

**MINUTES**  
**MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**  
**Saturday, July 22, 2017**  
**Players Restaurant, Warrensburg, MO**  
**Amended 9-25-17**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Some of the comments from the audience could not be heard on the recorder and are, therefore, not included in these minutes.*

The first meeting of the 2017-2018 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Larry Boettcher at 10:00 a.m. and recessed for five minutes, reconvening at 10:05 a.m. Council Chair Boettcher welcomed everyone.

Governor John Preston gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Joe Detter.

Governor Bob Noellsch led in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

At that time Council Chair Boettcher asked all military veterans to stand and be recognized and thanked them for their service. He asked for a headcount for lunch upstairs at Players Restaurant (46) and announced that we would be breaking at 11:15 for an hour and a half for lunch. He reminded everyone of the plans for the All-Star Football Game that night and shared his thoughts on the great banquet the night before. The Athletic Committee was given a round of applause. He then introduced our newly-elected International Director, Lion Don Noland, who received a round of applause.

**ATTENDANCE** - Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors
26-M1	John Preston	Reta House	
26-M2	Joe Detter	Duane DeClue	George Winkeler
26-M3	Bob Noellsch		
26-M4	Ron Campbell	Richard T. Warner	
26-M5	Greg Gilliam		Jessica Troester
26-M6	Kevin Cantrell	Walt Hamer	
26-M7	Lou Ann Hathcock		

Council Chairperson IPDG Larry Boettcher, M4

International Director Don Noland, M3

Past International Director Donal Knipp, M7

Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

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

M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, PDG Don Beckham, PDG Chris Clinton, PDG Lisa Clinton, PDG Casey Morris, Lion Jocelyn Morris, Morris grandchildren, IPDG Bob Wilson, PDG Lana Wilson

M2: PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Sandra DeClue, IPCC Joe Foster, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Sandee Marshall, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion Jennifer Wolff

M3: PDG John Clark, Lion Dexter Enders, PDG Freda McKee, Lion Betty Noland

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Peggy Campbell, PDG John Reese, Lion Kathy Reese

M5: Lion Darlene Bentley, PDG Jene Crook, PCC Gary Curtis, Lion Janice Curtis, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, Abby Gilliam, Lion Christina Gilliam, Lion Julie Goetz, PDG Kenny Goetz, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto (KidSight), PDG Jerry Romig, Lion Aaron Troester & Future Leader Dog

M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Karen Hamer, Lion Jennie Mosher

M7: Lion Amy Bell, PCC Jesse Hathcock, PCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Wayne Weider

**TAIL TWISTER** – DG Preston moved that IPCC Joe Foster be appointed Tail Twister, seconded by DG Cantrell. Motion passed.

**DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS** – DG Detter moved that the Tail Twister funds be donated to LCIF, seconded by DG Noellsch and motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2017-2018 PARLIAMENTARIAN** – DG Detter moved that PCC Terry Boettcher be appointed as 2017-2018 Parliamentarian, seconded by DG Campbell and motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2017-2018 MD PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON** – DG Hathcock moved that PCC Gina Boettcher be appointed as the 2017-2018 MD Protocol Chairperson, seconded by DG Cantrell and motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2017-2018 DGE SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON** – PID Knipp clarified that this falls under the GLT training. DG Noellsch moved that PDG Ann Anderson be appointed as the 2017-2018 DGE Seminar Chairperson, seconded by DG Preston and motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2017-2018 SPOUSES SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON** – DG Preston moved that Lion Betty Knipp be appointed as the 2017-2018 Spouses Seminar Chairperson, seconded by DG Gilliam and motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2017-2018 STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – CC Boettcher clarified that this is only the appointment of the committee, not the chairperson. DG Campbell moved to appoint PDG Ann Anderson, PDG Marvin Stuenkel, Lion Steve Duncan and PDG Eugene C. Taylor to the committee. It was seconded by DG Cantrell and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2017-2018 MISSOURI LION EDITOR** – DG Cantrell moved that Lion Faith Powers of the MU Campus Club be appointed as the 2017-2018 Missouri Lion Editor, seconded by DG Detter. DG Preston moved to appoint Lion Jennie Mosher as the 2017-2018 Missouri Lion Editor. DG Detter rescinded his second and DG Cantrell rescinded his motion. It was open for nominations. DG Cantrell nominated Lion Faith Powers and DG Preston nominated Lion Jennie Mosher. Nominations were closed. Secret vote was taken with ballots counted by ID Don Noland and CC Boettcher. CC Boettcher announced that the 2017-2018 Missouri Lion Editor would be Lion Faith Powers. DG Preston moved to destroy the ballots, seconded by DG Cantrell and passed. ID Noland would destroy the ballots.

**ESTABLISH PROTOCOL** – PCC Gina Boettcher established Protocol for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING** – DG Hathcock moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2017 Council Meeting as distributed, seconded by DG Campbell and motion passed.

