



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
Sept 9, 2015 – MHSAA Office

Schools present: Dewitt, 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, Williamston. Not present - Okemos

President Brian Osborn of Fowlerville 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:

Andy Frushour of the MHSAA briefed the league and the plan for the upcoming CAAC Captains Clinic. Each school will send 8-10 students with the conference subsidizing \$10 of the \$25/student cost.

Football assigner Mike Conlin was present to review the initial season of using 7-person football crews and access to HUDL video for evaluation and training of officials through the CAO. Response from coaches and officials has been positive.

The seeding plan and data collection for the 2015 CAAC Soccer Cup were reviewed. A coaches review meeting will be held and a communication sent to coaches and AD's summarizing when to submit records & scores for determining seeds and pairings through coaches rankings. Holt will host the Gold & Silver Championship games October 14.

Officials' fees were reviewed, especially in volleyball. A representative from the CAVOA will be invited to the October meeting for some Q & A. The MHSAA officials' advisory committee September meeting will take up the issue of deadlines for schools to cancel or re-schedule contests without having to pay officials for not working.

It was reported that the Academic Games will proceed as normal with 8 schools (all Blue division schools except Sexton and with Waverly). Possible expansion to additional schools may take place in 2016. Separate invoices will be sent for approximately \$675/school in November to cover the costs of judges and curriculum questions.

A list of potential boys & girls lacrosse officials assigners will be presented for the October meeting. A list of MHSAA allowed playing rule adoptions will also be prepared for October discussion and approval.

AD's were reminded that boys & girls basketball schedules and wrestling schedules should be entered in the Arbiter system or sent to the respective assigners for entry ASAP if not done so already.

Bowling and hockey coach meetings will take place to finalize schedules and other contest policies with reports given in October.

A major discussion item was the application for membership submitted in August by Charlotte and related matters. Since initial discussions on the subject in August, it was learned that the Interstate 8 conference of which Charlotte is a member had approached Jackson of the CAAC about moving to their league so they could remain and 8-school league if Charlotte departed. Although not seeking a change, Jackson stated they would listen to any potential invitation and may have some interest due to decreased travel. Waverly also indicated they may be amenable to a move to the CAAC Blue Division.

Although initial league discussion indicated accepting Charlotte as a member in 2017-18 was more likely than 2016-17, it was discussed that if such changes were simultaneous (Jackson departure, Charlotte addition and Waverly division move), the 2016-17 school year was a possibility. Rather than the schools and conferences involved working independently, it was suggested the commissioner arrange a meeting with the Interstate 8 president, Jackson and Charlotte AD's and AD's from each of the CAAC Divisions to review all possibilities and league positions. Steve Baker of Grand Ledge, Greg Lattig of Mason and Brian Osborn of Fowlerville will be the CAAC representatives. A full report of the meeting outcome will be on the October agenda.

New business topics were discussed as follows:

Swim meet protocols (scoring) for meets with non-league members were discussed. It was determined that if all schools agreed, the non-league member could compete but not included in the league scoring.

Trophies, medals and certificates were distributed for the early CAAC meets with the balance in October.

It was suggested the league schedule further CAP sessions with the MHSAA, some November dates will be investigated.

It was asked if each division should continue to have some minor differences in how league meets are conducted. No objection was stated to change the practice.

Cheer hosts and dates for the upcoming season were revised as follows:

- Dec. 19 – Scholarship meet at Mason
- Jan. 13 – White Division meet at Fowlerville, Red Division meet at Mason
- Jan. 27 – White Division meet at Portland, Red Division meet at Dewitt
- Feb. 10 – White Division meet at Williamston, Red Division meet at Waverly

Invitational dates:

- Jan. 9 – St. Johns
- Jan. 23 – Grand Ledge
- Feb. 6 – Mason
- Feb. 13 – Owosso

The fall scheduling meeting will take place at Haslett at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 21. Greg Lattig gave the MIAAA update on membership renewal and Winter Conference plans.

Among other items discussed were admission policies, general financial issues regarding league finances (quarterly report will be the standard going forward with interim updates), and the need for photos for Web content.

Next Meeting – October 14, MHSAA office, East Lansing - 9 a.m.