# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI Cabinet Meeting August 20, 2011

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

The first cabinet meeting of our new Lions year was called to order by District Governor Stuart Payne at approximately 1:10 P.M. Governor Stuart thanked everyone for taking time to attend to the business of the District. He said that we will face some changes and challenges throughout the year. DG Stuart stated that we need to work on reorientation of many of our clubs to make them stronger and more viable in their communities.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by  $2^{nd}$  VDG Nick Paulin followed by the singing of a patriotic song which was led by PDG Jim Wilson. Then the invocation was offered by  $1^{st}$  VDG Walter Hamer.

## **Protocol for Meeting:**

PDG James W. Rosbrugh established Protocol for the meeting and, as he usually does, explained why it is done at the beginning of each meeting, which is to keep from having each speaker repeat all the officers, Past Governors, etc. It expedites the meeting and takes away the monotony of listening to each presenter repeat the same thing over and over.

#### **Roll Call and Attendance:**

Our Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris, called the roll of Cabinet Members and Past District Governors. There were 27 officers and cabinet present and 2 Past Governors that don't hold a specific cabinet post. All in all, 50 Lions were in attendance.

#### **Appointment of Tail Twister:**

PDG Joe Abrams volunteered to be our tail twister for the meeting and he seemed to relish fining his fellow Lions. When he had to leave, the job Lion Velma Brauburger completed the job by collecting at least \$1.00 from all present. She did the job proud and did it with fervor.

## **Disposition of Tail Twister Funds:**

Near the close of the meeting, PDG James Rosbrugh made a motion that the disposition of the tail twister funds collected during the year be determined at the last cabinet meeting. Motion seconded by PDG Charles Haywood and carried.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the May 7, 2011 Cabinet Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by PDG James Rosbrugh and a second by PDG Sue Blakley, after a comment by CS Dave Harris that PDG Debbie had presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of IPIP Sid Scruggs for his work as our Alert Chairperson. Also, a motion to destroy the ballots of the May 7<sup>th</sup> voting, which was made by PDG Charles Haywood, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jon Chalker and carried was omitted from the minutes. With that, the May 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved with those additions and corrections.

## **Treasurers Report:**

District Treasurer, PDG Jim Wilson gave the final report on the District's Finances for the year beginning 7/1/10 and ending on 6/30/11. The Administrative Account as of 6/30/11 showed income of \$41,259.88 with expenditures of \$34,622.90 leaving a net difference of + \$6,636.98 for the year. The summary of all other accounts shows a combined total as of 8/20/11 of \$26,954.57 equaling a total of all accounts at \$33,591.55. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report and submit for audit was made by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by PDG Joe Abrams and carried.

**IPDG Special Privilege:** IPDG Debbie Whittlesey had some awards held over from her year as Governor. They were: Quality Lion Award to Bertia Binley, Convention Presenter Appreciation to PCC Jim Tesreau and Guiding Lions Awards to PDG "Bill Botzow and PCC Steve Wise.

**DG Special Privilege:** DG Stuart asked that IPDG Debbie remain at the podium and he presented her with a Past District Governor plaque in appreciation of the Lions in the District for her work and leadership as our District Governor for the year of 2010 – 2011. The Lions gave PDG Debbie a standing ovation to show our appreciation for the enthusiasm she brought to our district during her year as Governor. DG Stuart and Lion Marlene Payne also presented her with a special charm, for a favorite bracelet that she wears, as their token of appreciation for the help and guidance she had given them throughout the year.

# **District Governor Remarks/Report:**

In his first report to the cabinet as District Governor, DG Stuart Payne talked about International President Tam's theme of "I Believe" and his own theme "It's the Trip". But Governor Stuart said that, themes aside, it all boils down to be a Lion which involves more than wearing a pin on your collar. A Lion is an individual who believes that they can make a difference in a life and the world. He said believing without commitment, courage and action to "take the trip" makes it only a dream. He asked the question, "Can you Change" to address the concerns that lie within Lionism if those solutions require change?

A recent Long Range planning session in our District suggested that our cabinet meeting procedures need to be reviewed with an eye toward making them more informative and less time consuming which explains the shorter list of committee reports to be given. He asked that those giving reports, whether on the list or not, give the highlights, the success or problems that need to come before the cabinet and remain on topic then allow time to answer any questions from the cabinet. With this in mind the DG appointed Lions to review the cabinet meeting procedures to implement at the second cabinet in November. The Lions appointed are: himself, VDGS and the district secretary and treasurer. He would like to have 2 more Lions serve on this group and asked for volunteers who may contact him later.

