

Arkansas Lions MD 7  
Council of Governor's Meeting  
Conway, AR  
10/17/14  
3:00 p.m.

**Present:** CC Matt Webber, Phyliss Fry, Secretary & DG 7-I, Bob DeVinney, Treasurer & DG 7-L, Cody Snider, Member & DG 7- N, Wanda Barnett, PDG & State Secretary, Diane Archer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Myrna McGee, PR/Newsletter Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Stan McDougal, Jennifer Carey, PCC, Don Ellis, ALERT Chair, Steve Bullock, Gary Blanck, John Paul Epperson, ID Bill McKinney, PCC Lydia Ellis

CC Matt called the meeting to order. CC Matt introduced special guests – ID William “Bill” Mckinney and PCC Lydia Ellis from Illinois.

Secretary Phyliss presented the minutes of the September 22, 2014 teleconference meeting. Treasurer Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by DG Cody. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Bob reviewed the Financial Statement of September 30, 2014. DG Cody made a motion to approve the financial statement. DG Phyliss seconded the motion. Motion carried

State Sec. Wanda first requested prayers for Lion Tom Lonon. His health is not very good at this time. State Sec. Wanda reported that Libby Davenport from Clarendon will perform the audit. Discussion followed on making a \$200 donation to the club (Clarendon) for Libby performing the audit. VDG Stand McDougal posed the question of using Quick Books. CC Matt stated that the council will take this idea under consideration,

**Old Business:** CC Matt inquired as to each district naming a Centennial Coordinator. All DG's present stated that they had a Centennial Coordinator. DG Bob stated that the Lion he thought would be a good candidate for the Lions Quest co-chair was not working out and that we would need to find someone else to fill this position.

**New Business:** ID Bill McKinney addressed the group. He discussed the recent board meeting held in Phoenix, AZ. Among the items discussed were: resolutions to be voted on at the International Convention in Honolulu in 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP position to be brought back due to the demand on the international officers, the U.S. losing a director from 7 to 6 and the years this would be effective, re-districting proposals, International foundation and the programs under this and the costs. PCC Lydia briefly shared about their recent travels.

**Committee Reports:** *GLT* - CC Matt reported for PDG Leanna. There is a training scheduled for October 25 in Lonoke for the VDG's and another one on January 10, 2015.

*Internet Technology* – PCC Jennifer Carey spoke about the revisions to the website.

*ALERT* – Don Ellis, ALERT Chair discussed the ALERT program and the proposal that each district apply for a grant in the amount of \$10,000 with a \$1,000 matching requirement. Additionally Lion Don proposed that each district establish their own bank account for ALERT so that when they obtained their own debit/credit card they would not have to route the signature cards to each district each time an ALERT chair changed. Discussion followed. A motion was made by DG Cody that each district open an ALERT account with at least \$100 from the State ALERT account to be used to establish the account. Second by DG Bob. Motion carried. Lion Don stated that in addition to 7-I, districts 7-O and 7-N have submitted their preparedness grants. CC Matt shared about the weather that occurred Monday (October 13) that an EF-1 tornado hit England, Polk and Madison counties. Additionally an EF-2 hit in Ashdown.

*Lions Quest* - CC Matt reported that Lion Toni Shockey is on track with the matching grants. A workshop is scheduled for July 2, 2015 in Hot Springs.

*Mid-Winter Forum* – CC Matt stated that 2<sup>nd</sup> International VP Bob Corlew has been secured as a guest speaker at the forum in February.

*Newsletter* – Lion Myrna stated that the Sept./Oct. newsletter was published. She requested that people send her pictures and articles about their district to be published.

*State Convention* – CC Matt shared that the state convention will be held at Harding University. This is a change from the last meeting. The host hotel is the Baymont Inn on Race Street at the rate of \$69 per night.

**State Office Update:** Sec. Wanda stated that she had sent directory invoices to all DG's and cabinet treasurers. She reported that there was a leak in the bathroom at the office and that it needs to be repaired by replacing the hot water tank which according to the lease is our responsibility. The current lease is good until March 2015. Rent is \$325 per month. DG Cody made a motion to purchase a new water heater. Second by DG Phyliss. Motion carried. Sec. Wanda reported that she was working on a policy for the state convention which will need to be approved at the next meeting.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
DG Phyliss Fry

Council Secretary