



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting

May 13, 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: DGE Travis Burton, DGE Dean Rowland, DGE Pat Snodgrass, DGE Bill Johnson, 1st VDGE Glen Beedle, 1st VDGE Russell Bryan, 2nd VDGE Bonda Moyer.

PCC Myrna McGee, Carla Mosley, PDG Jeff Davis, PCC Matt Webber, PDG Mike Benefield, PDG Phyliss Fry, PCC Tracy Price, PCC Brad Baker, Sharon Giovinazzo, Betsy Barnes, Robert Harty, Brandon Sims, and PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary. Special guests: International Director John Youney and wife, Lion Karol.

The fourth MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2021-2022 was held on May 13, 2022, at Embassy Suites, 223 Red Wolf Blvd., Jonesboro, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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. Special remarks were made by International Director John Youney. Lion John informed updated us on the following topics (1) Dues Increase, (2) Strategic Plan (Name change-Lions International) (3) LCIF goals, (4) Lions Quest, (5) Peace Poster, (6) District Governors (Terms limits-serve one year) and (7) Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund. He encourages all Lions to focus on MEMBERSHIP. He thanked the Lions for all their service.

The minutes from the Council Meeting, January 8, 2022, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Don Young 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 April 30, 2022. A motion was made by DG Roy Patterson 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:

A brief update was held on the Beat Childhood Cancer T-Shirts State Project. DG Rene reported the project is on hold until further notice.

New Business:

The Council accepted bids from the Clarksville Lions Club to Host the MD7 105th Convention in 2024 and Little Rock Founders to host the MD7 106th Convention in 2025. The Council accepted the bids from the Russellville Lions Club to host the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum 2023 and Stuttgart Lions Club will host the 2025 Mid-Winter Leadership Forum.

The election for the 2022-23 Council Chairperson was held. Ballots were distributed to DGE's, DG's and CC Jeremy. Following the vote, ballots were counted by PCC Matt Webber. The results of the vote for Council Chair were presented. The Council Chair for 2022-2023 will be Don Young. A motion was made DG Rene Roberts and seconded by DG Roy Patterson to destroy the ballots. Motion passed

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: TBD

Closing Remarks: CC Jeremy Kimble distributed the DGs and PDGs crest.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

DG Carol Allen, Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items: None

Effective July 1, 2022, a resolution has been passed during the International Convention to amend the qualification of district governor and vice district governors. Lions who previously served as a district governor will not be eligible to be elected as district governor or vice district governor.

Rene Roberts, DG 7-L

Number of Clubs to Date: 26

Number of Lions to Date: 668

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs:

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 83

Net Loss to Date: 74

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 7

Comments: *General Health/Welfare of District:* the district is healthy with more clubs meeting in person. Fundraising is still a challenge. District convention was a success with 54 in attendance. The Hope club celebrated their 75th anniversary

Carol Allen, DG 7-I

Number of Clubs to Date: 30

Number of Lions to Date: 599

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs: 0

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 55

Net Loss to Date: 89

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 6

Comments: *General Health/Welfare of District:* Seems to be improving at this time. Most if not all clubs are back to meeting. Some have changed to once a month for the time being. All clubs are getting back to making money to be able to carry out service projects. The District Governor Team is in the process of a branch club in Rogers.

Roy Patterson, DG 7-O

Number of Clubs to Date: 25

Number of Lions to Date: 566

Status Quo Clubs: 0

Problem Clubs: Fairfield Bay, Melbourne, Cherry Valley, Bald Knob and Searcy

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 52

Net Loss to Date: 44

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 7

Comments: *General Health/Welfare of District:* Have 4 clubs needing membership Drives. Couple clubs haven't met for 2+ years now. Talking to clubs about membership Reports.

Don Young, DG 7-N

Number of Clubs to Date: 25

Number of Lions to Date: 447

Status Quo Clubs: 1

Problem Clubs: El Dorado

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 28

Net Loss to Date: 109

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: 11

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

Constitution and By-Laws: PCC Myrna McGee

Lion Myrna McGee stated that Districts L and O will need to elect a District Representative to serve the Constitution and By Law Committee. Each member shall serve a two-year term and may stand to be reappointed or re-elected. The District representative shall be elected at the District business session held during the annual State Convention.

International Relations Report: Bill Heaston, PCC Council

The Relationship between the Staff and Executive Offices at Lions International and the Lions of MD-7 is excellent. I have not heard anything but great comments from the Lions who have interfaced with members of the Staff at Lions International.

As you know the 104th International Convention will be held in Montreal, Canada on June 24-28, 2022. One of the resolutions to be voted on will be the International Dues adjustments. Lions Clubs International has not raised the International dues in 10 years despite rising costs. The International Board of Directors has proposed an International Dues adjustment.

The Resolution would gradually adjust the current International Dues from \$43 by \$7 over the next three years as follows:

* \$3.00 increase on July 1, 2023

* \$2.00 increase on July 1, 2024

*\$2.00 increase on July 1, 2025

The International Board of Directors and the International President would like the Lions of MD-7 support for the International Dues Adjustment in Montreal.

