



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2017 - MHSAA Office, East Lansing

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

President Chris Ervin of St. Johns 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:

A report was given on the status of hockey coordination and the inclusion of the non-school GLF (Grand Ledge/Fowlerville) program in scheduling. Times and match-ups for the Showcase event at Suburban arena December 16th have been adjusted. A request from the GLF non-school program manager for the team to compete for the CAAC league title was discussed. Athletic directors voted unanimously to not allow the GLF program to compete for the league title, although it was approved unanimously that individual players may be considered for all-conference honors. Coaches, AD's & coordinators will be sent monthly officials assignment communications.

An update on potential new member schools was given. One prospective member is conducting extensive internal review with athletic department staff and administration. It is expected the next step will be further discussion with CAAC representatives if interest in membership grows.

Representatives from Athletic Training Services gave a comprehensive presentation on their company and services. Interested schools will contact ATI directly if interested once there is more clarity on current training provider status.

Other review topics included a discussion of MHSAA Update meeting topics, freshman baseball schedules, participation in upcoming MHSAA clinics for PA announcers and Student Sportsmanship and cross-country medal distribution.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Mark Uyl of the MHSAA gave the group an extensive report on the status of the Arbiter company as it relates to school scheduling software and officials assigning and payment, as well as a history of the MHSAA's relationship with the company. Arbiter has made substantial improvements and upgrades to its scheduling software since the initial rollout with schools in several midwestern states having opted for the product with some uncertainty about the future of Schedule Star.

The MHSAA is currently discussing with Arbiter what its future relationship will be, what pricing will be extended to member schools and what features the product will have such as student management,

transportation and interface with VNN school Web sites. Athletic Director Paul Goddard of Flint Kearsley also spoke on his school and league experience with Arbiter scheduling software, a generally positive report. Mark Uyl will give an update on all matters relative to Arbiter at the December meeting.

A summary report was given on the recent joint conference meeting in Grandville attended by Greg Lattig, Teri Reyburn and the league Commissioner. Most significant was the plan going forward by the OK Conference to petition for an OCR hearing to allow scheduling of start times boys & girls basketball doubleheaders by local league determination.

The time schedule for the Divisional swimming and diving meets was discussed. Coaches had varying opinions of the use of a Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Saturday format for preliminaries and finals. AD's were asked to review with their swim coaches for a follow-up discussion at the December AD meeting.

Other topics discussed and or updates given were hockey/bowling scheduling meetings, coaches meeting plans, adopting an "opt-up" procedure for schools in non-standard division sports, use of HUDL for basketball officials' evaluation and study by CAO and a reminder of the December meeting being a joint session with school principals.

Next Meeting - (Joint meeting with principals)

Wednesday, December 13, 9 a.m. – MHSAA Office, East Lansing