

**Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting**

**February 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Jug**

**1001 E 7th St**

**Wayne, NE 68787**

The Lewis & Clark Conference Administrator's Meeting was held on February 15, 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. Dave Hamm, Osmond, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. roll call was taken. The following schools were present: Allen, Bloomfield, Emerson-Hubbard, Hartington-Newcastle, Homer, LCC, Osmond, Plainview, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield, Walthill, Winnebago, and Winside. Schools absent: Creighton, Wausa, and Wynot.

Bloomfield moved to approve the February 15, 2023, agenda, and Allen seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the meeting agenda.

Ponca motioned to approve September 14, 2022, minutes. Emerson-Hubbard seconded the motion. A voice vote supported the minutes.

Allen motioned to approve the financial report submitted by the Treasurer, Mr. Dan Fehringer, showing a balance of \$55,858.56. Bloomfield seconded the motion. A voice vote approved the treasurer's report. Mr. Fehringer shared that the current balance of the conference is \$55,858.56. He noted that we started the year with a balance of \$65,642.81.

There was a discussion on the proposal regarding purchasing a FAT timing system to run the Conference Cross Country Meet. It was tabled due to the need for more information to make a formal motion in regard to the complete cost of the system.

The proposed changes for the volleyball regular season matches were dropped as there was no formal motion.

Under discussion items. The wrestling format was discussed for the conference meet. Mr. Brendan Calahan, Ponca, and Mr. Tom Krause of Plainview will work with East Husker Conference to look at next year's Conference Wrestling Meet format.

Streaming conference games was discussed. Mr. Dan Fehringer led a discussion on the crowds being down due to the streaming conference events; it directly impacted our finances. During the discussion, it was recommended that administrative passes be made at the beginning of the year for six administrators per school, and they could be used at all conference events, including tournaments. It was also recommended that each school pay \$100.00 per year to cover the loss of attendance due to streaming. A formal proposal will be on the May agenda for each of these as they are constitutional changes.

The expense of hospitality rooms was discussed. There was a motion by Randolph and seconded by Bloomfield to change the cost of the hospitality room form for the Conference Track and Wrestling Meets from \$200.00 to \$500.00 due to the number of schools and the length of the event. A voice vote was taken as this is not a constitutional change, only a financial form change. The motion was approved.

President, Dave Hamm, led a discussion on going back to holding a fall administrator, coaches, and activities directors meeting in the fall. The president would need to find a site to accommodate everyone and to have breakout rooms for each conference activity. The number of passes would need to be reported to the conference president before the fall meeting so the passes would be counted out and ready to be handed out that evening.

The time of the administrative meetings was discussed. Allen motioned, and Ponca seconded that future meetings would be held at 1:00 pm. A voice vote was taken, with 13 voting yes and two no. Motion carried.

The conference speech next year will be Monday, **March 4, 2024, the Monday after the girl's state basketball tournament.** This follows the constitution.

There was a discussion on the Conference Instrumental Contest date for next year. It will be held on its usual corresponding date of **January 20, 2024, at WSC.**

Mr. Kyle Schmidt reported that the wrestling meet went well.

Mr. Bob Hayes reported that the conference basketball tournament went well. He reported that Hartington CC would not be able to host any of the Lewis and Clark Conference Tournament games next year as they will be hosting their own conference games.

Mr. Corey Uldrich reported that the Conference Speech meet went well.

Mr. Mike Pattee, Allen, the host school for the Conference Art Show, reported that the Conference Art Show would be held at Wayne State College on March 23 to March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mr. Ken Swanson reported that everything is underway in planning the conference track meet that will be held at Laurel on April 29, 2023.

The conference golf meet will be held at Ponca on May 1, 2023. Mr. Bob Hayes reported that they would be ready.

President Dave Hamm recognized the Jim Winch award winners: Blair Kalin, Hartington-Newcastle, Ted Stubbs, Randolph, Tim Murphy of Homer, and Bob Hayes of Ponca.

Mr. Ken Swanson said they would be ready to host the All-Conference Basketball Players selection meeting at Laurel on March 14, 2023.

President, Hamm, reminded everyone that the Superintendent and Principal Award nominations are due to him by April 5<sup>th</sup>. The next administrative meeting is May 3, 2023, at 1:00 pm. at the 4<sup>th</sup> Jug in Wayne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie Hayes – Lewis and Clark Conference Secretary