



Official Minutes

Second Cabinet Meeting

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International
October 12, 2019
South Plains Church of Christ, Lubbock, TX

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its second Cabinet Meeting of the 2019-2020 fiscal year on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, Lubbock, TX. Lubbock Redbud Lions Club served as host.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Redbud Lions Club President Ronnie DuBois. He welcomed all Lions and guests.

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; Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross; Immediate PDG Terry Hawkins; Region 1 Chair Barbara Norton; Zone 1B Chairman Gary Smith; Region 2 Chairman PDG James Osborne; and Zone 2D Chairman Doug McDonough.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Region 1A Chair Vohnya Tongate; Zone 1C Chair Audra Gregory; Zone 1D Chair Robert Millican; and Zone 2A Chair Mitch Grant. The Zone 2B position is vacant.

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Lion Lonnie Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

PDG James Osborne of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club gave the invocation.

Immediate Past District Governor Terry Hawkins of the Lubbock Lions Club led the group in songs.

Second Vice District Governor Ron Miller recognized Lion Ronnie DuBois as a first-time attendee at a District Cabinet Meeting.

First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd introduced the 14 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: Terry Hawkins; Vance Gipson; Jim Petty; James Osborne; James Norton; Peg White; Danny Leake; Joe Hargrove; Wendell Dunlap; Jerry Marshall; Charles Shannon; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; and PID Marshall Cooper. *(Other PDGs may have entered the meeting following the formal introduction.)*

First Vice District Governor Boyd introduced District Governor James Belk of the Plainview Lions Club. He thanked the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club for hosting today's meeting.

District Governor Belk recognized District 2-T2 Queen Justice Carrizales, representing the Shallowater Lions Club.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS

Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's meeting. They are: Lubbock; Lubbock Hub; Lubbock Redbud; Lubbock South Plains; Plainview; Roby; Ropesville; Shallowater; and Snyder. **(9 of 42 clubs present, or 21 percent)**

MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2019 CABINET MEETING

Secretary McCain presented the minutes of the July 27, 2019 Cabinet Meeting at Texas Boys Ranch, Lubbock, TX. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by IPDG Terry Hawkins and seconded by Zone 2D Chairman Doug McDonough. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross presented the District 2-T2 Financial Report as of September 30, 2019.

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$13,151.51 in total assets. Of this, \$3,746.91 is liabilities, which include Bark & Brew funds of \$620.00.

In addition, \$3,126.91 is held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees. Net income during this time period was \$2,762.29. This results in the \$13,151.51 balance for total payable and fund reserves.

Actual revenue for this time period is \$23,376.02 with \$16,339.13 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$7,036.89 for District use.

Total operating expenses totaled \$4,274.60, which leaves \$2,762.29 in net revenues over expenditures.

A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by PDG Vance Gipson and seconded by Zone 1B Chair Gary Smith. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

PERMANENT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

PDG Duane Howell provided the following Permanent Committee Financial Report. The Permanent Committee members are PDG Howell, PDG James Norton, and PDG Charles Shannon.

The written report shows the following account balances as of October 12, 2019.

▪ Scholarship Checking	9-30-2019	\$ 13,218.32
▪ Scholarship CD	10-2-2019	\$ 20,258.51
▪ State Convention Checking	7-30-2019	\$ 18,044.34
▪ State Convention 24-month CD	9-21-2019	\$ 12,636.51
▪ State Convention 12-month CD	9-25-2019	\$ 3,183.39
▪ District 2-T2 Reserve Fund	10-2-2019	\$ 5,367.46

Receipts to Date:

▪ District 2-T2 Scholarship Fund 2019	\$ 4,558.00
▪ Queens Contest Scholarship 2019	\$ 0.00
▪ State Convention Fund 2019	\$ 5,392.48
▪ <u>Promote District 2-T2</u>	<u>\$ 651.28</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,631.76

Youth Exchange funds were given to Co-Chair PDG Peg White.

