



## Arkansas Lion MD-7 Council of Governors Meeting, April 26, 2019



**Meeting Location:** Hilton Garden Inn, 1325 N. Palak Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704

**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.

**Special Guests:** PID Dave Stoufer and his wife PDG Rachael Nicola

**Guests:** Rick Bailey, Brad Baker, Betsy Barnes, Wanda Barnett-Green, Kevin Baskin, Mike Benefield, Alfred Blair, Kandy Cayce, Jeff Davis, Dave DeGraff, Kim Earles, Rich Fischer, Phyllis Fry, Sharon Giovinazzo, Claudia Griffin, James Griffin, Bill Heaston, Rumona Huft, Larry Ketchum, Nancy Ketchum, Phyllis Krelis, Larry Luman, Bill Mattler, Ron McCormick, Dale Miller, Ron Montgomery, Leanna Rich, Art Ritter, Cleon Rogers, Angela Smith-Decker, Bobby Tucker, Matt Webber, Don Young

CC Myrna McGee called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. DG Gloria Montgomery gave the invocation and DG Pat Snodgrass led the pledge of allegiance. CC Myrna introduced the special guests. PID Dave Stoufer provided complementary words and a thank you for the invitation to Arkansas.

Council of Governors meeting minutes for January 11, 2019 were presented by council secretary, DG Don Draper. A motion was made by DG Tracy to approve the minutes as presented. Second by DG Gloria; motion carried.

The financial statement for MD-7 as of March 31, 2019, as prepared by state secretary Wanda Barnett, was presented by council treasurer DG Tracy Price. Year to date income was \$33,949 and expense was \$26,973 for a net change of assets of \$6,976. Assets for the Council, State Convention, Lions Grant, Mid Winter, Lions Alert and CD accounts as of 03/31/2019 were respectively \$19,470; \$12,481; \$8,602; \$5,482; \$14,319 and \$14,268 for a total of \$74,622. DG Don made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented; second by DG Pat; motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

#### ***Action Items from the January 11, 2019 minutes were reviewed.***

- CC Myrna noted that an electronic meeting was held in March to consider the Strategic Plan. Only two DG's attended. Since no consensus could be achieved, the plan was left as is.
- CC Myrna note that an electronic meeting was held in early February to discuss District Merging. After a brief discussion it was decided that membership was the most important issue in Arkansas and not district merging. Meeting was adjourned to allow the districts to concentrate on membership.
- CC Myrna set up state wide GAT training at WSB in Little Rock. Myrna will meet with GAT members that were not in attendance after this meeting to review their training needs.
- CC Myrna noted that we held an electronic meeting to discuss the MD-7 Constitution and By Laws.



## Arkansas Lion MD-7 Council of Governors Meeting, April 26, 2019



- PID Dave Stoufer and PDG Rachael Nicola recommended Arkansas participate in the GPLLI at Marysville, Missouri on July 26 through 28.
  - The leadership forum has been 16 years in operation and is heavily funded by LCI.
  - They offer a full line of LCI leadership courses.
  - Small classes encourage excellent interaction and development of mutual friendships. Each group in the leadership teams put on a skit to illustrate what they have learned at the forum.
  - Considered a great place to train new leaders that are destined to become DGs. Fee of \$160 pays for room, food and materials. After May 1, price is \$210.CC Myrna recommended that the Districts consider sending their 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs.
- PCC Bill Heaston reported on the status of the UAMS Tele-Retinal Screening Project:
  - The project was changed to nine rebuilt Screeners and \$5K in pamphlets for a total of 86K of which \$12K was the MD-7 Lions' share.
  - Bill Heaston, Cleon Rogers and Dr. Myers of UAMS responded by phone to 17 questions from the LCIF's grant manager and satisfied all her requirements. This changed the project to \$81K of which \$40.5K was LCIF's matching share. LCIF will not invest in advertising. UAMS and MD-7 Lions agreed to share the additional \$5K in advertising pamphlets costs evenly. Overall the Lions share rises to make up their share of the drop in the LCIF match to about \$13,250.
  - Bill Heaston provided the requested project support slides to the District Governors in a timely manner. All four DG's met their responsibilities in presenting the project to their districts since the contributions were spread over the whole state.CC Myrna requested a special thank you to Bill and Cleon for their efforts in pulling this commendable state project together.
- PDG Phylis Fry provided a report on the Mid Winter Forum in Hope, AR.

