

Arkansas Lions MD 7  
Council of Governor's Teleconference Meeting  
November 23, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** CC Matt Webber, Phyliss Fry, Secretary & DG 7-I, Bob DeVinney, Treasurer & DG 7-L, Angela Smith, Vice Council Chair & DG 7-O, Cody Snider, Member & DG 7-N, Lion Libby Davenport, John Collier, Mid-Winter Forum Chair, Barbara Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, PCC Ken Swanson, DGE Bill Hankins, Lion Don Draper

CC Matt called the meeting to order. DG Angela opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary Phyliss presented the minutes of the October 17, 2014 meeting. DG Angela made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by DG Bob. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

Libby Davenport presented the audit for 2013. Discussion followed. DG Cody made a motion to accept the audit. Second by DG Phyliss. Motion carried. Libby expressed that Wanda was doing a great job. DG Bob made a motion that we pay Libby \$200 for services rendered for the audit. Second by DG Angela. Motion carried. (Libby left the teleconference at this point).

Treasurer Bob reviewed the Financial Statement of October 31, 2014. Treasurer Bob stated that dues go out to the districts in January. That we will not have any income for about 3 months but with \$9500 in the bank, he does not anticipate any issues. DG Cody made a motion to approve the financial statement. DG Angela seconded the motion. DGE Bill Hankins posed a question about payroll taxes; which items were paid by Arkansas Lions and which were paid by Wanda. He requested that in the future these be itemized out. CC Matt responded that during the last Council Meeting it was brought up to look into various accounting software. However the cost is prohibited for an organization as small as us. Discussion followed. DGE Bill stated that we could continue to use the current program and amend it to reflect what Lions are paying and what Wanda is paying. Motion carried to approve the Financial Statement. Additionally he questioned the erroneous number submitted to the IRS. CC Matt stated that Libby would send in an amendment to the IRS.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to conduct.

**New Business:** CC Matt asked for discussion on the proposed State Convention Planning Policy Manual. CC Matt shared the comments he received regarding the policy. Discussion followed. DG Bob made a motion that a committee be formed to study and make recommendations to the Council. Second by DG Phyliss. Motion carried. All 1st and 2nd VDG's will receive a copy of the policy.

CC Matt shared information regarding the candidates for International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Discussion followed. DG Cody made a motion that the Council not endorse either candidate. Second by DG Phyliss. Motion carried.

CC Matt shared that he had received all four district's Peace Posters. He will now get with a local art teacher for the final selection. CC Matt shared that the photos will be in the newsletter. A check to the overall winner will be sent to the District Governor.

**Committee Reports:** CC Matt asked if there were any reports from those on the teleconference.

*GMT, LCIF & Lions Quest* - PCC Ken reported that MD7 is plus 6 year to date. District N – Marianna and Ward ready to start. District O – Batesville, Horse Shoe Bend and Calico Rock are areas of concentration. District I – Organizational meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4 at Centerton. Tony Shockey with Lion's Quest has scheduled a workshop in July. LCIF has offered a \$10,000 grant to schools as an incentive to get them to participate. PCC Ken spoke to Clarksville and is scheduled to speak to Rogers about LCIF. He also reported that DG Cody had LCIF at his convention with good participation and information

*ALERT* – CC Matt for Don Ellis, ALERT Chair. Lion Don is requesting that each district recruit a chair or contact person for ALERT as soon as possible. .

*Mid-Winter Forum* – John Collier, Chair shared the proposed budget with the council. Registration for past attendees is set for \$40. 1<sup>st</sup> Time attendees will be \$30. Lion John stated that this was a break even proposition. The goal is to get as many Lions as possible to attend rather than a money making event. DG Bob asked how many attended last year's event. Lion John stated 125; he would like to have 150 this year. DG Bob made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Second by DG Angela. Motion carried.

CC Matt commended each of the Governors on their conventions. He stated that all had good locations, attendance, speakers and food.

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

CC Matt reported that according to the most recent Club Health Assessments there are some clubs that do not have an active email for their officers. He urged the District Governors to work with these clubs on this as well as looking at 90 plus days for those who are overdue on paying LCI invoices/dues. CC Matt complimented the Council stating that "the five of us have been working together to get things done and worked out".

The next Council meeting will be Friday February 6 at the Mid-Winter Forum in Hope. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
DG Phyliss Fry  
Council Secretary