



Official Minutes Second Cabinet Meeting

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International
October 21, 2017
Scottish Rite Learning Center, Lubbock, TX

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its second Cabinet Meeting of the 2017-2018 fiscal year on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Learning Center, 1101 70th Street, in Lubbock, Texas. The meeting was hosted by the Lubbock Lions Club.

Special guests for the second Cabinet Meeting were MD-2 Texas Lions Council Chairman Rick Talbert and wife, Lion Pita, of Weslaco.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. by First Vice District Governor Terry Hawkins of the Lubbock Lions Club. She welcomed the Lions and guests in attendance.

DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Vance Gipson; 1st VDG Terry Hawkins; 2nd VDG James Belk; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Region 1 Chairman Byron Garrison; Zone 1B Chairman PDG Danny Leake; Zone 1C Chairman Charles Ragland; Zone 2A Chairman PDG Joe Hargrove; Zone 2B Chairman PDG James Osborne; and Zone 2C Chairman Tim Walker.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman; IPDG Jim Petty; Zone 1A Chairman Michael Hutton; Zone 1D Chairman Shane Wimmer; and Zone 2D Chairman Ron Miller.

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Region 1 Chairman Byron Garrison led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

He also gave the invocation and led the group in singing the National Anthem.

Second Vice District Governor Belk recognized the following Lions as first-time attendees at a District Cabinet Meeting: Lion Christy Long of the Jayton Lions Club; Lion Khanh Vu of the Lubbock Redbud Lions Club; and Lion Michaela Glendening of the Lubbock Tech Lions Club.

First Vice District Governor Hawkins introduced the 14 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: James Osborne; James Norton; Daniel Warrick; Danny Leake; Joe Hargrove; Terrell Thompson; Wendell Dunlap; Charles Shannon; Bob Edwards (2-A1); PCC Bernie Gradel; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; 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 Lions Club for hosting today's meeting.

He noted that attendance at today's meeting was impacted by the Texas Tech vs. Iowa State football game at 11:00 a.m. "Coach Kingsbury didn't call and ask if the 11:00 a.m. start time was okay with me," Gipson quipped.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS

Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today's Cabinet Meeting. They are: Crosbyton, Jayton, Littlefield Early Risers, Lubbock, Lubbock Hub, Lubbock Lip Lipscomb, Lubbock Redbud, Lubbock South Plains, Lubbock Tech, Plainview, Post, Roby, Ropesville, Shallowater, and Snyder. (15 of 41 clubs present, or 37 percent)

MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2017 CABINET MEETING

Secretary McCain presented the minutes of the July 22 Cabinet Meeting at Lubbock, TX. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by PID Marshall Cooper and seconded by PDG Wendell Dunlap. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

PRESENTATION OF FINAL 2016-2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Greg Freeman is on vacation. District Governor Gipson presented the District 2-T2 balance sheet dated October 18, 2017.

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$12,972.42 in total assets. Of this, \$887.63 is liabilities, which include District-Promote 2-T2 funds, Texas Lions Camp, and scholarship funds.

In addition, \$3,682.50 is held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees. Net income during this time period was \$8,402.29. This results in the \$12,972.42 balance for total payable and fund reserves.

Actual revenue for this time period is \$38,095.79 with \$22,701.71 in total restricted funds, which leaves a balance of \$15,394.08 for District use.

Total operating expenses totaled \$8,402.29, which leaves \$7,976.11 in net revenues over expenditures.

A motion to accept the financial report as presented was made by Convention Co-Chair Geraldine Wellendorf and seconded by PCC Bernie Gradel. *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.

OLD BUSINESS

District Governor Gipson 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 had a "Fast Start" membership program during July and August. Special awards will be presented to the Brownfield Noon Lions Club and Denver City Lions Clubs for their membership increases during this two-month period.

NEW BUSINESS

District Governor Gipson asked for reports from the respective Zone Chairs.

Zone 1A Chair Michael Hutton submitted a written report.