### **New Business:**

- CC Myrna noted that a good effort had been made to fill all GAT positions from the multi district down to the club levels. Many positions have not been filled yet, including a few at the district level and many at the club level. Myrna stated that we need to keep expanding our effort to fill these remaining positions.
- Election of the Council Chair for 2019-2020: CC Myrna noted that only one DG had expressed an interest in the position, DG Tracy Price. Nine delegates are eligible to vote, the current council and the DGE's from the four Districts. A motion was made by DG Don to close the nominations; second by DG Pat; motion carried. CC Myrna requested all voting delegates mark their ballot in writing. PDG Mike Benefield passed out, then collected the marked up ballots. Bill and Bill were assigned to count the votes.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Camp for the Blind: PDG Wanda reported that the camp is July 15 through 19 and PDG Norine needs Lions to volunteer for transportation, for the off campus bowling event and for some duties around the camp.
- Constitution & By Laws: The Council of Governors recommended that each of the Districts elect a member for a two year commitment to the MD-7 Constitution and By Laws committee at their District Meetings at this State Convention. The members of this committee need to commit to review the MD-7 and their District documents and consider



## Arkansas Lion MD-7 Council of Governors Meeting, April 26, 2019



an updated re-write in line with the LCI Standard Constitution and By Laws documents that merge in the special needs of the State of Arkansas Lions. This new document should be ready for consideration at next years State Convention.

- GLT, PCC Angela Decker: Packets have been put together for the DGE's. There will be a session this weekend on how to complete forms for LCI.
- GMT, PDG Wanda Green: CC Myrna reported that Wanda will step down as GMT. She has moved to Hot Springs. A new GMT is needed for MD-7.
- GST, PCC Bob Williams: PCC Bob reported that 56% of Arkansas clubs reported services in 2016-2017, 72.5% in 2017-2018 and so far this year, 51.2%. Bob requested that the District GST's, the DG's and the Zone Chairs encourage the clubs to learn the new MyLion procedures and report their services in this new system. Also 91 clubs in Arkansas do not have a GST assignment. DG's need to encourage clubs to make these appointments and adapt to the new LCI system.
- Leos: CC Myrna reported that the Elkins Leos had done an excellent job of helping set up and sort the convention materials and other tasks. This new Leo club had 39 members at their charter night party and this went off very well.
- Alert Chair, Lion Don Ellis: Thankfully, there has been no disasters in Arkansas since the last council meeting.
  - In 2015 there was a tornado in Nashville, AR. State Lions made a contribution from the Disaster Alert fund to help. Nashville held a fund raiser and paid back most of the amount that was provided to them.
- Peace Poster: CC Myrna advised that the Multiple District first place Peace Poster award would be presented to the winner tonight. She will be attending the dinner with her parents and teacher.
- PDG Association, PCC Matt Weber: Your PDG's are fired up and ready to help. We have membership applications and ask all those interested in supporting their districts to sign up. The PDGA is running a silent auction and 50-50 this weekend. On Saturday, the PDGA will hold its annual meeting to induct new members and this coming years officers.
- State Convention: PDG Phyliss Fry thanked the large group of excellent volunteers that pulled this convention together. A lot of materials have been included for the attendees. Phyliss hoped all the Lions keep an open heart and an open mind in order to take back a lot of good ideas to their districts and clubs.
- State Office Update: PDG Wanda Barnett-Green:
  - Started on the 2019-2020 state directory. Need the support of all DG, DGE's and Secretaries. Also need DGE's to advise how many directories they need for their respective districts.
  - DGE's need to advise if marching in the parade in Milan, since Wanda needs to complete the application form.
  - Dates to remember:
    - ✓ September 13 & 14, 2019 District 7-L Convention in Hope
    - ✓ October 4 & 5, 2019, District 7-I Convention
    - ✓ October 11 & 12, 2019, District 7-N Convention
    - ✓ October 26, 2019, District 7-O Convention in Jonesboro

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



**Arkansas Lion MD-7**  
**Council of Governors Meeting, April 26, 2019**



**Meeting Closure:**

- CC Myrna:
  - Council Chair election results will be announced at this evenings event.
  - DGE's will meet with CC Myrna immediately following this meeting to execute outstanding business with the new incoming Council of Governors and to address secretary Wanda's questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald C Draper".

Respectfully submitted,  
DG Don Draper, Council Secretary

**Action Items:**

1. Commission new Constitution and By Laws Committee to organize and execute revisions in a timely manner – CC & CCE