

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, July 17, 2010
Players Restaurant– Warrensburg, MO

The first meeting of the 2010-2011 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Pat Porterfield at 1:00 p.m.

Governor Kimbrow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Governor Taylor led in the singing of the first verse of “America”.

Governor Hendren gave the Invocation.

CC Porterfield welcomed everyone and explained the Council’s goal of having effective and efficient Council Meetings this year. She reminded everyone of the 3-minute time limit on reports and noted that a timer had been placed in front of the microphone to help everyone keep track of their time while giving reports. When the 3 minutes are up the person giving their report must stop; if the Governors need additional information, more time will be granted and that person will be exempt from a tail twister fine. She also reminded everyone of the Policy Manual, Chapter One, Section G: “Discussion of an item on the floor shall be conducted as follows: First, the governors shall speak; second, the vice district governor seated at the tables may speak; and then comments from the floor may be called for.”

CC Porterfield thanked the Warrensburg Lions for all of their hard work for this weekend – the football game and the breakfast they hosted for the Lions that morning.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Lion Marlene Payne asked the six exchange students who were in attendance to introduce themselves and tell what country they are from.

ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2nd Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Larry Kimbrow	Murray Dunn	
26-M2	Kimberly Taylor	John Yount	Gina Boettcher
26-M3	Hurmon Hendren	Bob Burns	
26-M4	Bill Calhoon	Chuck Tripp	
26-M5	Johnny Stabno	Paul Kerber	
26-M6	Debbie Whittlesey	Stuart Payne	
26-M7	Dan Buschmann	Michael W. Cooley	

IPDG Pat Porterfield, Council Chairperson

Past International Directors Dr. Dwayne Garrett, 26-M3; Harold Keely, 26-M3

PDG Lyn Porterfield, 26-M3, Acting Council Parliamentarian

Lion Brenda Weider, Council Secretary-Treasurer and State Office Administrator, 26-M7

Approximately 45 Lions and guests were also in attendance.

COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIAN

CC Porterfield explained that PCC Steve Wise had agreed to serve as Council Parliamentarian for the year but could not be in attendance at this meeting due to his son's illness. Therefore, PDG Lyn Porterfield had agreed to fill in. Motion by DG Stabno, seconded by DG Hendren to appoint PCC Steve Wise as Council Parliamentarian. Motion carried.

TAIL TWISTER

Motion by DG Hendren, seconded by DG Kimbrow, to appoint PDG Eugene Taylor as Tail Twister. Motion carried.

POLICY AND PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEES

The following Governors have volunteered to serve on the committees as follows:

Policy Manual – DGs Taylor, Stabno, Whittlesey

Personnel Manual – DGs Hendren, Calhoon

Motion by DG Taylor, seconded by DG Whittlesey, to appoint the committees as read. Motion carried.

YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

IPCC Jesse Hathcock reported that the previous year's Council had budgeted \$94,289.00 for income, but had an actual income of \$99,617.25. Some of this was due to generous donations of Lions in Tail Twister Fines, but also because MLERF paid for its portion of the Missouri Lion Bulletin late from the previous year. They expended \$87,156.93, which was less than income by \$12,460.32. Among the savings were: Office Administrator's Meeting Expenses, Staff Salaries were \$1,000 under budget, Office Equipment, Council Parliamentarian, Missouri Lion Bulletin \$1,000 under budget, and various committees did not use their budgeted travel expense.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

PID Dr. Garrett went over a few things that PID Kolkmeier had emailed to him. He reminded the Governors to get the GMT and GLT training for membership development and retention into the hands of the zones and regions to get it down to club level. Get mentoring groups ready before extension work is done. PID Kolkmeier will have all speakers for the District Conventions in place by the October Council Meeting. PIDs Kolkmeier and O'Riley were attending the Great Plains Leadership Institute that weekend. Last year Missouri had 9 members attending; this year 12 are there. The goal is to get many more, and consideration is being given to having a program at the Mid Winter Forum to promote this Institute. Missouri will possibly host this in two years. PID Kolkmeier urged the Vice District Governors to get their District Convention dates turned in now (location is not important now, but the dates are). He also urged the 1st VDGs to get their cabinet positions filled now.

