



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2014 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing

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

President Darin Ferguson of Haslett called the meeting to order. October meeting minutes were approved.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The CAAC/MHSAA CAP (coaches education session) held on Nov. 1 was reviewed. Over 50 member school coaches attended. A list of n-shows was supplied to AD's. Plans for a second CAP 1 or CAP 2 class will be discussed at the December meeting.

Steve Baker reported that a plan has been worked out with Johnny Mac's for member schools to purchase CAAC branded apparel. The on-line selections will be available for order and delivered in December.

Updates were given on hockey scheduling and host school staffing, officials assigning and plans for the Dec. 20 Showcase. Bowling schedules are in place, and plans for the Feb. 21 conference meet were also updated.

Teri Reyburn reported on the recent joint conference meeting in Grandville, reviewing on field issues and officials pay rates.

A discussion took place on youth football issues, summaries from the recent Region caucus on the subject and if the conference should have a position statement shared with the Michigan HS Football Coaches Association. No official action took place as it was believed the MHSFCA should be in the lead on the issue, and what comes out of the MHSAA JH/MS task force may yield more guidance.

As planned a break took place for Division meetings at 10:30 a.m.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

A financial report was shared showing revenue and expenses consistent with budget projections. Academic games expenses were detailed with invoices for participating schools distributed showing each Blue Division school owing \$675.00 each (Waverly replaces Section for this activity). The future of the academic games will be reviewed in December.

The commissioner reported on a recent meeting with the Lansing Area Wrestling Officials group. A good exchange took place with their members and leadership. A motion was made and approved to set officials fees for invitational events at \$175/official with 8 teams or less, \$225/officials for 9-16 teams and

\$250/official when there are 17 or more teams. Dual meets will be \$75 for varsity and \$35 for JV, with these rates to be for five years. Other winter officials' fees for basketball were reviewed.

Gymnastics and cheer winter schedules were reviewed and dates confirmed.

All Conference Volleyball and Foot teams will be released at the end of the MHSAA seasons. Plans for a student leadership conference will be discussed at the December meeting with options from the MHSAA presented.

Greg Lattig gave the MIAAA report focusing on the March Annual Conference registration and recent MIAAA board topics.

A plan for securing a CAAC branded banner for each school to have when hosting CAAC events was given. Approval was made to move forward with design and pricing with final decision in December.

A report on the presidents meeting with the commissioner on evaluation and future of the position was shared. To date, duties and performance are satisfactory with adjustments possible for the future as the role evolves.

Mark Uyl of the MHSAA led a discussion on best practices for coaches' ratings of officials. The topic of the MHSAA using seven officials for the football Semifinals and Finals was discussed, specifically where the issue of expanded crews may be headed for regular season games. It was agreed to have the CAAC football assigner make a proposal in January or February regarding the cost and feasibility of going to either six or seven officials for regular season games.

Next Meeting – Dec. 10, 9:00 a.m. – Dewitt Board of Education conference room, AD's & principles combined meeting.