

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, January 21, 2017
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO

The third meeting of the 2016-2017 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Joe Foster at 10:20 a.m. He announced that we would break for lunch from 11:45 to 12:45.

Governor Don Soph gave the Invocation.

CC Foster asked for a moment of silence for our departed Lions, including Lion Jackie Hartmann who passed away recently.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Bob Wilson.

Governor Jack Lenk led in singing "America the Beautiful".

PROTOCOL – Protocol was established for this meeting by PDG Ann Anderson.

WELCOME - Council Chair Foster welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER – DG Boettcher moved that PCC Jeff Hilke be appointed Tail Twister for this meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Boettcher moved that the Tail Twister funds be donated to LCIF. Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

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	Bob Wilson	John Preston	Reta House
26-M2	Jack Lenk	Joe Detter	Duane DeClue
26-M3	Steve Wiechens		
26-M4	Larry Boettcher	Ron Campbell	Richard T. Warner
26-M5	Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza	Greg Gilliam	Pat Scott
26-M6	Lewis Carnes	Kevin Cantrell	
26-M7	Don Soph	Lou Ann Hathcock	Mark Schaeperkoetter

Council Chairperson IPDG Joe Foster, M2

Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7 & Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

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

M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, PDG Don Beckham, Lion Rich Hashagen, Lion Sherry Hashagen, IPDG Don Shelhammer, PDG Lana Wilson

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Sandra DeClue, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion June Lenk, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion George Winkeler, Lion Jennifer Wolff

M3: PDG Lisa Alexander, Lion Jimmy Butler, Lion Carol Deters, IPDG John Deters, Lion Annie Kuhl, PDG Sandy McCann, PDG Freda McKee, PCC Don Noland, PCC Pat Porterfield

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Tony Bavuso, Lion Peggy Campbell, PDG Missy Carr, PDG Wayne Cunningham

M5: PDG Jene Crook, IPCC Gary Curtis, Lion Janice Curtis, IPDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Robert Espinoza, Lion Christina Gilliam, Lion Julie Goetz, PDG Kenny Goetz, Lion Allen Lohsandt, Lion Pat Mills, Lion Jessie Troester

M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, PDG Walter Hamer, Lion Jennie Mosher, Lion Marlene Payne,
PDG Stuart Payne, PCC Jim Tesreau
M7: PCC Jesse Hathcock, PCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Judy Schaeperkoetter,
Lion Wayne Weider
Guests: Donna Bradford and Tina Livesay, Saving Sight

COUNCIL CHAIR NOMINATIONS - Council Chair Foster corrected himself and announced that Council Chair nominations needed to be turned into him before the close of the meeting that day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Boettcher moved to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2016 Council Meeting. Seconded by DG Wilson and passed.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT – Governor Malkmus-Espinoza summarized the second quarter financial report ending December 31, 2016. Assets and Liabilities & Capital totaled \$287,559.75

- \$263,661.66 Cash in checking (all funds) and includes reserves
- 12,111.86 CD – International Candidate Fund
- 562.12 Savings – Council Memorial Income
- 6,665.69 Savings – Hearing Committee
- 4,558.42 Savings – Band Committee

