



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016 – Dewitt Board Room

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

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

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

A report was given on the CAAC/MHSAA CAP sessions 1 & 2 held April 30. There were 29 coaches in attendance from member schools.

The 2016 Senior Scholar Athlete program at Okemos HS was reviewed. Using the gymnasium was a satisfactory change. St. Johns will host the 2017 event.

Procedures, timeline, schedule and dates for the spring Girls Soccer Cup were presented and discussed. Following the submission of soccer coach rankings, a three-member panel of athletic directors (one from each division) will meet with the commissioner to review the final seeds with pairings and hosts released to schools and the official's assigner Sunday night, May 15. Eaton Rapids will host the Gold/Silver Cup Finals on May 24. Fall Boys Soccer Cup dates will be October 4, 6 & 10, 2016 with Mason hosting the Gold/Silver Cup Finals October 11.

The commissioner presented a draft of an "Associate Membership" By-law to the Constitution which would allow for single sport conference affiliation with certain restrictions and requirements. There was no support for such a measure at present, and after considerable discussion the topic was tabled indefinitely. The topic was on the agenda for discussion due to a previous request from Lumen Christi HS for CAAC membership only for the sport of hockey.

Lacrosse school AD's discussed the 2016 experience with boys & girl's official's assigners and overall official's availability. Several problems and concerns were raised regarding girl's lacrosse officials assigning. AD's of lacrosse schools will have a separate meeting to discuss solutions and scheduling prior to the end of May.

Also reviewed were league finances (updated for principals present), a review of 2016-17 competitive cheer dates, plans for the June 15 golf outing, time limits in JV baseball/softball (part of game sheet updates), fall schedule needs for officials' assigners in FB, VB and soccer, and plans to expand Web content with more scores & standings and a suggestion to review rain policies for BA/SB with the assigner and officials.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Brian Calloway of the Lansing State Journal appeared with two colleagues to update the group and answer questions regarding the LSJ all-sports "Dream Team" awards banquet in June. AD's expressed concern over the costs of tickets for parents, and how coordination and information to schools and coaches could be improved.

CAAC participation in coordination of the MHSAA BA/SB/Soccer Finals at MSU was reviewed. Several AD's and student groups will participate in team hosting, program selling, awards coordination and transportation with contributions made to school athletic departments by the MHSAA.

It was agreed to wait until the August meeting to determine a date for the student advisory sportsmanship meeting that will be held in September. It is anticipated that 2-4 students from each school will be invited to attend and give guidance on updating CAAC student and adult sportsmanship policies.

Greg Lattig gave an update on the MIAAA Camp-Mid schedule and his attendance at the Section 4 meeting in Illinois as MIAAA president.

The commissioner updated the group on plans for a re-write of the MHSAA Constitution, By-Laws and Game Sheets which will be presented at the August meeting.

AD's were updated on preliminary contact by Howell HS for future CAAC membership pending the outcome of KLAA re-alignment. Nothing official is expected from them in the near future.

Other new business items included distribution of spring sports trophies & medals and the new 2016-17 league passes, Co-op approvals and new MHSAA co-op team regulations, certificate needs for the next school year, and a reminder to complete the school facility survey.

Tom Hunt of East Lansing was named 2016-17 CAAC President representing the Blue Division in the executive rotation.

Next Meeting – June 15, Brookshire GC, Commissioner update

Next official AD meeting, August 17, 9 a.m., MHSAA office.