



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2018 – Bestsellers Meeting Room, Mason

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

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

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

A report was given on the recent meeting with league Competitive Cheer coaches meeting regarding scheduling of meets, division alignment and officials' assignment procedures. A coaches' proposal to consider an alignment of four divisions of four schools each instead of the current two division alignment was discussed. A motion was made in support of the proposal but failed on a 9-6 vote (four abstentions), failing to reach the $\frac{3}{4}$ vote requirement for approval of division alignment changes.

A request by Charlotte was made to opt from the White Division to the Red Division. Pursuant to league policy regarding "opt-up" procedures, Holt of the Red Division agreed to opt to the White Division to complete the change, a vote not required for this procedure. A motion was made to reduce from three to two the number of division cheer meets in 2018-19. The motion (requiring a simple majority) passed on a 9-7 vote with four abstentions. Dates for the two meets will be January 16 and Jan. 30, 2019. The league Scholarship Meet will be December 14 or 15 hosted by DeWitt. Officials assignment concerns were discussed as raised by cheer coaches. The commissioner will review all issues with the league assigner.

Discussion took place regarding the March meeting of hockey coaches and athletic directors regarding possible changes in co-op team partnerships and other steps to strengthen school programs in the league. Several options were discussed. The schools involved have until August 15 to change co-op agreements but are advised to reach some agreements before the end of June for purposes of scheduling and parent/student clarity.

Plans for the upcoming spring CAAC Girls Soccer Cup were reviewed with Williamston hosting the Silver and Gold Cup Championship games May 22. Due to MHSAA approval of an earlier date for the start of district first round games, several alternate formats were discussed regarding future CAAC Soccer Cup events. Athletic Directors will review with soccer coaches for further consideration of new formats & dates at the August meeting. Okemos will host the Boys Soccer Cup championship games in 2018.

The planned student leadership seminar with Craig Hiller scheduled for September 25 was reviewed. Holt is the tentative host, with estimated costs to be covered by the league treasury and a modest school surcharge.

Other review items discussed were a review of the recent Senior Scholar Athlete Awards program at Jackson, with Holt identified as tentative host for 2019; confirmation of fall division cross country jamboree dates and timing services; an outline was presented for seasonal coaches meetings with the initial session targeted for winter season head coaches sometime in the fall of 2018.

New Business items were reviewed as follows:

Issues with baseball/softball officials assigning were discussed. A review of current assigning duties and possible option will be researched by the commissioner. Other officials assigning relationships and procedures were discussed, as well as the need to provide FB, VB and Soccer assigners with fall schedules.

The spring CAAC boys & girls lacrosse post season tournament procedures were reviewed. It was agreed there should be a finals site pre-determined for the girls final as it is in the boys event, and will be on the January, 2019 agenda for site determination.

Recent MHSAA Council action was discussed. Most significant were approval of the transfer rule changes and earlier soccer district dates. The combined MIAAA/Football coach proposal for changes in the football playoff point system were not approved.

Other new business topics reviewed were an update on the June 20 golf outing at Brookshire GC; approval of August 15 for the first league meeting of 2018-19; a general discussion of VNN, Schedule Star, Arbiter and Big Teams options for school scheduling software; details of the summer MIAAA Camp-Mid activities: distribution of spring trophies/medals; and agreement that the league will adopt use of the 40 second clock for football games beginning in 2018.

Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids was elected league President for the 2018-19 school year.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 15 – Location TBA