



**CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2016 – Dewitt Board Room**

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

President Tom Hunt of East Lansing called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. August meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

An update was given on the status of Owosso's membership application to the Flint Metro Conference. Dallas Linter reported that the league AD's supported the acceptance of Owosso as a member, but the final decision would be a vote of Flint Metro principals which is scheduled for September 27. A site visit of Owosso may need to take place by a FM league committee to complete the process. It was agreed that there would be no final vote on a plan given preliminary approval at the August meeting relative to Owosso's CAAC membership pending the result of the Flint Metro AD/Principal meeting September 27th, of which the outcome can be reported to CAAC AD's at a special meeting September 28th at Grand Ledge when the league AD's will meet in special session after the Student Sportsmanship Advisory meeting. Should Owosso receive approval for membership in the Flint Metro League, the CAAC will stay static for 2017-18 and begin a comprehensive process of division alignment plans for 2018-19.

Plans for the 2016 CAAC Boys Soccer Cup were reviewed. Information regarding collection of team records, seeding, pairings and hosting will be shared with coaches through an e-mail communication with AD's with games through September 29th used for the coaches' rankings. Tom Hunt, Greg Lattig Jeff Dassance will meet On Sunday, Oct. 2 to review and finalize seeds and pairings with information sent to schools and the officials assigner Sunday evening. First round games will be Tuesday, Oct. 4, second round Thursday, Oct. 6, third round Monday, Oct. 10 with Mason hosting the Gold/Silver Cup championship games on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Also reviewed were plans for the Student Sportsmanship Advisory committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 28 beginning at 9 a.m. at Grand Ledge. A discussion outline was reviewed with updates to follow as the event draws near. AD's were encouraged to assist in stimulating discussion among student attendees with the goal to solicit input from students on updating league policies for student and adult spectators conduct and sportsmanship.

With the addition of Holt as a school sponsoring competitive cheer and Charlotte participating in the league for cheer in 2016-17, divisional alignment was discussed. It was decided to wait until October or November for more certainty on cheer sponsorship before division structure is determined.

Other topics reviewed were participation by football programs in providing access to game video via HUDL to GLARA for use in officials' study, winter basketball schedules input in Arbiter or sent to assigner

Mike Conlin for input, completion of facility surveys, fall sports Web content and selecting Oct. 18 as the winter/spring scheduling meeting at Haslett HS.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Jeremy Sampson of the MHSAA made a presentation to AD's regarding promotion of events and the latest plans from the MHSAA for marketing regular season and tournament events to the public to increase attendance.

Brian Osborn of Fowlerville reported on the MHSAA pitch count committee deliberations. It would appear the committee is pointing toward a 105 daily pitch limit, with days of rest to also be adjusted based on the number of pitches thrown by a pitcher in any given game. Record keeping and penalty structure for pitch count violations will also be forthcoming with the January baseball committee, coach's association annual meeting and the February league/conference meeting to review any recommendations prior to advancement to the MHSAA Representative Council for final approval which will be effective beginning with the 2017 spring season.

The league directed the commissioner to make an offer to a person identified in previous meetings as the CAAC officials' assigner for girl's lacrosse. The officials' assigners for boys' lacrosse were approved to continue in the same capacity.

Dan Stafford of Charlotte will work with the MHSAA and CAAC for a spring session involving senior athletes in hopes of attracting more young people to become MHSAA officials.

Other topics discussed included MIAAA & NIAAA updates from Greg Lattig regarding conference registration, drone policies and national anthem protocols, updates on coach's meetings in bowling and hockey regarding finalizing of schedules, interim financial update, certificate order needs and fall sports medal & trophy distribution.

New athletic director Chad Foster of Lansing Everett was welcomed to the league as the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 12, MHSAA Office, East Lansing