

Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting
November 30, 2016 – 4:30p.m.
Geno's Steak house
121 West 1st Street
Wayne, NE

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

Winnebago made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 30, 2016 meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried: 15-0.

Osmond made a motion to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes and L-C-C seconded the motion. Motion carried: 15-0

Walthill, made a motion to approve the financial report submitted by Dan Fehringer and seconded by Wynot. Motion carried 15-0. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$49,860.40. Dan reported it works well the way everyone is handling the paperwork.

Bloomfield made the motion to accept the speech proposal as presented. We would move to a two-round format, we would modify the finals of the conference speech meet to have a championship final of 6 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 2 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.

The rationale for the change was the final of 8 entries was simply too large. The standard final entry is 6. This is also the format the district meet follows for scoring and finalists. Finals would only go beyond 6 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. The only additional cost would be for medals. Wynot seconded the motion and the motion passed 15-0.

Plainview made a motion to accept the art proposal to add a 2nd judge as well as a pay increase per judge from \$100.00 plus mileage to \$125.00 plus mileage. The rationale is there are too many entries for only one judge. We do not split the conference show into divisions and feel it is only fair to add a second judge. This will also allow for the works to be judged by artists in a variety of expertise. For example, a sculptor and a gallery owner. We are also behind in pay compared to other shows and this does make it difficult to secure judges. The increase would help put us more in line with the current rates. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 15-0.

There were no discussion items.

Ted Stubbs, reported on the conference volleyball tournament. Everything went well however there needs to be more discussion about the time of the games starting on Saturday because of the conflict with ACT testing. He also stated there was some confusion on the tournament format as the constitution had not been updated from the fall meeting. Bob Hayes and Ted Stubb will get the information to Dave Hamm to update the constitution.

Kirk Hamm, Bloomfield reported that the conference cross country meet went well. He noted the number of boy athletes is up.

It was reported that the academic contest on November 9th went well.

Ted Stubbs, reported that he will be working with Bob Hayes to organize the conference basketball tournament.

Darrin, Arlt, Plainview reported they will be ready for the conference speech contest that will be held Saturday, February 25, 2016.

Greg Conn, Wausa, reported that the one act plays went well at Wausa. A.J. Johnson reported it was the first time that honorable mention certificates were given out and he thought it went well and would like to see that continue.

Randy Kliment, Creighton, reported the two wrestling clocks the conference purchased are in. It was discussed and decided to let conference schools use the wrestling clocks. When a school wants to use the clocks they can contact Randy Kliment and he will know what school used them last. The school using the clocks will hold onto the clocks until the next school needs them and they will pick them up.

Darrin, Arlt, Plainview will be in contact with the art show committee that is in charge of the conference art show that will be held February 20th-24th at Wayen State College.

Darrin, Arlt, Plainview reported the vocal music contest went well. He stated they held school the day of the event and had no problems what so ever. They were very happy with the clinician that worked with the students. Ponca, reported everything went well at Ponca as well. Ponca did not hold school that day.

President, Dennis Bazata reminded everyone that the Jim Winch nominations are due by Decmeber 15th. Send him a short bio of your nominations that will be read at the conference tournament.

Wausa, made the motion and Bloomfield seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristie Hayes – Lewis and Clark Conference Secretary