

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 29, 2011
Country Club Hotel & Spa, Lake Ozark, MO

The second meeting of the 2011-2012 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Kimberly Taylor at 10:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Chuck Tripp.

DG Paul Kerber led in the singing of the 1st verse of "America".

DG Stuart Payne gave the Invocation.

CC Taylor asked everyone to remain standing to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of PID Harold Keely.

ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2nd Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Murray Dunn		
26-M2	John Yount	Gina Boettcher	Sharyn Scheidt
26-M3	Lyn Porterfield	Lisa Alexander	Sandy McCann
26-M4	Chuck Tripp	George Spengler	
26-M5	Paul Kerber	Kenneth Goetz	Ellen Upchurch
26-M6	Stuart Payne	Walter Hamer	
26-M7	Jesse Hathcock	Darlene Jost	Jeff Hilke

IPDG Kimberly Taylor, Council Chairperson

Past International Directors Leland Kolkmeyer, 26-M5; W. R. O'Riley, 26-M4; Dr. Dwayne Garrett, 26-M3

PCC Steve Wise, 26-M6, Council Parliamentarian

Lion Brenda Weider, 26-M7, Council Secretary-Treasurer and State Office Administrator

M1: PDG Julia Erskine, PDG Casey Morris, Lion Jocelyn Morris, PDG Tom Steinbach, Lion Charlotte Williams

M2: PDG Jim Bernhardt, PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, Lion Missy Carr, Lion Joe Foster, Lion Michelle Foster, PDG Ron Koppelman, Lion Toni Mahoney, PDG Roger Scheidt, PDG Eugene Taylor, PDG Elmer Weinrich

M3: PDG Allen Kohler, PCC Don Noland, Lion Dr. Ron Walkenbach

M4: PDG Eldon Shipps

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Bill Upchurch

M6: PDG Bill Botzow, PDG Zana Botzow, Lion Jennie Mosher, Lion Marlene Payne, PDG James W. Rosbrugh, PDG Debbie Whittlesey, PDG Jim Wilson

M7: PDG Dan Buschmann, Lion Ruth Gross, PDG Ron Jordan, PDG Donal Knipp, Lion Jim Raper, PDG Bob Van Ark, Lion Wayne Weider

TAIL TWISTER & DESIGNATION OF FUNDS

Motion by DG Yount to nominate Lion Missy Carr as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Hathcock. Motion passed.

Motion by DG Hathcock to donate the Tail Twister funds raised to the Memorial Fund account. Seconded by DG Porterfield. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by DG Yount, seconded by DG Tripp to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2011, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

PID W. R. O'Riley reported that the 3rd group from MD 26 had recently gone to Mexico on an eyeglass mission trip, and he asked them to share their experiences. First VDG Lisa Alexander put together a slide show, which she presented along with PDG Tom Steinbach, Lion Charlotte Williams and IPDG Debbie Whittlesey. They all agreed that it is such a rewarding experience as Lions to see first-hand what it means to help someone see with eyeglasses. PID O'Riley added that he still has a list of Lions who have expressed a desire to go on one of these trips, and there will be more trips in the future, starting with one in March. We are still working with the Lions of California on this, and they would like MD 26 to find some Missouri optometrists to go along on these trips.

FINANCIAL REPORT

DG Stuart Payne asked if there were any questions on the audit draft. Motion was made by DG Kerber, seconded by DG Yount to approve the draft. Motion carried. DG Payne asked if there were any questions on the First Quarter Financial Report. Motion by DG Yount, seconded by DG Kerber, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed. DG Payne also mentioned that all districts had paid their dues at this time.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

