

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2008
RANKIN CENTER, FSU BIG RAPIDS**

ATTENDING: District Governor Larry Morlock, First Lady Lion Gayle Morlock, VDG Wayne Kreitner, Cabinet Treasurer Kerry McGinley, ZC Lion Laurene Homsher, PDG Jack Burchard, ZC PDG Dick Daniel, Lion Larry Wendt, ZC Lion John Monahan, Lion Larry Alman, Lion Don Veitengruber, PDG John Clemens, Lion Karla Roebuck, PDG Dan Gibbons, ZC Lion Carl Hawkins, Lion Bill Simpson, ZC Lion Tony Rutledge, RC Lion Laura Johnson, Lion Pam Schroeder, Lion Ron Gibson, Lion Anna Hunt, Lion John Hunt, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Lynnwood Mast, ZC PDG Richard Maguire, ZC Timothy Anderson, and PDG Richard Perrin.

Call to order 9:35 AM by DG Larry Morlock

Pledge led by Lion Larry Wendt

Invocation by Lion Don Veitengruber

GOVERNOR'S REMARKS: The Governor reminded everyone that the membership for the District stood at 1397, which isn't many more than what is needed for a District per International, 1250. He asked the members to introduce themselves.

MINUTES of JULY 27, 2008: Motion by Lion McGinley to accept the minutes as presented. Supported by PDG Mast and motion passed. VDG Kreitner read off the list of clubs behind in dues and M-reports. VDG Wayne reports 1402 members as of this morning; discussion followed about PU 101's and M-Reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Kerry McGinley stated he has the bonding through the Schuberg Agency in Big Rapids, and it is for \$50,000.00. Motion to approve the bonding by ZC John Monahan and supported by PDG Mast. Motion passed.

Approval of Bank; which is Chemical Bank West in Big Rapids for the checking and the CD for the Sight and Hearing Account is held at State Farm through Mike Saum, also in Big Rapids. Motion to approve by IPDG Mast and supported by ZC Anderson. Motion passed.

Financial Statement for 2008-09 thru Sept. 7, 2008 shows a balance of \$19,188.48 in the Administrative Account and in the Designated Account a balance of \$24,081.49. Complete report can be found on pages 8 & 9 at the end of these minutes. Motion to accept the report as presented by RC Johnson and supported by ZC Homsher. Motion passed.

By order of the District Governor, examination of the 2007-08 books will be done by PDG's Mast, Maguire and Johnson during the lunch break and report back after lunch.

VDG REPORT: Lion Wayne Kreitner has been visiting clubs and having a great time. His number one goal this year is to cut drops by 50%, and as of now things are not going well. He will be calling all dropped members to see why they have decided to no longer belong to Lions. The first two months of our fiscal year we have recruited 22 new members but we have dropped 24 for a net loss of two. We have to do better. Lion Larry Alman has agreed to assist ZC Lion PDG Maguire for the remainder of the year. Lion Richard is having a few health issues.

REGION REPORTS:

Region I; Chair Lion Connie McMorris: Lion Connie was absent but submitted a written report which was read by VDG Kreitner. The report is on page 10.

Region I Zone 1; Lion PDG Richard Daniel chair: Written report presented and is on page 11.

Region I Zone 2; Lion Bob Gray chair: Absent

Region I Zone 3; Lion Carl Hawkins chair: Lion Carl has visited the Manistee club and reports they are busy and have paid their dues. His club, Kaleva, even assisted them during White Cane Days. They have several CD's for emergencies. Bear Lake Club is very active but still behind in M-Reports. Lion Carl plans on visiting them soon.

