



Arkansas Lion MD-7 Council of Governors Meeting, November 3, 2018



Meeting Location: First Baptist Church, 215 West Elm Street, Brinkley, Arkansas

Participants: Myrna McGee, Council Chair, Don Draper, District Governor 7-L, Tracy Price, District Governor 7-I, Pat Snodgrass, District Governor 7-O and Gloria Montgomery, District Governor 7-N.

Guests: PDG Wanda Barnett, 1st VDG Kevin Baskin, 1st VDG Kandy Cayce, Libbey Davenport (Auditor), 2nd VDG Jeff Davis, 2nd VDG Kim Earles, David Knack, Ron Montgomery, Patty O'Bannon, 2nd VDG Cleon Rogers and special guest David Knack, Area Sales Manager for ORCAM (731-298-9209, david.knack@orcaml.com).

CC Myrna McGee called the meeting to order at 2:47 PM. Since the invocation and pledge were conducted at the District 7-N Convention on the main floor, these agenda items were passed over. CC Myrna introduced Libbey Davenport, CPA, for presentation of MD-7 audit.

Audited of Financial Statements of June 30, 2018 by Elizabeth Davenport: Copies of the report were given to each of the district governors and the council chair. Libbey Davenport noted that the basic financial statement presented in the audit report for the Lions of Arkansas, are a fair representation of the financial accounts of MD-7 resources. Libbey noted that her review found that all was good. The document included an IRS 990-ES form for the State of Arkansas Lions completed by Libbey based on the figures from the audit report, but the 990-ES form was not considered part of the audit report. Tracy noted that the funds summarized on pages 8 through 12 were separate accounts kept in Little Rock. A motion was made by DG Tracy Price to approve the Audit Report as received; second by DG Pat Snodgrass; motion carried. DG Pat noticed an incorrect name on page 2 of the 990-ES form. His name needs to be corrected on the form to John Snodgrass.

DG Tracy Price reviewed the MD7 financial statement: For the month of September the income was \$3,860.87 with an expense of \$3,275.18 for a net increase in the account of \$585.69 and a total increase for the year to date of \$5,818.58. Assets as of 9/30/2018 for the Council, State Convention, Mid Winter Lions Alert and CD accounts are \$17,712.46, \$11,281.49, \$7,591.27, \$14,198.52 and \$14,236.00 respectively for a total of \$65,019.74. DG Pat Snodgrass made a motion to accept the September Financial Statement as presented; second by DG Don Draper; motion carried.

OrCam MyEye Presentation By David Knack: The OrCam MyEye 2.0 is a small camera with a digital image reader and an audio output. The device weighs only 0.8 oz. and snaps onto an eye glass frame. This is used as an assistive technology for the blind or visually impaired. It reads text, computer or I-phone screens and identifies faces, products, money, and credit cards thus helping with independence. The cost is approximately \$4,000. Ms. Sharon Giovinazzo of WSB has personally been using the equipment for just over a year and has recently upgraded to version 2.0. DG Gloria tried out the demo unit. David noted that veterans who need this technology are being provided with it by the VA. David left the meeting after his presentation.

Approval of Meeting Minutes by DG Don Draper: Meeting minutes of the Council Meeting of August 10, 2018 were circulated to CC and DGs by email prior to this meeting. Motion was made by DG Tracy to approve these meeting minutes as provided; second by DG Gloria; motion carried.



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Old Business:

Action Items from August 10, 2018 minutes were reviewed.

- CC Myrna deferred the review of the Strategic Plan due to a shortage of time.
- CC Myrna noted that the State Events Committee Policy Manual had been approved by the DGs by electronic vote in October 2018. The main change was the dietary provisions for those with Diabetes.
 - DG Tracy Price made a motion for the State Events Committee to abide by the provisions of the State Events Committee Policy Manual; second by DG Pat.
 - DG Don recommended that future possible amendments that may arise from a wider review of the Policy Manual and from current experience with the policy, be submitted to CC Myrna for consolidation, debate and consideration at a future date.
 - CC Myrna called the question. The motion was passed.
- The SEPC met on October 25 via Go To Meeting and elected officers: PDG Phyliss Fry, Chair; Lion Letitia King, Vice Chair and Lion Cleon Rogers, Secretary. Committee agreed to meet with the host committee on Thursday, November 1 at 8:00 pm via Go To Meeting.
- DG Pat Snodgrass provided a written summary to answer questions on the 2021 Mid Winter Forum. ASU has the Reng Center and a new Convention Center that is under construction. Charges for the Reng Center are in hand but cost of the Convention Center is unknown. Lion Kim is looking into the Elks Lodge for the Friday night event. The estimated expenses are \$2,500 for building and food. The Elks would have a cash bar and provide finger food.
- CC Myrna noted that the appointment of the MD-7 LCIF chair was not done correctly, but she will leave this item alone at this time. This chair is suppose to be appointed by the combined group of this years and last years councils. All the district LCIF chairs are appointed and they have all completed their training.
- Balance of action items deferred.

