

Unapproved Minutes of Oct. 11, 2014

Cabinet Meeting
District 11E-1, Mesick, Michigan
October 11, 2014

Attendance: DG PETE Conarty(Midland), First VDG Pam Schroeder(Onkama), Lion KAY Brandt(Harrison), Lion Ron Gibson(Fremont), Lion Peggy Walls(Stanwood), PDG Jim Walls(Stanwood), Lion Connie McMorris(Honor), PDG Duane Witter(Carson City), IPDG Tim Anderson(Cadillac), PDG John Monahan(Mt. Pleasant), Lion Jackie Glazier(Empire), PDG Jerry Brandt(Harrison), Lions Rich and Sheila Ferrel(Mesick), PDGs Harry and Laura Johnson(Baldwin), PDG Dan Gibbons(Onkama), PDG Lynn Mast(Fremont).

9:30a.m. Meeting called to order by DG PETE CONARTY Invocation given by PDG Jerry Brandt. Pledge of Allegiance led by PDG Dan Gibbons.

Governor PETE Conarty made a presentation from LCI to IPDG Tim Anderson from President Barry Palmer for Lion Tim's work in growing the District last year.

Governor Pete gave a brief update on Lion Mike Howard, who is presently hospitalized with pneumonia.

Quorum of voting cabinet members was verified.

JULY 25, 2014 cabinet meeting **minutes were approved.** Motion by Lion Connie McMorris, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons.

First VDG Pam Schroeder moved to approve the agenda. Lion Peggy Walls seconded the motion noting to move the discussion of the District Float to the Jan. 17, 2015 cabinet meeting. **Motion approved.**

Governor's Opening Remarks--

-It is important that communications get filtered down to all club members.

-October is membership month and it is important that we get new members. We are presently a minus 61 in membership.

-We were reminded of the Governor's challenge to all clubs for membership growth and his promise of a special dinner prepared for the club with the most growth this year.

-His book proposal has been well accepted by clubs as part of Project KidSight.

-There is a snag in the District raffle for free rooms for the District Convention. The

Governor has asked the District Secretary to get the materials together that we will need in order to have future raffles.

-January 13 is Melvin Jones' birthday and plans are being made to recognize and celebrate it at the January cabinet meeting.

-E-1 is the only District in the state supporting Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind. Lion Larry Alman, who has served on the board for 19 years, has resigned. The director of OUB is trying to reorganize the board and has asked 11E-1 to elect a new District representative. It was pointed out that clubs in the District are still making donations to OUB. PDG Dan Gibbons brought a motion, seconded by 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, that clubs be encouraged to withhold donations to OUB until more information could be gathered. **Motion carried** and the Governor appointed 1st VDG Pam to follow up on this and bring updated information to the January cabinet meeting.

First VDG Pam Schroeder--

-Thank you to the Mesick Lions club for hosting the cabinet meeting and for preparing breakfast and lunch.

-The Fall Conference in Harrison was a success and Lion Pam has a number of good ideas for fun meetings. She will be happy to share those with any interested clubs.

-USA/Canada Forum in 2015 will be in Grand Rapids. Volunteers are needed for many areas. The flyers for the Forum will be out shortly.

-Lions University has on-line courses available in many topics. Check the LCI website for more information.

-Lions Pride magazine has advertising space available for clubs and Districts to place a Christmas greeting. IPDG Tim Anderson motioned and Lion Connie McMorris seconded, that the District spend \$25.00 for an ad. **Motion carried** and 1st VDG Pam will handle it.

-Treasurer's Report, Lion Kay Brandt--

Oct.11, 2014 Report

Checkbook beginning balance=\$39,892.69

Deposits

9-5 dues=\$6970.00

9-17 float, Harrison and Baldwin=\$40.00

9-17 KidSight, Coleman=\$28.00

9-17 \$19.00 & \$33.00, designated funds, \$6.00, roster books=\$58.00

9-17-Midland \$57.00

9-30 offset speaker fee, from DG Pete Conarty=\$100.00

9-30 Fall Conference lunches=\$206.00

9-30 dues=\$4378.50

9-30 KidSight, Baldwin=\$22.00

10-9 Pins, \$150.00, roster books, \$18.00=\$168.00

Checks Written

7-15 #1063- Sports Inc., zone shirts=\$130.67

7-15 #1064- CNA, surety bond=\$229.00

8-23 #1065- Rick Koch, pins=\$400.00

8-23 #1066- DG Pete Conarty, pins=\$302.00

9-17 #1067- Ron Gibson, postage=\$49.00

9-18 #1068- Ron Gibson, name tags and DG gavel=\$125.00

9-20 #1069- Collette Cullen, speaker fee, Fall Conference=\$200.00

9-30 #1070- Harrison Lions Club, Fall Conference lunches=\$206.00

10-10 #1071- Leadership Institute=\$300.00

Checkbook Ending Balance =\$49,978.52

Lion Connie McMorris moved to approve the report, seconded by 1st VDG Pam Schroeder. It was noted that Lion Karla Roebuck needs to be paid for the website and the Treasurer will follow up to procure a bill. **Motion carried.**

GLT Report, PDG John Monahan-

Family and Women's Symposium is being planned. A board is being formed for a possible 4/15/2015 meeting.

