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CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2019, MHSAA Office, East Lansing Scheduling Meeting, April 17 at Haslett

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

President Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids called the meeting to order, February meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The final step in the formation of a new high school hockey league was shared with the group. The four CAAC co-op programs (primary schools Okemos, East Lansing, Holt and DeWitt) will join four schools from the Kalamazoo area (Portage Northern, Portage Central, Mattawan, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix), Jackson Lumen Christi and a new co-op program to be hosted by Richland Gull Lake to become the ten team "South Central High School Hockey League" beginning with the 2019-20 season.

All involved schools met recently in Marshall to give final approval, with CAAC programs represented by coaches and the league commissioner (given proxy approval authority). The participants agreed to have a North and South division (Lumen in the north), with schools paying a double round robin schedule of 8 games within their division and five crossover games with the opposite division for a total of 13 league games. It was agreed to conduct a division playoff on the final Saturday of the season (1 v. 1, 2 v. 2, etc.) to determine the overall league champion, the first year to be held at Wings in Kalamazoo, then rotate host locations between divisions in subsequent years. At the meeting, dates and locations for the crossover games were scheduled and agreed to, teams will complete their intra division schedule in the coming weeks. Many other policies and procedures will be completed over the next few months with coaches and AD's working together. Hockey will no longer be a CAAC league sport, however with 13 schools involved in the co-op programs the league commissioner will remain involved in the initial year.

Plans for the CAAC Spring Girls Soccer Cup were reviewed. A communication in late April will inform coaches and AD's the procedure for submitting game results which will be compiled and shared. The information will be used as criteria for the seed meeting at 10 a.m., May 11 at Holt HS which will determine seeds, pairings and Gold/Silver/Bronze Cup division assignments. The seed meeting will take place after the 8 a.m. division All-Conference selection meetings. First round pairings, seeds, hosts and brackets will be sent to schools and the officials assigner after the meeting.

Plans for a league-wide coaches meeting were again discussed. Reservations were expressed about conducting such a meeting for all coaches in June rather than August. It appears the direction will now be a seasonal meeting beginning with winter sports coaches in late September or early October.

The boys & girls CAAC lacrosse tournament procedures were discussed, based on date and final locations agreed to in January. Seeds, pairings and officials' coordination will be forthcoming.

A report was given on recent basketball assignor discussions to review the difficulties experienced with the January weather that forced cancellations and re-scheduled games. Better communication was emphasized for future such circumstances.

Other review topics discussed were plans and data collection for the upcoming CAAC Senior Scholar Athlete awards ceremonies April 24 at Holt HS, Tim Bograkos will be the keynote speaker; changes in All-Conference procedures; rules meetings for golf coaches, players and parents; confirmation of fall cross country jamborees; and appointment of Steve Baker of Grand Ledge as league president for 2019-20.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

The 3rd quarter final report was given. It is projected that the surplus (carry-over) amount may be slightly lower than past years due to additional approved expenses incurred. No other questions were raised. Bank statements were made available, YTD expense/revenue figures were shared. The financial report was unanimously approved.

Cooperative team renewals were approved for Fowlerville in gymnastics with Byron, Perry and Pinckney; Haslett in boys lacrosse with Williamston; Lansing Eastern with Everett and Sexton in boys & girls bowling and boys tennis; Lansing Sexton with Eastern and Everett in boys & girls golf; Lansing Sexton with Lansing Christian on wrestling; and Williamston with Lansing Christian in boys & girls swimming and diving.

Fall 2019 dates for the CAAC Boys Soccer Cup were discussed. With the MHSAA District first round games moving a week earlier (beginning Oct. 9, 2019) it was decided to re-visit the topic at the April 17 scheduling meeting. At that time several scheduling options were discussed to deal with homecoming conflicts. It was suggested that after a Red Division schedule adjustment the All-Conference and seed meeting be held Thursday, Sept. 26, with first round games Saturday morning, September 28 (10-11 a.m. recommended), second round games Tuesday, Oct. 1 and third round and Gold/Silver Championship games Thursday, Oct. 3 with Mason to host the Finals. The plan will be reviewed again in May.

Dates for 2019-20 competitive cheer meets were also adopted at the scheduling meeting. DeWitt will host the scholarship meet December 20. The Division meets will be January 22 and Feb. 5. Charlotte hosting the Red Division and Fowlerville the White Division on Jan. 22 and Waverly hosting the Red Division and Holt the White Division Feb. 5.

Additional topics discussed at the April 10 meeting included a request from Michigan Special Olympics to add Unified Programs: production of season passes for 2019-20; a re-cap of the MIAAA Winter Conference where Nikki Smith of East Lansing was elected recording secretary and Brian Osborn of Fowlerville named Region 7 Athletic Director of the Year; invitations for the annual GLSA Lugnut social outing August 8; approving June 19 for the league golf outing at Brookshire; options for the future of the CAAC Web site; distribution of spring awards; and a report from the commissioner on future plans for the position, possible sharing of duties with new person who would assume the position and how such a transition would work.

The next scheduled league meeting will be May 8 at a site TBD. AD's were also reminded of the spring scheduling meeting April 17 at Haslett HS.

Next Meeting – 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, Klavon's Restaurant - Mason