

Minutes of OH-7 Organizational Convention

November 21, 2015

Athens Community Center, Athens, Ohio

The OH-7 Organizational Convention was called to order by PDG Bill Schultz at 9AM after an hour of social time with coffee, juices, muffins and coffee cake. PDG Bill welcomed all in attendance, introduced special guests: PID Cindy Gregg and husband PDG Tom; MD-13 Council Chair Don Robinette; and 13-K Governor Dan O'Connor and his wife Pam, then outlined the agenda for the day.

PDG Bill asked for a motion to approve the Convention Coordinator and Secretary. A motion was made by Lion Jim Norris and seconded by DG Dan O'Connor to approve PDG Bill Schultz as coordinator and Lion Randy Dillinger as secretary for the convention. Hearing no discussion, motion passed.

Next on the agenda was approval of the OH-7 Constitution and By-Laws that had been posted on the 13-K web site. A motion to approve the OH-7 Constitution and By-Laws (C&BLs) was made by Lion Sara Bonnette and seconded by PDG Debbie Lloyd. During the discussion of the C&BLs, the following issues were considered:

Page 3 – Due to travel distances, consider 3 Regions for OH-7 (Failed)

Page 6 – Suggestion to “protect” 2nd VDG in election to 1st VDG like 1st VDG to DG (Failed)

Page 9 – Change dues structure billing verbiage to follow the dates set forth by MD-13 and LCI (Approved)

Page 15 – Change verbiage to state Region chair must reside in Region he/she chairs (Failed)

Page 19 – Change the spelling of Camp Dovetail to Kamp Dovetail (Approved)

Motion to add two approved amendments to original motion made by PDG Fred Boring and seconded by PDG Larry Roberts (Approved). Vote to approve Constitution and By-Laws with amendments was Approved.

A question was asked about the Incorporation of OH-7. PDG Bill stated that this has been looked into and the easiest and quickest way to accomplish this is to wait until July 2016 and ask for a change of name for 13-K's incorporation to OH-7. This will be done at that time.

Nominations for 2016 – 2017 OH-7 officers were next on the agenda. The following candidates, having sent their proper intent-to-run and club support letters, were nominated:

For District Governor – Lion Sue Diehm (1st VDG) by PDG Sue Haban, 2nd by PDG Ed Otte

For 1st VDG - Lion Dave Stockum (2nd VDG) by PCC Ron Keller, 2nd by Lion Don Hillyar and PDG Steve Tyo

For 2nd VDG - Lion Barb Boggess by PDG Ted Keller, 2nd by Lion Stephanie Wiles

Short demonstrations were conducted for each nominee. Nomination for District representative to the State Finance and Long Range Planning Committee saw PCC Ron Keller nominated by PDG Ed Otte and seconded by PDG Stan Starling, PDG Butch Strawn and Lion Roy Brewer.

Nominations concluded with a listing of Mid-Term State Committee Representatives who wish to continue through the redistricting. Those were:

PDG Larry Roberts	OLF
PDG Ed Otte	OLERF/COLEB
Lion Ed Gamble	Lions Building Trustee
Lion Lilane Fox	Sight and Hearing/Pilot Dogs

A recess from elections was called by PDG Bill and comments were called for from PID Cindy Gregg, MD-13 CC Don Robinette and District Convention Chairs/Reps from 13-G, 13-J and 13-K.

The convention was called back to order and the voting was begun, Convention Secretary, Randy, read the roll call of clubs and the delegates proceeded with the vote. PDG Debbie Lloyd and PDG Steve Tyo served as election marshals and other PDG's served as Sergeants-at-Arms at the doors. Two ballots were distributed to the delegates, one for officers and F&LP Representative and the other for the re-confirmation of the mid-term state committee representatives. Voting went very smooth. While the votes were counted, various announcements were made by clubs about their up-coming events. The results of the vote were announced with all nominees receiving nearly unanimous approvals. A motion to close the voting was presented by Lion Brian Fox and seconded by DG Dan O'Connor. (Approved)

Comments were entertained from F&LP Rep PCC Ron Keller, 2nd VDGe Barb Boggess, 1st VDGe Dave Stockum and DGe Sue Diehm. They each thanked the delegates for their votes and support. A motion to destroy the ballots was made by PDG Marty Savage and seconded by 2nd VDGe Barb Boggess. (Approved)

PDG Bill congratulated all elected and the members of the new District OH-7. History was begun this day. PDG Bill thanked the Athens Lions Club for handling the food for this convention and thanked the Alexander Lions Club for taking care of the day's registrations. He also thanked Lion Randy Dillinger for serving as the OH-7 convention Secretary and thanked all the VIP's for attending and participating in this historic event.

PDG Bill extended a special thank you to the OH-7 PDG's for their two and a half years work on this project. Their efforts, along with a couple of non PDG's, set up committees, researched issues and wrote new text to get this new district on its feet. Their efforts allowed District Governors and their Cabinets to do the day-to-day work they needed to accomplish without worry of added responsibilities. The 50/50 drawing was held with Lion Don Hillyard winning the \$222.00. PDG Bill adjourned the convention and all enjoyed lunch at noon.

