

District 11 E-1 Cabinet Meeting
March 27, 2015
Park Place Hotel
Traverse City, Mi.
Unapproved Minutes

Attendance: DG Pete Conarty, Midland; 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, Onekama; 2nd VDG/Cabinet Secretary Ron Gibson, Fremont; Treasurer Kay Brandt, Harrison; PDG Jerry Brandt, Harrison; PDG Jim Walls, Stanwood; Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood; Lion Gwen Botting, Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind; Guest Wendi Middleton; PDG Lynn Mast, Fremont; PDG John Monahan, Mt. Pleasant; Lion Jackie Glazier, Empire; Lion Diane Fleming, Mt. Pleasant, PCC Janalee McClure and Lion Lester McClure, White Cloud, Lions Bill and Jackie Koch, White Cloud, Lion Bob Manning, Empire, Lion Betty Cramer, Honor, PDG Bill Simpson, Big Rapids, Lion Steve Adsmoond, Fremont, PDG Dan Gibbons, Onekama, Lion Bob Chapman, Hart.

4p.m.- Call to order, DG Pete Conarty

Invocation, PDG Jerry Brandt

Pledge, PDG Dan Gibbons

Approval of Agenda, **motion made to approve** as presented by IPDG Tim Anderson, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons. Motion carried.

Governor's Opening Remarks:

-The Centennial Service Challenge Award was presented to PCC Janalee McClure, representing the White Cloud Lions Club. Also receiving the award are the Mesick and Weidman Lions Clubs who had no one present to accept it.

-Certified Guiding Lions: PDGs Harry and Laura Johnson of Baldwin Lions Club have renewed their certifications.

-Extension award for helping to establish the Michigan Crossroads Lions Club was presented to 2nd VDG Ron Gibson of Fremont Lions Club.

-The 2 Paws award for outstanding zone chairs for the first six months were awarded to PCC Janalee McClure, White Cloud; Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood; and the late Connie McMorris, Honor.

-The Governor thanked his cabinet members for all their hard work this year.

-The Governor indicated that the District has 71 new members so far this year(that was updated to 76 by IPDG Tim Anderson).

-The District is still exploring a new club in Suttons Bay and will actively pursue this possibility when the weather is more favorable.

-Newsletter articles and pictures are still needed. The Governor has agreed to be the newsletter editor again next year.

-Retention is very, very important. Many of this year's drops have been due to non-payment of dues. Club treasurers must follow up on delinquent accounts and encourage payment.

-Tidbits, a fundraising booklet to help offset the costs of the District Convention, was the brainchild of PCC Janalee McClure. It brought in over \$300.00 this year and will be used again next year. A drawing was held for the clubs that purchased an ad this year and the winner was the Harrison Lions Club. They were given a voucher good for one free night's hotel room at next year's convention.

-DG Pete Conarty asked for prayers for the following:

- Lion Jackie Perrin, Big Rapids Lions Club
- Lion Dennis Hedinger, Hart Lions Club
- Lion Bill Koch, White Cloud Lions Club, whose sister just passed away

Gwen Botting, Executive Director, Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind asked to speak to our cabinet to update us on the current state of affairs at OUB and to request our continued support. Highlights of her talk included:

They are beginning their 21st year serving blind children, ages 7 through high school.

The goal is to help the children become employable adults, although 70% are still unemployed.

Most of the children come from low income families and attend on scholarship.

The State of Michigan owns Camp Tuhsmeheeta.

Support from District 11 E-1 has been crucial to their survival.

1st VDG Pam Schroeder:

-Please think of additional District projects for next year.

-Dates are needed from zone chairs for officer training for next year's officers. Please get them to her as soon as possible.

-USA/Canada registration and volunteer forms are available.

2nd VDG Ron Gibson:

Retention of our members is so important. When they are oriented, trained and involved in club activities they are more likely to stay a Lion.

GLT, PDG John Monahan:

-He has been promoting CEP Lite with the clubs. This is a great tool to strengthen clubs.

