

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
May 8, 2010**

MINUTES OF MEETING

District Governor Charles Haywood called the fourth cabinet meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. in the Foster Meeting Room at Cox Hospital South in Springfield, MO.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DGE Debbie Whittlesey, followed by the singing of "God Bless America", led by Lion Marilyn Harris. 1st VDGE Stuart Payne gave the invocation which was followed by a recess for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened, after lunch, at 1:00 P.M. and DG Charles welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking part of their weekend to attend to the business of our district.

Meeting Special Event:

It has been learned that today is Governor Charlie's birthday and so DGE Debbie Whittlesey asked for the podium and wished our Governor a happy birthday and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to him. He was surprised that we had found out about his special day and tried to find out where the info came from. Unable to do so, he thanked everyone for their good wishes.

Protocol for Meeting:

Protocol for the meeting was established by PDG James W. Rosbrugh thereby eliminating the need for each speaker to re-acknowledge Lions, serving in various offices and capacities.

Attendance:

The roll of voting and non-voting cabinet members was called by Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris. There were a total of 24 Lions who signed in for the meeting. They included 19 cabinet members and 1 PDG not holding a cabinet office but who does have a vote on issues brought before the cabinet.

Appointment of Tail Twisters and Disposition of Funds:

The District Governor appointed Lions Leroy Potter, Velma Brauberger and Marilyn Harris to share the Tail Twister duties for the meeting. They all enthusiastically accepted getting right to work to harass all the Lions they could to add to the coiffures of the fund.

The tail twister funds collected at cabinet meetings have accumulated all year with the use of them to be determined at the last cabinet meeting of the year. In light of that, DGE Debbie Whittlesey read a letter from Lions Eric and Kathy Wright, Webb City Lions, describing the plight of their grandson who has a tumor growing in his sinus tubes. He needs to have surgery which will be very risky because of the location of the tumor. After some discussion, a motion was made by PDG James Rosbrugh to give the tail twister funds to help the young man. Motion seconded by Lion Judy Young and carried. (Note: Those funds amounted to \$320.00)

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 20th Cabinet Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by PDG James Rosbrugh, seconded by PDG Jerry Young and carried.

Treasurers Report: District Treasurer, PDG Jim Wilson, reviewed District financial reports as of 5-8-10. The Administrative Account showed income to date of \$38,742.14, expenditures of \$24,508.51 leaving a net difference of \$14,233.63. A summary of all other accounts shows a combined total of \$41,290.14. A review of

both the District and State Convention funds were reviewed as part of PDG Jim's report. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report and submit for audit was made by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by PDG Bob Kitsmiller. Motion carried. .

District Governor:

DG Charles gave a short report saying that he thought the District Convention was a huge success and that everything went off exactly as planned. He commented on the State Convention saying that everyone he talked to was happy with that event, also. He complimented both committees for, once again, doing a good job. The Governor thanked the cabinet members for serving this year and passed out plaques and certificates of appreciation to those who served during his year.

District Governor Elect:

As she always does, DGE Debbie Whittlesey acknowledged the leadership of DG Charlie and the countless hours that he spends in our behalf. She also thanked the cabinet members for their support and leadership within the district.

Lion Debbie said that she had attended the meetings of several clubs in the district since our last meeting and has, and will be, installing officers at new clubs, as well as several other clubs in the near future. She has attended both the district and state conventions and was happy about comments she had heard about both events. She is registered to attend the USA/Canada Forum to be held in Milwaukee and will leave for the International Convention on June 22nd where she will attend the incoming Governor's school. She said, "I am Revvvved and Ready"!

1st Vice District Governor Elect:

1st VDGE Stuart Payne thanked everyone for election to his office at the District Convention. He said that he will do his best to serve the district well in this capacity as he works toward becoming District Governor in 2011 – 2012..

REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

North East Region – Lion Jon Chalker: Lion Jon said that he will hold a regional meeting at Buffalo this evening at which PDG Cliff Curtis, Sight Chair for M6, will present a program on that subject.

North West Region – 1st VDGE Lion Stuart Payne: Lion Stuart said that he had attended both the District and State Conventions and felt it was time well spent and appreciated hearing about the activities of other clubs and districts do things. He thanked the Governor for the opportunity to serve as region chair this year and hopes that he will be able to serve in that capacity again in the future.

Central Region – Randy Rickman: No report.

South East Region – Lion Sid Holmes: No Report

South West Region – Lion Nick Paulin: No Report

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NE. Reg. – Zone A – PDG Charles Winfiel: No report

NO. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Chester Hill: No report

NW Reg. – Zone A – Lion Velma Brauberger: Lion Velma said that her 3rd zone meeting was held at Arcola on March 2nd and PDG Bob Kitsmiller gave a program on Environmental Storm Preparedness. There were 13 Lions

present. She reported that Lockwood Lions had held their annual Bierock supper and that Lamar had held a pancake breakfast and a fish fry. Golden City will hold their semi-annual fish fry on June 7th. The final zone meeting will be held on June 1st at Golden City. She has visited 3 of her clubs and has 3 left to visit

NW Reg. – Zone B – Lion Eric Wright: No report.

