



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, Haslett HS

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

President Jeff Dassance of Eaton Rapids called the meeting to order and chaired the discussions. September meeting minutes were approved. Commissioner Randy Allen reviewed the agenda.

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

The recently completed CAAC Boys Soccer Cup event was reviewed. It was agreed the new procedures which coupled the Cup seed meeting with division All-Conference meetings were a great improvement with greater face to face coaches' involvement and ownership. A report was given regarding coach opinions on the Cup event, format and dates. There will be a need for a follow-up meeting to consider other format options and dates. Williamston will host the Girls Cup Finals in the spring with dates for the event to be May 13, 15 and 17. It was agreed the finals time schedule would be 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. for the Silver/Gold Cup title games.

A proposal to admit Jackson Lumen Christi as an associate member of the CAAC for the sport of hockey was discussed. With changes in hockey co-op programs and the loss of Jackson HS to the SEC, the league now has four programs. The addition of Lumen Christi as a hockey-only member in 2019-20 has scheduling benefits, is supported by league coaches and would make CAAC hockey a five-program league with continuing league sponsorship. Following discussion, Lumen Christi was approved as an associate member in the sport of hockey beginning in 2019-20 with the conditions & criteria as presented by the Commissioner to apply. The coach and athletic director will be contacted for their official acceptance.

With the consolidation and changes in CAAC hockey co-op programs for 2018-19, JV hockey was discussed. It was decided to organize a single JV hockey co-op among league schools who wish to participate, with paperwork to be submitted to the MHSAA. League approval will be forthcoming when the details are known. Coaching and game dates are yet to be determined.

A report was given regarding the recent meeting with the league baseball & softball officials assigner. Issues of concern were expressed and addressed with expectations for improvement cited. It was decided to retain the assigner for the 2019 season with specific improvements in communication, procedures and cooperation to be included in a follow-up to the assigner and association.

Other review topics discussed were: Input on game sheet and By-Law updates; feedback on the recent Student Leadership seminar (generally positive); and review with the league football assigner who will be invited to attend the November meeting.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Approval was given to co-programs and communicated to the MHSAA as follows:

- **Lansing Catholic (primary) and Lansing Christian in softball**
- **Ovid-Elsie (primary) and St. Johns in boys & girls lacrosse**

The St. Johns/Ovid-Else lacrosse co-op will participate in the CAAC league schedule and tournament and be placed in the schedule with home games to be played at Ovid. Boys & girls lacrosse CAAC league schedules have been sent to officials' assigners.

The first quarter financial report was given. All schools but one having sent payment for dues with several outstanding payments for seminar fees. Few expense payments have been made as such invoices are typically received and paid in October and November. The report was satisfactory, no questions raised regarding the report or bank statements offered for individual school review.

A general discussion took place regarding schools that may have an interest in becoming future members and possible league interest in expansion. However preliminary, it was agreed the Commissioner may conduct informal discussions to sample interest.

The recent MHSAA Update meeting was discussed. It was agreed that emphasis on improvements or changes in the football playoff plan is a positive as reviewed by new Executive Director Mark Uyl. Future basketball Finals sites and regular season schedule "starts and staggers" continue to be an important issue to be resolved. Clarification of the new transfer rule and 8-man football status were also significant reports at the meetings.

Other new business topics discussed was the utility of "Krossover" software for video archiving as endorsed by the MHSAA; a communication from a league swim coach regarding the availability and favorable pricing of competition swimwear; and MIAAA reports on Region 7 matters and the March Conference in Traverse City.

The winter/spring scheduling meeting commenced after the adjournment of the regular meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, 9, a.m., November 14, MHSAA office, East Lansing