

MINUTES

26-M1 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Malden, MO

ATTENDEES

NAME	CLUB	TITLE	NAME	CLUB	TITLE
Lion Bob Wilson	Dixon	DG	Lion Don Shelhammer	Houston	IPDG
Lion John Preston	Patton	1 st VDG	Lion Scott Sattler	Perryville	Zone Chair
Lion Reta House	West Plains	2 nd VDG	Lion Casey Morris	Ft. Leonard Wood	Com Chair
Lion Lisa Clinton	Ft. Leonard Wood	GLT	Lion Jocelyn Morris	Ft. Leonard Wood	Com Chair
Lion Chris Clinton	Rolla	Com Chair	Lion Johnny Dell	Malden	Club Pres
Lion Rodney McConnell	Sikeston	GMT	Lion Lana Wilson	Dixon	Com Chair
Lion Eric Fenton	Cape Evening	Com Chair	Lion Murray Dunn	Patton	PDG
Lion Judy Fenton	Cape Evening	Member	Lion Jerry Reaves	Malden	Com Chair
Lion Dave Baldwin	Cape Evening	Cab. Sec.	Lion Marilyn Reaves	Malden	Zone Chair
Lion Wendy Williams	Ft. Leonard Wood	Cab. Treas.	Lion Allen Taylor	Cape Evening	Reg. Chair
PDG Lion Tom Steinbach	NWTC	Com Chair	Lion Laura Taylor	Cape Evening	Club Pres
Lion Charlotte Williams	NWTC	Com Chair			
Lion Julia Erskine	Ft. Leonard Wood	Member			

CALL TO ORDER

DG Lion Bob Wilson calls the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st VDG Lion John Preston leads the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

AMERICA (First Verse)

DG Lion Bob Wilson leads the group in song.

INVOCATION

Lion Jerry Reaves offers prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER

1st VDG Lion John Preston nominates PCC Lion Eric Fenton as Tail Twister. His nomination is approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

All of those present stand and introduce themselves.

OPENING ADDRESS

DG Lion Bob Wilson thanks everyone for coming today and the Malden Lions for all the work they've done hosting today's Cabinet Meeting. He tells the audience of his wondering where the town name of Malden came from, being unique as it is. Investigation leads to the story of Malden being founded by railroad officials, as well as the fact Malden, MO has one of the biggest aviation airports in the State of Missouri, moving from the Army to Air Force over time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Baldwin reports the minutes from the May 14 District Cabinet Meeting Minutes. Minutes stand approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Wendy Williams hands out a report reflecting the closing out of 2015-16 along with a “rough” new budget. She moved to keep the same bank which was seconded by PDG Lion Lisa Clinton and unanimously approved. Lion Wendy requests any expenses not turned in at this time be sent to her so they can be closed out. In other matters:

- Lion Wendy Williams briefs attendees of the increase in State Dues going toward the campaign for International Director Candidate PCC Lion Don Noland.
- 1st VDG Lion John Preston would like to increase the budget for pins from \$250 to \$300.
- Lion Wendy explains how to turn in mileage for District Officers.
- Lion Rodney McConnell asks about possibly transferring funds to GMT or transfer unused funds from a prior year rolling them into the current.
- 1st VDG Lion John Preston moves to add \$300 to the line item for GLT/GMT expenses taking that from the \$1,660.00 surplus from 2015-16. PDG Lion Casey Morris seconds and approval is unanimous.
- Lion Charlotte Williams moves to accept the adjusted budget which is seconded by PDG Lion Casey Morris and approved unanimously.

CLUB REPORTS

Region 1, Zone 1-

- **Rolla** had a busy July
 - Carnival held July 1-4 with thousands attending.
 - Bingo every Monday evening.
 - 700-900 kids using our ball fields and soccer fields
 - All pavilions were double booked.
 - Two wedding receptions
 - Nine scholarships awarded totaling \$7,000
 - Mercy backpack event for underprivileged children serving over 500 hotdogs, chips & soda
 - Saving Sight screened 315 children
 - Collected and delivered over 350 pairs of used glasses to Saving Sight.
 - The 18 hole disc golf course utilized every day.
 - Two new members coming in.

