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CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL MEETING MINUTES December 12, 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, Mason, Okemos, Portland, St. Johns, Waverly, Williamston.

President Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids called the combined meeting of athletic directors and principals to order and chaired the discussions. November meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

Alternate models for the CAAC Soccer Cup were presented and discussed. It was decided to conduct the Girls Spring Soccer Cup under the current format of eight teams each in the Gold and Silver Divisions and four teams in the Bronze division. Division assignments, pairings and seeds to be determined by coaches after All-Conference meetings with Williamston the host for the Girls Cup Gold/Silver Final games.

An update was given regarding new conference members, including a summary of an informal discussion with the athletic director of a potential school. The commissioner will arrange a meeting with a selected group of CAAC athletic directors and the potential school athletic director and principal to pursue the matter further.

Lacrosse schedules for the 2019 boys and girls seasons were reviewed along with dates and procedures for the CAAC end of season tournament. It was agreed to have the final games at a pre-determined site with further discussion and final decision at the January meeting.

Policies for All-Conference selections were discussed. There was some sentiment to reduce numbers in some sports and to consider different criteria for nominations. Current policies were reviewed. It was agreed to have a committee established to study the issue and recommend changes. Mike Smith and Steve Baker of the Blue Division, Brian Osborn and Ramona Mendez of the Red Division, Dan Stafford and Andy Barr of the White Division will comprise the group with a meeting date TBA.

Mike Brya of DeWitt reviewed plans for the upcoming CAAC Cheer Scholarship meet Dec. 14 beginning at 6 p.m. Eleven varsity teams will be in the field as well as several JV and MS teams.

Planned correspondence to the MHSAA from East Lansing HAS regarding the MHSAA handbook regulations on protests was discussed. Feedback from schools to the CAAC representative on the MHSAA football committee was encouraged prior to their January meeting.

Other review topics discussed were updates on the start and progress of the bowling and hockey seasons; freshman football officials fees; and reporting of dual meet wrestling results.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Upcoming league meeting dates were confirmed as January 9th at DeWitt and February 27 at the MHSAA, with the latter being a combined February/March meeting to reduce conflicts with the MIAAA annual conference and the MHSAA League/Conference meeting.

Divisional swim meet hosts were confirmed as Williamston (using the East Lansing pool) in the Red Division and St. Johns in the Blue Division.

Plans for an initial seasonal coaches meeting were discussed with the commissioner to prepare an outline for meeting timetable and content and suggested dates & locations for the January meeting.

MIAAA updates were given for Region 7 and the Traverse City Annual Conference. It was announced that Brian Osborn of Fowlerville will be recognized as Region 7 Athletic Director of the Year at the conference banquet.

During the Division meeting break, the commissioner met separately with principals in attendance to review league operations including finances, scheduling procedures, assigner coordination and other league initiatives.

Next Meeting – 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, DeWitt Board of Education