



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018 – DeWitt Board of Education Conference Room

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

President Chris Ervin of St. Johns called the joint meeting with AD's and principals to order and chaired the discussions. December meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

It was determined that the host for the CAAC Girls Spring Soccer Cup Finals will be Williamston, with Okemos to host the Boys Soccer Cup finals in the fall of 2018.

Future division alignment for boys and girls swimming/diving were again discussed, East Lansing will host a meeting with swim coaches January 17 to solicit their input with AD's invited to attend. Division meet format will also be on their agenda. Holt will host the 2018 Blue Division meet with a Friday-Saturday time schedule. Waverly will host the Red Division meet at Mason with a Friday-Saturday time schedule as well.

The recently completed CAAC Cheer Scholarship meet hosted by DeWitt in December was review. A record \$6,000 was awarded in scholarships ranging from \$1250.00 to \$250 to eight cheer athletes. Names and results are posted on the CAAC Web page.

An update was given on discussions with potential new member schools. The school that has had dial the most dialogue with the CAAC has communicated that after further internal review and discussions with their current league leadership, they will reach a decision by Feb. 1 on whether to stay with their current league or pursue CAAC membership. An update will be shared at the February 21 league meeting.

Officials fees were reviewed, specifically the fee schedule for upcoming division meets. With the resignation of the current LWOA wrestling assigner, the CAAC will work with association leadership to identify a person to handle assigning duties in the future and use the transition to build a better foundation for fees, policies and procedures with more clarity.

After a review with the CAAC girls' lacrosse officials' assigner it was decided to stay with two officials for all league and non-league games for the 2018 season. The league assigner was not confident there were enough officials to use a 3-person crew for all games, and lacrosse school AD's did not wish to have two officials for some games and three for others. The topic will be evaluated again in 2019.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding future crossover scheduling between divisions, especially in the sports of football and basketball. It was noted that there is a great deal of crossover scheduling currently taking place, but perhaps future efforts could help alleviate some gaps in football and/or basketball dates with a creative, cooperative approach. No action was taken, it is hoped that discussion and review on this topic can continue with a focus on solutions and plans.

Other items reviewed or discussed were flag football, freshman baseball schedules, spring schedules to assigners for entry in Arbiter and updates on the status of athletic training serves from various providers.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

The group was given a second quarter financial report by the league Commissioner. The report included YTD expenses review, income from dues/fees, anticipated expenses for the balance of 2017-18, and the MIAAA Region 7 dues collection and balance. Bank balance, expenses and revenue are consistent with approved budget figures and projected expenses.

Schools hosting upcoming division wrestling meets were reminded to communicate with interim assigner Sam Davis regarding meet format (RR or bracketed) and the number of officials needed.

Recent litigation and legislation regarding the MHSAA transfer rule were discussed. Schools were encouraged to communicate with their legislators to support MHSAA transfer regulations. New MHSAA transfer proposals were also discussed.

A report was given on the new football playoff proposal submitted to the MHSAA by the football coaches' association in cooperation with MIAAA leadership. The proposed plan would give more credit for strength of schedule and eliminate the six-win threshold. The league president and commissioner will attend the MHSAA League/Conference meeting Feb. 21 where this and other topics will be updated.

Other topics discussed were Senior Scholar Athlete banquet preparations, distribution of winter trophies/medals, MIAAA Winter Conference plans and the revised date of Feb. 21 for the next league meeting.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 21, 9 a.m. – MHSAA Office East Lansing