



**Arkansas Lions MD-7
Council of Governors
Arkansas School for the Blind
Little Rock, AR
August 25, 2012**

Meeting Recap

Participants: Jennifer Carey, CC
Ken Swanson, DG 7-I
Betty Payne, DG 7-O
Leanna Rich, DG 7-N

Guest(s): Wanda Barnett, State Secretar
PCC David Moose
PDG Judy Moose
Lion Myrna McGee
PDG Bill Hankins
Lion Philip Taylor, Mid-Winter Chair
2nd VDG Bob Devinnay
1st VDG Matt Webber
PDG Tom Lonon
Lion Pat Montgomery
Lion Patty O'Bannon
PCC Jeff Boone
2nd VDG Freddy Lynch
1st VDG Becky Callaway
PCC Linda Nickell

This was the third meeting of the 2012-13 Arkansas Lions Council of Governors, chaired by CC Jennifer Carey. This meeting of the Council was held at the Arkansas School for the Blind in Little Rock Arkansas with 19 in attendance.

The meeting was convened at approximately 10:00 AM by CC Jennifer, the pledge immediately followed with prayer led by DG Ken.

DG Ken Swanson made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 29, 2012 meeting with DG Betty Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Reports

Previous financials were updated to reflect correct MD7 Convention Report 2012. The Conway Convention Report and the State Convention Report was combined for easier presentation. DG Ken Swanson made a motion to delete the last column titled "last year" and replace with the "current" balance (Over/Under Budget) as of a particular date. DG Leanna Rich seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote

DG Leanna Rich made a motion that the MD7 Convention Report be accepted with the approved changes. DG Betty Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Ken Swanson made a motion to accept the MD7 Financial Statement with changes made to last column from "Last Year" to "Current Balance" and to add State Pins/Merchandise to the expenses category. DG Betty Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

- State Audit Report was given by PDG Tom Lonon. In his opinion, the financial position of the Lions of Arkansas MD7 Arkansas, as of June 30, 2012, and the results of its activities

for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. After reviewing audit with Council, DG Ken Swanson made a motion to accept and DG Betty Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. DG Leanna Rich made a motion to pay PDG Tom Lonon \$200 for his services for auditing the financials for the year 2012-2013, DG Ken Swanson seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Council discussed the State Convention site and host club for 2016
- Council discussed Mid -Winter site and host club for 2014.
- Council discussed who they want for a State Convention speaker for the 2013 State Convention. Two names mentioned PIP Bill Biggs and 2nd IVP Joe Preston

Committee reports

C&BL Chair

- State Constitution and Bylaws Chair PCC Jeff Boone was in attendance along with PDG Bill Hankins District 70 C&BL Chair. PDG Bill stated that the committee had gone back to 2003 and updated the current State MD7 C&BL with approved resolutions from past State Conventions. It was suggested by the Council to add page numbers and a TOC. PCC Jeff Boone saw no problem with adding page numbers and a TOC. According to the latest LCI Constitution and Bylaws PCC Jeff Boone stated that electronic meetings are valid as they are addressed in the LCI Constitution as to how they are conducted and validated. Per CC Jennifer's response from LCI concerning teleconference calling that secret ballots could not be conducted via teleconference and that voice recognition be validated on teleconference. PDG Bill Hankins asked that they be posted to the State Website and VDG Becky Callaway asked that they be send to her in a word document.

Alert Chair

- The State Office applied for the Walmart Credit card and we were declined due to lack of credit. Lion Don Ellis is trying to now work with Walmart so that each District can work with their local Walmart with the emergency grants. The State Secretary did pay the ARVOAD fee of \$25 as instructed by the Council. Lion Myrna McGee did reimburse the State for that amount

Mid-Winter Forum

- Lion Philip Taylor, Mid-Winter Forum chair shared the Mid-Winter Budget 2013. with the Council. It is budgeted at \$3850.00. He also shared that they may be able to secure Chuck Barrett (voice of the Razorbacks) for Mid-Winter Forum either for Friday or Saturday.. Lion Philip also confirmed that PID Steve Sherer (Ohio) had confirmed to speak at the Mid-Winter Forum. DG Leanna Rich made a motion to accept the Mid-Winter Budget 2013. DG Ken Swanson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

State Convention

- A partial 2013 MD7 Convention Budget was submitted by CC Jennifer on behalf of PCC Darleen Wheelington. They are going to be able to secure audio rental for \$300 this year instead of \$400 like last year. Brian Starara (magician) fee and room will be \$800 plus room. Will be using the Holiday Inn Express for host hotel. Room rate will be \$94.95 plus tax for convention. Food cost is unknown at this time for Friday night.

IT Update

- State IT Chair Becky Callaway wanted input from the Council as to what they wanted to see on the State Website. Suggestions from the Council were State Newsletter, District Newsletters, Training Dates, State Events, and Council meeting information. The State Website is up and running (arlions.com) but some of the links are not "active" at this time. As time allows 1st VDG Becky will upload the requested information.

Office Update

- Lion Wanda stated that she had invoiced all the Districts for their Dues and Directories. She handed out error and omissions to the DG's as information are to be updated
- State pins have been ordered. They will be in next week. DG Leanna Rich made a motion to sell state pins at \$2.00 each. DG Ken Swanson seconded motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. DG Ken Swanson made a motion to purchase the 2 inch prestige pin. DG Leanna Rich seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. DG Betty Payne made a motion that we charge \$4.00 for the prestige pin. DG Ken Swanson seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Reminder from State Office for DG's to reinstate their tax-exempt status. If done by December of 2012, the cost will be \$100. After that date, it will cost the clubs \$500 to reinstated

DG Reports

The attending DG's shared their upcoming plans and trainings to accommodate each DG's individual goals for membership, extension, and training. District Convention registrations should be available shortly.

Next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 5:00pm on September 23 via teleconference

Hearing no other business, CC Jennifer adjourned the meeting with an Executive Council meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Leanna Rich, Council Secretary

Action Items

Items accepted and completed

- DG Claude Jamerson named his District Strategic Chair-Lion Kinney Black
- DG Leanna contacted PDG Rich Fisher with her District Strategic Chair 2nd VDG Cody Snider's contact information
- Lion Philip Taylor did confirm speakers and entertainment for Mid- Winter
- Dr. H. Weiler will be DG Betty Payne's speaker for her Convention

New items assigned/accepted:

- CC Jennifer will contact PIP Bill Biggs as speaker for State Convention followed by 2nd IVP Joe Preston if PIP Bill Biggs is not available.

Open items carried over:

- Alert Chair Lion Don Ellis will continue to work with Walmart on setting up accounts to aid in disbursing disaster grants
- DG's were told to be thinking about Clubs and host sites for the 2016 State Convention and the 2014 Mid-Winter