

Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting

December 2, 2015 – 4:30 pm

Geno's Steakhouse

121 West 1st Street

Wayne, NE

The Lewis & Clark Conference Administrator's meeting was held December 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the 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, Osmond, Plainview, Ponca, Randolph, Wakefield, Walthill, Wausa, Winnebago, Winside and Wynot. Absent: Homer and LCC.

Motion was made by Wynot to approve the agenda for the September 16, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Randolph. Voting: 15/0.

Minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion made by Osmond and seconded by Winside. Voting: 15/0.

Financial report as of September 9, 2015 submitted by Dan Fehringer was approved with a motion by Allen and seconded by Creighton.. The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$50,778.26. Voting: 15/0.

After a lengthy discussion, Ponca, Bob Hayes called for the question requiring an immediate vote of dividing the L & C conference into two divisions instead of three for volleyball, boys and girls basketball. The rationale that came from the proposal from the coaches in the fall meeting was it would make the conference titles and all-conference players more meaningful to the teams and players. The roll call vote passed 12/3.

Moving to a two division conference will take place starting with the 2018-2019 school year. There will be a special meeting held in the spring (2016) to setup schedules etc.

The proposal to lower the number of all conference recipients from 30 to eight student athletes per division (24) died due to no second.

The proposal to change the wording in the music constitution in Section VII Honor Band to read: The selection process for student personnel will be by nominations from each conference band director at the October meeting. Each school will be able to bring up to 25% of their band, based on their current band enrollment in grades 9-12 with a guarantee that each school have a minimum of 10 student participating in the clinic. A student from each school would be divided between the two honor bands. However, if it is beneficial to the instrumentation of the bands each school will have the opportunity to bring more students. The proposal was tabled due to lack of clarification.

It was proposed that the Lewis & Clark Conference seniors would play an Inter-Conference All-Star Basketball Game against the _____ Conference (East Husker would be our first choice) for both girls' and boys' basketball. This game would be held on the Friday of NSAA Week 47 (typically the last Friday of May) or the Friday of NSAA Week 48 (typically the first Friday of June). (Exhibit: A). The Rationale given, it would give our conference a chance to showcase its basketball talent in a competitive game with a conference of similar makeup and size. For many of these seniors, it would be a chance to

compete one last time in an organized basketball game. The proposal was referred to a committee made up of Gregg Conn, Bob Hayes, Jeff Messersmith and Corey Uldrich.

The topic of streaming conference tournament games was once again discussed and it was agreed it would be ok to stream the conference tournament games.

Under the director reports the volleyball tournament director, Bob Hayes said we needed to change the start times for the conference volleyball tournament to 2:00 because of the conflict with ACT testing.

Conference One Act First Place Teams were recognized: Wausa on the Lewis side and Hartington on the Clark side.

Basketball director, Bob Hayes, reported that the referees were hired for the boys and girls conference tournament.

Wrestling director, Randy Kliment, reported that the referees were hired for the conference wrestling tournament.

Bob Hayes voiced some concerns he has on the NSAA district ballot. In basketball to eliminate the wildcard teams and place the district winners and the 4 highest point teams on a bracket. He also talked about how he is not in favor of the eleven man football proposal to have a 24 team playoff.

The next meeting will be held February 17, 2016 at 4:30p.m. at Geno's in Wayne.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Kristie Hayes – Lewis and Conference Secretary

Exhibit: A
Lewis & Clark Conference Proposal

Prepared by: Corey Uldrich, 7-12 Principal at Hartington-Newcastle

Proposal: The Lewis & Clark Conference would play an Inter-Conference All-Star Game against the _____ Conference (East Husker would be our first choice) for both girls' and boys' basketball. This game would be held on the Friday of NSAA Week 47 (typically the last Friday of May) or the Friday of NSAA Week 48 (typically the first Friday of June).

Rationale: This game would give our conference a chance to showcase its basketball talent in a competitive game with a conference of similar makeup and size. For many of these seniors, it would be a chance to compete one last time in an organized basketball game.

Logistics:

Roster Size: The rosters for both conferences would consist of 10 to 12 players. If at all possible, the roster would have 12 players. Having 10 or 11 players would only be an option if there were not enough seniors who could commit to playing or if there were an injury so late in the year that a replacement could not be named.

Selection Committee: A selection committee would be established by the coaches to help select the all-star team. Each division, East, Central, and West, will choose a boy's and a girl's coach to be a permanent member of the selection committee. Each coach would remain on the committee until he/she does not hold a head coaching position at the school for which they were coaching at when selected for the committee.