PID Leland Kolkmeier reported on recent LCI Board actions. He expressed concern about declining membership and stressed that if the Multiple's membership drops below 10,000 our viability as a multiple starts to decrease (our ability to get officers in, our ability to get things done in an expedient manner, etc.). The Districts need to get with their GLT and GMT Coordinators and take advantage of the workshops. He asked the Governors to give themselves a round of applause because MD 26 is one of a few Multiples that do not have at least one club with missing officers reports listed on the LCI website. This is quite an accomplishment! He also reminded the Governors to get their nominations in to him by December 15 for Presidential and Leadership awards. He encouraged them to look at the everyday Lion, who does a lot of things for their club, their community and their district. He also reminded the Council Chair that she has that opportunity as well. CC Taylor added that at the International Convention LCI approved a dues increase of \$1.00, effective July 2013, and another \$1.00, effective July 2014.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

PID W. R. O'Riley announced that the Institute will be held July 13-15, 2012, in Crete, Nebraska. Presenters for the next two years will be CC Kimberly Taylor and PDG Tom Rayfield. He thanked PCC Al Blumenberg and PCC Jim Tesreau for representing MD 26 by serving as presenters for the past two years. Next year will be the last year in Crete; the following two years it will be hosted by MD 26. He added that the Past District Governors Club is offering one scholarship of registration fees for any Lion who would like to attend.

VISION SCREENING PROGRAM

PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett spoke about the packet of information he had distributed on how to start the Vision Screening Program. The information is now in the Governors' hands; they need to get their information into the program and certificates will be coming. Applications will be sent out by the Governors to the clubs. There is a criteria for students 18 years of age or younger. We should be able to cover a lot of youngsters without any out of pocket expense, just by helping to promote this program. It is also our responsibility to determine the eligibility of the applicants. When asked, PID Dr. Garrett clarified that the Governors can order a limited number of certificates to have on hand. Also, the Governor can designate someone to manage this program in their district.

USA/CANADA FORUM

CC Taylor asked for a show of hands of those who attended in Alaska this year, and of those who plan to go to Tampa next year.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

PCC Al Blumenberg reported that last year contributions to LCI worldwide were up 40%, and, as everyone knows, our own Multiple District has been the direct recipient of some of those funds. He announced the LCIF District Coordinators this year: M1 – PDG Lana Wilson; M2 – PCC Terry Boettcher; M3 – IPCC Pat Porterfield; M4 – PDG Billy Boehmer; M5 – PDG Bob Norton; M6 – PCC Jim Tesreau; M7 – DG Jesse Hathcock. These coordinators received instructions to meet with their Governors to establish their district goals for the year. This process is being handled on-line; and we are asking for goals to be increased by 25-30%. PCC Blumenberg also reported on a new initiative that LCIF is taking on: Measles Initiative. It is reported that 450 children die daily from measles or have vision loss, hearing loss or brain damage. LCIF is working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on a matching grant program to raise \$10 million to support the Measles Initiative. Lastly, PCC Blumenberg had some Contributing Member Pins for \$20, \$50 or \$100 (does not count toward Melvin Jones Award).

(Break)

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Eldon Shipps presented a check for \$5,000 to Lion Dr. Ron Walkenbach for MLERF, which was proceeds from the 2011 game. Lion Dr. Walkenbach expressed his appreciation and acknowledged the challenge it is to raise money. PDG Shipps asked if there were any questions on his written report or budget proposal. He pointed out that they are doing away with the small \$35 ads in the program book, and they will be adding one or two pages designated for signature ads. He also noted that the committee voted to raise the game tickets to \$10.00 (\$7.00 in advance). The game will be held on July 21, 2012. They are hopeful that they have found a way to cut down on the number of no-shows when camp starts.

