

District 11e-1 Cabinet Meeting, January 17, 2015
Blue Lake Tavern
9965 11 Mile Rd. Mecosta, Mi. 49332, M-20
Minutes

Attendance: DG Pete Conarty, Midland; 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, Onekama; Lion Bernie Baldwin, Weidman; PDG Bill Simpson, Big Rapids; PDG Bill Raymor, Harrison; Lion Jane Raymor, Harrison; PDG James Walls, Stanwood; Lion Bill Koch, White Cloud; PDG Dan Gibbons, Onekama; PCC Dick Perrin, Big Rapids; Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood; Lion Sheila Ferrel, Mesick; IPDG Tim Anderson, Cadillac; PDG Lynn Mast, Fremont; PCC Janalee McClure, White Cloud; Lion Lester McClure, White Cloud; Lion Steve Adsmond, Fremont; PDG Laura Johnson, Baldwin; PDG Harry Johnson, Baldwin; Lion Bruce Fredrick, Big Rapids; Lion Jackie Glazier, Empire; PDG John Monahan, Mt. Pleasant; Lion Ron Gibson, Fremont.

9:30-Call To Order, DG Pete Conarty

 Pledge, PDG Dan Gibbons

 Invocation, PDG Bill Raymor

Minutes Of October 11, 2014 District Cabinet Meeting. **Motion** To Approve As Written By PDG Dan Gibbons, Seconded By IPDG Tim Anderson. Motion Carried.

Approval Of Agenda-One Addition Was A Report On LCIF Emergency Report, To Be Given By IPDG Tim Anderson. **Motion** By 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, Seconded By Lion Peggy Walls. Motion Carried.

Special Election For 2nd Vice District Governor, Conducted By DG Pete Conarty. Lion Ron Gibson Of Fremont Lions Club Was **Placed In Nomination** By PDG John Monahan, Seconded By PDG Jim Walls And Ballots Were Distributed To Eligible Voters Who Had Signed In Separately. They Were: DG Pete Conarty, Midland, 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, Onekama, PDG Bill Simpson, Big Rapids, PDG James Walls, Stanwood, PCC Richard Perrin, Big Rapids, Zone Chair Peggy Walls, Stanwood, Zone Chair Sheila Ferrel, Mesick, PDG Dan Gibbons, Onekama, IPDG Tim Anderson, Cadillac, PCC Janalee McClure, White Cloud, PDG Laura Johnson, Baldwin, PDG Harry Johnson, Baldwin, PDG Lynn Mast, Fremont, PDG John Monahan, Mt. Pleasant, PDG Bill Raymor, Harrison, Cabinet Secretary Lion Ron Gibson, Fremont. 16 People Voted, Lion Ron Gibson Was Elected To Fill The Position Of 2nd Vice District Governor For The Remainder Of 2014-2015.

DG Opening Remarks, Pete Conarty. Thank You To The Cabinet For Their Support Of Him These Last Six Months. His Team Is Very Important To Him. The District Almost Lost A Club For Non Payment Of Dues. The Six Lakes Club Is Still Dealing With A Taxation Issue Involving The Use Of Their Meeting Locale And The Church Is Hiring An Attorney To Resolve The Issue. A Membership Issue In A Club Involving A Male And Female Has Been Resolved. A Marijuana Issue Involving A Club And A Local Election Was Brought To Light And Taken Care Of. All Zones Are Holding Regular Meetings And Will Meet At Least 3 Times This Year. The Zones Are Getting Stronger Thanks To The Efforts Of The Zone Chairs. Our Average 5 Year Membership Loss In The District Is 150 Per Year. We Should All Do Our Best To Help Retain Our Members. We Have 50 New Members In The District So Far This Year. Frankfort Is Starting To Grow, And Traverse City Is Now Meeting At The Elks Club. For This Year's District Convention, PCC Janalee McClure Is Taking Over As Credentials Chair.

1st VDG Pam Schroeder- Please Make Sure That Notification Is Sent Out Right Away If There Is A Death Of Someone In The District. We Need To Know In Order To Offer Support And Condolences To The Family(S). She Is Presently Working On The New Roster Book And Has Numerous Positions To Fill. She Is Looking For 5 Zone Chairs For Next Year And Has Other Committee Chair Positions To Fill. Some May Have Co-Chairs So Please Help Her Fill Them. If You Have People From Your Club Or Zone Who Might Fill One Of These Positions, Please Let Her Know.

2nd VDG Elect Ron Gibson Offered His Thanks For The Support Of The Cabinet And Voting Members And For The Mentoring And Teaching That Has Been Passed On To Him.

Treasurer's Report- Lion Kay Brandt Was Absent So Report Was Presented By 1st VDG Pam Schroeder. (See Attachment) PCC Janalee McClure **Moved** To Accept The Report For Audit Purposes, Seconded By PDG Dan Gibbons. The Motion Was Approved.

