

International Associations of Lions Clubs
District 14-B
Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind

ATTENDEES: Please see attached sign-in sheet and roll call

Call to Order and Opening

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Past District Governor Rich Keller. PDG Rich Keller established protocol and welcomed everyone, including guests Lions Barbara Schimmel and Wes Kerlin.

PDG Rich Keller called the roll of the voting members. A total of 26 voting members were present, which is quorum. There were 2 guests.

Parliamentarian PDG Harold Fletcher reminded the cabinet to turn off all cell phones.
Tailtwister Lion Dorothy

Secretary's Report

Cabinet Secretary Lion Eliana Latterman presented the minutes from the February Cabinet Meeting.

- **Lion Barbara Rebovich** made a motion to accept the minutes without any corrections, additions or deletions. **Lion Dan Hupp seconded.** Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Lion John Brown presented and reviewed the Financial Report for July 1, 2015 through June 4, 2016. Copy of Treasurer's report included in minutes.

- **Lion Dorothy Kuharski** made a motion to accept the Financial Report for July 1, 2015 through February 20, 2016 without correction, additions or deletions. **PDG Harold Fletcher seconded.** Motion carried.

Zone Chair Reports

Region 1 Chairperson:

Zone 1A Chair Lion Dan Hupp noted that clubs are working out a better way to distribute the bags for the District. All the clubs are healthy.

Zone 1B No Report.

Region 2 Chairperson:

Zone 2A Chair Lion Ralph Imbrogno submitted a report on his club visits. He highlighted the strong suits of each of the clubs in his zone, and reported that all of his clubs are healthy and making an impact in their respective communities.

Zone 2B Chair Lion Dorothy Kuharski submitted a report on her club visits. She noted higher

participation through all of her clubs through her two years as Zone Chair. She also highlighted the major activities or special events of each of her clubs. Reports enclosed.

Region 3 Chairperson:

Zone 3A Chair Lion Barbara Rebovich submitted a report on her club visits. She noted the highlights of each of her club visits, noting the major focus of each of her zone's clubs. Reports enclosed.

Zone 3B Chair Lion George Belles submitted a report on his club visits.

Global Membership Chairperson: No Report.

Committee Reports

Beacon Lodge Board: Beacon Lodge Board Member Lion Chris Tognarine brought camper registration forms and the camp schedule for the cabinet. Copies can be provided upon request. He reported that Sunday, July 17th is the Lion Appreciation Day, for which Kirby is investigating the option for a bus ride up to the camp. Camp sessions began in May. Beacon Lodge Board Member Lion Geno Tognarine reported that they have collected \$1,750 from District clubs. Those that have not contributed this year will be notified as a reminder.

Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services: Lion Michael Zaken reported on the progress at the Blind and Vision Center. The building is nearing completion - the move will take place on the weekend of July 8th. Following that time a notice of the upcoming open house will be sent. They will be able to provide a meeting space for the cabinet, if so needed. He noted that the budget impasse has had a lasting impact on the center's programs Report enclosed.

Blind Bowlers: PDG Rich Keller reported on the postponement of the tournament to early October. Report enclosed.

Activities Coordinator: PDG Rich Keller thanked everyone for RSVP'ing for today's meeting. He also noted that the Spring Party was successful, with half of the District's club represented. A finalized financial report has been given to Cabinet Treasurer Lion John Brown, which showed a profit of \$95. Report enclosed.

Centennial Challenge: Lion John Aiken reported that he has a completed report on the District's participation in the Centennial Challenge. Five clubs have completed all four for the fiscal year. This report is based off of the information he is able to glean through LCI activity reports. As of July 1, all clubs will be able to pursue completion of the Challenge.

Convention: Lion Kirby Marchand reported on the most recent convention. Report enclosed.

Eye Prosthesis: No Report.

Global Leadership Chairperson: Lion Dan Hupp reported that he is looking forward to next year, working with the incoming District Governor and Cabinet to grow his efforts as Global Leadership Chairperson.

Historian/Newsletter: PDG Harold Fletcher noted that orders for the historical book have been coming in. As Newsletter Chairperson, PDG Harold Fletcher commended the clubs for

contributing to the newsletter. The deadline for this month, as it is for most months is the 25th, and the next edition will go out on July 1.

Leader Dog: Lion Bill Lowman reported on the success of the capital campaign and the progress of the facility. He once again noted that he is seeking a club willing to support the raising of one of the dogs. He also noted upcoming activities that support and raise awareness of Leader Dogs. Report enclosed.

