

DISTRICT 11-B1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Napoleon Lions Clubhouse
7935 Napoleon Road, Jackson, Michigan

District 11-B1 Cabinet Members in Attendance: DG Annette Hemeryck, 1st VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals, CT PCC Barry Allen, CS Nancy Hill, ZC Jim Phelan, ZC Bea Furman, ZC Teresa Gest, ZC Michael Nowak

Non-Voting Cabinet Members in Attendance: GST PCC Peggy Allen, GLT Roger Bosse

District 11-B1 Cabinet Member in Attendance on Zoom: IPDG Kelly Lubbe

Non-Voting Cabinet Member in Attendance on Zoom: GMT Cheryl Bradshaw

Lions in Attendance: PID Esther LaMothe, PCC Dave Hill, Lion Frank Ivy, Lion James Smith

Lions in Attendance on Zoom: PDG Roger Spriggs, Lion Diana Kern

CALL TO ORDER 10:03 A.M.: DG Annette Hemeryck

- Words of Reflection: ZC Bea Furman
- Pledge of Allegiance: 1st VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals

Additions to the Agenda: There were no additions to the published agenda. ZC Jim Phelan moved that the agenda be approved. ZC Michael Nowak seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Introductions: PID Esther LaMothe, all Past District Governors present, and the District 11-B1 Cabinet were introduced.

Old Business -

Banner Exchange Review: PID Esther LaMothe installed the following district officers at the Banner Exchange on July 16, 2023:

- District Governor Annette Hemeryck
- 1st Vice District Governor Louvenia Shack-Seals
- Cabinet Treasurer Barry Allen
- Cabinet Secretary Nancy Hill
- Zone Chairs Gregg Brindamour, Debbie Chambers, Michael Nowak, James Phelan, Bea Furman, Teresa Gest, Anita Hoyt
- IPDG Kelly Lubbe

Roster books were distributed to all clubs at the Banner Exchange, and more are available at \$5.00 ea. District Governor pins are also available for \$5 each. DG Annette reported that over 60 Lions attended the Banner Exchange. Thank you to Hanover-Horton Lions Club for hosting us.

LCI International Convention Report – DG Annette Hemeryck reported that the LCI International Convention had more than 19,000 Lions from around the world in attendance. We celebrated IPIP Brian Sheehan's year and the beginning of International President Patti Hill's year. IP Hill is from Edmonton, Canada.

Mission 1.5 was announced. This is a drive to build our worldwide membership to 1.5 million Lions by 2027. We are currently at 1.349 million Lions. We are encouraged to invite people to become Lions.

Owl Camera – Purchase of an Owl camera was approved at the last Cabinet meeting. DG Annette Hemeryck will appoint a committee to look into the purchase and implementation of this camera. Lion Diana Kern volunteered to serve on the committee.

2022-2023 11-B1 Final Membership as of July 1: At the beginning of the 2023-2024 Lion year, there were 908 Lions in our district.

New Business -

Approval of the 2023-2024 Policy Manual: CT Barry Allen presented two suggestions for changes to the 2023-2024 Policy Manual. The first is on page 7, section M. Rather than distribute four printed copies of the roster to each club, it was suggested that one printed copy be distributed to each club with additional copies available electronically due to the increased cost of printing the roster. ZC Jim Phelan indicated that he had heard concerns from clubs that they were only receiving one printed copy. PID LaMothe indicated that this problem could be solved by increasing our membership. CT Allen suggested we look at a cost proposal for printing the roster.

CT Allen's second proposal is regarding p. 16, Section D. This section states that the host club for a successful district convention will receive up to \$500. This conflicts with our Constitution and Bylaws (Article 7, Section 2) which has precedence over the Policy Manual. It was proposed that this section be removed from the Policy Manual and that any proceeds from the District Convention be carried over to the next year's convention.

CT Barry Allen moved that the Policy Manual be accepted as amended. 1st VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Review of the 2023-2024 Budget: CT Barry Allen reviewed the District Convention report and budget that were previously distributed to the Cabinet members. CT Allen reminded the Cabinet that the budget can be amended at any time and is used for planning purposes. ZC Bea Furman moved that the budget be approved. ZC Michael Nowak seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Community Hunger Program Presentation: Lion Frank Ivy from the Napoleon Lions Club shared information on the Community Hunger Program that he works with. He would like to visit the clubs in the District to inform them of the program and encourage their participation. This outreach to the communities is important and serves a real need. There is no cost to a Lions club for running a program. The members' service is all that is required. Likewise, no money raised goes to the Lions clubs. Instead all monies go to the community. The program involves getting donations from businesses and donating to area food pantries. Lion Frank is willing to help any clubs in setting up a program. Frank also emphasized the need of homeless veterans who can be served by this program. Any Lions who would like to start this program with their club or hear more about it can contact Lion Frank Ivy at 517-936-9648 (cell). PID Esther LaMothe suggested that LCIF be contacted to perhaps obtain a grant as hunger is one of our missions. CT Barry Allen suggested contacting the food banks to determine their needs, and Lion Frank said he had already been working on this.