BAND COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Ron Koppelman, Jr. reported that Lion Steve Eubanks will again be the band director, and they are planning a trip to Mount Rushmore and returning back through Colorado Springs. The cost will be \$900 per student. Camp will be June 24 at Ft. Leonard Wood; concerts will be performed at Ft. Leonard Wood, St. Joseph, and Cameron. The application will be printed soon and in the band directors' hand by January 1. The goal this year is to have 100 in the band. He showed one of the water bottles they had made up with the Lions logo to use in the future instead of buying so much bottled water. He also had a few band videos left to sell for \$25.00 each. DG Jesse Hathcock asked how many Lions clubs are actually supporting the band; PDG Koppelman said about one fourth of the clubs in the state support the band. PDG Koppelman also explained that the band director is working on making contact with the state band association to get more students, and also making contact with the band competitions in the larger cities to get the word out about our band.

HEARING COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Elmer Weinrich reported on the committee's recent meeting. They discussed whether the number of people tested at the State Fair warrants the expense of continuing to have the van there. The Beltone program will continue at \$850 per pair this year (pending Council approval). He asked if there were any questions on the committee's proposed budget. The committee has decided to limit the hearing aid program to \$1,300 per district. Close to \$70,000 was spent in the past four years on hearing aids, and the funds are not there to continue without a limit. The committee also lowered the amount of sweepstakes prizes to \$5,000. DG Hathcock asked why it took until October to pay the sweepstakes winners. PDG Weinrich explained that they had to wait until the CD was cashed in, and the checks were mailed out in August. DG Hathcock also asked why Beltone is used instead of LCIF, and PDG Weinrich explained that Beltone is only used in M2 and M3 because they can't find a doctor to use for the fittings of the ones from LCIF. The cost to the state is capped at \$218 per hearing aid.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION REPORT

Lion Dr. Ron Walkenbach reported that the eye bank has started the year well by providing 591 people with restored vision through corneal transplantation. He stated that they will be running a "leaner and meaner" eye bank in the future with fewer transplants, and they will be more selective in the donors they get. He also reported that, unfortunately, they made the decision to close the Joplin office of the HLEB after the tornado because eye donors have decreased dramatically in that area. In the first quarter MLERF staff and Lion volunteers have performed 268 children's vision screening events. There has been a substantial increase in the number of applications for financial help with major eye problems. The next MLERF Board meeting is Saturday, December 3 at 9 a.m. in the MLERF Library – all are invited.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Lion Marlene Payne reported that youth opportunities need to be expanded in every district. The Committee is raffling a quilt and afghan to help raise funds, and she reminded everyone about the C. Wayne Henderson Award, which helps fund the youth programs. Peace Poster district winners need to be submitted to the Council Chair by December 1. Plans are underway for the youth exchange camp next summer.

LBOMB REPORT

No report.

LWSB REPORT

No report.

LEADER DOG REPORT

No report.

MID SOUTH REPORT

No report.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG James W. Rosbrugh reported that the committee met by teleconference to organize the Committee and begin work on proposed amendments regarding ALERT, GMT and GLT. He pointed out that the tentative amendments would be available at the January Council Meeting for approval before going into the February issue of the Missouri Lion Bulletin. DG Hathcock brought up the provision in the Constitution that restricts a Lion from serving more than four out of six years on a particular state committee. He asked if the Constitution Committee has looked into the past granting of dispensations to determine if that is still a valid or viable restriction on our Lions' service. PDG Rosbrugh replied that the committee has discussed this and is waiting for the Council's guidance on it. It has been suggested that it is no longer viable. DG Hathcock asked if any special dispensations have been denied in recent years. CC Taylor stated that the Council is asking the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to look into the viability of continuing the restriction of a Lion serving more than four out of six years on a particular state committee.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Bill Botzow reported that the 2011 State Convention Host Committee has returned to the State Office a check for \$831.00. The 2012 Host Committee Chair would be giving a report later, and the 2013 Host Committee Chair, PDG Tom Rayfield, has stated that they are tied to a three-day format and has asked to meet with the 2012-13 Governors. Sedalia presented a bid to host the 2014 State Convention. The committee accepted it and recommends that the 2014 Convention be held in Sedalia. The date for submission of the 2015 bid package was changed from April 14, 2012, to March 31, 2012. The committee asked the Council of Governors to determine the date for distribution of the state pin, and recommended that a change be made to the dress code. DG Hathcock asked about the May 1-2 date for the 2015 State Convention. PID Kolkmeier clarified that having it in May versus April will not make any difference as far as getting an International Officer because they are too committed to larger multiples than ours.