Region II; Chair Lion Laura Johnson: So far, Lion Laura has visited the following clubs: Remus, Chippewa Lake and Clare. Remus is having leadership problems. They have not been sending in M-Reports and the King Lion is trying to do both jobs of secretary and treasurer besides his own. Since voting to take in women, the club has shrunk and they have not gotten any women members. Chippewa Lake needs help in getting more members and Laura and Tony are going to go there and see if they can combine several local clubs under the Lions organization. Clare is busy, but they do not read the newsletter and they need new members. Laura plans a Sept. 23rd officers training seminar and hopes for attendance from all clubs. Also a joint fund raising will be held in Ludington with the following clubs; Baldwin, Manistee, Kaleva and Hart. The money raised will be used to purchase eye glasses for the residents of Mason Co.

Region II Zone 1; Lion John Monahan chair: Lion John held training at his house on Saturday for new club leaders, and plans on hosting his first zone meeting Oct. 8th in Clare.

Region II Zone 2; Lion Tony Rutledge chair: Lion Tony has been working with some of his clubs and some are still frustrated with the filing of reports on the Web site and some have not received the password from Lions International or they lost it. Lion Karla said if these clubs would call her she would be more than willing to help them. Lion Tony plans on setting up his first zone meeting soon; sorry it hasn't happened sooner but has been busy with family problems.

Region II Zone 3; Lion Tim Anderson chair: Lion Tim has visited two clubs to date and has his first zone meeting set for the 23rd in Baldwin. As of now all clubs will be represented. His concern, as he visits clubs, is the lack of fun some seem to have. Discussion followed and it was a consensus that the electing of a tail twister is of major importance.

Region III; Chair Lion PDG Lynn Mast: Called on Lion PDG Richard Maguire to give his report first and Lion Laurene to follow. PDG Lynn stated that Lion Lainie has all her zone meetings scheduled and the first is Sept. 29th. She also has one on the 13th of Nov. and the 31st of Mar. The Region training will be held the 16th of Sept. in Six Lakes. Lion Lynn feels the trouble with Sheridan and many clubs in the District having trouble paying their dues is the fact they are not collecting enough from their members. Plans are under way to assist both Howard City and Sand Lake in recruiting new members.

Region III Zone 1: Lion Lainie Niemi chair: Absent

Region III Zone 2: Lion PDG Richard Maguire: Lion Richard reports he is having health problems and Lion Larry Alman is assisting him. Sheridan is having problems paying their dues. Oct. 8th will be the first zone meeting. Plan on visiting all the clubs as they can schedule them. Howard City still having membership problems.

Region III Zone 3: Lion Laurene Homsher: Lion Laurene has been working on trying to restart the Grant Lions Club. Working with her are PDG Lynn, IPDG Bill and the Newaygo Lions Club. She hopes to have the club restarted by the end of the year. Hart and White Cloud are behind in M reports and or dues, but is working on these problems. The number one problem in the zone, as is in all zones, is membership and orientation of new members.

Motion made by Lion McGinley and supported by Lion Monahan to accept reports as given.

CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Pam Schroeder presented her final report for the 2008 District Convention. This report is on page 12. Cabinet gave Lion Pam a big thank you for a job well done. Pam suggested that a late fee will be charged for all Lions that register after the cut off date. A meeting will be set soon with C-1 to plan the 2009 Convention which will be held in Big Rapids. Motion by Lion Kerry McGinley to accept the report as presented. This motion was supported by Lion Richard Maguire and it passed.

District Governor Larry instructed the Audit Committee to examine the Convention books at the same time they examine the District's.

APPRECIATION DINNER: Lion Pam announced that IPDG Bill Raymor' appreciation dinner will be held at Onekama on Sunday Oct. 19th. Cocktails at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00PM. Reservations need to be made by Oct. the 11th. Call Pam at 231-889-4870.