12/5/2014 Guiding Lions training is being planned. The Governor will have to certify the training, which will be held in Mesick.

CEP- only 1 club has expressed interest so far.

Each club is being asked to identify and develop future leaders. A possible leadership meeting would be held next spring, after the District Convention.

Club officer training will be held in the spring and there is an LCI grant available to help with the training. 35 of the 45 clubs in the District participated in officer training this past year.

GMT Report, PDG Jim Walls-

The challenge to the Governor is to make a positive growth in the District.

Retention is an essential for the health of clubs and the District.

Schools are a great place to seek out new members, from the teachers and staff.

Be creative in how you look for members.

Retention, PDG Lynn Mast-

Keeping existing members is as important as getting new ones. Orientation and nurturing are important to getting and keeping members involved.

Zone Chair Reports

Lion Connie McMorris, Region 1, Zone 1-

A confrontation has occurred in one of clubs between a woman, her husband, and the club. They have resigned from the club but are trying to be saved by moving them to another club.

In some cases, clubs and some of their members need to change their attitudes and remember why they are Lions.

Overall, most of her clubs are doing quite well and Kingsley, the newest club in her zone, is doing great.

Lion Sheila Ferrel, Region 1, Zone 2-

An upcoming zone project is a dinner-dance in Onkama Nov. 1st.

The zone Christmas party will be held in Kaleva, date TBD.

The Kaleva charter night is Oct. 20.

All club visitations are done except Kaleva.

Lion Diane Fleming, Region 2, Zone 1, no report.

Lion Peggy Walls, Region 2, Zone 2-

She has learned that being a zone chair requires effort, which includes preparation and organization. The same holds true for Lions in general, who must put forth good effort in order to make their club a success.

She has visited 3 clubs with 2 more scheduled. One club is all male and very rigid in their ways. Some clubs need to change their attitude on women in Lions.

Overall, the clubs in her zone are doing well.

PDG Dan Gibbons, Region 2, Zone 3-

Finds the Luther club to be very upbeat.

A Melvin Jones Fellow will be awarded posthumously to Lion Carl Hawkins and will be given to his mother.

The Michigan Crossroads Lions club has not paid their International dues(District and State are paid) per Governor Pete.

Lion Debbie Kreitner, Region 3, Zone 1(report given by PDG Lynn Mast)-

The Six Lakes club meets in a church. An old Township law states that clubs who have a fur bearing name in their club name must pay a use tax. The Six Lakes club has an attorney looking into this.

PCC Janalee McClure, Region 3, Zone 2- no report.

Old Business-

The bond for the Treasurer was not approved at the July 25th cabinet meeting. PDG Dan Gibbons moved the bond for the Treasurer be approved, seconded by IPDG Tim Anderson. **Motion approved.**

District fundraiser idea: PDG Jim Walls discussed the idea of collecting and selling old pins to benefit the District. Unsold ones could be sold for scrap. Motion by Lion Kay Brandt, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons to collect, sell, and recycle old pins with proceeds to go into the Governor's discretionary fund. **Motion passed.**

Break for lunch, meeting resumed at 12:45.

New Business

Search for new club(s)- PDG Harry Johnson

Scottville, east of Ludington, has been explored. They were disappointed in the economic condition of the town and there are many vacant storefronts on Main Street. The Optimist Club is still operating but membership has fallen way off. A community needs assessment was left at a number of businesses. They do appear to be receptive to having Lions in the community. More info will be provided at the next meeting. At one time, Ludington to the west, and Custer to the east, had Lions clubs. Lion Harry asked to be contacted if anyone knew of other communities that might have a potential for a Lions club.

2013-2014 District \$30.00 Incentive Program- Lion Peggy Walls read the July 27, 2013 minutes, specifically "IPDG Bill Simpson moved approval to pay the \$30.00 incentive to clubs for new members after year end totals are recorded at International. Motion seconded by Lion Bill Downey. **Motion approved unanimously**". Lion Peggy made a motion, seconded by IPDG Tim Anderson, to have Governor Pete Conarty review the Simpson motion to see if it was properly fulfilled. Lion Connie McMorris indicated that there was a tape of the cabinet meeting which may hold the key. PDG Laura Johnson stated the issue is a membership incentive, not when the reports were filed. **The motion carried.** The Governor will report back at the January cabinet meeting.

District Chairperson Reports-

IPDG Tim Anderson-grant money from the spring 2014 flooding in Newaygo and Osceola Counties that was not spent needs to be returned to LCI. This totals \$12,300.56. As to the Lions Centennial, Lion Tim

reported that clubs are to report their activities via the LCI website. As to Project KidSight, Lion Tim stated we can now track our own screenings with a form he designed. There are 4 different cameras in the District being used for screening. The Lions of Michigan Foundation is currently working on guidelines for screening.

