



CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES

September 12, Grand Ledge Board Room

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

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

Old business items were reviewed as follows:

Plans for the 2018 CAAC Boys Soccer Cup were reviewed. All regular season scores and records will be collected by the Commissioner and sent to AD's and coaches by Friday, Sept. 28. Coaches will meet at Holt HS the following day, Sept. 29 to make All-Conference selections. At that time each division will also rank schools 1-16 for Cup competition. Two coaches and an AD from each division will then conduct a seeding meeting to "merge" the division rankings into a final ranking, making any adjustments as agreed by the group to determine final pairings and seeds for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Divisions. First round games will be Tuesday, Oct. 2, second round Thursday, Oct. 4 and third round games Monday, Oct. 8. Okemos will host the Gold & Silver Championship games Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Updates were shared with the group on hockey and bowling scheduling. Approval was given for the move of Eaton Rapids to the Red Division in bowling. Lansing Eastern plans to have a co-op bowling program and will be in the Blue Division. With recent co-op changes and approvals, the league will have four programs for 2018-19; Hold/Grand Ledge, Eastside Stars, Okemos/Fowlerville and DeWitt/St. Johns/Mason/Lansing Catholic. It was agreed that hockey would continue to be a CAAC sport with awards, trophies, etc. The commissioner will work with Phil Nardone to assign hockey officials. The request of Lumen Christi to be a CAAC member for hockey in 2019-20 was discussed. The question will be on the Oct. agenda for more discussion and vote.

Tony Costello and Brent Novak of the baseball/softball officials' association serving the CAAC appeared before the group. Recent issues of game coverage and appropriate communication with AD's were discussed at length. Also reviewed were training, evaluation, recruitment and assigning protocols. The commissioner will meet with the current baseball/softball assigner to discuss concerns and report back to the group in October.

Other review topics included updates for the league Constitution and By-Laws, plans for the upcoming Student Leadership program Sept. 25 at Holt, timing services for cross country jamborees and future meeting dates. With the MHSAA Update Meeting scheduled for Oct. 10, was agreed to have the CAAC October meeting on the 17th at Haslett HS with a shortened agenda, followed by the fall scheduling meeting at 10:30 a.m.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

Sam Davis and Teri Reyburn of the Lansing Wrestling Officials Association presented to the group. Officials fees were reviewed, and emphasis placed on submitting schedules to them for entry into Arbiter. Ms. Reyburn will handle assigning and Mr. Davis the person to contact for any other officials issues.

A brief discussion took place regarding appointing individual sports “coordinators” to work with the commissioner, but it was agreed that such a step is not necessary.

Also discussed was planning for the 2019 Senior Scholar Athlete Award. A suggestion was made to consider a student speaker, but it was agreed to continue the practice of securing a prominent adult speaker from the sports world. Host will host the event in 2019 and secure a speaker.

Other topics discussed were division swim meet hosts, golf competition policies, MIAAA Region 7 updates and distribution of fall trophies & medals.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, 9, a.m., Oct. 17, Haslett HS