

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 28, 2017
Camden on the Lake Resort, Lake Ozark, MO

The second meeting of the 2017-2018 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Larry Boettcher at 10:00 a.m.

Governor Ron Campbell gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Greg Gilliam.

Governor Kevin Cantrell led in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

Council Chair Boettcher welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

TAIL TWISTER – DG Hathcock moved that PCC Gina Boettcher be appointed Tail Twister, seconded by DG Preston. Motion passed.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Gilliam moved that the Tail Twister funds be used to purchase a brick at Leader Dog, seconded by DG Cantrell and motion passed.

At that time Council Chair Boettcher introduced our International Director, Lion Don Noland, who received a round of applause.

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	John Preston		Rodney McConnell
26-M2	Joe Detter	Joe Foster	George Winkeler
26-M3	Bob Noellsch		Susan Paden
26-M4	Ron Campbell	Richard T. Warner	
26-M5	Greg Gilliam	Pat Scott	Jessica Troester
26-M6	Kevin Cantrell	Walt Hamer	Toni Morris
26-M7	Lou Ann Hathcock	Mark Schaeperkoetter	

Council Chairperson IPDG Larry Boettcher, M4

International Director Don Noland, M3

Past International Director Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Council Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

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

M1: PDG Don Beckham, PDG Chris Clinton, PDG Lisa Clinton, Lion Richard Hashagen, Lion Sherry Hashagen

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Fran Detter, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Leon Hove, Lion Toni Mahoney, Lion Sandee Marshall, Lion Jeff Rackovan, Lion Kelly Rackovan, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, PDG Elmer Weinrich, Lion Jennifer Winkeler, PCC John Yount

M3: PDG John Clark, Lion Carol Deters, Lion Annie Kuhl, PDG Freda McKee, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, PDG Lyn Porterfield, PCC Pat Porterfield, IPDG Steve Wiechens

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

M5: PDG Jene Crook, PCC Gary Curtis, Lion Janice Curtis, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Aaron Troester & Future Leader Dog
M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Karen Hamer, Lion Phil Krebs, Lion Phyllis Krebs & Future Leader Dog, Lion Marlene Payne, Lion James W. Rosbrugh
M7: Lion Amy Bell, PCC Jeff Hilke, IPDG Don Soph, Lion Wayne Weider
Guest: Tim Russell, KidSight

Council Chair Boettcher asked everyone to join in singing "Happy Birthday" to DG Ron Campbell, who celebrated his birthday the day before.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DG Preston moved to approve the amended minutes of the July 22, 2017 Council Meeting. Seconded by DG Cantrell and passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Cantrell reported the assets as of September 30, 2017 were \$271,681.84 and the total liabilities and capital were \$271,681.84. He added that all dues have been paid and the annual financial review has been completed and a draft sent out. There were no questions.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – International Director Don Noland began by asking all of the women in the room to stand. He reminded everyone that this is the 30th anniversary of women in Lions and recognized all of the ladies. He also reminded everyone that we will have our first lady International President next year, Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir. He then announced that the Leader Dog with the Krebs is being named Gudrun in her honor. He thanked the ladies for their service and asked them to pose with him and the Leader Dog for a photo after the meeting. He explained that in a week he would be in New York, heading to India for the Board Meeting in Dubai. He emphasized that clubs report their activities to LCI. He closed with a quote from Mother Teresa *"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."*

USA/CANADA FORUM – ID Noland reported that there were 21 Lions from Missouri in attendance in Portland. There were 86 seminars and some great motivational speakers, including a lady who was born with no legs. Next year the Forum will be held in Columbus, Ohio. In 2019 it will be in Spokane, in 2020 it will be in Louisville, and in 2021 it will be in Des Moines.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – ID Noland added to the written report by PID Donal Knipp. The Institute will be held in Maryville again next year and, hopefully, it will not conflict with the All-Star Football Game and Council Meeting. PDG Roger Unruh and 1st VDG Pat Scott were presenters from Missouri this year. DG Greg Gilliam and PDG Don Beckham will be presenters from Missouri for the next two years. Multiple District 5 will withdraw from the GPLLI due to their geographic location.

LCIF – PID Dr. Garrett began by mentioning the recent major grants (South Asia received 20 grants totaling \$125,000, Japan received a \$100,000 grant, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma – each area received \$100,000 in grants, and Puerto Rico received \$100,000). In addition, there have been numerous \$10,000 grants sent on district governor requests. In MD 26, through the first quarter of this year, contributions totaled \$34,306 from the seven districts. The same time last year brought in \$20,509. The almost \$14,000 more was with only 21.69% of clubs in the state participating. That is 72 clubs out of 332. Great job for participating Lions. Last year, ending in June, we were close to 40% of clubs giving. We need to remember that this has been helping out with many catastrophes right here in the United States recently. Last year reserves handled the deficit when \$39 million was raised but LCIF granted \$45 million. With all of the catastrophes this year the need for help will be greater than ever. We cannot keep pulling from reserves forever. He urged everyone to have more designated projects for LCIF, so they don't have to take away from other projects, and don't forget individual donations.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PCC Gary Curtis reported that the Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game played in Warrensburg on July 22 was a success! He presented a check for \$10,000 for Saving Sight to Lion Annie Kuhl and Tim Russell. He personally thanked the Athletic Committee for their hard work putting this event

together. The new committee met in September in Jefferson City to prepare for the 2018 game. A budget was presented to the Council. The banquet speaker will be Colin Brown, a former University of Missouri player who was drafted by the Chiefs and later played for the Baltimore Ravens and Buffalo Bills. The 2018 Game will be played on July 21, 2018 at the University of Central Missouri Walton Stadium.

