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## CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2019, DeWitt Board of Education

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

President Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids called the combined meeting of athletic directors 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:

An update was given regarding the potential for league expansion and recent discussions with the administration at the prospective school. It was suggested a delegation of AD's, students and coaches visit the school for a facilities tour and opportunities for discussions with their students and coaches. Efforts will be made to coordinate such a trip.

Plans for the 2019 CAAC spring boys & girls lacrosse season ending tournament were reviewed. The girls tournament will be M-W-F, May 6-8-10 with Okemos hosting the championship game. The boys event will be Tu-Th-M, May 7-9-13 with Grand Ledge hosting the championship game.

Unanimous approval for a JV hockey program with Grand Ledge, Holt, Mason, DeWitt, Perry, Eaton Rapids, East Lansing and Lansing Catholic. MHSAA approval has already been obtained..

A date was set for a "task force" to meet and study potential changes in CAAC All-Conference selections, policies and procedures. Steve Baker, Mike Smith, Brian Osborn, Ramona Mendez, Andy Barr and Dan Stafford will comprise the study group with recommendations to be brought forth at the February meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to increase the officials fees for JV/freshman football doubleheaders. The new rate will be \$110.00 per official.

The group again discussed options for a league-wide coaches meeting, review an outline prepared for seasonal meetings. It was suggested that a better approach was to have all coaches meet on an alternating year basis rather than a season approach. The commissioner will research locations, dates and costs.

Other review topics discussed were upcoming plans for division wrestling meets; the 2019 CAAC Senior Scholar Athlete program; MHSAA January Committee meetings; a review of the December Cheer Scholarship meet and feedback from the December principal meeting.

**New Business Items were reviewed as follows:**

The date and location of the CAAC gymnastics meet was confirmed as Feb. 15 at Haslett.

League schedules for the 2019 boys golf season were reviewed along with proposed golf policies to be shared with coaches, players and parents to strengthen scoring integrity.

An update on hockey was given with a recommendation for a league scheduling meeting to be held in early April to better prepare for the 2019-20 season. Also discussed was the potential for a new hockey league outside CAAC sponsorship that would include the four league programs, Lumen Christi and four school sponsored programs from the Kalamazoo/Portage area. The commissioner will attend a meeting with those schools to discuss feasibility and timetable

The Commissioner gave reports on the upcoming CAAC singles bowling meet Feb. 2 at Royal Scot and the new league bowling stat report posted weekly with results and standings. Also shared was the CAAC Q2 financial report with detailed YTD expenses and revenue.

President Jeff Dassance and the Commissioner will represent the CAAC at the MHSAA League & Conference meeting Feb. 13. A report will be forthcoming at the February 27 league meeting.

Other topics discussed or updated were reports on the MIAAA March Conference where Brian Osborn of Fowlerville will be honored as Region 7 "Athletic Director of the Year"; freshman baseball schedules; winter trophies and medals; JH/MS football sponsorship and various spectator policies.

It was decided to change the upcoming league meeting dates to accommodate the MIAAA Conference in Traverse City and the MHSAA League & Conference meeting Feb. 13. League AAD's will meet Feb. 27 at the MHSAA as a combined February/March meeting, then meet April 10 and May 8 to finish 2019.

**Next Meeting – 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 27, MHSAA Office, East Lansing**