

Arkansas Lions MD 7
Council of Governor's Meeting
February 6, 2015
Mid-Winter Forum
UACCH Hempstead Hall- Hope, AR
3:00 p.m.

Present: CC Matt Webber, Phyliss Fry, Secretary & DG 7-I, Bob DeVinney, Treasurer & DG 7-L, Angela Smith, Vice Council Chair and DG 7-O, State Secretary Wanda Barnett, John Collier, Mid-Winter Forum Chair, Stan McDougal, DGE, Maxine Crittenden, DGE, Bobby Tucker, 2nd VDG, Barbara Williams, 2nd VDG, Bob Corlew, 2nd International VP, Lion Dianne Corlew and Lions Dave DeGraff, Bruce Davis, Art Ritter, Adren Duncan, Dennis Williams, Leanna Rich, Ken Swanson, John Trauger, Claudia Griffin, James Griffin, Larry Bauer, Nell Rockett, Don Ellis, John Lewis, Earl Sears, Mike Benefield, Sydney Scarborough, Patty O'Bannon, Myrna McGee and others.

CC Matt called the meeting to order. CC Matt welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions of special guests; 2nd International VP Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne. 2nd International VP Bob made a few brief comments as did Lion Dianne. DG Bob opened the meeting with a prayer. DG Angela led the pledge.

Secretary Phyliss presented the **minutes** of the November 17, 2014 teleconference meeting. DG Angela made a motion to approve the minutes. DG Bob stated that he had one correction. Under the Financial Report; third paragraph DG Bob stated that the sentence should read "That we will not have any *membership revenue* for about 3 months but with \$9500 in the bank, he does not anticipate any issues". Discussion followed. Second by DG Bob with noted correction. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Bob presented the financial report ending 12/31/2014. He noted that State Secretary Wanda had made some minor modifications on the report for the line item salaries. He stated that expenses verses projected receipts leaves MD7 in good shape. DG Phyliss moved that we accept the financial report. Second by DG Angela. Motion carried.

Old Business:

CC Matt stated that he had established an 11 member Panel to review the proposed State Convention Policy. It is made up of the following persons: Leanna Rich PDG, James Griffin PDG, Angela Smith DG, Phyliss Fry DG, John Collier VDG, Barbara Williams VDG, Myrna McGee ~ at-large, Philip Taylor 2016 State Convention Chair, Brad Baker, 2016 Mid Winter Chair, Matt Webber ~ at-large/chair, Wanda Barnett ~ ex-officio. He stated that DGEs were free to review the policy and submit any amendments. The panel is to bring amendments, total rewrite or abandonment of the policy to the April 17 council meeting in Searcy, AR. He expects the current sitting council to make a recommendation to next year's council regarding the policy.

The intent of the policy is that there will be better communication, continuity, long-range planning and still be able to maintain creativity for state conventions. Discussion followed. There was no further old business to conduct.

New Business:

CC Matt introduced WSB Acting CEO, Bruce Davis and asked if him to make a few comments regarding WSB. Lion Bruce stated that WSB was open and they had more than normal the number of clients for this time of the year. He shared that WSB had just been approved for a \$319,500 grant, this is the largest grant ever received in MD7. He stated that everything was going well, they have excellent staff and that the intent was that they were never supposed to close. He will address the entire forum tomorrow with additional information.

Committee Reports:

CC Matt asked for committee reports.

GLT- Lion Leanna reported that this was a 6 month report card for GLT. She shared about the teleconference meeting held between the DG's and DGE's before they attended training in January. She shared that training was conducted in Lonoke for DGE's and that all were in attendance. GLT received a \$425 grant.

GMT- Lion Ken Swanson shared about a new publication "Your Club Your Way" produced by LCI that would be very beneficial for all clubs. He stated that the DG's would share about new clubs that have or are being formed.

ALERT – Lion Don Ellis shared that all districts should of closed out their grants for the trailers by the end of January. He shared briefly about the ALERT program and the benefits that Arkansas has already received.

Mid-Winter Forum – Lion John Collier shared that he had a great committee to work with in putting together the forum. They had set a goal of 150 registrations. As of today 130 have registered plus 12 Leos. He expects more to register on site tomorrow. Lion Brad Baker shared that the 2016 Mid-Winter Forum would be held January 22-23 in Jonesboro at the ASU campus.

PDG Association – Lion Mike Benefield shared about the activity from the PDG Association. They are resources for the clubs. He is working on a survey to assist the clubs. He stated that they would have a meeting at the state convention and that auction items were needed from every club.

PR/Newsletter – Lion Myrna McGee stated that the next newsletter is coming up and it is scheduled to be sent out after mid-winter. She requested articles and pictures to be sent in for publication.

State Convention – CC Matt reported for Lindsay Elliott, State Convention Chair. He shared that flyers and registration forms are available today for promotion in all clubs. He reported that award forms are due March 1 to State Sec. Wanda. Judging this year will be ID Bill McKinney, PIDs Scott Storms and Bev Stebbins. CC Matt shared that resolutions must also be submitted and received by Wanda by Feb. 18. CC Matt shared the proposed State Convention Budget. Discussion followed. DG Angela made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Second by DG Phyliss. Motion Carried. CC Matt stated that the 2016 State Convention will be held in Clarksville, AR.

Strategic Plan – Lion Rich Fischer shared that the state as well as each district had a Strategic Plan. The plans need to be executed and have visibility in order for them to be of use.

Youth Exchange –Lion Art Ritter shared about the Youth Exchange Program. It has been in existence for over 30 years. They are currently looking for youth to go to Taiwan.

State Office Updates:

State Sec. Wanda shared that she had sent out invoices for dues to the DGs. She received the state committee charts from the DGs. There had been a computer virus last week but it is now ok.

District Governor Reports were given by DG Bob, Phyliss, Angela and Stan McDougal for DG Cody.

CC Matt reported on the most recent Club Health Assessments from LCI. He strongly suggested that the DGs get with their respective GMT's, as soon as possible, to review these numbers and their district goals. He stressed that we need to keep the momentum going, in the positive direction for recruitment of new members and clubs.

The next Council meeting will be Friday April 17 at 4:00 p.m. in Searcy.

With no further business to be conducted the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
DG Phyliss Fry
Council Secretary