Leo Club Advisor/Lions of PA Foundation: PDG Mary Jane Keller reported on the success of the two Leo Clubs in the District. She noted that two names were submitted for Leo of the year from our District, one of which, Breann Barbera, was awarded second in the State. PDG Mary Jane Keller also noted the available grants from Lions of PA Foundations.

PA Lions Sight Conservation: PDG Jim Brubaker extended his thanks to clubs for their contributions, although donations were down this year from last overall.

Parliamentarian: No Report.

USA/Canada Forum: PCC Jay Wells report that this year's forum will take place in September, after Labor Day. It will take place in Omaha for 2016. The forum is a gathering of approximately 2,500 Lions from both USA and Canada, with dozens of seminars held throughout the weekend. He highly encourages all members to attend the forum at least once.

Veterans Affairs: Lion Ralph Imbrogno reported that attendance for the Memorial Day parade in Clairton was high. He also noted that we need to continue to help PDG Harold Fletcher update the Honor Roll, as members come in.

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation: PDG Geoff Temple stated his appreciation for all contributions that have been given to the Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation, as well as the grant received from the Lions of PA Foundation. He also noted that they are working on getting a new website, hopefully in the fall. The Foundation will also be hosting their annual open house, to which PDGs will be invited. Report enclosed.

White Cane: Lion J.R. Wilson reported that 21 clubs currently participate in White Cane Days. He noted that there is a concern that the City of Pittsburgh requests \$75 to operate White Cane Days in the city limits. PDG Rich Keller noted that the District will look into a waiver for the fee. If not, Lion Kirby Marchand, recommends that this fee does not discourage clubs from participating in these days.

Old Business

PDG Harold Fletcher noted that the District phone line is a high expense for the District with little reward.

New Business

Lion Ralph Imbrogno asked if PDG Harold Fletcher is able to assist clubs in crafting flyers for clubs to include in the Cauldron. PDG Harold confirmed that he is happy to assist in this way.

Lion Dan Hupp noted that an out-of-state Lion, who is well versed in raising club membership in increasing the number of clubs within a district, will be in the state for a couple of days. Lion

Dan Hupp is asking for the clubs' support in hosting this Lion and perhaps a seminar. PDG Rich Keller recommends that the Pittsburgh Host Club host the individual, and offers his assistance in setting up a seminar, to be advertised in the Cauldron.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion John Brown asks who will make up the Audit committee. Currently PDG Harold Fletcher remains the chair of this committee. PDG Rich Keller requested that PDGs Jim Brubaker and Mary Jane Keller join that committee this year. They both accepted.

Lion Kirby Marchand reported on his investigation into a bus ride to take lions to Beacon Lodge for Lions Appreciation Day. For a school bus the cost would be \$725, while a Coach bus would cost \$750. He will need to know by July 9th or July 11th. The full price must be paid 5 days ahead of the ride date. The pick-up location would likely be Chick-fil-A at Miracle Mile. PDG Rich Keller recommended that Lion Kirby Marchand provide the information to Cabinet Secretary Lion Eliana Latterman, so that she may forward it on to club secretaries and receive feedback as soon as possible. Lion Kirby Marchand asked whether or not the District has discretionary funds that could cover approximately \$100 for coffee and donuts for the trip. PDG Rich Keller noted that checks are to be made to the District for Lions to attend.

- **Lion Ralph Imborgno** made a motion that the District underwrite the costs of coffee and donuts for all that attend the bus trip, contingent on the bus trip occurring. **PDG Harold Fletcher seconded.** The motion was amended to set a limit of \$200 for this cost. Motion carried.

PDG Rich Keller read a letter addressed to District Governor Joe Donkin from Lion Mary Ann Belles, demonstrating her desire to contact all clubs to solicit on behalf of Operation Safety Net.

- **Lion Barb Rebovich** made a motion to allow Lion Mary Ann Belles to solicit from the District's clubs for Operation Safety Net. **PDG John Case seconded.** Motion carried.

PDG Rich Keller referred to the old business brought up by PDG Harold Fletcher regarding the District phone. The annual cost is \$500, and it has been reported that the majority of the phone calls that come in are solicitations that get deleted. The phone number will be difficult to publicize, as we continue to have issues with the District website.

- **PDG Mary Jane Keller** made a motion to discontinue District phone. **Geno Tognarine seconded.** Motion carried.

PDG Rich Keller sought a motion to provide a donation to the School for the Blind, as a demonstration of our appreciation for the use of their space. Cabinet Treasurer Lion John Brown reported that he distributed a \$150 donation to the school this fiscal year, as was budgeted at the start of the year. The motion was no longer needed.