Cabinet Secretary Gibson Read A Letter Received From Lion Betty Cramer Of The Honor Lions Club Regarding Lion Connie McMorris. "Our Loss Of Lion Connie Is Still Being Felt By All Of Us At The Club. Connie Did So Much For Our Club That We Are Finding It Difficult To Fill All Of Her Positions. Her Passing Was So Swift That Some Members Who Were Away For The Winter Months Were In Disbelief. However, We Are A Club Of Great Resilience Who Will Come Together To Get The Job Done For The Coming Summer Season To Make Connie Proud Of Us".

GLT Report, PDG John Monahan- So Far, Only One Club, Mesick, Has Requested The Cep Lite. PDG Jim Walls Added That The Stanwood Club Has Recently Completed The Cep Lite. PDGs Harry And Laura Johnson Have Completed The Process For Renewing Their Guiding Lion Certification. Lion Jackie Glazier Has The Materials And Is Working Towards Becoming A Certified Guiding Lion.

GMT Report, PDG Jim Walls- The Attached Handout Encourages Various Activities By Clubs And Individuals. He Also Wants To Stress Watching Clubs Who's Membership Falls Below 15, As They Need Special Attention. He Is Pushing For New Members And Encourages Each Of Us To Do The Same.

Extension, PDG Harry Johnson- Campus Clubs Are Still Needed. Ludington Needs To Be Canvassed Again And He Has A Sign Up Sheet For Volunteers Who Can Assist. A Suggestion Was Made To Explore Suttons Bay And He Will Look Into It. Winter Weather Does Hamper Some Of This.

Retention, PDG Lynn Mast- Is Working With Clubs And Zones On Using And Developing Stronger Methods To Keep Members Involved And Get Newer Members To Feel Valued And Trained.

Zone Chairs:

1. Region 1, Zone 1- All Club Visitations Were Done By Lion Connie McMorris Prior To Her Passing. The Next Zone Meeting Will Be January 29 In Traverse City And Will Be Conducted By 2nd VDG Ron Gibson.
2. Region 1, Zone 2- Lion Sheila Ferrel. The Zone Had A Well Attended Christmas Party In Kaleva And Will Have Its Next Zone Meeting January 28th At The Mesick Lions Den.
3. Region 2, Zone 1- Lion Diane Fleming. The Next Zone Meeting Will Be January 28 At The Doherty Hotel In Clare. The Speaker Will Be Ms. Lois Arnold, President And CEO Of Special Olympics, Which Will Be Held This Summer At Central Michigan University. Lions Are Needed For Opening Eyes Screening Of The Athletes. Clubs Will Have The Opportunity To Share What Is Happening With Fundraising, Membership, Etc.
4. Region 2, Zone 2- Lion Peggy Walls. All Clubs Have Been Visited And Are Enthusiastic About Their Activities. Big Rapids Will Now Hold Their Second Meeting Of The Month At Noon, Still At Falcon Head Golf Course. Chippewa Lake-Mecosta's Second Meeting Of The Month Will Be At

New Hope United Methodist Church in Mecosta. Lakeview Will Host The Next Zone Meeting January 28 At McKenna's Restaurant In Lakeview.

5. Region 2, Zone 3- PDG Dan Gibbons. Two Clubs Have Been Visited With Three More To Schedule. His Next Zone Meeting Will Be February 16.

6., Region 3, Zone 1- Lion Debbie Kreitner. No Report.

7. Region 3, Zone 2- PCC Janalee McClure. See Attached Report.

Old Business:

1. District Float, PCC Janalee McClure. **Motion** Made By PCC Janalee McClure, Seconded By 1st VDG Pam Schroeder, To Have Added To The District Policy Manual, Section 13 District Property, A New Sentence Labeled 1. Howard City Lions, Builder Of The Float, And Luther Lions, Storage Provider For The Float Are Able To Schedule And Use The Float Once Every Year, Without Cost, In Perpetuity, Howard City Lions For The 3rd Saturday In September And The Luther Lions The Saturday Of Memorial Day Weekend. The Motion Carried.

2. \$30.00 Membership Incentive, DG Pete Conarty. The Governor Reviewed The Job Of The Cabinet Secretary Based On Robert's Rules Of Order, To Properly Record All Motions. The Governor Reviewed What Had Been Discussed At The July, 2012 Cabinet Meeting And The Wording Of The Motion. He Also Indicated In His Review That Neither The 2012-13 Or 2013-14 \$\$30.00 Rebate Motion Indicated A Time Frame In Which The Reports Had To Be Made. Only A Time Frame For The Membership Count. He Also Referred To The Motion In The October 11, 2014 Cabinet Meeting Minutes. A Discussion Was Held On Where The Money Was To Come From To Pay The Membership Incentive. 1VDG Pam Schroeder Stated That It Came Out Of Membership Initiative. It Was Discussed That This Year's BuDGet Has \$500.00 From Membership Initiative And \$1000.00 From Us/Canada Forum Which Was Unused And Would Be Enough To Pay To Those Clubs Making Claim. PCC Janalee Suggested We Adhere To LCI Rules. Lion Peggy Walls Suggested That Motions Need To Be Better Clarified. Lion Peggy Walls Made A **Motion** That If There Is Money Available To Pay These Membership Incentives, Then The District Should Honor Those Clubs Requesting It. There Was No Second And The Motion Died.

