



District 19-O Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Cabinet in Attendance: DG Beth James, 1st VDG September Stokes, 2nd VDG Rock White, PDG Joel Haggen, PZC John LeMieux, ~~PZC Larry Koberstein, VCC Steve Brooks, PZC Robin Woolmer, PZC Ron Wilkie, Don Webster, PZC Lynda Davidson, PZC Sandra Ball, PZC Barry Shiles, Michael Contreras, Lyro Downie-Cyphers, Mark Deroche, PCC Enoch Rowland, PDG Rosemary Richert, Bob O'Dell, Anna Corina Villarreal, PDG Steven Wong, Miles Baron, Colette Arvidson, PD Don Shove, PZC Toby Hiller, PZC Linda Deroche, Richard Simonson, PCC Surinder Gahir, PZC Ed Poquette, Teresa Addison, PDG Mike Lally, Rob Schumer, Kookie Sethi, ZC Chris Qiu, ZC Gerry Becker, ZC Roger Chevrier, ZC Terry Bronkema, ZC Rosemary Walkup, ~~ZC Carolyn O'Dell, ZC Ray McCready.~~~~

I. **Called to Order:** by District Governor Beth James. **Date & Time:** Sat 08/17/2024 10:03 AM.
Host: Arlington. Location: 154 W Cox St, Arlington WA 98223.

A. **Casual Introduction(s):** Members & people present gave introductions. Wrapped up around 10:15 AM.

B. **Program:** Banner Passing. DG Beth James introduced and thanked PDG Joel Haggen for his year. Joel thanked Arlington for hosting, and to each and everyone for all the help throughout the year and convention. Presented CC Patty Allen-White & 2nd VDG Rock White with Presidential Appreciation, and awarded other Heros at Convention – Rosemary Walkup & Travis Walkup and Leos. Immediate Past Zone Chairs formally passed Zone Banners to the new Zone chairs.

II. Standing Items

A. **Secretary Report (John LeMieux):** Reminded members verbally to get reports in for inclusion on minutes (this in addition to an email prior to the meeting, and twice in the week after the meeting).

B. Cabinet Reports

1. **Alert North Chair (PZC Larry Koberstein):** Not present, no report submitted.
2. **Alert South Chair (PDG Steve Brooks):** Not present, no report submitted.
3. **BC Lions Society Chair (PZC Robin Woolmer):** The British Columbia Lions Society for Children With Disabilities raises funds to provide specialized services for children in BC and Yukon, such as camps, accommodations for families, transportation and grants. All Camps were in full swing this month and all were completely full. Family Camps running in Aug are also completely full. We are partnering with Canucks Autism Network to run some special camps this summer for children on the autism spectrum. Camp Shawnigan Campaign going well, almost \$9 million raised. We are doing special tours in September for some of the people who are interested in supporting the Campaign. Hoping to work with the Lions to put on this event. Easter Seals House is running at over 90% occupancy. Drop Zone is in September. We are doing well in Vancouver and Victoria. Kelowna and Burnaby could use some more registrations.
4. **Lions of District 19O Charitable Outreach (PZC Ron Wilkie):** Formerly the Busy B Charitable Outreach.
 - a. We have not been able to identify a new editor for the newsletter. Without an editor we will be looking at other options to continue.
 - b. The dinner/auction is on hold at this time with our primary concern being the newsletter.
 - c. We applied for and received an Melvin Jones Fellowship to be presented to Mckenna. We hope to present it to her in the near future.
 - d. We are looking at adding to our committee roster, especially from the north to fully represent our entire district.
5. **Camp Horizon Chair (Don Webster):** Not present, no report submitted. FYI - Empowers people challenged by disabilities through experiences that help develop life skills, foster independence and build self-esteem.
6. **CARE (PZC Lynda Davidson):** Not present, no report submitted.
7. **Christmas Ship Chair (PZC Sandra Ball):** The International Lions Christmas Ship is gearing up for another sailing, happening on the second weekend in December, as usual.