PDG Rich Keller presented his report as secretary of the Long Range Planning Committee. He reported on the future of the District's leadership, including the procedures that will take place for the succession of the District Governorship, the eventual possibility of a merger, and the need for new members to step up as future District Governors. Report enclosed.

The International Convention will take place June 24th though the 28th in Japan.

Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge will take place on July 17th.

On behalf of District Governor Joe Donkin, Cabinet Secretary Lion Eliana Latterman read a

note of appreciation for the Cabinet. She also noted the upcoming Lions Diabetes Center Golf Outing on September 10, on his behalf. DG Joe Donkin's message is enclosed.

PDG Harold Fletcher noted the expense of annual District pins and questioned PDG Rich Keller as to the need of those pins. PDG Rich Keller responded that there is no need for a District pin and that the loss that has been incurred in the past few years on the District pins will be taken into consideration in the next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Immediately following the Cabinet meeting, a special election took place for the incoming District Governor and Vice District Governors. Separate minutes were taken for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliana R. Latterman

Cabinet Secretary, District 14-B

Attendance:

Eliana Latterman
Rich Keller
John Aiken
John Brown
Dorothy Kuharski
Harold Fletcher
Carl Battistone
Barbara Schimmel - Visitor
Jay Wells
Leona Wells
Mary Jane Keller
Wes Kerlin - Visitor
Dan Hupp
Patty Imbrogno
Ralph Imbrogno
Kathy White
Geno Tognarine
Chris Tognarine
Sylvan Lang
Kirby Marchand
JR Wilson
Barbara Rebovich
Pat Lyons
Bill Lowman
Mike Zaken
Jim Brubaker
Geoff Temple
PDG John Case

Lions Club International

DISTRICT 14 - B (Pennsylvania)
ZONE CHAIR VISITATION REPORT

Zone Chair: Dorothy Kharaki District: 14 B Region: 2 Zone: B

Club Visited: MON RIVER FLEET Date: May 20, 2016

TO PREPARE FOR THE OFFICIAL VISIT

- 1. Review any Club Reports that may be available, i.e. MMR, Club Bulletins, Club Membership Roster, Regular Meeting Minutes etc.
2. Indicate the subject matter of your presentation/motivational message to this Club: "Ask One"

(Suggestions: also comment or ask about, their major donations, fund raising activities and matters unique to their community.) THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF THE VISIT WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Was this a regular meeting? Yes [checked] No [] if not, specify: []

Did the meeting start on time? Yes [checked] No [] Did the President follow a prepared Agenda? Yes [] No []

Comment on Tail Twister activity/Fellowship: \$1.00 SWE WAS GIVEN OUT FOR NO PIN.

Were any guests properly received and introduced? Yes [checked] No []

Comment: []

Present Membership in this Club: ~~74~~ Number of Members in Attendance: 20

Is present membership a gain or loss over the last 12 months? GAIN FOR YEAR 3+ member's

Does this Club have a Membership Committee? Yes [checked] No [] Active [checked] Not Active []

Does this Club follow accepted method for approval of new Members? Yes [] No []

Does this Club have an Indoctrination Program for new Members? Yes [] No []

If so, who is responsible to carry this out? MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Does the Club Secretary file the "MMR" reports on time to district and LCI? Yes [] No []

- Has this Club surveyed the following possibilities?
a) Sponsoring a new Lion's Club? Yes [] No [checked]
b) Sponsoring a new Lioness Club? Yes [] No [checked]
c) Sponsoring a new Leo's Club? Yes [] No [checked]

Would the Club like to know more about Youth Outreach (Lions Quest, Leos, and Youth Exchange)? Yes [] No [checked]

Is this Club interested in placing a Members name in Nomination for District Office? Yes [] No [checked]

Did you meet with the Club's Board of Directors? Yes [] No [checked] IF NO, indicate reason why not: REGULAR MEETING

Provide a general Comment on your visit including whether this Club is experiencing difficulties, such as low attendance poor meeting place, dues too low, delinquent members, membership or any other area you feel needs attention:

Dorothy Kharaki (Signature - Zone Chair)

May 20, 2016 (Date)

This form has been completed and reviewed in my presence: Elana Gatterman (Signature of Club President or designate)



Eliana Latterman <eliana.latterman@gmail.com>

FW: Zone Report

1 message

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To: Eliana Latterman <eliana.latterman@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 28, 2016 at 2:41 PM