BAND COMMITTEE REPORT – IPDG Don Soph reported that the committee met in August with the decision to pursue recruiting a band for Las Vegas. They optimistically set the number of participants at 80, and met via conference calls over the past several weeks to come up with a budget proposal. This proposal was based on busing the students to Las Vegas for the 2018 Convention. They asked the Council to approve the busing budget; however, there was a possibility of flying the band there but they could not get any guaranteed costs for that until November 2. He then turned it over to 1st VDG Joe Foster to explain the possibility of flying.

1st VDG Foster has checked with multiple airlines and was only able to get one response – from Southwest Airlines. The good news is that they will allow two free checked bags and will allow one musical instrument per student as one of those two checked bags. They cannot get a firm price until November 2 though. They can book seats six months out. At the time of the Council Meeting the cost would have been \$275 each, but the prices do fluctuate. Southwest worked with him very well. They fly schools and bands weekly so they know how to do this. There was a question brought up in the work session about liability. 1st VDG Foster is sure that the liability of the airline would cover that; however, the airline will not take responsibility for the instruments. Even if the cost of flying went to \$350 each, it would still be cheaper than busing them, with the extra meals needed. However, because they could not get firm numbers to fly at that time, the proposed budget was based on busing the band to Las Vegas, staying at the university in Las Vegas and busing them back and forth while there. He further explained that the bus companies in Las Vegas are very, very proud of their buses,

He was questioned on where money would be saved if flying – part of the lodging and part of the meals. He explained that they did not know at that time because until the flights were actually booked, he could not say which days they would be able to fly (depending on which days the airline could accommodate a group of 90). Therefore, they would not know how many nights of lodging or how many meals it would save. When asked about lodging at the university in Las Vegas, he explained that Steve Eubanks, who was our Band Director for many years, is now at the university in Reno, Nevada, and the committee has been working with him on these plans. Even though staying at the university in Las Vegas saves money, it is quite a distance from the parade route, and it would be expensive to move the band back and forth.

DG Preston asked if any changes would need to be made to either our Constitution & By-Laws or Policy Manual to be able to fly the band versus busing the band. CC Boettcher replied that there is not currently anything in either the Constitution & By-Laws or Policy Manual that addresses how the band travels. PCC Jeff Hilke commented that our band has traveled by plane before; ID Noland added that they did not take a bus to Hawaii.

IPDG Soph said that the committee would look into the liability issue in their upcoming meetings. When asked, he said that they were currently looking at \$725 per student for a sponsorship amount. 1st VDG Pat Scott asked if a band director had been secured yet and what the stipend would be. IPDG Soph replied that a director had not been secured but they were leaning toward Steve Eubanks, and they had budgeted \$3,000 for total stipends. She asked how rehearsals here would work with him in Nevada. IPDG Soph said he understood that he could clear his schedule to come back here for the camp. When asked if his travel was included in the budget IPDG Soph said he believed so. When asked about the \$3,000 for entertainment in the budget, IPDG Soph replied that there was a lot of free entertainment in Las Vegas. They had discussed Hoover Dam, but it would be too expensive to do with buses, because all luggage would need to be removed and stored.

DG Hathcock added that the committee would be looking at getting sponsorships from local businesses to help with the funding, and the proposed budget does not reflect that. PDG Ann Anderson made the

correction that those sponsorships are listed as the miscellaneous income in the proposed budget (5 sponsorships @ \$725 = \$3,625).