Additionally, on the Administrative Budget, at that time for the year Total Revenues were \$40,984.00 and Total Expenses were \$40,753.93. DG Lenk moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by DG Wiechens and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR COUNCIL MEETING PACKET – CC Foster explained that this Council Meeting could not be held on the normal last full weekend of January and had to be moved forward a week. There were some issues on committee reports for the packet, and he wanted to clarify the deadlines. *The reports are due to the State Office at least two weeks prior to the Council Meeting. The ten days prior to the meeting rule is when the State Office must get it out to the Governors.* He had asked Lion Brenda to get them to the Governors quickly and she indicated she could make that happen. Unfortunately, because the Council meeting was moved up a week it pushed committees to get reports in when they had not had time to meet. He understood that but wanted everyone to be aware that we did not break any rules as far as the deadlines we set. We did the best we could with what we had to work with.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – PID Donal Knipp thanked all of the Governors for everything they're doing in the districts, especially with membership. At the last meeting the Council voted to support and endorse the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Commission to bid on hosting an International Convention. Due to time constraints on the bid requirements, it was decided not to move forward at this time but they would still like to bid on holding the convention in some future year. Our Centennial Challenge has now benefited over 127 million people, well over the goal of 100 million, with a year and a half to go. He asked the Governors to turn in to him any Legacy projects that their clubs are working on. Diabetes has been added as the fifth service campaign area to the Centennial Service Challenge, effective during the final year from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. PID Knipp is pleased with the membership numbers - as of January 6 we are up 26 members for the year statewide. Think what 1 or 2 percent of new members per club could do. We still have some work to do on retention; use your GMT and GLT teams. LCI has revised the board policy to add that effective January 1, 2018, all new club charter applications must be submitted through MyLCI. He also announced our Speaker for the State Convention is PID Stacey Jones from Florida.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PID Knipp announced that the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held in Maryville, Missouri July 21-23, 2017. Last year 19 of the 52 registrants were from Missouri. We need to get more Lions from all of the participating multiple districts to attend, because the numbers for the last three years have caused it to operate at a deficit. It takes about 80-90 registrants for it to break even. In 2016 PDG Roger Unruh and 2nd VDG Pat Scott were two of the presenters, and they will be on the faculty again in 2017. Any Lion interested in becoming a leader in their club and district should try to attend. The fee will be \$175 if registered by May 1, or \$200 after. This

covers double occupancy room, seven meals and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional \$40. Scholarships are available through the districts and the Past District Governors Association.

USA/CANADA FORUM – PID Knipp announced that the Forum will be held September 21-23, 2017 in Portland, Oregon. It will include 91 seminars and specific leadership training tracks, Lions University Graduation and professional speakers. Early bird registration fee is \$285 and covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals. On July 10 the fee increases.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT SEMINARS – The District Governor-Elect Seminars will be held at Tan-Tar-A on Friday, May 5, at State Convention. Preparations are underway.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – PID Dr. Garrett reported that emails have been sent to the District Coordinators to have programs and literature available at each district convention. He stressed to the Governors that there needs to be an LCIF program at each of their district conventions and to get with their LCIF District Coordinator. LCIF is entering the final stretch to fulfill our 30 million matching commitment to the Measles Campaign. Remember, a dollar donated is a dollar matched, 60 million children can be vaccinated. We are winning this fight! The \$20 contributor pin can now go toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He asked that the consistent core of Lions attending these Council Meetings sing out for LCIF and make this year the best in our history.

SAVING SIGHT – Lion Tony Bavuso gave a presentation on changes happening at Saving Sight. It started in 1960 as an eye bank and research facility. Eventually it got out of the research part but continued with the Eye Bank. Beginning in the early 2000s there was a change and complexity in the business of eye banking, with more FDA regulation. This required them to hire staff to do very specialized functions, required by regulation to have very regimented training, documentation and proficiency of skill sets. This resulted in less volunteer opportunities for Lions and created a bit more disconnection between the Lions of Missouri and Saving Sight, because of the nature of the operation and how it has grown over the years. In the early 2000s the annual operating budget was about 3 million, and today it is 9.5 million. The Business Operations side of Saving Sight includes the Eye Bank and the budget is 9.5 million. Over the years the Eye Bank has had excess revenue and has subsidized the other side, which includes KidSight and Eyeglass Recycling, with a budget of \$760,000, mostly KidSight. The Lions support of this is \$123,000 per year, and they now have a full-time fundraiser that is helping to cover the rest. Through the years the Eye Bank has been the economic engine for the organization and has had the excess revenue to keep these programs going.

Eye banking is changing rapidly and dramatically. In June of last year the first ever for-profit eye bank (SightLife Surgical), a former Lions non-profit eye bank, was announced and is based in Seattle. It has acquired other eye banks in the country as well. Up until this point eye banking was started mostly by Lions across the country in the 50s and 60s. Until last June it has been exclusively a non-profit venture. This for-profit eye bank plan was to capture 50% of the market of the transplants that happen in the United States and to raise 10 million in venture capital. In three months they had raised the 10 million dollars, and they continue to raise venture capital to use to hire national sales people to canvas the country. Lion Tony is not happy with this, and it is having a big impact on non-profit eye banks across the country.

Another big change is that surgeons are finding ways to treat cornea disease without the need to use donor tissue. Therefore, they have reached a peak in the number of cornea transplants in the country and are starting to see that decline. It takes about 120% of the demand to meet the demand for cornea transplants. Right now eye banks in the country are producing in excess of 165% of the demand and there are less transplants happening.

