

Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting
November 29, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
4th Jug
1001 E 7th St
Wayne, NE 68787

The Lewis & Clark Conference Administrator's Meeting was held on November 29, 2023, at the 4th Jug in Wayne at 1:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was posted to the conference website and sent to all school administrators a week before the meeting.

President Mr. Brad Hoelsing, Wausa, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and a roll call was taken. The following schools were present: Allen, Bloomfield, Creighton, Emerson-Hubbard, Hartington-Newcastle, Homer, LCC, Osmond, Plainview, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield, Walthill, Winnebago, Wausa, Winside and Wynot (all schools present).

Bloomfield moved to approve the November 29, 2023, agenda, and Ponca seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the meeting agenda.

Emerson-Hubbard motioned to approve the September 13, 2023, minutes. Wakefield seconded the motion. A voice vote supported the minutes.

Hartington-Newcastle motioned to approve the financial report submitted by the Treasurer, Mr. Mike Pattee, showing a balance of \$48,390.64. Randolph seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the treasurer's report. For comparison, Mr. Pattee gave a breakdown of conference receipts from the different conference activities over the past several years (see the financial statement for details). Mr. Pattee asked that you email him if there is other information you would like to have on the February financial report, and he would be glad to provide that information.

Plainview motioned to allow all JV wrestlers to wrestle in the Conference Wrestling Tournament. The scoring of 14 wrestlers from team scores would remain the same. The additional wrestlers would simply be "non-scoring," as in other tournaments. The tournament would run on 2-3 mats with the same number of officials and table help currently used. Bloomfield seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice count of 17-0. This was the second reading for constitutional change.

Wynot made a motion to make a change to the academic contest configuration. The JV team will consist of any combination of 9-10th grade students, and the varsity team will consist of 9-12th grade students. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice count of 17-0. This was the second reading for constitutional change.

Hartington-Newcastle motioned to have a Junior High Conference Cross Country Meet and medal 12 boys and 12 girls (No plagues). Winside seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice count of 17-0. This was the second reading for constitutional change. The motion passed on a voice count of 17-0. This was the second reading for constitutional change.

Winside motioned to change the constitution's wording from "host or host school" to "directors & committee." Wausa seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice count of 17-0. This was the second reading for constitutional change.

Homer motioned to accept the proposal from Bloomfield, Creighton, and Wausa to divide conference events between entire and division-only events. Divisions will remain as currently set up with the Lewis member schools and the Clark member schools (see link for full details:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A3XY5UUWjObR5TSgo5eTFJ02gE871cpuSMWGw4ag8Y/edit?usp=sharing>).

Emerson-Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion failed due to a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote required for constitutional change.

Bloomfield reported that the Cross Country Meet was successful, and the new timing system worked well.

The volleyball directors reported the Conference Volleyball Tournament went well.

Emerson-Hubbard and Creighton both reported the vocal music clinic went well and was well attended.

Ponca reported the academic contest went well. There was a discussion about the tough questions. Ponca will work with the academic contest directors to look at alternative question banks. Purchasing new lights was also discussed. P Ponca will get some quotes before the February meeting.

Mr. Hoelsing led a discussion regarding Hartington-Newcastle, LCC, and Plainview potentially leaving our conference. Mr. Uldrich explained the schools had met and were discussing with other schools regarding forming another conference. The schools will continue their discussions and meet with their school boards to discuss potentially leaving the conference. After their December board meetings, they will be able to give us a better idea of what their plans will be. They want to remain in the Lewis and Calrk Conference for the 2024-2025 school year.

The next administrative meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the 4th Jug in Wayne at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hoelsing reported we would have a draft of the 2024-25 Conference Calendar at the February meeting.

Plainview motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Winside seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie Hayes – Lewis and Clark Conference Secretary