



**Arkansas Lions MD-7**  
**Past District Governors Association**  
**Meeting Recap**  
**April 30, 2016**

**Participants:** PCC Ken Swanson, President  
PDG Rich Fischer, Secretary  
PDG Norine Westerbeck  
PDG Pat Snodgrass  
PDG Diane Archer  
PDG Mike Benefield  
PDG W.F. Mertins  
PCC Matt Webber  
PDG Norm Moyer  
PDG Leanna Rich  
PDG Art Ritter  
PDG Phyliss Fry, Treasurer  
PDG Rich Gordon

**Guest(s):** Lion Ron McCormick  
DG Bill Levins

This was the first mtg of the PDG Association held during the 2015-16 Lions year and was conducted in conjunction with the 2016 Arkansas Lions state convention, held in Clarksville, Arkansas, on the campus of University of the Ozarks. PDGA President, PCC Ken Swanson, called the mtg to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. and began to work through the agenda.

Minutes from the last PDGA meeting held in conjunction with the 2015 state convention on 4/18/15 were recapped by PDGA Secretary, PDG Rich Fischer, to refresh everyone's memory has to what had transpired. Motion approved to accept the minutes as presented.

**Financial Report:**

PDGA Treasurer PDG Phyliss Fry confirmed the transfer of the PDGA checking account and provided a brief report on the finances of the association showing a current balance on hand of \$434.38 following the expense incurred to have new checks printed and the donation of \$400 to the Gravel Ridge Lions to be used to replace video gaming equipment in the Lions' Den at the Arkansas School for the Blind. A motion was made and approved to accept the financial report as presented.

PDG Phyliss accepted dues (\$5 per year) payment from a number of PDGs present, some paying for two years (\$10) and will deposit the funds in the PDGA account.

**Election of PDGA Officers**

PCC Ken introduced discussion regarding the election of new PDGA officers for the 2016-17 Lions year. PDG Rich advised that he would continue in the role of PDGA Secretary, with PCC Ken and PDG Phyliss Fry also agreeing to continue to serve in their respective roles as PDGA President and Treasurer respectively

Nominations for Vice President were opened to the floor. Following brief discussion, PDG Norm Moyer accepted the nomination for Vice President.

Having no contested offices, a motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the nominees for all offices by acclamation. New officers for the coming year taking office on July 1, 2016 are as follows:

PCC Ken Swanson, President  
PDG Norm Moyer, Vice President  
PDG Rich Fischer, Secretary  
PDG Phyliss Fry, Treasurer

### **PDGA Mtg**

PCC Ken proposed that the PDGA hold a meeting during the coming year separate from the state convention to also possibly include a dinner. Somewhere central like Little Rock, Russellville, or Conway was suggested to minimize travel. PDG Diane Archer agreed to coordinate the event, investigating potential locations that might accommodate such a gathering. PDGs Pat Snodgrass and Mike Benefield also agreed to assist her in the effort.

### **Silent Auction & 50/50**

Distribution of funds collected from the PDGA coordinated Silent Auction and 50/50 drawing were confirmed as previously approved as follows: 100% of Silent Auction proceeds to the State Convention Fund and 100% of the 50/50 drawing proceeds to the PDGA. Of the total funds raised during this year's 50/50 drawing \$294 shall be deposited in the PDGA account by Treasurer PDG Phyliss. Silent Auction raised a little over \$700. As approved during the Council of Governors mtg held the day prior these funds, rather than going into the state convention fund into which the money normally goes, will be donated to LCIF on behalf of state convention guest speaker PID Brian Sheehan.

### **PDGA Resource Listing**

The areas under which PDGs have signed up include the following:

Mentoring	Leadership
Membership & Growth	Fundraising & Silent Auction
Tail Twister Training	LCIF Promotion
Encouraging Attendance to Dist & State Events	

PDG Rich will send out the current listing to the PDG email list asking that PDGs who have not yet signed up to advise what area or areas they would like to be listed under.

PCC Ken indicated that PDG assistance to incoming DGs in achieving their goals this year could be a very key support area. Membership retention and growth goals make up a large part of the DGs established goals this year. If PDGs have an opportunity to visit a club and/or help with membership PCC Ken urged that they do so. PCC Ken will send out an email to PDGs encouraging all to assist in this effort (see New Action Item below).

### **Open Forum**

- It was suggested that as part of one of the emails that go out to PDGs, that a reminder be included for PDGs to pay their PDGA dues to PDG Phyliss. PCC Ken agreed to do this. Dues are \$5.00 per year.
- PDG Rich suggested that all PDGs who are not currently Certified Guiding Lions consider obtaining that certification which now can be done online via the LCI website.
- PDGs were invited to send suggestions to PDG Diane regarding where they would like to have the PDGA meeting held and also what day of the week would work best for them.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Rich Fischer, PDGA Secretary

### **Action Items**

Items carried over:

- Investigate potential locations at which to hold a separate PDGA meeting of some sort during the coming year (PDGs Diane Archer, Pat Snodgrass & Mike Benefield)

New items assigned/accepted:

- Send PDG email address list to PDG Rich (PCC Ken)
- Send email to PDGs encouraging them to assist clubs (PCC Ken)
- Include a reminder to pay PDGA dues in an upcoming email to PDGs (PCC Ken)
- Obtain Guiding Lion certification (all PDGs)
- Send suggestions to PDG Diane Archer regarding PDGA meeting location/date (all PDGA members)
- Send PDGA mtg minutes PCC Jennifer for posting in the PDGA section of the state website (PDG Rich)
- Produce minutes for this mtg and send out via email (PDG Rich)