Show our support by voting YES on this dues resolution.

Thank You Council of Governors for giving me the opportunity to Serve MD-7 this Lions year 2021-2022 as your International Relations Chairman.

MD7 GLT Report: PDG Leanna Rich - PCC Matt Webber

The 1st and 2nd VDGs have completed ALL their mandatory and elective sessions. They even requested an additional session on Protocol and Constitution and Bylaws. We had PID Donal Knipp as our guest who was able to provide additional information and insight from the perspective of being an International guest at numerous events to our VDGs. MD 7 is in good hands. We have great leadership coming forward. Their dedication, perseverance, and amazing attitudes will enhance their years as

District Governors. It has been our pleasure to serve MD7 as GLT Co-chairs for the last couple of years.

We have already discussed with our VDGs that we will be stepping down from these positions.

GMT: PCC Tracy Price

The MD is down 108 for the year and has lost 4 clubs. One district is on the positive side while the other 3 are in the negative column. Sadly to say, the majority of our losses were from deaths in the MD.

On a positive note, we are in better shape with membership this year than we have been in several years.

We just need to replace those losses that have occurred during the current year.

GST: PDG Jeff Davis

As the year winds down, thanks to all Arkansas Lions and clubs for their service to their communities. With my other hat on (newsletter editor), I receive so many club reports and pictures of Lions all over the state doing great things in their community. Vision service hours may top the six service categories of LCI, but "Other" service far out reaches that of vision or any of the other areas.

This is great! It means that as Lions, we are finding unique individual and community needs and finding ways to help. Thank you, Lions, for another great year of "Service from the heart."

Unfortunately, only a quarter of our state's clubs have reported their service. Please, let's see if we can do better at reporting to LCI our great Arkansas service.

Lions Alert: PDG Don Ellis

I want to thank the council for organizing the 50/50 donation at Mid-Winter Leadership Forum. Lion Kellie Kimble raised \$176.00 to replenish funds used during the WSB disaster. Thank you Lion Kellie Kimble.

MD7 Newsletter: PDG Jeff Davis

As always, thanks to all who have contributed articles, comments, reports and photos to this year's MD7 News. It is your willingness to share your club and individual successes with us all that have given our newsletter the success it has. If your club or district does not have a reporter, please consider appointing one.

State Office: PDG Wanda Green

2022-23 Arkansas Lions State Directories

Just a reminder I will be starting the 2022-2023 directories and ask for your help on securing the PU101's from clubs. Also please send your district cabinet.

Pictures: __DGE's PDG Mike Benefield has agreed to take your picture this weekend for the directory and web site.

Dates to remember: District 7-O Convention: October 15, 2022

LCIF: PDG Mike Benefield

We are almost to the end of Campaign 100. We have raised and donated many THOUSANDS of dollars! There is about a month and a half left. Let's finish Strong! I ask for every Lion and Lions Club to dig DEEP so we can complete our task. Consider another Melvin Jones Fellowship, or becoming a Model Club. Those around the world who are less fortunate than us will appreciate it!

District Health Assessment for Multiple District 7 through April 2022

Clubs

Membership

Member Strength

District Number Name of Months in Status *	Status/ Months	Active Clubs	Clubs in Status Quo	Total Clubs	% Status Quo Clubs in Financial Suspension	New Clubs	Cancelled Clubs	YTD Net Club Gain/ Loss	Current Members In Active Clubs	Current Members In Status Quo Clubs	Current Total Members Count YTD Add	YTD NetGrowth		Member Count 12 Months Ago	Average Member Count Per Club	% of Clubs with less than 20 members		
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7 L	T(24)	26	0	26	0%	0	0	0	668	0	668	83	74	9	1.37%	679	26	46%
7 I	T(24)	30	0	30	0%	0	1	-1	599	0	599	55	89	-34	-5.37%	644	20	63%
7 O	T(24)	26	0	26	0%	0	0	0	566	0	566	42	44	-2	-0.35%	572	22	62%
7 N	T(24)	25	0	25	0%	0	3	-3	447	0	447	28	109	-81	-15.34%	530	18	68%
		107	0	107	0%	0	4	-4	2280	0	2280	208	316	-108	-4.52%	2,425	21	60%

Past District Governors Association Report (PDGA)

Met April 30, 2022 in Conway, AR

- Memorial donation to WSB in memory of PDG Billy Bob Ford from Texarkana
- discussed fund raising
- Memorial Service
- Exhibitor Table at the convention
- Election of officers:
 President – PDG Mike Benefield
 Vice President – DG Rene' Roberts
 Secretary – CC Jeremy Kimble
 Treasurer PCC Tracy Price
- Financial report
- Membership – 46 members, 24 of these are Lifetime members
- Induction of new members – May 14 by ID John W. Youney
- Installation of new officers – May 14 by ID John W. Youney