



Official Minutes First Cabinet Meeting 2021-2022

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International
District Governor Ron Miller
Saturday, July 31, 2021
Texas Boys Ranch, Lubbock, TX

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its first Cabinet Meeting of the 2021-2022 fiscal year on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Texas Boys Ranch, 4810 N County Road 2800, Lubbock, Texas. The meeting was hosted by the Shallowater Lions Club. Approximately 45 Lions and guests were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Lion Vohnya Tongate, President of the Shallowater Lions Club.

DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Ron Miller; First Vice District Governor Doug McDonough; Second Vice District Governor and Zone 1D Chair Chris Edwards; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross; Zone 1A Chair Vohnya Tongate; Region 2 Chair PDG James Osborne; Zone 2A Chair PDG James Belk; and Zone 2B Chair Beverly Ham.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Immediate PDG Ted Boyd; Region 1 Chair Robert Millican; Zone 1B Chair Gary Smith; Zone 1C Chair Andra Gregory; Zone 2C Chair Mitch Grant; and Zone 2D Chair Cary Eaves.

A quorum of the Cabinet was present. (10 of 16 members or 62.5 percent)

OPENING CEREMONIES

Lion Tommy Powe of the Shallowater Lions Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

First Vice President Damon Crabtree of the Shallowater Lions Club gave the invocation.

Lion Randy Pebsworth of the Shallowater Lions Club led the group in songs.

INTRODUCTION OF 2ND VDG AND FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Lion President Tongate introduced Second Vice District Governor Chris Edwards of the Brownfield Noon Lions Club. VDG Edwards recognized the four first-time attendees at today's meeting. He then introduced First Vice District Governor Doug McDonough.

INTRODUCTION OF 1ST VDG AND PDGS

First Vice District Governor McDonough introduced the 15 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: James Belk; Jim Petty; James Osborne; James Norton; Peg White; Danny Leake; Terrell Thompson; Gary Linker; Wendell Dunlap; PCC Bernie Gradel; PDG Bob Edwards; Paul Ellis; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; and PID Marshall Cooper.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON MILLER

First Vice District Governor McDonough introduced District Governor Ron Miller of the Plainview Lions Club.

District Governor Miller thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He also thanked the Shallowater Lions Club for hosting today's meeting.

District Governor Miller introduced Lion Tracy Cheek, Director of Advancement for Texas Boys Ranch (TBR). She welcomed the Lions and gave a brief overview of services provided at TBR.

INSTALLATION OF 2021-2022 DISTRICT CABINET

District Governor Miller introduced MD-2 Texas Lions Council Chairman Scott Evans of the Stephenville Lions Club. CC Evans 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 2021-2022. CC Evans then declared the group to be duly installed in their respective offices.

In his keynote remarks, CC Evans recalled the moment when he truly became "a Lion." After several invitations to visit Texas Lions Camp, he finally agreed. While at camp, he saw a young girl with cancer, who was asked if she wanted to ride a horse. She did. While on the horse, she asked "how old is this horse?" When told that the horse was 11 years old, the girl replied "I may never live to be 11." It was at that moment that CC Evans became a dedicated Lion who supports the programs and activities of Texas Lions Camp.

Evans encouraged all District 2-T2 Lions to ask someone to join their clubs. He shared the example of how the Stephenville Lions Club worked to grow its membership. One way was to have ugly shirts personalized with the Lions logo. This made club members very visible to the public as they

conducted service projects throughout the community. People would ask “who are you?” and “what are you doing? The Lions told them about the project and asked them for their assistance. Soon, the membership began to increase.

CC Evans also encouraged organization of new clubs in District 2-T2. He stressed the importance of diversity in clubs. This includes clubs with women members, ethnic group clubs, and clubs focusing on specific issues.

He noted that MD-2 membership was at a +127 as of this morning. There are three new Lions Clubs organized so far this year with another in the works.

CC Evans gave special recognition to PDG James Belk and IPDG Ted Boyd for their hard work in keeping things together during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Without their dedication, we might not be having today’s meeting.” Evans noted that many Lions dropped out during the pandemic. This can likely be attributed to clubs not meeting during the shutdown.

District Governor Miller thanked Council Chairman Evans for his remarks. An honorarium in Evans’ name was made to Texas Lions Camp by District 2-T2.

TAIL TWISTERS IN ACTION

The District Tail Twisters gave away several door prizes provided by the Shallowater Lions Club.

EXTENSION OF VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR 2020-2021 CABINET MEETINGS

A motion was made by First VDG Doug McDonough and seconded by Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain 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 2021-2022 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: Brownfield Noon; Lubbock; Lubbock Hub; Lubbock Lip Lipscomb; Lubbock Redbud; Lubbock South Plains; Plainview; Shallowater; and Snyder. *(10 of 38 clubs were in attendance or 26 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 24, 2021 DISTRICT 2-T2 CONVENTION

Cabinet Secretary McCain presented the minutes of the April 24, 2021 District 2-T2 Convention in Lubbock. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by PDG James Belk and seconded by PDG Jim Petty. *All voted “aye,” and the motion was unanimously approved.*

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross presented the District 2-T2 Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021 (End of 2020-2021 fiscal year).