CEN. Reg. – Zone A. – Lion Donna Rickman: No report

CEN. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Judy Young: Lion Judy held the 3rd zone meeting at Fair Grove. There were 18 Lions in attendance representing Fair Grove, Springfield Host, Springfield Queen City, Willard, Lebanon and Seymour. The subject for the evening was end of year reports that need to be filed and clubs were reminded to get their officers elected and their installation planned. She said that both DG Charles and VDG Debbie attended and shared a few words with the group. During the year, 7 of the 8 clubs in the zone have attended at least one zone meeting.

SE Reg. – Zone A – Position Open: No report

SE Reg. – Zone B – Peter Frantzen: Unable to attend today, Lion Pete sent a written report giving information on the clubs in his zone; **Forsyth** – continue to have Bingo (attendance picking up). They will be serving food at the Rockaway Indian Pow Wow next weekend and will be at the Taney County Fair in June. **Ava** – Will be serving food at the county fair. **Branson Hollister** – Continuing with their Bingo and doing very well. **Gainsville** – Had a big turnout for their auction and dinner on 4/30. Funds earned at that event will be used to sponsor youth baseball. Last year they had 300 kids of all ages playing baseball. Lion Pete said that all in all this has been a good year for clubs in the zone are very active and all appear to be financially strong.

SW Reg. – Zone A: - PDG Sue Blakley: No report

SW Reg. – Zone A – Lion Arthur Voyles: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: No report

Band – Lion Irene Voyles, Chair The All-State Band Committee met during the state convention and plans for this year's band camp and trip were finalized. The trip destination has been changed from Memphis to Nashville. Performances of the band will be at the Fair St. Louis Parade, Rolla Lions, West Plains Lions, Hermann Lions and the Grand Old Opry Hotel in Nashville. Each evening during band camp, speakers will present programs about what Lions do. Our district has students attending who are sponsored by 5 clubs within the district. More sponsors and students are needed so please contact Lion Irene if your club can help.

Basketball – West Game: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair: Having no report, Lion James reminded everyone that the West game will be on June 5th at Messenger College Athletic complex. Games start at 6:00 PM. Ad deadline is May 22nd.

Basketball – East Game PDG Bob Crump, Chair: Unable to attend today's meeting, PDG Bob sent a written report as follows: The East games will be on June 12th starting at 6:30 PM. As of now, 22 clubs have made donations for ads. PDG Bob said that the players have been selected and come from 14 different schools throughout the East portion of the district. Lion Bob said ads should be in his hands by May 15th.

Campus Club – PDG Don Matlock, Chair: No report

Constitution and By-Laws – PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair: No report

2010 District Convention, PDG Bill Botzow, Chair: PDG Bill reported that the District Convention was held on March 12-13th at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield and was deemed a very successful event. He thanked members of the planning committee and the staff of the Clarion Hotel for their extra efforts in making the event so successful. He said there were 105 registrants including 7 complimentary attendees. This number is far short of

what the district could have. He asked the question, "What will it take to get 200 registrations"? He asked that anyone who has an idea, please contact him. The 2011 District Convention will be held on March 11-12, 2011 at the Clarion Hotel. Lion Bill reminded us that the International Convention will be held in Sydney, Australia and asked that we keep DGE Debbie in our prayers for safe travels. He said future State Conventions will be held as follows: 2011 – St. Charles, MO; 2012 Jefferson City; 2013 Kansas City.

2010 State Convention – PDG Bob Crump, Event Chair: In his written report, PDG Bob thanked everyone who helped in any way to make the event a huge success. He said one of the goals was to have a convention that Lions would have a fun time and gain a better understanding of Lion's programs. He said, "We did that"! He said that the convention survey/evaluation form shows that only 46% of those who responded used the internet and many commented that they didn't use computers. He questioned, "How are we getting information to the other 54%"?

Diabetes – Lion Eric Wright, Chair: No report.

Extension – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair: IPDG Zana gave numbers of membership worldwide, in the US, State & District. In the state of Missouri we have 397 clubs and in M6 we still have 65 clubs. Mountain Grove, chartered 2 weeks ago, was the first in the District to receive a banner with the new LCI colors and Rogersville will receive their banner this evening at their charter night celebration. She reported that several Lions have attended meetings of the Nixa club to help them get back up and running. As of now, District M6 has a positive membership for the year.

