ARKANSAS LIONS 96th STATE CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING Quality Inn April 26, 2014

The 96th State Convention Business meeting was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the Quality Inn in Harrison, Arkansas. Council Chair Ken Swanson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. The invocation was given by PDG Art Ritter and the pledge by DG Matt Webber. CC Swanson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A copy of the Agenda was distributed by the 2014 Sergeants at Arms Committee.

CC Swanson thanked Convention Chair Lion Lou Ann Sutton and the host Club, Harrison Noon Lions Club.

CC Swanson announced that there were one Constitution and By-laws amendment to be addressed and one resolution. The convention committees were introduced: the Sergeant at Arms Committee, Resolutions Committee, Rules Committee and Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He thanked each of these committee members for their work.

PCC Jennifer Carey, Chairman of the Rules Committee, asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Rules since all has been given to each voting delegate. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2014 State Convention rules as previously passed out. Motion passed.

The credentials committee, PDG Rich Fischer, chair reported the number of delegates present. Ninety three delegates.

Parameters were that each resolution will be considered, voted upon and the results announced prior to considering the next resolution.

Resolutions Committee Chair, PCC Dave DeGraff, reported that there were one resolution to be considered from the Resolutions Committee.

Resolution – Resolution to establish an Arkansas Lions MD7 Alert Disaster emergency. Submitted by the Alma Lions Club. There were three speakers for and none against. Voted were tallied. Resolution passed. Results were 82 in favor and 11 against.

Constitution and By-Law Committee Chair, PCC Jeff Boone, was unable to attend. PDG Bill Freeman, presented RESOLUTION ONE (#1). **RESOLUTION ONE** (#1) TO PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SEMI-ANNUAL DUES OF \$1.00 PER MEMBER. SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR. There were three speakers for and three speakers against. Votes were tallied. Resolution passed. Results were 61 in favor and 31 against.

CC Swanson announced the host for the 2015 State Convention. The convention will be host in District 7-O. The sponsoring club is the Searcy Lions Club.

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2015 (97<sup>th</sup>) State Convention – Searcy, Arkansas
2016 (98<sup>th</sup>) State Convention – Clarksville, Arkansas
2017 (99<sup>th</sup>) State Convention – Hope, Arkansas
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CC Swanson announced that the host for the 2015 Mid-Winter Leadership Forum will be the Hope Lions Club from District 7-L. Lion John Collier will serve as the General Chairperson.

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2015 Mid-Winter Forum – Hope – John Collier, General Chairperson
2016 Mid-Winter Forum – Jonesboro – Brad Baker, General Chairperson
2017 Mid-Winter Forum - Harrison – Lou Ann Sutton, General Chairperson
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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

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