

**DISTRICT 11-E1
CABINET MEETING & BUSINESS MEETING
HELD AT OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION
MARCH 30-31 AND APRIL 1, 2012
AT THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

Attending: District Governor John Monahan, 1st VDG Bill Simpson, 2nd VDG Tim Anderson, PCC Richard Perrin, PDG Dan Gibbons, Lion Pam Schroeder, Lion Connie McMorris, Lion Larry Wendt, Lion Christina Anderson, Lion Tony Rutledge, Lion Debbie Kreitner, Lion Bob Roebuck, Lion Karla Roebuck, Lion Ron Gibson, Lion Jim Patterson, PDG Wayne Kreitner, PCC Janalee McClure, Lion Lester McClure, PDG Jerry Brandt, Lion Larry Alman, Lion Gary Williams, & Lion Harry Engles.

Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM by **DG JOHN MONAHAN**

Pledge was led by DG John Monahan

Invocation by PDG Jerry Brandt

Governor's Remarks: As the visiting ID Douglas Alexander, has not yet arrived the DG gave his remarks on membership.

Governor John said there are 3 main phases of membership; The first is the International Program of "Shine Light on Service", which is the need to publicize what we do. The second is "Club Excellence" in defining what our communities need and what club members want to do and how to do it. We Lions pay money to volunteer our time to help others. The third is "Just Ask" as we need to give others a chance to help us and to give them the opportunity to help others.

At this time, ID **DOUGLAS ALEXANDER** from Brooklyn, NY entered and DG John introduced him. Lion Doug has been a lion since 1984, and has served as International Director since July 2010. Lion Doug said he wanted to just sit and listen during our Cabinet Meeting.

Secretary's Report; PDG Chipman presented the minutes of the January 15, 2012 meeting and asked for them to be approved. Motion by ZC Lion Pam Schroeder with support from ZC Lion Tony Rutledge to approve the minutes as presented; the motion passed.

Secretary Chipman then reported that all club dues have been paid, except for Sheridan.

Treasurer's Report; As Treasurer Lion Kerry McGinley was absent, PDG Chipman presented the budget. The Governor was asked about the insurance for the Pedia Vision Cameras; he reported that he purchased a policy called Inland Marine for \$254.00 per camera with a deductible of \$100.00. 1st VDG Bill asked about what number of members he should use for figuring the budget for next year and everyone concurred it would be 1,275. A motion was made by ZC Connie McMorris and supported by ZC Tony Rutledge to approve the financial statement as presented; the motion passed. The complete report follows:

DISTRICT 11-E1
Financial Statement 2011-12
March 24, 2012
Administrative Fund

Balance July 1, 2011 **\$15849.73**

Receipts	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 3000.00	\$
Transfer from District Convention	1000.00	1000.00
Transfer from S & H that was owed Admin	1917.46	1917.46
Dues 1300 @ \$21.50	27950.00	24417.00
CD Interest	150.00	165.91
Checking Interest	70.00	26.85
Cabinet Meeting		290.75
District Convention 1325 @ \$1.00	1300.00	1300.00
District Pins	<u>500.00</u>	<u>385.49</u>
Total Receipts	\$33970.00	\$28513.46

Expenses		
Dues 1325 @ \$14.50	\$19212.50	18565.25
Roster Book	900.00	922.90
Newsletter and Postage	900.00	479.11
Cabinet Meeting		263.50
Awards	500.00	229.86
Miscellaneous (Incorporation Fee)		20.00
Fall Conference		57.00
Region and Zone Chairs 2009-10	1000.00	
District Pins	600.00	
District Convention	1300.00	
GMT & GLT	500.00	
USA/Canada Forum-Vice District Governor	1500.00	629.80
International Convention (2010-2011)	1500.00	1500.00
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	
Misc. non-refundable 1 st VDG Expenses	1500.00	
Misc. non-refundable 2 nd VDG Expenses	750.00	750.00
Miscellaneous	750.50	
Leadership Institute	300.00	300.00
Dishonesty Bond	257.00	257.00
IPDG Jacket	100.00	
Peace Poster	50.00	
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>

Total Expenses \$32257.50 \$24224.42

Balance Administrative Fund **\$20138.77**

DESIGNATED FUNDS

		BALANCE July 1, 2011	CURRENT BALANCE
Sight and Hearing		\$13082.54	
CD State Farm Bank	\$ 13082.54		
Expenses	5065.00		
Receipts	650.00		\$ 8667.54
Diabetes		1819.67	
Receipts	100.00		
Expenses			1919.67
Youth Exchange		210.00	210.00
LCIF		500.00	500.00
District Convention		6247.84	
Receipts	3277.00		
Expenses	5020.08		4504.76
Miscellaneous			
Expenses			615.12
LCI Grant (Float)			
Receipts	3048.80		
Expenses	2623.54		
Expenses (11-12)	<u>425.26</u>		0.00
KidSight		61.18	
Receipts	570.00		
Expenses	1075.55		(444.37)
PediaVision		4050.00	
Receipts	25330.00		
Expenses	29400.00		(4070.00)
Tail Twister		1324.90	
Receipts	200.28		
Expenses	1298.80(Float)		
			<u>226.38</u>
Balance as of March 24, 2012			\$12129.10

