



# Official Minutes

## Second Cabinet Meeting

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International  
October 13, 2018  
Neal Aircraft, Slaton Airport, Slaton, TX

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District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its second Cabinet Meeting of the 2018-2019 fiscal year on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Neal Aircraft, Inc. 12106 FM 400, in Slaton, TX. The meeting was hosted by the Slaton and Snyder Lions Clubs.

Our special guest was MD-2 Texas Lions Council Chairman John Landrum of Waxahachie.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Slaton Lions Club President Lance Bownds. He welcomed the Lions and guests in attendance. Bownds also shared a special remembrance of longtime Slaton Lions Club member PDG M.H. (Hack) Lasater.

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

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Terry Hawkins; First Vice District Governor James Belk; Second Vice District Governor Ted Boyd; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman; Immediate Past District Governor Vance Gipson; Zone 1A Chairman PDG Duane Howell; Zone 1C Chairman PDG Fredda Buckner; and Zone 2B Chairman PDG James Osborne.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Region 1 Chairman Lonnie Kirk; Zone 1B Chairman Mike Massingale; Zone 1D Chairman Robert Millican; Region 2 Chairman PDG Joe Hargrove; Zone 2A Chairman Corky Marshall; and Zone 2C Chairman Mitch Grant.

A quorum of the Cabinet was present. (9 of 15 members or 60 percent)

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Slaton Mayor D.W. "Dubbin" Englund led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

Lion Steve Campbell of the Slaton Lions Club gave the invocation and led the group in songs.

Second Vice District Governor Boyd recognized the following Lions as first-time attendees at a District Cabinet Meeting: Steve Campbell, Slaton; Eldon Beesinger, Lubbock Hub; Paulett Rozneck, Lubbock Llano; and Ashley Young, Post.

First Vice District Governor Belk introduced the 19 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: IPDG Vance Gipson; Jim Petty; James Osborne; James Norton; Peg White; Daniel Warrick; Fredda Buckner; Terrell Thompson; Dan Pope; Wendell Dunlap; PCC Bernie Gradel; PDG Bob Edwards (2-A1); Charles Shannon; Paul Ellis; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; Max Von Roeder; Jim Jones; and PID Marshall Cooper. PDG Danny Leake was absent due to surgery and PDG Jere Smith was one of the participants in the South Plains Honor Flight to Washington D.C. (*Other PDGs may have entered the meeting following the formal introduction.*)

First Vice District Governor Belk introduced District Governor Terry Hawkins of the Lubbock Lions Club. She recognized the two host clubs and made a few introductory remarks.

### **ROLL CALL OF CLUBS**

Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's Cabinet Meeting. They are: Littlefield; Lubbock; Lubbock Hub; Lubbock Llano; Lubbock Lip Lipscomb; Lubbock Redbud; Lubbock South Plains; Plainview; Post; Roby; Ropesville; Shallowater; Slaton; and Snyder.

(14 of 42 clubs present, or 33 percent)

### **MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2017 CABINET MEETING**

Secretary McCain presented the minutes of the July 21, 2018 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 PDG Dan Pope and seconded by IPDG Vance Gipson. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman presented the District 2-T2 Financial Report as of October 10, 2018.

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$13,382.14 in total assets. Of this, \$350.27 is liabilities, which include District Promote 2-T2 funds and Texas Lions Camp.

In addition, \$3,126.91 is held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees. Net income during this time period was \$9,904.96. This results in the \$13,382.14 balance for total payable and fund reserves.

Actual revenue for this time period is \$32,766.23 with \$18,542.27 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$14,223.96 for District use.

Total operating expenses totaled \$4,319.00, which leaves \$9,904.96 in net revenues over expenditures.

A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by PDG Duane Howell and seconded by IPDG Vance Gipson. *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 13, 2018.

▪ Scholarship Checking	9-30-2018	\$12,160.32
▪ Scholarship CD	10-2-2018	\$20,071.88
▪ State Convention Checking		\$11,324.75
▪ State Convention 24-month CD	9-21-2018	\$12,535.88
▪ State Convention 12-month CD	9-25-2018	\$ 3,160.12
▪ District 2-T2 Reserve Fund	10-2-2018	\$ 5,327.92

#### Receipts to Date

▪ District 2-T2 Scholarship Fund 2018	\$3,376.00
▪ Queens Contest Scholarship 2018	\$1,500.00
▪ <u>Promote District 2-T2</u>	<u>\$ 609.88</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5, 485,88

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

Four scholarships were awarded in 2017-2018 \$2,500.00

There were 81 paid scholarships from 2004 to date \$57,750.00

There are 17 unpaid scholarships to date \$10,750.00

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

## **TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION**

District Governor Hawkins asked the Tail Twisters to raffle door prizes at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

District Governor Hawkins provided an update on the upcoming March 23, 2019 Camp Bark and Brew event.