We have some vacancies on our Board that we'd like to see filled with hard-working and dedicated Lions. There's a bit of work to be done before we even look at sailing; organizing costumes, making sure they're clean and ready to wear, selecting the 30-person crew who will be on the high seas, having someone prepare the food and other snacks for us, and a Santa. Of the 30 people sailing (from both sides of the border), a small number are people who have sailed before; bringing with them and sharing

their experiences with the newbies. We are also searching for people to Lead some of the groups; we have some pretty rowdy pirates and a choir.

If you're interested and you have the time and are so moved, please see me after this meeting. Our AGM is slated for September 21st, 10am in the Community Center in Bellingham, next to the MD19 office. It will be a Live and in-person meeting.

We are also seeking ideas for fundraising; we were able to raise some monies last year, but aside from funding/gifts from certain Lions Clubs, we do not have a steady income source. This needs to happen if the project is to continue serving the children of the islands. While the International Christmas Ship is presently not sailing Canadian waters, there IS a group of dedicated Lions who are making sure the children to the North are not left out. We thank them for their service!

Once again, AGM is Sat Sept 21st, at the Lions Community Center. We hope to see you there!

8. **CLERC (PZC Barry Shiles):** Not present, no report submitted. FYI - Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre.
9. **NW LERC (ZC Carolyn O'Dell – Bob O'Dell provided on behalf):** The Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center continues to be the beacon of light and hope for those that may not otherwise be able to see. All Lions Clubs in Washington and Idaho continue to collect used eyeglasses from the public to support the NWLERC's mission of distributing eyeglasses around the world.
Recently, the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center had completed several mission requests for glasses to Nepal, Kathmandu, and Birtamode. Other recent missions include Tijuana, Mexico for over 1,500 eyeglasses.
I am hopeful to be able to reach a wider audience to inform the many Lions Clubs within District O on the interworking of the main mission for the NWLERC Office. I will be reaching out to many Zone Chairpersons to arrange a time to give a NWLERC Presentation at their Zone Meetings. On the presentations, in which I intend to give, I will put together a PowerPoint to add to my presentation to provide viewers with a visual to have a better understanding of the NWLERC's mission.
As a NWLERC District Director, I find it to be very rewarding knowing that we are helping to change people lives, even if it is only one pair of glasses at a time. I will continue to work with the Zone Chairpersons, Individual Clubs, and their Satellite Persons to assist them in their efforts to continue to collect glasses and will provide them with information and support as needed.
10. **Contests & Awards Chair (Michael Contreras):** My plan is to continue the current contest that was a part of last year's convention. However, I plan to work with Lyro for the upcoming year to revise and revive some of the contests that have fallen through the cracks. I urge members of the district to review the Contest page on the MD-19 website, and to email me if they see a contest that they wish to revive or participate in, to please email me at mikercv.nac@gmail.com with any thoughts, Ideas, or questions. I will provide an update in the next quarter.
11. **Convention (Lyro Downie-Cyphers):** The Convention for 2024-2025 is "Let's Give Em Something to Talk About." The location of the convention is the Swinomish Casino & Convention Center.
 - a. The dates are March 21-21,2025 and Save the Date emails will be going out soon.
 - b. We have a unique opportunity for Lions who may want to attend convention but find it a bit cost prohibitive. The Swinomish has set aside 15 RV slots that have hook ups and electricity for anyone to use at about 1/3 of the cost of the hotel rooms, these slots will be first come first serve. What that means is three nights in the RV slot will cost about the same as one night in the hotel.
 - c. We will have hotel accommodation in the hotel that will be similar to last year's cost per room.
 - d. DG Beth will be working on showing people who Lions are and will be sending her message of Lion growth, Leo growth, and working toward the goal of 1.5 million new lions by 2027.
 - e. Growth for our clubs is crucial to our service and to bringing in new Lions who want to work to serve and grow stronger. So, "Let's Give Em to Talk About"!
12. **Diabetes Chair (Mark Deroche – John LeMieux read on behalf):** Lions, with the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are working to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those living with diabetes. My goal this year is do my best to learn more Diabetes information that I can pass on to the District and clubs. Upcoming, our MD Diabetes Chair Georgia is setting up a Step Challenge for all of us to get involved in. This year, MD Diabetes Chair Georgia Medwedrich is hoping to call on each district to participate in a "Fitness Challenge." This is where each club will submit to me their club's total of steps over the course of each week for 30 weeks, with the winning district announced at the Multiple District 19 Convention. So, to continue along this theme, I am challenging each of the five districts to participate in this step challenge. This year I would ask that each walker donate a participation fee of \$5.00 which will go toward sending a child to camp in either US or CA. All monies donated will be split by where the majority of the clubs are located and sent to either the American Diabetes Assoc. or Diabetes Canada. Starting October 7, 2024 to May 4, 2025 – for a total of 30 weeks. This sounds like a good way to get some exercise and support a child to go to camp.
13. **Environment (PDG Enoch Rowland):** Lions working to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world. Called attention to planting and cleaning at the airport park, and need for Discovery Park tree replacement and cleaning.
14. **GET (PDG Rosemary Richert):** Global Extension Team (GET) is an offshoot of the Global Membership Team that is focused on starting new clubs within its district. To-date a preliminary of 17 locations on