Three scholarships were awarded in 2018-2019 \$ 2,000.00

There were 84 paid scholarships from 2004 to date \$ 59,750.00

There are 20 unpaid scholarships to date \$ 13,750.00

No official action was taken to accept the report at today's meeting.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REMARKS

District Governor Belk reported 23 official visits have been made to date. During this time, four new members were inducted into various clubs.

He reported each club is enthusiastic and has very interesting service projects planned for the year.

However, many clubs are not reporting their service activities to Lions Clubs International and District 2-T2. Some of this is may be the result of technical

difficulties with the MyLCI reporting interface. If this is confusing for experienced club secretaries—then one can only imagine the frustration for new secretaries.

All clubs—but two—have paid their International, State, and District dues. These 40 clubs are in good standing with Lions International, MD-2 Texas Lions, and District 2-T2.

The average age of Lions Clubs worldwide is 70 years. This was reported at the recent USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Spokane. Some clubs are getting “long in the tooth.” Clubs should use social media to communicate their activities with the public; however, that may be difficult for members in older clubs.

TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION

District Governor Belk asked Tail Twisters IPDG Terry Hawkins and PDG Jim Petty to raffle door prizes.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was considered at today’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

REGION AND ZONE REPORTS

REGION 1: Lion Barbara Norton has 21 clubs in her region. Their average age of these clubs is 46 years old. One of the clubs is fairly new. There have been 30 new members and 44 members dropped to date in Region 1. If clubs need a boost, they are encouraged to visit a new club to get energized.

ZONE 1A: Lion Barbara Norton reported for Lion Vonya Tongate. Lubbock Hub is in a “rebuilding mode.” Shallowater will conduct its annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 26.

ZONE 1B: Lion Gary Smith reported that the First Responders Lions Club is doing well. The South Plains Lions Club is having a membership contest.

ZONE 1C: Clubs in this zone are active. The Snyder Lions Club is conducting vision screening with the Roby and Rotan clubs.

ZONE 1D: Lion Robert Millican is absent. However, he has visited clubs in his zone.

REGION 2: PDG James Osborne reported for Zone 2A Chair Zach Cummings and Zone 2C Chair Mitch Grant. The Zone 2C position is vacant. Currently, the region’s membership is at a +2.

He noted that the Plainview Lions Club will celebrate its 90th anniversary next month. Other major milestones include the Matador Lions Club’s 91st anniversary;

Morton Lions Club's 81st anniversary; and the Levelland Lions Club's 81st anniversary.

The Floydada Lions Club served pancakes to those attending the annual Pumpkin Festival.

ZONE 2D: Lion Doug McDonough reported that the Plainview Lions Club conducted vision screening in conjunction with Plainview ISD. In addition, they have established a free lending library at a local park. Club members service the book box each week. A second box is to be installed at Kidsville. There are two clubs with membership increases, two clubs with no increase, and one club who has dropped members.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Governor Belk called for the following committee reports:

- **Activities** – PDG Jerry Marshall said he believes each club in the District is busy with service projects. Unfortunately, there are many clubs who are not reporting their activities. He encourages clubs to participate in the District Activities contest this year.
- **Diabetes Awareness** – PDG Jere Smith was absent. No report was given.
- **District 2-T2 Bark and Brew** – IPDG Terry Hawkins reminded the group that the second Bark and Brew event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2020 in downtown Lubbock. She will contact clubs and share job assignments with them. Clubs have the option of changing jobs, if so desired. She encouraged the Lions to visit the Bark and Brew page on the District 2-T2 website as well as the Bark and Brew Facebook page for the latest information. Promotional brochures and posters will be available at the Jan. 18 Midwinter Conference in Lubbock. The event benefits Texas Lions Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and World Services for the Blind.
- **District Contest**—PDG Vance Gipson reported that very few clubs are participating in the District Contest. Information about the contest and forms are available on the District 2-T2 website. It is easy for clubs to collect points, tally them, and submit them to the District. He encouraged clubs to participate and receive recognition for their efforts at this year's District Convention in Plainview.
- **Great Plains Lions Eye Bank** – Lion Deanna Harville reminded the Lions that the annual "Shoot for Sight" fundraiser is set for November 9 at the Gaines County 4-H Shooting Sports Club in Seminole. The entry fee is \$60 per shooter, which includes lunch. There will be a raffle drawing for a Kenneth Wyatt print, a shotgun, a handgun, and more.