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Kerry McGinley
District Treasurer

1st VDG's Report: Lion Bill Simpson; Bill reported that Lion Pete Conarty would not be with us tonight, for his wife Mary Lou fell and hurt herself. He was going to try and get here tomorrow. Our best wishes go out to Mary Lou. Bill is looking forward to a great year working with all the dedicated Lions in our District. We have a great project in the Kid Sight Project and the measles project thru LCIF. Both give us something to promote and help to raise membership. Without asking, we will not increase members.

2nd VDG Report; Lion Tim Anderson; Membership is down 29 members since the beginning of the year; 11 of that number are from deaths. A new LEO Club was started in Greenville this year and hopes for one in Bear Lake before the end of the year. Our District training this year has been very good under the leadership of GLT trainer Lion Richard Perrin. Lion Dick went to Ottawa, Canada and attended the Faculty Development Institute in order to better serve his District and he is doing a great job. Training for the incoming ZC will be held tomorrow.

Convention Report: Lion Deb Kreitner; between the two Districts we have 220 registered, 92 from our District. Everything is going well and if you have any problems call her. Be sure to attend the Wild West Party tonight.

Letter of Endorsement; PDG Wayne Kreitner asked the District to send a letter of endorsement for Esther LaMothe as a candidate for the office of Director for The International Association of Lions Clubs. 1st VDG Bill Simpson so moved and ZC Tony Rutledge seconded and the motion passed.

Project Kid Sight; PCC Janalee McClure; Project Kid Sight will be on the ballot tomorrow to become a District Project and another proposal to approve it to become a Multiple 11 Project if they so desire. The clubs in the Chippewa School District are planning on screening students there.

Redistricting; PDG Jim Chipman; Lion Jim gave a brief description of the proposed Multiple Redistricting Plan. We will go from 10 Districts to 6. This will give each District approx. 2000 members. We will lose four counties, Midland, Isabella, Clare and Missaukee but will gain 4 from old C-1. It will be voted on at our next District Convention (2013) and at the Multiple Convention in 2013. At the Business Meeting tomorrow, there will be a Power Point presentation.

Constitution & By Laws; PCC Janalee McClure; Lion Janalee presented the proposals for change to our Constitution. 1. Any change dictated by Lions International will be automatically changed in our Constitution; this was passed in 2009, but did not get in our Constitution. 2. Will Project Kid Sight be a District Project? 3. Shall Camp T. continue as a District Project? 4. Will District 11-E1 support Project Kid Sight as a Multiple Project if they request it?

Janalee requested that a motion be made to remove all references to Welcome Homes in our District Constitution to keep us current with Multiple 11 Constitution as the Council of Governor's have already done so.

Motion by CS Chipman and supported by 1st VDG Simpson to so do. Motion passed.

Nominations Report; PCC Richard Perrin; Four Lions have been nominated by their clubs to run for the following positions.

District Governor for 2012-2013 Lion Bill Simpson
1st VDG for 2012-2013 Lion Tim Anderson

2nd VDG for 2012-2013 Lion Pete Conarty
Lions of Mi Foundation for 2012-2014 Lion Ron Gibson

GMT Report; Lion Pete Conarty; Lion Pete was absent due to wife's illness; his complete report follows.

CABINET REPORT
GMT DISTRICT COORDINATOR
MARCH 30, 2012

I understand why the GMT position has been designated as a three year position. It takes a year to evaluate the membership history of the clubs, understand the dynamics of membership and retention and the dynamics of each of the 47 clubs in District 11 E1.

I believe that the GMT Program has now become an integral part of the District and we have put MERLO behind us. However, there is a lot of work to do in reducing the retention rate and increasing the number of younger members in the Lions.

At the beginning of the year, we set a goal of +1 member over their July 1, 2011 membership for each club in the District. Since July, we have 26 clubs that have inducted 61 new members. At the end of February, we had 16 clubs that had not lost a member.

I did a sampling of 7 clubs that had lost between 4 – 8 members since July. My purpose was to identify some of the reasons why members were leaving their Lions Clubs. I was looking for possible ways to work to retain these members.

The results were interesting and in some situations nothing could be done to prevent the attrition of members.