the US side of District 19-O have been identified for possible extension efforts, and 8 existing US clubs have preliminarily been identified for rebuilding efforts. These sites will soon be compared to the ones listed by DG Beth in her DG goals for this year and then efforts will begin to prioritize extension and rebuilding efforts. Soon I hope to network with knowledgeable Canadian Lion leaders to determine a like list for Canadian locations. The MD19 'GET' chair has reached out to begin having all 5 'GET' chairpersons work together to identify potential strategies and methods. As chairperson, I was invited to attend the summit in Toronto but unfortunately, I am unable to attend.

- 15. LGL (PDG Rosemary Richert):** Lions Giving Library (LGL) has given away just over 3100 books, at 5 events, since the beginning of this Lions year on July 1 st . Events included a Farmers Market, a Night Market, a Seafood Fest, a Neighborhood Night Out, and a giveaway at Walmart. Lions Giving Library is the grateful beneficiary of a \$5,000 MD19 Lions Foundation grant to purchase 2000 Spanish language books for early learners and their parents. The goal is to begin to meet the basic literacy needs for the growing Hispanic population in King & Snohomish Counties, both for young children and their parents as many of the books will be bilingual. The project is for one year beginning September 1 st , 2024.
- 16. GLT (Bob O'Dell):** Global Leadership Team (GLT) supports and strengthens Leadership Development for members at every level of Lions International.

Join us for **District 19-O Heart of the Lion Learning Fellowship;**

- a. Saturday September 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 - b. Hilton Garden Inn, 8401 Paine Field Blvd, Everett, WA 98275
 - c. Cost is \$20 US funds. All Lions and Leos are welcome to attend.
 - d. To Register: <https://lions-19-o-heart-of-the-lion.cheddarup.com/>
 - e. Hilton Garden Inn has given us a block of rooms at a reduced rate.
 - f. <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/> or Call the hotel directly at 425.423.9000 and mention the group name "HEART OF THE LION" or group code HOTL to get the group rate.
- 17. GMT (Anna Corina Villarreal):** The Global Membership Team (GMT) supports membership development by recruiting new members and promoting positive membership experiences.

As of last month, District 19-O has 61 active clubs, Current Membership totals 1684. We have gained 27 members and dropped 44...leaving us with a net of -17 members, and that's with 28% of our clubs not reporting membership updates in the portal in over 3 months. Mission 1.5 goal from the MD level is net 2. How do we get there from here? Ideally, I would like each club to be net 2.

With that said, I believe that our strength as Lions lies not only in our numbers but in the diversity of our members, and that through this diversity we will reach our goal of 1.5 million members.

The largest diversity obstacle we face as Lions is age. If this were a play, the role of Elder has already been cast. Now, it's time to find the rest of the family. Because, the reality is, the median age of our members reflects the lifespan of our clubs. Not only empty nesters, but also moms and dads with school-age children, single adults, college students, and military members are all potential members of our Lions family.

