

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, April 18, 2020
Video Conference via Zoom (due to COVID-19 pandemic)

The fourth meeting of the 2019-2020 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Walt Hamer at 9:35 a.m.

DG John Ross gave the Invocation.

CC Walt Hamer welcomed everyone. He acknowledged “this has been a strange year”. He noted he enjoyed visiting most of the district conventions that were held. M3 and M4’s district conventions were canceled due to the coronavirus. For the first time ever, the International Convention was canceled. CC Hamer thanked many people for their support and work this year, particularly those who dealt with the cancellation of the State Convention, and the GAT for organizing the Mid-Winter Forum. CC Hamer stated that the Past District Governor name tags have been mailed to the District Governors.

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	Rodney McConnell	Scott Sattler	
26-M2	George Winkeler Jr.	Sandee Marshall	Devin Struttmann
26-M3	Susan Paden	Bob Noellsch	
26-M4	John Ross	Harold Spire	James Pedersen
26-M5	Jessica Troester	Joe Storms	Randy Winkler
26-M6	Toni Morris	Theresa Kee	Phyllis Krebs
26-M7		Don Soph	Melissa Anderson

Council Chairperson IPDG Walt Hamer, M6
 Immediate Past International Director Don Noland, M3
 Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; W.R. O’Riley, M4
 Parliamentarian PDG James W. Rosbrugh, M6
 State Office Administrative Assistant Lion Jackie Twehus

- M1:
- M2: Lion Leon Hove, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor
- M3: PDG Sandy McCann, IPDG Michael Sliger
- M4: PDG Wayne Cunningham
- M5:
- M6: Lion Phil Krebs
- M7:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Troester moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2020 Council Meeting as distributed. It was seconded by DG Winkeler and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Troester gave the third quarter financial report, stating current assets of \$253,299.17. The total liabilities were \$1082.88, total capital was \$252,216.29, for a total of liabilities and capital of \$253,299.17. DG Winkeler moved to approve the financial report, seconded by DG Morris. Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Don Noland updated his written report. He noted that currently LCIF has awarded 81 COVID-19 relief grants, with a total of \$2,237,705. He has received dates for all the conventions. He confirmed dates for M4, M6 and M7. He is still in need of a date for M1 convention. He clarified that all DGE’s will take office July 1st. All International officers and Board of Directors will stay in

place. There will be an election in Montreal in 2021. IPID Noland has talked with 1st VP Doug Alexander and noted it will be interesting if others come forward that might be interested in that position. He and 1st VP Alexander also discussed the New Voices Initiative. IPID Noland expressed his opinion on how the New Voices Initiative should be continued on, and that New Voices should be an LCI initiative instead of a Presidential program. In response to DG Troester's question regarding new information/guidance for DGE's since President Choi will continue the office for another year, IPID Noland stated he would follow up, but expects updates, though LCI's offices continue to be closed until the end of the month.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – IPID Don Noland reported that year to date the Missouri Lions have contributed \$15,718.33, second only to Arkansas in contributions.

USA/CANADA FORUM – Written report included with IPID Noland's International report.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PID Donal Knipp did not have anything additional to add to his written report. PID O'Riley added that he had had a conversation with the GPLLI Board Chairperson. He stated that we had applied for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute to be held in conjunction with the GPLLI and will see if that grant money will be available. A board meeting will be held after April 21, 2020, but right now it looks like the GPLLI will be canceled for 2020.

LCIF – written report only.

SAVING SIGHT – written report only.

KIDSIGHT – written report only. CC Hamer noted that KidSight has not been able to screen as many kids due to school closings, but the volunteer screener program has grown since last year.

SIGHT CONSERVATION REPORT – no report.

EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – Lion Leon Hove reported that all missions for 2020 have been canceled and will probably find out late summer what will happen for next year.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE- Lion Leon Hove stated we were down 11% through the end of March, but there has been a slight improvement – only down 10% at present. No one knows what is going to happen with the market because of the virus.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – 2nd VDG Melissa Anderson presented an oral report. She stated the staff in the LBOMB office has been working from home since March 23. Currently, there are only 5 facilities open throughout the state due to the virus. LBOMB did apply for the PPP loan because they are still paying the office staff and managers that are in the LBOMB facilities. The remainder of the employees were advised to apply for unemployment. One of the vendors did also apply for the PPP loan because he has about 16 employees. Others with only 1 or 2 employees, had those employees claim unemployment. 2nd VDG Anderson said the government is not yet accepting unemployment applications for the self-employed vendors. She noted that LBOMB does have liability insurance to cover product loss for vendors. LBOMB is covering the \$500 deductible for everyone. They are waiving administrative fees for any vendor that is still operating.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM – no report.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING – written report only.

LEADER DOG – In addition to her written report, 2nd VDG Phyllis Krebs added that things are changing every day. Puppy returns are being delayed. Prism's return has been delayed until August, and she has not heard about Szabo. Breeding is also being paused, though there are puppies still being born and needing homes. Dogs on the campus are obviously still being cared for and some training does occur there. Dogs that have completed their training have been re-homed for the most part, so they can continue to work on the training and be in more of a home environment until placement can resume. The trip to Detroit in the fall is still planned.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – Parliamentarian Rosbrugh clarified that his report was written before the State Convention was canceled. Since the cancellation, he has been looking over the current Constitution and By-Laws. He is inserting the mandatory items from Lion International and will have that ready for publication very shortly.