BAND COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Ron Koppelman reported on the recent Band camp and trip. The Band performed in Jefferson City, Fair St. Louis Parade, Rolla, West Plains and Hermann, and visited Nashville, TN. He expressed thanks to all of the Lions and clubs that helped make the tour a success. The Committee is already making plans for the trip to Seattle next year. It will be more challenging and expensive, and to be competitive they are looking for a band of 120 or more. The Jefferson City High School is donating its marching uniforms, which will help in the judging at the International Parade. Also, because they have had some problems borrowing equipment from schools, the committee is looking into purchasing its own over the next few years. The Band would perform that night at the Football Game.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE/MISSOURI LION BULLETIN REPORT

PDG Bob VanSickle reported on the committee's recent meeting held in conjunction with the MERL Meeting in Jefferson City. The Committee asked for the Governors' approval that the Missouri Lion be issued in August and February instead of November and February. They also asked the Governors to push the email version over the hard copy in all of the clubs to reduce the mailing cost. In one instance, he emails one copy to a club secretary and she either emails to other members or prints out copies for those members without internet. He hopes that the committee can discuss grants and other issues at its next meeting.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Ron Jordan reported that Lion Mike Jordan is away at school for six months and, therefore, if any computer problems come up it will cost \$55 per hour for a technician. The office has been extremely busy with band and football; thankfully, the office equipment has held up well. The office staff has spent many hours gathering information which should have been provided to them. Examples: 1) addresses, phone numbers, etc. of Lions appointed to committees 2) social security numbers, etc. of football players, which in the end were not needed. The PDG database that was set up last fall is being kept up-to-date, but it will take many additional hours to compare it to what the PDG Association submits. PDG Eugene Taylor asked why we need social security numbers. PDG Ron explained that it was for a tour planned at Whiteman Air Force Base, and Lion Jeff Webster added that the players and their parents were notified of the reason the numbers were needed.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

PCC John Anderson gave the report in the absence of Chairperson PDG Donal Knipp. He explained that he had nothing to add to the written report which was submitted, but that he wanted to read it for those Lions in the audience who did not have the written report. At its recent meeting the committee discussed its concern over the low attendance at state conventions since redistricting. The 2010 State Convention lost approximately \$5,060. PCC Don Noland is concerned about the hotel guarantees for 2011 due to the low numbers the past two years and is asking for any ideas to get people to attend. The bid in St. Charles was based on the number of attendees when we had eleven districts, and he is going to see if the hotel will renegotiate these numbers. The committee feels that an evaluation form for the state convention should be developed, and one will be done by PCCs Al Blumenberg and John Anderson. The committee was asked to develop a protocol for Melvin Jones recipients in regard to funds donated on behalf of incoming governors around the world. The committee voted unanimously that since these funds are utilized as a gift to the incoming governors they should not be used for Melvin Jones awards. The committee asked for input to improve the state convention from the PIDs, and will invite them to attend the next meeting.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

DG Kimberly Taylor, Liaison Governor, reported in the absence of Chairperson PDG James W. Rosbrugh. The Committee continues to insure that the Constitution & By-Laws are current and in agreement with Lions International. Six propositions were presented for approval by the delegates to the 2010 State Convention, and all six measures were approved. The Committee plans to hold its first organizational meeting for 2010-11 in early August.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Lion Jeff Webster reported on the football banquet the night before and the upcoming game to be played that evening. Most sales (banquet, souvenirs, photos, etc.) are up this year, but he didn't have numbers yet on ads and donations. He commended the office staff for its professional manner in getting the work done for the game, and he was very pleased with the banquet speaker, coaches and new program layout person chosen this year. Over the past four years they have reduced costs on the printing of the program, committee travel, postage, video expense, trainer and his supplies. He thanked everyone for their support of the committee over the past four years as he served as Chairperson; it has been a wonderful experience for him that he wouldn't trade for anything. He hopes the committee will continue to work well together as they have the past couple of years; the main thing it needs is the support of the clubs in buying and selling ads. He asked the Governors to consider Athletic co-chairs in each district to be able to cover the large areas to visit clubs.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Chair Pat Porterfield did not have anything more to report on the camp until later. She did remind everyone of the C. Wayne Henderson Award, which, for a \$500 donation, can honor a person in your community who works with youth. These donations provide the funding for the Youth Committee programs.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Lion Sandy McCann reported that Missouri was down 148 members, compared to 486 the previous year. The Committee had set its goal as a net one new member per club, but is concerned that this information is not getting to the club level. October 3rd has been designated as "We Serve Day" this year. She asked the Council to approve changing the language to set "We Serve Day" as the "first Saturday in October".

EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Zana Botzow reported that at the committee's recent meeting the district chairs were given notebook updates including committee directory changes, copy of the immediate past international president's letter concerning GMT and GLT and a list of all Missouri cities with a population of 2,000 or more for use in getting new clubs. The total for MD 26 last year: 9 new clubs, 13 dropped clubs, 4 reorganized and 5 on status quo. The goal is to again add two clubs to each district.

RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Written report – nothing to add.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Eugene Taylor explained that as the Coordinator for the MERL team he's doing his best to find the best location for the meetings. At the last meeting 35 attendees signed in, and each district was represented. As the MERL transition into GMT and GLT takes place it is extremely important that we get good participation. He reminded everyone that these meetings are open to everyone in the Multiple District; he encouraged everyone to get their members to come to the meetings and participate. Regarding the Mid Winter Forum, it will again begin with a skit that will illustrate the "whole life" of a club. The next MERL meeting will be October 16.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Eugene Taylor reported that the web page has been updated with the new Governors. He needs new photos of DG Hurmon Hendren and DG Johnny Stabno. Regarding teleconferencing, he and Lion Brenda are working on getting that set up. They have run into some problems with the company PDG Eugene has been using. Hopefully, the issues will be resolved soon and everything will be moved to the State Office; however, it may be through a new company. Before a committee makes a conference call, please contact PDG Eugene first to determine where they are in this process.

FAMILY AND WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

HEARING COMMITTEE REPORT

PDG Chuck Elledge reported on the committee's recent meeting.

Staffing for the State Fair is as follows:

M1 – August 20	M2 – August 17 & 18	M3 – August 14 & 15	M4 – August 19 & 21
M5 – August 12	M6 – August 13	M7 – August 16 & 22	

Beltone Hearing information was discussed. PDG Elledge presented a quote from Brad McMillin. He and Jim Jones have several stores throughout the state, which were also listed. The advantage to these is the life time service. He asked the Council to approve this arrangement with Beltone. PDG Elledge also presented the proposed Hearing Committee budget for approval. He later added that we purchased 58 hearing aids for adults and 15 for children at Missouri School for the Deaf last year.

REPORT TIME LIMITS/EMAILED PACKETS 1/3

Governor Stabno stated that he believed it was the intention of the Council to keep the time limit for every speaker at 3 minutes, that it is not to be extended by paying a tail twister fine, but that the speaker is to stop speaking at that time unless the Council requires more information. DG Kimbrow asked the Council Chair to reiterate that if they have submitted a written report the Governors have it and they are not to read it back to them. CC Porterfield added that if there is anything in addition to the written report they may give it.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Written report only.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION REPORT

1st VDG Stuart Payne reported that the call center is being redone. In eyeglass recycling, they now have a new machine to measure the eyeglasses, and someone on staff who knows how to work the machine. They now have a new state using the call center. The ZAPM program is being redone and a meeting is coming up on that.

L.B.O.M.B. REPORT

No report.

MID SOUTH REPORT

2ND VDG Gina Boettcher reported on upcoming events at Mid South. The annual auction will be held August 6 & 7 at the Memphis Marriott. Something new this year is that Harrah's Casino will be hosting a Las Vegas night before the auction on Friday evening. Mid South is currently accepting nominations for the Board of Directors. They are starting a new college football preseason poll fundraiser; check the Mid South website for more information. Lions Leaders Weekend will be April 8-9, 2011.