- **St. James** are working on their annual fundraiser, St James "TIGERS" Football Program, the 1300 programs are distributed at all the HOME games to all in attendance at no charge. They've been conducting this fundraiser for over 25 years. The funds raised go back to the St James Community toward our Scholarship Program every spring, Grocery Gifting, utility assistance, Tacony's care packages for our service folks away from home, to name a few. St. James is also getting ready for Old Iron Works Days in October, the first year to work this event as a food vendor, serving Ham & Beans.
- **Dixon** Lions are busy getting ready for the August 20th Dixon Lions Club Annual Golf Classic raising funds for scholarships, prevention of blindness and hearing loss as well as helping with eyeglass needs.
- **Doolittle** will be holding a special election at their next meeting.

Region 1, Zone2

- **Fort Leonard Wood** continues to prep its St. Nick's storage area with toys. They will be doing a Vision Screening for Kids next weekend. FLW will continue doing the Afghan and Lions Tie fundraisers and made money babysitting at an event. The club enjoyed hosting Lions Youth Exchange meeting International Soldiers.
- **Houston** is busy-
 - Highway Cleanup
 - Aug. 22 Hot Dogs for Texas and Wright County Yout Back to School Fair working with Mountain Grove Lions Club
 - Sept. 10-11 Gentry Residential Center Golf Tournament providing a fish fry dinner for the players.
 - Sponsor Hunger Walk in down town Houston, Sept. 25.
 - Oct. 3 Annual Fish Fry at Fair Grounds in Houston.
 - Helping recently chartered Licking Lions Club get going with Service Activities.
 - Six new members.
 - Law Enforcement dinner with other clubs in Patrol Area G.
 - Working on the start of a Leo Club at HHS.
 - Sponsor of Multi County Women's Shelter.
 - 4th Grade Arbor Day Activities.
- **Willow Springs** held their 35th Annual Chester Godsy Golf Tournament June 18-19 with a great group of golfers (about 80 teams) serving a great batch of food. The tournament netted \$7,400! 2nd VDG Lion Reta House and Lion Miles Smith visited the club in July. Lion Miles swore in the new officers for 2016-17. Willow Springs will be offering delicious funnel cakes at the Bear City Festival on Oct. 1.
- **West Plains** continues to purchase eyeglasses for qualifying individuals along with contributing to several local causes such as the Imagination Library being most recent. They've started planning for the 2017 Dining In The Dark, looking at April 22nd. West Plains made over \$10,000 on the last Dining In The Dark and will need to move to a different location in order to accommodate the increasing number of participants. The club is very appreciative for the \$2,000 donation received from Ozark Independent Living due to the organization seeing how much the West Plains Lions do! A Sight/Hearing Screening will be held in September. The club is currently looking to other Lions Clubs to honor Law Enforcement!

Region 2, Zone 1

- **Patton** is so busy with the successful Lawnmower Races happening every other weekend! They've raised \$2,700 for the local Relay For Life, over \$1,000 for Volunteer Fire Dept. that buys gifts for indigent kids, \$1,300 for local Meadow Heights School, \$500 for local food pantry, \$1,300 to the community and more! Wikipedia lists Patton under Lawnmower Racing in Missouri. The Patton Lions have welcomed 10 Centennial Members since April!

Region 2, Zone 2-

- **Cape Girardeau Evening** awarded three Scholarships at their banquet in July. They will be doing a fundraiser via the Gordonville Grill on Aug. 30 and have sponsored a hole at the SEMO Food Bank Golf Tournament.
- **Cape Girardeau Noon** has been busy recruiting new members and have inducted 5, with 3 more to come in the next few weeks! Add that to the 2 brought in earlier in the year brings the total for this year to 10. The average attendance at weekly meetings is about 50 and the Club is working on a project with Southeast Missouri State University that will happen in June.
- **East Perry County Lions** will be holding their Annual Chicken Dinner on Aug. 21. They've just concluded working a Red Cross Blood Drive.

