



## **Official Minutes First Cabinet Meeting**

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International  
District Governor James Belk  
Saturday, July 27, 2019  
Texas Boys Ranch, Lubbock, TX

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its first Cabinet Meeting of the 2019-2020 fiscal year on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Texas Boys Ranch, 4810 N County Road 2800, Lubbock, Texas. The meeting was hosted by Lubbock First Responders Lions Club & Lubbock Hub Lions Club. Approximately 60 Lions and guests signed in for today's meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Lion Eddie Burton, President of the Lubbock First Responders Lions Club.

### **DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor James Belk; First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd; Second Vice District Governor Ron Miller; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Immediate Past District Governor Terry Hawkins; Region 1 Chair Barbara Norton; Zone 1B Chair Gary Smith; Zone 1C Chair Andra Gregory; Region 2 Chair PDG James Osborne; and Zone 2B Chair Doug McDonough.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross; Zone 1A Chair Vohnya Tongate; Zone 1D Chair Robert Millican; Zone 2A Chair Zach Cummings; and Zone 2C Chair Mitch Grant. (The Zone 2B position is currently vacant.)

A quorum of the Cabinet was present. (10 of 15 members or 67 percent)

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Lion Dan Seale of the Lubbock Hub Lions Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

Lion Daniel Salazar of the Lubbock First Responders Lions Club gave the invocation.

IPDG Terry Hawkins led the group in two songs.

PDG Wendell Dunlap introduced Second Vice District Governor Ron Miller. Second Vice District Governor Ron Miller recognized the first-time attendees at today's meeting.

They are: Eddie Burton, Jenni Cox, Kaye Pevehouse, Sherry Robinson, and Daniel Salizar of the Lubbock First Responders Lions Club; Frank McInroe of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club; Ryan Cady, Executive Director of Great Plains Lions Eye Bank; and Marilyn Neal of the Morton Lions Club.

He then introduced First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd.

First Vice District Governor Boyd introduced the 18 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: Terry Hawkins; Vance Gipson; Jim Petty; James Osborne; James Norton; Peg White; Danny Leake; Terrell Thompson; Joe Hargrove; Wendell Dunlap; PCC Bernie Gradel; Bob Edwards (2-A1); Charles Shannon; Paul Ellis; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; Jere Smith; and PID Marshall Cooper. (*Other PDGs may have joined the meeting after the formal introduction.*)

First Vice District Governor Boyd then introduced District Governor James Belk of the Plainview Lions Club.

District Governor Belk thanked the Lions for their attendance and enthusiasm at today's meeting. He also thanked the Lubbock First Responders Lions Club and Lubbock Hub Lions Club for hosting the first Cabinet Meeting.

District Governor Belk then introduced Queen Justice Carrizales, representing the Shallowater Lions Club.

Lion Traci Cheek, Director of Advancement for Texas Boys Ranch, welcomed everyone to today's meeting. She gave a brief overview of the organization's history and mission. District Governor Belk thanked Lion Cheek and Texas Boys Ranch for hosting today's meeting.

## **TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION**

Tail Twister Nolan Von Roeder raffled a few door prizes at this time. Funds raised from sale of door prize tickets will be given to Texas Boys Ranch.

## **INSTALLATION OF 2019-2020 DISTRICT CABINET**

District Governor Belk introduced MD-2 Texas Lions Council Chair PDG Nancy Van Alstine of Marshall. She introduced the current Executive Officers; Region Chairs; Zone Chairs; Committee Chairs; Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team, and Global Service Team; Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Directors; and Texas Lions Camp Directors in attendance at today's meeting. All agreed to serve District 2-T2 to the best of their abilities in 2019-2020. Council Chair VanAlstine then declared the group to be duly installed in their respective offices.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lion Joe Freeman of the Redbud Lions Club told the group that several pins from PDG Dan Pope's collection are available for sale at today's meeting. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Texas Boys Ranch.

In addition, Lion Freeman recently won a bicycle, which he, in turn, donated to Texas Boys Ranch at today's meeting.

## **RECOGNITION**

Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Region 1 Director Scott Crenwelge presented Weston Petty "Vision of Service" awards to Greg Oliver, CEBT and Jimmie Staggs, CBET. Oliver served 10 years as GPLEB Executive Director and Staggs served seven years as GPLEB Technical Manager.