One advantage that Saving Sight has is that it is a very large eye bank in the country and has reinvested in the business versus paying off investors. In Lion Tony's best judgment, Saving Sight will need to partner with other like-minded non-profit eye banks and combine some resources to compete better in the

short term and in the long term, innovate. One thing they have begun to do is to offer serum tears at the request of a lot of their surgeons. This is just one of many new services they are looking at offering to remain relevant going forward.

What all of this means for KidSight is that rather than do less they are going to be bold and plan to screen every child in Missouri (370,000 in the age range they screen), not just 65,000. They are in the process of developing what that strategy will look like, and they believe it will help them raise more money. What this means for the Lions is that they need help. They now have a replacement for Jason Noland, who has a lot of experience in fundraising. They are looking at other ways to raise funds for the program, such as possibly some state funding.

What they expect to happen is a 30% decrease in revenue to the Eye Bank in three years. This is just an estimate. Therefore, they have to plan strategically to sustain themselves.

The property in Columbia is about six acres in a prime location. Initially, they had planned to sell off about four acres and use part of that to rehabilitate the Columbia building and to help buy a building in Kansas City. They had an assessment done of the building, which showed too many issues that would be too costly to fix. They have now decided to sell the entire property, valued at about 3.3 million, and there is some interest. They would then move the programs (the call center, the IT department, some KidSight staff, and the volunteer center) in Columbia to another location in Columbia. They don't need as much space as that building has but they need better space, at least initially in a leased space.

The building in Kansas City (10,000 square feet of leased space) is costing about \$15,000 per month in rent. They have the opportunity to purchase a building that went through bankruptcy (built twelve years ago but looks brand new). It's not actually finished out on the inside, so it is ready to be finished out to their specs. It has a total of about 17,000 square feet and their cost will end up being about \$5,000. They will have 70% more space at about one-third of the cost. In addition, there is one tenant already there, a Montessori School, which will bring in rent income. At this time they are under contract and will probably close in February. They probably won't move in until late this year or early next year. The cost to finish it out will be about \$500,000.

He showed a graph of Lions monetary donations going back to 1985. Donations increased and then started to taper off in the mid-90s significantly. Now we are lower than the beginning of the graph in 1985. It was pointed out that all donations that come into Saving Sight go to KidSight. PID Dr. Garrett mentioned that we had twice the membership in 1985 than we have now. Someone asked if it is known if the peaks and valleys of the chart primarily follow membership trends. Lion Tony couldn't speak to that. PCC Al Blumenberg added that it could be interesting to map that against membership numbers, and he also pointed out that income is up from what it was in 1985.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – No report.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – Lion George Winkeler reported that they may be losing the Ft. Leonard Wood location where they serve 35,000 meals a day. They have been there for a long time and are still in negotiations. It is a very complicated process with many factors involved in dealing with the federal government. He will keep everyone informed of the progress. He also reported that they have 35 facilities in the state of Missouri and are always running temporary managers in some of them. If anyone knows of any Blind or Visually impaired people looking for full-time employment, please contact an LBOMB board member or the office staff to get them in training. There is one facility in St. Louis that is very profitable and the temporary manager is making over \$70,000 a year. There are also facilities in Kansas City, Springfield, Jefferson City and Tipton needing someone. All Lions clubs were sent letters this year regarding LBOMB and their donations are up (over \$7,000 has come in so far). When they figure in the match funds it puts the total above \$38,000. Thank you! They will take any amount in donations – every little bit helps. Lion Winkeler added that the new Governor of Missouri visited the LBOMB office recently, and he is working on him to join Lions.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING SERVICES – PDG Walt Hamer reported that the third quarterly meeting will be in Memphis on March 3-4. The Lion Leaders Weekend will be April 7-8 in Memphis. The Mid-South 75th Anniversary celebration will be Saturday, September 16, in Memphis. LCI President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne will be their honored guests. They will be electing new officers, and this year Missouri gets to elect the 4th Vice-President. If anyone is interested contact him. Last year in Columbia there were 29 surgeries and over \$118,000 in services.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that they currently have 31 students, with two from Missouri. Missouri donated over \$26,000 in 2016, third highest of any state. Their greatest need for contributions is operating expenses. They have purchased new box springs and mattresses for the dorm rooms, which now need to be painted and need new blinds. They thank the state of Missouri for their support.