Region 3, Zone 1-

- **Sikeston's** First Annual Sprocket/Spring Fundraiser was deemed a successful event and will become an annual event, a big thanks to the Lions of Essex-Gray Ridge and Bernie for helping out. Members are busy getting things ready for all of the fundraisers for this coming year along with several Service Activities. The donated \$1,000 to Mission Missouri in July.

Region 4, Zone 2-

- **Malden** enjoyed another successful golf tournament raising a little under \$7,000 spreading money several directions, including:
 - St. Jude Children's Hospital
 - Bootheel Youth Museum
 - Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing
 - Missouri Lions Hearing
 - Leader Dogs
 - Diabetes Awareness
 - Saving Sight
 - LCIF
 - \$1,000 Scholarship

Malden has collected 89 pairs of eyeglasses and is getting ready for the Oct. 15 Hot Chili, Cool Cars event in Malden where they will sell Spiral Cut Fried Potatoes! The Malden Lions have also welcomed five Centennial Members!

Region 2 Chair Lion Allen Taylor makes a suggestion that Clubs need to work together on projects in the different Zones and/or Regions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Governor Lion Bob Wilson begins with announcing the unfortunate passing of Past District Governor Lion Joliet Bowles of Rolla.

ATHLETIC- PDG Lion Casey Morris begins with the great Missouri Lions All State Football Game that took place. Final figures are being determined. He encourages everyone to be in touch with their local High School football coaches this year, thanking the Ste. Genevieve and Poplar Bluff Lions Clubs for supporting players this past year. PDG Lion Lisa Clinton updates everyone regarding the player who was injured at the game received an Academic Scholarship, so he is in college.

BAND- Lion Allen Taylor explains there were not enough members signed up for 2015-16 so we need to push clubs to support band members this year. DG Lion Bob Wilson clarified that the District Governors at the past recent Council of Governors Meeting passed a motion to hire a band from the Chicago area for this year to be in the Lions International Convention Parade. Discussion takes place with PDG Lion Lisa Clinton being against that move and Lion Dave Baldwin explaining that you have to make decisions based on all factors and probabilities. PDG Lion Casey Morris reminds everyone that signups for the football team are also taking a hit. DG Lion Bob Wilson explains the decision made at Council of Governors was not an easy one, but had to be looked at.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE- Lion Dave Baldwin reports his turning in a proposal to fund "Event Tents" to pass out to the Clubs in District 26-M1 which are great to have on a table at fundraisers and/or service activities. We can get 400 units for about \$428. Discussion took place regarding looking at combining the \$250 (if received) with the \$250 received last year to order as many of these event tents as possible. Lion Dave will let everyone know if we receive the funds.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS- IPDG Lion Don Shelhammer reminds that the appropriate changes to the Constitution and By-Laws need to be made at the District along with Multi District level.

CONVENTION STATE/INTERNATIONAL- PCC Lion Eric Fenton talks of his and PDG Lion Judy Fenton visiting Illinois and receiving a report on plans for the Lions International Convention happening in Chicago along with handing out brochures. Volunteers are needed for the convention and it would be great for Missouri Lions to make quite a 'paw' print at the convention.

DIABETES AWARENESS- Lion Dave Baldwin receives a generous donation from the Malden Lions Club.

DISTRICT PIN- Lion Allen Taylor and DG Lion Bob Wilson are working on a theme/design.

HEARING- PDG Lion Tom Steinbach thanks everyone for the support given over the years and reminds everyone of the importance of the Raffle Ticket Sales, since that is the sole source of funds for the Missouri Lions Hearing Committee/Team. Missouri Lions do help several people each year with the purchase and fitting of hearing aids and it takes money to fund that along with upkeep on the hearing vans. PDG Lion Tom receives a generous donation from the Malden Lions.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton talks about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute held July 22-24 at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. No one from District 26-M1 attended. She and DG Lion Bob Wilson planned on having Officer training but still need instructions for the Zone Chairs and Club Officers. She would like to do this in each Zone in a location with Wi-Fi so everyone can use their laptop if brought. To do this, the help of all Zone Chairs and Club Officers is needed. PDG Lion Lisa continues that DG Lion Bob Wilson would like to hold a Zone Chair class so that all chairs know what is expected, especially since this is an important stepping stone u the ladder of leadership within the district. She reminds everyone that the manuals are available online from the LCI website. The GLT will meet on August 13 in Columbia and PDG Lion Lisa will attend.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM- Lion Rodney McConnell reports District 26-M1 achieved an increase in members for the 2015-16 Lion Year. Someone breaks in telling everyone that District M1 was the only District in Missouri with an increase.