- **Ropesville Lions** have a number of activities, including a "Back To School "bash for teachers/students, their annual football program fundraiser, "Run for the Ropes" benefitting the food bank, a community golf event, their annual seniors banquet; dedication of a park bench for their Lions Legacy Community Project; and selling hamburgers/sausage wraps at the local stock show;
- **Lubbock Hub Lions** worked with Cardinal's Sports Center to donate 51 boxes of items from the store's annual Sidewalk Sale to Texas Boys Ranch. The club continues its monthly bingo games with residents of Lubbock Hospitality House.

Members collected 119 pounds of food to donate to the Feed Seniors Now food drive. The club also participated in the September 23 Step Out: Walk To End Diabetes.

- **Lubbock Redbud Lions** donated \$5.00 gift cards for meals to 40 homeless military veterans. The club completed their Legacy project by donating a park bench at Higginbotham Park. In addition, the club donated a “Rock and Roll” bike to Lion Jarrod Meyers, who has cerebral palsy. The club also donated \$200 in school supplies to Texas Boys Ranch.
- **Lubbock Tech Lions** participate in a monthly “Adopt-A-Highway” litter removal project; volunteer at Ronald McDonald House; and raise funds through a “give back” night at Chipotle Mexican Grill. They also have a fundraiser where people are “flocked” by plastic pink flamingoes in their yard.
- Shallowater Lions are preparing for their October 28 Harvest Festival.

Zone 1B – PDG Danny Leake reported that all clubs are doing well. He highlighted service projects by the Lubbock South Plains and Slaton Lions Clubs.

Zone 1C – Lion Charles Ragland gave the following report:

- **Jayton Lions** are rebuilding a gazebo for its Legacy Project. The club also conducts monthly bingo games. Players are asked to bring a food item for entry to the game. The food items are then donated to local charities.
- **Lamesa Centennial Lions** gave away breakfast items at the community July 4th Celebration, assisted with the Hogg Race for the Cure in September; and is constructing a wheelchair ramp today.
- **Roby Lions** sponsored the Boy Scout float in the Fisher County Fair and Rodeo parade, hosted a booth at the fair and rodeo, donated benches on the town square for its Legacy Project, distributed books to students in early education to grade 5, host bingo for residents of Heritage House, and assisted 40 elderly residents by transporting them to doctor appointments in Abilene.
- Lions presented a program on White Canes, which included a demonstration of their use, built wheelchair ramps for individuals, transported 12 individuals to Midland, Abilene, San Angelo, and Lubbock for doctor appointments and/or chemotherapy, and is participating in today’s Cogdell Hospital Health Fair.
- In addition, four clubs in this zone made monetary contributions for Hurricane Harvey relief through LCIF, American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, or local churches.

Zone 1D – Lion Shane Wimmer submitted a written report.

- **Brownfield Noon Lions** President Brian Brisendine's father, Lion Lynn Brisendine, passed away last week –so no report from their club.
- **Brownfield Evening Lions** have not reported.
- **Denver City Lions** have four new members and are assisting a local church in building a handicap accessible home for a family.
- **Seminole Lions** has had good success with its sports poster project and is planning a February pancake supper.

Zone 2A – PDG Joe Hargrove gave the following report:

- **Crosbyton Lions** are working on their Legacy Community Project.
- **Floydada Lions** participated in Pumpkin Days.
- **Ralls Lions** held their annual Rodeo, which is the oldest fundraising project in Texas Lions' history.
- **Roaring Springs Lions** membership is holding steady.

Zone 2B – PDG James Osborne gave the following report:

- **Levelland Evening Lions** assisted Ronald McDonald House, participated in recycling efforts, and promoted Diabetes awareness.
- **Levelland Noon Lions** sponsored the local food pantry, participated in a community clean-up, and is planning participation in the Veterans Day observance.
- **Morton Lions** participated in the local Heritage Days parade, held a community pancake breakfast, and provided an eye exam/eyeglasses to an individual.
- **Muleshoe Lions** held their annual rose sale and raffle, provided vision testing for 570 students in local schools, and sent a camper to Texas Lions Camp.
- **Whitharral Lions** conducted their annual chili supper as well as their golf tournament.