**2016-2017 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT** – IPCC Joe Foster gave the year-end financial report for 2016-2017. The Total Assets, including Cash in Checking, CDs and Savings Accounts, were \$332,639.95. The Total Liabilities, including payroll taxes, were \$797.79. The Total Capital was \$331,842.16, including the following fund balances:

Administrative Council	\$123,237.64
Hearing Committee	40,188.08
Intl Candidate Fund	27,196.93
Athletic Committee	30,000.26
State Convention Fund	15,459.08
Band Committee	35,454.14
Intl Convention Fund	29,908.88
Mid-Winter Forum Fund	12,750.93
Youth Fund	3,120.78

Net Income 14,525.44

This brought the Total Liabilities and Capital to \$332,639.95.

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** – International Director Don Noland spoke about the Diabetes Campaign and asked everyone to write the name of someone they know who is impacted by diabetes on a flyer being passed around.

He announced the speakers and locations for the District Conventions for this year:

M1 – ID Connie LeCleir-Meyer (Wisconsin)	Park Hills
M2 – ID Tom Gordon (Canada)	Double Tree, Maryland Heights
M3 – ID Nick Xinopoulos (Indiana)	Bowling Green/St. Clements
M4 – ID Nicolin Moore (Trinidad)	Chillicothe
M5 – PID Jerome Thompson (Alabama)	Independence
M6 – ID Gwen White (North Carolina)	Lebanon
M7 – ID Pat Vannett (South Dakota)	Wardsville

He explained that M5 is having a PID because the Directors will be in a Board Meeting at the time of their District Convention. He encouraged the Governors to correspond with them and create a relationship.

ID Noland reported on the International Convention and thanked the Lions of Missouri for their support. The LCI Board is focusing on vision, hunger, environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes. We are currently serving 68 million per year. With the 5-year program we will hopefully be serving 200 million. He reminded the clubs to note on their membership report what they are actually doing. The Global Action Team (GAT - Leadership, Membership and Service) - our LCI President has challenged us this year to give and to participate in giving \$2 per week X 1.4 million Lions = \$145 million. We are trying to get International Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir at our State Convention. ID Noland asked everyone who knows someone affected by diabetes to stand up. The Diabetes Initiative is something that will reach out and have impact on the world. We talk about the disconnection of Lions, and this is something that everyone can relate to. We've heard about the power of "We". In closing, he had everyone hold hands and say "We Serve the Power of We".

**GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** – PID Donal Knipp reported that the Institute was being held that weekend in Maryville, Missouri. Great Plains is one of the leading leadership forums in the Lions organization. As of July 6, this year's institute had 49 registrants with 17 Lions from Missouri participating. 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. PDG Roger Unruh and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Pat Scott from MD 26 were presenters this year. All Lions in Missouri interested in becoming leaders in their clubs and districts should attend. He would like to see all of our districts get more involved and thinks all districts could easily send 4 or 5 Lions each year with the scholarships that are available by the districts and the Past District Governors Association. This institute is sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota & South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

**USA/CANADA FORUM** – PID Knipp reported that the Forum, the largest and best Lions Club leadership training event in the world, will be held September 21-23, 2017 in Portland, Oregon. It is for any Lion that wants to enhance their leadership capabilities in an atmosphere that's non-stop learning and fun. This 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Forum will have 91 seminars and specific leadership training tracks, Lions University Graduation and professional speakers. Portland is a beautiful city with many things to see and do, with a friendly atmosphere and many interesting restaurants, cafes, pubs, breweries and shops. Registration is still available and covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals. Forms are available online.

**PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL NECKTIE** – PID Knipp explained the history of the "ice cream" tie he was wearing. In the 1990s, PID Wayne Henderson, who was a little guy, ate a lot of ice cream (and really liked Central Dairy ice cream in Jefferson City). This began the tradition of the traveling necktie, which is worn by the International Director once a year at the first Council Meeting. It was his great honor and pleasure to

present this necktie to Lion Don Noland, our new International Director. He instructed ID Noland to wear it, keep it, be proud of it, and make sure nothing ever happens to it.

**LCIF REPORT** – ID Noland explained that he would give the LCIF report for PID Dr. Garrett, who could not be in attendance because his new great grandson had just arrived four weeks early. These are preliminary figures supplied by LCIF the week before. Total giving for MD 26 was \$111,910, a good increase over last year.

M1	\$12,643
M2	\$25,014
M3	\$10,800
M4	\$16,169
M5	\$22,612
M6	\$12,750
M7	\$ 9,150

Percent of clubs in MD giving was 49.5%, an increase of almost 10%. ID Noland added that LCIF giving since 1968 has given over \$1 billion. Melvin Jones Fellow, which was founded in 1973 at \$1,000, is still at \$1,000 (considering inflation, it would be at \$6,000). He just found out that ninety-four percent of the clubs internationally do not participate in LCIF, and fifty percent of those give nothing. He thanked everyone for continuing to give to LCIF! Next year each club is being asked to appoint an LCIF Club Coordinator in an effort to get information out to each club by presenting information supplied by LCIF one or more times per year. It could make an important difference in support of our Foundation for the future. A training session for MD Coordinators is scheduled for late August. More information will follow.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** – No report.

**STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE** – PDG Jene Crook reported that there were at least 140 registrants at the International Convention in Chicago. She stressed the importance of planning ahead for our State Conventions. As of May at the State Convention at Tan-Tar-A they had not received any proposals for the 2019 Convention. She asked the Governors to go back to their districts and generate some interest; we should be talking about 2020 and 2021 now. She also requested the Governors to consider the directions in the Policy Manual for the approval of the state pin. Now the directions state that it will be chosen on Friday of the State Convention and then handed to the Governors for approval. We no longer have a Sunday Council of Governors Meeting at the State Convention, so there is no way to get that approval. Those directions need to be revised to make it easier to get the pins properly approved and properly ordered; the committee has gone ahead and ordered but has not had the Council's approval like it should. We should also look over the list of who gets pins, how many and when to see if that still suits the way the organization is running today. The Committee asked the Council for approval of an amendment to its budget; they needed to move \$500 that they had previously budgeted for hospitality to a new line item. According to the Policy Manual, when we have an International Candidate, the International Convention Committee is requested to provide a \$500 stipend to the then-seated Council Chair to attend the Convention to assist with campaigning. They had not been able to do that since they did not have that line item in the budget. Lastly, she presented PCC Gina Boettcher some symbols of appreciation for coordinating a place for all Missouri Lions to sit together at the plenary sessions and concerts at the Convention in Chicago. PDG Jene added that they only spent \$763 for hospitality and she understood that the room in Chicago was in a remote location from everyone's rooms, but she asked that the Council let the Committee know if they don't want a hospitality room set up in the future.

**2017 STATE CONVENTION** - PCC Jeff Hilke reported that the balance left from the State Convention was \$2,811.67, after returning the advance.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE** – As this year's Parade Marshall, PCC Hilke stressed the importance of everyone walking in the parade wearing the whole parade uniform, as stated in the Policy Manual. He then showed photos from this year's parade with examples of what not to wear. We set a uniform not because we want to be difficult, but because we are representing the Missouri Lions and want

to look like we are proud of who we are. He understands that if you don't want to dress like Missouri Lions, the Lions in Arkansas will take anyone who does not want to wear our uniform and let you walk with them.

**2018 STATE CONVENTION** – IPCC Joe Foster announced that the 2018 State Convention will be held April 26-29, 2018 at the DoubleTree Hotel – Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO (Close to the Airport at Page and 270). The theme will be “Gateway to Vegas”. They are planning on a fun and informative convention, with the same agenda as in the past. The website will be up and running soon. PCC Gina Boettcher is his Co-Chair for this Convention. The Hospitality room charge will be \$175 per district, whether you have a separate booth or combine with another district. Something new they will be doing is a service project challenge for the other six districts to benefit the Missouri School for the Blind and Camp Brim Shire. They are currently getting “needs” lists put together for both. The District that brings the most items to this Convention will be tagged the VIP District, which will entitle them to special privileges throughout the Convention. He clarified that items must be brought to the Convention only, not ahead of time. He also clarified that a bag of bubble gum, for example, would be considered one item, a box of crayons would be considered one item. A case of crayons, if taken apart, would be counted as 24 boxes of crayons, or 24 items. A case of soda would be considered one item. A case of beans, however, would be counted as 24 individual cans of food, or 24 items. It will be counted as it will be dispersed.

**ALERT COMMITTEE** – No report.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – PCC Gary Curtis asked the Athletic Committee members to stand and be recognized. He announced that the game will be played; however, a test on the field would be taken and if the heat index is too high the game would be delayed. PCC Curtis presented a plaque on behalf of the Athletic Committee and the Lions of Missouri to PDG Ann Anderson and PCC John Anderson for their devotion and dedicated service to the Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game.

***Break for lunch until 12:45***

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported on two housekeeping changes that were made – changing the title Public Relations to Marketing Communications and updating the required deadline for payment of delinquent dues for voting purposes to 15 days prior. (Article VIII, Section 7(d)). The latest copy of the MD 26 Constitution & By-Laws is now posted on the Missouri Lions website and can be downloaded from there. There were several issues that the Delegates to the International Convention voted on. All of the following issues passed:

- Changing the number of days from 40 to 60 for issuing the official Call for Convention (International).
- Amending International By-Laws to be consistent with International Constitution with regards to the number of Directors from United States and Canada.
- Permit an International Director and Executive Officer from the same District to serve on the International Board of Directors simultaneously.
- Change the validity period of an International Officer endorsement from two (2) to three (3) succeeding conventions and to require a three year waiting period for an International Director candidate to seek another endorsement after the initial period and to require a three year waiting period for an International Vice President candidate after two succeeding endorsements.

Some of the approved issues may require changes to our MD 26 C&BL, specifically the validity period of an International Director or International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President candidate. A meeting of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee will be scheduled in August or September.