DG Detter asked how we can be assured that we would end up with more than twenty students to march in the parade. DG Hathcock responded that M7 would do their part, and they always have. He suggested that every district state that they will send so many students. When asked, DG Detter replied that M2 would get 15 students. DG Preston said he could get 7, then 8, and in a week he would change it to 10. DG Detter responded that it would still not get us to 80, and DG Preston replied that there is a year to get to that point. 1st VDG Pat Scott said that even if we only get 40 it could make a great presentation; DG Preston added that it's not the number, it's the attitude. DG Detter then asked what the budget would be for 40 students. DG Detter said that he loved the idea of doing this, but not the cost of it. IPDG Soph again said that their goal of 80 is a lofty goal and that it would take a lot of work. PID Dr. Garrett asked how many students have been in the band each year for the past five years, preceding last year. PCC Hilke pointed out that \$725 is much more realistic for these kids to come up with, much more realistic for clubs to come up with to sponsor them, than the \$1,000 to \$1,100 that we've been charging in the past few years, if we want to do this. PDG James W. Rosbrugh, M6 Band Chair, said he could guarantee that M6 would provide 10 students. DG Cantrell asked if Lions could help fill the 80 spots to fly if we don't get 80 students. 1st VDG Foster said that on November 2 the committee will need to decide if they use buses or a plane. If they choose to fly, they will need to book those 80 seats at that time, or 90 to include staff and a check would need to be written for \$50 per seat as a deposit to hold them. It would be possible that any unused seats 45 days out could be taken by Lions; otherwise, we lose the deposit and Southwest will book those seats elsewhere. We must assign all of the seats we have reserved by 45 days out. If the committee chooses to go by bus and they come up with 60 students instead of 80, that \$725 figure goes up to \$925 or \$950, because 60 people cannot travel on one bus, and two buses will still be needed. If they get over 40 students they get into the second bus. However, if they reserve 80 seats on a flight and only use 40, then they lose 40 x \$50 deposit (\$2,000 - cheaper than that second bus). When asked if the flight would be from St. Louis, 1st VDG Foster said the most cost effective is from St. Louis. PCC Al Blumenberg asked if the Band Committee still has a reserve account, and how much is in it (approximately \$35,000, including approximately \$9,000 that is designated for specific districts, from past sponsorships).

Break for lunch (11:15 – 12:45)

HEARING COMMITTEE – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that the committee had met via conference call to discuss the screeners for the vans and had a nice conversation with District M5, whose members will help in maintaining the van that is in Independence, such as detailing, oil changes, repairs etc. Sweepstakes tickets were distributed to the district chairs. Since their meeting they received a directive from LCI that the Affordable Hearing Aid Project would be ending December 31, 2017. This also affects Mid-South. DG Ron Campbell has been in contact with manufacturers to see what kind of arrangement we could make with them to continue this program. DG Campbell added that there was a contract with the supplier; LCIF was notified that many areas were not using the program so their resources will be used elsewhere. DG Campbell is working with Mid-South in trying to get another supplier to keep our program going. Some possibilities are Rexton, Siemens; Beltone is not willing to participate. 1st VDG Joe Foster asked Lion Peggy where the hearing vans are being kept. She replied that one is in Independence and the other one is being moved around in its area, sometimes being stored at PCC John Yount's residence and sometimes at PDG Tom Steinbach's. 1st VDG Foster asked if it was ever considered that they be stored in the center of the state on an improved surface (not on grass, dirt or gravel) that is equally available to all districts. She said she would take this back to the committee. It was pointed out that they used to be stored at the State Office many years ago; but that was no longer possible, so the current five-year rotating schedule was implemented, along with adding the portable screeners.

SAVING SIGHT- Lion Annie Kuhl thanked everyone who brought eyeglasses to the meeting; they were loaded into her van and would be on their way to Columbia. During the last fiscal year ending June 30,

2017, Saving Sight provided 2,714 corneas for transplant. This fiscal year, through September, Saving Sight has provided 653 corneas for transplant in Missouri, Kansas and Illinois, with some going elsewhere in the United States and internationally as well. PID Dr. Garrett asked what the income was for the cornea transplants. Lion Annie said it depends on what type, but she estimated \$3,800. They continue to market in new services to transplant surgeons, including preloaded tissue for DMEK transplant surgeries and Vital Tears as a dry eye therapy. They are also working on launching preloaded tissue for DSAEK transplant surgeries. The Kansas City office will be moving in December or January into its new office. Their St. Louis location will also be moving into a new smaller office space in the old Northwest Plaza Mall building in St. Ann, MO in November. On Eyeglass Recycling she thanked the volunteers for their work; if interested in volunteering please call. A letter was sent to all Missouri Lions clubs in October clarifying the split of the two organizations and reminding them that their financial donations are still welcome to Saving Sight for the eyeglass recycling program, but are best directed to supporting KidSight. Tim Russell explained that in the past donations that have gone to Saving Sight from Lions Clubs have gone to KidSight. Their auditors have told them that from now on checks need to be written to either Saving Sight or KidSight. He wanted to mention three things:

- KidSight is respectfully asking the Council of Governors to approve KidSight as a Missouri Lions supported organization
- The KidSight website is www.kid-sight.org. Check out the specific Lions pages, with statistics on each county and Lions District, as well as volunteering information and information about the Henderson Fund.
- KidSight is now recruiting board members to represent all parts of the state. They are currently looking for members from northeast, southwest and central Missouri.

