



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2016 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing**

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

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

**Old business items were reviewed as follows:**

After a review of the January decision to admit Charlotte as a league member in the 2017-18 school year, and the discussions in February and March regarding division alignments, a motion was made and unanimously approved to place Charlotte in the Red Division and move Waverly from the Red division to the Blue division effective in 2017-18. It is anticipated that Charlotte will ask for selected sports to be included in conference competition for the 2016-17 school year which will be acted on in April. It was also suggested that the policies regarding the size of all-conference selections for the Blue division be changed to reflect a larger number of schools in that group. It will be a future agenda item.

The latest design draft of new league passes was reviewed. They will be produced in April and distributed in May.

An update was given on the commissioner position evaluation by a select group of AD's in February. Compensation, duties and performance were discussed. The current commissioner intends to stay in the position with final determination in April.

A student sportsmanship advisory group initiative was discussed. It was suggested that student/athletes from each member school be invited to meet with an AD committee in an advisory role on league sportsmanship/conduct policies. A Sunday meeting in mid-May was tentatively agreed with details finalized in April.

Also reviewed were CAAC/MHSAA coaches education registration (April 30), Senior Scholar Athlete banquet planning and honoree submission deadline, winter MHSAA tournaments, the recent conference bowling tournament and a reminder of the spring scheduling meeting April 20 at Haslett.

**New business topics were discussed as follows:**

A request by Jackson Lumen Christi to be a member of the CAAC for the sport of hockey was discussed. The subject will be reviewed by coaches at their upcoming meeting. The request for such a single sport affiliation and necessary constitutional language changes will be on the April agenda for action as the scheduling process for the 2016-17 hockey season is underway. If approved, the CAAC would become an eight school hockey league with 14 league games, reducing travel.

New boys' lacrosse officials' assigner Keith Byrd addressed with lacrosse AD's regarding dates, fees & payment procedures, use of Arbiter and related matters. Byrd gave a brief presentation of the need for a three person crew assigned to boy's games. A motion was made and approved to assign three officials to boy's games beginning with the 2016 season. A similar meeting with girls' assigner Nancy Lapekas will be arranged.

Soccer assigner Joe Gazda of GLASRA met with the group to review policies and procedures for the spring girls' season. It was related to him the league is very pleased with the coordination and assigning of soccer officials.

A summary was given of the recent MHSAA League & Conference meeting, with emphasis on new regulations being considered by the MHSAA Representative Council. Specific MHSAA reminders for leagues and AD's was distributed.

The upcoming inter-conference meeting in Grandville was discussed. Terri Reyburn and Greg Lattig will represent the CAAC.

In reviewing the winter sports season, some concern was expressed regarding the practice of self-assigning by officials in boys & girls basketball. The subject will be reviewed with the league basketball assigner.

Updates were given on the MIAAA winter conference, Region 7 hospitality plans, needs for assistance at the MHSAA baseball/softball/soccer tournament and Web content initiatives regarding the collection of spring team contest scores and standings.

**Next Meeting – April 13, MHSAA Office, East Lansing - 9 a.m.**