



# **Official Minutes Midwinter Conference Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International  
January 16, 2021  
Virtual Meeting on ZOOM Platform

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District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its annual Midwinter Conference for fiscal year 2020-2021 on Saturday, January 16, 2021. It is a virtual meeting on the ZOOM platform.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by District Governor Ted Boyd.

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

First Lady Joyce Boyd led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PDG James Norton gave the invocation. He asked for special prayers for PDG Dick Van Hoose, who is hospitalized with COVID-19.

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REMARKS**

Governor Boyd said District 2-T2 has been very lucky in that no one has contracted COVID-19 as a result of attendance at the July and October Cabinet Meetings. However, he does not want to risk this by having an in-person meeting today. It is his hope that progress with the COVID vaccinations will allow an in-person District Convention on April 24, 2021.

He said the following items are of great importance in the next few months:

- Clubs need to hold their elections and report the 2021-2022 officers to Lions Clubs International and District 2-T2. It is important that all information be accurate and legible. This makes it much easier to prepare/print the District Directory for delivery prior to the first Cabinet Meeting.
- Clubs with candidates for District office need to have a letter of recommendation and the candidate's qualifications for office to Governor Boyd a minimum of 30 days prior to the April 24 District Convention.

- There is still time to purchase “50/50” tickets, which is a District 2-T2 fundraiser for the LCIF Campaign 100 – Empowering Service campaign. The winning ticket will be drawn at the February Council of Governors meeting at Kerrville.

## **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2020 CABINET MEETING**

Due to today’s ZOOM meeting platform, Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain recommended that consideration of the Oct. 17 Cabinet Meeting minutes take place at the April 24 District Convention.

### **CABINET TREASURER’S REPORT**

Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross presented the District 2-T2 Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020. In addition, he gave a brief overview of the District’s Profit and Loss (Cash Basis) from July to December 2020. No action was taken to approve the report due to today’s ZOOM meeting platform.

### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

District Governor Boyd called for the following committee reports:

- **BARK AND BREW:** PDG Terry Hawkins said the tentative date is March 27, 2021. However, the date will likely be pushed back to May or June 2021. She said she would meet with the Planning Committee to discuss this. However, it is her feeling that most Lions Clubs would not be able to work the event until later in the year because of COVID-19 concerns. Hopefully, there will be a greater distribution of the vaccine by then.
- **DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Convention Chair First Lady Joyce Boyd said Redbud Lions Club is going ahead with plans for an in-person District Convention on April 24 at Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock. The special guest and keynote speaker is Lions Clubs International Director Michael D. (Mike) Banks of Stillwater, Oklahoma. The club also has additional entertainment planned for the event.
- **FIGHTING HUNGER:** PDG Vance Gipson told the Lions that he is very pleased with Lions’ participation in the “U Can Share FUND Drive” benefitting the South Plains Food Bank. A total of 12 clubs participated and raised \$7,450. Of the 12, four Lions Clubs donated to their local Food Banks/Pantries. He reminded the Lions that hunger is an on-going problem. Clubs should consider hunger-related projects through the year—and not just at Christmas.
- **JULIEN C. HYER YOUTH CAMP:** PDG Peg White said camp dates are June 27 to Aug. 1, 2021. Usually, 25 young men and women from around the world attend the Youth Camp. Students range from 17-19 years of age. Participants customarily spend the fourth week of camp touring the Lubbock area. As with other activities, this year’s Youth Camp may be significantly impacted by COVID

since the United States is still high on the list of quarantined countries. Most of the students from overseas make their travel reservations in March each year. We will have to wait and see if the Youth Camp is held in 2021.

- **LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND:** PDG Terry Hawkins told the group that COVID-related airline travel restrictions have caused severe limitations with in-person matching of clients and dogs. Persons can either drive to Leader Dog or Leader Dog staff can deliver the dog to a client and train on-site.

On March 12, 2021, Leader Dog will hold its virtual “Dinner in the Dark.” Guests from all over the country can purchase a Dinner in the Dark kit for \$150. Each kit, designed for two people, includes blindfolds, bibs, chef hat, two stemless wine glasses, program, menu, and meal preparation cards. The kits will ship out two weeks prior to the event. This helps highlight the clients that Leader Dog serves through its programs and services.

PDG Hawkins and PDG Fredda Buckner are working on a District 2-T2 calendar to benefit Leader Dogs. The April 24, 2021 District 2-T2 Photo Contest will have a dog photo category—in addition to the previous-announced ones. This will provide a resource for dog photos for the calendar.

- **LEO CLUBS:** Lion Jean Anne Stratton reported on the two Leo Clubs in District 2-T2.