USA/CANADA FORUM

Written report – nothing to add.

LCIF REPORT

No report.

PIN TRADERS REPORT

No report.

POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Johnny Stabno reported that the committee reviewed the manual and made some changes which were noted by Council Chair Porterfield. Motion by DG Stabno to adopt changes as made Seconded by DG Taylor. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

DG Bill Calhoon reported that the committee is proposing the addition of a sexual harassment section and clarification of #502 regarding the mileage costs at the rate of The Lions International per business mile.

COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSALS

Motion by DG Buschmann, seconded by DG Calhoon, to approve the Hearing Committee budget as submitted. Motion carried.

ACCEPT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by DG Kimbrow, seconded by DG Whittlesey, to accept the committees' written reports. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS

M1 – 0 M2 – 0 M3 – 3 M4 – 1 M5 – 0 M6 – 0 M7 – 0

MISSION TRIP TASK FORCE

No report. To be added to October Meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes from April 29-May 2, 2010 Council Meeting
Approval of Auditor for 2009-10 Year Ending (Ron Bilecki & Associates)
Approval of Depository for all Funds (Jefferson Bank)
Approval of Administrative Budget (per June Budget Meeting)
Approval of destruction of old financial records (one year, leaving previous five years)
Approval of resolution for new bank signatures
Approval of special dispensations for committee appointments as follows:
M2 – PCC Al Blumenberg – Convention Committee
M2 – Lion Jackie Hartmann – Youth Committee
M3 – Lion Charles (Tom) Stevens – L.B.O.M.B.
M3 – PDG Rick Nault – Membership Committee
M4 – Lion Greg Hall – L.B.O.M.B.
M4 – PDG Bob VanSickle – Public Relations
M5 – PDG Jack Ferguson – Extension Committee
M6 – PDG James W. Rosbrugh – Constitution & By-Laws Committee

M6 – PCC Jim Tesreau – Leadership Committee

M6 – PCC Steve Wise – Retention Committee

Motion by DG Stabno, seconded by DG Kimbrow, to approve all items from Consent Agenda.
Motion carried.

2010-11 MD-26 PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON

Motion by DG Hendren, seconded by DG Buschmann, to appoint PID Harold Keely as the 2010-11 MD-26 Protocol Chairperson. Motion carried.

2010-11 DGE & SPOUSES' SEMINARS CHAIRPERSONS

Motion by DG Kimbrow, seconded by DG Taylor, to appoint the Liaison Committee as Chairpersons of the DGE Seminars and Lion Marcia Kolkmeier as Chairperson of the Spouses' Seminars. Motion carried.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Motion by DG Stabno, seconded by DG Hendren, to appoint PDG Ron Jordan as Chairperson of the State Office Committee.

STATE OFFICE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by DG Calhoon, seconded by DG Buschmann, to authorize payment of premium for State Office insurance, which may increase by 6-7%, per PDG Ron Jordan.

SITE OF OCTOBER, 2011, COUNCIL MEETING

The 1st Vice District Governors had met and agreed to propose having their October, 2011, Council Meeting at the Country Club Hotel at Lake Ozark on the last weekend of that month. Motion by DG Kimbrow, seconded by DG Whittlesey, to approve. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL SALARY INCREASE

Motion by DG Whittlesey, seconded by DG Hendren, to approve the salary increase as agreed to at the June Budget Meeting. Motion passed.

LCI PHOTO CONTEST

Council Chair Porterfield announced that Lion Joe Schulte, M2, submitted a photo and was accepted for the competition at the International Convention. He did not win but his photo was included in the calendar.

THANK YOU FOR MEMORIAL FOR PID B. W. ROBINSON

Council Chair Porterfield read a thank you note which was received from the family of PID B. W. Robinson for the gift given in his name to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

PID DR. GARRETT'S BIRTHDAY

PID Dr. Garrett was presented with a birthday card and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

REPORT TIME LIMITS/EMAILED PACKETS 2/3

DG Stabno said it is the Council's intent to make electronic information available to every Lion who wants it. He added that they cherish and need the input from everyone at Council Meetings and every other meeting in the state. The intent is to have efficient meetings, however, and to have less boring meetings.

