



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2016 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing**

Schools present: Charlotte, 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, Charlotte. Absent – Okemos, Dewitt

President Tom Hunt of East Lansing 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:

It was reported and confirmed that Owosso's application to become a member of the Flint Metro League was approved effective with the 2017-18 school year. It was confirmed that the current CAAC 3-division alignment will stay in place for the 2017-18 school year with incoming Charlotte replacing the departing Owosso in the Red Division. It was also agreed that an alignment committee be established to immediately begin examining options for a 20 school division alignment beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Alignment committee members selected were Ramona Mendez of Lansing Eastern, Steve Baker of Grand Ledge and President Tom Hunt of East Lansing from the Blue Division; Greg Lattig of Mason and Scott Castele of Waverly from the Red Division; and Scott Swinehart and Kevin Veale from the Red Division, facilitated by Commissioner Randy Allen. First scheduled meeting of the committee will be Nov. 2, with regular meetings to take place the Wednesday prior to monthly athletic director meetings which will receive updates and eventual recommendations from the alignment committee. Ideas and suggestions for division alignments should be shared with committee members.

With the addition of Holt as a competitive cheer program and Charlotte a member of the CAAC for cheer in 2016-17, a new division alignment was unanimously approved as follows:

White Division – Eaton Rapids, Lansing Catholic, Fowlerville, Portland, Williamston and Charlotte
Red Division – Holt, Grand Ledge, Dewitt, Mason, St. Johns, Owosso and Waverly

Division and invitational meets dates and locations were confirmed and will be communicated to the cheer officials assigner.

The fall Boys Soccer Cup was reviewed. The format and process will continue for the spring girls event. Allowances for varsity start times determined by host schools for fields without lights will be made.

Discussions regarding changes in the MHSAA football playoffs took place with general support for a system which lessened pressure on scheduling due to the six-win threshold for playoff qualification. Concern was also expressed about youth football coaching practices and what steps CAAC schools can take to make practices and competition more age appropriate and more accountable including more flag football offerings.

The recent student sportsmanship seminar was reviewed with a suggestion that each division follow up with student groups to work toward updated league policies.

Representatives from CAVOA, the league volleyball officials assigner group appeared to clarify officials fees and discuss the assigning process and critical need to attract new officials. Fee increases will be discussed at the November meeting.

Approval was given to hire Paige Winne as the league girls lacrosse officials assigner for 2017. An officials meeting will be scheduled for December with the objective of earlier assignments for league and non-league games. Keith Byrd and Jesse Read will continue as boys lacrosse assigners.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

The first quarter financial report was given and approved. Fiscal YTD expenses were explained and league dues updates given, as well as the Reg. 7 MIAAA AD dues revenues collected and held by the CAAC. No questions were raised. Bank statements and ledgers were made available for inspection.

Other new business topics included distribution of rewards certificates and the balance of fall trophies/medals; updates on hockey officials assigning and pay procedures; academic games billing; supplying winter schedules to assigners; MIAAA/NIAAA reports and a reminder of the Oct. 18th scheduling meeting at Haslett.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 9, MHSAA Office, East Lansing