

**MINUTES**  
**MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**  
**Saturday, July 20, 2013**  
**Players Restaurant, Warrensburg, MO**

The first meeting of the 2013-2014 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Gina Boettcher at 10:00 a.m.

DG Larry Kimbrow gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Sharyn Scheidt.

DG Sandy McCann led in the singing of the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of "America".

**OPENING ADDRESS AND REMARKS** - CC Gina Boettcher introduced herself and told everyone there were agendas up front.

**PROTOCOL** – PDG Ann Anderson established protocol.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2013-14 PARLIAMENTARIAN** – Motion by DG McCann to appoint PDG Lyn Porterfield as Parliamentarian for 2013-14. Seconded by DG Hilke. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISER** – Motion by DG Hilke to appoint PCC Don Noland as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Paulin. Motion carried.

**DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS** – Motion by DG Hilke to donate the funds to Mid-South to help with matching funds for LCIF Grant. Seconded by DG Kimbrow. Motion carried.

**ATTENDANCE** - Those in attendance were:

| District | Governor       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors |
|----------|----------------|---|---|
| 26-M1    | Larry Kimbrow  |   | Donald Shelhammer                       |
| 26-M2    | Sharyn Scheidt | Missy Carr                              | Joe Foster                              |
| 26-M3    | Sandy McCann   | John Clark                              |   |
| 26-M4    |                | Richard Warner                          | Tharran Gaines                          |
| 26-M5    | Ellen Upchurch | Gary Curtis                             | Bruce Dugan                             |
| 26-M6    | Nick Paulin    | Peter Frantzen                          | Craig Lehman                            |
| 26-M7    | Jeff Hilke     |   |   |

Council Chairperson IPDG Gina Boettcher, M2  
 International Director Donal Knipp, M7  
 Past International Directors Leland Kolkmeier, M5; W. R. O'Riley, M4; Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3  
 Parliamentarian PDG Lyn Porterfield, M3  
 Council Secretary-Treasurer/State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, M7

M1: PDG Chris Clinton, PDG Lisa Clinton  
 M2: PDG Jim Bernhardt, PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Terry Boettcher,

PDG Ron Koppelman, Lion Barb Kurkowski, Lion Joe Kurkowski, Lion Toni Mahoney,  
PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, PDG Elmer Weinrich, IPCC John Yount  
M3: PDG Freda McKee, PCC Don Noland  
M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Tony Bavuso  
M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Julie Goetz, IPDG Kenny Goetz, Lion Rhonda Roe  
M6: PDG Sue Blakley, PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Karen Hamer, IPDG Walt Hamer, Lion Jennie Mosher,  
PDG Stuart Payne  
M7: PDG Nan Blakemore, Lion Steve Eubanks, PCC Jesse Hathcock, Lion Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG Ron  
Jordan, Lion Wayne Weider  
Guests: Two exchange students – Giulia Rossini from Italia and Judit Z. Nagy from Hungary

**MINUTES OF APRIL 25 & 28, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING** – Motion by DG McCann to approve the minutes of the April 25 & 28, 2013 Council Meeting. Seconded by DG Hilke. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - IPCC John Yount reported that the previous year's budget ended well with not too many over expenditures. The biggest concern last year, as in many previous years, was declining membership, resulting in declining income. This was the reason for the dues increase.

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** - International Director Donal Knipp reported on the International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany. Hamburg is a beautiful city of 1.8 million residents, who were very excited and welcoming to the Lions. The board meeting ran smoothly and the board members worked diligently in their committee meetings; he was appointed to be Vice Chairman of the Convention Committee. The executive officers recommended ID Robert Corlew of Tennessee be endorsed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the 2014-15 year in Toronto and PID Naresh Aggarwal from India for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the 2015-16 year in Hawaii. Almost 25,000 Lions attended the convention. The parade lasted over 5 hours. Former First Lady Laura Bush was the keynote speaker at the first plenary session. The directors and spouses were introduced and photographed with her. Barry Palmer of Australia was elected President; Joe Preston of Arizona elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

The USA/Canada Forum will be held September 19-21 in Overland Park, Kansas. Missouri will be hosting the Midwest Lions Breakfast this year. We would like to have a good attendance from Missouri and there is still time to register. Volunteers are also needed to host this event.

**GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** – PID W. R. O'Riley reported that the Lions of Missouri were hosting the 2013 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville from July 26-28. There were 68 registered so far, with 21 from Missouri.