-Zone chairs need to schedule their officer training.

GMT, PDG Jim Walls:

-Be positive about membership!

Treasurer's Report, Lion Kay Brandt:

-Bank statements balance.

-Fund statements need clarification and she is working with 1st VDG Pam Schroeder on those.

-KidSight billings are not up to date.

-Motion made by 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons to accept Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement. Motion carried.

**District 11 E-1
Financial Report, 3/24/15**

Beginning Balance. \$30,049.91

Checks Written:

#1128 Kay Brandt-postage.	\$19.99
#1129 Pete Conarty.	\$3388.32
Camera repair,	\$556.50
Newsletter postage,	\$199.27
Misc. fund,	\$78.36
DG Expenses,	\$2554.19
#1130 Void	
#1131 Sheila Ferrel.	\$100.00
#1132 Isabella Waite.	\$100.00
(Peace Poster Winner)	
#1133 Ron Gibson.	\$138.32

(Mi. Forum Expenses)

Feb. Statement Correction A/S. \$19.21

Deposits:

Kid Sight, Midland. \$170.00

Misc. \$141.55

Tail twister, 18.00, 50/50, \$50.00,

Pinewood derby, \$20.00, District

Pin Resale \$30.00, pins- Gov. disc.

fund, \$23.55

2/16, dues. \$3262.50

3/8, dues. \$2237.50

3/8, dues. \$3179.25

3/8, Pinewood derby cars. \$65.00

3/25, dues. \$1353.75

Add back voided check #1127. \$107.64

Checkbook Ending Balance. \$36,800.47

Secretary's Report, 2nd VDG Ron Gibson

Minutes of January 17, 2015 District 11 E-1 Cabinet Meeting were presented for review. **Motion made by PDG Dan Gibbons**, seconded by PCC Janalee McClure to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Convention Report, PDG Jerry Brandt:

2015 Convention:

To date, 117 from 11E-1 have registered. We guaranteed the hotel we would reserve 57 rooms and have reserved 85 to date.

PCC Janalee McClure, acting Credentials Chair, reports 26 of 45 clubs have submitted delegate forms. Of the 111 eligible delegates, 65 have been reported by clubs. Of the 22 eligible PDGs, 15 have been registered.

2016 Convention:

In addition to the two locations mentioned as possible sites at the January cabinet meeting, West Branch and Clare, two additional locations have been researched. They are the Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant, \$92.00 per night plus taxes, and The Park Place in Traverse City, \$69.95 per night plus taxes. **Motion made by Lion Diane Fleming**, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons and IPDG Tim Anderson, to have next year's convention in Traverse City again. Discussion held, motion withdrawn, and new motion made and seconded by same people, to hold a 2 day convention at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City on April 8 and 9, 2016. This will be a District 11E-1 convention only. Motion passed.

International Director Kembra Smith and her husband Lion Bill Lowe were introduced. She shared their excitement at being at our convention and looking forward to meeting many Michigan Lions.

MD11 Convention, PDG Laura Johnson:

This year's convention will be at Holland's DoubleTree Resort May 15-17. The theme will be The Roaring 20s and this year's keynote speaker is PID Brian Sheahan.

International Convention, PDG Harry Johnson:

This year's convention is in Hawaii and there are 110 from Michigan registered. The Michigan night will include a luau and there will be dancing and a history of the island.

Retention, PDG Lynn Mast:

There is concern over the number of drops this year and an analysis needs to be done as to why members are dropping. While there have been 21 deaths in the District so far this year, 28 additional drops are from members with less than two years in Lions. We must continue to focus on the positives in our clubs. We must also conduct good, honest exit interviews. Lion Bill Koch suggested that the CEP program is an important step in analyzing a club and the areas it can improve in. Lion Lynn shared that orientation and mentoring are key to a club's success. Lion Harry Johnson stated that billboard advertising about Lions is a possibility and it was pointed out that as of April 1st, as part of Lions Centennial Celebration, Districts could qualify for up to \$1500.00 to assist in membership.

