



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2015 – MHSAA Office

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. April meeting minutes were approved.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The 2105 Senior Scholar Athlete at East Lansing was reviewed. The addition of custom photographs given to schools and parents at no charge was a great addition to the event. Okemos was approved as the 2016 site and will work to secure a speaker. St. Johns will host in 2017. The Sparrow sponsorship covered nearly all expenses for the program.

The CAAC spring Girls Soccer Cup dates, seeding process and other plans were reviewed. Williamston will host the Gold & Silver Cup Finals on May 21. Dates for the fall boy's event were reviewed with Holt to be the site of the two championship games. A meeting of soccer coaches will be held in August or September to review the seeding and pairing process.

MHSAA CAP (Coaches Advancement Plan) sessions are scheduled for Aug. 4-5-6, registration forms should be sent directly to the MHSAA.

Plans for 7-person football crews were reviewed. An Aug. 3 meeting will be planned for coaches and assigner Mike Conlin to educate coaches on the new mechanics.

The subject of securing CAAC boys/girls lacrosse assigners was discussed. It will be on the August agenda to decide if specific persons will be hired under standard conference terms.

Cheer dates for the 2015-016 season were reviewed with some host sites TBA (April minutes lists dates). They will be shared with the cheer officials assigner for advance planning.

Principals were given an update from the January meeting at which time it was decided to follow MHSAA policy regarding transgender athlete eligibility.

AD's were reminded to have all fall schedules needing officials either entered in Arbiter (football) or sent directly to the assigners for entry (volleyball/soccer). It was agreed that the commissioner will meet with the league FB/BB assigner and request that schedule input to Arbiter be done by the assigner.

A discussion took place regarding staging "media" days in some team sports. No plan was brought forward but it may be re-visited. Division caucus groups met at 10:30 a.m.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Plans for the June 13 CAAC golf outing were reviewed. About 50 are expected. The commissioner will coordinate with Brookshire GC in Williamston.

Certificates for All-Conference, Honorable mention and Academic All-Conference will be ordered at the same quantities. Trophies and medals will also be ordered through Prime Time Awards.

CAAC participation in the June MHSAA Baseball/Soccer/Softball Finals was reviewed. Eaton Rapids and East Lansing students will assist with program sales, Mason and Fowlerville with event coordination. Payments will be made to school booster clubs for their efforts. Grand Ledge will be a standby bad weather facility if needed.

The financial report showed consistent tracking toward an increase in surplus funds for fiscal year 2014-15, anticipated to be in excess of \$20,000, largely due to a major event sponsor and expense control. A final fiscal year report will be shared at the August 19 meeting to begin the fall term. The required non-profit 501-c-3 IRS tax return will be filed in early July in cooperation with the CAAC CPA firm.

MHSAA Representative Council regulations approved at their May meeting were reviewed. Significant changes were made in out of season coaching rules, head injury reporting, athlete insurance, wrestling seeding procedures and the move of the team Wrestling QF/Semifinals/Finals to Rose Arena in Mt. Pleasant.

It was suggested by the commissioner that the league review MHSAA allowed playing rule adaptations for compliance. It will be on the August agenda.

An MHSAA/CAAC student leadership conference (Captains Clinic) is scheduled for September 14 with each member school asked to send 5-8 students. More info in August from the MHSAA and commissioner.

Greg Lattig gave the MIAAA report which included review of plans for the Camp Mid conference this summer in Mt. Pleasant.

Discussions took place regarding balanced schedules, school starting prior to Labor Day and other calendar issues that may affect athletic scheduling. The CAAC will monitor closely. The MHSAA will be asked to consider a change in the spring lacrosse tournament dates to better accommodate regular season scheduling and planning.

The commissioner outlined possible changes in position duties and shared plans for potential additional resources to assist in managing league affairs. A coaches orientation meeting was mentioned as one possible new initiative. The commissioner also shared plans to offer edit/update and re-write of the CAAC constitution for future committee consideration.

The Lansing Sports Promotion Authority will again sponsor a social outing for CAAC AD's on August 5 at a Lugnuts game at Cooley Stadium. Details and RSVP information to be forthcoming.

Next Meeting – June 13 at Brookshire (brief update), next official AD meeting August 19, MHSAA office, 9 a.m.