



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
Jan. 14, 2015 – Grand Ledge Board of Education

Schools present: Dewitt, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Fowlerville, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt, Ionia, Jackson, Lansing Catholic, Lansing Eastern, Lansing Sexton, Mason, Owosso, Portland, St. Johns, Waverly, Williamston

Darin Ferguson of Haslett called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. December meeting minutes were approved.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The YTD financial report was given. Expenses and revenue continue on track, assigner payments were the main January expense.

Banners for each CAAC school are being produced and delivered in Feb. Winter trophies and medals will also be distributed at the Feb. meeting.

Owosso updated the group on a transgender athlete MHSAA decision that was favorable for the student after additional documents were supplied to the executive director.

Updates were also given on officials' fees, the December Hockey Showcase, language being developed for a position on youth football and the upcoming MHSAA League/Conference meeting.

A break took place for Division meetings discussions at 10:30 a.m.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Football assigner Mike Conlin presented a proposal for the conference to consider 7-person crews for regular season football games, possibly as soon as the 2015 season. Better coverage, safety and communication were the main benefits. Cost, availability of officials and training of officials in a new system were main concerns expressed. The commissioner will solicit positions and discussions from other conferences and report to the AD's in February for further discussion and possible action.

Conlin also suggested that if football and basketball schedules are entered in Arbiter earlier, officials' assignments can be done and confirmed at a much earlier date, benefiting schools, officials and the entire conference. The commissioner will work with schools and the FB/BB assigner to facilitate earlier data gathering and Arbiter entry.

Plans for an MHSAA CAP and student Captains Clinic were discussed, with MHSAA representatives to meet with AD's at the Feb. meeting to finalize (possible) plans for such events.

Fall Boys Soccer Cup dates were discussed, with dates for the three rounds being approved as Oct. 6, 8 & 13 with the two championship games played Oct. 14 at Holt. A coaches meeting will be scheduled in the spring to review Cup seeding procedures.

It was suggested that a series of "Coach Reminders" on pertinent MHSAA regulations be developed for regular e-mail distribution to coaches. The commissioner will follow up and prepare topics.

A plan to conduct the 2015 Sr. Scholar Athlete communications via e-mail (not USPS) through school AD's was approved. Nomination forms will be sent to in early March, East Lansing will host. Sponsorship opportunities are being pursued.

The group was updated on MHSAA plans to conduct the baseball, softball Semifinals & Finals and Girls soccer Finals together at MSU for 2015. CAAC AD's/coaches/student will be involved with coordinating the event.

Chris Ervin led a discussion on SCECH certification. Sportsmanship and assigner committees will meet Feb, 4 after the regular session. The constitution committee will meet in the spring policies on conference alignment one of the main items for possible revision and/or clarification.

June 10 was selected for the end of year golf outing at Brookshire GC in Williamston. Follow up with the course will take place with the event open to AD's, coaches and principals.

It was suggested a vendor and pricing be researched for basketball coach box mats. Information will be gathered and shared at the Feb. meeting.

Next Meeting – Feb. 4, 9:00 a.m. – MHSAA Office, East Lansing