New Business: See OrCam MyEye presentation above.

Committee Reports:

- **Camp for the Blind:** PDG Norine Westerbeck submitted a written report that she is in the process of planning the 2019 camp. She thanked the Lions for their continued support.
- **GLT:** PCC Angela Smith-Decker submitted a written report that stated the Vice District Governor Training will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Leadership forum on January 11-12, 2019.
- **GMT:** PDG Wanda Barnett reported that she is excited that membership is slowly increasing in North America. We are encouraging clubs to add just one new member. The GMT team is willing to assist in your membership goals. Arkansas Governor's have set a goal for 10 new clubs. Currently we have 122 clubs with 2911 members. 7-L is down 21, 7-I is +4, 7-O is +3 and 7-N is -11 for a net of -25.



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- **International Relations:** PCC Bill Heaton reminds everyone to review the Lions Calendar of events posted on lionsclubs.org. November is Diabetes Awareness month and January 2019 is Hunger Awareness month.
- **Internet Technology:** PCC Jennifer Cary sent in a note advising the website is updated.
- **Lions Alert:** Lion Don Ellis provided a written note that he was proud that there were no activities.
- **Mid-Winter Leadership Forum:** CC Myrna advised that the SEPC committee had a problem and the committee was taking steps to resolve those issues. The committee had scheduled another meeting via Go To Meetings. The Forum will be held on January 11-12, 2019.
- **Peace Poster:** CC Myrna McGee advised that postmark deadline for Peace Posters to District Governors is November 15. Postmark deadline for Peace Posters to Council Chair is December 1.
- **Public Relations:** VDG Jeff Davis thanked all those that had supplied contributions to the MD-7 newsletter. The next issue is expected to be in early January and he encouraged district leaders to encourage their clubs to submit reports and pictures for the next publication.
- **Strategic Plan Report** was submitted by PDG Rich Fisher and reviewed by CC Myrna.
 - The GAT is defined in By Laws. All districts have GLT, GMT, GST and LCIF coordinators except 7-O which is a work in process.
 - MD-7 GMT has provided training at a couple of conventions; the GST has medical issues at home and CC Myrna has spoken with the GLT concerning state level training. CC Myrna noted that this will be picked up.
 - Website meets strategic plan.
 - CC Myrna noted that services was the key area for this year and needs to be emphasized throughout the districts. Council meetings are now providing the quarterly reporting medium. DG Don noted that 7-L was holding separate GAT quarterly coordination meetings via Zoom on line meetings.
 - PDG Rich Fischer's report recommended the districts update or create plans in support of the state plan.

Arkansas Lions State Office: Wanda Barnett, PDG

- The hog is falling off the 2018-2019 Prestige Pins. 90 were replaced. The company recommends use of glue to repair.
- Only one box of umbrellas remain. DGs can borrow some to sell during club visits.
- Wanda indicated some loss and breakage with the "Celebration of Life" supplies. Pat made a motion to keep the "Celebration of Life" as a state function and give it the reverence that it is suppose to have. The state office would no longer loan out these materials. Second by DG Tracy.
 - If a district wishes to perform this ceremony, they would need to obtain their own equipment since the motion does not pertain to the district convention content. With only one opposed (DG Don) the motion carried.
- Nominations for the MD-7 annual awards need to be in by March 1 to the state office. This includes the Edward G. Barry, Sr. Award, the John H. Barnett Leadership Award



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and the James M. Fowler Humanitarian Award. District Governors need to contact their clubs for proposed recipients.

- Dates to remember:
 - January 11 & 12, Mid-Winter Leadership Forum at Hemstead Hall in Hope
 - April 26 & 27, State Convention in Fayetteville
 - September 13 & 14, District 7-L Convention
 - October 4 & 5, District 7-I Convention
 - October 26, District 7-O Convention

District Governor's Reports were given by DGs Don, Tracy, Pat & Gloria.

CC Myrna McGee scheduled the next **Council of Governors Meeting** at the Mid-Winter Leadership Convention in Hope, Arkansas on January 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald C. Draper".

DG Don Draper, Secretary

Action Items:

1. Review the Strategic Plan - Council
2. Proposed revisions of the State Events Policy Manual to be forwarded to CC Myrna for consolidation for future consideration - Council
3. Redistricting/Merging of Districts for MD-7 – CC to schedule.
4. State Level training of GAT/GMT/GST per strategic plan – CC
5. Review the MD7 Constitution and Bylaws. – Council
6. Nominations for State Awards due by March 1. - District Governors