



**Arkansas Lions MD-7
Council of Governors Meeting
July 31, 2015**

Meeting Recap

Participants: Angela Smith, Council Chair
Maxine Crittenden, District Governor 7-L
Diane Archer, District Governor 7-I (Conference Call)
Bill Hankins, District Governor 7-O
Stan McDougal, District Governor 7-N

Guests: Steve Bullock, John Collier, 1st Vice District Governor, PDG Leanna Rich, Toni Shockey, Barbara Williams, 1st Vice District Governor, PCC William Mertins, Larry Ketcham, 2nd Vice District Governor, Nancy Ketcham, PDG Rich Fischer, Don Draper, PCC Earlene Hankins, PCC Ken Swanson, Jimmie Crittenden, Myrna McGee, 2nd Vice District Governor (Conference Call), Phillip Taylor (Conference Call), PCC Jennifer Carey (Conference Call) PDG Phyliss Fry (Conference Call) and PDG Wanda Barnett, State Secretary.

The first MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2015-2016 was held on July 31, 2015 at the World Services for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Boulevard, Little Rock, AR 72204. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Council Chair Angela Smith followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer led by CC Angela Smith.

Duane Clausen welcomed the members of the council and guests to WSB. He talked about the status of WSB. He said that they had 39 clients and that they had 40, but 2 graduated. We were invited to attend a graduation exercise. He said that WSB has financial problems and that the air conditioner needed to be fixed. Mr. Clausen said that the Foundation Board has implemented a new program whereby employees contribute \$10 a month to the foundation. He stated that we should all promote WSB by asking all Lions to contribute at least \$10.00 a month and to solicit donations from friends and family members. Lion Clausen of WSB the he was asked as to the success of the strategy for the organization name change dropping "Lions", leaving "World Services for the Blind", in the belief that it would motivate increased donations from organizations and companies who were under the impression that the Lions provided sole and complete support. In response he admitted that they (WSB) had made a mistake as donations had not increased and the move had unintentionally offended many Lions.

The minutes from the April 27, 2015 meeting were distributed. DG Stan McDougal made a motion to approve them as distributed. DG Bill Hankins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DG McDougal, Council Treasurer, presented the following financial reports and budget. An Independent Auditor's Report was conducted by Elizabeth Hix Davenport, CPA, as of June 30, 2015. A motion was made by DG Stan McDougal to accept the audit. DG Maxine Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion passed. DG Stan stated that the 990 tax report will be submitted.

The 2015-2016 Budget was presented by DG Stan McDougal, Council Treasurer. A proposed balanced Budget was submitted which calls for expenses and income of \$39,905.50. DG Stan McDougal made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by DG Bill Hankins. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

- α. Appointment of State Chairs: 1st Vice District Governor, John Collier, District 7L, was appointed Youth Exchange State Chair.
- β. State Events Planning Committee: A brief discussion was held on the State Events Planning Guide. Each District Governor will appoint a representative to serve on the State Events Planning Committee. Districts L and O should appoint a representative to serve a one-year term and Districts I and N should appoint a representative to serve a two-year term. Phillip Taylor (Conference Call) stated that we should use the Policy Manual for the State Events Planning Committee, which outlines the structure of the committee. PDG Wanda Barnett was asked to send an updated copy of the Policy Manual for the State Events Planning Committee and add to the website.

CC Angela Smith announced that the Lions of Arkansas won 3rd Place (Division IV) in the 15th anniversary of the THV Summer Cereal Drive. 1200 boxes of cereal were contributed to this drive.

New Business:

November 13-16: [Faculty Development Institute](#) - Constitutional Areas I and II: USA, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas and Canada (Chicago, IL, USA)

CC Angela asked for suggestions/recommendations for a guest speaker for the 98th State Convention to be held on April 29-30, 2016 at the University of the Ozark, Clarksville, Arkansas.

A discussion was held regarding the MD7 Constitution and By-Laws. The most recent MD7 Constitution and By-Laws on file is dated April 2014. It was decided/recommend that the Bylaws and Constitution Committee needs to check/review the document (2015 revised copy) and advise the council. PCC Earlene Hankins stated that the document should have "adopted April 2014" and put (2015) in parenthesis to show current Constitution and By-Laws. PCC Earlene will send PCC Jennifer Carey a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

NOTE: *The question that was asked.....Please assist us on the Arkansas Lions MD7 Constitution and By-Laws. The copy of the Constitution and By-Laws that the State Office has on file was revised April 2014. We did not have any resolutions at the 97th State Convention held on April 18th, 2015. Please direct us on the revised copy April 2015 that was submitted to the webmaster. The questions for the committee which document is correct April 2014 or April 2015?*

Arkansas Parade Banner: The Parade banner used by representatives in the Lions Clubs International Parade in Hawaii was too large and while marching they had a hard time carrying it. It was recommended that DG Stan McDougal will appoint a committee to study the possibility of getting a new banner to be used in the next convention parade. The 2016 International Convention will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24-18, 2016,

and it was recommended that the Arkansas delegations could get together and plan the dress attire for the convention.

DG Stan McDougal recommended that the Lions of Arkansas partner with the Special Olympics. ALL districts were encouraged too support and volunteer to work with Special Olympics. A good way is to publicize it in their newsletter and other social networks. PDG Wanda Barnett stated that the Arkansas School for the Blind holds a Special Olympics.