Information Technology- Lion Rodney McConnell reports he is maintaining the website, keeping it as current as possible. He reminds everyone to send schedule updates and photos to enable his producing the best website possible. It isn't going to post if we don't know about it.

LEADER DOG- PDG Lion Lana Wilson is happy to report that Leader Dog achieved the set goal for fundraising toward building and renovations at headquarters! 1st VDG Lion John Preston will be visiting Leader Dog Headquarters along with receiving training.

LBOMB- Lion Jocelyn Morris tells of President Roosevelt signing a bill in 1936 giving blind persons priority to operate vending services on Federal property, the Randolph Sheppard Act. Missouri, then enacted similar legislation for State property. People need to consider how difficult it would be to start and/or operate a small business if you were blind. There is a cultural bias against the blind. Many would have little employment experience combined with the difficulty in borrowing money for capital. Lions Business for the Blind helps the visually impaired secure interest free loans to start and/or operate food vending services with low or interest free loans. There are four levels of facilities ranging from a single snack vending machine to a full service cafeteria.

LCIF- Lion Jerry Reaves reports some amazing statistics, including the fact the Lions Clubs International Foundation has donated over \$50 million over the past ten years for disasters across the globe. These donations affect those we'll never meet as well as close to home. We need to increase District 26-M1's participation in LCIF. Many probably think this is taken care of via dues, not realizing the need for donations each year. He receives a generous donation from the Malden Lions Club!

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton reports on this past Youth Exchange Program and our being short on host families. Lions PCC John Yount and Toni Mahoney hosted five young men in their home because they could not find host families. They have a one bedroom house so the students slept on air mattresses in the living room. Camp was held at Camp Brim-Shire just north of St. James July 24-31. While at camp, they visited MS&T, met International Soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood, went to Jefferson City visiting several places along with Missouri Lions Headquarters and Saving Sight in Columbia. We need clubs to help with donations. This year we were treated to lunches and suppers from the Fort Leonard Wood, Washington, Rolla Lioness, St. James and Jefferson City Evening

and Noon Lions Clubs. They are also looking for youths from Missouri that would like to attend Youth Exchange Camps in other countries, needing to apply by January, 2017. Remember your Club can help by award the C. Wayne Henderson Award to someone in your Club and/or community that works with youths. It takes \$500 to name someone for this award.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS- Lion Dave Baldwin begins by asking 2nd VDG Lion Reta House to share the story how the West Plains Lions received a nice \$2000 donation because of the Philanthropy group seeing all of their activity reported in the newspaper. Lion Dave follows up with an idea to help gain attention locally, participating in the Back The Blue program showing support to those who work in Law Enforcement. By giving these out to people in the community, you can work toward getting coverage in the local media. He proceeds to hand out blue light bulbs to everyone to take home to their Club. Lion Dave concludes with thanking everyone for keeping up with both the District and State Facebook pages.

MID-SOUTH- PDG Lion Chris Clinton reports Mid South Lions CEO Lion Brad Baker attending the MD26 State Convention held in Springfield. The annual golf tournament was moved from June 3 to September 23 due to a lack of major sponsors. The annual Auction is being held in Memphis, TN. Mid South has been using Freedom From Blindness as a tool during the summer months for a few years and it has been successful to this point. There is a greater need during the summer months for funds because parents can have their child's surgery performed without their missing school. Remember to go to the Mid South Lions website for more information. PDG Lion Chris accepts a donation from the Malden Lions Club!

PEACE POSTER- Lion Charlotte Williams passes out instructions for this year's Peace Poster Contest, encouraging everyone to remember to order their kits and get busy engaging students to enter this year.