The Governor sited 6 areas of concern that came out of the Long Range Planning Session. They are: Service, Public Relations, Communications, Membership, Leadership and District Changes.

He also told about attending the District Governor Elect training prior to the International Convention which was held in Seattle, WA from July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lion Stuart said that he had heard positive feedback from the District and Club officer training that was held in July but wished that more Lions had attended.

The District needs a Lion to fill the position of the Global Membership Team Leader in our district. It is a 3 year position and he asked for anyone interested in that important position to contact him for the details and requirements for the job. In addition, Lions are needed to serve on the District Convention Committee to help plan that event. Those Lions interested should contact PDG Bill Botzow, Convention Chair.

In the last item, DG Stuart asked for clubs for pledges to provide matching funds for a potential LCIF grant to benefit the new Low Vision Center in Springfield.

DG Stuart closed with this remark, "If you want to travel then go. If you want to travel far take a friend. Let us travel farther than we have ever been before".

#### **First Vice District Governor:**

Since becoming 1st VDG, Lion Walter said that he and Lion Karen have been on the road. They attended the International Convention in Seattle where they were impressed with all of the activities but particularly the marching in the parade with Lions from all over the world, the Missouri All State Marching Band and being led by International President Sid Scruggs who did a great job of helping to make people proud to be a part of Lions International.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Walter told about their trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan and the interesting and heartwarming time they enjoyed as they heard the stories of dog owners whose lives have been changed drastically by the use of their dog. Lion Walter says that he plans to carry a dog feeding dish to his club visits and take an offering that the club can then send into Leader Dog from their club. His goal is that every club in the district makes a contribution of something to this organization. The district can receive an award if every club makes a donation.

In September, both Lion Hamers will attend the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Anchorage, Alaska and take advantage of the learning and training opportunities it affords. In the days before the forum, they will be taking a Denali Land Tour in Alaska.

Lion Walter said that his goal is to visit all of the Lions Clubs in our district this year. He asked that clubs allow him the opportunity to give a short, or full, program when he visits.

# **Second Vice District Governor:**

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Paulin had no prepared remarks but he talked about being involved in the Joplin Tornado Relief effort and what an honor it was to meet IPIP Sid Scruggs, now Chairperson of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, and Lion Judy during their visit to Joplin see firsthand the damage caused by the recent F5 tornado and to offer assistance as a result of that visit. Lion Nick reported that he will be attending the Lions Senior Leadership Institute in November.

## **REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

<u>North East Region</u> – Lion Jennie Mosher: "I look forward "to serve" all the Lions Clubs in the NE Region" Lion Jennie said as she started her report. She said that she is excited about serving as the region chair and being a resource for the clubs who may need help. She will be visiting the clubs in the NE Region. She said that Lion Chester Hill, Zone B, Chairperson has scheduled a zone meeting and the announcements are on the back table for anyone to pick up.

North West Region – Craig Lehman: No Report

<u>Central Region – Lion Keith Moore:</u> No Report

<u>South East Region – Open Position</u>

<u>South West Region</u> – Lion Sharon Morris: Reporting that she had talked with last year's president of the Anderson Lions Club and found that no one is coming to meetings and at their last fund raiser no one showed up to help. She needs help to try and revive that club. She will be making more visits to the clubs in her region.

# **ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

NE. Reg. - Zone A - Lion Judy McKovich: No Report

**NE. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Chester Hill:** No report

<u>SE Reg. – Zone A – PDG Bob Crump:</u> PDG Bob said that while reviewing the history of the clubs in his zone, he feels that there are 2 clubs that the DG, VDGs, Region Chair and Retention Chair should be aware of. They are: Elkland Lions Club reports having 11 members but their last Monthly Membership Report was filed in Sept. of 2009. They are current with LCI except for the last dues billing. Mansfield Lions Club has 14 members and is current with their MMR and has paid the last billing from LCI. Lion Bob said that he has not set up any club visits or scheduled a zone meeting at this time.