District Offices/District Convention: PID Esther LaMothe thanked all those who have stepped up to serve as District Governors and Vice District Governors. The District appreciates their commitment to Lionism. The last few years the candidates have voiced their desire to serve after the District Convention which requires them to be appointed by the Past District Governors and filing extra paperwork with Lions Clubs International. The preferred process would be to announce a potential candidate before the District Convention so that they can stand for election by the delegates from all the clubs. PID LaMothe asked everyone to encourage potential candidates and help them to prepare to meet the qualifications. Nomination deadlines and candidate qualifications can be found in the Constitution and Bylaws.

LCIF: 1st VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals will have a report on LCIF at the next Cabinet meeting.

Peace Poster: Ten Peace Poster kits were ordered by the District and distributed at the Banner Exchange in an effort to increase the amount of participation by area schools. Entries for the contest are due November 15. Students between the ages of 11 and 13 are eligible to participate. Last year only three clubs participated. It was stated that there are more clubs who would like kits, and perhaps we could order more as a District to save on shipping.

Lions Portal: The new Lion Portal is scheduled to be out in mid-September per the presentations given at the LCI International Convention. Take-away information from these presentations is:

- All Lions wanting to use the Lions Portal should make sure they have a unique email address that is not shared with anyone else – for security purposes.
- All Lions should make sure their information on MyLCI is correct.
- Lions will receive an email when it is time for them to enroll in the Lions Portal. Not all Lions will enroll at the same time so that the system is not overwhelmed.
- In the meantime, we should continue to use the current system for reporting service, etc.
- More information will be coming out via social media and email.

Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame: The Michigan Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Saturday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Kidsight Screening at Jackson County Fair – August 6-12: IPDG Kelly Lubbe reports that all days/times for the Kidsight screening at the Jackson County Fair are covered, but more people are still needed. All Lions in the District are welcome to assist. Thank you to Lion Michael Nowak who will be overseeing the event all week. We have received donations of books and stuffed animals that can be given out to the children. Kidsight screening will be at the same location as last year. Lions wearing their Lions shirts can enter the fair free of charge. Any Lions who are interested in helping should contact IPDG Kelly Lubbe. The Kidsight trailer will move on to Marshall the next week for their screening.

Kidsight Training: ZC Teresa Gest reports that they are picking up speed on Kidsight training in the Battle Creek area. Kidsight screening will be done at the Jackson and Calhoun County Fairs. No training is currently scheduled.

IPDG Kelly Lubbe Appreciation Event: PCC Peggy Allen reminded everyone that IPDG Kelly Lubbe's Appreciation Event will be held Sunday, August 20, at 2:00 p.m. at the Gene Davis & Sons Banquet and Conference Center in Jackson. The buffet dinner is \$25 per person. RSVP's should be sent to PCC Peggy Allen by August 7.

USA/Canada Forum: DG Annette Hemeryck encouraged everyone to attend the USA/Canada Forum scheduled for September 21-23 in Reno, Nevada. There are four time slots scheduled each day with multiple training sessions in each slot.

Fall Conference: The Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, at Sandstone Congregational Church. More information regarding the Fall Conference will be coming soon.

Parade of Checks: CT Barry Allen suggested that this now be called the "Parade of Check" because he is asking that each club write just one check to the District rather than individual checks to each project. With the check, the clubs will be asked to provide a tally sheet indicating how much money goes to each project. CT Allen will then compile all the donations for each project and send them just one check. More important information on the Parade of Checks will be coming from CT Allen. He stressed that some areas need more help than others, so it is very important for each club to review their donations carefully this year and not just do what they did the previous year.

GMT Goals and Report: GMT Cheryl Bradshaw submitted a report which was emailed to all the Cabinet. She asked the Zone Chairs to give her a list of all the membership chairpersons from the District Clubs. She would like to have a meeting in early September to discuss the goals for the District. She encouraged all Lions to reach out to recruit new members. Her motto is Reclaim, Retain and Recruit.

GLT Goals and Report: GLT Roger Bosse also submitted a report which was emailed to the Cabinet. One of his goals is to make sure that 100 percent of the Zone Chairs are trained. He would also like to see at least 50 percent of the clubs' leadership trained. He reminded us that the Vice President of each club is their GLT. He would like a list of all the Vice Presidents for the clubs. He would like to harness their power to encourage leaders to train either online or in person or both. He has found Learn and Insight on the LCI website to be helpful. With hopefully new clubs coming on, Guiding Lion training is important as well.

GLT Bosse will be emailing the Zone Chairs to give them access to a recorded training that is available. He will then have a follow-up Zoom meeting in August or September.

GST Goals and Report/Service Hour Reporting: GST Peggy Allen has a goal of visiting at least one Zone meeting for each Zone and visiting as many clubs as possible to discuss how important it is to report service and review how this is accomplished. She plans to have four necklace beading events. Her report was also sent out to the Cabinet.

Zone Chair Goals and Reports:

R1, Z1 – Open – Anyone interested in being a Zone Chair for R1, Z1 should contact DG Annette Hemeryck.