PRESENTATION – Council Chair Foster presented IPCC Gary Curtis with a Certificate of Appreciation and read a letter from Immediate Past International President Yamada. IPCC Curtis said he appreciated it and that it's great to be a Lion!

BREAK FOR LUNCH – 11:45 – 12:50

LEADER DOG REPORT – Lion Jessie Troester gave the report for the Krebs. They were happy to report that \$14.5 million has been raised for the new Canine Development Center. Missouri is number 8 in the U.S. and number 9 in the world in donations to Leader Dog. She encouraged everyone to get with Council Chair Joe Foster for tickets to the Missouri Lions Day at Leader Dog to see this amazing place (the trip is September 29 – October 1, 2017).

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that she had not been made aware of any issues or changes to the Constitution & By-Laws to be brought forward to the voting delegates at the MD Convention in May. The only issue would be to approve the location of the 2018 State Convention. In the past it has been included on the paper ballot with other issues, but it can be approved as a voice vote during the Convention instead. Since they did not anticipate any voting at the Convention, there is no need for credential sheets, delegate and alternate cards and ballots. DG Carnes asked if our state Constitution was in line with the new one that LCI has put out for multiple districts. PCC Taylor responded that there are no changes that she was made aware of. DG Carnes asked if the Constitution & By-Laws Committee had met (no), and he then asked if the Committee could be asked to meet to see if there is anything that needs to be brought before the delegation at State Convention. PCC Taylor indicated that she had reviewed everything that had come out and there were no changes to be made. The only change was the name change of Public Relations to Marketing Communications, and that falls under the automatic updates (housekeeping issues). DG Carnes asked if the By-Law referring to the Mid-Winter Forum/Summer Blast could be moved to the Constitution part. PCC Taylor said that there is nothing about the Summer Blast in the Constitution or the By-Laws, that it is in the Policy Manual. She added that the change was made at last year's state convention to allow them to be approved processes of the Missouri Lions and to be added to the Policy Manual, which would allow them to have a contract that extended beyond years, allowing groups to have an event that spanned more than one year.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE - IPCC Gary Curtis reported that at the committee's last meeting they approved a football pin design for the 2017 game. The two coaches will be Coach Caleb Obert of Penney High School for the Gold Team, and Coach Devin Johnson of Osage High School for the Blue Team. Ninety-five players were nominated: M1-6, M2-6, M3-14, M4-29, M5-22, M6-2, M7-16. He asked that clubs consider the purchase of a sponsorship ad if budgets allow. The draft was scheduled for the following Saturday. The game will be played July 22.

BAND COMMITTEE – PCC John Anderson reported that the last committee meeting was October 9, when the Standard Operating Procedures were corrected and voted on. Since the last Council Meeting when the Governors voted not to rescind the vote to hire a band from Illinois for the International Parade,

Lion Nathan Gargus resigned from the committee, along with some of the “friends of the Band”. Since PCC Anderson had been elected as Vice Chairperson he has taken over chairing the committee. The committee has not had another meeting since, but he did talk with members of the committee about moving the band uniforms and equipment to a different storage facility. He went to Jefferson City to check out other facilities and to visit with PDG Ron Jordan and the current storage location. It is his opinion at this time that the band possessions be left where they are, as he found nothing wrong with the uniforms or the equipment. PDG Jordan has offered to let us keep them there for \$100 a month and provide a key to the facility. This is a very reasonable offer. The committee would be meeting after the Council Meeting that day to make a decision on this. He asked the Governors to attend if their band chairperson was not present. His goal for this year is to get the committee reunited and working together. He feels that the Band Committee needs a little guidance from the Council as to what is expected of the committee from here on. If they are to put together a band for Las Vegas they will need to know that early. They will need to get some of the “friends of the Band” back active enough to help. There is no one on the committee at this time that has had any experience so they do need to rely on some of the resources. He hopes the Governors will give them some direction on what they expect for the future. Council Chair Foster added that for the 2017 International Parade the Evanston Township High School will be representing the Missouri Lions in the Parade for the sum of \$2,000. He thanked PCC John Anderson for stepping up when there was a huge turnover on the committee. He also confirmed that the Band Committee would be taking care of getting the sashes and new banner for this year, spending up to \$3,000. When asked, CC Foster indicated that he thinks it is about a 100-member band, and he would be turning everything over to the committee to continue the process.