**BAND COMMITTEE** – PCC John Anderson modeled the Missouri Lions band sash to give his report. He reported that the Evanston Township High School Band was large in numbers with three drum majors and a color guard. He was unable to attend the Convention but has heard many comments from members of the Missouri delegation that the band made Missouri proud. He had not heard any negative remarks. The band cost was \$2,000, with the sashes and banner costing an additional \$1,642.18, for a total cost of \$3,642.18. This is \$1,357.82 below the budget of \$5,000.00. The Band Committee received \$6,284.55 from dues from the Missouri Lions, so with that being said, we still have a profit of \$2,642.37. As the

Chairperson of the Committee by default, he has and is trying his best to get this committee to come together. So far he has not had the best of luck. He thanked IPDG Lewis Carnes (M6), IPDG Don Soph (M7) and Lion Allen Taylor (M1) for responding to his attempts. He also thanked PDG Ron Jordan for his advice and suggestions. He will call a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming committee members. CC Boettcher added that we need to have a working Band Committee to make plans for what we want to do for Las Vegas. He urged the Governors to make sure their districts have representation at the meeting.

**PIN TRADERS** – PCC Jeff Hilke announced Missouri Lions Pin Traders will host the Branson Pin Swap August 10-12. Everyone is welcome.

**STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – PDG Ann Anderson said it has been an honor to serve on the State Office Committee. She has learned a lot and realizes that the Lions of Missouri have a great office and staff they can be very proud of. When she accepted this position she took it to heart and became familiar with the workings of the employees. She met with Lion Brenda and they keep in touch usually on a weekly basis or if a problem occurs. Lion Brenda always kept her informed when she would be out of the office per the Personnel Manual. PDG Anderson said that there is so much that goes through the State Office that most of us do not realize. To be able to work for over 9,000 Lions is a big feat; the office has had very few problems this past year. PDG Anderson met with the Governors so that each of them understood what was in the Personnel Manual, and she suggested that this be done each year to further the knowledge of the Missouri Lions leaders. She has enjoyed working on this committee with other Lion leaders – PDG Marvin Stuenkel, PDG Eugene Taylor and Lion Steve Duncan.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** – No report.

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO** – DG Greg Gilliam reported on the progress of the Leo Program to date. They are focusing on the October Council of Governors Meeting and asked the Governors to make sure their Leo clubs can join with the others and have a program at the October meeting. One of the things that is necessary for this group, as we saw at the State Convention, is having Leos and Lions working together, participating together.

**LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE** - PDG Lisa Clinton introduced two International students who they are hosting: Michelle from Israel and Theresa from Germany. Both girls have parents who are Lions. PDG Clinton reported that eleven students from seven countries came to Missouri this summer: Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy and Turkey. She went through their agenda for the week they are at Camp Brim Shire and hoped Lions could join them for some of their events. She asked if anyone wanted to help the Youth Program to consider donating toward a C. Wayne Henderson Award. She also reminded the Governors about the upcoming Peace Poster program.

**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM** – PDG Ann Anderson explained to the Governors that she did not have a report in the packet because she was not even listed as the GLT MD Coordinator until after the International Convention, and as of that date LCI did not have any information available for GLT but would soon. PDG Anderson explained about the Global Action Team. As the GLT MD Coordinator, she is to be the leadership development expert ensuring districts achieve their goals. She is to educate, coach and mentor her coordinators while removing barriers that impede progress. Her drive and determination should inspire and empower districts to be successful in developing quality leaders. PDG Anderson remarked that she hoped she could live up to that and with everyone's help she is sure the goals can be reached together.

The Global Action Team is empowering clubs through the power of action. It was built with a vision that one day every need of the world could be served by a Lion or a Leo. It brings together the three key areas in Lions: Leadership Development, Membership and Service. By unifying the Global Leadership Team, the Global Membership Team and the Global Service Team as the Global Action Team it creates synergy and new opportunities for clubs to grow and serve. The mission of the Global Action Team is to champion the vision of LCI and LCIF and reignite the passion for service in our Lions and Leos. The goal is to ensure that Lions Clubs International impacts more than 200 million lives through service with 1.7 million Lions and Leo

members, and provide learning opportunities to more than 500,000 members by the year 2020. The Global Action Team can help you energize your members and take your club to the next level, give great service resources and dynamic project support, identify leadership development opportunities to empower all Lions, find compassionate new members and keep current members coming back. You can do more good for more people when you have some extra help. She explained that she and PDG Debbie Cantrell came up to report together because they wanted everyone to know that they would be working together and they hope that when the Council is able to appoint a GST MD Coordinator that they would be willing to work as passionately as they feel they are. When asked, she replied that she would be getting together with the Vice District Governors to design a plan for training that suits everyone involved.

PDG Debbie Cantrell added that we should all be excited about the Global Action Team. She gave a review of the latest membership numbers, as of June 30, 2017. Missouri had a total of 9,009 members. She was pleased to report that this is the third time in a row that three of our seven districts are showing positive growth numbers at the end of June. We continue to see a slowing in the decline in our numbers and are striving to see it do a full reversal. She had reached out via email to the District GMTs and Liaison Governor with the GMT District Coordinator position overview as well as an example of a New Member Inquiry. These are coming from LCI and are sent to us with individuals expressing interest in becoming a Lion through their website. She encouraged them to get with their Governor and have a plan in place for “working” these prospects. These are people who are interested in us; please do not let them fall through the cracks. She commented that our International President has a great theme “The Power of WE!” She and PDG Anderson are communicating regularly they are in agreement that there is power in we. When GLT, GMT and soon GST join forces it will be fabulous. They are working on a plan for Missouri to hold a Global Action Team Summit. Once the GST is in place they will include that person in the careful planning of this Summit. More details to come as this all unfolds. PDG Cantrell shared stickers of the Lion logo and asked that everyone attach them to their cell phones. We can use these to attract new members, begin conversations and talk about what it means to be a member and how we serve. She ended with quotes such as:

*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now. – Chinese Proverbs*  
*Never tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon. - Unknown*  
*The only way to do great work is to love what you do. – Steve Jobs*  
*Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm – Samuel Coleridge*

**MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – Written report only.

**MISSOURI LION BULLETIN** – Council Chair Boettcher thanked Lion Jennie Mosher for her years of service as the Editor.

**HEARING COMMITTEE** – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that their annual sweepstakes to fund their committee grossed \$13,533.30 this past year, almost \$1,000 more than the previous year. They stayed conservative with their expenses while using the vans and screeners to test many people at health fairs and children at schools. She congratulated the Freistatt, Norborne, Monett and Beaufort Lions Clubs for winning the sweepstakes prizes. A big thank you to DG Kevin Cantrell for building the new tumbler for their drawing. The Committee submitted a proposed budget for the 2017-2018 year for the Council’s approval.

**SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** - No report.

**SAVING SIGHT** – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto, Executive Director of KidSight, thanked the Lions of Missouri for all of the support they have given KidSight through the years. They were born and developed under the love and care of Lions and they have not forgotten that. Because of the help of volunteers, their volunteer center was the #1 processing center for glasses for ReSpectacle in 2016. They provided 10,706 glasses out of the 29,686 in the database. The next highest provider of eyeglasses provided under 1,000, making them #1 by a lot! ReSpectacle provides free eyeglasses to anyone in the world who has a prescription. Lions who come to Saving Sight in Columbia to clean glasses are a big part of this. KidSight continues to position itself for success as an independent non-profit. Lions can support them by volunteering and through financial support. As far as screenings for KidSight, they screened over 67,000 kids in fiscal

year 2016-17, with 3,650 being referred. Of those screened, 8,353 were screened by volunteers, or Lions, and they thank you. She recognized the fact that there are many questions about the reorganization of Saving Sight and KidSight and indicated that IPCC Joe Foster would be addressing that later.

**LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG George Winkeler reminded everyone what L.B.O.M.B is all about. It's mission is to work with and provide a helping hand for the blind to become self reliant. It is a private, not for profit corporation that acts as an agent for the family support division with the business enterprise programs under the direction of the Social Services support division, the Randolph-Sheppard Act and the Rehabilitation Services for the Blind in conjunction with the State of Missouri. They provide things such as training and licensing, inspections, insurance, operating funds, etc. If someone is blind or visually impaired and wants to work in one of these facilities they can probably get them a job. An individual would need to go through training, security checks, etc. but if they want to work L.B.O.M.B. can employ them. There are currently 35 facilities in Missouri, including one military base – Ft. Leonard Wood. They have not pulled the contract; L.B.O.M.B. is in it's 7<sup>th</sup> extension with them and serving 36,000 meals a week. Of those 35 facilities, 27 are run by blind vendors and 9 by temporary managers. Those 9 are as follows: 3 in the Kansas City area, 3 in the Jefferson City area, 2 in the St. Louis area and 1 in the Springfield area. They would like to see blind vendors in those 9 facilities. L.B.O.M.B. has quite an impact on the state of Missouri with jobs created, taxes paid, merchandise and equipment purchased, etc. Thank you to the Missouri Lions for their continued support. He reminded everyone that their contributions this year allowed them to apply for a matching federal grant money program (\$11,975 became \$59,958 of usable funds).

**WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND** – No report.

**LEADER DOG** – 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG Jessi Troester reported for Lions Phil and Phyllis Krebs who could not be in attendance. LCI has reported that 285 million people are visually impaired and 650 million people will be living with diabetes by 2037, which is the number one cause of blindness in working age adults. Leader Dog is very much needed. Besides guide dogs, Leader Dog does so much more, such as their accelerated orientation and mobility program, with a GPS, and a summer camp. She thanked everyone for their continued support of Leader Dog.

**MID-SOUTH** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Walt Hamer said he is excited about being President of Mid-South this year and representing the Lions of Missouri. At their annual meeting in June they had a cataract-a-thon, at which 32 cataract operations were performed in the morning. This reduced the waiting list from 44 to 8. Coming up is the first quarterly meeting September 15-16, along with the golf tournament and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Immediate Past President Lion Bob Corlew and his wife Lion Dianne as special guests. Missouri will be hosting the quarterly meeting on November 17-18 at Branson, with a special event on that Friday evening at the Dixie Stampede. He also had sad news to report that the relationship with the Mason Eye Institute in Columbia, MO has been canceled by them. Also, Boozman-Hoff Eye Clinic in Rogers, Arkansas, has discontinued services. Mid-South still has the Vold Vision Clinic in Fayetteville, Arkansas to handle patients in Missouri. He thanked all of the clubs and individuals that support Mid-South and reminded everyone they can be Champions by just giving \$10 per month.

**POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE** – DG Bob Noellsch reported that the committee recommends the following changes:

- Update names, dates, and colors of uniforms (from purple to green and yellow).
- On page 5, last paragraph, delete "the Mid-Winter Forum"; and, change from other GLT/GMT state programs to "other Global Action Team state programs".
- Page 25 under Parade Dress – add International candidates to International Directors and Past International Directors.
- *Page 25 under Parade Dress - remove the section allowing district governors to wear their official uniforms for the parade, leaving only district governors-elect in that section (amended 9/25/17)*
- Page 25 – delete the section about the Multiple District Breakfast.



- Page 27 – change Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum to “other Global Action Team Events”.

**PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEE** – DG Ron Campbell reported that the committee met and recommends no changes except updating the front page to add “no changes July 2017”

**2017-2018 COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSALS** – CC Boettcher announced that only one proposal had been submitted – for the Hearing Committee.

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Motion by DG Gilliam to receive the committee reports, seconded by DG Cantrell. Motion passed. CC Boettcher reminded the Governors to follow up on the committees that they serve on as Liaison Governors to make sure the first committee meetings of the new year are called.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS TURNED IN:**

M1 – 1      M2 – 0      M3 – 0      M4 – 9      M5 – 1      M6 – 0      M7 – 0

**KIDSIGHT** – CC Boettcher asked IPCC Joe Foster to come forward so that the two of them could address KidSight. CC Boettcher began by explaining that KidSight had made a request of the Missouri Lions for a list of our club presidents and secretaries so they could send mailings out to the clubs. He went on to explain that KidSight by itself is not an organization recognized by the Lions of Missouri, according to our Policy Manual. Saving Sight is but not KidSight. According to the Policy Manual on page 11 “The Council of Governors will appoint an ad hoc committee to review requests that projects/programs be added to or deleted from the list of MD 26 projects/programs.”

IPCC Joe Foster explained that he was going to try to discuss the facts about Saving Sight/KidSight and dispel all of the rumors going around. He said that a year before when he became Council Chair we were given the impression that Saving Sight was doing well, but since things have gone downhill. He and CC Larry Boettcher have been fighting this for the Missouri Lions and he thanked CC Boettcher for his support, as well as all Lions who attended the last Saving Sight Board Meeting for their support. He continued by saying that he was not going to sugar coat this but stick to facts. Years ago the Lions of Missouri were asked to join in with some individuals to create the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and start up a 501(c)3. The Missouri Lions took that organization under our wing and worked day and night since hauling things around, getting it into a building, getting grants, etc. Then a couple of years ago they decided they could do better without using that name and changed it to Saving Sight. However, the Lions of Missouri stayed with that organization, kept working with them, kept supporting it, kept working our football game to support it, kept doing what we do – we serve. The difficult thing he had to stand there and say that day was that there is no “we” in Saving Sight. Saving Sight is it’s own organization and does not need the Lions’ support to do what they want to do. We must understand that we do not exist at Saving Sight. Saving Sight is in trouble – the eye bank is in trouble. Profits are down on it, sales are down on it, causing a money conflict. They used to support our programs with \$400,000 per year. Even though we were told a short time ago that there were no issues, there is no money – very little in savings. Saving Sight has put out a proposal to the Board to go other ways. They had tried to get the latest information before the Council Meeting but could not get it because they are on their own timeframe.

The Board was given a 92-page document the evening before the last board meeting and were expected to vote on it that morning but did not vote. IPCC Foster told the Governors that there is really nothing they can do about this now; it is in the hands of the Board. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 12 when it will be voted on. He has struggled with this because he asked questions at the last board meeting but could not get answers. He encouraged the Governors to talk to their Board members.

KidSight – amblyopia screenings, eyeglass recycling, etc. does not pay the bills. There is no money generated. It is something that we do – we serve. The proposal that was presented wants to kick the Board to the side, The Board would go to KidSight. Saving Sight would take the eye bank and Vital Tears, the two

money makers. As far as the eyeglass recycling and screenings, Saving Sight does not want any part of this, no part of service. Saving Sight is offering to give KidSight the money it has in the bank plus \$500,000 plus another \$500,000 on the sale of the Columbia property. This means that KidSight would start out with \$1.4 million. Saving Sight also offers 5 years of support – office space, vehicles, clerical, office equipment, supplies, etc. The problem IPCC Foster has with this offer is that Saving Sight is struggling already and we know it will have to join with another organization at some point to make it. This has been said by other board members as well, and it has also been said that the Lions serving on the Board have slowed down the process of Saving Sight doing what it wants to do when it wants to do it. IPCC Foster asked at the last board meeting what happens to this support for KidSight if in six months Saving Sight gets bought out by some big company. They assured him “Oh, it’s in the contract”, but IPCC Foster feels that contract is only as good as the lawyers let it be, and lawyers cost money.

He asked the Governors to look this over. He thinks KidSight is what the Missouri Lions need to be a part of. He thinks what we do as Lions – screenings, eyeglass recycling – is a must in this state. In order to do that we have to have some kind of a facility, something to think about. The five years of support could end up being a good thing, but he wouldn’t want our organization sitting out there with no place to go. Moneywise, \$1.4 million is not a lot, but is a good start. Lion Katherine has trimmed the budget as much as she can. We need to forget that we have been kicked to the curb. He himself has struggled with giving a \$10 million company to one person. The Saving Sight Board consists of one Lion from each of the 7 districts, plus the Vice Council Chair and the Council Chair, along with 4 non-Lion members.

