

MINUTES

MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS Sunday, February 7, 2010 Grand Plaza Hotel, Branson, MO

The third meeting of the 2009-2010 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Jesse Hathcock at 9 a.m. He thanked everyone for their understanding of the need to reschedule this meeting from the previous weekend due to the weather, and he hoped to get everyone out of Branson in time to get home before the next storm hit. He asked the committee chairs for their cooperation in letting their written reports stand if possible or in keeping their oral reports short. He also took the opportunity to thank the MERL+ Team, and especially PDG Eugene Taylor, for the outstanding Mid Winter Forum held that weekend.

Governor Steinbach gave the Invocation.

Governor McAdams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Governor Porterfield led in the singing of the first verse of "America".

ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice District Governor</u>	<u>2nd Vice District Governor</u>
M1	Tom Steinbach	Larry Kimbrow	Murray Dunn
M2	Marvin McAdams	Kimberly Taylor	
M3	Pat Porterfield	Hurmon Hendren	
M4	Duane Clodfelter	Bill Calhoon	Chuck Tripp
M5	Tom Rayfield	Johnny Stabno	Paul Kerber
M6	Charlie Haywood	Debbie Whittlesey	
M7	Bryan Rogers	Dan Buschmann	Michael W. Cooley

Also in attendance were:

Past International Director Leland Kolkmeier, M5
IPDG Jesse Hathcock, Council Chairperson
PDG Lyn Porterfield, Council Parliamentarian

M1 PDGS: Julia Erskine, Willard Haynes, Casey Morris, Lana Wilson
M2 PDGS: Al Blumenberg, Debbie Blumenberg, Terry Boettcher, Eugene Taylor
M3 PDGS: Chuck Elledge, E. Allen Kohler
M4 PDGS: Ann Anderson, John Anderson, Bob VanSickle
M5 PDGS:
M6 PDGS: Sue Blakley, Bob Crump, Dave Harris, Jim Tesreau, James Wilson
M7 PDGS: Ron Jordan, Donal Knipp, Bob VanArk

M1 Lions: Louise Bibbs, Jocelyn Morris, Charlotte Williams, Bob Wilson
M2 Lions: Charlotte McAdams
M3 Lions: Darlene Hendren, Shirley Kellerman, Sandy McCann, Dr. Ron Walkenbach
M4 Lions: George Spengler, Harley Morlock
M5 Lions: Jennifer Stabno
M6 Lions: Elaine Crump, Marilyn Harris, Paula Tesreau
M7 Lions: Betty Knipp, Brenda Weider (State Office Administrator)

Guest: Pat Buschmann, M7

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDS

IPDG Lana Wilson was elected Tail Twister. Motion by DG McAdams, seconded by DG Rayfield, to donate the Tail Twister money to the Lions Haiti Relief Fund. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

DG Rayfield moved to approve the consent agenda

- Approval of minutes of October 17, 2009 Council Meeting
- Approval of second quarter financial report
- Renewal of office lease for one year
- Appointment of PDG Lyn Porterfield as State Convention Parliamentarian
- Reports from LWSB, Leader Dog, Long Range Planning, ALERT, Campus Club, and Family & Women's Membership
- Approval of contract with Country Club Hotel & Spa at Lake of the Ozarks as the site of the October, 2010 Council of Governors Meeting

Seconded by DG Porterfield. Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

PID Leland Kolkmeier announced that LCIF Chairperson, Immediate Past International President Al Brandel, and his wife, Lion Maureen, will be our guests for the MD 26 Convention. He will arrive on Friday and have to leave on Sunday morning.

DGE SEMINAR REPORT

The presenters have been contacted, the spouses seminar has been lined up, the books will be going to print in about a month. The coordinator for the Cabinet Secretaries-Treasurers is PCC Ron McMullin with assistance from PDG Ann Anderson; for the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors it is PCC Terry Boettcher and PCC Steve Wise. The coordinator for the District Governors Elect is PDG Eugene Taylor.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT

PID Kolkmeier distributed forms (one to each district) to be copied, or it is available on the website. He urged the Governors to get the information out in order to get people lined up to attend.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