Zone 2C – Lion Tim Walker gave the following report:

- **Abernathy Lions** has purchased eyeglasses and raised funds for breast cancer awareness.
- **Cotton Center Lions** held a gun raffle and a pheasant hunt.
- **Earth Lions** are discussing ways that their club can assist with renovation of the local Community Center.
- **Littlefield Early Risers Lions** conducted a gun raffle and held their annual Chicken Fried Steak fundraiser.
- **Littlefield Noon Lions** donated a copy of *Texas Lions: Celebrating 100 Years of Service* by PIP Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff to the local library.

Zone 2D – Lion Ron Miller was absent. No report was given.

District Governor Gipson thanked the Region and Zone Chairs for their excellent reports. This is a great example of the humanitarian service provided to communities by the Lions of District 2-T2.

RECESS

District Governor Gipson recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

RECONVENE

District Governor Gipson reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

TAILTWISTERS IN ACTION

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Governor Gipson called for the following committee reports:

- **Centennial Celebration** – PCC Bernie Gradel told the group that the MD-2 Texas Lions celebration in Dallas had about 300 persons registered. The

Littlefield Lions Club's "Membership Mafia" banner was on display in the history room at the event. He thanked the MD-2 Council of Governors and Centennial Committee for organizing the celebration, which included the current First International Vice-President and five Past International Presidents.

- **Diabetes Awareness** – PDG Jere Smith encouraged clubs to participate in the annual "Step Out Walk To End Diabetes." He is also available to give programs to clubs.
- **District 2-T2 Lions Hearing Bank** – Lion Glen Harville reported that the Hearing Bank lost its ties to the University Medical Center audiologist. He introduced Dr. Steven Zupancic with the Texas Tech Department of Audiology, who is assisting the Hearing Bank. Dr. Zupancic thanked the Lions for their support of the patients. He said he was glad to help restore hearing to those in need. He encouraged clubs to contact Harville or any of the Hearing Bank directors if they know of someone needing assistance with hearing aids.
- **Global Leadership Team** – PID Marshall Cooper reminded the group about the 18th annual Texas Lions Leadership Forum to be held March 17-18 in Austin. He also noted that the SPOT vision tester will be demonstrated at the January 13 Midwinter Conference in Lubbock.
- **Global Membership Team** – PDG Dan Pope is looking at areas where a new Lions Club can be organized.
- **Global Service Initiative** – PDG Terrell Thompson encouraged clubs to share information about their service projects with the public. Many members of the general public do not know about Lions service. It is important to share information about the great things that Lions do!
- **Great Plains Lions Eye Bank** – No report.
- **Leader Dogs for the Blind** – First VDG Terry Hawkins reported on her August trip to the Leader Dogs campus in Rochester, Michigan.
- **Leo Clubs** – Lion Jean Anne Stratton encouraged clubs to consider sponsoring a Leo Club. She is working on prospective Leo Clubs at Idalou, Olton, Roosevelt, ISD, Shallowater, Talkington School for Young Women Leaders, Wolfforth (Frenship ISD).
- **MD-2 Texas Lions Hall of Fame Nomination Committee** – PDG Thompson sent letters about the nomination process to Club Presidents this week. The deadline for all nominations is December 16.

- **Opportunities For Youth Contests** – PDG Danny Leake reminded the group of the December 15 application deadline for the three contests. Application information is available at www.txlions.org and www.lions2t2.org. District winners will compete at the MD-2 Texas Lions Convention, May 24-26, at Corpus Christi. Winning one of these scholarships could be a real “game changer” for students.
- **Peace Poster** – PDG Peg White is with PDG Tom White, who is in the hospital. Deadline for Peace Poster entries to District 2-T2 is November 15, 2017.
- **Texas Lions Foundation** -- PCC Gradel reported on the Texas Lions Foundation’s Hurricane Harvey relief grants. Council Chairman Talbert will likely go into greater detail about this during his remarks at lunch.
- **USA/Canada Forum** – First VDG Terry Hawkins reported on the 2017 USA/Canada Lions Leadership in Portland, Oregon. The meeting was very well organized with excellent presentations. She encouraged everyone to attend the 2018 Forum, September 20-22, in Columbus, Ohio.