From July-September there were 17,000 screenings with 909 kids referred. They visited 267 schools and sites, and had 74% followup with parents. PID Dr. Garrett asked about the total number of board members. They could have anywhere from three to nine members; they currently had four members, two Lions (PCC Al Blumenberg and PDG John Reese) and two non-Lions. Their by-laws currently do not designate that they need to be from any specific parts of the state. When asked, Tim replied that there is no restriction on whether the board members are Lions or not. PID Dr. Garrett expressed his concern with that. Tim said that the Board could change the by-laws. 1st VDG Walt Hamer asked about the Heywood Snipes Awards. Tim replied that KidSight will continue with this program. There were many questions about checks written since July to Saving Sight with KidSight on the memo line, as previously directed by Donna Bradford of Saving Sight, specifically the \$10,000 check from the All-Star Football Game. Lion Annie said she would make sure it goes to KidSight. PID Dr. Garrett asked her for an accounting of it, possibly of all clubs who have made donations recently that are in question. He feels this is the responsibility of the organization, not of the individual clubs to have to contact Saving Sight. When asked, Tim said to send all money to Saving Sight or to KidSight at the Kansas City office. Lion Annie added that the mailing address will change in December or January once the move is completed, and they will communicate with the Lions of the new address.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – No report.

LCI VIDEO – ID Noland showed videos from LCI.

MELVIN JONES AWARD – PID Dr. Garrett showed the new pre-package of all parts of the Melvin Jones Award, which will make it more attractive and easier to present.

L.B.O.M.B. – 2nd VDG George Winkeler reported on the latest with L.B.O.M.B.:

- Extend their thanks to the clubs for their continued support
- They currently have 34 facilities, 8 under temporary managers and 2 being remodeled.
- Ft. Leonard Wood, where they serve 36,000 meals per week – they are now in their 7th extension, with number 8 coming.
- Rest area commercialization – A bill has been introduced in the House and Senate to commercialize all rest areas on all interstate highways. If this goes through, 400+ blind entrepreneurs could lose

their businesses, approximately 4,200 jobs nationwide. They are asking everyone to send out the sample letter on their website to their senators and representatives.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – No report.

LEADER DOG – Lion Phil Krebs reported on numbers from fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Lions in Missouri donated \$64,000. That places Missouri in the top 10 in Lions Districts supporting Leader Dog. He thanked IPCC Joe Foster for getting the recent trip to Leader Dog together for Lions from Missouri. Leader Dog was very impressed with the 49 Lions from Missouri. He also thanked the Council for designating the tail twister funds from that meeting for Leader Dog.

CAMP BRIM SHIRE POOL - Lion Rich Hashagen thanked last year's Council, LCIF, DG Preston and all Lions for their help in getting the grant approved for the new pool at Camp Brim Shire. The amount was \$59,375 and with additional funds raised the grand total was \$158,837.66. He showed a photo of the new pool and again thanked the Lions of Missouri for all of their help.

MID-SOUTH SIGHT & HEARING – 1st VDG Walt Hamer reported on the 75th Anniversary celebration of Mid-South; the highlight of the banquet was inducting Dr. James C. “Chris” Fleming into the L. B. Baker Hall of Honor. Dr. Fleming has been a strong supporter of Mid-South and has given much of his time in leadership and providing surgeries to needy patients. 1st VDG Hamer also mentioned upcoming dates:

- November 17-18, 2017 – Second Quarter Meeting – Branson Grand Plaza Hotel
- March 2-3, 2018 – Third Quarter Meeting – Clarion on the Lake, Arkansas
- April 12-14, 2018 – Lion Leaders Weekend – Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis (especially good for VDGs)
- June 1-2, 2018 – Fourth Quarter Meeting – Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis

He had some flash drives to share for club meetings, with a story of a young girl who was found to be developing some eye issues and would have gone blind if she had not received help. They are looking for volunteers to serve on the various committees of Mid-South, if anyone is interested.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that the committee had recently met via teleconference and elected officers. She was elected Chairperson again, Lion Dave Ash of M3 was elected Vice-Chairperson and Lion Amie Coleman of M7 was elected Secretary. The committee reviewed the current updated Policy Manual and did not find any issues with it. They also reviewed the proposed changes regarding pin design and did not see any issues with that. They will need to discuss, and if necessary, prepare any necessary wording for updating our Constitution and By-Laws required by the changes to the endorsement period for International Officers passed at LCI Convention in July. She asked the Governors to let the committee know of any other proposed changes so they can have the wording prepared for the January Council Meeting.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Jene Crook reported that the committee has made two site visits, one to the potential site of the 2019 convention in St. Joseph. That cabinet would be meeting in a week to hopefully approve that convention. The other visit was to the DoubleTree in St. Louis, the site of the 2018 convention. The committee presented budgets to the Council for approval. She reminded the Governors that we need to be planning ahead for state conventions. We should be discussing 2020 and 2021 at this time to give the committee time to make the necessary arrangements. The next International Convention will be in Las Vegas. Missouri will be in the Luxor Hotel and the headquarters hotel is the MGM Grand.

2018 HOST CONVENTION COMMITTEE – 1ST VDG Joe Foster reported that the host committee for 2018 is working very hard at making it a success. He added that PCC Gina Boettcher is working beside him on this. He asked the host committee to stand up and be recognized.