R1, Z2 – Gregg Brindamour – No report

R2, Z1 – Debbie Chambers – No report

R2, Z2 – Michael Nowak – ZC Michael is new to the Zone Chair position so hasn't visited any clubs yet. He will be stressing membership as he works with the clubs in his Zone.

R2, Z3 – Jim Phelan – ZC Jim submitted a report which was sent to the Cabinet. Jim has talked to all his clubs and is happy to see his clubs working together as evidenced by the details in his report.

R2, Z4 – Bea Furman – ZC Bea has seen good uniting of clubs on projects. She will be planning three Zone meetings this year. ZC Bea's report was sent to the Cabinet.

R3, Z1 – Teresa Gest – ZC Teresa is also seeing her clubs working together on events. She will be meeting regularly with her clubs and setting up Zone meetings.

R3, Z2 – Anita Hoyt – No report

Committee Reports:

Finance – CT Barry Allen reminded all clubs that it is very important that they submit the IRS 990 by October 15. It can be completed now and should only take a few minutes. If it is not completed after three years, a club will lose its nonprofit status which is very difficult to reinstate. Anyone who needs help with this can contact CT Barry Allen. CT Barry added that he submitted the Lana report to update our officers. There is \$13,216 in the Administrative account. He just paid the state dues and just sent out dues statements to the clubs. Payment can be made by Venmo, Paypal, or credit card by contacting CT Allen. This year's convention had a profit of \$668 which will be carried forward to the 2024 convention.

Information Technology – Lion Cathy Koning submitted a report which was sent out by email to the Cabinet.

Leader Dog for the Blind – PCC Dave Hill submitted a report that was sent by email to the Cabinet. Twenty-eight Lions attended a tour of Leader Dog in Rochester Hills in April on a Thursday. PCC Dave is willing to set up another tour on a weekend if there is interest.

Lions of Michigan Foundation - PCC Dave Hill submitted a report that was sent by email to the Cabinet. PCC Dave reminded everyone of the VSP form that can be completed to get examination and eyeglasses from the Foundation without Clubs needing to take money out of their accounts. Four carriers in Jackson participate. Three emergency loans were awarded this year.

Sight Conservation – GLT Roger Bosse submitted a report which was sent to the Cabinet. He indicated that these funds are not used a lot. It was suggested that up to \$50 could be given to clubs who request it to help with eyeglass replacement. ZC Teresa Gest moved that this be done which was seconded by ZC Jim Phelan. The motion passed. Sight Conservation's current balance is \$3686. The item will stay on the Parade of Checks

Winter Camp for the Blind – GLT Roger Bosse’s report was sent to the Cabinet. He reported that Winter Camp was held last February in person for the first time since 2020. We had approximately 35 campers. He was very pleased with the great help and support that was received and encourages others to help. The camp will be held February 2-4 next year. The biggest cost is food, but the Sight Conservation fund was able to help with some of the expenses. The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy cadets were a huge help with ten cadets and several supervisors attending. They helped with the meals, getting people around, setting up, and cleaning up. Roger’s report at the May Cabinet meeting was more detailed about the camp if anyone wants more information.

DG Annette Hemeryck’s Overview and Goals: Following are DG Annette Hemeryck’s goals for 2023-2024:

- By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our District will increase the percentage of clubs reporting service. Our team will ensure that 100% of our clubs in the District report service.
- By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our District will achieve a positive membership growth. Our team will charter one new club with 20 members. Our clubs will induct 40 new members into existing clubs. Our District will not surpass 40 dropped members.
- By the end of the first quarter of the Lions year (2023-2024), our District will hold trainings for club officers and zone chairs. Our District will ensure 80 percent of the Zone Chairs attend training. Our District will ensure 80 percent of club officers attend training.
- By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our District will support LCIF to achieve its fundraising goal. Individual participation in our District increases by 20 percent and club participation increase by 20 percent. Our team will ensure that 37 clubs in my District achieve 100 percent membership participation. I will work to achieve the silver level LCIF Chairperson’s medal. I will make a donation of \$500 to LCIF and will ask 14 cabinet members to make a personal donation.
- Each club will donate \$200 this year to a local pantry to help reduce the hunger in our communities resulting in a donation of \$7,400.

CT Barry Allen moved that the meeting adjourned. ZC Michael Nowak seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

CS Nancy Hill

Next Cabinet Meeting – October 21, 2023 – 1:00 p.m. following the Fall Conference

Action Items:

Form committee on Owl camera – DG Annette Hemeryck

Investigate purchase and implementation of Owl camera – Owl Committee

Update Policy Manual and distribute to District – CS Nancy Hill; post on website – Lion Cathy Koning

Contact Lion Frank Ivy (517-936-9648) to speak at Lions Clubs in District on Hunger program – all clubs

Encourage new members and leaders – all Lions

Investigate ordering more Peace poster kits

Contact IPDG Kelly Lubbe to help with Kidsight at fairs – all Lions

Get list of membership chairpersons for each club to GMT Cheryl Bradshaw – all Zone Chairs

Submit IRS 990 by October 15 – all club treasurers

Serve our communities, enjoy each other, and have fun! – all Lions