Pin Recycle Program, PDG Jim Walls:

To date, \$55.00 has been turned into the District for pin recycling. Encourage your members to turn in unwanted pins for trading or recycling.

District Strategic Plan, DG Pete Conarty for Lion Bernie Baldwin:

The rough draft presented and passed out at the January cabinet meeting has brought no feedback from the cabinet. Motion made by PCC Janalee McClure, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons, to adopt this strategic plan, adding it as an addendum to our Policy Manual and creating a tab on our website for its access. Motion carried.

District Raffle License, 2nd VDG Ron Gibson:

Presentation was made as to procedure needed to apply for license via State of Michigan. This is about an eight week process with various District documents that need to be included in the application process. There is no up-front cost to the District. IPDG Tim Anderson indicated that this raffle could also be run through a club that already has a license. **PDG Bill Simpson motioned**, seconded by Lion Diane Fleming, that the District get a license to help offset convention costs. Motion carried. Lion Gibson to pursue this. NOTE: this motion will come under review at its July cabinet meeting for its appropriateness.

Voice Recorder for District Secretary, 2nd VDG Ron Gibson:

Prices for digital recording equipment, including microphones, range from \$150.00-\$250.00. This equipment is effective for properly recording minutes of cabinet meetings and other meetings called by the District. **Motion by Lion Diane Fleming**, seconded by PDG Dan Gibbons, to have the District purchase such equipment. Motion carries.

New Business:

PDG Bill Simpson reminds everyone that new name for Michigan Eye Bank, effective March 20, is Eversight Michigan.

PID Gary Anderson encourages everyone to attend/volunteer for and at USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids.

Closing Remarks, DG Pete Conarty:

Some of the agenda discussion from the cabinet meetings might be appropriate to highlight in the newsletter. We still have 3 months left in this year and there is much that can still be accomplished. Thank you again for all your hard work!

Motion by PDG Bill Simpson to adjourn, seconded by Lion Kay Brandt. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

2nd VDG/Cabinet Secretary Ron Gibson

**District 11 E-1 Annual Business Meeting -Sat. March 28, 2015, 2p.m.
Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, Mi.
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2:30p.m.- Meeting called to order by DG Pete Conarty.

Cabinet Officers Attending: DG Pete Conarty, 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, 2nd VDG/Cabinet Secretary Ron Gibson, Treasurer Kay Brandt, IPDG Tim Anderson, Zone Chairs Peggy Walls, Debbie Kreitner, PDG Dan Gibbons, PCC Janalee McClure, Sheila Ferrel, Diane Fleming.

Others Attending(by club):

Baldwin: PDGs Harry and Laura Johnson

Fremont: PDG Lynn Mast, Lions Steve and Brenda Adsmoond, Laurene Homsher, Bob Fenner, Jim Powell

Kingsley: Lions Deb Nickerson, Dawn Willman, Margaret Lewis, Donna Martin

Empire: PDG Irvin Beck, Lions Steve and Jackie Glazier, Bob Manning, Tom Rademacher, Joan Seloff, John Mesch