PCC Gina gave the convention details. The dates of the convention are April 26-29 at the DoubleTree Hotel in St. Louis. The cost is \$89 per night. Full registration which includes the hospitality night, luncheon and banquet, along with the Plenary Sessions and Seminars, is \$75 per person. The theme is the Gateway to

Vegas. There will be a silent auction and the contacts for that are 2nd VDG George and Lion Jennifer Winkeler. In January the 1st Vice District Governors will be looking at the hospitality area, and the cost will be \$175 per district or per organization. The website should be up and running soon, and payments can be made by PayPal. The committee will reduce the registration fee for the Leos (\$15 registration only, \$40 registration and lunch, \$45 registration and banquet, or full registration for \$60). A separate registration form is available for Leos. Please make notice of the two different registration forms! The committee is also looking for suggestions for seminars. Early bird registrations, by January 27, will be entered into a drawing for the Vegas-theme basket. The International Guest will be Past International President Al Brandel from New York.

1st VDG Foster explained the service project they will be doing at the convention. He showed the prize to be given to the District Governor whose district wins the contest. The two recipients of this project will be the Missouri School for the Blind and Camp Brim Shire. Camp Brim Shire needs special wheel chairs to use in the new salt water pool; the lowest price he found online was \$433. They need at least four of these. The way the project will work is they are accepting items such as these and also food items. Every item that is donated earns points for that district (1 point per dollar spent). For example, if a district donates a wheel chair for \$433 and brings the receipt and wheel chair, that district will earn 433 points. If two districts wish to split the cost of a wheel chair, they can split the points. He also gave the Governors a wish list from the Missouri School for the Blind, such as audio equipment and educational statues and figurines. The host committee will work to make sure districts are not duplicating purchases. He stressed that the districts need to let them know of their plans. Regarding food items – one item equals one point. Example: bag of bubble gum = 1 point, case of canned goods = 1 point per can. They are also taking toiletries, such as toothpaste. Some of these items may go to other places as well, wherever it is most needed at the time. If monetary donations are made to one of these two organizations, they will also give points for each dollar of donation. The winning district will be announced sometime Friday night of the Convention and will be given VIP treatment, such as special seating at functions, etc. They will be well taken care of. When asked, he explained that M2 is not eligible for this. District M2 will participate by donating but will not be eligible for the award. 1st VDG Foster hopes he needs a tractor trailer to collect all of the items that day. They plan to have a news station there to cover this as well. When asked if a district brings a pallet of water, how many points would be given, he replied that they would get 1 point per bottle. The committee is considering asking the Leos to help them with counting items.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO – DG Greg Gilliam reported on the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation. The second USA/Canada Leo Forum will be held in August, 2018, in New York. They are asking Lions in Missouri to consider donating to the Foundation to help offset some of the cost for the Leos when they attend the Forum.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM – PDG Ann Anderson reported that all of the Global Leadership District Coordinators came together in August in Jefferson City for a very productive day. They went over their duties, different ways of doing club officer training and went through a recap of a seminar concerning “respect”. PDG Anderson explained that she had reached out to LCI many times and as of that time they did not have the revised training for VDGs or a release date for it. They do not “mandate” that the VDGs attend any training other than the training they present, but highly recommend they attend everything they can that is presented in their state in preparation for their year as Governor. She does plan to work with the VDGs on things they need to know about the Missouri Lions and how they function. She and PDG Debbie Cantrell, GMT Coordinator, are working on setting a date for a joint summit and hope to include the GST when up and running. They are also looking at having some type of forum in the future.

PDG Debbie Cantrell reported that MD 26 membership had dropped below 9,000 at 8,957. Only District M1 has shown positive growth in the last quarter. District M3 just chartered a new club. They now have GMTs functioning in all seven districts; hopefully we will feel the impact of that. They continue with the monthly membership tips. The vinyl logo stickers seem to be a hit with many reorders being placed! She shared her latest creation “Just Ask! Folded Napkin Campaign”. It is a folded napkin design talking guide on highlights to hit as you speak to people, such as our motto, our programs, how we serve our communities,

developing leaders, how to share talents, etc. It can be personalized with individual club information. She provided the printer's business card and she gave the printer her permission to share this design with any Lions in the state. Tidbit: She chose the napkin design as many clubs in past years took club minutes on a folded napkin. She said the cost was about \$400 for 1,000.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – No report.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – PDG Debbie Cantrell read a letter from Lion Faith Power, the editor. She appreciated all of the input for her first issue, and would appreciate any feedback on how it can be improved. Articles and photos can be sent to her throughout the quarter. The next issue will be published the end of January, and the deadline for articles will be January 20. Her email address is fepec46@mail.missouri.edu.