Eliana R. Latterman

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From: Barbara Rebovich [mailto:lionbarb08@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Latterman, Eliana
Subject: Zone Report

- > I was present at the Bloomfield-Lawrenceville meeting as they gave the participating children their Peace Poster awards for last year. There was a short business meeting afterward. The club continues to be active with their activities.
- > Met with the Grandview Club and again very active with fundraising and contributing to their community and other local needs. I inducted a new member into the club on Tuesday evening.
- > Met with the Host Club who fears for the future of the club going forward. At that time they met in the South Hills area since it's so hard to get around Downtown, harder to drive and meet at the old location. It was decided to continue to meet out in the South Hills since most of the members live there. They are in the process of looking into helping buy refrigeration for a food truck to be used around the Braddock area to feed the hungry. This is in co-operation with Geisle Fetterman and several Pirates (who donated the truck).
- > Hill Top cancelled their meeting but I did meet with Kevin Gaughan (president) at a joint Pancake Breakfast they had with the Grandview LC. He said they are small but doing well and contributing also to they favorite charities.
- > Emailed the Shadyside-Squirrel Hill LC. They are status quo.
- > I've been in touch with Jennifer Lui from the Pitt Campus Club. They are pretty much done for the summer. She and the new president Patrick will remain in Pittsburgh and if anyone needs anything (help wise) please contact them.
- > DeafBlind Club doing ok. I have the potential for up to 3 new members. I'm working on that and we have started working on our fundraisers for next year.

There was a joint Zone Meeting between Region 3 Zones A and B. It was a pleasure to work with Zone Chair, Lion George Belles and his wife Lion Mary Ann Belles. Because of all their efforts and patience this meeting was a huge

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

(SUBMIT THIS REPORT AT EACH CABINET MEETING)

COMMITTEE BLIND BOWLERS TOURNAMENT

DATE 6-18-2016

CHAIRPERSON LION RICHARD KELLER, PDG

The Blind Bowlers Tournament has been postponed until October 7, 8,9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Rich Keller, PDG
Lion Rich Keller, PDG Chairperson

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

(SUBMIT THIS REPORT AT EACH CABINET MEETING)

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

DATE 6-18-2016

CHAIRPERSON Lion Rich Keller, PDG

First I want to thank everyone that emailed or called me for today's meeting.

The District spring Party was very successful. There were 87 Lions, Lioness, Leos and guest in attendance representing 17 clubs from the District.

A full financial report is attached with the District recording a profit of \$95.72

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Rich Keller, PDG
Lion Rich Keller, PDG Chairperson

Report of the Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

For the Cabinet meeting June 18, 2016.

Legislative Update (Budget Impasse)

Despite the Governor allowing the budget to pass in March, the impasse continues to affect BVRS negatively in the following ways:

- 1) They are continuing to utilize the line of credit to cover expenses. As of end of May, they have borrowed over \$665,000 and are paying \$600-\$800 per Month in interest.
- 2) Industries orders through the state continue to lag far behind their budget projections. The gross profit for Industries was (\$416,000) Behind budget as of the end of March; because they were able to curbs some expenses, Industries is (\$261,728) behind overall. Unfortunately, even though the budget was passed in March, the Governor vetoed the entire fiscal code. Though much of the general Public thought that the impasse was over once he passed the budget, That is not the case. Vetoing the fiscal code means that, although the dollars were allocated to specific areas, the instructions for how the money could actually be spent were not passed. For this reason, they did not see an immediate increase in purchasing and continued to lag behind in sales.

Construction Update

The building continues to progress nicely. The lighted signs have been installed. The elevators are completed and final inspection has just been done. They are expecting their move to take place the weekend of July 8th and 9th. Their VIP Grand Opening reception and ribbon cutting ceremony will be announced once their in the building. Their media campaign continues and they are seeing an increase in people going to their website and calling the agency for services. Additionally, the new building signs should increase referrals as well.

BVRSP is continuing their Capital campaign for the building since the costs have continued to rise. If any of the Lions groups would be interested in raising funds for their Capital campaign they would love that!

Erika Arbogast is more than willing to come out and talk to any Lions Clubs. Just let her know if any club is interested.

The agency is still providing brooms, and appreciates those Lions Clubs who are selling them.

Erika Arbogast can guarantee that the next Lions 14B cabinet meeting would be available to take place at their new building.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Michael Zaken

Western PA Hearing Foundation

First of all I would like to thank all those clubs who have donated to WPLHF this year either through their end of the year distribution of funds or when a hearing aid recipient in their community was unable to pay the suggested contribution. Since the foundation has no way of raising money on its own, all contributions are greatly appreciated.