CC Hamer raised the issue of voting for the site of the 2022 State Convention. DGs had been previously discussing via email how the voting was going to take place. His thought was that we needed to contact all of the delegates and have them cast a vote for or against Rolla as the site for the 2022 Convention. Some Governors suggested that the vote does not need to go that route due the extenuating circumstances, and that the Council can simply vote on the site's location. Given that information, DG Winkeler made a motion to accept Rolla as the site of the 2022 State Convention. DG Troester seconded the motion. Parliamentarian Rosbrugh questioned the legality of the Council being able to make that determination since it is in the Constitution that delegates at the Convention vote on the location. DG Winkeler then stated that if it is delegates at the Convention that should vote, we should be able to send out an electronic email for voting because the Lions International Board of Directors has allowed for electronic voting. DG Troester added that an electronic anonymous survey for voting purposes can be sent out. DG Winkeler moved to have electronic voting take place, to be sent out as soon as possible and a time limit of 7 days to cast a vote be set. The previous motion by DG Winkeler to have the Council determine the site of the 2022 Convention was ruled out of order, as it goes against the Constitution. DG Winkeler's motion to have electronic voting by delegates with a 7-day response time was seconded by DG Paden. CC Hamer has a list of all the people that registered for this year's canceled State Convention. He will send that list to each Governor. He asked that the Governors look up the email addresses of all the people that are legal delegates. The question was asked if we are confident that everyone that is a delegate has an email address and whether we are disenfranchising those without? CC Hamer stated that it is a "yes or no" vote. There is no other location offering a bid. After much discussion about how or whether to proceed with electronic voting as some delegates may not have an email account, Parliamentarian Rosbrugh weighed in, and based on the Constitution, he felt voting from delegates with an email address, would satisfy the quorum. The motion to do electronic voting among the delegates with an email addresses was carried. It was decided not to vote on the Constitution and By-Laws at this time.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – no report. DG Winkeler added that the Athletic Committee is scheduled to meet later in the day to try to determine if there will be a football game in July, as the University may still be closed at that time.

BAND COMMITTEE – 1st VDG Don Soph submitted a written report and had no additional information.

HEARING COMMITTEE – No report. DG Troester expressed concern with how this pandemic situation is affecting the Hearing Committee's fundraising and budget, as typically the big drawing occurs at the State Convention. DG Ross replied that they are going to go ahead and draw the names on the hearing certificates. IPCC Ron Campbell will draw and the names will be posted.

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – No report.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE –PDG Jene Crook submitted a written report but also sent in an additional question regarding State Pins. Since the International Convention is also cancelled, she wanted to know if we wanted to distribute the State Pins as if the Convention was going forward? DGs agreed to distribute them as normal.

2020 STATE CONVENTION - PDG Sandy McCann submitted a written report. There were no additions. CC Hamer thanked her for all she did regarding the State Convention and its subsequent cancellation.

2021 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE – A written report was submitted by PDG Jene Crook. DG Troester added that the committee is still working with the Hilton Garden Inn. They are in talks regarding what the Lions’ contractual obligations would be if we are in the same situation next year, as we had this year with the pandemic. They will get the registration form out as soon as they can.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM:

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP – written report only.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP – written report only.

GLOBAL SERVICE – written report only.

CC Hamer noted that we did receive letters from all 3 current GAT leaders (PCC Joe Foster, PDG Debbie Cantrell and Lion Carol Deters) for their intent to want to serve again next year. No other letters of intent were received. DGEs will vote following the Council Meeting.

NEW VOICES – no report.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – no report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – no report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - no report.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO PROGRAM – no report.

ALERT COMMITTEE – no report.

MISSOURI PIN TRADERS – no report.

MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER – written report only.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – written report only.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Troester moved that the committee reports be received. The motion was seconded by DG Winkeler and the motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF IPID DON NOLAND AS MD-26 LCIF COORDINATOR – DG Troester moved to appoint IPID Don Noland as MD-26 LCIF Coordinator. The motion was seconded by DG Morris, and the motion was carried. CC Hamer will submit a letter to LCIF and to the LCI President requesting that they dismiss with appreciation for his many years of service, PID Dr. Garrett, and ask that they appoint IPID Noland to take that position.

NEW BUSINESS

PLAN FOR APPROVAL OF ROLLA AS SITE OF 2022 STATE CONVENTION – CC Hamer will send a list to each Governor of those that had registered for the State Convention. DGs will need to look up email addresses for each person. There was discussion regarding the determination of whom would be eligible to vote from the list of registrants. DG Troester volunteered to take the emails from an Excel list and create the survey for voting purposes. PID O’Reilly suggested that DGs get with their clubs to determine whom will

be the designated delegate, as we can't assume that every person on the registration list is a delegate. Lion Phil Krebs added there should be a way to get the number of delegates from each club off of MyLCI. It was decided that DGs will determine with the clubs, who the delegates are, and will send an email listing of those delegates to DG Troester within a week from Saturday, April 18th. She will in turn create the voting survey. Delegates will have 7 days to return their vote.

PDG pins will be mailed from the state office.

IPID Don Noland added that all of the LCI medals we were supposed to receive have not been processed. His intention was to distribute those and the Melvin Jones Fellows at the Council of Governors meeting in Warrensburg. When IPID Noland receives them, he will reach out to the Governors and try to work something out on an individual basis.

CC Hamer was thanked for his service during this challenging year.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Jackie Twehus

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