<u>SE Reg. – Zone B – Lion Peter Frantzen</u>: Being unable to attend, Lion Peter sent his written report which was given by DG Payne. Lion Peter said that the clubs in his zone are very active and in good financial condition. He is trying to set up a monthly newsletter for the clubs in his zone. The Branson Hollister Lions sponsor a radio show honoring outstanding youth in their area which airs 4 times on each Monday. The Forsyth Lions runs a "Forsyth Lions Club News" in the Taney County Newspaper. It informs the residents in the county what the Lions are doing. They also have been offered a real live lion by the wild life sanctuary. They have that offer under cautious consideration.

**NW Reg. – Zone A – PDG Dean Westbay:** No Report

**NW Reg. – Zone B – Lion Dee Sager:** No report

CEN. Reg. – Zone A. – Lion Ron Baldwin: No report

**CEN. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Alex Warner:** No Report

SW Reg. - Zone A: - Lion Matt Wages: No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 

Alert - Lion Kevin Cantrell: No Report

<u>Constitution and By-Laws – PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair;</u> Lion James said that the State C&BLs committee communicated via teleconference this morning to organize. PDG James was re-elected to serve as State Chairman of the committee. The other purpose of the meeting was to begin the process of converting MERL to the new Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the Global Membership Team (GMT). In that process they will seek input from the State Chairpersons of those two teams. They will also review other areas for needed updates and housekeeping items. Changes will be probably be addressed by ballot voting at the State Convention in 2012.

The committee for our District C&BLs has not been completely formed at this time. He requests the District Governor to appoint PCC Steve Wise, PDG Bob Crump, Lion Ken Lewis and Lion Jennie Mosher to complete the committee. PDG James said there is a lot to do at the district level so they will have a busy year before the District Convention in 2012. The most important task is to update our C&BL's to incorporate the new GMT and GLT concept into our documents.

PDG Rosbrugh then explained the reason that a change needs to be made to our By-Laws and up a motion by PDG Bob Crump and a second by PDG James Rosbrugh to present a ballot for voting. A recess was taken for voting purposes. A copy of the ballot is below:

# District 26-M6 Cabinet 20 August 2011 Official Ballot

Joint Committee Resolution #1

Be it resolved that Article V of the Lions District 26-M6 Policy Manual be Amended by deleting the opening paragraph in its entirety, and replacing it with the following new opening paragraph:

## Article V: All-Star Basketball Program

The All-Star Basketball Program shall be made up of two sets of basketball games with a Boy's and Girl's section in each. The district Basketball Program shall be comprised of an All-Star Basketball Classic division (Springfield) and an All-Star Twin Classic Basketball (Joplin) division, with each division to be made up of two sections. The All-Star Basketball Classic division shall select players from the counties of: Christian, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Laclede, Hickory, Ozark, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, and Wright. The All-Star Twin Classic Basketball division shall select players from the counties of: Barry, Barton, Cedar, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, and Newton.

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At the close of the recess it was reported by ballot counters, PDG Charles Winfiel and Lion Marlene Payne that there were 31 ballots cast in favor of the amendment and 0 ballots cast in the negative. The amendment was declared approved and will be in effect as of the close of this Cabinet Meeting.

<u>Motion to Destroy Ballots:</u> A motion to destroy the ballots was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Walter Hamer, seconded by PDG Bill Botzow. Motion carried.

<u>Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair:</u> The Missouri Lions All Star Football game was played in Warrensburg on July 16<sup>th</sup>. District M<sup>^</sup> had 6 players in the game. Two of the players earned their own money to pay the tuition to play. PDG Sue said that she is proud of all the players and they represented our district very well.

She reported that after paying off the losses of the past two years, it looks like this year's game will earn about \$9,000.00. There is still some money to be collected which will be additional profit. She thanked DG Stuart and Lion Marlene for donating a football signed by Joe Montana when he played with the K.C. Chiefs. The football was auctioned off at the banquet and it sold for \$900.00. She doesn't know the story of how the Paynes came to have the football but understands there is quite a story from what she hears. (Will we ever know?)

Next year's game will be in Warrensburg on July 21<sup>st</sup>. She asked that clubs keep the game in mind when they have their fund raisers and make their budgets for the year. Her goal is to receive a donation from every club in the district instead of only the 14 that supported the event this year. A coach from the area of our district is being sought for the 2012 game.

<u>Audit – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair:</u> In a verbal report Lion Howard said that the committee had reviewed last year's financial records and found no discrepancies. They had made suggestions for a couple of minor changes in procedure.