White Cloud: Lions Lester McClure, Bill Koch, Audrey and Ray Williams

Sheridan: PDG Stan Preshaw, Lions Richard Langin, Cary Dukes

Cadillac: Lion Christina Anderson

Traverse City: Lion John Hunt

Hart: Lion Bob Chapman

Lake Ann: Lion Ken Sisco

Honor: Lion Betty Cramer

Bear Lake: Lions Duwayne Heffner, Paula Smith

Cedar-Maple City: Lions Pat Hobbins, Val Eimers

Kaleva: Lions Jo Jo Hawkins, Dennis Belford, John Makinen, Ken Kuuttila

Mt. Pleasant: PDG John Monahan, Lions Mike Carey, Gary Conant

Chippewa Lake-Mecosta: Lions Bob Roebuck, Thomas Brink, Paula Hunter

Midland: Lions Ron Sharp, Jim Warheit, Mike Hays, Tina and Mike Hoy

Mesick: Lions Amanda and Nick Hawkins

Harrison: PDG Jerry Brandt, Lion Penny McLaughlin

Manistee: Lions John and Susan Mencarelli

Greenville: Lion E. J. Paas

Weidman: Lions Bob Thompson, Ted and Shirley Bailey, Bernie Baldwin, Jim McClain

Stanwood: PDG Jim Walls, Lions Tonya King, Marie Grezeszak

Coleman: Lions Al and Ann Roeseler

Big Rapids: PDG Bill Simpson, Lion Bruce Fredrick

Barryton: Lion James Dague

Lakeview: Lions Debbie Stephens, Rosemary Nutt

Carson City: Lions Pam Blizzard, Michelle McCrackin

Luther: Lions Edye McCarty, Betty Alward

Onkama: PDGs Chester Kudla, Jack Burchard, Lions Larry Wendt, Leonard Lantz, Don Miller, Frank English, Walter Croft

Guest: Julie Littell

TOTAL OF 95 ATTENDEES REPRESENTING 30 CLUBS.

Invocation: PDG Jerry Brandt

Pledge: PDG Dan Gibbons

Opening Remarks: DG Pete Conarty

Thank you to all in attendance, especially the delegates and their alternates. Leadership and communication are so very important.

Credentials Report, PCC Janalee McClure:

77 delegates have been certified

40 votes needed to win office

Constitutional Change, PCC Janalee McClure:

To be voted on today by delegates: To remove Camp Tuhsmeheeta, with the programs, under the direction of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, as a District 11E-1 project. This will be a yes or no vote.

Elections Report: DG Pete Conarty for PCC Richard Perrin

The following Lions have submitted their names and letters of support for election to the following offices at the 2015 District 11E-1 convention in Traverse City, Mi. and all of the candidates meet the qualification for their respective offices as set out by the International Constitution and By-Laws and the District 11 E-1 Constitution and By-Laws:

District Governor-1st Vice District Governor Pam Schroeder, Onekama Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor-2nd Vice District Governor Ron Gibson, Fremont Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor- Lion Bill Koch, White Cloud Lions Club

Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood Lions Club

Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee(2 year term)- PDG Bill Simpson, Big Rapids Lions Club

DG Pete Conarty appointed Lion Steve Adsmond as Timekeeper for the candidate speeches.

DG Pete Conarty asked for Nominating and Seconding Speeches for the candidates for each office:

For Governor Elect-1st VDG Pam Schroeder

Lion Don Miller, Nominating Speech

IPDG Tim Anderson, Seconding Speech

For 1st VDG Elect-2nd VDG Ron Gibson

PDG John Monahan, Nominating Speech

Lion Steve Adsmond, Seconding Speech

For 2nd VDG Elect:

For Lion Bill Koch

PCC Janalee McClure, Nominating Speech

PDG Bill Simpson, Seconding Speech

For Lion Peggy Walls

PDG Bill Simpson, Nominating Speech

Lion John Hunt, Seconding Speech

For Lions of Michigan Foundation, PDG Bill Simpson

Lion Bruce Fredrick, Nominating Speech

PDG Laura Johnson, Seconding Speech

DG Pete Conarty appointed Lions Steve Adsmund, Jim Warheit, and Bill Simpson as counters and Lions Ray Williams and Tim Anderson as observers.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. to vote, with results to be announced at the Saturday night banquet.

NOTE: DG Pete Conarty announced at the Saturday night banquet the results of the election:

DG Elect-1st VDG Pam Schroeder

1st VDG Elect-2nd VDG Ron Gibson

2nd VDG Elect-Lion Peggy Walls

Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee Elect-PDG Bill Simpson

Constitutional Change involving Camp Tuhsmeheeta: Yes to remove as a District project.

Respectfully submitted,

2nd VDG/Cabinet Secretary Ron Gibson