



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2017 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing

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, Williamston

President Tom Hunt of East Lansing 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:

The meeting opened with more discussion of league division structure and alignment for the 2018-19 school year. A review of a 5-5-5-5 model took place that would begin with two 10 team groups aligned by "A" or "B" classification, then sub-groups of five school divisions. Another 5-5-5-5 proposal was discussed that had a configuration and scheduling model for football only, and a scheduling plan for four-5 school divisions in all other sports with crossover elements and determining four division championships in each sport. It was requested that the alignment committee meet again to create scheduling models for a 5-5-5-5 division alignment and report back their suggestions at the April meeting to give more depth to such a proposal.

Discussion returned to the previously submitted 8-6-6 (proposal B), and 6-6-8 alignments (proposal A) with updated enrollments. New positions were shared by some schools regarding their opt-up preferences. With a decision on 2018-19 alignments expected at the April meeting, athletic directors were asked for their preliminary, non-binding positions on the 8-6-6 and 6-6-8 proposals which resulted in a 14-6 vote for the 8-6-6 plan and a 6-14 vote for the 6-6-8 plan. It was agreed that the alignment committee report on scheduling models for a 5-5-5-5 alignment would be shared with AD's in advance of the April meeting when final action shall be taken.

A report was given on the recent MHSAA League & Conference meeting, with the most significant items being the challenges of expanding 8-man football programs and finals sites for the boys & girls basketball championships as well as team and individual wrestling. Other significant updates were shared on basketball seeding, the pitch count restrictions for baseball in 2017 and the future separation of the baseball and softball tournament at the district, regional and QF level.

Other topics reviewed were updates on lacrosse scheduling and officials assigning, hiring a single officials assigner for CAAC gymnastics, policies regarding spectators, plans for the Senior Scholar Athlete awards night April 26 in St. Johns, a single division CAAC wrestling meet in 2018 and progress on an April 11th officials recruitment program for senior students to be held in Charlotte. Joe Gazda of GLASRA also appeared to review soccer officials assigning for the upcoming boys season

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Among new business items discussed were baseball/softball procedures for 2017. Current time limits for sub-varsity games will be reviewed with the mid-Michigan officials group at their upcoming meeting at which the Commissioner will attend on behalf of the league. AD's will be asked afterward via e-mail of their preference which will be reported to the officials group prior to first scheduled games. It was also agreed to apply the tiebreaker rule in softball in the 8th inning of tied games at all levels.

The Red Division Cross Country jamboree dates were reviewed, a possible change to better space competitions between a non-league event and the MHSAA tournament will be decided by the Red Division AD's.

Other new business items discussed included the following:

- Review of the girls CAAC Soccer Cup dates and procedures
- Interim financial update prior to the 3Q report in April
- Plans for league AD's at the upcoming MIAAA Conference in Traverse City where Chris Ervin will be recognized as the state AD of the Year and Darin Ferguson of Haslett Region 7 AD of the Year
- Establishing April 19 at 9:30 a.m. as the date for the spring scheduling meeting at Haslett
- Survey on school subsidies for athletes qualifying for MHSAA state events
- Evaluation of Commissioner duties and performance.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m. – MHSAA Office, East Lansing