HEARING COMMITTEE – No report.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – PCC Pat Porterfield reported that, as some may remember, in 2007 the old District 26C received an LCIF grant to help support a diabetic camp for children in the Republic of Georgia. They had a connection with an endocrinologist at MU who had made a connection with someone in the Republic of Georgia. Prior to this connection, the diabetic children were considered undesirable, were hidden away at home and not treated, and subsequently passed away. A temporary camp was established and run in the hills outside of the capital city of Tbilisi, and Lions from here have been helping support it with a 50/50 grant, and there is about \$150,000 in the bank ready to build something permanent. In 2010 after the Russian attack things fell apart, so it has taken awhile to get things back on track. She was happy to update everyone that the day before she met with Dr. Trish Blair of A Call to Serve in Columbia to sign a contract to build the facility. Construction will begin soon. She added that the Lions in old District 26C have been active in this project for ten years, and a Lions Club here sponsored a Lions Club in Tbilisi!

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Jene Crook reported on the committee’s recent meeting at Tan-Tar-A. They had revised their budget and requested that the Council approve it. She announced that District M2 has been working on a proposal for the 2018 State Convention, and they were also looking for the Council to approve that so they can take it to the delegates at the State Convention. They are still looking to get a proposal for the 2019 State Convention. There may be two districts submitting proposals for that year. As of January 17, there were 81 registered from Missouri for the International Convention in Chicago. She also had state pins available to buy that day, as well as samples of the parade shirts with order forms.

2018 STATE CONVENTION – PCC Gina Boettcher presented information on the District M2 proposal for 2018. It would be held at the Doubletree Westport Hotel in St. Louis on April 26-29, 2018.

2017 STATE CONVENTION – PCC Jeff Hilke thanked everyone for joining the District M7 Host Committee the night before and making it one of the best turnouts in a hospitality room we’ve had in awhile. He stressed that everyone should not let the layout of Tan-Tar-A scare them and to spread the word that everything taking place at the State Convention May 4–7 would be either in the meeting rooms by the shops or in the large ballroom area right below in Building A. If you need to go down to the

restaurant area there are plenty of golf carts that will take you there. The staff at Tan-Tar-A has been absolutely wonderful to deal with and have not changed. He recommended that all of those on Facebook join the page "Missouri Lions State Convention". That's where information will be shared and updated from now until Convention, as well as on molions. He asked everyone to share with others who are not on Facebook or molions. He reminded everyone to register by January 31 to be eligible for the drawing for a Yeti cooler. He also urged everyone to consider donating items for the silent auction to make it a success for LCIF. If in Jefferson City anytime before the Convention contact him to make arrangements to drop them off. If donating a larger item let him know in advance. As far as hotel reservations, get them made early to be able to get a room in either Building A or Building E. The block of rooms will be released on April 6. The room rate is \$97 plus tax. Plans are still underway for some service projects to take place during the convention, and they are working on getting an additional special speaker that could be a highlight of the convention. It will be a special celebration of 100 years of service and they need everyone's help in getting a large attendance to make it a great event.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – Written report only.

LCI GLT AREA LEADER AUBREY CHERRY – Council Chair Foster announced that Lion Aubrey Cherry could not be in attendance due to illness. VDG John Preston added that he has been in contact and he is doing better now after being in the hospital.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – PDG Debbie Cantrell was happy to report that three of our seven districts are coming in with positive-growth numbers and we are seeing a shift to numbers in the black, with a total gain of 22 in Missouri! She was able to go to Dallas for the 1VDG training and found it very informative and interesting to learn what other states are doing. She continues with the Monthly Membership Tips and is receiving great feedback about implementation of them. The 1VDGs completed their district membership goals and action plans. She announced the upcoming 3rd Missouri GMT Summit on January 28 in Marshfield, and shared the agenda with the Governors and Vice District Governors. She shared this thought "*People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.*" She also shared information about an event her club sponsored, along with other clubs in Districts M1 and M6. Called "It Takes a Village", it addressed domestic violence, was inspired from Lions Day at the United Nations, and had 200 people in attendance. She hopes to help put this on in other areas of the state, which will also spread the Lions message and help with women's membership in Lions. VDG Mark Schaeperkoetter added that we need to remember to go to RESPECTACLE.ORG to help more people with free eyeglasses.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – Lion David Baldwin explained that he is still having problems with Facebook changing the page name back from Brenda Weider to Missouri Lions. There is another page named Missouri Lions and he has been entering posts on both, but some posts will not go on the Missouri Lions page due to privacy settings. He is asking everyone to go to the Missouri Lions page and "like" it. If links to other pages are shared with him he will get them posted on these pages. He is hoping to submit Letters to the Editor throughout the state praising the hard work of the Lions Clubs and acknowledging our Centennial. Getting it on the scoreboard at Busch Stadium will help spread the word; now if we could get it done with the Royals too that would be great!