## **EXTENSION OF VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR 2019-2020 CABINET MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain and seconded by Second VDG Miller to extend voting privileges to District Committee Chairpersons, District 2-T2 Hearing Bank Directors, Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Directors, Past District Governors, and Texas Lions Camp Directors in attendance at each Cabinet Meeting during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. *All members of the District Cabinet voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **ROLL CALL OF CLUBS**

Cabinet Secretary McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's Cabinet Meeting. They are: Lubbock, Lubbock First Responders, Lubbock Hub, Lubbock Llano, Lubbock Redbud, Lubbock South Plains, Morton, Plainview, Roby, Ropesville, Shallowater, and Snyder. *(12 of 42 clubs were in attendance or 29 percent.)*

He asked the Region Chairs and Zone Chairs in attendance to pick up packets for clubs in their respective regions/zones. This will help reduce postage expense.

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26-27, 2019 DISTRICT 2-T2 CONVENTION**

Cabinet Secretary McCain presented the official minutes of the District 2-T2 Convention held April 26-27, 2019 in Lubbock, TX. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by PID Marshall Cooper and seconded by PDG Jim Petty. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **PRESENTATION OF FINAL 2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Past Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman presented the District 2-T2 Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2019 (End of 2018-2019 fiscal year).

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$20,900.58 in total assets. Of this, \$4,923.288 is liabilities. This includes \$651.28 due to the District Promote 2-T2 funds and \$4,272.00 to Opportunities for Youth.

In addition, \$3,126.91 is held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees and \$724 is for Bark and Brew. Of the \$724, approximately \$620 is from the event and \$124 is excess funds from the District Governor's gift that IPDG Hawkins asked to be designated for Bark and Brew 2020.

Net income during this time period was \$13,569.68. This results in the \$20,991.78 balance for total payable and fund reserves.

Actual revenue for this time period is \$103,076.17 with \$50,737.01 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$50,737.01 for District use.

Total operating expenses totaled \$38,415.42, which leaves \$12,321.59 in net revenues over expenditures.

He also presented a summary sheet for club contributions to the District Governor's Humanitarian Contest. Approximately \$29,949 was donated by District 2-T2 clubs last year.

A motion was made by PDG Vance Gipson and seconded by PDG Jim Petty to approve the final 2018-2019 financial report as presented. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

The 2018-2019 District Governor's Humanitarian Contest raised \$1,558 for Diabetes Awareness, \$1,400 for Drug Awareness, and \$1,314 for Outstanding Youth. This is a total of \$4,272, which was transferred to the Permanent Fund. The scholarship award for each contest is \$1,000 for the winner and \$500 for the runner-up. The Diabetes Awareness contest raised funds for the scholarship award. However, the Drug Awareness and Outstanding Youth were short of funds raised in 2018-2019. Past Cabinet Treasurer Freeman said there were provisions in the budget to cover the shortfall. A motion was made by Lion Greg Freeman and seconded by PDG Paul Ellis to transfer \$286 to cover the shortfall in the Drug Awareness and Outstanding Youth contests. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

A motion was made by PDG Duane Howell and seconded by PDG Gipson to transfer \$5,392.28 in excess funds to the Permanent Fund. This is the amount of funds available after provisions for carryover amounts for the Texas Lions Camp summer bus fund and the Bark & Brew event. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

#### **APPROVAL OF REPOSITORY BANK AND CHECKING ACCOUNT CO-SIGNERS**

A motion to continue use of Prosperity Bank in Lubbock as repository of District funds and to authorize District Governor Belk, Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross, Second Vice District Governor Miller, and PDG Peg White as co-signers for the account was made by PDG Wendell Dunlap and seconded by Zone 2D Chair Doug McDonough. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

#### **PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET**

District Governor Belk presented the proposed District 2-T2 budget for 2019-2020.

The proposed budget is based upon 1,236 members. Of which, 21 members are students.

Total revenue for 2019-2020 is expected to be \$60,979.15. This includes \$7,800.00 transferred from the previous administration.

Restricted funds (*district promotion dues, MD-2 state dues, MD-2 student state dues, state promotion dues, and Texas Lions Camp dues*) are expected to total \$35,544.75, which leaves \$25,434.40 in total revenue for district use.

Operating expenses are expected to total \$25,308.00, which results in a projected budget surplus of \$126.40.

There being no other discussion, a motion was made by PCC Bernie Gradel and seconded by PDG Danny Leake to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as presented. *All voted “aye,” and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **OVERVIEW OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL GOALS**

District Governor Belk told the Lions about his experiences at the 102nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy.

He commended IPDG Terry Hawkins for her work in getting state flags ready for the Texas delegation entry in the LCI Parade of Nations.

Tony Blair, who served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1997-2007) was keynote speaker for the convention. He is founder of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, which provides aid to persons in Africa and other locations around the world.

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, is the 2019-2020 Lions Clubs International President. District Governor Belk shared several of International President Choi’s goals with the group.