Constitution and By-Laws- no report

District Convention, PDG Jerry Brandt- plans are underway to have a meeting with representatives from C-1 re: Park Place and upcoming convention. C-1 is working very hard to have more people attend. The theme of the convention is "Red, White & Blue". Pre convention activities such as wine tasting, the Villages at Grand Traverse Commons or breweries are a possibility. Derby cars will be raced at the convention, with prize money of \$50.00 to the first place finisher and \$25.00 to the second place finisher to be awarded. Cars may be purchased for \$5.00 each. The next convention meeting will be Oct. 25th in Big Rapids.

Credentials, DG Pete Conarty, last year we had 58 registered delegates to the convention. We need to do a better job this year having clubs send more delegates.

Diabetes/Sight Conservation-no report

District Pins-PDG Jim Walls-some of our old pins are missing. He is working on locating them. We also have almost a complete set of Michigan pins.

District Editor, Newsletter, etc.-more club news is needed for monthly newsletter.

Elections and Nominations-written report submitted by PCC Dick Perrin-no nominations have been submitted at this time.

Float Trailer-PDG Laura Johnson-a new tarp is needed for storage of the trailer. A medium grade tarp will cost roughly \$40.00. A motion was made by 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, seconded by Lion Connie McMorris, to have the District purchase a new tarp at a cost not to exceed \$40.00. PDG Laura to purchase it. **Motion passed.** Also, Luther did repairs to the trailer at no cost to the District and a thank you has been sent.

Hearing and Speech-per DG Pete, send hearing aid apps to Lion Debra Wall, who needs to sign them and send to Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Honorary-no report.

IT/Publicity/Public Relations-IPDG Tim Anderson for Lion Karla Roebuck- a written report from Lion Karla was highlighted and it was noted that our website has been visited by many clubs and other Districts in Michigan and around the world. Our Facebook page has also gotten many visits.

Leo's-no report.

Lions Liaison-no report.

Lion Alert-no report.

LCIF-PDG Jerry Brandt- reports of donations to LCIF will be sent to zone chairs.

Lions of Michigan Foundation-Lion Ron Gibson- the cost of shipping Lions mints has increased. Mint prices have not increased, only the shipping. If your club can arrange to pick mints up at the State office in Lansing, there will be a nice savings. The Foundation is working on a Project KidSight fellowship and more information will be forthcoming. Finally, the 23rd West Michigan Projects Night will be held Oct. 16 at English Hills Terrace in Comstock Park. District and State Projects will have representatives and displays present.

Lions Quest-PDG Harry Johnson- new information will be coming soon.

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind-previously reported on.

Past District Governor's Association-PDG Duane Witter-14 past district governors have purchased the new Who's Who in Michigan directory. In the past the PDGs have done volunteer work at Camp T. With the camp in limbo, they are exploring other service opportunities. This may include Bear Lake Camp in the spring. The Past District Governors Association statewide used to provide scholarships. That program is presently on hold.

Peace Poster-Lion Jackie Glazier-last year only 7 of the 45 clubs in the District participated. This year the deadline to submit your club's winning Peace Poster to the Governor is Nov.15th.

KidSight-previously reported on.

Roster Book-no report.

Strategic Planning-reported by DG Pete-a District plan is being developed to be presented at the January cabinet meeting.

SVOSH-groups are coming in to help with the sorting of eyeglasses.

White Cane-must be a U.S. Citizen to qualify for the program.

Youth Exchange- none to date.

Multiple District Committees

International Convention-PDG Harry Johnson-2015 Convention is in Hawaii. Deadline for early registration is 12/31/14. The Michigan contingent is planning a luau.

Michigan Forum-written report from PCC Dick Perrin-the date is 2/27/2/28/2015 at the Best Western Plus in Lansing. Program topics have been selected and speakers are being arranged.

MD-11 Convention will be 5/15-5/17/2015 at the Doubletree Resort and Conference Center in Holland. An organizational meeting will be held soon.

State Projects

AllState Band-no report.

Bear Lake Camp-Lion Richard Ferrel-\$2350.00 was collected at the Fall Conference via the parade of checks.

Leader Dogs-written report from Lion Ron Sharp- kennel reconstruction is under way and Lions Ron and Pam Blizzard will be meeting with Tier 1 clubs, the top donors, to solicit donations or pledges over and above what they normally give.

Michigan Eye Bank-PDG Lynn Mast-a name change is coming effective 7/1/15 but cannot be announced yet. Donations were up last year but there were still eleven clubs that did not donate. The goal for this year is to get \$160,000.00 in donations. Last year there were 150 donors and 43 recipients. He would welcome the opportunity to speak at zone meetings.

Other

Lion Lynn Mast reminded us that clubs have to have their 990s filed by next month.

-Lion Jerry Brandt provided an address change for he and Lion Kay: 3121 Dale St., Harrison, Mi. 48625. Their phone and email addresses remain the same.

-Lion Jackie Glazier was the tail twister and conducted a 50/50 drawing as well as relieving us of some of our money.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m. Our next cabinet meeting will be 1/17/2015 at Blue Lake Tavern, 9965 11 Mile Rd.(M-20), Mecosta, Mi. 49332.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Ron Gibson

Secretary