

# Official Minutes

## First Cabinet Meeting



District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International  
July 22, 2017  
South Plains Food Bank, Lubbock, TX

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District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its first Cabinet Meeting of the 2017-2018 fiscal year on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the South Plains Food Bank, 5605 Martin Luther King Drive, in Lubbock, Texas. The meeting was hosted by the Lubbock Hub and Lubbock Lip Lipscomb Lions Clubs. Approximately 72 Lions and guests signed in for today's meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by PDG Daniel Warrick, Secretary of the Lubbock Lip Lipscomb Lions Club.

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

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Vance Gipson; 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Terry Hawkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG James Belk; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman; Immediate PDG Jim Petty; Region 1 Chairman Byron Garrison; Zone 1B Chairman PDG Danny Leake; Zone 1C Chairman Charles Ragland; Zone 1D Chairman Shane Wimmer; Zone 2A Chairman PDG Joe Hargrove; and Zone 2B Chairman PDG James Osborne.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Zone 1A Chairman Michael Hutton; Zone 2D Chairman Tim Walker; and Zone 2D Chairman Ron Miller.

A quorum of the Cabinet was present. (12 of 15 members or 80 percent)

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Lion Eugene Cochran, President of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club, gave the invocation.

Lion Dan Seale, Past President of the Lubbock Hub Lions Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

First Vice District Governor Terry Hawkins of the Lubbock Lions Club led the singing.

PDG Wendell Dunlap introduced Second Vice District Governor James Belk of the Plainview Lions Club.

Second Vice District Governor Belk recognized the following Lions as first-time attendees at a District Cabinet Meeting: Lion Cindy Antionello, Secretary of the Lubbock Lions Club; Lion Jim Stewart of the Lubbock Hub Lions Club; Lion Lizeth Salvador of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club; and Lion Chuck Anderson of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.

He then introduced First Vice District Governor Hawkins.

First Vice District Governor Hawkins introduced the 19 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: Jim Petty; Dick Van Hoose; James Osborne; James Norton; Peg White; Daniel Warrick; Danny Leake; Tom White; Gary Linker; Dan Pope; Joe Hargrove; Wendell Dunlap; Charles Shannon; Paul Ellis; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; Max Von Roeder; Jere Smith; and PID Marshall Cooper.

First Vice District Governor Hawkins then introduced District Governor Vance Gipson of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club.

District Governor Gipson thanked the Lions for their attendance and enthusiasm at today's meeting.

He also thanked the Lubbock Hub Lions Club and the Lubbock Lip Lipscomb Lions Club for hosting the first Cabinet Meeting.

District Governor Gipson then introduced Queen Sara McClain; the 2017-2018 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. All agreed to serve District 2-T2 to the best of their abilities in 2017-2018.

### **TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION**

The Tail Twisters raffled door prizes at this time. Funds raised from sale of door prize tickets will be used for a special project to be announced by District Governor Gipson later in the meeting.

### **RECESS**

A brief recess was called at 10:27 a.m.

## **RECONVENE**

The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

## **EXTENSION OF VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR 2017-2018 CABINET MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain and seconded by First VDG Hawkins 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 2017-2018 fiscal year. *All members of the District Cabinet voted "aye" and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **ROLL CALL OF CLUBS**

Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's Cabinet Meeting. They are: Crosbyton, Levelland Evening, Lubbock, Lubbock Hub, Lubbock Lip Lipscomb, Lubbock Redbud, Lubbock South Plains, Plainview, Post, Roby, Ropesville, Seminole, Shallowater, and Snyder. *(14 of 43 clubs were in attendance or 33 percent.)*

## **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21-22, 2017 DISTRICT 2-T2 CONVENTION**

Secretary McCain presented the official minutes of the District 2-T2 Convention held April 21-22, 2017 at Snyder, TX. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by PID Marshall Cooper and seconded by Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **PRESENTATION OF 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman presented the proposed District 2-T2 budget for 2017-2018.

The proposed budget is based upon 1,340 members. Of which, 20 members are students.

Total revenue for 2017-2018 is expected to be \$62,301.00. This includes \$6,800.00 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 \$38,785.00, which leaves \$23,516.00 in total revenue for district use.

Operating expenses are expected to total \$23,516.00, which results in a balanced budget projection.