**EYE MISSION** – PID W. R. O'Riley reported that seven Lions from Missouri would be participating in the Lions in Service Mission August 8 – 11 in Papantla, Mexico, which is north of Veracruz. Those Lions are PDG Lyn Porterfield, Lion Leon Hove, PDG Jerry Young, Lion Judy Young, PDG Chuck Elledge, IPDG Lisa Alexander, and Lion Dr. Ronnie Drake. He appreciated the efforts of PDG Jerry Young and PDG Chuck Elledge for volunteering to serve as Missouri Team Leaders to help coordinate the flight schedules.

**STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE** – Written report only.

**2014 STATE CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE** – Written report only.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that everything passed at the State Convention. At the International Convention two items passed. The first one was to clean up some wording on the titles of the protocol at the International Office and the second was to increase the dues of life members to \$650. The Committee has received three requests to review and bring back to the October Council meeting.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – PCC John Anderson reminded everyone of the game and pre-game activities time for that evening. He was pleased with the two coaches this year, there have not been any problems at camp, and the boys visited the Veterans Home, where the boys assisted the residents in wheelchairs and with walking to the main area. PCC Anderson asked the Council to consider having co-chairs on the Committee to cover the districts better to raise more money for MLERF.

**BAND COMMITTEE** – PDG Ron Koppelman reported that the Band trip to New Orleans and Memphis was a success. They played concerts at veterans homes and a retirement village along the way. They also visited World Services for the Blind and Mid-South Sight and Hearing, which opened the students' eyes to the opportunities out there for the blind, etc. He requested that the Council approve the student cost of \$1,100 for next year. They need to have the applications printed and mailed out in order to have the band set by December/January, due to the students having to have passports and notarized permission letters. He also asked the Council to consider co-chairs for the Band Committee.

Lion Steve Eubanks thanked the Lions of Missouri for their support of the Band. He offered a solution to the lack of growing membership in clubs. Get the band members involved in your local clubs to help build membership and support the band members so we can beat Mississippi!

**STATE PIN TRADERS** – PDG Ron Jordan announced that the 2014 state pins had been distributed that day, a little earlier than normal, to save the Missouri Lions postage. Pins were available that day for purchase at \$2 each. He reminded everyone that they need sample drawings for the 2015 state pin prior to the State Convention next Spring. He suggested going to your local high schools and speaking with the art director; make a little competition among the students for drawings. He also reminded everyone of the Branson Family Pin Swap August 8-10.

**STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – PDG Ron Jordan stated that many people in that room have no idea what goes on in that little office from the time the State Convention is over until the Football Game. There are three people, and sometimes one volunteer, working daily, evenings and weekends to keep up with everything. Our staff is outstanding and dedicated, proofreading everything to try to make sure it is all correct. Since he's on the Band Committee, he noticed that band applications are coming into the office incomplete or with incorrect information. This also happens with the Football forms coming in. The ladies spend hours trying to reach the kids/parents to get correct and complete information. This should not be a function of the State Office. The district chairs should be following up on these. In addition, people are calling in at the last minute with ads for the football program book. Again, the district chairs should make sure all ads are into the State Office weeks earlier. This is putting too much pressure on the State Office staff that is not necessary.

The new State Office was about ready. Lion Brenda had been out stealing paint (actually, getting Lowes to sell us a 5 gallon bucket of paint for about \$20). As soon as the phones were scheduled to be transferred, DG Jeff Hilke had offered several volunteers from the Jefferson City Evening Lions to move the office. The new address is 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. One more reminder about the Hyde Park Conference Room. It has been left unlocked after committee meetings. Please be sure to lock the door before putting the key back into the lockbox.

**LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH** – Lion Toni Mahoney just wanted to add something to the written report in the packet. She asked the Governors to make sure they had a district chair in place who is willing to work on all youth programs. She said that they were hosting 12 exchange students from 8 countries. She reminded everyone that on Saturday, July 27, they had the opportunity to visit Camp Brimshire and interact with these students.

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM** – PDG Debbie Cantrell explained that PDG Zana Botzow could not attend because PDG Bill Botzow had been taken to the hospital the night before and was back home but not feeling well. She distributed the written report, and summarized that we have lost five clubs and encouraged the Governors to keep an eye on their districts. The written report gave details of calls with the District Team Members.

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM** – PDG Eugene Taylor reported that the Team met in April and would be meeting again after the Council Meeting that day. He distributed a written copy of the minutes of their April meeting. He also reported on the Vice District Governor training the day before. He stressed that we need to get more good leaders to help improve membership.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – No report.