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – Lion Jennie Mosher reported that Issue #21 had just gone out for review and would be out soon. As each issue is assembled she searches the Internet for materials that demonstrate all the wonderful things our clubs across the state are doing. She encouraged clubs to submit pictures and information to share with Lions not only throughout Missouri but across the world as this publication has gone global when posted on Facebook. Information for publication can be sent directly to the following newsletter@missourilions.org. All materials submitted should be positive in nature and not have any possible copyright infringement and no hidden negative meanings. Submission deadline for the next Issue 22 will be March 30 for publication in mid-April.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – No report.

ALERT COMMITTEE - No report.

MISSOURI LIONS PIN TRADERS – Written report only.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the committee had not had a need to meet in person. She had been in contact with Lion Brenda and things are running pretty smoothly at this time. Lion Brenda does notify her when she will be gone or when the phones/internet are down, as was the case one day the week before. Nomination forms have been coming in for the Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game. There do not seem to be any problems with operations, equipment or employees at this time.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Soph moved that the committee reports be received. Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS – M5 – 3

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY All signatures were in.

STATE CONVENTION FUND BUDGET – DG Wilson moved to approve the State Convention Fund Budget. Seconded by DG Carnes and passed.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND BUDGET – DG Boettcher moved to approve the International Convention Fund Budget. Seconded by DG Malkmus-Espinoza and passed.

GMT AND GLT APPLICATIONS – Council Chair Foster noted that he has not received any applications for Multiple District GMT and GLT Coordinator positions. Those need to be submitted to him before the Council of Governors Meeting on May 4 at State Convention.

BAND GUIDANCE – The Council of Governors were in agreement that the Band Committee should form a band for Las Vegas. PCC John Anderson encouraged the Governors to get with their Band Committee chairs to attend meetings to make this happen. CC Foster added that it will take a full committee to make that happen, and stressed to the 1st VDGS when naming their Band chairperson that they choose someone who will come on board and help with this. DG Boettcher added that, according to the July Council of Governors Meeting minutes, the Band Committee was charged with purchasing the sashes and banner for the parade this year. PCC Anderson requested that PDG Jene Crook also attend the Band meeting immediately after the Council Meeting.

ESTABLISH MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO DISTRICT – DG Carnes moved that the Council of Governors approve the establishment of the Leo Multiple District consisting of the perimeters of the Lions Multiple District 26 with the approval of the Chair for the remainder of this year to be 1st VDG Greg Gilliam. Seconded by DG Boettcher and passed. CC Foster added that this will be revisited at the next Council Meeting to establish a timeframe in which that position will run. The Governors can decide at that time if they are looking at a three-year term to go along with the GLT and GMT terms.

INVESTMENTS – Council Chair Foster explained that after a lengthy discussion in the work session, it was established that there are two options to move forward with this.

