



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2017 – Dewitt Board of Education Conference Room

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. January meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The meeting again had substantial discussion regarding division re-alignment for the 2018-19 school year. As directed by athletic directors at the January meeting, the 8-6-6 and 6-6-8 models advanced by the alignment committee were reviewed with updated February enrollment figures which had some changes in the school division assignments in both models. Some favored division alignment based only on school enrollments, then applying opt-up provisions of By-Law #3. Others favored division assignments with a broad-based criterion that includes enrollment, competitive balance and other factors. Possible changes to By-Law #3 in the existing constitution were also considered. Schools also indicated their preliminary positions on possible opt-up requests in the models.

Timelines for adoption were also reviewed and “straw” ballots taken on the proposals. With no motions made for approval of either model, it was agreed that the alignment committee would meet again on Feb. 23rd to review feedback from the January and February meetings, and to have further discussion on alternate models such as 10-10 or 5-5-5-5 configurations. It is hoped the March meeting will bring the issue closer to resolution.

Approval was given to an increase of \$5 to soccer officials fees beginning with the 2017-18 school year, and a flat fee of \$3000 each season for the GLSRA to assign soccer officials at the varsity and sub-varsity level, the CAAC Cup games and all MHSAA tournament games hosted by CAAC schools. Officials fees in all sports are now finalized for three years and will not be reviewed until the 2020-21 school year.

Brian Calloway of the Lansing State Journal appeared before the group to answer questions and give information on the 2017 awards banquet scheduled for June. AD's will help in communicating criteria and information to coaches, athletes and parents as appropriate.

Other topics reviewed were updates on the Senior Scholar Athlete program to be hosted by St. Johns, distribution of winter trophies and awards, evaluation of the commissioner duties and performance, identifying Dewitt as host for the 2017 CAAC Cheer Scholarship meet, the agenda for the upcoming MHSAA League/Conference meeting and plans for the Feb. 11 conference bowling event in Lansing.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

A report was given on the recent meeting of the Capital Area Officials Association meeting that focused on sportsmanship. The CAAC was represented and asked to review all security policies for officials. Some questions were raised about the self-assigning procedures in basketball assigning. This and other issues will be raised with the league assigner, and a post season meeting with coaches and CAO leaders scheduled. Other basketball issues raised were start times for games and crew size at JV games. Appearing before the group were representatives of the Gus Macker organization to present information for events in the summer of 2017.

Procedures for CAAC Division wrestling championships were discussed including format, official's fees, and weigh-in procedures. Some adjustments will be made in communication, and standardization for weigh-in procedures as well. Some interest was expressed in having a single CAAC wrestling event including all schools to replace the division meets, with division titles determined by dual meet results. Further discussion with coaches will take place with AD's reviewing at a future meeting.

Cross Country jamboree dates and hosts were approved as follows:

Tuesday, September 19 Jamboree

Blue host, East Lansing – Red host, Dewitt – White Host, Lansing Catholic

Tuesday, October 3 Jamboree

Red host, St. Johns – White host, Eaton Rapids

Tuesday, October 17 Jamboree

Red host, Haslett

Thursday, October 19 League Meet

Blue host – Grand Ledge

Saturday, October 21 Jamboree

White host – Portland

Dates and locations will be communicated to Chuck Block to reserve timing systems.

It was suggested the league have one person act as assigner for all CAAC gymnastics judging needs. Discussions will take place with the people who currently assign to solicit interest.

Other topics reviewed were having the league represented at the spring meeting of baseball/softball umpires March 11, approval of June 21 for the league golf outing at Brookshire GC in Williamston, an MIAAA update on the Traverse City Conference from president Greg Lattig, the planned student officials' recruitment seminar April 11 hosted by Charlotte and confirmation of May 12 of the CAAC open golf tournament at Eldorado in Mason.

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