Also, the committee would include the two coaches who led their teams to the conference championship game. If one (or both) of the championship game coaches are members of the committee already, he/she will choose another coach in their division to fill the void. This way, there will always be 5 people on the selection committee.

Roster Selection: Any senior athlete who is chosen as a first-team All-Conference player will be eligible for the Lewis & Clark All-Star team. If there are more than 12 senior boys and/or girls chosen, the selection committee would be given the ability to choose their team from the pool of players.

If there are less than 12 senior boys and/or girls chosen, any senior chosen as an Honorable Mention All-Conference player would become eligible to fill the team. The selection committee would be given the power to choose which of these eligible members will fill the remainder of the roster.

If after looking at the First-Team and Honorable Mention All-Conference selections there are still not 12 members selected, the pool would be opened up to all senior basketball players in the conference. Conference coaches would be asked to recommend any of their players who were not All-Conference or Honorable Mention to the selection committee. The selection committee would choose the remainder of the team from this pool of players.

Roster Restriction: A school may not have more than 2 members of its team represented on the all-star team. The only exception to this rule would be if a 3rd member is eligible from the pool of All-Conference or Honorable Mention players and the team cannot be filled with those two pools. This 3rd player could be chosen before opening up the opportunity to those seniors who were not All-Conference or Honorable Mention.

Coaches: The head coach for the team would be the coach of the conference tournament championship team. The assistant coach would be the coach of the runner-up conference tournament team. If one of these coaches could not fulfill his/her role, the option would be passed down to the teams who lost in the semifinals of the tournament (first choice to the team who the champion beat and second choice to the team who the runner-up beat in the semifinals).

Uniforms: 2 Options:

#1 – Players would wear their school’s uniform for the game. This option would not cost the game or the schools anything monetarily. It would also allow for each player to represent BOTH the Lewis and Clark Conference and their school while playing in the game.

#2 – Uniform tops would be purchased for each player. Those uniforms would be kept by the players at the end of the game. The players would all wear solid black athletic shorts as their bottoms, and the tops would be provided for them. This would make each team look the same, but would create a cost for the game. (See Funds/Sponsors Below)

Plaques: Each player and coach participating in the game would receive a plaque to honor their participation in the game. (See Funds/Sponsors Below)

Site: The site would need to be negotiated with the conference that chooses to play us. It could be set at a permanent site of a neutral (non-conference affiliated) school (i.e. Pierce, Wayne, Battle Creek, Norfolk Catholic) OR it could be held on a rotating basis at a conference school. For example, one year it could be held in a Lewis & Clark Conference school and the next year it would be held at a school in the other conference.

Officials: Officials of games like this usually go unpaid. However, there would be a gift of some kind (polo shirt, gym bag, long-sleeved T-shirt, etc.).

Insurance: I am looking into the need and/or cost of an insurance policy for an all-star game. At this time, it is my impression that we would need a policy, but I am unsure of what the cost would be.

Funds/Sponsors: The idea for raising any needed funds would be for each player chosen to play in the game to secure sponsorships for the game. If we had each player secure 10, \$10 (or 5, \$20) sponsorships, that would raise \$2400 per conference (\$4800 between the two) to address any costs that the game incurs. These sponsorships could be from local businesses, family members, booster clubs, etc.

Other Potential All-Star Games for Lewis & Clark Conference Seniors:

Saturday, June 4 (NSAA Week 48) – Shrine Bowl (We’ve had 0 participants from 2011-2015)

Saturday, June 11 (NSAA Week 49) – Northeast NE All-Star FB Classic (11 in 2015, 13 in 2014, 11 in 2013)

Saturday, June 11 (NSAA Week 49) – Northeast NE Volleyball Game (2 in 2015, 1 in 2014, cannot locate 2011-2013)

Friday, June 17 (NSAA Week 50) – Northeast NE Basketball Game (2 boys/5 girls in 2013, 6 boys/6 girls in 2014, 3 boys/6 girls in 2015, cannot locate 2011-2012)

Saturday, June 18 (NSAA Week 50) – 8-Man All-Star Game (4 in 2015, 6 in 2014, 5 in 2013, 4 in 2012, 2 in 2011)

Monday, July 18 (NSAA Week 3) – NCA Basketball Game (0 in 2015, 4 girls in 2014, 1 boy/1 girl in 2013, 0 in 2012, cannot find 2011)

Tuesday, July 19 (NSAA Week 3) – NCA Volleyball Game (0 in 2015, 0 in 2014, cannot locate 2011-2013)

***The Nebraska-South Dakota All-Star Basketball Game was discontinued in 2009.