<u>Band – Lion Irene Voyles, Chair:</u> The 2011 Missouri Lions All State Band made quite an impression at the International Convention where they won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the parade competition. It is the first time they have placed since in the 1990s which is quite an accomplishment and a tribute to the band members, the band leader and assistants, as well as the committee. Lion Irene said that she is proud of our district for supporting the band. M6 had 14 members out of the 73 total. Plans will begin in September for the 2012 Lion State Band. She asked that clubs plan for a full, or at least a partial sponsorship, in their budgets.

<u>Basketball – East Game: PDG Bob Crump, Chair</u>: The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Classic was another success, declared PDG Bob, with lots of enthusiasm for both games. He said that he has spent quite a bit of time visiting with media sports people and feels that will pay dividends in the future.

The game showed a net profit of \$5,034.61 and Lion Bob recommended that the cabinet approve a donation to MLERF in the amount of \$4900.00 which represents 97.50% of this year's proceeds. The donation would be made to MLERF at our 2012 District Convention. A full financial report is attached to the report.

The 2012 Classic has been scheduled for June 9, 2012 at the Baptist Bible College gym. Since this will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the game, PDG Bob would like to make a special event of it.

He also reported that he has just completed compiling complete data for the last 34 games. The data includes player's names, schools they represented and points scored. He also has all of the coaches, their schools, team scores and the top scoring player on each team and their scores, plus, the financial records for each game. There are also program books and scorebooks for every game. Lion Bob feels this will be valuable history to be used in the future.

<u>Basketball – West Game: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair:</u> The Tornado in Joplin changed a lot of things including the Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball games in Joplin. Because the facility at Ozark Christian College became the operations center for the Red Cross and became unavailable for our games. At first, consideration was given to postponing or relocating the game but it became clear that was not going to happen and the painful decision was made to cancel the games and look forward to having the 2012 game at Ozark Christian College on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contracts are being worked on now.

On the financial side, the college is refunding the deposit we made for the 2011 game but the money collected for the game program advertising presented another dilemma. The programs had not been printed yet so contact was made to all the ad purchasers and given the options of either requesting a refund or donating the money to the Joplin Tornado Relief Fund. Of the \$1,845.00 in ads sold, \$1,440.0 was requested to be given to the Relief Fund.

The players, coaches and referees who had planned to participate have been contacted and their participation medals, certificates and a letter of appreciation will be presented to each one of them.

So, there are no proceeds to donate to the entities that we normally do. But we do have money to begin planning for the 2012 games.

Campus Clubs - Lion Virgil Calhoun, Chair: No Report

**2011 District, State & International Convention – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair** The District Convention is scheduled for March 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The International guest will be ID Carolyn A Messier. This year there are 2 goals, to increase the attendance to 140 and provide seminars that will attract Lions to attend the convention. PDG Bill said that to accomplish these goals will take the positive input of all Lions, including the cabinet members and Past District Governors and good communication and advertising encouraging Lions to attend. He gave the committee members, all of whom had agreed to serve, but more members are needed. So if you can serve, please contact PDG Bill. Lion Bill has 4 possible locations to hold the convention and he asked that the cabinet give the committee the authority to select and enter into a contract with the selected site. (See later motion and results)

**Diabetes - Lion Larry Martin, Chair:** No Report

Family & Women's Membership Development – Lion Alice Lewis: No Report

<u>Finance – PDG Jim Wilson Chair:</u> PDG Jim presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012 to the cabinet. The budget is based on district membership of 1450 Lions and includes a transfer from savings in the amount of \$6,139.00 to cover the projected expenses and balance the budget. He invited cabinet members to review it ahead of the voting on it later in the meeting.

# Global Leadership Team (GLT) - PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No report

<u>Global Membership Team (GMT) – PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Temp. Chair:</u> Lion Debbie explained that the GMT encompasses what used to be the MER (membership, extension & retention) of the old MERL Team. Every District has a chair and there is one State Chair, which is PDG Zana Botzow of our District.

She said the DG Stuart is focusing on strengthening our clubs that may need assistance to get back on track. PCC Steve Wise is working with the Pierce City and Cassville clubs to develop a plan to obtain more members and get back on track. Also, PDG Sue Blakley is working with Mount Vernon to get that club back on a functioning status.

PDG Debbie said there are plans to begin at least one new club in the District and more information will be coming as soon as our GMT slot is filled and has the assignment.

<u>Hearing – PDG John Jones, Chair:</u> Lion John said that the last State Hearing Committee Meeting was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> via a conference call with all members. At the meeting PDG Elmer Weinrich was elected chairperson for this year.

