



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting
University of the Ozarks
Clarksville, Ar
April 29, 2016

Meeting Recap

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

Guests: PDG Norine Westerbeck, Steve Bullock, DGE John Collier, DGE Bobby Tucker, DGE Barbara Williams, DGE Bill Levings, Larry Ketcham, 1st Vice District Governor Elect, PDG Leanna Rich, Don Draper, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect, PCC Matt Webber, PCC Ken Swanson, Jimmie Crittenden, Myrna McGee, 1st Vice District Governor Elect, Phillip Taylor, Rich Fischer, PDG, PDG Phyliss Fry, Patty O'Bannon, Lion Toni Shockley, PCC Dave DeGraff, PDG Wanda Barnett, State Secretary and other guests.

The Council meeting was held on Friday, April 29, 2016, at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas, in conjunction with the 98th Annual State Convention. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. by Council Chair Angela Smith, and opened with prayer and recitation of the pledge of Allegiance.

Council Chair, Angela Smith welcomed and recognized our special guests, PID Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori. PID Brian Sheehan thanks the Lions of Arkansas for the outstanding job of serving those less fortunate. Lion Brian stated that he is from Bird Island, Minnesota and his club has 63 members and the ages range from old to young.

The minutes from the March 3, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Stan McDougal and seconded by DG Diane Archer to approve them as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Stan McDougal, Council Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement for the MD7 ending March 31, 2016. A motion made to accept the report as presented by DG Bill Hankins and seconded by DG Diane Archer. The Financial Statement was approved. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

The 2016 Financial Report for the Mid Winter Leadership was presented by DG Stan McDougal. The Forum was cancel on January 22-23, 2016 due to the inclement weather. The forum was rescheduled and was held on February 12-13, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn and AR State Campus, Jonesboro, Arkansas. We had a surplus of \$19.00. A copy will be filed for audit.

PID Scott Rennels entered the room and was introduced. He stated that he was happy to be there.

New Business:

Election of 2016-17 Council Chairperson. Ballots were distributed to DGE's and DG's and CC Angela. Following the vote, ballots were counted by PID Scott Rennels and PID Brain Sheehan.

Committee Reports.

Camp for the Blind: Lion Norine Westerbeck stated the 2016 Camp for the Blind will be held on July 17-24, 2016 in Hot Springs. On line registration is available.

The results of the vote for Council Chair were presented. The Council Chair for 2016-17 will be DG Bill Hankins.

Centennial Coordinator: DGE John Collier stated that a \$7,000.00 grant had been requested from Lions Club International. District 7-L Coordinator has been changed to Richard Wade. PDG James Griffin has become the district GMT. At the convention a Lion of the Year and the Club of the Year will be awarded. We purchased several of the centennial items for door prizes.

Constitution and By-Laws: Lion Jeff Boone, PCC - No Report
CC Angela Smith stated that the Constitution and By-Laws committee need to review the new ballot.

GLT: Leanna Rich, PDG stated that the DGE's have done a excellent job and a training will be held next weekend in Lonoke. PCC Matt Webber and PDG Leanna have been traveling and suggested that Arkansas start a Leadership Forum. She said that we could start small and maybe partner with adjoining states such as Missouri or Louisiana. It was suggested that we form a committee beginning with the GLT's from the district.

GMT: Lion Ken Swanson, PCC, stated that membership was 3169 (121) less than of the beginning of the year.

Internet Technology: Lion Jennifer Carey, PCC - No Report

Leader Dog for the Blind: Lion Donnie Kissinger - No Report

Leos: Lion Jeff Boone, PCC - No Report

Lions Alert: Lion Don Ellis – No Report
CC Angela Smith reported that each district has a Lions Alert Trailer with the assistance from a grant from LCIF.