Finance – PCC Howard Hawkins Chair: No report

Hearing – PDG John Jones, Chair: The hearing committee met at the State Convention where the Hearing Sweepstake drawings were held. PDG John reported that the hearing van was in Monett last week and will head to Washington next week. He encouraged the use of the portable audiometers for special events and at school and community events. They are very accurate and learning to use them is easy. Lion John said the hearing aid program is going strong and encouraged anyone who knows of a need, to contact him for applications. Hearing Van day at the State Fair for our district is on Friday, August 13th. PDG John asked for volunteers to staff the van for that day to call him to make arrangements.

Hobo Day – Lion Pete Waldo, Chair: No report

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Bob Crump, Chair: The last meeting was held in Joplin and PDG Sue Blakley was elected chairperson of the Honorary Committee. Other officers remain the same as last year. Because of a recommendation from DG Haywood, the committee endorsed the forming of a District Operations Review Committee who will have the duties of review any and all areas of the district including but not limited to policies, procedures, candidate announcements, financial items, training and other things that may need clarifying and to help functions within the district to function more effectively, to include items that may have been overlooked previously.

Information & Technology – Lion Laura Hughes, Chair: No report

LBOMB – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair: No report.

LCIF – IPDG Zana Botzow, Chair: Reiterating that LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions International PDG Zana gave a brief history of Lions Clubs International Foundation. She reported that the LCIF has a new look which includes and updated logo and repositioned brand image. The purpose is to clearly and effectively communicate the value of the foundation to both the external community and within the Lions organization. She said that anyone who missed IPID AI Brandel's presentation at the state convention really missed a great opportunity to learn the human side of LCIF and the programs they (we) get involved in. She gets few donations that go through her as most clubs and individuals send those to LCIF directly. She encouraged all clubs to continue their support of this arm of LCI.

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair: No report

Leadership – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No report

Leos – Lion Jon Medenhall, Chair: No report

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: Lion Marlene said that the committee had an information booth at both the district and state conventions and is seeking host families for 10 days during July. She said that after the students visit 2 families they will meet at Camp Brimshire near St. James and spend their last week together. Some activities planned are a visit to Ft. Leonard Wood Army Post, Tour the Phelps Co. Jail, explore a cave, have picnics and tour museums at the state park, visit the University at Rolla and perhaps a float trip. There will be lots of games and activities at the camp during the week. Lion Marlene encouraged clubs to donate funds to help support this program. She said even a few dollars will go a long way in providing meals, etc.

Lions Quest Program – Lion Jennie Mosher, Chair: No report

Long Range Planning – PDG Lee Binley, Chair: No report.

LWSB – PDG Sarah McCormick, Chair: No report

Membership- PDG Bob Crump, Chair: In his written report, PDG Bob said that current membership numbers were unknown to him at this time. He said it's great to have extension but at the same time, there are currently several clubs who are on the brink of closing due to the lack of membership.

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Jerry Young, Chair: There have been very few donations made to Mid-South from our district but PDG Jerry said that the organization continues to serve all clients.

MLERF – 1st VDGE Stuart Payne – District Board Member: In a verbal report, Lion Stuart reminded us that the 50th anniversary of MLERF is on June 12th. He has anniversary pins available for \$20.00 each.

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair: "NOW IS THE TIME!" – Lion Leroy encouraged clubs to get involved in the Peace Poster contest by: 1. Decide to have Peace Posters; 2. Contact local youth programs; 3. Order Peace Poster Kits; 4. Have Peace Posters to District Governor by Nov. 15th. Lion Leroy said the theme for this year will be "Vision of Peace".

Pin Traders – PDG Ernie Schlichting, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Gordon Wellman, Chair: Items are needed for the District Newsletter and club officer information is needed so the district directory for 2010-2011 can be put together. A discussion on how to get a better and more timely response from clubs naming their officers for the new year resulted in several saying that LCI doesn't send out blank PU-101 forms and rely on clubs to download them or fill them out on line. Many clubs don't have the use of online computers at their disposal so it was decided that the cabinet secretary would send clubs who don't use computers a blank copy of the form, every year.

Retention Committee: PCC Steve Wise, Chair: No Report (PCC Steve and Alice are in Florida with their son who has a serious illness and prayers for them were asked for)

Sight Conservation – PDG Cliff Curtis, Chair: No report

Women's Development Initiative – Lion Elaine Crump, Chair: No report.

Nominating Committee: – No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion to accept all Region, Zone and Committee reports as presented was made by Lion Leroy Potter, seconded by PDG John Jones and carried.

A thank you note was read from the newly chartered Mountain Grove Lions Club thanking the district for the gift of their new club banner and for the support they received for their charter night dinner, member induction and officer installation ceremonies.

DG Charles asked the tail twisters to work their charms to collect as many fines as they could for the benefit of our cause. They got right to work and lifted many dollar bills from everyone who even looked guilty of committing an infraction.

Various announcements of club events were made after which the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Secretary's Note:

All written reports, financial reports, cabinet member roll call and general attendance records are hereby attached and made a part of the permanent minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion David E. Harris, PDG
Cabinet Secretary
Missouri Lions District 26-M6