PCC Al Blumenberg reiterated to the Governors, that as they get ready for their Conventions, to contact their District LCIF Coordinators to give reports as to the activity within their districts. They can also contact PCC Blumenberg if they need any assistance from him. He reported that about \$2 million has been donated to the Haiti Relief Fund. He checked to see if donations to this fund could be applied toward a Melvin Jones Award; at this time LCIF is saying they cannot, but PCC Blumenberg recommended that records be kept in case this changes. He reminded everyone that donations are tax deductible. He also reported that Wal-Mart Supercenters and Sam's Clubs will be working with LCIF to collect used eyeglasses and send them to six different regional Lions eyeglass recycling centers. This is a good thing because the Lions name will be on the collection boxes, it's one source sending many eyeglasses into our Regional Recycling Centers, and they will be doing the processing (cleaning, sorting, etc.). Lastly, PCC Blumenberg was excited to talk about the eyeglass mission program for which MLERF has appointed an ad hoc committee to look into. The mission program will be able to go to these recycling centers to request used eyeglasses (already processed) to take on these missions. He wondered if we should ask the MLERF ad hoc committee to look into how we may be able to get into a bigger role of actually recycling, grading, cleaning, sorting, etc. In the meantime, to get some missions going, should the Council look at another group to put together some mission programs so we can get out there. This would get us in the mission business very quickly and he thinks it would be a good way of attracting younger members who would rather go on these

missions to distribute the glasses than be involved in the sorting and cleaning process. Motion by DG Steinbach, seconded by DG Rayfield, to form an Ad Hoc Committee to get the mission program going. Motion carried. PCC Blumenberg volunteered to serve on this committee, along with PDG Gordon Wellman of M6, who was actually President of the Lions In Sight Program in the state of California and has extensive knowledge of the missions. PID Kolkmeier added that the day before he had visited with PDG Wellman, who is more than willing to help on this. PCC Blumenberg thinks by getting Lions to go on these missions we will see a burst of energy like we haven't seen in a long time! DG Rayfield also recommended VDG Johnny Stabno, who has a wealth of knowledge about missionary work, to serve on the committee. CC Hathcock noted that a couple more members are needed and asked the Governors to let PCC Blumenberg know if they have additional nominees for the ad hoc committee.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION REPORT

Lion Dr. Ron Walkenbach reported on programs through December 31, 2009.

- Amblyopia screenings up 50% over last year
- Glaucoma screenings 2.6 increase over last year
- Eyecare assistance will be ahead of last year.

Thanks again to the old District A2 foundation for the generous donation to these programs, which is allowing for these increases.

- The Eye Bank has a 10% increase over last year in transplants. It's eighth office just opened in Wichita, Kansas, and it will soon be handling eye donor referrals from the Alabama Eye Bank, the way it has the last couple of years for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.
- In eyeglass recycling, they have had two requests for Haiti already; one has been picked up and the other one will be picked up the end of February.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND REPORT

PDG Willard Haynes reported on LBOMB's recent meeting in Jefferson City. Ryan Henry of Williams-Keepers CPAs gave the audit report for the year end September 30, 2009. There had been four managers placed in facilities since the previous meeting. Two committees were formed: a nominating committee for next year's officers, and a retirement committee for the office personnel. The conflict of interest and whistle blower policy were enacted. DG Rayfield asked when a vendor seeks a pending contract and, if disapproved, does he have any recourse for reconsideration and does the LBOMB Board handle that? PDG Haynes responded that he thinks in due time the person could re-apply. CC Hathcock added that we could check with Larry Branson of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind to confirm that answer. PDG Haynes stated that for several years LBOMB has had the last choice in having a meeting room at State Convention. He requested that the Council next year would look into where they could have their meeting so they won't be moved around and they would know in advance. He added that they don't have a designated place they feel is theirs and they don't fit into the organization, and he thinks they should. Many assured PDG Haynes that LBOMB has been on the agenda for the last several years, and PDG Bob Crump said he would get with him to explain where they are scheduled for this year.

MID SOUTH SIGHT & HEARING REPORT

IPCC Terry Boettcher invited everyone to their next quarterly meeting, which will be held in Missouri, on March 13 at the St. Louis Holiday Inn Viking Hotel. Also, April 16-17 is Lions Leaders Weekend at Mid-South. He announced that, at the last meeting, Rolla Lions had a raffle for a trip, which was won by PCC AI & PDG Debbie Blumenberg.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Sue Blakley reported on the Committee's recent meeting, which included the draft of players for this year's game by the two coaches. Every district was also represented at the meeting. The player selections by district were as follows: M1-4, M2-11, M3-14, M4-12, M5-12, M6-8, M7-6. The coach for the Blue Team is Dave Fairchild from Penney High School in Hamilton, and the Gold Team Coach is Tom Beauchamp from Lindbergh High School in St. Louis. Each coach selected 35 players from over 160 nominations. There has not been a change in the cost per player, which is still at \$750. No contract with the University of Central Missouri has been signed yet; awaiting approval of budget and minor adjustment in the bid on the players' meals. The game will be