2012 STATE CONVENTION REPORT

PDG Bob Van Ark reported that the host committee has been preparing for the State Convention in Jefferson City scheduled for April 20-22, 2012. They are scheduling a golf outing and a guided tour of the vacated historic Missouri State Penitentiary, among other things. The hospitality room will be in one large room! He asked for the Governors' help in getting the word out and building enthusiasm. He included a flyer and registration form in their packets. Information is also available on the Missouri Lions website.

MISSOURI LIONS PIN TRADERS

PDG Bob Van Ark reminded everyone to begin thinking in terms of the design of the 2013 state pin (Hamburg, Germany). The Pin Traders did donate \$1,000 to help Joplin. Lastly, he said they still have some of the sets of pins of the 7 districts to sell.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Bob Van Ark reported on recent activities at the State Office. A new computer was needed, and Lion Mike Jordan is working on transferring everything to it. The committee asked that the Council take another look at the awkward check signing procedure that has caused problems and is costly. They asked that an amendment to the by-laws be placed on the ballot to authorize the Council of Governors, in their Policy Manual, to provide for another Lion to sign checks. DG Stuart Payne added that they are working with Jefferson Bank on an electronic signature procedure. It was brought up that the LCI Board voted to do away with the two signature requirement at the club level, but CC Taylor indicated she would check with the Legal Department to see if that same change is to be made at the Multiple District and District levels. When asked if the auditor thought two signatures were required, other than by LCI, CC Taylor said the auditor just said it is a good practice to have a second person sign.

TAIL TWISTER FINES

In the interest of catching anyone who might not return after lunch, the Tail Twister collected fines for such infractions as stealing the Tail Twister's phone and car keys, general harassment of the Tail Twister, not having a presentation ready, returning late after break, not wearing a "Cardinal" red tie, for taking the last piece of cake, and for having the air conditioning turned down too low and freezing everyone.

Break for Lunch

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

PDG Eugene Taylor reported that the team is getting details finalized for the Mid-Winter Forum, to be held February 4, 2012, at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson. There will be a hospitality room on Friday evening, February 3. They are still working on arranging a dinner theater event for Saturday evening. The District M2 GLT Coordinator is checking into contracting with a bus company to schedule a bus trip to and from the Forum. The committee is also working on the training for the State Convention, where the Host Committee has requested that they do Club Officer Training. PDG Taylor asked the Council for their thoughts on this; he is concerned that it may not be effective since every district does club officer training already and may do it differently. He asked the Governors to let the Team know what they need to identify, recruit and mentor prospective leaders. He and DG Hathcock had a discussion about how much training is needed at the State Convention and finding the right mix of activities to draw people to the Convention.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

PDG Zana Botzow reported that Missouri dropped 7 clubs and 196 Lions since the last report. However, she was happy to report that all but one district has a GMT coordinator. She has been visiting with a couple of the districts and has sheduled more visits. She has been very pleased with the input given by the districts and the goals they are setting. She was anxious to set dates with the others.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Stuart Payne announced that the committee will meet in December.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN

Lion Jennie Mosher spoke about the draft of the first issue for this year, which was sent out to the Governors to review. She also presented a quote from a publisher for the printed February issue. She asked for feedback for how many of the printed issue should be printed. She would like to hold the emailed issues at 20 pages. The first issue would go out November 15 by email and the next issue on February 15. Her goal is to publish articles that tell the story of what Lions do. She said that articles submitted after the deadline will go into the next issue; and, as Editor, she may choose to rewrite articles and ask to have them approved. It was suggested that she could email an issue every month if she had the articles. The Governors agreed to having the printed version done in 20 pages with one color, between 7,000 and 8,000 copies.