They include:

- Increased diversity among club members – “We serve the world...we are the world.”
- Unite Lions Clubs in compassion, inclusion, and love.
- Expand service impact of Lions Clubs – “Meet needs of all the community – not just a portion.”
- Support “Campaign 100: Lions Clubs International Foundation Empowering Service.”
- Empower every Lions Club member to be a leader.
- Training is important. Otherwise club members can’t be empowered as leaders.

## **OVERVIEW OF DISTRICT 2-T2 GOALS**

District Governor Belk shared his 2019-2020 District 2-T2 goals.

They include:

- Attract and involve youth in Lions Clubs in their respective communities.
- Expand Lions' service to others. Be more diverse.
- Support Campaign 100 – LCIF. He noted that people who were impacted by recent hurricanes didn't know about Lions Clubs. Now, they are great supporters since they have benefited from Lions' humanitarian service.
- Add 25 new Lions by June 30, 2020.
- Charter two new Lions Clubs by June 30, 2020.
- Have 75 percent of clubs report their service activities. Only 21 of 42 (50%) reported activities last year.

## **USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM**

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Chair Doug McDonough encouraged Lions to pick up informational brochures for the 44th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum set for September 19-21, 2019 in Spokane, WA. He said the forum is one of the best ways to gain new leadership skills. Also, it is a great opportunity to make new friendships and renew old ones. Deadline for registration is August 15, 2019. There are 1,487 Lions registered to date.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

PCC Gradel announced that the second annual "District 2-T2 Camp Bark and Brew" is set for March 28, 2020 in downtown Lubbock. This is a fun-filled dog friendly day hosted by the Lions of District 2-T2 to raise awareness and funds for Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville and Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester, Michigan.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Information about the 2020 District 2-T2 Photo Contest will be available on the District 2-T2 website and in the next issue of *The Windmill*. Judging is set for the January 18 Midwinter Conference at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock. Questions about the contest should be directed to PDG Fredda Buckner.

Great Plains Lions Eye Bank Region 1 Director Scott Crenwelge introduced new GPLB Executive Director Ryan Cady. He also announced that the "Shoot for Sight" fundraiser will be held November 9, 2019 at Gaines County Gun Club in Seminole, TX. Silver medallions are also being sold for \$25 as a fundraiser.

Contest Chair PDG Gipson reported that the District Governor's Contest begins October 1 and ends in March. It is hoped that this six month period will allow for increased participation in the contest by clubs. Secretaries may report activities to the District either with a simple electronic form or a print form available on the District website. Additional information will be provided to Club Secretaries.

Opportunities for Youth Chair PDG Leake told the group that the contest can make a big difference in the lives of high school students. Dominique Moreno won the District 2-T2 Contest and was awarded \$1,000. She competed in the MD-2 competition, won second place,

and was awarded \$3,000. That is \$4,000 that can be used for college education. The contest is open to all high school juniors and seniors in District 2-T2.

Leo Clubs Chair Jean Anne Stratton told the Lions that they can start a community Leo Club with any number of charter members. There is a one-time organizational fee of \$100. Sponsoring Lions Clubs pay an annual Leo Club sponsorship fee of \$100.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MD-2 COUNCIL CHAIR NANCY VAN ALSTINE**

During her remarks, Council Chair VanAlstine shared several important points relating to Lionism.

**Leadership** -- "Risk comes from not knowing what you are doing. Because of this, all Lions Clubs officers need to be trained. Whether you are good, better, or best -- never let leadership training rest."

**Service** -- Napoleon Hill once said "If you can't do great things, then do small things in a great way." Smaller clubs should strive for a project each month and get their name before the public when doing so.

**Retention** -- It is important to keep members involved and interested in club programs and activities. To achieve this, Lions Clubs can tailor their meetings to meet their own needs. "The only thing Lions meetings must have are a beginning and an end. Everything else is up to the members," Van Alstine said.

She added that 96 percent of the Lions who drop out have positive feelings about the organization.

**Extension** -- Don't be afraid to invite others to join your Lions Club. Babe Ruth once said "Never let fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Perhaps the person you have been asking for the past three years has had a previous engagement or responsibility that prevented them from joining until now. Don't get defeated!

**Fellowship** -- Enjoy what you and your club are doing! Young people today don't want to sit through meetings--they want to do something. They want an experience. Allow them to experience fun and fellowship while serving those in need. That is one of greatest things that we as Lions can offer.

### **TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION**

Tail Twister Nolan Von Roeder raffled the remaining door prizes at this time.

### **ADJOURN**

District Governor Belk thanked First Vice District Governor Boyd for his work each year to provide transportation for campers to Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville.

There being no other business, District Governor Belk adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.

Lunch was catered by Danny's Fins and Hens.

Officer training for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Region/Zone Chairs was available following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Carmon E. McCain*

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Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain  
2019-2020 Cabinet Secretary