There being no other discussion, a motion was made by Lion Glen Harville and seconded by PDG James Norton to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget as presented. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **PRESENTATION OF FINAL 2016-2017 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cabinet Treasurer Freeman presented the District 2-T2 Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2017 (end of 2016-2017 fiscal year).

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$17,657.38 in total assets. Of this, \$6,801.27 is liabilities. This includes \$645.15 due to the District Promote 2-T2 funds, \$382.12 due to IPDG Petty for the Governor's gift, and \$5,774.00 due to the District Scholarship funds.

In addition, \$3,956.19 is held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees.

Net income during this time period was \$6,899.92. This results in the \$17,657.38 balance for total payable and fund reserves.

Actual revenue for this time period is \$78,059.53 with \$47,072.39 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$30,987.14 for District use.

Total operating expenses totaled \$24,087.22, which leaves \$6,899.92 in net revenues over expenditures.

Cabinet Treasurer Freeman also reviewed the funds donated for the Diabetes Awareness, Drug Awareness, Outstanding Youth, and Youth Exchange programs. This also includes Tail Twister door prizes and fines. Approximately \$5,774.00 was raised, which agrees with the liabilities as shown in the balance sheet.

An additional \$23,576.00 was donated by clubs for Great Plains Lions Eye Bank; District 2-T2 Hearing Bank; District 2-T2 Eyeglass Recycling; TLERC; World Services for the Blind; Texas Lions Camp; Texas Boys Ranch; Texas Lions Foundation; LCIF; and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by PDG Dan Pope and seconded by PDG Paul Ellis. *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 have District Governor Vance Gipson, Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman, and PDG Peg White as authorized co-signers for the account was made by Cabinet Treasurer Freeman and seconded by First Vice District Governor Hawkins. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.* PDG James Osborne will be removed as an authorized co-signer on the checking account.

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CONTEST & HUMANITARIAN CONTEST**

District Governor Gipson explained the 2017-2018 District Governor's Contest and Humanitarian Contest. A motion was made by PDG Dan Pope and seconded by PDG Paul Ellis to approve the contest guidelines as presented. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION**

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

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

District Governor Gipson gave a brief overview of Lions Clubs International's goals and emphasis for 2017-2018.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal of India has chosen "We Serve" as the international theme this year. It is a powerful expression, Aggarwal says. "'We' symbolizes the power of our 1.4 million members, and 'Serve' expresses our clear, decisive action to convert every dollar into service for the most urgent needs around the world." He adds that the motto also highlights our most important quality of being connected to our fellow members and the communities we serve.

"The Power of We" is the ability to stand together to serve those in need. "The Power of Action" allow us to be the change we wish to see in the world. "The Power of Service" means that the more who come together to serve, the smaller the world's problems become.

There were four areas of emphasis during the first two years of the Lions Clubs International Centennial. They include: Environment, Focus on Youth, Hunger, and Vision. Diabetes Awareness was added in 2017-2018 and Pediatric Cancer will be added in 2018-2019.

Lions Clubs International has a goal to impact more than 200 million lives through service, to increase membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and to provide learning opportunities to more than 500,000 members by 2020.

District Governor Gipson has six goals for the 2017-2018 Lions' Fiscal Year. They are:

- To have all clubs involved in service projects that meet the needs of their community.
- To have all clubs participate in the Lions Legacy Project. This can be as simple as donating a park bench or as complex as installing a new landscape at a building. It is the club's discretion.
- To have all clubs supporting the Texas Lions Camp. This can include financial support, support through the Century Club program, sharing news about Texas Lions Camp, or finding campers.
- To provide training opportunities for Club and District officers.
- To improve provision of new member orientation and service involvement throughout the District.
- To initiate district-wide projects in the areas of Diabetes Awareness and Hunger. This includes participation in the Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes, participation in the Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest, collecting food or volunteering at a local Food Bank, or providing weekend meals for seniors and students.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman asked Immediate Past District Governor Jim Petty and Immediate Past First Lady Melissa Petty to join him at the podium for a special presentation. PDF Melissa had the honor of pinning IPDG Jim with his Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship pin. This Fellowship is presented to IPDG Jim for his outstanding service to District 2-T2 in 2016-2017.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

District Governor Gipson asked for the following committee reports:

**FAST START IN MEMBERSHIP:** Global Membership Chairman PDG Dan Pope reminded the group of International President Aggarwal's goal of having 1.7 million members by year's end. To accomplish this, District 2-T2 has a "Fast Start" membership program in place. Each club will receive their net membership goals from PDG Pope. There will be nice awards for those who bring in members in August and

September. “We want to have a net gain in membership this year in order to keep our streak alive. IPDG Jim Petty had a membership increase and so did PDG Dick Van Hoose,” Pope said. District Governor Gipson announced that funds raised from sale of door prize tickets at today’s meeting will be designated for the “Fast Start” program. The funds will be used to purchase special membership awards.

**TEXAS LIONS CAMP:** PDG Pope reported that there were 1,530 campers attending summer sessions at Texas Lions Camp this year. Of those from District 2-T2, 46 were physically challenged, eight were diabetic, and four had Downs Syndrome. Several clubs have signed up to sponsor one or more holes for the annual Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament benefitting TLC. He made a special point to note that Texas Lions Camp often receives financial support from non-Lions. For example, the San Jacinto Motorcycle Club donated \$275,000 to the Camp.

**LEO CLUBS:** Lion Jean Anne Stratton is working to form Leo Clubs in District 2-T2. She said Lions Clubs interested in sponsoring a Leo Club should contact their local school administrators. In addition, clubs who have Opportunities for Youth contestants should consider sponsoring a Leo Club as well.

There being no other new business, District Governor Gipson asked the Lions to gather in groups of 15 or less for guided tours of the South Plains Food Bank facility.

### **RECESS**

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m.

### **LUNCH**

Lunch was prepared by the South Plains Food Bank kitchen staff.

### **RECONVENE**

The business meeting was reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

South Plains Food Bank Executive Director David Weaver is the keynote speaker. He has served as Chief Executive Officer of the organization for the past 20 years. He has been a member of the Lubbock Lions Club since 2016.

Weaver thanked the Lions for having the first Cabinet Meeting of the fiscal year at the Food Bank. He also thanked the individual clubs who have supported the Food Bank throughout the years.

“People that we serve on a daily basis are just like you and me. They may be persons who lost their job or seniors who can’t make it on their own without a little help. Your help is providing a solution to the problem,” Weaver said.

The South Plains Food Bank serves a 20-county area in West Texas, which encompasses 19,000 square miles. They reach 1 in 8 persons on the South Plains region. This equals more than 57,000 persons per year. Approximately 44 percent of the families they serve are in rural communities.

Weaver said more than 30,000 children in our area are considered “food-insecure.” About 1 in 4 kids do not know where their next meal is coming from.

“Kids who have access to food achieve in school. They eat a good meal and they perform better in their classes. If we end hunger, then we can give these students hope for the future,” Weaver said.

The organization moved from its old building to a more modern facility about a year and a half ago. “Having 30 years in the old building doing it wrong taught us how to layout our new facility,” Weaver said. From their new kitchen and warehouse facility, South Plains Food Bank personnel prep, cook, and deliver meals to sites all across the South Plains. This includes churches, Boys and Girls Clubs, and local soup kitchens.

Education is also a key component in the South Plains Food Bank’s mission. A nutrition team teaches persons how to select, prepare, and eat healthy foods. Special classes for diabetic clients are also available since 60 percent of the families served have a person with diabetes in their household.

“We won’t stop until we end hunger in the South Plains region. Until then, food from the South Plains Food Bank allows people to be a family around a table. Stop and think...some our best times and our worst times have revolved around food and a family gathered around a table. That’s truly what makes a family ... a family,” Weaver said.

## **ADJOURN**

District Governor Gipson reminded the Lions to “Save the Date” for the second District 2-T2 Lions Meeting. It will be Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Learning Center, 1101 70<sup>th</sup> Street, in Lubbock. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Additional information will be provided to clubs by direct mail and in The Windmill.

There being no other business, District Governor Gipson adjourned the first 2017-2017 District 2-T2 Cabinet Meeting at 1:22 p.m.



Optional training sessions were made available to Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, and Region/Zone Chairs. In addition, an orientation session was available for new Lions.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Carmon E. McCain*

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Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain  
2017-2018 Cabinet Secretary