Committee Reports.

Lions Quest – Toni Shockey reported that a workshop was conducted July 7 and 8, 2015. The cost of 2 workshops is \$12,850 with supplies costing \$1,372 for a total of \$14,222. A motion was made by DG Stan McDougal and seconded by DG Bill Hankins that we pay half of workshop cost from the Arkansas Lions Quest account and the other half come from the LCIF Quest grant. Motion passed.

State GLT – PDG Leanna Rich

PCC Earlene Hankins and PCC Matt Webber will serve as their Districts GLT.

John Collier, 2nd Vice District Governor stated that PDG Bob DeVinney and PDG Phylliss Fry received International Certificate for membership growth .

Strategic Plans – PDG Rich Fischer, MD7 Strategic Plan was adopted by outgoing Council of Governors on May 1, 2012, which means that we are now entering year four of the plan. The plan is posted on and accessible via the Arkansas Lions State website. Three of the four MD7 districts have named district-level Strategic Plan Chairs for the 2015-2016 Lions year:

District 7-I - Ken Swanson, PCC
District 7-O - Rich Fischer, PDG
District 7-N - Stan McDougal, DG

District 7-L does not have a Strategic Plan Chair listed in the Lions State Directory and DG Maxine was encouraged to appoint one. District 7-O is currently utilizing a Strategic Plan Goals Survey to assess progress against plan goals and objectives. A copy of the survey was presented. Zone chairs are encouraged to direct clubs to their respective district's strategic plan for ideas when developing club projects and/or activities. The council was asked to review the existing plan to determine if goals are still relevant and also to modify or add new goals as it deems necessary. PDG Rich asked each of us to review our district plans' short and long term goals modifying or updating as necessary.

GMT – Ken Swanson, PCC, reported that MD7 is down by 63 members. We have 140 clubs with 34 clubs having 15 members or less. We established 5 new clubs and lost 11 clubs last year. He stated that we need to help clubs recruit new members and use Lions Clubs International resources material, such as "Your Club Your Way." PCC Swanson said that we need to look for communities that have a Dollar Store to establish a new club in the community. He emphasize that our GMTs need to work with our Zone Chairs. PDG Rich Fischer stated that we need to develop more Guiding Lions, and recommended that the GLT and GMT need to meet to discuss our membership needs.

IT Chair: PCC Jennifer Carey said that our website should be updated. New separate links were added for State Convention and Mid Winter. She wanted to know if the council wants last year's newsletter available via archive. Also it was agreed that we

could post minutes that have not been approved. It was encouraged to have Clubs access the website for MD7 information.

MD7 Newsletter Chair: Myrna McGee , 2nd VDG who was on the conference call stated that we should not have a council meeting on a weekday. (Working people have a hard time attending.) Lion Myrna asked how often the Council wants the state newsletter to be published. It was agreed that every two months would be okay. She stated she needed to get our information to her by August 15, to be published in the next newsletter.

Arkansas Lions State Office: Wanda Barnett, state secretary stated that the 2015-2016 directory has been sent to the printers. The cost is \$1.42 per book for 380 books plus tax for a total of \$574.56. Scheduled delivery date is August 6th. The 2016 pins have been ordered. The State pin (University of Arkansas) 700 @ \$1.05 pc = \$735.00. The Arkansas Razorback Prestige 400 @ \$3.50 pc = \$1,400.00. A motion was made and seconded to set the cost of the 2016 state pin @ \$2.00 and the Prestige pin @ \$4.00. Lion Barnett stated that one club wants to schedule conference calls twice a month for a year. Club would like to be able to meet via conference call. It was agreed that they could at present schedule for two months in advance as no specific policy or guidelines in this regard were in place. PDG Rich Fischer, the negotiator in securing the Lions conference calling service from NATCO at no cost, agreed to draft a proposed policy for the scheduling of calls for consideration by the Council. Secretary Barnett stated the annual billing for district dues has been sent. Lion Barnett asked the council permission to remove the dates and council chair name on the MD7 awards. This will allow PCC Carey from posting the application each year.

District Governor's Reports

District 7-I – DG Diane Archer – Cabinet meeting was held on July 25th. The district convention will be held on September 11th and 12th.

District 7-L – DG Maxine Crittenden – Cabinet meeting was held July 25th. Zone training will be held on August 1st. The district has a new club. We are planning a charter night for the newly formed Hot Springs Noon Club on September 26th. 1st VDG John Collier reported on the district convention to be held on for October 30th and 31th

District 7-O – DG Bill Hankins - Cabinet meeting was held on the 18th. Zone chairs were trained on May 9th. The district convention will be on October 23 and 24. Friday, they plan to play Bingo and have free food, with the convention starting on Saturday. There is a possibility of having three candidates for second VDG. PDG Rich Fischer is starting a new club in Batesville.

District 7-N – Stan McDougal - Cabinet meeting was held on August 1st. A club was chartered in Marianna on July 18th. Zone chairs were trained on June 6th. The district convention will be on November 6th and 7th. DG Stan publishes weekly memos for communications with his district.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Maxine Crittenden, Secretary