



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2018 – MHSAA Office, East Lansing

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

The meeting was called to order, February meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

Procedures for the spring CAAC Girls Soccer Cup were reviewed and approved. Scores will be collected, then distributed to coaches for rankings, with seeds and brackets completed by May 13. AD's Tom Hunt, Greg Lattig and Jeff Dassance will again be the review committee via conference call. Some discussion took place regarding the fall Boys Soccer Cup. With the possibility of the MHSAA first round district tournament games moving a week earlier in either 2018 or 2019, some changes in format and/or dates for the Boys Cup may need consideration. Format and date options will be discussed at the April and May meetings.

Baseball/softball officials' assigner Ken Sudall met with the group to review the upcoming season. Priorities for weather cancellations and use of Arbiter scheduling software were established and discussed with an emphasis on good communication between AD's and the assigner.

An update was given on the planned hockey meeting scheduled for April 26 with coaches, AD's, facility personnel and others to begin charting the future for CAAC hockey programs. Co-op program configurations, non-school split seasons, sustainability and attracting players to school programs are among the topics to be on the agenda.

AD's were briefed on the bowling coach all-conference/wrap up meetings and topics discussed. With the departure of Jackson some adjustment in division assignments will be made. The commissioner has recommended a new person become involved in bowling coordination for future years, more on the topic at the fall bowling coaches meeting in late August.

Dates for the Division Cross Country jamborees were reviewed, and changes made. With the final date being October 18 for all three divisions, an adjustment may have to be made to secure timing services for the date. The commissioner will communicate with Chuck Block on the issue and report more in April.

Other old business topics discussed were a review of Senior Scholar Athlete procedures; freshman baseball schedules; status of scheduling software options; soccer and lacrosse schedules for officials' assigners; and a report on the recent MIAAA Conference specifically the position statement discussion the football playoff proposal and the MHSAA transfer rule change to be voted on at the May Representative Council meeting.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Much discussion took place again on the seasonal mandatory coaches meeting initiative recommended by the commissioner. Some concern was expressed over requiring another meeting for coaches, and the difficulty of an August date that would work an initial such meeting of fall coaches. Others suggested a possible spring date for fall coaches in early June or having certain sports such as football meet separately. No action was taken although further discussion is planned on this important topic.

Basketball officials' assigner Mike Conlin appeared for a review of the recent season. He expressed concern over a higher level of incidents between officials and coaches/players and a negative affect on retention and recruitment of officials. He intends to initiative some on-line feedback tools for better communication between AD's, coaches and officials and emphasized the need for monitoring of conduct on the part of coaches and players for the benefit of all parties.

It was proposed to conduct a CAAC student leadership session in September with speaker Craig Hilliard. Dates suggested were either Sept. 25 or 26. The commissioner will follow-up with Hilliard and confirm the date, time and format for final approval at the April meeting.

An update was given on the recent multi-conference meeting hosted by Grandville. The OK Conference continues to move forward to gain OCR approval for conducting boys/girls basketball doubleheaders with the girls game first on a permanent basis, rather than alternating each year. They will be meeting with a citizens group and presenting attendance data. Their efforts and outcome will be monitored closely to determine what action may be feasible for the CAAC and its current agreement to alternate start times dating back to 2009.

Other new business topics discussed were officiating classes at the school level (Eaton Rapids will share their curriculum), game sheets, updated spring officials fees (commissioner will distribute), adoption of the 40 second for football in 2018 (Mike Smith of Everett will solicit coach feedback), spring trophy/medal needs and delivery, a suggested review of school policies regarding athletic trainer/athlete injury treatment and instruction (DeWitt will share their language), and commissioner duties/future role and related matters.

It was agreed to conduct the next league meeting after the spring scheduling meeting April 18 at the Haslett central office. The scheduling meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the league meeting immediately afterward at about 12 noon.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 18, 12 noon – Haslett Central Office (following the spring scheduling meeting)