1. Eight members had died
2. Nine entered nursing homes or were too ill to continue being active members.
3. Five Lions moved out of their town.
4. One lost his job and needed the time to look for a new job.
5. Three Lions quit their membership because of Leadership changes or they were unhappy with actions of the majority of the club.
6. Sixteen Lions were a combination of:
 - a. Lions that rarely came to meetings
 - b. Members that were being carried on the rolls despite non-payment of dues
 - c. Members who lost interest in their club
 - d. Members, who had young children and wanted more time to attend their children's events.

These seven clubs have also, added 21 new members during this period.

I have visited all seven Zone Meetings to make presentations and I am now in the process of visiting and working with individual clubs. I have travelled over 3,000 miles so far this year as GMT.

Recommendations:

1. We need to train our Membership Chairs and be sure that each club has a working chair. GMT should do the training.
2. I would suggest that each Zone have a Membership Chair meeting with the GMT Coordinator in conjunction with one of their Zone meetings as a follow up to the training session.

3. The GMT needs to maintain strong communication ties with each club and the Membership Chair.

I will work diligently until the end of the year to promote the GMT theme of “JUST ASK” with each club. It has been a privilege to introduce the GMT concept to members of District 11 E1. I have learned a lot and have enjoyed being involved in the position.

Lion Pete Conarty
District 11 E1 GMT Coordinator

GLT Report; PCC Richard Perrin; Zone training will be held tomorrow morning in conjunction with C-1. The first planned Club Officers training will be held April 11 and May 6 for 2012-13 club officers. Lion Dick thanked several Lions in the room for their assistance this year and looking forward to next year. Lion Dick attended training in Ottawa, Canada and felt it was one of the better trainings that Lions International has put on.

Zone Reports;

ZC Lion Connie McMorris; Frankfort is down to 15 members and the Traverse City Lions are having a problem with the library wanting to remove all the Braille and handicap material and send it to Lansing. The club is trying to get them to change their mind.

ZC Lion Pam Schroeder; Lion Pam is waiting for the Lions to come home from Fla. so they can get back to work.

ZC Lion Tony Rutledge; Clubs are doing well; he has a couple of projects scheduled to include all the clubs in the Zone, Project Kid Sight and working with FSU School of Optometry in the labeling of glasses for taking on mission trips.

ZC Lion Lester McClure; Clubs in his Zone need membership but seem to be doing alright. They are busy.

Final Remarks; DG John Monahan; Thanked everyone for their support and hard work through out the year.

He handed out Certificates of Appreciation to several Lions and personal gifts to the Zone Chairs.

Adjourned at 5:45 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
11:15 AM
LUNCH

Presentation of Banners: Following Clubs presented their club banners;

White Cloud, Fremont, Midland, Weidman, Kaleva, Lake Ann, Onekama, Greenville, Cadillac

Pledge led by 1st VDG Bill Simpson

Invocation by PDG Jerry Brandt

DG Wayne Kreitner introduced PCC Esther LaMothe candidate for International Director

PCC Esther spoke for a few minutes about her goals.

Lunch

12:25 called back to order

DG John introduced his cabinet

DG John introduced ID Douglas Alexander who spoke to the Lions about Lions International programs; "I Believe" "Youth" "Share the Vision" "Relieving Hunger" & "Protecting our Environment".

C1's Convention Chair Brian Werschem read a Resolution of Appreciation for the International Director.

District Governor John presented awards to ZC Lester McClure and Convention Chair Lion Deb Kreitner.

"Heart of a Lion Award" to ZC Lion Connie McMorris

International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to PCC Janalee McClure.

Luncheon Closed at 1:15

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31
BUSINESS MEETING**

Call to order by **District Governor John Monahan** at 1:45 PM

Pledge led by Governor John

Invocation by PDG Jerry Brandt

Remarks by **DG John Monahan**; whereas the ID will not be with us today, 1st VDG Rick Wood from C-1 has asked to take a few minutes to explain their car raffle. C-1 will be giving away a car, and the tickets are \$10.00 each. If your club wishes to sell tickets as a fund raiser he will be happy to get tickets to you. You can make \$5.00 on every ticket sold. Posters are available to put up around your area. Drawing will be Oct. 21.

DG John thanked everyone for their support through out the year and for coming to the Convention.

Report of the Rules Committee: PCC Janalee McClure; The Rules have been handed out; if you wish she will read them but asked for a motion to accept as printed. Motion by Lion Bill Simpson and supported by Lion Pete Conarty. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report; Lion Kerry McGinley; as Lion Kerry was absent Secretary Chipman presented a copy of the report to all members. Motion by Lion Pam Schroeder and supported by Lion Connie McMorris to accept the report as printed. The report is in the minutes of Friday's Cabinet meeting.