Much discussion and many questions followed. IPCC Foster added that KidSight is looking at grants and ways to get more paid screenings coming in as income. Right now the KidSight budget has been trimmed to \$530,000 and the cost to screen one child is \$10.

Many Lions expressed concern that the Lions serving on the Board should take control of this. IPCC Foster stated that if that proposal gets rejected the extra money for KidSight will come off the table. He added that it is so bad that they had to borrow \$800,000 at the last Board meeting to finish the building. That money was loaned to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. The way things are going all the money could be gone in six months. IPCC Foster said that he was told several times on that Board that he was overstepping his bounds, that the Board was there to make recommendations but the CEO runs the company. In his personal opinion, that is exactly what has been going on for awhile. When asked about the support offered in the contract, CC Boettcher added that he has concerns with the contract not being specific enough on the type of support. IPCC Foster added he does not feel Saving Sight is going to abandon KidSight, that they will give it office space and cars, etc., but his main concern is what will happen when Saving Sight is bought out. Someone had suggested that if the eye bank is going down, why don’t we sell Saving Sight now and keep the money for KidSight and keep the building in Columbia (valued at \$3.5 million but not getting any interest). The organization claims there is nothing to sell, no one would want it.

Many in the audience expressed concern that one person seems to be controlling everything, that the CEO is making all of the decisions. The Lions started this with nothing, and the Board needs to stand up and not let this get taken away. The eye bank is going broke, now is the time to sell. CC Boettcher pointed out that a couple of years ago (before he and IPCC Foster were involved) the Board adopted a governance policy and it is very specific on what the Board does and what the employees of Saving Sight do. Tony Bavuso runs the daily operations. The Board members’ purview is very limited. PDG Eugene Taylor commented that it is insane that a Board would vote away it’s powers. When asked, CC Boettcher clarified that if a 501(c)3 is dissolved that money must be moved over to another 501(c)3 entity in the same area you are, such as eyecare or healthcare.

PID Knipp said he could care less what the company is worth, but does not understand, with 9 out of 13 Board members being Lions, how this got so far out of hand. This should not pass if we have 7 Lions voting no. He added that if the CEO is the only employee the Board can fire, then get rid of him. We have given this away by not paying more attention. PID Knipp said it is correct that we don’t have a say, but we have

nine Board members. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG George Winkeler compared this to what happened with the L.B.O.M.B. Board several years ago and added that the nine Lion Board members should be told to stand up for what they were asked to do or resign so we can get someone on the Board who will.

IPCC Foster finished by saying whether we are a part of that organization or not we can still be there on August 12, and he hoped that many would show up. We don't want to lose sight of what we do as Lions. When we started this it was to help people see, it wasn't about millions of dollars and \$3 million buildings. It started with Lions, about \$25,000 cash and a will and heart to do what needed to be done. That's what started it. Are we going to support KidSight? Are we going to take it under our wing and make it happen? We have the Board members to move forward. To give some perspective on how things have been done, IPCC Joe Foster and CC Larry Boettcher purchased a \$1.9 million building at their first Board meeting at Saving Sight. At the end of IPCC Foster's term, the funds are gone, there is very little money in the Foundation, and at the last Board meeting, from the financial statement that did not even balance, he did not see how they were even going to pay the taxes. This gives you an idea on how fast things have gone downhill.

Some asked if this could happen to the Lions again down the road if they take on KidSight. We should be wiser and take more precautions and set guidelines next time to ensure this does not happen again.

CC Boettcher ended by asking what the Missouri Lions want to do. Are we going to stand behind KidSight no matter what happens? KidSight is its own entity now and needs our help, not just financially but with volunteers.

*(10 Minute Break)*

CC Boettcher reminded everyone that the proceeds from the All-Star Football Game that night go to Saving Sight. The point he wanted to make sure everyone understands is that, whether you write a check to KidSight directly or to Saving Sight, any money donated by Lions of Missouri immediately goes into the KidSight bank account. The money we donate is not used to run the eye bank, the money we donate today does go to eyeglass recycling and the KidSight screenings. When writing a check to Saving Sight, if you want to be clear, write "KidSight" on the memo line.

Going back to the KidSight request for a list of club presidents and secretaries with addresses, CC Boettcher reminded everyone that the only way that could happen is if the Council of Governors creates an ad hoc committee to look into that and come back with a recommendation to add KidSight as a supported organization. Then we could allow Lion Brenda to share those lists with them. DG Gilliam moved to suspend action on the KidSight request. DG Gilliam amended his motion to state that we would bring back the KidSight request at the October Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by DG Noellsch. DG Preston asked that we not waste time on this and go ahead and give them the lists. DG Gilliam said that we cannot release the addresses until we see what happens August 12. A vote was taken on the motion to bring this back at the October meeting. Ayes – 6 Opposed – 1 (M1) Motion carried.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL** – Tabled to Unfinished Business at October Council Meeting.