The vast majority of requests for hearing aid requests continue to come from Allegheny County even though there are six districts that make up the WPLHF. There are several reasons why, I feel the most prevalent reason is that there is a scarcity of medical facilities in the outlying areas that are willing to service the hearing aid requests.

District 14 L has asked to become part of the WPLHF, and this will be discussed at the next board meeting in July.

The WPLHF applied for and received a \$ 6000 grant from the Lions of PA Foundation in order to help with the hearing aid program.

PDG Don Gibala, foundation president has recruited a Slippery Rock professor to rebuild our website this summer.

At our October meeting, we will be inviting the DGs, First VDGs and the IPDGs from the six districts that make up the WPLHF, to be our guest and tour the facility. The date is Oct. 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Geoff Temple, PDG

Lion Barbara Ribovich



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(no subject)

1 message

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Thu, Jun 16, 2016 at 5:57 PM

Ellie. Please read tjis at cabinet meeting.

It has been a pleasure serving as your District Governor this year. As I visited the clubs I found that Lionism is still going strong. The only thing missing is that we are not bringing in enough new members. I applaud the clubs that met my challenge of increasing their membership by 20%, Tarentum, White Oak and Mon River Fleet. I also want to thank all of you for serving on my Cabinet. We had some new members on the Cabinet and they have done an excellent job. You will all agree that the Cauldron was the best in years, thank you PDG Harold.

We have alot of work to do in the coming years with membership.

Thank you,
DG Joe

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Special Election Meeting

PDG Rich Keller called the meeting to order at 10:43 am. Attendance for this meeting is reported separately from the quarterly cabinet meeting's roster.

PDG Rich Keller turned the meeting over to be conducted by PDG Harold Fletcher

PDG Harold sought nominations for District Governor. Lion Dorothy Kuharski, White Oak club President, nominated PDG Rich Keller for the office of District Governor. PDG Mary Jane Keller and PDG Harold Fletcher seconded the motion. Global Leadership Membership Chair, Lion Dan Hupp, commended PDG Rich Keller for stepping up and endorsed PDG Rich Keller as candidate.

PDG Harold sought any additional nominations.

There being no other nominations, PCC Wells made motion to close nominations. Seconded by PDG John Case. Nominations were closed.

PDG Harold sought nominations for 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Michael Zaken, Pleasant Hills club President, nominated PDG Geoff Temple for the office of 1st Vice District Governor. PDG Jim Brubaker seconded the motion.

PDG Harold sought any additional nominations.

There being no other nominations, PDG John Case made motion to close nominations. Seconded by Lion Dan Hupp. Nominations were closed.

Lion Ralph Imbrogno commended PDG Rich Keller and PDG Geoff Temple for taking on these roles. He highly encourages the rest of the cabinet to take on a leadership role to sustain the District.

Lion Kirby Marchand stated his interest in taking on the role of District Governor for the 2018-2019. The position of 2nd Vice District Governor will be discussed further in the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliana R. Latterman

Cabinet Secretary, District 14-B

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District 14-B

Special Cabinet Meeting

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WPA School for Blind Children

Pittsburgh, PA

NAME

CLUB

1	Richard Kellen	White Oak
2	Quana Gattaman	Mon River Fleet
3	John Brown	White Oak
4	Karen Wondemey	West Puffin
5	John Case	Clairton
6	Geoff Temple	Pleasant Hills
7	James Bublaker	" "
8	Mark H. H.	" "
9	Bill Lowman	"
10	Patrick Lyons	University of Pittsburgh
11	Bart Rebouk	Deaf Blind
12	Lawrence Wilson, Jr.	White Oak
13	Kirby Marchand	White Oak
14	SYLVAN LANG	White Oak
15	CHRIS TOGNARINE	CLAIRTON
16	GENO TOGNARINE	CLAIRTON
17	Cathy White	Clairton
18	Cheryl S. Farrell	Central Elizabeth Township
19	Ralph Imbrogno	Clairton
20	Patty Imbrogno	"

International Association of Lions Clubs

District 14-B

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WPA School for Blind Children

Pittsburgh, PA

NAME

CLUB

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21	Dan Hupp	Lions Club Pittsburgh
22	Wes Kerling	Lions club of Pgh
23	Mary Jane Keller	Neo Chairs Lions of PA Foundation
24	Richard Smith	Whitchell Community Lions
25	John Aiker	Monroeville Lions
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