ALERT – PDG Debbie Cantrell reported that she had participated in the ALERT presentation at the USA/Canada Forum. She mentioned the grant program available for getting an ALERT trailer, and she has a PowerPoint presentation available for anyone that wants it emailed to them. She added that in three years after getting a trailer, you can apply for more to enhance it.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Lion Amy Bell reported that the committee had met in August and evaluated three proposals to have the website redesigned. The proposal selected was Rebecca M. Wolfe Designs. The committee was asking the Governors to approve the contract (\$1,000 for website design and development and \$30 per month for maintenance and hosting). Based on the discussion in the work session what she felt would be most efficient was to recommend approval for the current year for the \$1,000 plus \$30 per month for six months. She would come back with a revised contract for upcoming years that would include maintenance fees and a cancellation disclaimer. She would hope to have something to show at the next Council Meeting in January. The Missouri Lions would own the content of the website if we would decide to make a change in the webmaster down the road.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – No report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the state office has been running very smoothly. Lion Brenda had to be off for knee surgery, but PDG Anderson reported that she came back early to get all of the packets ready and sent out to the Governors and all who receive them. She added that the office is very efficient and runs like a well-oiled machine. She asked that everyone help by being respectful and patient with the office staff. There are times they are very busy and need some time to get requests completed. Remember that there are only two of them compared to around 9,000 other Lions. Some requests can be handled in the districts by asking the Governors. The Lions of Missouri should be very proud of this office. It is always clean and neat and professionally run.

PIN TRADERS – No report.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – PCC Pat Porterfield reported on the exchange program and camp. This year they had eleven youth from seven different countries. Several changes are planned for next year. They will require a signed behavior contract, with signatures of both youth and parents, as part of the application documents. There have been times recently when staff has had to enforce expectations, including a desire to terminate a student's camp experience by returning the student home early. This change will hopefully help both staff and students. Another issue is that there was only one adult for much of the time at camp to supervise the youth, set up meals, coordinate service and recreational activities and stay on top of transportation and field trip agendas. The plan is to ask for adults, especially men, to volunteer to spend a day (or more) at camp to assist staff. Overnight stays are not expected at this time but would be helpful, in case of an emergency. As part of the plan for additional staff, they are planning for one or two of our American Leos to spend some time at camp to interact with the exchange students in an effort to help them get to know our culture better. The dates for next year's camp: July 1 – July 30.

Regarding the Leo Program, she indicated that they hope to pair two Leos with tables of Lions at the banquet to give them an opportunity to interact with Lions. She asked the Governors to please contact their Leo club advisors for some information for the training available for Leo advisors through LCI. They need to know whether they would prefer a face-to-face meeting or a GoToMeeting format, as well as which month of the year would be most convenient.

Peace Poster Program – deadline dates are coming soon – posters to Governors by November 15, received by Council Chair by December 1, and received at LCI by December 15.

The committee presented a budget for the Council's approval.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Gilliam moved to receive the reports. Seconded by DG Noellsch and motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS – None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES – Council Chair Boettcher read the list of those who still needed to sign the policy after the meeting.

INVESTMENT POLICY – DG Preston moved to accept the Investment Policy. There was no second. The Governors indicated that they want more time to consider this.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM MD COORDINATOR – CC Boettcher announced that he had one person who expressed an interest in the position – Lion Carol Deters. She addressed the Council, explaining that she is enthusiastic, works well with others, and would like to work with PDG Ann Anderson and PDG Debbie Cantrell on the Global Action Team to help keep Lions motivated in achieving their goals. She is passionate about Lions, she learned so much with her late husband, PDG John Deters, and is invested in the future of LCI. She has drive and determination and hopes to inspire and empower others to be successful in maximizing their service in their communities. She pledged to work hard with the Global Action Team and is excited to share ideas. A secret ballot vote was taken, and Lion Carol Deters was elected by a unanimous vote. DG Cantrell moved to destroy the ballots, seconded by DG Preston and passed. ID Noland would destroy the ballots.

KIDSIGHT REQUEST – Point of Order: DG Preston asked the Parliamentarian if it was required to appoint an ad hoc committee for this or could it go straight to a vote. Parliamentarian Boettcher stated that, according to the Policy Manual, an ad hoc committee must be appointed to make any changes to the list of MD 26 projects/programs. DG Preston moved to create an ad hoc committee to investigate adding KidSight to the Policy Manual as a supported organization. It was seconded by DG Noellsch.

DG Gilliam expressed concern, as PID Dr. Garrett had stated earlier, that certain things need to be put into place at KidSight moving forward. Lions need to see that we have representatives on that board and that those things are brought up in their Constitution and By-Laws before this group fully endorses what is happening. It was explained that the ad hoc committee's responsibility is to come back to the Council of Governors for it's action. Point of Order: DG Preston asked the Parliamentarian to explain the purpose of the ad hoc committee. Parliamentarian Boettcher explained that he was not involved when that was put into the Policy Manual, but thought perhaps it was done to keep every Council from randomly adding anyone to the list. It is a way to have seven more independent individuals take a look at the request. Remember that it is not a request that everyone has to give them money but only that as a Council they are suggesting to the Lions of Missouri that it is an organization they should consider supporting. These are independent organizations and it is our decision on whether an individual organization is doing things that we as Lions want to support. DG Campbell explained that this needs to be looked at because KidSight has been split from Saving Sight and is now a separate organization. PCC Al Blumenberg, who is the current President

