

CAAC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2017 - Conquest Fitness, DeWitt

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, St. Johns, Waverly, Williamston

President Chris Ervin of St. Johns 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:

Nicole Davis of fundraising company Side Effects made a presentation to the group. Several schools already work with the organization which assists schools in purchasing new equipment and provides funding paid back through advertising sales.

Coach meeting and scheduling procedures for bowling and hockey were reviewed. The status of the Grand Ledge/Fowlerville program is being closely monitored. It was agreed to have hockey schools meeting in the spring to examine potential for changing co-op relationships to maximize opportunity for students and stabilize programs. A meeting with hockey officials will be held Oct. 2 at the MHSAA to review league and MHSAA policies and regulations.

An update was given on recent communications with potential new member schools. The process will continue with the commissioner reinforcing the league's interest in specific schools and offering to visit with potential member school personnel.

The 2017 Boys Soccer Cup procedures were reviewed and confirmed. Collection of scores & records will begin September 27 with results through Sept. 29 included in the data to be shared with AD's and coaches for purposes of rankings that will determine first round seeds & pairings. AD's Tom Hunt, Greg Lattig and Jeff Dassance will review the initial brackets and pairings via conference call on Oct. 1. First round game information will be sent to schools the same evening for the Cup games that begin Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The group was reminded of the fall scheduling meeting that will be Oct. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Haslett HS and the MIAAA Region 7 meeting Oct. 26 at the MHSAA.

AD's were reminded to have the football 40-second clock on the agenda for discussion with coaches at the all-league meetings.

Also discussed/reviewed as part of old business were future meeting dates, an update on the Fowlerville gymnastics co-op, new spectator policies for bags at school events, accommodations for female football officials, and distribution of football chain gang vests, all league certificates and fall trophies and medals.

New Business Items were reviewed as follows:

A non-member school request for a single sport CAAC membership in swimming was discussed. There was no support for such membership and no action was taken.

The commissioner asked for consideration for seasonal mandatory coaches' meetings. After much discussion about the merits and benefits of such meetings, it was agreed to pursue of development of a format, date & location, program content an agenda for continued discussion and refinement at future meetings.

The October 3 meeting location at the Lansing GLSA/CVB office was approved. MIAAA business was briefly discussed and AD's were reminded of the MHSAA Update meeting Oct. 11 in Lansing and the morning AD in-service session.

Management of the meeting host facility Conquest Fitness informed the group of training opportunities available to coaches and students.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 4, 9 a.m. - GLSA/CVB conference room, Lansing