

Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting

April 13, 2016 – 4:30 pm

Geno's Steakhouse

121 West 1st Street

Wayne, NE

The Lewis & Clark Conference Administrator's meeting was held April 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at Geno's in Wayne. President Bejot called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m. The following schools represented were: Allen, Bloomfield, Creighton, Emerson-Hubbard, Hartington-Newcastle, Homer, LCC, Osmond, Plainview, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield, Walthill, Wausa, Winnebago, and Wynot. Absent: Winside.

Motion was made by Wausa to approve the agenda for the April 13, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Wynot. Voting: 16/0.

Minutes from the February 17, 2016, meeting were approved with a motion made by Winnebago and seconded by Ponca. Voting: 16/0.

Financial report as of April 11, 2016 submitted by Dan Fehringer was approved with a motion by Creighton and seconded by Allen. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$62,454.00. Voting: 16/0.

Ponca made a motion to raise the volleyball and basketball referee district pay from 110% of NSAA district tournament pay to 120% of NSAA district pay. Emerson-Hubbard second the motion. Roll call vote was taken and passed 16/0.

The 2016-2017 conference calendar that includes dates, times and sites for conference activities was presented to the group. Bloomfield made the motion to accept the calendar and Randolph seconded the motion. The calendar was approved by a 16-0 vote. (Time of vocal music clinic was changed to 5:30p.m.).

Walthill made the motion to accept the officers for the 2016-2017 school year and Creighton seconded the motion. Motion approved by 16/0 vote. The conference officers for the 2016-2017 school year is Randolph, Dennis Bazata serving as President, Allen, Mike Patee will serve as the Vice President. Dan Fehringer, Winnebago will serve as Treasurer and Kristie Hayes will serve as Conference Secretary.

Winnebago made a motion to accept the proposal from the instrumental music directors to students may be added to help fill the vacant seats for instrumentation in each band. The director's will rate the level of musicianship of the proposed additional students by the following checklist of criteria: ability to play scales, sight reading skills, instrument range, if they take lessons, previous honor band experience, and previous all-state experience. The rationale for the proposal was that some schools were not able to bring their full ten students due to declining enrollment. Directors felt that in order to ensure full instrumentation of the bands, schools should be able to bring more students as long as it is beneficial to the overall experience. Wynot seconded the motion. The motion passed 16/0.

Osmond made the motion to change the constitution, section XIX Academic Contest ~ Section III ~ letter a to change the due date of the principal's award to have the same due date as the superintendent award. (The names would be due in the hands of the conference president at least seven (7) days prior to the April meeting of the executive council). Plainview seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and passed 16/0.

The conference athletic directors recommended rescinding the proposal to make the conference into two divisions in volleyball and basketball. The athletic directors recommended to keep the three division format for volleyball and basketball. Wynot made the motion to accept their recommendation and Allen seconded it with a vote of 16/0 approving to rescind the proposal to split the conference into two divisions for volleyball and basketball.

Ponca made the motion to reduce the number of all conference athletes. The conference athletic directors proposed the conference volleyball all-conference teams be reduced from 12 all-conference athletes to 10 all-conference athletes. The basketball all-conference teams will be reduced from 10 all-conference athletes to eight all-conference athletes. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, seconded the motion. The proposal passed 16/0.

A.J. Johnson lead a discussion on various speech items. We will be moving to a two-round format. Based on the NSAA's district speech tie breaking rules we would need to modify the speech finals of the conference speech meet to have a championship final of six entries with two hired judges and an honors final of 6 entries with one coach from the conference schools to serve as a judge. Modify the sweepstakes of the conference speech meet for the championship final to include 20 points for 1st, decreasing by two points each place to get to 10 points for 6th. The honors final would not score in the team placing. Continue with the current preliminary round scoring. A.J. explained the rationale for the change as a final of 8 entries is simply too large. The standard final entry is six. This is also the format the district meet follows for scoring and finalists. Finals would only go beyond six if there was an unbreakable tie. This also allows more students to have final round with a chance to compete and get feedback from judges one more time. It will also help quell the concerns of those coaches who would like to split the conference for speech. A.J explained there would be no additional cost to this proposal for judges. There would be an increase in costs for medals. A.J.'s This will be an action item on the agenda for the fall meeting.

There was discussion on the sites for the rotation of the semi-finals for basketball. It was agreed if there were concerns of crowd size games may need to be moved to different sites.

Hartington, A.J. Johnson reported that the speech contest held at Hartington went well. Allen and Wakefield both reported the all-conference selection meetings they hosted went well.

Hartington reported they are ready for the conference track meet that will be held April 30th with a 9:30 start. Hartington also reported they were ready for the conference golf meet that would be held May 2nd with a 10:00 start.

The next meeting will be held September 14, 2016 at 4:30p.m. at Geno's in Wayne.

A motion was made by Hartington and seconded by Randolph to adjourn the meeting at 5:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Kristie Hayes – Lewis and Conference Secretary