ALERT COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Eugene Taylor said to use the web page. DG Hathcock asked if there could be a specific tab on the state web page to use for the State Convention. He also asked if the Missouri Lion Bulletin waiver form, as well as the Quality Lion Award form, could be added to the website.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Jesse Hathcock announced that the committee would be meeting after the Council Meeting.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Written report only.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by DG Porterfield, seconded by DG Yount, to receive the reports. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

CC Taylor read a thank you letter from PID Joe Preston, candidate for 2nd Vice President, thanking MD 26 for its endorsement of him.

QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS

M1 – 0 M2 – 0 M3 – 0 M4 – 2 M5 – 0 M6 – 0 M7 – 0

PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Payne reported that there are no changes to the content. Motion by DG Yount, seconded by DG Payne, to approve. Motion passed.

POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Payne indicated he needed to make a couple more changes as a result of the work session that morning and would send it out for an electronic vote.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

CC Taylor explained that there is an additional person who requires special dispensation to serve on the Hearing Committee – PDG Elmer Weinrich. He was approved by written vote.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON

Motion by DG Hathcock, seconded by DG Yount, to appoint PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett, as the new Protocol Chairperson. Motion passed.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PUBLICITY CHAIR

PID W. R. O'Riley mentioned that PID Ernie Young is the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Publicity Chair and he is asking each Multiple District to have one as well. PID O'Riley recommended PDG Debbie Blumenberg for this position. Motion by DG Dunn, seconded by DG Hathcock, to appoint PDG Debbie Blumenberg as the MD 26 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Publicity Chair. Motion passed.

CONTRACT FOR OCTOBER, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by DG Kerber, seconded by DG Payne, to accept the contract with Country Club Hotel for the October, 2012, Council Meeting. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL – PID HAROLD KEELY

Motion by DG Hathcock, seconded by DG Yount, to give \$1,000 donation to MLERF in honor of PID Harold Keely. The \$1,000 will come out of the Memorial Fund savings account. Motion passed.

BELTONE AGREEMENT

Motion by DG Payne, seconded by DG Porterfield, to approve the agreement with Beltone. Motion passed.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOUSES' PROJECT

Lion Toni Mahoney explained that the spouses of the current Governors are putting together an 18-month calendar (July, 2012 through December, 2013). They are asking all clubs in the state to submit photos of

their community projects, including fundraisers, to the spouse of their District Governor or the Governor. The calendars will be for sale at the 2012 State Convention and all proceeds will be donated to the Joplin Relief Fund.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Motion by DG Porterfield to approve the Athletic, Band, Hearing, Youth, and State & International Convention Fund budgets as submitted. Seconded by DG Tripp. Motion passed.

REMINDERS

CC Taylor reminded the Governors that Council Chairperson Nominations need to be turned into her at the January Council Meeting. When asked, she clarified that it does need to be a member of the outgoing Council and if none of them step forward then the incoming Governors can choose from the immediate preceding Council. She also reminded the 1st Vice District Governors to come to the January Council Meeting prepared to select and pay \$135 for their State Convention hospitality room space.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The Conflict of Interest Policy Annual Statement needs to be signed each year by the Council Chair, Governors, Council Secretary-Treasurer, and representatives of the following: Athletic, Band, Convention, Hearing, International Candidate Fund, GLT (Mid-Winter Forum), LBOMB, Missouri Lion Bulletin/Public Relations, MLERF, and Youth.

TAIL TWISTER FINES

The Tail Twister collected fines for such infractions as returning late from lunch, referring to one's spouse as "Lion Sweetie", chewing on a toothpick during the whole meeting, passing notes back and forth to the Governors' table. The total collected for the day was \$64.25.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by DG Hathcock, seconded by DG Yount, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

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State Office Administrator