SAVING SIGHT- Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark has sent a report showing great statistics as usual-

- Saving Sight fiscal year ended on June 30. Final program service numbers through the end of fiscal year are still being calculated at the time that this report is due, however we expect to see increasing levels of impact in the communities we serve. Program service data for fiscal year 2015-2016 is as follows:
 - 2,973 surgical tissues provided for transplant
 - 67,127 children screened through the KidSight program at 1,216 screenings
 - 3,802 children referred to see an eye care provider through KidSight
 - 1,412 individuals screened for glaucoma
 - In M1:
 - 64 surgical tissues were provided for transplant
 - 10,965 children were screened through the KidSight program at 187 screenings
 - 700 children referred to see an eye care provider through KidSight
- Saving Sight has launched its Circle of Sight monthly giving program. Your gift of just \$15 or \$25 a month can help save the sight of a child or adult in need of essential vision services. Signing up for the monthly giving program is simple and quick- please visit <http://www.circleofsight.org> or call 800-753-2255 and choose option 6. Join the Century Society,

- and help us meet our goal for 100 Circle of Sight monthly donors and make a commitment to join in the mission of Saving Sight today.
- Saving Sight continues to host both Lions and community volunteer groups at its Lions Volunteer Center in Columbia. Volunteers help sort, clean, photograph, and enter eyeglasses into the ReSpectacle database. You can volunteer by yourself or you can make the visit with your Lions club, college organization, church group, or just a group of friends. To schedule a time to process eyeglasses, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Fields at 800-753-2265
- New board members and officers were seated at Saving Sight's June meeting. New board members include: Lion Pat Martchink (M2), Lion Mike Oldelehr (M7), CC Joe Foster (M2) and VCC Larry Boettcher (M4). New officers are: President PDG Stuart Payne (M6), Vice President Lion Allen Lohsandt (M5), Treasurer Lion Mike Oldelehr (M7) and Secretary Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark (M1).

The next Board meeting will be held, Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Saving Sight's Kansas City office. This will be a face-to-face meeting and all Lions are welcome to join us on Saturday morning to participate. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

SIGHT CONSERVATION/LIONS LOOKING FOR LENSES- Lion Allen Taylor promotes Clubs participation in the Lions Looking for Lenses Campaign working with your local Post Office where they will pick up eyeglasses and hearing aids from the person's mailbox. It is important to show your appreciation to the postal carriers for helping! Lion Jason Noland of Saving Sight has opened registration for those interested in a mission trip to Ciudad Fernandez needing six novice and two experienced techs Oct. 13-16.

USA/CANADA FORUM- PCC Lion Eric Fenton passes out packets/registration for the upcoming forum relaying how much he and Lion Judy Fenton have gained from the USA/Canada Forum over the years. This year's event being in Omaha, NB is a great opportunity!

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND- PDG Lion Tom Steinbach reports everyone being impressed with what's happening at World Services for the Blind, being under new leadership, serving those in transition and renovations! He will let everyone know when visits to the facility can be set up. PDG Lion Tom is handed a generous donation from the Malden Lions Club!

GOVERNOR'S REPORT- District Governor Lion Bob Wilson announces ID Lion Bruce Beck will be our special guest at the District 26-M1 Convention to hosted by the Perryville Lions Club. We need to push for an increase of donations District wide toward LCIF and this would hopefully spill over into the other important functions Lions serve. He congratulates IPDG Lion Don Shelhammer on being able to report positive growth for 2015-16, being the only District in Missouri to do so. DG Lion Bob tells everyone that the next Cabinet Meeting will be November 5, NOT November 12, hosted by the Patton Lions Club.

NEW BUSINESS- DG Lion Bob Wilson passes around the 100 Year Missouri State Convention Pin and thanks everyone for all they do!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS- 2nd meeting- November 5 in Patton, 3rd (Convention)- Feb. 24-25 in Perryville and 4th meeting in Houston with date to be determined (when best to position between State and International Conventions).

TAIL TWISTER- PCC Lion Eric Fenton walks the room collecting \$60 with the funds going to the Mid South Lions.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Dave Baldwin
Cabinet Secretary