

CAPITAL AREA ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES - October 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlotte, Dewitt, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Fowlerville, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt, Ionia, Lakewood, Lansing Catholic, Lansing Eastern, Lansing Everett, Lansing Sexton, Okemos, Olivet, Portland, St.Johns, Waverly, Williamston.

Absent: Mason

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM

September minutes approved (Portland/Ionia)

Andy Barr had questions about the Red Division Swimming and Diving Meet. It will be hosted by Mason this fall. Considering the meet can only be hosted by a few schools it was decided each school will pay an entry fee to the host school and make it more profitable.

Megan Merchant (St. Johns) asked if the realignment would include rainbow sports as they are requesting to reclassify in the Red Division for Swimming and Diving. It will be put on the November agenda.

A draft of the letter of agreement between the CAAC and assignors was introduced. Athletic Directors are asked to provide any feedback. The goal to implement is for spring of 2024.

A recap of the league summit meeting was shared with all in attendance. There was considerable discussion regarding admission fees. Many schools and conferences are raising admission prices from \$5 to \$7. It is also suggested schools invest in credit card readers at entry gates. Schools that have them have had positive results.

Michigan House Bill 4752 passed and is now law. This bill allows school district retirees to earn up to \$15,100 and not affect pensions without a period of separation.

Ken Hintze of Okemos was asked by the administration to get feedback from CAAC schools regarding home schooled students participating in school sports. The concept was unanimously rejected by athletic directors.

The CAAC Senior Scholar Athlete Award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. The group is interested in having Tim Staudt involved with the event again in 2024. Williamston and Holt are checking to see if they can host the event.

Officials fee scale was introduced for 2024 through 2027 and will be placed on future agenda for approval.

Next Meeting is November 8, 2023.