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$24,391.24 in total assets. Of this, \$16,624.28 is liabilities. This includes \$7,880.37 held in reserve for Camp Bark and Brew reserve and \$5,751.91 held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees.

Actual income for this time period is \$75,816.28 with \$59,073.76 in total pass through income, which leaves a balance of \$16,742.52 for District use.

Total operating expenses totaled \$17,939.84, which leaves \$1,197.32 in net expenditures over revenues.

A motion was made by PDG Bernie Gradel and seconded by PDG James Belk to approve the final 2020-2021 financial report as presented. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 BUDGET

Cabinet Treasurer Cross also presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget for discussion.

Total income is projected to be \$47,497.60. This is based on a District membership of 1,104 members. Projected pass-through funds (MD-2 dues, Texas Lions Camp dues, and promotion funds) are expected to total \$32,016.00. This gives total revenue of \$15,481.60 for District use.

Total expenses are projected to be \$22,648.00. This results in a net budget deficit of \$7,166.40 prior to an estimated transfer of \$7,166.40 from the previous administration. This results in a projected balanced budget at this time.

There was a brief discussion concerning adequate funding in the budget for prize money for Opportunities for Youth contest winners.

A motion was made by PDG Gradel and seconded by PDG Belk to approve the proposed 2021-2022 District 2-T2 budget as presented. *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 Miller, Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross, First Vice District Governor McDonough, and PDG Peg White as co-signers for the account was made by Cabinet Treasurer Cross and seconded by PDG Jim Petty. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Governor Miller then called for reports from District Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs.

CAMP BARK AND BREW: PDG Terry Hawkins is unable to attend today's meeting. PCC Gradel and PDG McCain reported in her absence. Bark and Brew is set for Sunday, Sept. 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Two Docs Brewing Company in Lubbock. She encourages clubs to have their own wiener dog race so that the local winners can advance to competition in Lubbock. Texas Lions Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and World Services for the Blind are this year's recipients of any Bark and Brew profits.

DISTRICT CONVENTION: PDG Wendell Dunlap said plans are underway for the April 29-30 District Convention at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He noted that plans are contingent upon the University's COVID-19 protocols.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY: PDG Peg White encouraged clubs to submit any District Directory corrections to District Governor Miller or Cabinet Secretary McCain.

JULIEN C HYER: PDG White said plans are underway to welcome youth exchange students participating in the July 2022 Julien C. Hyer International Youth Camp. There were no international visitors due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the past two years. Clubs are encouraged to contribute funds for the students' visit to District 2-T2.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND: PDG Hawkins wrote that the First Vice District Governors will not make their annual tour of Leader Dogs due to another surge of COVID in Michigan. They will have virtual tours in its place. Lion Dave Clark of the Lubbock Llano Lions Club will participate in one-week, in-person Orientation and Mobility class beginning in mid-August. A Leader Dog representative is scheduled to speak at the Bark and Brew event.

LEO CLUBS: Lion Jean Anne Stratton gave an overview of service projects conducted by the Frenship Leo Club and the Plainview Leo Club. There may be a Leo Club chartered at Idalou.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION: PDG Petty encouraged clubs to "think outside the box" for ways that they can have fundraisers to support LCIF's Campaign 100 during its final year. To date, Lions worldwide have raised \$213,293,495 or 71 percent of the campaign goal. He acknowledged the Lubbock Lions Club who donated more than \$30,000 during to Campaign 100 during the past three years. In addition, Lubbock Redbud Lions Club was recognized for donating more than \$15,000 during the same time period. District 2-T2 has two model clubs: Lubbock Lip Lipscomb and Lubbock Redbud. A model club is one that has donated or pledged \$500 per member payable to LCIF over the next two years.

The goal for 2021-2022 is to raise \$566, 592, which is a 20 percent increase over 2020-2021.

“Our membership totals impacts funding which impacts service. It is a group effort. It takes all of us. We see needs and accept the challenge. We need to be creative and find ways to raise funds for LCIF.”

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: PDG McCain encouraged clubs to submit information for publication in The Windmill and for posting on the District website and Facebook page. Clubs may also wish to consider advertising in the newsletter to help offset printing/ mailing costs.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH: PDG Leake said the Diabetes Awareness, Drug Awareness, and Opportunities for Youth Contests will be held this year. Clubs are encouraged to find students to participate in the contests. In addition, clubs are asked to support the program with their 100 percent participation funding—even though a District Contest is not being held this year.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST: PDG White encourages clubs to order their 2022 Peace Poster Kits as soon as possible from Lions Clubs International.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Lion Glen Harville reminds everyone to smile for the camera!