We are no longer our grandfather's dinner business club. In addition to meeting over dinner with a prospective member for an hour to go over what Lions do, a simple QR code can now disseminate Lions information with a tap of the camera button on a smart phone, reaching potential new members with key marketing points in an instant. Gathering virtually through platforms like Zoom or TEAMS can help us attract younger members, who are often more comfortable with virtual interactions. We need to be active on all social media platforms, not just Facebook, and illustrate the variety of activities we offer.

One aspect that often gets overlooked is conflict resolution. I will encourage our district to have all members visit the Conflict resolution training in the Lions Learning Center. It's crucial to ask ourselves: When we bring in potential new members for a visit, what is the atmosphere? Does conflict exist, and if so, how does our club address it? Is it handled with parliamentary procedure and rational debate, or does it devolve into screaming and crying? The way we manage conflict can significantly impact membership, either positively or negatively.

Once new members join, it's essential to keep them engaged. When they first visit or join, ask them why they are here—is it for social interaction, business networking, or service opportunities? And most importantly, remember their answer. Give new members leadership opportunities. No one enjoys playing basketball with a ball hog—so pass the ball! This ensures everyone feels involved and valued.

"Just ask" isn't just a catchy slogan; it's a great mantra. Inviting a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family member to a meeting is twofold in its ingenuity. First, bringing visitors to the club increases visibility and membership numbers. Second, when people join with someone they already know, it increases their desire to stay. Think about it: Have you ever been invited to a party where you didn't know anyone? Compare that to a party where you know at least one person or even a group of people. Which party are you more likely to attend and enjoy? I challenge our district to use every meeting and every service project as an opportunity to invite a friend.

Never underestimate the power of will. Yes, it's about determination to reach our Goals, but it's also about commitment. When you say, "I will invite a friend, coworker or neighbor to a meeting or service project," do you mean it? There is strength in following through. Let us be a District that stands by its commitment to Mission 1.5

As we look forward to International Induction Day on April 26, 2025, let's remember that every new member we bring into our Lions family strengthens our mission. By embracing diversity in age, leveraging technology, resolving conflicts effectively, and fostering a welcoming atmosphere, we can ensure that our club not only grows but thrives.

I look forward to working with DG Beth and all of you to realize our District goals. Let's go out and find the rest of our family!

18. **GST (PDG Steven Wong):** Presented a report, no report submitted a week after the meeting. FYI - Global Service Team (GST) helps clubs identify resources and use best practices to improve their projects and, by extension, their impact.
19. **Information Technology (Miles Baron):** Not present, no report submitted.
20. **Knights of the Blind (Colette Arvidson):** Colette Arvidson, District O KOTB Cabinet Representative | colette.arvidson@gmail.com | (360) 391-5880. As we look toward the 2024-2025 Lions year, KOTB is laying out our Goals and Activities. Most Lions know that we carry the banner of Knights of the Blind. We do this primarily by preventing avoidable blindness around the world, especially by providing eyeglasses, vision screenings, and other programs. But many have never met a person who is Blind or Low Vision, especially considering personal confidentiality. For more information contact me by phone, text or email or read the rest of this report. (Available for meetings in Canada & US).
 - a. As we work together on Mission 1.5 KOTB offers three opportunities for new members:
 - Outreach to young people, and their parents and teachers in our schools.
 - Join the Washington Council of the Blind Convention as Volunteers and/or participants to meet people who are blind and learn more about their lives, and how to make life accessible to them.
 - Inviting Blind and Low Vision people to join in activities, meetings and membership made accessible, through reaching out to welcome those who may not be able to see us.
 - b. KOTB can provide you with simple projects as outlined in the KOTB Brochure and the website (MD19KOTB.org):
 - Educate Yourself and Educate Others: Lack of community awareness of resources, supportive communities and technology, are leaving friends and families "in the dark" as they experience vision loss. Lions need to know and share this information.
 - Invite KOTB members to speak to your Club or Zone and introduce you to people who are blind in your community.
 - Celebrate the Independence and Accomplishments of the Blind:
 - White Cane Awareness Day, October 15th in the United States
 - White Cane Week in Canada, first week of February
 - Contact KOTB for sample proclamations and connections with your consumer organizations of and for the Blind.
 - Meet and Assist Blind Individuals as Sighted Volunteers. Join the Washington Council of the Blind for its Statewide Convention, October 24th to 27th, Double Tree Plaza by Hilton at SeaTac. Let these potential Lions know who we are and learn how they are active members of community.
 - Second Annual Virtual Holiday Party in December, 2024: Celebrate the Talents of Blind and Low Vision Individuals from coast to coast throughout Canada and the United States.

