



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2018 – GRSA/CVB Board Room, Lansing

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

President Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. May meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The meeting began with a welcome to new athletic directors Nicole Norris of East Lansing, Mike Smith of Everett and Mike Brya of DeWitt. First item on the agenda were updates from AD's on new facility upgrades and plans throughout the league.

A review of the Boys Soccer Cup plan took place. Dates will be Tuesday, Oct. 2 for first round games, Thursday, Oct. 4 for the second round and Monday, Oct. 8 for third round games. Okemos will host the Gold & Silver Cup Finals Tuesday, Oct. 9. The commissioner will again collect season results and share of such data with AD's & coaches the final week of the regular season. Coaches will meet on Saturday, Sept. 29 for All-Conference selections by division, and to discuss rankings for Gold & Silver Cup assignments and seeding, followed by a full seed meeting with division coach and AD representatives for final first round pairings and seeds.

Plans for the student/athlete leadership seminar scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 25 with speaker Craig Hiller were reviewed. Each school will select 7 or 8 student athletes to attend. Holt will host the event, schools will be billed \$75.00 each to cover ancillary costs with the league budget covering speaker expense.

The commissioner distributed drafts of updates and/or re-writes of the CAAC constitution, By-Laws and game sheets including significant edits and revisions. AD's were asked to review and submit edits/corrections/additions to the commissioner at the Sept. meeting for final consolidation. Changes in the Constitution/By-Laws would need approval by league AD's and principals.

Competitive Cheer dates and hosts were confirmed. In May the league approved having two meets in each division instead of three, both in January. Hosts and dates will be.

January 16 – Red Division hosted by DeWitt
White Division hosted by Eaton Rapids

January 30 – Red Division hosted by St. Johns
White Division hosted by Portland

DeWitt will host the CAAC Scholarship Competitive Cheer meet On Saturday, December 15.

Fall Cross Country Jamboree dates & hosts were confirmed as follows:

Blue Division – Sept. 20 at DeWitt, Oct. 18 at Grand Ledge

Red Division – Sept. 18 at Fowlerville, Oct. 2 at Mason, Oct. 18 at Williamston

White Division – Sept. 18 at Ionia, Oct. 2 at Charlotte, Oct. 18 at Lansing Sexton

Chuck Block will provide chip timing for all meets except the Oct. 18 event at Sexton which will be handled by Gordon Aldrich. Fees for the timing services are included in the 2018-19 dues invoices and will be paid directly by the CAAC.

A lengthy presentation was made by Steve Sutherland and his assistant on Schedule Star software and Big Teams school Web site services which included a review of their scheduling software, new features, pricing, advertising opportunities and substantial Q & A from AD's.

Updates were given on significant changes in CAAC hockey cooperative programs. With Jackson departing and several new co-op arrangements, the league now has four programs. Approval was given to continue hockey as a league sport and to re-visit the issue of a potential hockey-only membership for a prospective school, soliciting input from league coaches. Approval was given for the following new (changed) hockey co-op programs:

- **Holt (primary) with Grand Ledge, Portland, Eaton Rapids and Potterville**
- **DeWitt (primary) with Mason, St. Johns and Lansing Catholic (An MHSAA waiver was granted for a senior from Ionia who was on the team last year)**
- **Okemos (primary) with Fowlerville**

Hockey school AD's are reminded to have schedules sent to the commissioner to be input into Arbiter for officials assigning in cooperation with assigner Phil Nardone.

Approval was also given for the following gymnastics cooperative programs:

- **Haslett (primary) with St. Johns, Williamston and Bath**
- **East Lansing (primary) with DeWitt**
- **Holt (primary) with Mason**

Schools sponsoring gymnastics will work together to develop a league schedule.

An update was given on several officials assigning issues, including possible changes in the current baseball/softball assigning relationship. Leadership from the current assigning group will be asked to attend a future meeting for review, and possible alternative groups may be asked to make proposals as well. Fall officials fees were reviewed, Fr/JV doubleheader fees may be increased in 2019.

Other review topics included updates on fall officials fees, use of the :40 second clock for all home CAAC games as approved in May; agreement to plan for a seasonal coaches meeting beginning with spring 2018 sports coaches; and a discussion on the issue of youth football programs at the grade school and JH/MS level and how schools and communities are dealing with safety and potential school sponsorship at the 7-8 level and possible transition to flag FB for lower grades.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

The commissioner gave a financial update including a review of the final figures for fiscal year 2017-18. A surplus of \$16,933.03 will carry over from the previous year, excluding the MIAAA Reg. 7 balance which is \$760.87. A budget for the 2018-19 school year was presented and approved with adjustments. Schools were reminded of dues invoices that were sent in early August to be paid by Sept. 15 which included all fees for Cross Country Jamboree chip timing services.

With recent retirements of league AD's, the commissioner will solicit assistance from one of the existing schools sponsoring Boys & Girls lacrosse to coordinate league schedules and the spring league tournament.

AD's were updated on the league bowling coach meeting which will be held August 26 at the MHSAA to begin planning for the 2018-19 season. Lansing schools reported they are pursuing a three-school bowling cooperative program with initial paperwork submitted to the MHSAA. The league will support the co-op request.

Other new business topics discussed were production of recognition certificates to remain custom printed with possible on-line options at a later date; developing a league policy on golf scoring integrity for adoption and distribution to coaches, players and parents; changes in content and construction of the league We page; MHSAA and MIAAA updates; and confirmation of league meeting dates to be the second Wednesday of the month with exceptions for October and February due to MHSAA conflicts when the \third Wednesday will be scheduled.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 12, Grand Ledge Board Room