



Arkansas Lions MD-7
Past District Governors Association
Meeting Recap
April 18, 2015

Participants: PDG Mike Benefield, President
PDG Rich Fischer, Secretary
PDG Norine Westerbeck

Guest(s): PID Patti Hill
Lion Steve Bullock
Lion Paul Baker, LCI Campus

PDG Pat Snodgrass
PCC Jennifer Carey
PCC Earl Sears
PCC Ken Swanson
PDG Wanda Barnett
CC Matt Webber

Club Ext Consultant

This was the first mtg of the PDG Association held during the 2014-15 Lions year and was conducted in conjunction with the 2015 Arkansas Lions state convention held in Searcy, Arkansas. PDGA President, PDG Mike Benefield, called the mtg to order at approximately 3:45 p.m. and began to work through the agenda.

As no PDGA mtg was held last year, minutes from the most recent prior meeting held in conjunction with the 2013 state convention on 5/4/13 were available with a copy passed around for review to refresh everyone's memory as to what had transpired. No mtg was held in 2014 as the mtg room was not available before folks had to depart.

Election of PDGA Officers

PDG Mike introduced discussion regarding the election of new PDGA officers for the 2015-16 Lions year. PDG Rich advised that he would continue in the role of PDGA Secretary.

Nominations for PDGA President, Vice President and Treasurer were opened to the floor. Following some discussion, PCC Ken Swanson accepted the nomination for President and PCC Jennifer Carey did the same for Vice President. PDG Phylliss Fry, though not in attendance, was nominated to fill the role of Treasurer as general consensus was that she would do a great job and most likely would be agreeable to serving in the role.

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, 2015 are as follows:

PCC Ken Swanson, President
PCC Jennifer Carey, Vice President
PDG Rich Fischer, Secretary
PDG Phylliss Fry, Treasurer

Minutes will be provided to PDG Phylliss for her use in having her name added as a signer for the PDGA bank account (see New Action Item below).

Financial Report:

PDGA Treasurer, Lion Eric Edwards, was not in attendance however had provided a brief report on the finances of the association showing a current balance on hand of \$925.92.

PDG Mike accepted dues (\$5 per year) payment from a number of PDGs present (James Griffin, himself, Earl Sears, Jennifer Carey, Becky Callaway, Pat Snogross, Rich Fischer and Bob Williams) and will pass the funds along for deposit in the PDGA account (see New Action Item below).

Silent Auction & 50/50

The Council of Governors decision on how funds collected from the PDGA coordinated Silent Auction and 50/50 drawing was once again confirmed 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 \$223 shall be deposited in the PDGA account. The money in hand will be passed along to PDG Phyliss for her use in starting a new PDGA account into which funds remaining in the old account could then be transferred. Silent Auction raised \$730 which will go to the state convention fund.

Lions Den Donation Request

PDG Wanda Barnett was given the floor taking a moment to present a request to the PDGA to consider donating toward a fund being raised to help replace electronic equipment which had been vandalized during a break-in at the Lions Den indoor activity room at the Arkansas School for the Blind. Construction and outfitting of the room had been originally accomplished during 2010 through efforts of the Lions of Arkansas and a grant rec'd from LCI.

Following some discussion of various options a motion was made and approved to contribute \$400 from the PDGA treasury to be used for the purchase of a new game system, controllers and a few games.

Lion Paul Baker advised that the local Searcy hotel in which he had stayed had a number of televisions from rooms that they had replaced with new ones that they were willing to donate to the Lions. PDG Wanda will be given the info and investigate to see if they might be useable in the refitting of the Lions Den. She will also write something for inclusion in the state newsletter regarding the PDGA donation as well as offering the opportunity for other clubs to donate (see New Action Item below)

PDGA Policy Manual

The PDGA Policy Manual which had been updated by PDG Judy Moose during her term as PDGA President was shared for review. PDG Rich agreed to send an electronic copy to PCC Jennifer for posting on the state website. (see New Action Item below)

PDGA Resource Listing

PDG Mike shared a copy the resource listing of PDGs who have signed up to be available as support resources in various areas. He had made a few updates but it will require additional updating. 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	

PCC Jennifer presented a proposal under which PDGs make themselves available to District GMTs and GLTs and offer assistance where they feel PDG experience and skills could be best utilized. PDG Rich indicated that in his experience that before a club could be effectively helped, they needed to want help and be willing to help themselves. It was suggested that Zone Chairs might also be a good group to advise the existence and potential use of the PDGA Resource List.

The development of a PDGA membership list was suggested to be pulled from a larger list of PGGs. All present were encouraged to review the Resource List and advise if they would like their name added under any of the areas. All agreed that it was important to promote the availability of PDGA members willing to assist clubs in need. Sending an email to all club secretaries advising of the availability of PDGs to help was also suggested as a possible way to increase visibility.

PCC Earl surfaced a need to have a meeting which is attended by all PDGs. . . a separate, stand-alone mtg that is focused just on PDG attendance and involvement. Maybe a dinner or a breakfast meeting of some sort could be considered. The PDGA as an organization is in the middle of transitioning from a social group (Tarnished Brass) to a more service oriented group. As incoming PDGA President, PCC Ken committed to looking a developing some sort of PDG meeting for next year that might involve a meal and therefore attract more attendance.

Open Forum

Lion Paul Baker, LCI Campus Club Extension Consultant, issued a challenge for the PDGs to start a new club. It was mentioned that PDGs are usually the ones out there starting the clubs that are started now. It was clarified that rather than having a new club sponsored by another club, it could be sponsored by the PDGA. The importance of the need for more Certified Guiding Lions within the state was emphasized. PCC Earl suggested that PDGs be encouraged to get out there and work with Zone Chairs and Guiding Lions to offer the benefit of their experience and knowledge.

Flow information for consideration to be posted to the PDGA section of the state website to PDG Rich who will serve as the conduit to PCC Jennifer.

PID Patti asked how PDGs were approached about joining the PDGA. Having a formal enrollment into the association for immediate out-going PDGs might be something to consider. She also took a moment to present her friendship banner to outgoing PCC Matt.

Having no other business, PDG Mike adjourned the call at approximately 4:30 p.m. The next mtg of the association was not scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Rich Fischer, PDGA Secretary

Action Items

Items carried over:

New items assigned/accepted:

- Pass along 50/50 proceeds and dues collected to PDG Phyliss for use in setting up a new PDGA account (PDG Mike)
- Provide PDG Phyliss with the mtg minutes for use in having her name added to PDGA bank account she sets up (PDG Rich)
- Write short article for state newsletter on the PDGA donation to the Lions Den (PDG Wanda)
- Look at developing and/or scheduling a separate PDGA meeting of some sort during the coming year (PCC Ken)
- Send PDGA mtg minutes and Policy Manual to 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)