held on July 17, and she asked that every club consider donating to this project. Last year the ad sales were very low. The Committee is totally committed to making this year better, but they need everyone's help. There were many questions on the proposed 2009-2010 budget. PDG Blakley explained that the ad sales pay for the players' expenses; donations come from Lions or Lions Clubs, and ad sales are from non-Lion organizations or businesses. She was asked if the players contribute toward their expenses, and PDG Blakley replied that they do not, but they do help to sell ads when asked by Lions Clubs to do so. Some asked if the budgeted income should be \$52,500 (70 players @ \$750). This is not like the Band – if you don't raise the \$750, you don't go to band camp. Someone asked if Lion Jeff was putting something into the next issue of the Missouri Lion. PDG Bob VanSickle stated that Lion Jeff had emailed him asking when the deadline was, which PDG Van Sickle gave him that, but he had not heard back from Lion Jeff yet. PCC John Anderson urged the Governors to keep in contact with their Athletic chairs to make sure the money is raised for the number of players in their respective districts, and get them help in doing so. PDG Blakley added that money for last year's game was just turned in at the January meeting. Much discussion followed regarding money not being turned in within the Committee's fiscal year, and checks being held for months by District chairs before being turned into the State Office. Motion by DG Rayfield, seconded by DG McAdams, to defer action on the Athletic budget and set up a special face-to-face meeting with the State Athletic Committee as soon as possible. CC Hathcock asked DG Clodfelter, as Liaison Governor of the Athletic Committee, to set this up in February if possible.

HEARING COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Chuck Elledge reported on the committee's recent meeting. His written report and the meeting minutes were in the packets, and no one had questions. PDG Elledge then brought up the fact that he had been approached by Beltone Hearing, which has been providing audiology services for some of our districts. The owner of the Beltone Store in St. Charles, who owns 27 stores in the state, wants to sell us hearing aids at a price below or equal to what we're now paying through LCIF. The committee is in the discovery phase, and is talking with Beltone stores in other areas of the state which are owned by someone else. The Committee may be asking for the Council's approval at State Convention before they would actually buy from Beltone.

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Written report

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

1st VDG Kimberly Taylor reported for PDG James W. Rosbrugh who could not attend. The Governors had the written report in their packets, and she had only one change to it. There will be six (6) Propositions voted on at the State Convention. Written instructions, Credential Certificates (to be copied) and Delegate and Alternate credential cards have been distributed to the districts. If additional credential cards are needed, please contact PDG Rosbrugh; do NOT print your own. The wording of the propositions was being given to PDG Bob Van Sickle to be published in the next issue of the Missouri Lion. They will also be available on the web site.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Donal Knipp mentioned that the written report was in the packets, but he did want to bring up the issue of the money given to LCIF each year. In the past the Committee received two different answers from LCIF on whether the money that has been donated could be used toward a Melvin Jones Fellow. LCIF was contacted a third time and has now said that this money can be used for the award. There is over \$8,000 in the fund at this time, and we'll need to come up with a way to use it. DG Rayfield asked PDG Knipp how these would be awarded. PDG Knipp said the committee is not sure if they should handle it or if the Governors should, and the committee will look into this further and make a recommendation to the Council. PDG Knipp also mentioned that the committee will be taking bids for the 2013 State Convention at its meeting in Springfield. Paperwork must be in 30 days prior to that.

2010 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

PDG Bob Crump explained that the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield was very good to work with on our cancellation of the Council Meeting the week before due to the weather. The hotel did not put a cancellation clause in the contract for that meeting and, therefore, the Missouri Lions did not lose any money on that. We owe them a big thank you; the hotel asked only that we consider booking a council meeting there at a later date.

PDG Crump then gave details on the upcoming State Convention in Springfield from April 29 to May 2 at the University Plaza Hotel. On Thursday evening the Springfield Cardinals will play the NW Arkansas Naturals (KC Royals Club) at 7:10. Be in your seat at 6:30 to be recognized for the first pitch. All tickets are \$7.00.

On Friday the two person scramble golf tournament will be held at Deer Lake Golf Course. The 8:00 a.m. tee off includes a cart and lunch. That evening will be the hospitality social with a live band. The speaker at the Saturday lunch will be different than anyone we've had in a long time; Lions may become a part of the program! Springfield's Annual Walnut Street Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on the street on the south side of the hotel.

He asked for information to help in planning committee meetings, district breakfasts, leadership seminars, and exhibitors.

