on the recent meeting with girls' lacrosse officials and ne assignor Paige Winne. Schools were directed to send non-league games to the new assigner when they are known so both league and non-league games can be assigned as early as possible.

A report was given on the recent meeting with league football coaches, Mark Uyl of the MHSAA and assigner Mike Conlin. In summary, a good exchange took place in which coaches had their concerns addressed and a better understanding was gained on officials' study and preparation and procedures to communicate issues during the season in a more timely fashion. It was suggested such meetings be more frequent.

Athletic directors were updated on the 2016 Academic Games competition, coordination and finances. A discussion took on place continuing to sponsor the event for only eight schools or to expand it as a league wide competition involving all schools. It will be a future agenda item to determine the games status.

An MSU representative presented information to the committee regarding the January Coaches for Cancer fund raising drive and inviting participation by CAAC coaches.

Also discussed were spring sports schedules provided to assigners, sportsmanship follow-up sessions by each division and overall league policies and the approval of Lansing Catholic as the site for the spring Girls Soccer Cup championship game.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

An interim financial report was given, reviewing the previously approved procedure that detailed reports be made on a quarterly basis, the next coming in January. A year end surplus is expected to be consistent with prior years.

The commissioner asked for a review of the current league Web site, content and future needs and plans. With the changes in technology and use of social media, the value of the current Web site and its design may need change.

Among other topics on the agenda that received discussion and consideration were an update on the new baseball pitch count rules adopted by the MHSAA that will be effective in the upcoming spring season, a proposal to form a review committee to assist the commissioner in the re-write of game sheets, and a presentation by Jeremy Sampson of the MHSAA on new event promotion initiatives.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 11, Dewitt Board Room