We are inviting you to join us in the activity of your choice!
21. **LCIF (PID Don Shove):** Not present, no report submitted.
22. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) supports the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.
23. **Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair (PZC Toby Hiller):** Not present, no report submitted.
24. **Leo (PZC Linda Deroche):** Not present, no report submitted. FYI - Leadership, Experience, Opportunity (LEO) are devoted young members who realize the power of action.
25. **LFCDG (Richard Simonson – John LeMieux read on behalf):** Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides empowers Canadians living with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together. LFCDG has Canada's largest Dog Guide Training Facility in Oakville Ontario. The Foundation provides Dog Guides to qualified Canadian citizens at no cost to the recipient. They train seven disciplines of Dog Guides to improve the quality of life for those needing assistance; 1. Vision, 2. Hearing, 3. Service, 4. Diabetes Alert, 5. Autism Assistance, 6. Seizure Response & 7. Facility Support Dog Guides. It costs \$35,000 to provide this service and the money is raised through donations from Lions Clubs, Lions, other service Clubs, businesses and individuals. Construction has begun on the new 89,000 sq. ft., \$50M dollar facility in Oakville as they need to be able to provide greater numbers of Guide Dogs and the current facility is at capacity, old and not built as an accessible building. Tax deductible donations and construction details can be viewed at the dogguides.com website. The current Director for BC/Yukon is Richard Simonson until October 2024 when Dave Pasin will take over for the next 3 years.

26. **Lions of BC Hearing Society (PCC Surinder Gahir):** Not present, no report submitted. FYI - To foster and promote hearing conservation and aid to the deaf, deafened and the hearing impaired in the province of British Columbia.
27. **Lions Quest {Vacant}:** Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) signature youth education program, is a social emotional learning curriculum which gives students the skills to navigate life and prevent bullying and substance abuse.
28. **Marketing & Public Relations (PZC Ed Poquette):** Here to help.
29. **New Voices Chair (Teresa Addison):** The New Voices Initiative promotes gender parity and diversity and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations in our associations. Links - Online [Resources Page](#) & [Facebook](#) group. We plan on setting up a contest soon and will have more details forthcoming.
30. **Vision & Hearing (PDG Mike Lally):** Vision - Strengthen eye care systems, enabling them to fight blindness and vision loss and assist those who are blind or visually impaired. Hearing - provides hearing aids through participating providers to eligible patients who are sponsored by Lions clubs.
 We have screened 15,780 people this year. We currently have 140 people trained on using the equipment. We are almost completely booked for September and October.
 The new Hearing screener still has not been approved by the state for use in the schools.
31. **Youth Camps & Exchange (Rob Schumer):** Not present, no report submitted. FYI - Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.