POLICY MANUAL & CONSTITUTION and By-LAWS: Lion PDG Janalee reported that the current Policy Manual will be on line very soon if it isn't already there. Lion Janalee stated that Lions International wants all Districts to use the International Constitution Standard Form. This will replace our District Constitution and By-Laws and the benefit will be that we will not have to change our Constitution every year to coincide with Lions International. The only draw back is the Article in our Constitution that deals with the dues. This can be addressed by a section in our Policy Manual that only can be changed by a vote of the delegation at the District Convention. Lion Janalee will have the proposed new Constitution placed on our Web Site so we can look at it and we will

discuss it again at our next Cabinet Meeting. Motion to accept the report by Lion Monahan and supported by Lion Homsher. Motion accepted.

Lunch 12:10

Meeting called back to order at 1:00 PM

MERLO Chair PDG Janalee McClure: Lion Janalee presented a written report, page 13 & 14) and asked her committee to report, starting with **Women's Development** under the leadership of Lion Laura Johnson; Lion Laura presented a report which is on page 15. **Membership** by PDG Richard Maguire: Lion IPDG Cobbler is going to be available from Lions International to assist the Districts in Growth. You have to work at getting new members; try and get the new members enthused about Lions, if you can get them involved they will bring in new members. Don't be afraid to invite some one to join your club. The program this year is for every club to increase membership by one member. **Extension** PDG Harry Johnson working at getting a new club in Marion, rebuilding Ludington, Grant and Reed City. Maybe Blanchard would be possible. Lion Janalee suggested that if you need help in **Orientation** you contact Lion Dave Rowe. Lion Dave will go to Zone meetings and/or visit your club. **Leadership** chair Lion George Whyte was in a serious accident and currently unable to do his job so all other members of Merlo will assist in **Leadership**. Don't forget the **Leadership** school in Higgins Lake the middle of Nov. Get some one to sign up from your club now. **Retention** VDG Wayne Kreitner: Lion Wayne will check each club's record over the past 5 years and will report to each club on his visits on how many members they have lost. Lion Wayne thanked Janalee for stepping in and taking the chair of the MERLO Team.

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II; PDG Lion Richard Daniel chair: CSFII reached its goal of 200 million dollars. District 11-E1 raised approx. \$50,000.00 from 87% of its clubs. Leading clubs donation wise were Kaleva, Greenville, Big Rapids, Lakeview, Northport and honorable mention to Cedar-Maple City. Full report will be in our next news letter.

AUDIT COMMITTEE; The committee examined the books for the treasurer and the books for the convention and reported everything was done in proper manor. Motion by PDG Daniel to accept the report and supported by RC Laura Johnson. Motion passed, and the Governor thanked the committee for their work.

MICH. LIONS FOUNDATION; Lion Kerry McGinley thanked everyone for voting the Foundation as a state project. Lion Kerry and Bill would be willing to come to your club for a presentation. At the last grant committee meeting, two requests for funding came from our District and they were both declined due to various reasons. Lion Kerry will be putting on a presentation at the fall conference. Lion Karla suggested that the address for the state projects be placed on the state's Web Site.

DISTRICT YOUTH COORDINATOR: Lion Laurene Homsher asked PDG Janalee McClure to give a report on **Youth Exchange**. Lion Janalee reports that the first meeting will be next Saturday and will give a report at our next meeting. **Youth Quest** chair PDG

Harry Johnson stated his meeting will be held at the USA Canada Forum and he will report at our next meeting. **Peace Poster** chair PDG Stan Preshaw is absent but he called the VDG and reports only one club, his, in the District is active this year. He urges everyone to act now. Lion Laurene spoke about **LEO'S and the All State Band**. Her first LEO committee meeting is coming up Saturday and they already have 5 clubs being chartered in the State. Two of these clubs will be in our District. Most important thing in charting a LEO club is getting the advisor first. The All State Band meeting is coming up, but Lion Laurene has a scheduling problem and will miss it. She will try and get someone to go for her. More on the band at our next meeting.

BEAR LAKE CAMP: PDG John Clemens reports that the committee meeting has not been held yet but it is coming soon. One thing that is coming up is a proposed state wide raffle to raise money for the camp. He is not in favor of this at this time as how many raffle's are there going to be. Bear Lake Camp is the only camp owned and operated by the Lions.

