



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2016 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing**

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

President Tom Hunt of East Lansing 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:

Officials fees in volleyball and hockey were discussed. At the October meeting representatives from the CAAVO addressed the group relative to pay schedules statewide. A \$175 minimum rate for the first seven matches worked and \$25 for additional bracketed matches at multi-team invitationals was approved. Also approved was a rate of \$70 for referees and \$60 for linesmen in hockey. Given recent increases in football and basketball, it was agreed that officials' fees would be reviewed every 3 years going forward with the next review in 2019-20.

A report on the recent meeting of the Alignment Committee was given. The initial discussions covered history, various alignment models, current enrollments, existing constitutional policies and various options for alignment criteria. AD's were given several models that the committee discussed, including division alignments of 6-8-6, 6-6-8 and 5-5-5-5. The committee meets again December 7th with AD's encouraged to give feedback to members as they work toward eventual proposals for league consideration.

Assignor Mike Conlin met with the group to review the football season and prepare for the start of boys & girls basketball. An explanation of the benefits of self-assign was given as well as a review of Arbiter use. A summary of concerns expressed by several blue division football coaches was shared and it was agreed that coaches, assignor Conlin and Mark Uyl of the MHSAA would meet soon to listen to such concerns with all league football coaches to be invited.

Reports were given on the bowling coaches meeting preparing for the upcoming season, the planned Nov. 30th meeting with girl's lacrosse officials and the new league assignor and an update on entry procedures for the Dec. 16 CAAC Cheer Scholarship meet at Mason.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Spring dates for the Girls Soccer Cup were reviewed and sites for the championship games considered with the December meeting to discuss further. Also discussed was a recent coaches survey regarding the soccer cup. The commissioner was directed to respond to the coach's leadership encouraging them to meet and come back with more specific proposals for change.

A report was given on the recent multi-conference meeting in Grandville with focus on football playoff proposals. Significant support is being generated for a plan that would ease pressure on scheduling and alignment for schools and leagues. Playoff proposals were shared with the committee and it is expected to be given much discussion at the upcoming football coaches association meeting.

All-Conference meeting procedures were discussed as some divisions experienced deviations from league policy at recent fall meetings. It was suggested the policies be reviewed with new voting procedures considered and having two AD's conduct the meeting for a smoother process.

Other topics reviewed included an update on plans for the 2017 Scholar Athlete banquet at St. Johns where the CMU football coach will be the speaker; the Academic Games final round to be held at Holt HS in early November and an update on the hockey officials assigning process

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 9:30 a.m. - MHSAA Office, East Lansing