A major item of business was the Affordable Hearing Aid Program. Because of funding issues, it was voted to limit the committee's support in buying hearing aids to four per District or up to \$1,300.00 per District. Clubs may still order the AHAP hearing aids and send their money direct to LCI, but, all applications need to be cleared through the District Chairperson who will review the paper work and then forward on to LCI. The check for payment must be included with the application.

PDG Jones said that the available funding for the hearing aid program is entirely dependent on the selling of Lions Sweepstakes tickets and donations from the clubs. Both need to increase to support the program as in the past.

The Missouri Lions Hearing Vans are still operating and can be scheduled for use by contacting the District Chairperson. The same is true for the use of the two portable Audiometers that are in our District. He concluded his report by asking that used hearing aids be gotten to him for delivery to the appropriate place.

<u>Hobo Day – PDG Howard Hawkins, Chair:</u> Verbally, the Cabinet was told that committee members have begun working on this event. Lion Howard asked that everyone put the date of Jan. 14, 2012 on their calendars and plan to attend.

<u>Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair:</u> Being unable to attend, PDG Bill Botzow gave the report for PDG Zana who said that the first meeting of the year was held at Roaring River on July 30<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 13 PDGs and guests. The next meeting will be in October at The Cave Restaurant and Resort in Richland, MO. January and April meetings will be announced later.

The formatting of the Audit Committee (function of the Honorary Committee) was discussed. Currently three members are to be appointed each year. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the District Constitution and By-Laws Committee that changes be made to have each member of the 3 person committee serve for 3 years, with the longest serving member (1 yr. member) rotating off each year and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in line (2 yr. member) move up and chair the committee. One new member is to be added each year (3 yr. member) to

replace the 1 year member who rotated off. The format and wording will be similar to that of the nominating committee which is also a function of the Honorary Committee.

Information & Technology - Lion Ken Lewis, Chair: No report

**LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair:** No Report

**LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair:** No Report

**<u>Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair:</u>** No report

<u>Leos – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair:</u> Having no written report, Lion Marlene said that the Carl Junction Lions are in the process of starting a Leo Club. Response from the school has been very good and it is hoped that the new club will be organized this fall.

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: Thank You, Thank You! That's how Lion Marlene began her report to thank all of the Lions of District M6 for their donations, excellent meals and volunteer help. The lodging expenses, a rental van and gas for the van were all provided by donations to the state budget. The Lions of M6 provided everything else to make it a successful week of camping. She said that there were 14 youth from 9 different countries who participated in the camp this year. Lion Marlene had planned on showing a Power Point presentation prepared by Lion Katie Smith but had not procured a projector so she invited everyone to view the poster at the back of the room which has pictures of some of the activities during camp.

Lions Quest Program - Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: No report

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

<u>LWSB – Lion Bertia Binley, Chair</u>: No report.

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair: No report

MLERF - PDG Sarah Stout - District Board Member: No report

<u>Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair:</u> Lion Leroy told us that we should be working our Peace Posters as the deadline to turn them in is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked that he be called if you need help in the process.

<u>Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair:</u> No report

<u>Public Relations – PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Chair:</u> Lion Debbie said that she is working on several projects right now. One of them is writing a grant request to obtain a matching grant from LCI for the purpose of putting up a billboard display in Joplin, to shine a light on the service work that has been done there.

Signs have been posted at the home sites that the Lions have cleared with The First Response Team. She said that she had received several calls from people who have noticed the signs and received a very positive feedback. She thanked Lion Cathy Purvis (Seymour Lions Club) for the putting the terrific graphics together for

the sign and Lion Marty Jenkins (Freistatt Lions Club) for getting us a great price to have them made. (A copy of the sign is inserted here)

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do SO MUCH." Helen Keller



PDG Debbie said that we all need to be telling our stories about Lions and how we serve. To make this easier, press releases will be coming out all year that can be customized and make them personal by adding local Lions names and specifics of a project, etc. People want to know what we do and this type of articles in the local newspaper accomplishes that. (Plus it helps with obtaining new members) Lion Debbie asks that you share your PR ideas with her anytime.