- **Hunger** – PDG Vance Gipson reported that the South Plains Lions Club and Frenship Leo Club will be at the South Plains Food Bank on November 16 to prepare Thanksgiving food boxes for distribution to families. There are many families across the District needing assistance from the Food Bank.
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind** – IPDG Terry Hawkins and First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd visited the Leader Dog campus in August. Most of the potential clients are 90 percent visually impaired and not totally blind. The Llano Lions Club is “adopting” a potential candidate from District 2-T2. She challenged clubs to be a puppy sponsor for \$500. Leader Dog is not on the District 2-T2 Humanitarian Contest this year – so she encourages clubs to keep them in mind and support them with a donation.
- **LCIF** – LCIF Ambassador PDG Jim Petty gave an overview of LCIF’s Campaign 100: Empowering Service. LCIF is asking the 1,200 + Lions in 42 clubs in District 2-T2 to make a donation to the campaign. There are many options. For example, Lions can donate \$50 a year for three years; \$100 a year for three years; or \$500 a year for three years. Those clubs that want the unique distinction of being a “model club” can donate \$500 per member.

He noted that a \$100 gift can fund:

- Two cataract surgeries.
- Lions Quest curriculum for an entire classroom for one year.
- Screenings for 18 at-risk people.
- Measles vaccination for 100 children.
- Regular access to food for 14 chronically hungry people.
- Equipment to treat eight young cancer patients.
- Access to clean water for 14 people.
- Immediate relief for four victims of a natural disaster.

PDG Petty reminded the group that LCIF has provided grant funding in excess of one billion dollars to communities and individuals during the past 50 years. This includes SPOT vision screeners for use by the Lamesa, Roby, Rotan, and Snyder Lions Clubs.

- **Leo Clubs** – PDG Vance Gipson said he is proud of the progress of the Frenship High School Leo Club, which was chartered March 21, 2019. They have 61 active members and have a service project each month. He encouraged clubs to consider chartering a Leo Club. It makes for a great partnership and can provide additional help with service projects in your community.
- **Long Range Planning** – PDG Wendell Dunlap said he needs previous information from other Lions who have served on the Long Range Planning Committee. Otherwise, he will have to replicate this from scratch. He took this opportunity to invite all District 2-T2 Lions to the 90th anniversary celebration

of the Plainview Lions Club. It is set for 6:30 p.m., November 9 at the McClung Center on the Wayland Baptist University Campus.

- **Newsletter** – PDG Carmon McCain asked clubs to submit articles and/or photos for the newsletter. It is important to share news about club community service with others. There was discussion about preferred distribution methods for the newsletter (email or standard mail.)
- **Opportunities for Youth Contest** – PDG Danny Leake encourages clubs to participate in the contest in support of the “brilliant young people in schools in our district.” Lion Marilyn Gipson said there were very few contestants participating in last year’s contest. She called clubs and asked them to send more participants. Olton took action and had four students entered in the contest. One of them, Dominique Molina, won at the District level and then won second place at the MD-2 level. Additional details about the 2019-2020 contest will be posted to the District 2-T2 website when available.
- **Peace Poster Contest** – PDG Peg White said “Journey of Peace” is the theme for the 32nd annual LCI Peace Poster Contest. This gives children in your community a creative way to express what peace means to them. The 2019-2020 kits can be ordered from January 15 to October 1, 2020. Complete contest details are available at lionsclubs.org/peaceposter.
- **Photo Contest** – Lion Barbara Norton reported for PDG Fredda Buckner. The annual District 2-T2 Photo Contest will be held at the January 18 Midwinter Conference in Lubbock. Entry forms and contest information are on the District 2-T2 website and in *The Windmill*.
- **Texas Lions Camp** – Texas Lions Camp Director Joe Freeman reported that 1,512 campers attended the eight sessions during Summer 2019. This is an increase over last year. There were 35 campers from District 2-T2, which makes the District #9 of 16 in Texas.