Convention Report: Lion Deb Kreitner; The District has 85 Lions and guests registered from 18 clubs. We are down this year but everything is going well. Any problems, contact me.

Credentials Report: Lion Gayle Morlock; 47 clubs in the District and 125 total Delegates, of that number we have 48 delegates plus 11 PDG's from 19 clubs for a total of 59 total votes. It will take 30 votes to win election.

Redistricting; PDG Jim Chipman; Lion Chipman presented a short presentation on the redistricting of Multiple 11. Anyone wishing a program on this please contact him.

After discussion a motion was made by PCC Janalee McClure to have our incoming Governor recommend to the Council of Governors that next years site for the Multiple 11 Convention be moved from Shipshewana, Ind. back to Michigan. Motion supported by Lion Larry Alman and it passed.

Constitution & By-Laws; PCC Janalee McClure; Lion Janalee presented the proposed changes to the Constitution. The explanation of the changes can be found in Friday's Cabinet minutes.

Nominations Report: PCC Richard Perrin: The following Lions have been certified to run for the following offices;

District Governor... 1st VDG Bill Simpson from Big Rapids

1st VD Governor... 2nd VDG Tim Anderson from Cadillac

2nd VD Governor... Lion Pete Conarty from Midland

Lions of Mi Foundation... Lion Ron Gibson from Fremont

Nominations of Candidates;

Office of 2nd VDG Pete Conarty, Nominated by Lion Carl Vander Wood, Midland Lions
Seconded by Lions Mike and Tina Hoya, Midland Lions

Office of 1st VDG Tim Anderson, Nominated by PDG Dan Gibbons, Onekama
Seconded by PCC Dick Perrin, Big Rapids

Office of Trustee for Lions of Mi Foundation Lion Ron Gibson
Nominated by Lion Jim Powell, Fremont
Seconded by Lion Jim Patterson, Fremont

Office of District Governor 2012-13 Bill Simpson, Nominated by PCC Richard Perrin, Big Rapids
Seconded by Lion Hal Palmer, Big Rapids

The District Governor declared the nominations closed.

Elections Report; PCC Richard Perrin; Lion Dick announced how the elections would be held and stated that all voting would be done by 3:30 PM.

Business meeting closed for elections.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MARCH 31

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge led by PID Dennis Cobler

Invocation by Lion Gary Lacey

Dinner

ID Douglas Alexander was introduced and spoke about LCIF.

DG John asked PCC Richard Perrin to announce the results of the election. All Constitutional changes were approved; the following Lions were elected to serve as District Officers for 2012-2013.

Lion Bill Simpson, Governor Lion Tim Anderson, 1st VDG

Lion Pete Conarty, 2nd VDG Lion Ron Gibson Trustee Lions of MI Foundation

Lion Larry Wendt made motion to destroy all ballots. It was seconded and approved.

District Governor John Monahan presented the following awards:

International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to PCC Richard Perrin

LMF Lautzenheiser Award to 2nd VDG Elect Peter Conarty

LMF Progressive Lautzenheiser Award to Lion Karla Roebuck

District 11 E1's Braille Award to PDG Dan Gibbons

Heart of the Lion Award to PDG Wayne Kreitner and Lion Carl Hawkins

The Visionary Award for Children's Vision went to 1st VDG Elect Tim Anderson

District Lion of the Year award to DG elect Bill Simpson

That concluded the Saturday Night Banquet.

**SUNDAY MORNING
MEMORIAL SERVICE
APRIL 1, 2012**

9:00 AM Presiding PDG Gary Lacy and PDG Jerry Brandt

The following Lions were remembered in a very moving service:

Lion J. Dean Eckersley, Mt. Pleasant
Lion Richard Carpenter, Greenville
Lion Rex Williams, Shepherd
Lion Basil Antenucci, Northport
Lion Mark A. Pellerin, Midland
Lion Donald Gage, Howard City
Lion Harry Middleton, Lakeview
Lion Diana Kjantvet, Traverse City
Lion Irvin Sorrell, Carson City
Lion Edward O'Haven, Fremont
Lion Albin Hughes, Arcadia
Lion Edwin Rice, Onkama

Lion Peter Kyles, Baldwin
Lion William C. Dent, Midland
Lion Larry Lobert, Six Lakes
Lion Louis Tanner, Barryton
Lion Richard Smith, Empire
Lion Robert Chamberlain, Traverse City
Lion Robert Minster, Manistee
Lion James H. Uren, Bear Lake
Lion Douglas Hunt, Traverse City
Lion William Rush, Clare
Lion Gary Walker, Arcadia

After the Memorial Service breakfast, the Convention was closed.

Yours in Service,
PDG Jim Chipman, 11-E1 Cabinet Secretary