

Arkansas Lions MD-7
Council of Governors Meeting
World Services for the Blind, Little Rock, AR
August 30, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Those Present were: Matt Webber, CC, Phyliss Fry, Secretary & DG 7- I, Bob DeVinney, Treasurer & DG 7- L, Cody Snider, Member & DG 7-N, Wanda Barnett, State Secretary, Steve Bullock, Dave DeGraff, PCC, Bruce Davis, PDG, Susy Sturgeon, Leanna Rich, PDG, Patty O'Bannon, Myrna McGee, Lindsay Elliott, Ken Swanson, PCC, Earlene Hankins, PCC, Bill Hankins, PDG, John Collier, 1st VDG, Maxine Crittenden, 1st VDG, Kandy Cayce, Earl Sears, PCC, Toni Shockey, Jimmie L. Crittenden, Diane Archer, 2nd VDG, Elaine Cecil, John Lewis, PDG, Stan McDougal, 1st VDG, Don Draper, Mike Benefield, PDG, Barbara Williams, 2nd VDG, Don Ellis, Rich Fischer, PDG, Tony Woodell, Theresa Bailey, Hal Griffin, PDG, Aubrey Cherry, PDG.

Matt Webber, Council Chair welcomed everyone. He then called the meeting to order. CC Matt made a few announcements regarding logistics of the facility and schedule for the meeting. Additionally he shared a thank you note from LCI for the donation made on behalf of ID Bill McKinney, our guest speaker at the State Convention in April. CC Matt stated that DG Angela Smith was absent due to a death in her family and he requested that those present sign a sympathy card that was on the head table. The invocation was given by DG Cody and pledge led by DG Bob.

CC Matt made introductions of guests, Hal Griffin, Global Membership Team Area Leader, Aubrey Cherry, Global Leadership Team Area Leader, District Governors, Past Council Chairs, Past District Governors and all others.

Minutes: Business Meeting – Phyliss Fry presented the minutes of the past three meetings. (April 26, 2014, Teleconference Meetings- May 18th & June 22nd, 2014). DG Cody Snider moved that the minutes be approved as presented, second by DG Bob DeVinney. Motion passed. A discussion was held regarding emailing draft copy of minutes.

Financial Report: Audit

A motion was made by DG Cody to table the audit due to the absence of Tom Lonon, second by DG Phyliss. Motion passed.

2014-15 Budget:

The budget was presented by DG Bob, treasurer. Discussion followed. DG Phyliss made a motion to approve the budget as presented, second by DG Cody. Motion passed.

Old Business:

CC Matt discussed the need for a Lions Quest co-chair. DG Bob stated that he would contact a Lion in his district to serve in this position. This will be brought before the Council during a teleconference. CC Matt stated that we are to name a Centennial Coordinator at the state level. Additionally each district is asked to name a Centennial Coordinator for 2017. CC Matt requested that names of potential persons for this position be sent to him. The deadline for submission to LCI is September 30.

New Business:

Lion Aubrey Cherry, Global Leadership Team Area Leader shared several ideas with the group regarding leadership. He pointed out that we need to make state projects local projects. Additionally he stated that we need to use PDG in leadership roles—they need something to do.

Lion Hal Griffin, Global Membership Area Leader shared several points of information with the group. Including statistics on why people join Lions. Lion Hal pointed out that all districts in Arkansas are below the 1250 membership mark. 7-I has the largest membership of 953. Lion Hal urged everyone to participate in the webinars from LCI and take advantage of the training and resources available. Lion Hal stated that instead of re-districting the state into two districts we should first increase the membership in all districts.

Committee Reports:

GLT – Lion Leanna Rich shared the names of the GLT members from each district and referred to them as “The Dream Team”.

GMT – Lion Ken Swanson shared that each district should have a GMT chair. Lion Ken shared that all four districts are working on extension this year.

Technology – In Lion Jennifer Carey’s absence CC Matt shared that she is doing a fine job and that she is working on archiving certain information. He urged all DGs to submit information to her regularly and that all clubs should be utilizing this type of communication.

LCIF- Lion Dave DeGraff share that in 2013-14 - 43.9 million dollars was raised for LCIF, the US contributed \$950,000. However the contributions from MD-7 were way down from previous years (handout attached).

Lions ALERT- Lion Don Ellis shared about the two grants that Arkansas received this year for disaster assistance. He share that Arkansas was approved for a Preparedness Grant. He explained what the grant entailed. He challenged each district to apply for this same grant. Lion Hal Griffin urged us to check with LCI to see if their insurance would cover the contents of the trailer.

Lions Quest - Lion Toni Shockey shared what the program was about and who should attend the training. She reiterated the need for a co-chair and asked that each district name someone to help in this area.

Mid-Winter Forum -Lion John Collier shared that this was the first call for papers and speakers for the up-coming Mid-Winter Leadership Forum to be held Feb. 6 – 7, 2015 in Hope, AR.

PR/Newsletter- Lion Myrna McGee shared that she needed lots of articles and pictures to include in the state newsletter. Please submit articles to her no later than the 10th of the month.

State Convention- Lion Lindsay Elliott from the Searcy Lions club shared that the theme this year was “fun”. Friday night there will be a “Murder Mystery”. Saturday a live band will be on site. CC Matt shared that there is a possibility of Dr. Patty Hill from Canada serving as the keynote speaker. The convention will be held April 17-18, 2015 in Searcy, AR. There will be a planning meeting on September 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Community Bank in Searcy.

Strategic Plan- Lion Rich Fischer shared a brief power point on the state level Strategic Plan. He is requesting each district name a chair. Each district needs to develop their own strategic plan.

State Office Update- Sec. Wanda Barnett shared that the 2015 state pin “Mark Martin” and the Prestige pins are in. She requested that the price of the pins be set since many present wanted to purchase them. CC Matt requested that the DGs meet during lunch to determine the price of the pins. Lion Barnett stated that the 2014-15 Arkansas Lions State directories are in. Each DG’s received their directories for distribution. (During the lunch break, the DG’s met. Lion Cody made a motion to sell the 2015 “Mark Martin” state pins for \$2.00 and the Prestige pins for \$5.00, second by Lion Phylliss.

Included in the motion was that 50 state pins and 25 prestige pins be given to the DGE to take to the International Convention in June 2015. Motion passed).

PDG's Association – Lion Mike Benefield share that the association had not met but needs to become more active. The membership is \$5.00 per year.

District Governor Reports were given by DG Bob, Phyliss and Cody.

The next Council meeting is set for October 17 at 3:00 p.m. in Conway in conjunction with the District 7-I Convention.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Lunch was served.

Respectfully submitted,
DG Phyliss Fry
Council Secretary