PCC Bernie Gradel and Lion Doug Klepper are the event's co-chairs. Camp Bark and Brew is a fun-filled, dog-friendly, kid-friendly day to promote awareness and raise funds for Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville and Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester, MI. Governor Hawkins said she has received very positive feedback about the event from clubs in the District. Each has indicated some level of participation. She encouraged clubs to sign up for jobs at Bark and Brew, if they have not already done so. Additional information and forms will be available on the District 2-T2 website, Facebook, and Instagram.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Governor Hawkins announced that the Charter Night for the Lubbock Llano Lions Club is October 18, 2018 at the 50 Yard Line Restaurant.

Clubs are encouraged to make donations to assist with Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. In addition, clubs can also make donations to assist with recent wildfire devastation in California.

Governor Hawkins reported on the Sept. 20-22 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio.

## **GLOBAL ACTION TEAM REPORTS**

District Governor Hawkins asked Global Leadership Team Chairman PID Marshall Cooper, Global Membership Team Chairman PDG Dan Pope, and Global Service Team Chairman PDG Terrell Thompson to give their reports.

**LEADERSHIP:** PID Marshall Cooper said District 2-T2 has been blessed with many outstanding leaders throughout the years. He is meeting with Zone Chairs about future leaders.

District Governor Hawkins asked PID Cooper to report on his recent visit to Chihuahua City, Mexico. While there, he met with State of Chihuahua officials and the mayor of Chihuahua City about eyeglass recycling. The Lions of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, and others provided more than one million used

eyeglasses which were made available to 19 eyeglass recycling centers in Mexico. There are three eyeglass recycling centers in Chihuahua City. A highlight of the trip was the dedication of one of the centers in honor of PID Marshall Cooper for his work in eyeglass recycling.

**MEMBERSHIP:** PDG Dan Pope gave a brief overview of membership within Region 1 and Region 2. At present, District 2-T2 Lions Clubs are dropping more members than they are adding. October is Lions' Membership Growth month. District 2-T2 is conducting a membership contest with the winning club receiving a "traveling trophy" and bragging rights for one year.

**SERVICE:** District 2-T2 Lion Clubs provide a tremendous amount of service to their respective communities. He shared an example of the Lubbock Lions Club forming a "We Serve Committee." Its purpose is to look and provide constant opportunities for service. This allows the club to identify an immediate need and provide service—rather than writing a check. Several clubs provided funds for hurricane relief and other disasters with donations to LCIF or Texas Lions Foundation. If so, they should notify PDG Terrell. He thanked each of the clubs for all their service projects completed to date.

PDG Peg White thanked the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club for constructing a wheelchair ramp for use by PDG Tom White.

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

District Governor Hawkins called for the following committee reports:

- **Diabetes Awareness** – IPDG Vance Gipson reported for PDG Jere Smith. The Sept. 22 Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes went well. Participation by Lions Clubs is always encouraged and appreciated.
- **District 2-T2 Lions Hearing Bank** – Lion Glen Harville reported that the Hearing Bank is working with Texas Tech audiologists to screen applicants. Most receive two hearing aids at a cost of \$400-\$500. The next Hearing Bank meeting is set for October 27. He thanked all 2-T2 clubs for their support.
- **Great Plains Lions Eye Bank** – Lion Deanna Harville reminded everyone that the "Shoot for Sight" fundraiser is October 27. The cost is \$60 per shooter. There will also be raffle items for sale. This fundraiser helps support continuing education for Eye Bank employees and helps pay the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) dues. The Eye Bank has harvested 145 corneas this year.
- **Hunger** – IPDG Gipson told the group that one in five children are food-challenged. Hunger is a key emphasis of Lions Clubs International. He

encouraged clubs to help the South Plains Food Bank prepare Christmas food boxes in early December 2018.

