



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting

January 8, 2022

Meeting Summary

Participants: Jeremy Kimble, Council Chair
Rene Roberts District Governor 7-L
Carol Allen, District Governor 7-I
Roy Patterson, District Governor 7-O
Don Young, District Governor 7-N

Guests: 1st VDG Bill Johnson, 2nd VDG, Russell Bryan, 2nd VDG Toni Shockey, PCC Bill Heaston, PDG Mike Benefield, Bonda Moyer, PDG Phyliss Fry, Kelli Kimble, PDG Leanna Rich, PCC Tracy Price, Rita Price, Martha Patterson, Jack Wells, Betsy Barnes, and PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary.

The third MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2021-2022 was held on January 8, 2022, at Central Baptist College, 1501 College Avenue, Conway, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Council Chair Jeremy Kimble. The invocation was given by DG Rene Roberts and pledge led by DG Roy Patterson.

CC Jeremy Kimble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the Council Meeting, October 8, 2021, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Carol Allen seconded by DG Rene Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

DG Don Young, Council Treasurer, provided a Financial Statement as of December 31, 2021. A motion was made by DG Rene Roberts and seconded by DG Carol Allen to accept the report as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

Lion Jack Wells reported that the on-line store will be available soon to purchase Arkansas Lions merchandise. Contact information (501) 984-6412.

A discussion was held on the Arkansas Lions pins. PDG Carolyn Marlin has resigned from Lions Clubs International Pin Trader Association. We were informed that only 2 pin trader vendors were at the 2021 USA/Canada Forum. Several of the Pin Trader representatives have recently left the group due to death, age or decline of interest. Lion Wanda reported that a representative from Missouri said that he thought in a few years this organization will cease to exist. A motion was made by

DG Carol Allen and seconded by Rene Roberts to reduce the quantity of pins for the 2023. Motion approved.

A brief discussion was held on the Beat Childhood Cancer T-Shirts State Project. A motion was made by DG Rene Roberts and seconded by DG Don Young to use 7-L as a “testing ground” to find out what reaction regarding the sales of the T-shirts DG Rene will report the outcome of sales at the next council meeting. Motion approved.

PCC Bill Heaston reported on the Arkansas Lions MD-7 and UAMS Tele-Retinal Diabetic Retinopathy Screening \$80,000 Matching Grant Project.

The financial Books on the Tele-Retinal joint state project has been closed. As you noticed in the December 31, 2021 Financial Statement, the balance in this account is now zero. All funds donated and raised by the Lions of MD-7 have been applied to the completion of this Grant.

The final expense was the update and printing of the Brochures for the Lions to distribute in each of your Districts. A total of 4000 brochures are available for each District governor for your club members.

UAMS also received a large supply of brochures to distribute to each of their Clinics. An update from UAMS on the results of their screening is 30-35% of the thousands who have been screened to date reflect they are diabetic and did not know.

PCC Bill Heaston gave an update on the status of the Lions Clubs International Foundation Grant. World Services for the Blind requested Council endorsement of this grant, which will match \$100,000. The grant will provide funding for a Lion’s dedicated room in the WSB Group Home of Arkansas.

On October 10th, the application was submitted to LCIF. An email was received on Jan 5th stating that the grant would go in front of the Board of Directors on January 18th and that it is *recommended for full approval!*

New Business:

The Council endorsed the candidacy of PID A.P. Sing, Multiple District 322, India, for the position of International Third Vice President to be elected at the 2022 Convention. A motion was made by DG Carol Allen and seconded by DG Roy Patterson. Motion passed.

PDG Phyliss Fry, chair of the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum thanks everyone for coming. We are looking forward to the valuable training being offered today. We have 66 registrations. The council thanked PDG Phyliss for her outstanding job.

The Council accepted the bid from the Fayetteville Lions Club to Host the MD7 105th Annual Convention for 2023. A motion as made by DG Carol Allen and seconded by DG Roy Patterson. Motion passed.

PCC Jeremy Kimble, presented an update regarding the 104th Annual Lions State Convention. This year’s theme is “*IT’ S GREAT TO BE A LION*”. This will be held

May 13 & 14, 2022, at the Embassy Suites-Jonesboro. Your time will be well spent-informative and fun!

DG Don Young and DG Roy Patterson announced their candidacy for Council Chair for 2022-2023.

Committee Reports/District Governor's Report - attached

All the reports were reviewed and each chair is available to assist the districts' leadership when asked. A motion was made by DG Roy Patterson and seconded by DG Rene Roberts to accept the written reports as presented. Motion passed.

District Governors Reports are attached.

Date for Council Meeting: State Convention, May 13, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 915 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

DG Carol Allen, Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items:

1. Summit the letter of endorsement for 3rd Vice President. Wanda
2. Update of the sales of the Childhood Cancer T-Shirts. DG Rene

District Governor report: 7- L Rene Roberts, DG

Number of Clubs to Date: 26

Number of Lions to Date: 682

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs:

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 47

Net Loss to Date: 24

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 3

Dates to Remember in Your District: April 23, 2022 District Convention, Mena, AR to be held at Christ Community Fellowship Church, 2837 Hwy 88 East

Comments: General Health/Welfare of District: the district is healthy with more clubs meeting in person. Fund raising is still a challenge.

District Governor report: 7- I Carol Allen, DG

Number of Clubs to Date: 31

Number of Lions to Date: 604

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs: Rogers

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 32

Net Loss to Date: 61

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 3

Dates to Remember in Your District March 25 and 26 for 71 convention

Comments: General Health/Welfare of District: Rogers Club closed even with efforts to try to keep it alive. Some clubs have modified meetings to better accommodate member's needs. Most clubs are still struggling with ways to make money to continue their projects. All in all, everyone seems happy to be back and attempting to help their communities.

District Governor report: 7-0 Roy Patterson, DG

Number of Clubs to Date: 26

Number of Lions to Date: 570

Status Quo Clubs: 1 Problem Clubs: Melbourne

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 27

Net Loss to Date: 25

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 7

Dates to Remember in Your District: Feb 19th District Convention & Cabinet Meeting

Comments: General Health/Welfare of District:

Have 4 clubs needing membership Drives. Couple clubs haven't met now going into 2+ years now. Talking to clubs about membership.

District Governor report: 7-N Don Young, DG

Number of Clubs to Date: 27

Number of Lions to Date: 498

Status Quo Clubs: 3

Problem Clubs: Rison, El Dorada, Clarendon

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 13

Net Loss to Date: 43

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 11

Dates to Remember in Your District: 19 March 22, District Convention

Comments: *General Health/Welfare of District:* Still working on COVID recovery