The Plainview Leo Club is very active. They have purchased shoes for students, helped clean a local park, participated in Snack Pack for Kids, and Paws Pets Adoption of Plainview.

The Frenship Leo Club has also been busy serving others. Recent projects include a teacher welcome in August, the virtual Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes, decorated bags and provided cards for Meals on Wheels, participated in the “Angel Tree” project; and provided gifts and other items for a family in need.

Hannah Page, a Frenship Leo Club member, was selected for the Lubbock Lions Club’s Outstanding Youth Intern scholarship.

- **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF):** LCIF Ambassador Jim Petty encouraged clubs to support LCIF’s Campaign 100. He said there has been great response to the District 2-T2 “50/50” raffle fundraiser to benefit LCIF. His goal is to sell 500 tickets at a cost of \$20.00 to raise \$10,000. Half of it goes to LCIF and half goes to the winner, who he hopes will donate their portion to LCIF. Lions wishing to purchase tickets should contact PDG Petty before the February Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville. That is where the drawing will take place.
- **NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE (NAMI):** Second VDG Doug McDonough is the District 2-T2 NAMI Champion. NAMI is a focused program to

reverse the decline in Lions membership in Constitutional Areas 1 & 2. He said it is important to form new clubs and add new Lions Club members. He noted that the Plainview Lions Club needs to do some additional recruiting since the Snyder Lions Club is nipping at their heels.

District Governor Boyd reported that the Lubbock Lions Club inducted nine new Lions during his Jan. 12, 2021 official visit to the club.

- **TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION:** PDG White encouraged clubs to consider a Texas Lions Fellowship award to honor outgoing officers and/or a club “Lion of the Year.” The cost is \$500 and donation forms should be submitted to the Texas Lions Foundation as soon as possible.
- **TEXAS LIONS HALL OF FAME:** PDG Terrell Thompson told the group that the Hall of Fame Committee has selected the 2020-2021 District 2-T2 inductee, which will be announced at the April 2021 District Convention. He believes that the District will be very pleased with the selection. The nominee will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at the MD-2 Texas Lions State Convention in Waco. There is a \$227.50 fee associated with the Hall of Fame award, which was not included as a line item in this year’s budget. However, this is adequate funds under “Awards” to cover this expense. A motion to pay the \$227.50 fee was made by PDG Terrell Thompson and seconded by PDG Wendell Dunlap. All voted “aye,” and the motion was approved.
- **TEXAS LIONS CAMP:** Texas Lions Camp Director Beverly Ham reported that the Camp Board of Directors met in November to approve plans to build the first quad as part of CAMPAign Vision2020& Beyond.

She said “You cannot love Texas Lions Camp unless you have been there to see the magic.

All District 2-T2 Lions Clubs are encouraged to take part in the upcoming TLC Work Days set for **March 6, April 10, and May 1**. Dorm lodging, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch is provided for Lions participating in these work sessions.

As District Governor Boyd said in his January column in *The Windmill*, “Each Lions Club member in Texas owns Texas Lions Camp.” Ham agreed and added that each District 2-T2 Lion should travel to Kerrville, tour the Camp, and see the difference that it can make in the lives of children with physical challenges, Down syndrome, and Type-1 Diabetes.

PDG Gary Linker, who served as TLC Board Chair in 2019-2020, said he would be on a conference call later today with architects regarding replacement of damaged bunkhouses and other construction.

PDG Linker was asked if Texas Lions Camp will have in-person camping sessions this summer. He said CEO Stephen Mabry has not made that decision as yet. However, registration for the camping sessions has been put on hold until Feb. 8, 2021. This will allow for additional time to assess public policy and conditions for opening summer camp this year.

**POLAR BEAR PLUNGE:** PDG Hawkins is thrilled to announce that District 2-T2 leads the state in donations to the Polar Bear Plunge benefitting Texas Lions Camp. The District has raised \$44,948 so far. The next closest District has raised about \$18,000. She thanked the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club for its \$10,000 donation. Also, an anonymous donor from Plainview has given \$20,000 to the Camp. Other donations have been made by Lions donating following club visits at Levelland, Lubbock, Plainview, and Snyder. The Polar Bear Plunge, originally set for Jan. 1 at Mo-Ranch, was canceled due to COVID concerns. It will be held Feb. 6 at the Texas Lions Camp pool instead.

### **ADJOURN**

District Governor Boyd reminded the Lions to “Save the Date” for the April 24, 2021 District Convention to be held in the lower level of Broadway Church of Christ, 1924 Broadway Avenue, in Lubbock. Redbud Lions Club is hosting the event.

There being no other business, District Governor Boyd adjourned the virtual District 2-T2 Midwinter Conference at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Carmon E. McCain*

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Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain  
2020-2021 Cabinet Secretary