The hotel reservation cutoff is March 27. Convention registration must be postmarked by April 1. He asked for the districts to help in promoting this convention. All forms are on the Missouri Lions website.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Lion Sandy McCann reported that we were the first state in the country to have the Club Excellence Process program given. We do have a loss in the state of 23 members now; hopefully we can get that turned around and end the year on a positive note.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS

M1 – 0

M2 – 0

M3 – 1

M4 – 0

M5 – 1

M6 – 0

M7 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

CC Hathcock announced the winner of the Peace Poster Contest was from District M6.

WE SERVE DAY

The Membership Committee submitted a proposal to institute October 3 again as "We Serve Day". Motion by DG McAdams, seconded by DG Haywood to name October 3, 2010 as "We Serve Day". Motion carried.

MERL+ TEAM REPORT

PDG Eugene Taylor first thanked everyone for participating in the Mid Winter Forum and presented Lion Brenda Weider with a Certificate of Appreciation for the work she did to help make it a success. PDG Taylor announced that the next MERL Meeting is April 17 at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. He stressed to the Governors that the primary communication mode for the MERL Team is through the Governors themselves and on MOLIONS. He's sorry if some do not want to subscribe to MOLIONS, but they have 0 budget and this is how they have to communicate. Regarding the Mid Winter Forum, he stated that he is wide open for any feedback on the Forum; many had already suggested to him that more notice needs to be given on the date, etc. Therefore, he is looking for Forum dates for both 2011 and 2012 to use for negotiating a contract with the hotel in Branson. Since the only weekends that will work in February are the first two, there was much discussion on the pros and cons of each weekend. Many have suggested that the Council Meeting be scheduled in conjunction with the Forum every year,

but preferably on Friday rather than Sunday. This, too, may help with the negotiations with the hotel. PDG Taylor also stressed that bad weather in the rest of the state, when Branson is only getting rain, does not allow us to get out of our obligations with the hotel and dinner show in Branson. Therefore, the Forum cannot be cancelled, but the Mid Winter Forum needs to stay in mid winter. PDG Taylor also stressed that there is not a perfect weekend, but he is looking for the one that will satisfy the majority.

First weekend of February:

Pros:

- Allows time for rescheduling Council Meeting due to weather
- Fewer choice of shows open
- Better negotiating power with hotel and shows

Cons:

- Super Bowl on Sunday

Second weekend of February:

Pros:

- Valentines Day Weekend (if promoted as such)
- Mores shows open in Branson (about three times as many to choose from)

Cons:

- If the Council Meeting is scheduled with the Forum, and needs to be rescheduled due to weather, there may not be another weekend available.
- Valentines Day Weekend
- Loss of negotiating power due to Valentines Day specials. PDG Taylor, however, thinks the large number of Lions we could get there vs. a few celebrating Valentines Day would work in our favor.

No decision was made. The 1st and 2nd VDGs were asked to mark both weekends for both years tentatively on their calendars. These dates would be:

2011 – February 4-5-6 and February 11-12-13

2012 – February 3-4-5 and February 10-11-12

PDG Taylor stressed the importance of early commitments on the dates chosen. Just two weeks before the Forum this year we only had about 40 registered.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Eugene Taylor reported that the committee is using the web page (www.missourilions.com) as fast as they can make it happen. They are trying to connect in every way they can with where the Governors' websites are. As long as their web page link is accurate they are good to go. He suggested to them that periodically they go to the state web page and navigate to your district web page. If something isn't working correctly please let the IT Committee know so they can fix it. They have also been working with PDG Bob VanSickle to post what he sends to them, and they have been working with PDG Bob Crump to link to their State Convention web page. Hopefully, by knowing just one web page in the state, a person should be able to navigate to any Lions web site in the state by the links. Regarding conference calling, he has been trying to figure out how to move the billing from PDG Eugene Taylor's credit card to the State Office. PCC Blumenberg asked if our system has web capabilities and if anyone is using it. PDG Taylor explained that as long as one person on a conference call is using dial-up it won't work.

MISSOURI PIN TRADERS REPORT

PDG Bob VanArk reported that the Pin Traders have donated more than \$7,000 to Campaign SightFirst II. He also distributed the application form for the 2011 state pin design.

BAND COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Ron Jordan asked that the Band be promoted in the districts; encourage the clubs to support the students. The \$750 per student cost for the trip comes from Lions Clubs, parents, or band booster clubs. Students will not be able to participate without the funds. In talking to the students at camp last year they found that very few really knew much about Lions. Therefore, since the International Convention is outside of the United States, they will be touring Missouri and also going to Memphis, where they will tour Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing. Committee members will also come in to the evening meal at camp and talk to the students about Lions.

OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Ron Jordan explained that during the administrative council budget meeting process, there is never much money left after everything else for staff salary increases. The committee has had the staff keep track of the hours they work on projects for the various committees, and he distributed copies of the report in the packets. The first part of the report was based on estimates from the previous year, but the last part was actually tracked daily by the staff as they did the work. Before long, a complete year of actual tracking will be completed. The Committee has spoken with the PIDs about this issue, and they concur that some of the committees do require a lot of work. He recommended that the proposed increases billed to the committees effective in March. The Band Committee has already allocated extra money in its budget. He has seen the workload increase in the State Office over the last several years. The copier is several years old and gets a lot of use; one of the computers was getting outdated and had to be replaced. There are many rising costs involved in continuing to run the State Office in a professional manner for the Lions of Missouri. He asked the Vice District Governors to keep all of this in mind when meeting on their budget. DG Haywood stated that he didn't think it would be possible to make a change in the current year budget. After speaking with PID Kolkmeier, PDG Jordan amended the committee's recommendation to an effective date of July 1, with the incoming Governors aware of it when they meet in June to prepare their budget for the year. DG Rayfield asked why they did not propose for the Athletic Committee (for example) to pay the full amount calculated; PDG Jordan explained that the Athletic Committee is already having a difficult time. PDG Porterfield said it would be helpful to know how many of the hours actually worked were over the budgeted hours, including Lion Brenda's extra hours worked over her normal workweek. PDG Jordan stressed that the two part-time employees work only as needed during the peak times. They are not on set work schedules of so many hours per week. He knows all three of the staff members work extra hours for which they don't receive pay. In closing, he urged the incoming Governors, when they meet to establish their budget, to consider that salary increases should not be the last item they look at, when all of the money is already budgeted. PDG Jordan also announced that the new PDG Database is up and running and will be kept updated as the Office receives information. Either lists or labels are available upon request.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Lion Sandy McCann reported that to keep the momentum going we will be starting the second wave of the red dots so we can remember to ask that special person we know would make a great Lion but we didn't remember in time to ask or just forgot until after the meeting. She indicated that she would be emailing the Governors information on the Club Excellence Process and mailing them the CD.

EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Written report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE/MISSOURI LIONS BULLETIN

Written report.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by DG Clodfelter, seconded by DG Haywood to receive the committee reports. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE BUDGET

Motion by DG McAdams, seconded by DG Clodfelter to approve the International Convention Committee budget. Motion passed.

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE BUDGET

Motion by DG Clodfelter to approve the State Convention Committee Budget with the line item to provide travel reimbursement if the International guest is not a current International officer who is pre-approved by LCI. Seconded by DG Rayfield. Motion carried.

PROPOSED NEW STATE PROJECTS

Motion by DG Rayfield to establish an ad hoc committee to consider recognizing in the Policy Manual the Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis and the Alphapointe Association for the Blind in Kansas City as organizations to receive the support of Missouri Lions. Seconded by DG Clodfelter. District Governors are to provide the name and contact information of their representative to the Council Chair.

AMEND AMOUNTS OF COMMITTEES ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Motion by DG Rayfield to defer this until after a meeting of the Council of Governors with the Office Committee (possibly held in conjunction with their meeting with the Athletic Committee). DG McAdams strongly suggested that they let the Committee come back with a recommendation and not try to micro-manage. DG Porterfield said she wanted more information on the number of hours worked, and suggested that the Office Committee get with the various committees affected to get their input before reporting back to the Council.

Motion by DG Porterfield to defer back to the Office Committee to get more details on overtime and volunteer hours worked and input from the committees affected. Seconded by DG McAdams. Vote: 3 yes, 4 no - defeated. PID Kolkmeier recommended the Council go directly to the committees affected.

Motion by DG Rayfield for the Council to solicit information from the affected committees as to what the impact would be from the proposal by the Office Committee. Seconded by DG Porterfield. Vote: 6 yes – passed. The Governors asked Council Chair Hathcock to send a letter stating what the proposal is to each committee, explaining that they contact the State Office with any questions on the level and type of support the office provides to their committee.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN

PDG Bob VanSickle reminded everyone to send articles.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by DG Porterfield, seconded by DG McAdams, to adjourn. Passed.

TAIL TWISTER FINES

The Tail Twister collected \$165.75 for the LCIF Haiti Relief Fund.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 29, in Springfield, MO.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

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Council Secretary-Treasurer