CAMP TUHSMEHETA: Lion Larry Alman presented a written report and it can be found on pages 16 & 17.

CREDENTIALS & HEARING: Lion Gayle Morlock will have credential forms in the January Newsletter. Her first hearing meeting was yesterday at the state office in Lansing. One of the things they worked on was updating the brochure. There will be articles in the Nov. issue of the Lions Pride on hearing. Hearing aid assistance is still being run through the Mich. Foundation. Any questions, please call Lion Gayle. Her next committee meeting will be Nov. 1st.

DIABETES: PDG Richard Daniel presented a written report on page 18. Lion Mast suggested that maybe we could have a testing at our next District Convention. It could be money well spent if we find just one person.

DISTRICT EDITOR: Lion Larry Alman presented a written report and it is on page 19.

DISTRICT PIN: Lion John Hunt left early but the District Pins are in and all zone and region chairs should have some.

ELECTIONS & REDISTRICTING: Lion PDG Richard Perrin presented written report and it is on page 20.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Lion Karla Roebuck presented a written report and it is on page 21.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, LIASON, MI. FORUM, & USA/CANADA FORUM: PDG Janalee McClure has a written report for all and they can be found on pages 22 & 23.

LEADER DOG: Lion Jane Jibson was absent but submitted a written report on page 24.

LIONESSE & LCIF: PDG Jack Burchard reported that only 14 clubs in the district did not give to LCIF last year, and he will contact them to see if he can get a donation this year. He will contact Lioness Clubs and see what kind of problems they are having.

MICHIGAN EYE BANK: PDG Lynn Mast recently attended meeting of the Eye Bank Committee, and the Eye Bank has come up with a new 9 minute video that he will be glad to present to the clubs. His goal is to present it to every club over the next 18 months. He also learned that the Eye Bank will be asking for donations to help finish paying off the new office.

MULTIPLE 10/11 CONVENTION: Lion Pam Schroeder; Convention will be held May15-16 2009 at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. The next meeting will be Sept. 27th.

NOMINATIONS: PDG Irwin Beck is the chair but not present today so PDG Daniel announced the following candidates; Lion Wayne Kreitner for District Governor from the Greenville Club and two Lions running for VDG; Lion Laurene Homsher from Fremont and Lion Laura Johnson from the Baldwin Lions Club. The nominations chair certifies these candidates meet all requirements. There may be more Lions running but these are the only letters received.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT: PDG Stan Preshaw is absent today but the program is going well, and if you need film you have to call the Director in Detroit. PDG Harry Johnson will get the number and have it published in the newsletter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICATION ADVISORY: VDG Wayne Kreitner: Lions International has changed the Lions Logo, redesigned the Vests and the billboards. If you know of a vacant billboard please contact Wayne and he will try and get a Lions sign up. There also tapes for the local radio stations and cable/tv stations. The Lions Pride magazine is doing fine this year but advertising is down.

WELCOME HOMES: PDG Stan Preshaw is absent but relayed to the VDG that everything is running the same as last year and he would be attending the next meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Lion Larry Wendt: No report

STRATEGIC PLANNING: PDG Lynn Mast: No Report

WHITE CANE: Lion Bill Simpson: White Cane Week for 2009 will be April 24th thru May 2nd. The committee is looking at changing the scholarship for the legally blind that they give once a year. This scholarship is for \$3000.00 and applications must be in by

the 31st of Dec. The metal canes will no longer be able to be purchased after the present supply is exhausted.

FINAL REMARKS BY THE GOVERNOR: Governor reminded every one about the Fall Conf. on the 27th of Sept.

Motion to adjourn by Lion Homsher and supported by PDG Mast. Motion passed.
3:25PM

Respectfully submitted by
Lion Jim Chipman, Cabinet Secretary
Special thanks to Lion Kerry for helping me.