**WEBSITE PROPOSAL** – CC Boettcher reminded everyone that this has been turned over to the IT Committee to bring a recommendation back to the Council of Governors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVE AUDITOR FOR 2016-2017 YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – DG Preston moved to approve Graves & Associates for the financial review of the 2016-2017 year ending financial statement. Motion was seconded by DG Campbell and carried.

**APPROVE DEPOSITORY FOR ALL FUNDS** – DG Hathcock moved to continue using Jefferson Bank of Missouri as the depository for all funds. Motion was seconded by DG Gilliam and passed.

**APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET** – DG Noellsch moved to approve the Administrative Council Budget per the meeting on May 7, 2017, using \$767.00 out of reserves to balance. Motion seconded by DG Detter and carried.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES** – CC Boettcher read the list of those required to sign the Conflict of Interest Policy for this year and asked them to see Lion Brenda for a copy.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES & SPEAKERS** – CC Boettcher acknowledged that the list was covered earlier in the meeting.

**SITE FOR OCTOBER, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING** - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Duane DeClue reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors (with a vote of 6 to 1) recommend having the October 2018 Council Meeting at Ray's Banquet Center in Cape Girardeau, with the hotel rooms being at Auburn Place Hotel, where we can have the Friday night hospitality room. DG Preston moved to accept the recommendation to hold the October 2018 Council Meeting at Auburn Place Hotel and Ray's Banquet Center in Cape Girardeau, seconded by DG Cantrell. Motion carried.

**APPROVE DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS (ONE YEAR, LEAVING PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS)** – DG Gilliam moved to destroy one year of old financial records, leaving the previous five years. Motion was seconded by DG Campbell and passed.

**NEW BANK SIGNATURES** – DG Preston moved to approve the new signers (Council Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Weider, Council Chair Larry Boettcher, Vice Council Chair Ron Campbell, Assistant Council Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Cantrell) on the bank account for the 2017-2018 year. Motion seconded by DG Gilliam. When asked, CC Boettcher clarified that Jefferson Bank no longer requires a resolution for this to be done. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS** – CC Boettcher listed those Lions requiring special dispensation to serve on their respective committees for 2017-2018.

- PDG Lisa Clinton, M1 – Lions Opportunities for Youth
- PCC Kimberly Taylor, M2 – Constitution & By-Laws
- PCC Pat Porterfield – Lions Opportunities for Youth

A vote was taken on each by secret ballot. ID Noland assisted in counting the votes. CC Boettcher announced that all three were approved unanimously. Motion by DG Preston to ask ID Noland to destroy the ballots, seconded by DG Campbell and passed.

**AMEND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND 2016-2017 BUDGET** – DG Preston moved that the International Convention Committee be allowed to amend their 2016-2017 budget by \$500 to pay the Council Chair stipend to attend the International Convention, per the Policy Manual. Motion was seconded by DG Detter and passed.

**STATE PIN** – DG Preston moved that the Policy Manual Committee review the pin design timing at the State Convention and make a recommendation to the next Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by DG Noellsch and passed.

**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM FUND** – CC Boettcher explained that the Mid-Winter Forum is not a part of the Administrative Budget; it has its own fund. We just need to change their fund name and make changes to our financial records and reports in our software program to read "Global Action Team (GAT)". DG Noellsch moved that changes be made to the financial reports from Mid-Winter Forum to Global Action Team (GAT). Motion was seconded by DG Preston. CC Boettcher clarified that the funds can be used for leadership,

membership or service programs. The GAT will need to submit a budget for any use of that money for a leadership/membership forum. Motion carried.

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM** – CC Boettcher said that the Global Service Team (GST) is coming soon, and we will need for someone to be appointed for a three-year term as MD GST Coordinator. As the Multiple District GST Coordinator you are the service program expert, ensuring districts achieve their goals; educate, coach and mentor your coordinators, removing barriers that impede progress; your drive and determination should inspire and empower districts to be successful in maximizing beneficiaries served. Anyone who is interested should send their intent, to put their name in for that position, to CC Boettcher at least two weeks before the October Council Meeting. They will come to the October Council Meeting and will be given a few minutes to present to the Council their goals and inspirations for that position. PID Donal Knipp will be our GST Area Leader. Each district will need to appoint a District GST Chair as well.

**HEARING COMMITTEE BUDGET** – DG Cantrell moved to approve the Hearing Committee budget as presented. Motion seconded by DG Detter and carried.

**POLICY MANUAL CHANGES** – DG Hathcock moved to accept the proposed changes to the Policy Manual as presented. Motion seconded by DG Campbell and carried.

**PERSONNEL MANUAL CHANGES** – DG Noellsch moved to approve the change to the front page of the Personnel Manual as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Detter and carried.

**UNIFORM POLICY** – PDG Eugene Taylor expressed concern over our leaders not following the uniform policy and setting an example for the rest.

**TAIL TWISTER** – IPCC Joe Foster collected a total of \$105.55 in fines.

**NEXT MEETING** – October 28, 2017 – Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, MO. This is the meeting when the Governors host the hospitality room on Friday night.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by DG Noellsch, seconded by DG Detter, to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lion Brenda Weider*

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