TEXAS LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING: PID Marshall Cooper and Lion Mike Melcher told the Lions that donated eyeglasses are being received from WalMart and other sources. Recently, around 9,000 used eyeglasses were shipped to Peru. They encouraged clubs to contact them if they need help with SPOT screening and/or providing eyeglasses for children.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP: Lion Beverly Ham provided an update on construction at Texas Lions Camp.

TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION: PDG White thanked the Lions of District 2-T2 for their donations to Texas Lions Foundation in 2020-2021. This allowed IPDG Boyd to receive the Ed Flood Award. Lion Barbara Norton of the Shallowater Lions Club is the new trustee for District 2-T2.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND: PDG Harkins wrote that WSB never shut their doors during the pandemic. The residents would have had nowhere to go, if that occurred. Lion Dave Clark of the Lubbock Llano Lions Club spent two months there and is inspired to spend more time there. He had to come back to Lubbock for treatment following a fall. WSB CEO Sharon Giovinazzo will stay over following Bark and Brew to give programs to local Lions Clubs.

OVERVIEW OF 2020-2021 DISTRICT 2-T2 GOALS

District Governor Miller shared his 2021-2022 District 2-T2 goals.

They are:

- Approximately 35 percent of District 2-T2 club officers will attend/participate in training sessions for their respective office.

- District 2-T2 will have a gain of 25 new members by June 30, 2022.
- District 2-T2 will charter one new Lions Club, one new specialty club, and one new Leo Club by June 30, 2021.
- At least 40 percent of District 2-T2 Lions Clubs will report their membership and activities on a regular basis.
- The District Governor will make official visits to each Lions Club in District 2-T2.
- At least 40 percent of District 2-T2 Lions Clubs will participate in Lions Clubs International Foundation's Campaign 100.
- District 2-T2 will strive to raise \$17,000 for LCIF by June 30, 2022.

District Governor Miller noted that some of these goals, relating to LCIF, have already been achieved. He also noted that the Abernathy Lions Club has asked to go inactive and the Lamesa Centennial Lions Club has disbanded.

REGION AND ZONE CHAIR REPORTS

District Governor Miller asked the Region and Zone Chairs in attendance to provide reports.

ZONE 1A—LION VOHNYA TONGATE:

- Approximately three of the six clubs in his zone are represented at today's meeting.
- 5 of the 6 clubs are having regular fundraisers.
- 4 of the 6 clubs have added new members.

ZONE 1D—VDG CHRIS EDWARDS:

- Brownfield is busy with the harvest festival, Bark and Brew booth plans, and Pak Pals to help feed students.
- Denver City is not meeting during the summer.
- Seminole is busy with projects.

ZONE 2A—PDG JAMES BELK:

- Crosbyton had a hamburger supper.
- Floydada is busy with projects.
- Lorenzo - no report.
- Matador donated \$250 to victims of a fire.
- Ralls conducted their annual Club Rodeo.
- Roaring Springs is busy with projects.

ZONE 2B—LION BEVERLY HAM:

- Levelland Noon has 38 members.
- Morton is not meeting during the summer.
- Wolfforth had a “Cow Patty Bingo” fundraiser.
- Whitharral had its annual “Taste of Whitharral” fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for consideration at today’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

First Vice District Governor McDonough said that his Council of Governors realizes that there is good recruitment of Lions Club members. Yet, many, many members continue to be dropped from their club’s membership roster. What is causing this?

Research shows that if a Lion can maintain membership for a three-year period, then they will stay as a member. Due to the pandemic, many Lions Clubs are not having regular meetings. Members have gotten out of the habit of attending routine meetings.

It is important to remember that Lions Club membership is not an “all or nothing” proposition. There are different types of membership categories available.

The 2022-2023 Council of Governors suggested clubs conduct an exit interview with members who are being dropped.

Some questions included in the survey are:

- What reasons can you (the exiting member) give us as to why you are leaving the club?
- Difficulties with meetings/activities?
- Difficulties with club administration, personal needs not met, or conflicts with members?
- Is there anything that could have been done to prevent your leaving?
- Is there anything that the club should consider changing that may help retention in the future?
- If you left because of job transfer/relocation, are you joining a new club near your new residence or job?
- Has your contact information changed?

The District 2-T2 Former Member Exit Interview and instructions will be available on the District 2-T2 website as a downloadable PDF.

ADJOURN

District Governor Miller reminded all Lions that the Second Cabinet Meeting is set for October 16,

2021 at College Heights Baptist Church, 802 Quincy St., in Plainview. It is hosted by the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club.

The Midwinter Conference is January 15, 2022 at the South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, in Lubbock. Lubbock South Plains Lions Club and Lubbock Hub Lions Club are hosts for the event.

The District Convention is April 29-30 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The Plainview Lions Club is host for the event.

There being no other business, District Governor Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Lunch was catered by Rob Johnston of Shallowater.

Club officer training followed the meeting.

Presidents led by MD-2 Council Chairman EEE PDG Terrell Thompson.

Secretaries led by Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain

Treasurers led by Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carmon E. McCain

Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain
2021-2022 Cabinet Secretary