SPECIAL AWARDS

District Governor Gipson presented 2016-2017 Centennial Service Challenge Award patches to the following clubs:

- LEVEL 1: Morton, Plainview, and Post.
- LEVEL 2: Lubbock and Snyder.
- LEVEL 3: Lubbock Redbud and Shallowater.
- LEVEL 4: Lubbock Hub, Lubbock South Plains, and Roby.

LIONS LEGACY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

District Governor Gipson asked the following clubs to give a brief report on their Lions’ Legacy Project.

- **Brownfield Noon** – The club revitalized an earlier community garden project, consisting of 45 10x20 plots. They are leased out at a cost of \$25 per year, which includes free water.
- **Jayton** – The club is rebuilding a gazebo that was damaged by a tornado. The project involves two steps: 1) rebuild the brick structure and 2) construct a gazebo over the structure. The club hopes to have the first phase completed in 2018.

- **Plainview** – An original plan called for the club to construct a shelter in a new park. However, personnel changes at the City of Plainview have caused the project to be delayed. It may begin this spring.
- **Lubbock Redbud** – The club donated a park bench at Higginbotham Park.
- **Lubbock South Plains** – Installation and dedication of a water-efficient landscape at the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club in Lubbock.
- **Roby**—The club donated benches on the town square.
- **Ropesville** – The club donated a park bench to Ropesville ISD. A bronze plaque was installed on the bench to commemorate LCI’s Centennial.
- **Slaton** – The club is planning to build a new park, which includes a fishing area.

District Governor Gipson thanked the clubs for “thinking outside the box” when considering Lions’ Legacy projects. He told the group that there is still time to begin a Legacy Project—even though Lions Clubs International is recommending all projects be completed by June 18. “That’s similar to a stop sign in Italy—just a suggestion,” he said.

LUNCH RECESS:

District Governor Gipson recessed the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Lunch was catered by River Smith’s.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 12:28 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MD-2 Council Chairman Rick Talbert of Weslaco was the keynote speaker.

He discussed the impact Hurricane Harvey had upon the lives of thousands in South Texas.

"Our Lions year began in August with the MD-2 Council of Governors meeting. Our District Governors planned to go forward with the Lions' Centennial Challenge and the Lions' Legacy Community Projects. Little did we know that this would quickly change when Hurricane Harvey intensified to Category 4 and made landfall near Rockport, TX.

"We had no idea how bad Harvey would be. However, representatives of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) called ahead of time. They were looking at those Lions Districts in Texas that could be impacted. Two days after the initial landfall, Lions Clubs International President Naresh Aggarwal and LCIF Chairman Bob Corlew had already approved \$100,000 in emergency grant funds," Talbert said.

The hurricane ultimately impacted 255 miles in 62 counties.

"Our Texas Lions Foundation approved 36 emergency grants. They have spent double their approved budget for emergency grants, close to \$72,000, to help their fellow Texans."

Talbert noted that Lions from across the United States and the world have also provided assistance.

"The Chester, New Jersey Lions Club donated \$40,000 with the stipulation that the funds be used for medical supplies, medical equipment replacement, or eyeglasses replacement," Talbert said. "These funds were not solicited--it is amazing how many people reached out to us and wanted to help."

He added that the impacts of Hurricane Harvey will be felt for many years.

"Due to humidity, mold will be a major issue. Mold doesn't wait for insurance adjusters to make a determination. Also, there are infrastructure issues. For example, School District A uses the school on Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday. School District B uses the school on Tuesday, Thursday, and every other Friday."

He thanked the Lions of District 2-T2 who individually and collectively supported Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

"Every Lion in Texas still has the opportunity to step up and assist those impacted by Harvey. Our Texas Lions Camp and Texas Lions Foundation will need your help as the Lions in South Texas continue to assist those impacted by this natural disaster. Now more than ever, it is great to be a Lion in Texas," he said.

An auction for a table with a Lions' emblem was held immediately after the luncheon. The winner was PDG Jere Smith.

ADJOURN

District Governor Gipson reminded the Lions to "Save the Date" for the January 13, 2018 Midwinter Conference to be held at South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, in Lubbock.

There being no other business, District Governor Gipson adjourned the first 2017-2017 District 2-T2 Cabinet Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carmon E. McCain

Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain
2017-2018 Cabinet Secretary