C. Zone Chair Reports

1. **Zone 01 (Chris Qiu):** Would like to work with clubs in the zone to improve communications (including reporting on service hours), and ask members what project(s) members would like to see their clubs take part in.
2. **Zone 02 (Vacant):** Save the date - Zone Meeting on 10/5 hosted by DG Beth James.
3. **Zone 03 (Gerry Becker):**
 - a. North Surrey Lions Club
 - All current dues have been paid
 - Membership currently 16, 3 new members induction next month; new total of 19
 - August-selling hot dogs at movies under the stars
 - September - Sep 7th selling hot dogs at the Surrey Fest; doing a teacher/parent lunch at Latimer Road school
 - October - Fall fundraiser at Donegal's Irish house; doing real estate appreciation barbeques
 - Greeting card program continues
 - Working with the Christmas bureau doing hampers
 - b. Surrey Central Lions
 - All current dues have been paid
 - Currently at 42 members
 - During July and August do weekly picnics for the city
 - Holding a garage sale
 - Run a 2-day concession for a local football club
 - Make donations to Clerc, Canucks Place, B.C. Cancer Agency, Guide Dogs, Easter Seals, Lions of B.C. Hearing Conservation Society, Care, MD Lions Foundation, Camp Horizon, Christmas Ship, Fop, Cmt, Surrey Hospital Society, Surrey Hospice Society, Surrey Food Bank, Surrey Christmas Bureau.
 - c. Port Coquitlam Lions
 - The Club president reports that the club is strong and healthy
 - Membership 21, current dues have been paid
 - Bi-weekly meat draws, held every Thursday and Saturday at the Arms pub, approximately \$10,000 raised
 - Servicing hours for Peoples Pantry is approx 72 hours
 - We held a fundraiser for Cops for Pediatric Cancer at the Arms Pub and raised over \$3,000
 - Participated in the Poco May Day Parade
 - Membership display was up at Vancity for two weeks
 - Had a booth at the Port Coquitlam Volunteer Fair
 - Have had a booth at three of the Port Coquitlam Farmers Markets and have one more in September
 - Club 75th Anniversary is being held on November 9th with Judge Brian Stevenson as our guest speaker. More details to follow.
 - d. Coquitlam River Lions
 - All current dues have been paid
 - Currently at 17 members with 1 new member to be inducted next month

- Worked at the Port Coquitlam Community Foundation annual croquet tournament - 4th year
 - Attended the Port Coquitlam volunteer fair
 - Continue to collect eye glasses & hearing aids
 - Support guide dogs (selling guide dog calendars and holding a fundraising walk and prize draw) Holding a club planning session
 - Held a presidents club BBQ
 - Had a booth at several farmers markets through the reporting period
 - Served hot dogs at the Dog Days of Summer
4. **Zone 04 (Roger Chevrier):** Presented a report, no report submitted a week after the meeting.
 5. **Zone 05 (Terry Bronkema):** Has been in contact with the new club. Many clubs are not reporting service hour reporting and hopes to change that.
 6. **Zone 06 (Rosemary Walkup):** Zone Chair Theme: "Friendship." 8 clubs including the Leos.
 - a. **Membership:** Zone O6 started the year with 220 members. We dropped a few since the June count, but we remain positive; Zone O6 current total membership is 221. Several of our clubs have added new members and we continue to grow. Our Zone project (Lions Trek 2024-2025) is set up to inspire continual membership opportunities to each club and we are excited to grow.
 - b. **Leadership:** All Club officers are reported to the Lions Portal and three clubs have excellence awards in review. I have met with all club presidents and secretaries to gain a deeper understanding of each club, encouraged annual planning meetings, completed four Official Zone Chair Visits, and addressed one DG visit. Our first Zone O6 Newsletter has been distributed, and I have worked with each club to develop a web page recruiting tool for our Zone Project – Lions Trek 2024-2025. Training has been encouraged via online programs and the in-person Heart of a Lion conference in Everett. Some one-on-one training is being offered as needed for officer support of the new Lions Portal. The Leos continue to collaborate in the planning of LEOCON2025 with weekly meetings and fundraising efforts. As Zone Chair, I have taken the Guiding Lions Certificate course to better serve the clubs in my zone.
 - c. **Service:** Zone O6 has been busy with service projects and fundraisers! Logger Rodeo and Log Drive, Fourth of July Flags, Giving Library, Smokestack lights, Aqua Fest beer garden, Concession stands with Lions and Leos flipping burgers to raise scholarship funds, A Skagit Valley Leo returned from the YEP in Australia, Sedro-Woolley has the "Corn Feed" coming up in September, and there is a 75th anniversary party on the horizon for Lake Stevens Lions Club in October.
 - d. We have Zone Meeting #1 scheduled for September 14th, 2024, 10-noon at the Sedro-Woolley Library. Bring your walking shoes as we Kick off Lions Trek 2024-2025 following the meeting.
 7. **Zone 07 (Carolyn O'Dell):** No report at this time, but Bob noted that she is highly active.
 8. **Zone 08 (Vacant):** Save the date - Zone Meeting on 9/11 hosted by DG Beth James.
 9. **Zone 09 (Vacant):** Only has 2 active clubs, no Zone Meeting planned at this time.
 10. **Zone 10 (Vacant):** No report at this time.
 11. **Zone 11 (Ray McCready):** Zone O-11 has 7 clubs, listed on the roster from MD19 headquarters.
 - a. I am working to figure out how to efficiently do this job as Zone Chair, such as this reporting.
 - b. I need to do this because prior to becoming a Lion I was already and still am involved in 2 other non-profit organizations and so I need to schedule time well.
 - c. I did contact one club, Seattle West O-11, mainly because no one from the club had reported the basic information on the club to MD19 headquarters and so on the roster there appears no information.
 - d. I contacted the former club president and was told that their club is still active, and that they will meet on August 23rd; so I will strive to attend that meeting.
 - e. Meanwhile I will appreciate your guidance on how to send the proper information about the Seattle West Lions club to headquarters.
 - f. I am working to schedule a Zone meeting on September 17, to be hosted by the Renton Lions Club at their Leo camp.
 - g. I will set up an email group including the 7 club presidents and secretaries so that I can efficiently pass along information as required.