Report on LCIF Emergency Grant for Joplin Tornado Relief – IPDG Debbie Whittlesey: After a tornado struck in Joplin on May 22, 2011, then District Governor Debbie applied for an Emergency Grant through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) on Monday morning May 23<sup>rd</sup>. By noon she had received word from LCIF that the request was approved for the full \$10,000.00. When the check arrived, plans of what needed to be done had already been started and were put in motion, on site, by May 28<sup>th</sup>. The grant money was fully used in the following ways:

- 1. Purchased 216 pair of leather gloves for cleanup volunteers
- 2. Purchased items for "Energy Packs" (Propel, CLIF Bars and Trail Mix) for victims & volunteer workers
- 3. Purchased shoes for tornado victim children from the Children's Place for an event for kids at a Joplin College.
- 4. Bought rakes and shovels for debris cleanup.
- 5. Shopped for food for the Lafayette House
- 6. Held a food voucher event at the Joplin Food 4 Less and gave about 57 victim families \$100.00 vouchers for the purchase of food.

Lion Debbie said, "Thank the Lord for Lions Clubs International Foundation and their quick response". She ended her report to the cabinet by saying, "Helen Keller put it best when she said, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much!"

She asked that the Cabinet approve her report at the appropriate time in the meeting.

## <u>Sight Conservation – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair:</u> No report

#### **Old Business:**

A. Lion Alex Warner gave an update on the upcoming golf tournament to benefit the new Low Vision Center in Springfield. It will be held at the Millwood Golf and Racquet Club on Oct. 14, 2011. He asked that Lions, Clubs or Businesses consider a sponsorship of some sort. Flyers and a letter regarding that will be sent to each club for consideration. He also said that volunteers are needed to staff various posts for the day. Contact Lion Alex to participate in anyway.

#### **New Business:**

#### Motions were made as follows:

- A. To accept the Region, Zone and all Committee Reports previously given Motion made by VDG Walter Hamer, seconded by PDG Debbie Whittlesey and carried.
- B. To approve the 2010-2011 yearend financial report Motion by PDG Bob Crump, second by Lion Jennie Mosher and carried.
- C. To approve the 2010-2011 Audit Report. PDG Charles Haywood/Lion Phil Krebs Passed.
- D. To approve the proposed Administrative Budget for 2011-2012. PDG James Rosbrugh/ PDG Jim Marshall Passed.
- E. To approve United Missouri Bank as the depository for all District funds. PDG Bill Botzow/PDG Bob Crump Carried.
- F. To approve a Resolution authorizing the following to sign on 26-M6 bank accounts: DG Stuart Payne, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Walter Hamer, PDG James Wilson & PDG David E. Harris. Motion to approve made by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by PDG Bob Crump Passed
- G. To approve Resolution to obtain bonding for the District Officers named above. PDG John Jones / PDG Bill Botzow Passed.
- H. Motion made by PDG James Rosbrugh, seconded by PDG Charles Haywood to defer disposition of the tail twister funds to the last cabinet meeting in May, 2012. Passed.
- I. To approve PDG Bob Crump's recommendation to donate \$4,900.00 from the East Basketball Classic to MLERF. Motion made by PDG Jim Wilson, seconded by PDG Charles Haywood. Passed.
- J. PDG David Harris made a motion to approve the final report, as given by PDG Debbie Whittlesey, for the LCIF Emergency Grant received in May, 2011 for the Joplin Tornado Relief Effort. Seconded by Lion Leroy Potter and passed.
- K. A motion to donate \$500.00 from the District's Diabetes Account to the country of Georgia's Diabetes Camp was made by PDG Debbie Whittlesey, second by PDG James Rosbrugh and carried.
- L. A motion was made by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh to authorize the District Convention Committee to choose the location of the 2012 District Convention. Motion carried.
- M. A motion to give to IPDG Debbie Whittlesey, as a memento of her hard work and leadership in the recovery effort, a quilt donated to the District's Joplin Tornado Relief Committee by the community of Christiana, PA was made by PDG Dave Harris, seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh. Motion carried.

N. A motion was made by PCC Jim Tesreau, seconded by PDG Bob Crump, That District 26-M6 give special recognition to IPDG Debbie Whittlesey for her superb leadership throughout the Joplin Tornado Relief Effort. The motion was seconded by PDG Bob Crump and it was approved by all Lions giving her a well deserved resounding standing ovation!!

Governor Stuart asked for any other business and several clubs made announcements of events coming up in their local communities.

The meeting was adjourned by the Governor at approximately 5:20 P.M.

# **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

**Note:** The next Cabinet Meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 @1:00 P.M. at Cox Hospital South, Foster Meeting Room, 3801 S. National Ave. in Springfield.