**MISSOURI LION BULLETIN** – Written report only.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** – No report.

**HEARING COMMITTEE** - Written report only.

**MLERF** – Lion Tony Bavuso, the new Executive Director of MLERF, explained that he has been with the Foundation for 15 years, and is very honored and excited to be in this new role. Lion Dr. Ron Walkenbach will remain as Associate Director until March of 2014, when he retires. The Foundation staff and board participated in a strategic planning initiative this spring. One thing that came out of this was an updated mission statement “We change lives by saving sight”. Lions club donations ended the 2012-13 fiscal year under budget - \$26,517 below the goal. Donations from Lions clubs play an essential role in the programs. He asked that as we begin a new year to look at club and district budgets and commit to a meaningful investment to meet the goal of \$210,000 this year. During the 2012-13 year, the Foundation met it’s goal of providing service in each community in Missouri that has a Lions Club. They screened a record number of children (42,329), as well as 3,419 adults screened for glaucoma and aged-related macular degeneration. Over 2,550 individuals received a corneal transplant and \$22,701 was given in eye care assistance to Missourians. He encouraged anyone looking for volunteer opportunities to consider helping with back-to-school vision screening, back-to-school health fairs, or helping with their booth at the USA/Canada Forum in September.

**SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** – PDG Stuart Payne reported on the Committee’s June meeting. He encouraged the Governors when they appoint the Sight Chairperson to appoint someone who really wants to do the job. This year the Committee plans to have a monthly conference call instead of having quarterly meetings. This is necessary to keep the chairs on track because part of the strategic plan is to increase awareness of children’s vision screening. To do that, we need money, we need fundraising, so the Sight Chairperson is the person on the ground, visiting the clubs and helping with training.

**LBOMB** – Written report only.

**WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND** – PDG Freda McKee reported for IPDG Lisa Alexander, who was on her way. She reported that donations from Missouri have been good. The annual cost to support a client is \$40,000 per year. Missouri has the second most clients; Arkansas has the most. Missouri currently has six clients. WSB has met it's goal of raising \$125,000 to get a matching grant. Lions Weekend is scheduled for August 23-24.

**LEADER DOG** - No report.

**MID SOUTH LIONS SIGHT & HEARING** – Council Chair Boettcher brought greetings from Mid South and thanked everyone for their service and donations to Mid South. She reported on the June Annual meeting in Memphis, where they voted on several items, by-law changes, board members, officers, nominating committee and appointment of committee positions. She is President for the current year, and IPDG Walter Hamer (M6) is 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. There are two committee positions open; if anyone is interested let her know. As of June, they have a waiting list of 111 patients. During the last year they have saved the sight and hearing of 311 patients and performed 151 surgeries, an increase over the previous year. This summer they are running their “Freedom from Blindness” campaign and are asking clubs to consider holding a special fundraising event to allow them to impact their patient waiting list and raise funds for the \$25,000 LCIF matching grant. Quarterly meetings will be in August in Memphis and at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson November 8-9. Lions Leaders Weekend will be held April 11-12, 2014, in Memphis.

**USA/CANADA FORUM** – IPCC John Yount reminded everyone that the USA/Canada Forum will be held September 19-21 in Overland Park, Kansas, just a leisurely drive across the state line, a great opportunity for Lions of Missouri to show other Lions how we come together.

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION** - PID Dr. Garrett thanked the 2012–2013 District Coordinators for a good job this past year. There are two new District Coordinators this year: IPDG George Spengler of M4, and PDG Johnny Stabno of M5. Final tabulations were not in, but current figures showed an increase in donations of \$15,500.46 for the year, for a total of \$119,869.22. He noted that only 100 of 367 clubs in Missouri donated to LCIF (only 27.25%). We need to increase the number of clubs donating to LCIF! There were 170 attendees at the Melvin Jones Breakfast at State Convention. They are planning a Melvin Jones Luncheon at the 2014 State Convention for ALL Lions, not just Melvin Jones Fellows. (There was confusion about this in Kansas City.) The 2013-14 pins are available. He suggested that the District Coordinators try to increase club visits, and he will go to training for State LCIF Coordinators.

**RECEIVE REPORTS** – Motion by DG McCann, seconded by DG Hilke, to receive the reports. Motion carried.

**POLICY MANUAL** – DG McCann reported that it was updated with the names of the new Council, the new seating arrangement for Council meetings, and the new pin distribution. Motion by DG Kimbrow to adopt the updated Policy Manual. Seconded by DG Upchurch. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL MANUAL** – DG Hilke reported that no changes were recommended. Motion by DG McCann, seconded by DG Kimbrow to adopt the Personnel Manual. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSALS** - Motion by DG McCann, seconded by DG Paulin, to approve the Hearing Committee Budget as presented. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**QUALITY LIONS AWARDS**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY** - CC Boettcher announced that she still needed signed annual statements from: DG Roger Unruh, DG Nick Paulin, State Sight Committee Chair and Missouri Lion Bulletin Editor

**OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING** – DG Hilke announced that he was planning something new for the October Council Meeting. Instead of a hospitality room on Friday evening, he was planning a party night (Pulled pork, cole slaw, chips & soda for dinner; hayrides; live band “Lion Eyes” from the Jefferson City Evening Lions Club) in hopes of drawing more in for the Council Meeting weekend. A flyer with details was distributed. Please RSVP BY OCTOBER 11 to him at [lionjeffhilke@gmail.com](mailto:lionjeffhilke@gmail.com) if you plan to attend the Friday evening activities. When asked about the cost for Friday evening, DG Hilke said they would accept any donations to cover the food. Also, if anyone wants to bring a dish to share they can. Soda will be provided but bring your own adult beverages.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENT OF 2013-14 MD PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON** – Motion by DG Hilke, seconded by DG McCann, to appoint PID Dr. Garrett as Protocol Chairperson. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2013-14 DGE & SPOUSES’ SEMINAR CHAIRPERSONS** – Motion by DG Hilke, seconded by DG McCann, to appoint the Liaison Committee consisting of current International Director and all Past International Directors as DGE & Spouses’ Seminar Chairpersons. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON** – Motion by DG Hilke, seconded by DG McCann, to appoint Lion Vern Towner as State Office Committee Chairperson. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AUDITOR FOR 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR** – Motion by DG Hilke, to approve Bilecki and Company, in accordance with our signed contract with them, as the auditor for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Seconded by DG Paulin. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY FOR ALL FUNDS** – Motion by DG Hilke, seconded by DG McCann, to approve Jefferson Bank as the depository for all funds. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET** - Motion by DG McCann to approve the Administrative Council Budget. Seconded by DG Scheidt. Motion carried.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES & SPEAKERS** – International Director Donal Knipp distributed a list of the District Convention Dates & Speakers:

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|-------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 26-M1 | February 21-22, 2014      | ID William “Bill” McKinney |
| 26-M2 | March 28-30, 2014         | ID Esther LaMothe          |
| 26-M3 | February 28-March 1, 2014 |                            |
| 26-M4 | March 14-15, 2014         | ID Judy Hankom             |
| 26-M5 | March 7-8, 2014           | ID John Harper             |
| 26-M6 | March 14-15, 2014         | ID Mike Molenda            |
| 26-M7 | March 21-22, 2014         | ID John Pettis             |

The only one he didn't have yet is for M3, but he's working on it. The reason is M3's Convention is on the same weekend as a board meeting.

**SITE FOR OCTOBER, 2014, COUNCIL MEETING** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John Clark stated that they don't have a site chosen yet but they are looking at the Lake of the Ozarks area. They will bring final details to the October, 2013, Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS** – Motion by DG Hilke, seconded by DG Kimbrow, to approve destruction of old financial records, leaving previous five years. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR NEW BANK SIGNATURES** – Motion by DG Scheidt to approve the new bank signatures (Council Chair Gina Boettcher, Vice Council Chair Jeff Hilke, Council Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Weider, and Assistant Council Secretary-Treasurer Sandy McCann). Seconded by DG Hilke. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS** – CC Boettcher announced that three Lions needed special dispensation to serve on committees. They were:

- M2 – PDG Ron Koppelman, Jr. – Band Committee
- M2 – PCC Al Blumenberg – Convention Committee
- M3 – Lion Charles “Tom” Stevens – LBOMB Committee

Individual ballots were distributed to the Governors for each of the three, and ID Knipp counted them. All three were approved.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES** – Motion by DG McCann, seconded by DG Upchurch, to approve the employee raises that were included in the Administrative Council Budget. Motion carried.

**BAND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BAND COST FOR 2014 TRIP** – Motion by DG Kimbrow, seconded by DG Hilke, to approve \$1,100 as the cost per student for the 2014 Band Trip. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR** – Motion by DG Paulin to reappoint Lion Jennie Mosher as Editor of the Missouri Lion Bulletin. Seconded by DG Scheidt. Motion carried.

**GLT/GMT MD 26 COORDINATORS** – CC Boettcher announced that we will be looking for MD 26 GLT/GMT Coordinators for next year, and that she had applications available.

**FOOTBALL GAME TICKETS/PINS** – PCC John Anderson announced that he had football game tickets and pins available for sale.

**NEW CLUB** – PDG Freda McKee announced a new club – St. Charles County Lions Club.

**MOLATE** – PDG Debbie Cantrell announced that the goal of \$25,000 was met, with additional donations of \$2,000, which will cover the marker as well. The trees will be planted in September at Irving Elementary in Joplin.

**TAIL TWISTER** – A total of \$49.57 was collected.

**NEXT MEETING** – October 26, 2014 – Solid Rock Church, Jefferson City, MO

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lion Brenda Weider*

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State Office Administrator