III. Old Business

A. Financials: Doug Houghton has agreed to become the Cabinet Treasurer for 2024-25. District 19-O Escrow 2024-2025 Budget has an estimated \$22,100.

1. Expenses: Approvals Needed;

Budget District 19 -O	Escrow
2024-2025	
Carryover	\$22,100.00
Income	\$2,050.00 <small>(Ops account balance rolling over from 2023-2024)</small>
Sub Total	<u>\$24,150.00</u>
Expenses	
District GAT Meetings	-\$500.00
Appreciation for 2023-2025	-\$250.00
Badges/Crests 2024-2025	-\$350.00
Recognition/Pins	-\$1,500.00
2025 Convention deposit	-\$500.00
Sub Total	<u>-\$3,100.00</u>
Total	<u>\$21,050.00</u>

Motion by PDG Rosemary Richert – To approve the \$3,100 in expenses (District GAT Meetings \$500, Appreciation for 2023-25 \$250, Badges/Crests 2024-25 \$350, Recognition/Pins \$1,500, & 2025 Convention Deposit \$500). Seconded by PZC Ron Wilkie. Motion Passed (no nay's or abstentions).

2. Checking Account: Former District B has a legal non-profit checking account and our Treasurer, Doug Houghton recommends that one is created for MD19 District O. This account's primary use would be used for convention income and convention expenses.

Motion by PZC Ed Poquette - Create a legal non-profit checking account for MD19 District O, dependent upon establishing EIN, Secretary of State Status with the state of Washington, & IRS Submission. Seconded by Rosemary Walkup.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Roger Chevrier - To refer back to the Finance Committee with authority to implement it. Seconded by Anna Corina Villarreal. Motion Passed (no nay's or abstentions).

