



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2015 – MHSAA Office

Schools present: Dewitt, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Fowlerville, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt, Jackson, Lansing Catholic, Lansing Eastern, Lansing Everett, Lansing Sexton, Mason, Owosso, Portland, St. Johns, Waverly, Williamston. Not present - Ionia

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

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The 2015 Boys Soccer Cup was reviewed. Although the Gold & Silver championship games at Holt were a success, coaches still seem divided on whether to continue the event, or at the very least change the seeding/pairing process. Options are to discontinue, make adjustments to the current seeding plan or adopt a new format that perhaps uses a formula to pair teams based on division placement. Athletic directors are to consult with their boy's coach and be prepared to determine the status of the event at the November meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the hiring of an assignor for boys & girls lacrosse. Names of MHSAA registered assignors were shared. The commissioner was directed to communicate with selected assignors and ask for proposals to be reviewed in November. Assignors chosen would be paid from league funds as are all other league officials' assignors.

Bryan Smith and Ross Martin of the CAVOA addressed the group, clarifying volleyball officials' fees and answering questions regarding Arbiter and other issues. All league assignors will be invited to attend future meetings to better communication and cooperation.

The latest developments in league membership were reviewed. It was reported that the I-8 Conference voted not to invite Jackson as a league member for 2016-17, opting instead for Hastings. The OK conference was expected to approve the departure of Hastings. It was also revealed that Owosso has submitted a request to the GAC to become members with their decision to accept expected to unfold at subsequent meetings of athletic directors, principals and superintendents. Therefore the membership application to the CAAC of Charlotte will remain tabled pending the outcome of the Owosso acceptance into the GAC. Support for Charlotte's membership application remains favorable. Whether they would be admitted for 2017-18 with scheduling assistance in the transitional year of 2016-17, or accepted for membership in 2016-17 to replace Owosso should they depart has yet to be determined. Communication with Charlotte and Owosso will be on-going with AD's updated regularly and the issue again on the November agenda.

Winter season schedules should be either entered in Arbiter or sent to assignors for entry. A follow-up with Mike Conlin will take place regarding some outstanding questions and confirmations.

Rules adoptions allowed by the MHSAA were reviewed and approved in several sports with game sheets to be updated. A list of approvals will be on the November agenda, including using home weigh-in for regular season wrestling meets.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

AD's were reminded of the upcoming MHSAA Sportsmanship Summit and WISL Conference and the deadlines to register students. A spring CAP 1-2 session will be targeted for late April with the MHSAA with final date approved in November.

Greg Lattig and Tom Hunt updated the group on Regional AD meetings and the MIAAA March conference. The addition of Lansing Christian to the existing Waverly/Lansing Catholic girl's lacrosse co-op program was approved.

Post-game media policies were discussed regarding coach and/or player interviews. Rather than adopting a league wide policy it was suggested the commissioner meet with certain media persons to pursue cooperation rather than policies which may be difficult to enforce and monitor equally by all schools.

Updates were given on the MHSAA equity committee, academic games, CAAC finances, trophy/medal distribution, all-conference reporting, Web content, OK Conference basketball scheduling, multi-sport recognition, and hockey & bowling scheduling.

Next Meeting – November 11, MHSAA office, East Lansing - 9 a.m.