



Arkansas Lions MD-7
Past District Governors Association
Meeting Recap
May 4, 2013

Participants: PDG Judy Moose, President
PDG Rich Fischer, Secretary
PDG Norine Westerbeck
PDG Jerry Strobel
PDG Tom Lonon
PCC Bill Mertins
PCC Dave DeGraff
PCC Jeff Boone
PDG Ricky Edwards
PDG Mike Benefield
PCC Earl Sears
PDG Bruce Davis
PDG John Lewis
PDG William Johnston

Guest(s):

This was the third mtg of the PDG Association held during the 2012-13 Lions year and was conducted in conjunction with the 2013 Arkansas Lions state convention held in Camden, Arkansas. PDGA President, Lion Judy Moose, called the mtg to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and began to work through the agenda.

Meeting opened with prayer delivered by PCC Jeff Boone.

Minutes from the prior meeting held on 2/17 via conf call were approved as submitted.

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 balance on hand as of 4/30 of \$542.12.

A question was posed regarding dues payment status. PDG Judy advised that dues had been collected during the last face-to-face meeting held during the Mid-Winter Forum and if anyone present had not paid at that time, then their dues for the current year were outstanding.

PDG Rich accepted and recorded dues payment from a number of PDGs present and will pass the funds along to PDG Eric for deposit in the PDGA account (see New Action Item below). Total collected amounted to \$55.00 received from 10 individuals.

Silent Auction & 50/50

The Council of Governors decision on how funds collected from the PDGA coordinated Silent Auction and 50/50 drawing was confirmed as follows: 100% of Silent Auction proceeds to the State Convention Fund and 100% of the 50/50 drawing proceeds to the PDGA.

PDGA Policy Manual

PDG Judy shared copies of an updated PDGA Policy Manual and asked that it be reviewed by the membership. Any comments, suggestions and/or feedback should be sent to PDG Judy for use in making any further modifications prior to finalization (see New Action Item below)

PDGA Resource Listing

PDG Judy shared copies of the most recent listing of PDGs who have signed up to be available as support resources in various areas. 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	

All present were encouraged to review it and also 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. PDG Judy confirmed that the list had been provided to the current DGs with the intent that they would in turn pass it along to their cabinet and club officers. It was confirmed that PDG Judy did have some time on the convention agenda during which she would highlight the list and encourage Lions to call upon the PDGA should there be a desire for help in any of the designated areas.

Election of PDGA Officers

PDG Judy introduced discussion regarding the election of new PDGA officers for the 2013-14 Lions year. She advised that PDG Eric had agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer and that likewise, PDG Rich would continue as Secretary.

Nominations for PDGA President and Vice President were opened to the floor. Following some discussion, PDG Mike Benefield accepted the nomination for President and PDG Bill Johnston did the same 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, 2013 are as follows:

PDG Mike Benefield, President
PDG Bill Johnston, Vice President
PDG Eric Edwards, Treasurer
PDG Rich Fischer, Secretary

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

Open Forum

It was agreed and unanimously approved to update the PDGA Policy Manual to include a commitment that the association will donate funds in memorial when a PDG passes away. PDG Judy agreed to make the addition to the Manual.

PCC Earl again emphasized the importance of the need to market the availability of PDGA resources to the Lions of Arkansas.

PCC Bill Mertins noted that the PDGA Resource List was not currently posted on the Arkansas Lions state website. PDG Rich suggested that the PDGA should have a button on the site, which when clicked would offer various info about the association such as current officers, the Resource List, copy of the Policy Manual, etc. He volunteered to get with DGE Becky Callaway and request the website be enhanced to include this feature and information (see New Action Item below).

PCC Jeff Boone suggested that it might be useful if the association developed a consistent message or talking points in the various areas in which assistance will be provided to insure that "we are all working from the same page". PDG Mike advised that information on all the topics was available via the LCI website and that PDGA members might go there to insure continuity of message and information provided during assistance efforts.

Having no other business, PDG Judy adjourned the call at approximately 8:56 a.m. The next mtg of the association was not scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Rich Fischer, PDGA Secretary

Action Items

Items carried over:

- Have his name added as a signer to the PDGA checking acct (PDG Eric)

New items assigned/accepted:

- Pass along dues collected to PDG Eric for deposit (PDG Rich)
- Review updated PDGA Policy Manual and send feedback to PDG Judy (all members)
- Provide PDG Eric with the minutes for use in having his name added to PDGA bank account (PDG Rich)
- Update PDGA Policy Manual regarding the association making a memorial donation when a PDG passes away (PDG Judy)
- Request addition of PDGA info to state website (PDG Rich)
- Produce minutes for this mtg and send out via email (PDG Rich)