LCIF: PCC Dave DeGraff encouraged clubs to contribute to LCIF. He said that we (MD7) received a large grant and we need to donate. He reported that July 30 is Arkansas Visiting Lions Day at WSB and encouraged everyone to attend. WSB has faced several challenges. He said that we need to experience the new WSB. They are starting two new training courses a Call Center and Credit Counseling.

Lions Quest: Lion Toni Shockey, indicated we are closing our Lion Quest grant and need to release the \$20,000.00. We received a \$100,000.000 grant in 2011. A motion was made by DG Stan McDougal and seconded by DG Diane Archer that the grant to be closed. Motion passed. A motion was made by DG Bill Hankins and seconded by

Diane Archer to remove PCC Earl Sears as administrator of the grant and replace with PCC Ken Swanson. Motion passed.

MID Winter Forum: PCC Ken Swanson, stated that the 2017 Mid Winter Forum will be held on January 27-28, 2018, in Harrison, Arkansas.

Peace Poster: Lion Angela Smith – No Report

PDG Association: Lion Ken Swanson, PCC stated that the PDG's would be sponsoring the auction at state convention. A meeting will be held at the close of the convention to elect new officers for 2016-17. PCC Swanson stated that the council needs to designate funds from the auction. A brief discussion was held. CC Angela Smith suggestion that the funds be sent to LCIF in honor of our special guest PID Brian Sheehan. CC Angela stated that PID Brian Sheehan requested no gifts and a donation be made in his honor. A motion was made by DG Bill Hankins and seconded by DG Stan McDougal to sent fund to LCIF in honor of our guest PID Brian Sheehan.

PR/Newsletter: Lion Myrna McGee, 1st Vice District Governor stated to report the news- she needed the news! Deadline for next newsletter is May 15.

State Convention: DGE John Collier updated on the State Convention to be held April 28-29, 2017 at Hope, Arkansas. The committee is planning to have a formal dinner Saturday night. They are working a securing a recording artist. The registration fee for the 2017 state convention will be \$20.17. (100 Years Anniversary in 2017) Tours will be available for Old Washington State Park.

Strategic Plans: Lion Rich Fischer, PDG, stated he requested each District Governor to review the plan. The strategic plan is a five year plan and the incoming District Governor should review and made changes.

Youth Exchange: DGE John Collier – No report

Arkansas Lions State Office: PDG Wanda states that our Lease Agreement was renewed on April 1, 2016 for the years three with a increase of \$25.00 per month for a total of \$350.00. She also asked the council to consider replacing the blinds in office (4 window and door) State Secretary also received notice that as of May 2016 there will be a increase for our Broadband in the amount of \$10.00. Currently we are paying \$30.00 per month. Lion Wanda reminded that we would be working on the directories and asked for everyone to help securing the PU101's from the clubs and asked the DGE's to provide a picture. Lion Wanda asked to meet with DGE's to brief them on the memorial service.

District Governor's Reports:

District 7-L: DG Maxine Crittenden state that the Mena Lioness Club was awarded Citizen of the Year by the City of Mena. DGE John Collier added that Kinny Black also received a Citizen of the Year award. PDG Wanda Barnett mention that PDG Curtis Johnson from Prescott also received the 2016 Citizen of the Year award at the Prescott Chamber Awards Banquet.

District 7-I: DG Diane Archer stated she was sorry to announce the losing of two clubs.

District 7-O: DG Bill Hankins stated that he lost one club and will a Zone Chair meeting in May. The Centennial Coordinator in his district is CC Angela Smith.

District 7-N: DG Stan McDougal reported that the Arkansas Women s Savvy Cyber Club has closed. Ten new members will be inducted into the Grady Lions Club.

CC Angela Smith presented the District Governor Crest patch to the District Governor Elects and thanked them for stepping up to lead their respective districts. She also thanked the District Governors for their hard work.

Lion Philip Taylor convention chair thanked the Russellville Lions Club for bringing their Vision Screening trailer & having it on display during the convention. Taylor announced that dinner would be served at 6:30 & the hospitality room would be open on the 2nd floor of the Hampton Inn until 10:00.