The camp is now accepting applications for counselors for the 2020 camping session. Applications for the 2020 season begin Jan. 3 for those using the camp's digital application system. Those filing paper applications may do so after February. Visit www.lionscamp.com for more information about the 2020 camping year.

He finished his report with two reminders: 1) He encouraged Lions Clubs in District 2-T2 to consider participation in the Camp Work Days in March, April, and May 2020 and 2) Lions should consider becoming Century Club members. Both he and Lion Beverly Ham are available to give programs to clubs.

- **Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center** –PID Marshall Cooper thanked District Governor Belk for including TLERC in the Governor’s Humanitarian

Contest. He noted that Lions are providing about 1,100 glasses per week in Chihuahua, Mexico. Sam's Club and Walmart recently donated 1.6 million eyeglass frames to the TLERC. He encouraged clubs to help sort eyeglasses at the Midland center, if a service project is needed. He is working with PIP Jimmy Ross to bring students from Quitaque to Lubbock for vision screening and eyeglasses.

- **Texas Lions Foundation** – PDG Peg White said Texas Lions Foundation awarded grants totaling \$26,000 in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Imelda. The storm caused more than \$2 billion in damage in the Houston area from September 17-19, 2019. She encourages clubs to donate to TLF and help fellow Texans in need.
- **Youth Exchange** -- PDG Peg White reminded the group that Youth Exchange is not on the list of charities in the District Governor's Humanitarian Contest. She hopes clubs will not ignore the Youth Exchange program as a result of this. The Julien C. Hyer Youth Camp brings students together from around the world. By participating in the camp, they learn that we can all get along – and what they see and what they have been told is not true.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

District Governor James Belk introduced PDG Duane Howell, who serves as a four-year term as trustee for the Texas Lions Museum and Office Foundation, Inc.

The original idea for a state office/museum was discussed as early as 1957. However, nothing was done until former State Secretary Patricia Nations rented an office in Kerrville. The building was later sold and historical items have basically been in boxes for the past 15 years until the new Texas Lions Museum and State Office facility was opened in Kerrville.

He encouraged Lions to support the Texas Lions Museum and State Office through a \$100 Life Membership or an Everett J. Grindstaff Fellowship (\$500).

The Texas Lions Museum and State Office is an official state project. "All of our charities need funding and we understand that. However, it is important for each of us to support the project and get these items out of boxes and available for viewing by Lions and the public. It's your history and your museum. We want this to be a dynamic representation of Lionism for the entire world to see and not just a warehouse," Howell said.

He concluded by saying the Texas Lions Museum and State Office will be named in honor of Past International President Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff of Ballinger. Grindstaff passed away July 8, 2019 at age 88. He said Grindstaff's widow, Jay, is very pleased with this honor for "Ebb."

District Governor Belk announced that \$195 was raised from door prize ticket sales. The funds will be donated to the Texas Lions Museum and Office Foundation.

ADJOURN

District Governor Belk reminded the Lions to “Save the Date” for the January 18, 2020 Midwinter Conference to be held at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, 1121 Canyon Lake Drive, in Lubbock.

He has extra copies of the 2019-2020 District 2-T2 Directory. Lions are encouraged to pick up a copy, if desired.

There being no other business, District Governor Belk adjourned the second 2019-2020 District 2-T2 Cabinet Meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carmon E. McCain

Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain
2019-2020 Cabinet Secretary