- **LCIF** – Second Vice District Governor Boyd and PDG Wendell Dunlap shared information about “Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.” The campaign spans three years and seeks to raise \$300 million by 2021. This will allow Lions to serve more than 200 million people each year. It will also ensure clubs have adequate resources to increase service through an emphasis on vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian causes. It will also allow Lions to fight diabetes, hunger, childhood cancer, and protect the environment. Model Clubs will help achieve the goal with average contributions ranging from \$750 (model club) to \$5,000+ (Premiere Model Club). The donations may be credited toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship (\$1,000).
- **Leo Clubs** – The South Plains Lions Club is working on a Leo Club at Frenship ISD. This is a great way for students to be introduced to community service. First VDG Belk reported an organizational meeting for a community-sponsored Leo Club in Plainview.
- **Long Range Planning** – PDG Jim Petty told the group that Long Range Planning is “looking toward the future and determining which course to plot, setting sail in a new direction, mapping out our course, and moving forward. If we fail to plan—our plan will fail.” There are new challenges facing Lions today. We have generations that have served for many years and who are ready for a break. We have generations that are picking up that mantle of service—but lack the experience of that great generation. We have a generation out there that knows nothing about service to others. It is our responsibility to identify that generation and show them the joy of serving others. LCI has asked the District Governors to set sail on a campaign to serve 200 million people by 2021. Let’s do our part by increasing our membership and add new clubs. “The future of Lionism is in our court—what do we do with it?”
- **MD-2 Texas Lions State Museum** – PDG Duane Howell told the group that items for the Texas Lions Museum have basically been in boxes for the past 15 years until the new 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).
- **Opportunities for Youth** – Lion Marilyn Gipson reported for PDG Danny Leake. The Opportunities for Youth Contest will be held at the January 19, 2019 Midwinter Conference at Shallowater. She encouraged clubs to solicit juniors and seniors in High School to enter the contests.

- **Photo Contest** -- PDG Fredda Buckner encouraged Lions to enter the District 2-T2 Photo Contest. The entry form is in *The Windmill* and on the District 2-T2 website. Judging will take place at the January 19 Midwinter Conference in Shallowater.
- **Texas Lions Camp** – Lion Bryan Sessom reminded Lions that online registration for the 2019 camping season will be available January 2. He encouraged clubs to find campers. Lion Joe Freeman told the group that he visited with a woman, who knew about Texas Lions Camp – but her child probably couldn't attend – since she “was having difficulty raising the \$3,500 for camp.” Freeman told the woman that Texas Lions Camp was absolutely free to campers and their parents. The two directors are splitting the District in half and will be visiting clubs to give programs. Clubs are encouraged to contact them to schedule a program.
- **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** – PDG James Norton reminded the group of the next Forum set for September 19-21, 2019 in Spokane, Washington.

### **TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION**

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### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

The Slaton Lions Club served a delicious lunch of fried fish, hush puppies, slaw, potato salad, and cupcakes.

MD-2 Council Chairman John Landrum of Waxahachie was the keynote speaker.

MD-2 Texas has dedicated Lion leaders at all levels – local, district, state, and international. However, to be a leader, Landrum said you must be a servant. “Why did you join the Lions Club? It was his involvement with Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville that changed him from a member to a Lion.

Landrum shared the story of his granddaughter, who was diagnosed with Type I diabetes. A trip to the hospital revealed a glucose level of 850 mg/dL. Later, he sponsored her to one of the Texas Lions Camp diabetic sessions. “That probably saved her life,” he said.

He added that service feeds the heart and soul of Lions Club members. “Clubs without service tend to fade away. Service projects can be very simple (*sock drive for assisted living residents*) or they can be very complex (*providing medical services*). No service project is too large or too small, if it benefits others.

He cited a quote by Helen Keller, "I am only one; but still I am one. I may not be able to do everything, but still I can do something."

It is important to share your club's service activities with Lions Clubs International, the District, and especially with your community. "Publicity is important because so many ask 'What do Lions do?'"

Landrum encouraged Lions to turn their ideas into action. "It is important for you to become part of your Lions Club—and then Lions Club will become part of you."

### **ADJOURN**

District Governor Hawkins reminded the Lions to "Save the Date" for the January 19, 2019 Midwinter Conference to be held at the Shallowater Community Center, 902 Avenue H, in Shallowater.

It was reported today's door prize ticket sales by the Tail Twisters raised \$225.00. It will be donated to Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville.

There being no other business, District Governor Hawkins adjourned the second 2018-2019 District 2-T2 Cabinet Meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Carmon E. McCain*

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Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain  
2018-2019 Cabinet Secretary