Thanks,

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Maxine Crittenden, Secretary

An executive meeting followed the Council Meeting. Minutes will be on file at office.

A Special Call Meeting of the District Governor's and District Governor's Elect was held April 30, 2016. Minutes from the meeting attached.



**Arkansas Lions MD-7
Council of Governors Special Call Meeting
Clarksville, Arkansas
April 30, 2016**

Meeting Recap

A call meeting was held on above date regarding the election results for Council Chair for 2016-2017. A protest had been made regarding the ballot. It was stated that the ballot was confusing and some of the voters were not sure what to do.

The following requested a meeting regarding the results of the election of the Council Chairperson on Friday evening April, 29th.

DG Diane Archer 7-I

DG Stan McDougal 7-N

DGE John Collier 7-L

DGE Bobby Tucker 7-I

DGE Barbara Williams 7-N

This being a majority of those who voted, the request was granted by CC Angela Smith.

CC Angela Smith said she would talk to PID Brian Sheehan regarding the request.

On Saturday morning, April 30, during the 10:15 am break CC Angela Smith, DG Maxine Crittenden, DG Diane Archer, DG Bill Hankins, DG Stan McDougal, DGE John Collier, DGE Bobby Tucker, DGE Bill Levins, and DGE Barbara Williams met in the cafeteria of the University of the Ozarks with PID Brian Sheehan.

CC Angela Smith indicated that there was confusion by some of the DGs and DGEs regarding the ballot passed out at the Council of Governors meeting on Friday afternoon, April 29. The question was asked as to the options. PID Brian Sheehan indicated he had talked with International representatives (Constitution and By-laws). PID Sheehan indicated that this issue was not unique but had occurred in other district around the world. PID Sheehan presented the three options:

1. Leave the result of the election as it was.
2. Do a re-vote
3. Do an election grievance

A motion was made by DG Diane Archer to do a re-vote. DG Stan McDougal seconded the motion.

The hand vote was taken. DG Diane Archer, DG Stan McDougal and DG Bill Hankins voted for the revote. DGE John Collier, DGE Bobby Tucker, DGE Bill Levins and DGE Barbara Williams voted for the revote. DG Maxine Crittenden opposed. The vote was 7-1 for a revote. Motion passed.

CC Angela Smith said she would have PID Sheehan's wife, Lori write the ballots with each name followed by a square to check for the vote. It was suggested that we have someone to assist PID Sheehan with the count.

At the 11:15 break, the DGs and DGEs met in the President's Dining Room of the University of the Ozarks for the vote.

The motion was made by DG Stan McDougal and seconded by DG Diane Archer that the previous ballots be burned as suggested by Sergeant of Arms Chair Lion Steve Bullock.

CC Angela asked Sergeant of Arms Lion Steve Bullock to pass out the new ballots. CC Angela asked each individually by name if they understood the ballot. Each indicated they did. CC Angela asked each then to mark their ballots and hold it up upon completion.

Sergeant at Arms Steve Bullock collected the ballots.

PID Brian Sheehan and Sergeant at Arms Lion Steve Bullock counted the ballots.

Sargeant at Arms Lion Steve Bullock asked PID Sheehan if he concurred. PID Sheehan said he concurred. PID Sheehan asked Sergeant at Arms Lion Bullock if he concurred. Sergeant at Arms, Lion Steve Bullock said he concurred.

PID Sheehan announced that DG Stan McDougal had won the revote by a vote of 6 to 3.

DG Bill Hankins asked to see the ballots. A motion was made by DGE Bobby Tucker and seconded by DGE John Collier that DG Bill Hankins be allowed to see the ballots. Motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Lion Steve Bullock showed DG Bill Hankins the votes.

DG Stan McDougal moved that the ballots be burned. The motion was seconded by DG Diane Archer. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned.