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CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

August 15, MHSAA Office East Lansing

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 Steve Baker of Grand Ledge called the meeting to order, May meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda, including the official debut of newly appointed Commissioner Tom Hunt. A brief "induction" ceremony was held. Allen will continue in an assistants role with some administrative duties in 2019-20 as Tom Hunt assumes the role of the second Commissioner in CAAC history.

New athletic Directors R.J. Guizzetti of Charlotte and Brian Fuller of Okemos were welcomed to the league. Also present were several athletic secretaries and administrative assistants who were invited to join the conversations and gather for a breakout session during division meetings.

Review items were discussed as follows:

A review of the new format for the CAAC Boys Soccer Cup began the meeting. As discussed in the spring and approved via e-mail, a 4-division format with four schools in each division (Gold/Silver/Bronze/Copper) will be conducted Oct 1 & 3. The pairings and seeds will be determined on Sept. 28 following the division All-Conference meetings at Okemos HS. Regular season data (records & results) will be used as criteria, with the MHSAA "MPR" rankings used in the district tournament also used as a tool. Each division will determine their top 16 teams. Two coaches from each division will then meet to merge the rankings and determine final pairings & seeds. The high seed will host both nights of the event. The three teams not in the top 16 will also play 1 or two games the same week as they choose.

Schedules for boys & girls lacrosse for 2020 and a change in the end of season tournament to two 4-team divisions were also discussed. Schools will review the proposed schedule and tournament change and make a final decision at the September meeting.

A financial report and proposed budget for 2019-20 was presented. With less revenue and added expense for fiscal year 2018-19, the league "surplus" was reduced, but still substantial. The budget proposal included some reduced expenditures and anticipated expenses in the major categories, with revenue slightly exceeding expenses. The budget was approved by unanimous vote. The league IRS tax reports are being filed by the William Boss CPA firm. League dues invoices were sent to each school in early August.

Dates for fall division cross country jamboree dates, and cheer dates were reviewed and confirmed. Cross country timing services will again be provided by Chuck Block of the Michigan Running Foundation with costs included in the dues invoices and will be paid directly by the CAAC. Jamboree

dates have been entered in Athletic.net. It was confirmed that St. Johns will host the annual Cheer Scholarship meet Dec. 20, start time TBA. Cheer dates are Jan. 22 (hosts Charlotte and Fowlerville) and Feb 5 (Hosts DeWitt and Holt).

Commissioner Hunt reviewed league meeting dates for 2019-20, the Sept 11 meeting will be at the DeWitt Board room and the October meeting moved to the 16 to accommodate the Oct. 9 MHSAA Update meeting. He also gave a report on his discussions with football officials at the recent CAO meeting. There is concern about a shortage of officials due to retirements and lack of younger replacements. It is expected the "targeting" penalty calls will have more consistency this year as well.

A Red Division basketball coach recommendation for mandatory game tape exchange similar to the HUDL football policy was discussed but no action taken. It will be added to the September agenda along with All-Conference voting procedures.

Other review topics included officials fees; trainer expectations (home and visitor); assigner communication review; season passes; football weather policies; and Web site plans.

New business topics discussed as follows:

League approval as given to a wrestling cooperative program between Lansing Eastern and Lansing Catholic. The MHSAA will be notified of the approval.

Approval was given for a \$100 contribution to the Michigan Broadcasters Association education fund in honor of the MAB Hall of Fame induction of Tim Staudt of WILX TV and his contributions to the CAAC and high school sports.

A concern was expressed regarding "boombox" music used by student groups during game without approval or knowledge of schools. It was thought that inappropriate lyrics may be heard when such music was played without screening and that school band efforts may be compromised. The commissioner will write some sample language for possible adoption and distribute to league AD's for review.

Facility upgrades were reported by several schools including the new turf field and stadium at Lansing Eastern, new turf field and upgrades at Haslett, football field upgrades at Portland, several upgrades at Fowlerville including new press boxes at outdoor fields, and upgrades to the Lansing Catholic basketball facility.

Athletic secretaries and administrative assistants met for a "breakout" discussion which center on roster sharing, scheduling software and awards certificate needs.

Additional new business topics discussed included: the annual bowling coaches meeting scheduled for August 25 with Fowlerville adding a boys program; schedule coordination between divisions; the need for a host to be identified for the 2020 Senior Scholar Athlete Awards night (April 29); MIAAA updates; trophy and medal distribution for fall events; and the fall scheduling meeting October 1 at Haslett at 9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting – 9 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11, DeWitt Board of Education Conference Room