B. Open Cabinet & Zone Positions

1. Lions Quest Chair (Cabinet)
2. Chair's for Zones 2, 8, 9 & 10.

C. Visitations

07/10/24 - Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch (Beth)	11/13/24 - Des Moines (Beth)
07/16/24 - Lake Stevens (Rock)	11/18/24 - Mill Creek Woodinville (September)
07/18/24 - Seattle First Hill (Beth)	11/20/24 - Oak Harbor (Beth)
07/25/24 - Aldergrove (Rock)	12/05/24 - Coupeville Central Whidbey (Rock)
08/05/24 - Snohomish (Beth)	12/05/24 - Langley (September)
08/07/24 - Coupeville (Rock)	12/09/24 - Burien (Beth)
08/20/24 - Burlington (Beth)	12/10/24 - Richmond Chinatown (September)
08/28/24 - North Whidbey (Rock)	12/11/24 - Arlington (Rock)
09/03/24 - Everson (Beth)	12/16/24 - Bellingham Central (Beth)
09/10/24 - Snoqualmie Valley (Beth)	12/17/24 - North Surrey (September)
09/11/24 - Orcas Island (Rock)	01/06/25 - Tsawwassen Boundary Bay (September)
09/12/24 - Anacortes (Beth)	01/07/25 - San Juan (Rock)
09/16/24 - Chilliwack Stellers Jay (September)	01/08/25 - West Seattle (Beth)
09/18/24 - Seattle University Ballard (Rock)	01/09/25 - Richmond Lahoo (September)
09/18/24 - South Everett (Beth)	01/15/25 - Seattle Bituin (Beth)
09/24/24 - Chilliwack Mount Cheam (September)	01/16/25 - Abbotsford (September)
09/24/24 - Edmonds (Rock)	01/21/25 - Sedro Woolley (Rock)
10/02/24 - Whidbey Island (Rock)	02/06/25 - Ferndale Harborview (Beth)
10/07/24 - Surrey Central (September)	02/07/25 - Chilliwack (Rock)
10/08/24 - Everett Central (Beth)	02/18/25 - Richmond Mandarin (September)
10/08/24 - Maple Ridge (September)	02/19/25 - Fairwood (Beth)
10/10/24 - Lynden (Rock)	02/20/25 - Mount Vernon (Rock)
10/14/24 - Fort Langley (September)	02/25/25 - Fort Langley (September)
10/16/24 - Bellingham Fairhaven (Rock)	02/27/25 - Seattle Rainier (Beth)
10/21/24 - Kenndale (Beth)	03/05/25 - Redmond (Beth)
10/23/24 - Agassiz Harrison (September)	03/05/25 - Stanwood (Rock)
10/28/24 - North Delta (September)	03/06/25 - Pitt Meadows (September)
11/01/24 - Seattle Mabuhay (Beth)	04/02/25 - Sasquatch (September)
11/05/24 - Port Coquitlam (September)	04/10/25 - South Whidbey (Rock)
11/06/24 - Concrete (Rock)	04/15/25 - Hope (Beth)
11/06/24 - Renton (Beth)	08/21/25 - Coquitlam River (Beth)

IV. New Business

- A. Information Packet (DG Beth James): Provided the GAT or ZC a packet of information;
1. [DG Logo Background](#)
 2. [19O Lions Journey Quest](#)
 3. [Zone Report Sample](#)
- B. **Lions Certificate of Appreciation (DG Beth James):** Recognized the following members for Outstanding Enthusiasm – Michael Contreras, Robin Woolmer, Barbara Bicknell-Porter.

V. Closing Remarks

- A. **All Three Bio's:** District Governor of 19-O [Beth James](#), First Vice District Governor of 19-O [September Stokes](#), Second Vice District Governor of 19-O [Rock White](#).
- B. **Calendar & Visitations**

Sat	11/02 Cabinet Meeting II:	TBD
Fri	03/21 Dist O Convention:	More details soon

- C. **Tail Twister:** First Ticket Free - \$1 Per Additional (Proceeds go towards Convention) – four raffle winners played horseshoe card game to determine the prize winning order – Raised \$101 (thank you participants)!

D. Announcements

1. Lake Stevens lions 75th Anniversary (see below)

VI. **Adjourn:** 12:30 PM by DG Beth James.

Respectively Submitted: John LeMieux



75th Anniversary Celebration

Please Join Us

Friday, October 4, 2024

5:30-9:00 in the evening

Brightwater Center

22505 State Route 9 SE
Woodinville WA

Mexican Fiesta Theme

Casual dress • Entertainment • Prizes-games-raffles

*We are giving away a one-night deluxe accommodation
plus a \$100 dining card to Tulalip Resort Casino
to one lucky attendee of our celebration!
Don't miss out on the chance to win this highly coveted prize!*

\$55 per ticket if purchased before 8/30/2024 (\$60 after this date)
Ticket deadline is 9/27/2024

Mail Checks to: Lake Stevens Lions Club
75th Celebration
PO Box 589
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