

The following is summary of the business meeting held at the MD7 AR Lions State Convention on May 4, 2013 in Camden Arkansas. CC Jennifer Carey opened the meeting followed by prayer by PCC Jeff Boone followed with the pledge led by CCE Ken Swanson. CCE Ken Swanson gave a brief report of the Lions Dues Structure Study Group. He reported that the group studied membership fluctuations and budget income and expenditures for a period extending over the last 10 years. In the last ten years AR Lions have had a loss of over 40% in membership that equals to a loss of over \$1500 to the administrative fund each year. This data along with the standard rate of inflation constitutes a dues increase of \$2 per member. He also added that the MD7 Strategic Plan outlines a goal of a 10% membership increase per club which would bring in much needed revenue to offset current and future expenditures. CCE Ken stated that it was the recommendation of this study group that the incoming Council of Governors consider a dues increase of at least \$2 per member presented in the form of a resolution at next year's State Convention. PCC David Moose presented the credential report. He asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the rules since all had been given to each voting delegate. PCC Moose stated that there were 95 voting delegates registered and a few alternate delegates available. CCE Ken made a motion to suspend the rule that first year club have one vote so that voting privileges be extended to all first year Charter members at this year's convention as long as they have not reached their allowed delegate count. There was a call to question. Motion made and passed to call to question. Motion was made and seconded and passed concerning main motion. This was a courtesy extended to newly chartered Lions who have gone to the trouble to attend their first State Convention. Resolution #2 (Resolution to Redistrict) was passed out and read by PDG Tom Lonon, however, several ballots had been misprinted and the resolution had to be tabled until the ballots had been corrected. Resolution #1 (Revenue) was read by PCC Jeff Boone. There were 3 speakers for and 2 speakers against. Resolution #1 passed with a vote of 77 (for) and 16 (against). Resolution #3 (Extend District Convention Schedule) was read by PCC Jeff Boone. There were 2 speakers for and 1 speaker against. Resolution #3 passed with a vote of 84 (for) and 9 (against). Resolution #4 was read by PCC Jeff Boone. There were 2 speakers for the resolution, none against. Resolution #4 passed with a vote of 89 (for) and a vote of 3 (against). With ballots corrected for Resolution #2, it was presented to the delegates for a vote. There were 3 speakers for and 3 speakers against. Resolution #2 failed with a vote of 44 (for) and 49 (against). A motion was made to destroy the ballots and seconded, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.