



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2015 – MHSAA OFFICE, EAST LANSING**

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

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

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

The YTD financial report was given. Projected expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year were presented. It is estimated that a surplus (fund balance) will exceed \$21,000, largely due to the Sparrow sponsorship of the Senior Scholar Athlete program, savings in medal expense and overall budget management.

Following a preliminary vote in February, final approval was given to utilize 7-person crews for varsity football games hosted by CAAC schools beginning with the 2015 season. (optional use for JV and 9<sup>th</sup> grade games). It was suggested that football assigner Mike Conlin be at the March 11 meeting to review the plans for officials training and education of football coaches on the mechanics of 7-person crews. The vote was 13-6 in favor with one school not in attendance. Also approved a \$200 expenditure to GLRA for each scrimmage staffed by member officials. Conlin will also field questions regarding basketball issues and scheduling for the 2015-16 boys & girls seasons.

Plans for a future league sponsored CAP (coaches' education) session(s) and Captains Clinic (student leadership) were finalized. It was agreed that a three-day CAP session will be held at the MHSAA in early August for CAP 1, 2 & 3. September 14 or 16 are preferred dates, pending the MHSAA ability to book a satisfactory hotel location. Registration procedures will be discussed in March.

Criteria and plans for the 2015 Senior Scholar Athlete were discussed. Schools will submit their finalists by April 1 for plaque and program production. Each school will determine sport eligibility for the two senior letter requirement, i.e. MHSAA tournament sport or club sport/activity. East Lansing will host April 29 and Sparrow Hospital will sponsor and have a representative give a brief welcome. Communications to students and parents will be done via e-mail messages.

Other review items included an emphasis on getting baseball/softball and soccer schedules to league assigners; a review of the bowling & hockey season and All-Conference selections; plans for a hockey scheduling meeting with rink personnel and coaches April 13; MHSAA rules compliance reminders; and pricing and availability of custom basketball coaches box floor mats.

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

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

A coach proposal for blue division track & field meet was reviewed, no changes recommended and further discussion to take place in the division meetings.

It was reported that All-Conference selections in winter team sports will be released to the media at the conclusion of MHSAA tournament participation by CAAC schools and posted on the league Web site.

Winter season sportsmanship was discussed. While new policies are being drafted, it was suggested that a student advisory group for input on sportsmanship policies be pursued.

A report was given on the MHSAA League & Conference meeting in February. Most of the agenda consisted of possible changes in out of season coaching rules and foreign student eligibility rules. An update on improvements to the Arbiter league scheduling software was given. CAAC consideration for league-wide use is at least a year away.

The issue of the CAAC hiring assigners for girls & boys lacrosse officials was discussed. Schools currently work independently of each other. The March meeting will consider having assigners be hired and paid through league funds as in other sports.

Other topics on the given brief updates – A CVB invitation for Aug. 5 to be the Lugnuts baseball game CAAC social gathering; plans for constitution change committee review; trophy distribution policies; spring girls Soccer Cup plans/dates; confirming June 10 as the CAAC golf outing at Brookshire GC in Williamston with the cost of \$51 per person; and establishing April 22 at Haslett for the league scheduling meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting – April 15, 9:00 a.m. – Dewitt Board Room**