



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2016 – Dewitt Board of Education

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. Absent - Okemos

Athletic Director Brian Osborn of Fowlerville called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. January meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The January decision to approve CAAC membership for Charlotte in 2017-18 was reviewed with athletic director Dan Stafford present. CAAC schools will provide Charlotte with scheduling assistance for the 2016-17 school year. Final approval of the agreed upon plan to add Waverly to the Blue Division in and new member Charlotte to the Red Division in 2017-18 and subsequent alignment policies will take place at the March or April meeting in conjunction with release of the new MHSAA classification enrollment figures.

Preparations for the 2016 Senior Scholar Athlete banquet on April 27 at Okemos HS were reviewed. Schools will receive the file for submission of their 10 honorees in early March with April 5 the deadline for completion.

A meeting with the lacrosse assigners and schools sponsoring lacrosse will be arranged to prepare for the 2016 season. Two officials for each regular season game will be assigned and three for each game in the CAAC Tournament. Brackets and dates for the event have been distributed to schools. A survey on funding and other administrative support among schools sponsoring lacrosse was shared.

A summary of a recent conference call with Special Olympics/Unified Games leaders was given. Although it was agreed no structured CAAC programs were viable at this time, future expertise and facility use may be the most appropriate contribution by the league.

Schools were reminded to seek out coaches for the April 30 CAAC/MHSAA Coaches Education (CAP) sessions where CAP 1 & 2 will be offered. The CAAC will subsidize costs, reducing individual fees to just \$20 per coach. The new MHSAA CAP requirements begin August 1. Schools will be sent registration forms for the sessions.

A proof of the 2016-17 league passes was presented. Suggestions for changes were made with an updated design to be reviewed in March with production and distribution in May, quantities to be 125 per school.

Spring schedules were also reviewed with the spring scheduling meeting to take place at Haslett April 20.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

The second quarter financial report was given and bank statements made available for schools to review. Projected expenses for the balance of the year should result in an addition to the fund balance (surplus) at the end of the fiscal year. It was agreed to have the fall dues invoices include surcharges for cross country timing expenses at division meets rather than separate invoices. Academic games invoices will be issued separately but not addressed to athletic departments for more efficient processing.

A presentation was made by Sparrow Sports Medicine and MSU officials regarding a concussion study initiative. Students involved in any activity are eligible to be part of the study. MHSAA clarification was given regarding amateur regulations. Schools should coordinate through their trainer with interested students and families.

The Blue Division wrestling coaches' suggestion to conduct the JV portion of the league meet separately was discussed, no action taken.

Reports were given on the recent secretary's meeting, the MIAAA Winter Conference, the CAAC Conference Bowling tournament, the upcoming MHSAA League/Conference meeting, winter sports All-Conference meetings, MHSAA winter tournaments and league event admission policies.

The commissioner asked that two members from each division meet briefly for an evaluation of the position and duties with a report to the full board presented at a subsequent meeting.

Next Meeting – March 9, MHSAA Office, East Lansing - 9 a.m.