of the KidSight Board of Directors, began by excusing himself for being blunt. He went on that the fact of the matter is that KidSight is a separate 501(c)3 organization; that decision was made by the Saving Sight Board of Directors over two years ago. The organization is there to do screenings for kids. It is interesting to him that as Lions we've wanted to do screenings for kids forever, and now we have a separate organization, and there are actually legitimate reasons why it is a separate organization, and the Lions in the state of Missouri are now saying "Oh, we don't know if we want to do that." That's what he's hearing. (To make a point, PCC Blumenberg stated that an ad hoc committee was appointed over a year ago, from two financial people, to give you an investment policy to adopt, and here we are another year later, and we still don't have it.)

CC Boettcher explained that the ad hoc committee would be appointed to review requests that projects/programs be added to or deleted from the list of MD 26 projects/programs.

Vote taken and motion passed. CC Boettcher asked for a name from each Governor of who would be serving on that committee. The hope is that the committee would meet and come back at the January Council Meeting with a recommendation for the Council to consider.

WEBSITE PROPOSAL – DG Hathcock moved to approve the website proposal by Rebecca M. Wolfe Designs (\$1,000 plus \$30 per month for six months) with the caveat that they come back at the January Council Meeting with an updated contract. Seconded by DG Preston and passed.

SITE OF OCTOBER, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST VDG Pat Scott presented a proposal by Camden on the Lake Resort for the October, 2018 Council Meeting. It includes Friday, October 26 through Sunday, October 28, 2018, with 35 rooms blocked on Friday night and 15 rooms on Saturday night at \$110 plus tax per night, complimentary hospitality space, lunch and breakfast specials. DG Cantrell moved to rescind their prior approval of an October, 2018 Council Meeting in Cape Girardeau. It was seconded by DG Detter and carried. DG Noellsch moved to accept the proposal from Camden on the Lake Resort for the October, 2018 Council Meeting. It was seconded by DG Campbell and carried.

POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE – DG Bob Noellsch read the proposed change regarding the state pin on page 21 – *The Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club shall work with the 1st Vice District Governors-Elect prior to the Council of Governors Meeting at each State Convention. The 1st Vice District Governors-Elect may select a presented design or one of their own and will approve a single design. The Pin Traders Club will arrange for the production of the approved number of pins and give them to the District Governors-Elect at the next State Convention.* DG Preston moved to revise the Policy Manual on page 21 regarding pin design as presented by DG Bob Noellsch. It was seconded by DG Hathcock and carried. 1ST VDG Walt Hamer stated that it should state "page 20" of the Policy Manual. DG Preston amended his motion to state "page 20" of the Policy Manual. DG Hathcock seconded and motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL 3RD VICE PRESIDENT – DG Cantrell moved to endorse PID Brian Sheehan from Minnesota for International 3rd Vice President. Seconded by DG Gilliam and passed.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS:

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – DG Gilliam moved to accept the Athletic Committee budget. Seconded by DG Campbell and passed.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – DG Preston moved to accept the International Convention budget as presented. Seconded by DG Detter and passed.

STATE CONVENTION – DG Noellsch moved to accept the State Convention budget. Seconded by DG Preston and passed.

YOUTH – DG Gilliam moved to accept the Opportunities for Youth budget. Seconded by DG Noellsch and passed.

BAND – DG Hathcock moved to accept the Missouri Lions All-State Band budget. Seconded by DG Gilliam. DG Cantrell asked if they could approve it as a working budget instead of a set budget. CC Boettcher stated that once a budget is set, as long as you don't go over budget, it is okay. PDG Ann Anderson said that a committee is allowed to come back with an adjusted budget at any time. Vote was taken and needed to be taken by a show of hands: Aye – 4, Opposed – 4. Failed - budget not approved.

Question was asked about the Council Chair voting. Parliamentarian Boettcher explained that according to the International Convention the Council Chair gets a vote on the Council. He further stated that, according to the Missouri Lions MD Constitution, page 6, under Article V, Section 2 (d) *Each member of the council of governors, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the Council of Governors.*

DG Hathcock asked if by not approving the budget the Band Committee would no longer function in planning to have a band. CC Boettcher replied that is correct unless something changes. DG Detter moved to charge the Band Committee to hire a band for Las Vegas. Seconded by DG Noellsch. Vote was taken by a show of hands: Aye – 4, Opposed – 4. Failed - CC Boettcher stated that there is nothing for the band for this year, at this time.

