



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2016 – Grand Ledge 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. Absent - Williamston

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

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The Charlotte membership application was again discussed at length. Prior to the meeting Owosso informed the league that they had withdrawn their membership application to the GAC and will remain in the CAAC. Discussions focused on what division alignment would be if Charlotte were to be approved for membership as a 21st school in 2017-18. A report was given by a committee that met in December to explore options for new division alignments. A suggestion to allow membership with restrictions on some sports was discussed, as were the pros and cons of odd numbered divisions.

Following a break for division meetings, the Blue division proposed that Waverly be added as a 9th school to the Blue Division in 2017-18, placing Charlotte in the Red Division if approved. The proposal was supported by the group pending further alignment discussions after 2016-17 enrollments are reported. The Commissioner expressed support for full Charlotte membership. A motion was made to approve Charlotte HS as a full member in good standing beginning with the 2017-18 school year. The motion passed unanimously by members present by a roll call vote with Williamston also voting approval by proxy. The commissioner was directed to conduct an e-mail vote of CAAC principals for final approval of the motion for Charlotte membership. If approved by principals, the CAAC will also give Charlotte scheduling assistance during the 2016-17 school year when they are without conference membership. New constitutional language will be explored dealing with membership and alignment.

Spring CAP sessions were reviewed. The CAAC treasury will subsidize the cost of attendees, registration forms to be sent soon for the April 29 CAP 1-2 sessions.

A report was given on the December CAAC Competitive Cheer Scholarship meet held at Mason. Over \$3250.00 was raised with a committee awarding five scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$500 with names posted on the CAAC Web. A corresponding date was approved for the meet in 2016.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Baseball/Softball officials' assigner Ken Sudall addressed the group, reviewing schedules and assigning for the 2016 season at the varsity and JV level, including a freshman baseball schedule being completed. A CAAC representative will attend the spring officials meeting of the Sudall group.

Assigner Mike Conlin also spoke to the group, reviewing the basketball season, discussing Arbiter issues and requesting fall football schedules. It was suggested that AD's review all schedules and assignments in advance, and try and schedule some Monday dates in 2017-18.

A proposal from the Lansing Special Olympics for CAAC involvement in a unified games event was reviewed. Joe Mendez and the Commissioner will follow up and respond with their leadership contacts.

Other topics reviewed and discussed were; track officials fees (no change), MIAAA and NIAAA reports, the upcoming MHSAA League & Conference meeting (Brian Osborn will attend with the Commissioner), officials needed for MHSAA Hockey tournaments hosted by CAAC schools (MMRHA will secure), general Web content, an interim financial report and distribution of winter trophies and medals.

It was agreed to conduct the February meeting on the 9th due to the conflict with the MHSAA League & Conference meeting.

Next Meeting – February 9, Dewitt or Grand Ledge Central Office Board Room - 9 a.m.