- Create an Ad Hoc Committee with a representative from each of the seven districts
- Charge the Long Range Planning Committee with this and get key individuals in the state with the appropriate knowledge to help

Parliamentarian Terry Boettcher added that if they choose to create an Ad Hoc Committee they would not have to appoint the district chairs that day, but could be given a timeframe to submit those names to the Council Chair, but stressed that every district must be represented, and if someone is not named then the

Governor would hold the position. PCC Al Blumenberg asked what the committee would be charged to do. CC Foster explained that the committee would be charged with getting the process started and guidelines set up and look at what options are available. PCC Don Beckham recommended that the committee be charged with the research and then bringing to the Council a recommendation for an Investment Policy Statement only, which would lay out all the parameters of what the Council would adopt. DG Soph stated that he felt the Governors should take this back to their Districts to discuss with the members first. DG Boettcher moved that the Council create an Ad Hoc Committee and charge it to research and develop an Investment Policy Statement and bring this back to the Council of Governors for consideration at the next meeting in May. Seconded by DG Lenk. DG Carnes asked if the Council of Governors could ask someone to chair that committee, but CC Foster replied that it would be better to give the Governors a couple of weeks to consider who they would want. A voice vote was taken: 6 ayes, 1 opposed (Soph). CC Foster asked that the Governors submit the names of their District Chairs for this committee to him within 14 days.

NEW BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST – CC Foster announced last call for these.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CC Foster called for any additional nominations. He had letters of intent from VCC Larry Boettcher-M4 and DG Lewis Carnes-M6. He closed nominations.

CAMP BRIM SHIRE – Lion Richard Hashagen thanked the Council for allowing him to address them about an issue at Camp Brimshire. He was asked by DG Bob and PDG Lana Wilson and PCC Charlie Hartmann to attend the Council Meeting and ask for assistance. He gave a brief history of Camp Brim Shire and explained about an LCIF grant application to help with replacing the pool at the camp. The cost to replace it is \$155,390. With money raised and pledged so far they still need about \$59,000. District M1 is working on the grant application and they have three clubs endorsing it. They are asking the Council of Governors to endorse this and help them get the word out. Their goal is to get the damaged pool torn out this spring and replace it once excavation is completed, and then have fencing installed, which is required. They would really like to have it all completed before July when the exchange students arrive. PID Dr. Garrett said they have a great start with the money they have raised, but recommended that they get a couple of more clubs to endorse it as well. Lion Hashagen explained that they have gone through the criteria list for the grant and feel that they have everything else checked off. It was explained that the application must be in by February 9 to be considered at the May Board Meeting. DG Lenk moved to send a letter of endorsement to go with the LCIF grant application for the pool at Camp Brim Shire. It was seconded by DG Wiechens and passed. Council Chair Foster told Lion Hashagen a letter of endorsement was forthcoming.

TRAIN TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – Council Chair Foster announced that the Amtrak Discount Code for the trip to Chicago between June 15 and July 15 is **X97C-959**. This code applies only to travel booked on the 800 number or through a travel agent. It does NOT apply to internet booking.

OCTOBER, 2017 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING LOCATION – DG Boettcher moved to rescind the vote from the October, 2016 Council Meeting to have the October, 2017 Council Meeting at Ramada Oasis in Springfield. Seconded by DG Wilson and passed. DG Lenk moved to hold the October, 2017 Council Meeting at Camden on the Lake. Seconded by DG Malkmus-Espinoza and passed.

2018 STATE CONVENTION – DG Lenk moved to approve the Doubletree Westport Hotel in St. Louis on April 26-29, 2018, as the site and dates for the 2018 State Convention. PCC Al Blumenberg stated that the Council cannot approve it, that the Convention delegation would approve where it will be. DG Lenk amended his motion to recommend that the Doubletree Westport Hotel in St. Louis on April 26-29, 2018, as the site and dates for the 2018 State Convention, be on the ballot at the State Convention in May. Seconded by DG Soph. DG Lenk amended his motion to recommend that the Doubletree Westport Hotel

in St. Louis on April 26-29, 2018, as the site and dates for the 2018 State Convention, be voted on at the State Convention in May. Seconded by DG Soph and passed.

DG STEVE WIECHENS – Had to change his email to stevewiechens@gmail.com

PHOTOS FOR STATE CONVENTION – PCC Jeff Hilke reminded everyone that they really need photos from clubs across the state (the older the better) for the State Convention. Please get them to PCC Dan Bernskoetter.

PEACE POSTER WINNER – Council Chair Foster announced that the Peace Poster Winner was from District M5.

ALPHAPOINTE LIONS DAY – Lion Jessie Troester announced that April 4 is the tentative Alphapointe Lions Day.

TAIL TWISTER – PCC Jeff Hilke collected \$125.03.

NEXT MEETING – May 4, 2017 – Tan-Tar-A

ADJOURNMENT – 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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