



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2015 – MHSAA Office**

Schools present: 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 Brian Osborn of Fowlerville called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. October meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The future status of the CAAC Boys & Girls Soccer Cup was reviewed. Although not all soccer coaches support continuation, sentiment was strong for keeping the Cup as a season ending CAAC event with some modifications to the seeding process. A motion was made and passed unanimously to continue the Boys & Girls Soccer Cup tournament. A motion was made to establish May 17 (round one), May 19 (round two), May 23 (round three) & May 24 (championship games) as dates for the 2016 CAAC Girls Cup, with Eaton Rapids to host the Gold & Silver title games, and Mason to host the title games for the 2016 Boys Soccer Cup. The motion passed unanimously.

Sam Davis and Lee Rogers of the Lansing Wrestling Officials Association met with the group for updates, clarifications and general Q & A. Officials' fees were reviewed and clarified for both duals and tournaments. It was clarified that a separate JV officials would be assigned to dual meets, regardless of the number of matches as it is an opportunity for the JV officials to be mentored by the varsity official during both the JV and varsity matches.

CAAC membership for Charlotte was reviewed, with updates given on the status of Owosso's potential departure for the GAC. It was reported that the GAC would be meeting in late November to determine if Owosso's application for membership would be granted for 2016-17 or 2017-18. Should Owosso depart in either the upcoming or following school year, the league would consider membership for Charlotte to replace Owosso. If Owosso does not leave, consideration for Charlotte membership in 2017-18 would be possible, with division placement to be determined. Scheduling assistance for Charlotte in 2016-17 would also be an important component of the process. Schools will review with their administration and be ready for more decisive action at the December meeting with AD's & principals.

Proposals were reviewed from several individuals interested in becoming officials' assigners for CAAC lacrosse. A motion was made to hire Nancy Lapekas as girls' lacrosse assigner and the combination of Keith Byrd and Jesse Read as boys' assigner(s). The assigner fees will be paid by the CAAC in line with cheer & hockey assigning fees. The motion passed unanimously. It was decided to have two officials for regular season games and three for the CAAC tournament. AD's will send their schedules to the selected assigners so they may begin assigning for the 2016 season.

It was agreed to schedule a CAAC/MHSAA Coaches Education (CAP) class for CAP 1-2 on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The commissioner will coordinate with the MHSAA.

It was discussed that volleyball JV game policies be changed. A motion was made that in a JV match when a team wins the first two games the third game will not be played. The motion was defeated 6-13 leaving current policy in place which allows such a decision to be made by mutual agreement of coaches to play or not play game three of a match when the outcome has already been determined.

The commissioner was directed to author an MHSAA Handbook communication to coaches focusing on changes to out of season restrictions, undue influence and links restrictions.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

A report was given on the multi-conference meeting hosted by the OK Conference in Grand Rapids. Other leagues have concerns over soccer player & coach conduct and are considering additional suspension penalties for red cards. Conference alignments/membership was discussed with Jim Haskins of the OK and the CAAC commissioner to chair a session at the MIAAA conference on league administration, including new and departing member policies.

The group was given a proposal for production of new league passes for 2016-17 through the current league trophy vendor. Passes will be produced and distributed to AD's in June.

The quarterly financial report was given. Expenses are on track with budget projections which will add to the league surplus even with additional fees approved for lacrosse & hockey assigners and the CAAC Captains conference subsidy. It was suggested that league funds may be available to help subsidize the spring coaches' education costs.

Also approved unanimously was the move of Grand Ledge from the Blue Division to the Red Division in competitive cheer.

Other topics reviewed, updated and discussed were changes to the league cheer dates and hosts, officials fees for gymnastics and lacrosse, spring schedules for Web posting, updates from Tom Hunt Greg Lattig on the MIAAA Region caucus and MIAAA Board meeting, and a reminder regarding the new MHSAA rule regarding minimum game participation for hockey players to be eligible for the MHSAA tournament.

Commissioner Reports:

The commissioner gave updates on all-conference team releases, a possible log-in page that is password protected on the CAAC Web, hockey scheduling & officials pay procedures, media meetings, bowling season preparations and a plan for a league AD secretary meeting.

Next Meeting – November 11, Dewitt Central Office Board Room - 9 a.m.