DG Kimbrow reiterated that anyone can get a packet emailed to them upon request. Council Chair Porterfield explained the new procedure for getting the meeting packet emailed. If you wish to be added to the email distribution list please contact Lion Brenda at molions@embarqmail.com or at 573-635-1773. Those on the list will receive the full packet for every meeting. Requests cannot be made for partial packets or for packets for only some of the meetings. PID Dr. Garrett asked if there is any way to get this information out to everyone, not just those at the meeting that day. Some suggestions were: 1) publish this in the Missouri Lion 2) have the Governors pass the information on in their districts 3) have Lion Brenda use her current distribution list for council meeting notices to get the word out.

Council Chair Porterfield stated that the intent of the Governors was not just to have a short meeting, but however long it takes to share that information and to let the Governors have that information early enough to have an informed decision and read the reports, and then those others who want the information can request it. Those who want to come and have something to discuss can do so.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Council Chair Porterfield urged the committees who have not appointed state chairs to please meet and elect a chair and let her and Lion Brenda know who their chair is.

STATE DIRECTORY

Council Chair Porterfield noted that the Governors are currently working on a State Directory (which we haven't had for a couple of years), and it will primarily contain contact information. She hopes to have them ready in several weeks and will get the word out when they are available for purchase at a reasonable cost just to cover the setup and printing costs.

LIAISON GOVERNORS

Council Chair Porterfield asked the committees to please understand that, due to redistricting, Liaison Governors cannot get to every committee meeting of every committee they serve on; some serve on four or five. They do want to receive the notices, budgets, minutes, etc., but cannot always be there. Please contact them if the committee needs help with something. 1st VDG Stuart Payne asked if 1st or 2nd VDGs might help with that.

DISTRICT DIRECTORIES

Council Chair Porterfield asked the Governors, as soon as their directories are ready, to send one to State Extension Chair PDG Zana Botzow, the PIDs, and Lion Brenda.

REPORT TIME LIMITS/EMAILED PACKETS 3/3

Governor Calhoun commented that they may need to revisit their decision on emailed packets, that the Governors should get them in advance, but that the information should be shared with everyone at the meetings. DG Hendren added that he would rather have a report read than no report at all. DG Kimberly Taylor suggested that they let the committee chairs do their job and give their reports (written as well as oral); otherwise, people will try to beat the system and not submit a written report so they can come and give a verbal one. She added that we need others in attendance to help the Governors spread the word of what transpired in the meetings. DG Whittlesey added that the oral reports are needed but should be kept efficient and informative. In summary:

- Everyone try to adhere to the 3-minute time limit by summarizing their report (If you know your report will be lengthy because there is a great deal of information to give, please let the Council know that in advance.)
- Packets emailed in advance to Governors
- Packets can be emailed to others by request

BELTONE HEARING AIDS

PDG Chuck Elledge added that he felt threatened while trying to make a sensible report earlier. The Hearing Committee spent \$30,000 of the Multiple's money, and he didn't get a chance to explain that during his report, had to ask for permission later to add that. Also, he reminded the Council that the Hearing Committee asked for approval to proceed with negotiations with Beltone, he hadn't heard that yet, and he felt it needed to be acted on before the meeting adjourned. Motion by DG Hendren, seconded by DG Taylor to approve utilization of the Beltone services as outlined by PDG Elledge. Motion carried.

“WE SERVE DAY”

Motion by DG Whittlesey, seconded by DG Calhoun, to change the language for “We Serve Day” to read “the first Saturday in October”. Motion carried.

TAIL TWISTER FUNDS

There was a question about the Memorial Savings Account. Council Chair Porterfield reported that there was a balance of \$1,494 in that account. Motion by DG Stabno, seconded by DG Kimbrow, to donate the tail twister funds collected to the Band Committee. Motion carried. PDG Eugene Taylor collected \$20.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held October 30, 2010, at the Country Club Hotel in Lake Ozark, MO.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Porterfield.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

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State Office Administrator