DG Gilliam moved to ask the Band Committee to explore the opportunity of what it would cost to rent a band and to come back with both proposals at the January meeting. CC Boettcher stated the motion was to charge the Band Committee with looking at both revising their current budget and also bring another budget forward to hire a band in Las Vegas. Seconded by DG Cantrell. PDG James W. Rosbrugh stated that January would be too late; it would be much wiser on the part of the Council to let the committee continue operating and call a special Council of Governors Meeting to approve a budget. He went on to say that the Council was doing a disservice to the youth of Missouri to hire a band. CC Boettcher made a point of clarification that in the Missouri Lions Constitution and By-Laws, the Missouri Lions All-State Band is in no way mentioned as a youth band. It can be whatever the Lions of Missouri want it to be. 1st VDG Joe Foster said that the band has been a topic of discussion for many years. It comes down to this. Half of this Council feels they cannot commit to this band or has other ideas than the other half of this Council. As a member of the Band Committee, he promised his Governor that he would commit to getting 15 students for a band, but he cannot wait until January to try to do so. In his opinion, if this Council cannot come to an agreement then the committee needs to look at other options. If the whole state of Missouri is not behind this then the committee will not succeed in what they are trying to do in forming a band. Vote was taken on the motion to charge the Band Committee with producing a new budget proposal for the band and a budget proposal for the option to hire a band in Las Vegas and come back to the Council. All ayes. Opposed – none. Motion carried.

DG Preston requested a re-vote on the Band budget. DG Preston moved to vote to accept the Band budget as presented. Seconded by DG Hathcock. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Aye – 4, Opposed – 4. Failed. CC Boettcher reminded the Band Committee that if they get both proposals completed they could come to him and request that he set up a special Council Meeting, but it would take 15-days' notice. DG Preston asked for suggestions for the Band for this new budget. CC Boettcher suggested that the Governors go back and talk with their District Band Chairs about what happened at this meeting and what they would like to see happen to be the best thing for the state of Missouri.

ACCEPT FINANCIAL REVIEW DRAFT – DG Detter moved to accept the draft of the annual Financial Review. Seconded by DG Campbell and carried.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE MISSIONS - DG Detter moved to approve the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation using "Missouri Lions" in their name. Seconded by DG Preston and carried. DG Preston moved to charge the previously created ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of adding the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation as a supported organization. Seconded by DG Campbell and carried.

MISSOURI NATIONAL VIETNAM MEMORIAL – DG Preston told about the Missouri National Vietnam Memorial wall in Perryville to be completed by Memorial Day, 2018. He asked the Council of Governors to consider a letter of endorsement telling the rest of the Lions in the state that this is a worthy memorial to donate to. DG Cantrell moved that the Council of Governors send a letter of endorsement. Seconded by DG Campbell and carried.

CONFERENCE CALLS – CC Boettcher explained new information on our teleconferencing system. There are some state committees that have asked to use the system (such as Constitution & By-Laws, Sight and Marketing Communications), but they fall under the Council budget and do not currently have a budget to cover the costs. He suggested that the 1st Vice District Governors might want to look at this when they prepare their budget for next year. When this came up a few weeks prior, Parliamentarian Terry Boettcher did some investigating and found a promotion on the website of our provider. CC Boettcher contacted Lion Brenda, who in turn contacted the company and requested a change in our rates based on this promotion. We now have new rates effective November 1, 2017. Basically, if you are using a cell phone or even a landline with unlimited long distance, you should call in on a teleconference by using the toll number provided instead of the toll-free number. Our old rate was 4.9¢ per minute per caller. The new rates will be 1.5¢ by using the toll number and 3.9¢ by using the toll-free. He urged everyone to use the toll number from now on if at all possible. He reminded the 1st Vice District Governors that with the cheaper rates it may be easier to find some money to budget for those committees that would like to use teleconferencing.

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CAMPAIGN – CC Boettcher read a letter from Lions Clubs International and presented a patch to DG Joe Detter, M2, for more than 50% of clubs participating in two or more Centennial Service campaigns.

AWARDS - CC Boettcher read a letter and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to IPCC Joe Foster for his contributions as Council Chair from IPIP Chancellor Bob Corlew.

LEADER DOG BRICK – DG Preston moved to approve the wording on the Leader Dog brick as presented by Lion Phyllis Krebs. DG Cantrell seconded and motion carried.

EYEGLOSS CASE PROJECTS – PCC Pat Porterfield explained how eyeglass cases can be used as projects for mini first-aid kits or travel toiletries bags. She had information available if anyone was interested.

GUIDING LION AWARD – DG Joe Detter presented 2nd VDG George Winkeler with his Certified Guiding Lion Award.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – Parliamentarian Terry Boettcher stated that the Constitution and By-Laws needs to be changed regarding checks going to Saving Sight to KidSight. On Page 11, section (k) for the Athletic Committee it states "Net funds generated by this committee shall be donated to The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, doing business as Saving Sight". Also on page 7, Section 6 (b) Sight Committee – should we change MLERF to KidSight? PCC Kimberly Taylor replied that the Committee will look into both issues.

TAIL TWISTER – PCC Gina Boettcher collected a total of \$544 for a Leader Dog brick.

NEXT MEETING – January 27, 2018 – DoubleTree Hotel Westport – St. Louis

ADJOURNMENT – DG Preston moved to adjourn. Seconded by DG Cantrell and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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