3. District Raffle-2nd VDG Ron Gibson. A Possible Raffle For The District Was Discussed As Well As State Licensing Requirements. This Would Be For The District Convention Committee To Use For Future Fundraisers. It Was Suggested That Something Must Be Done Or Else There Will Need To Be A District Dues Increase. If That Were Needed, All Members Should Share In The Cost, Not Just Those Who Attend The Convention. The License Can Be Used For A District Project Or At The Convention. IPDG Tim Anderson **Moved** And PDG Dan Gibbons Seconded A Motion To Have Lion Gibson Explore The Costs And Application Procedure For A General License For The District And To Bring That Information To The March Cabinet Meeting. Motion Carried.

4. District Convention-1st VDG Pam Schroeder. The Convention Committee Has Decided Not To Raise Money By Selling Advertising Space. We Need To Stress Auction Items In Our Clubs And Zones. There Will Again Be Free Registration For New Members And Free Saturday Luncheon For New Members, So They Can Be Inducted. There Will Be Car Races On Saturday Afternoon, Which Will Add Fun To The Event. There Will Be One Hospitality Suite For 11e-1, Possibly The Presidential Suite. It Was Also Agreed That Registration And Saturday Lunch Should Also Be Free For Lions Bob And Karla Roebuck Since They Will Be Doing Training All Day. **Motion** Made By 1VDG Pam Schroeder To Approve The Convention Budget, Seconded By IPDG Tim Anderson(Convention Budget Is An Attachment). Motion Carried.

5. USA/Canada Forum. Brochures Were Passed Out And A Reminder Given That Hundreds Of Volunteers Are Needed For Various Tasks. Please Promote This In Your Clubs And Zones.

6. District Pin Recycle Program, PDG Jim Walls. He Reminded Us Of How The Program Works And That Money Collected Will Benefit The District. An Initial \$20.00 Has Been Collected And Turned Over To The District Treasurer.

7. LCIF Emergency Relief Grant, IPDG Tim Anderson. He Reviewed The Funding Received By The District (Report Attached) And Shared The Process For Returning The Unused Amount To LCIF. A Total Of \$18,500.00 Was Awarded The District, With \$6199.44 Being Used, Resulting In \$12,300.56 To Be Returned. PDG Dan Gibbons **Moved** To Approve The Report And Have The Unused Funds Returned To LCIF. Lion Peggy Walls Seconded The Motion, Which Was Approved. PDG Bill Simpson Suggested A Formal Acknowledgement Of Lion Anderson's Work In This Area, With Thanks To Lion Bill Koch And PDG Larry Morlock For The Work Done In Their Respective Counties, The Two Most Affected By The Flooding.

New Business:

1. 2016 Convention Sites, 1st VDG Pam Schroeder. 11e-1 Will Be By Themselves At This Convention. The Doherty Hotel In Clare Has Rooms Ranging From \$83.00 To \$117.00. The Quality Inn In West Branch Has Rooms At \$85.00. It Was Suggested That We Look At Traverse City Again Because It Is Such An Attractive Venue. **Motion** Made By IPDG Tim Anderson, Seconded By PDG Dan Gibbons, To Explore Further Options And Report Back At March Cabinet Meeting.

2. 2nd Half Of Year Dues, 2nd VDG/Secretary Ron Gibson. Dues Statements For District And State Will Be Prepared And Sent Out In The Near Future.

3. New Recording Equipment For Cabinet Secretary, 2nd VDG/Secretary Ron Gibson. Current Equipment Is In Need Of Updating. He Will Explore Options And Report On Findings At March Cabinet Meeting.

4. Constitutional Changes, PCC Janalee McClure. First(See Attachment), **Motion** By McClure, Seconded By Anderson, For Final Vote At District Convention In Traverse City March 28, 2015, to remove Camp Tuhsmeheeta, with the programs, under the direction of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, Inc. as a District Project. Motion Approved. **Motion #2**, Made By McClure And Seconded By Gibbons (See Attachment) To Automatically Update Changes To District Constitution To Follow Lions International Constitution. Motion Carried.

12:00- Recess For Lunch

12:50- Reconvene The Meeting

The Governor Thanked IPDG Tim Anderson For His Use Of The Heart Of A Lion Award And How Well Received It Was By The Clubs.

Awards Presented By The Governor.

The Following Awards Were Presented:

1. Membership Satisfaction For 2013-2014 For Meeting Membership Goal, To The Onekama Lions Club
2. Extension Award For New Clubs In 2013-2014, PDG Harry Johnson, Baldwin
3. 2013-2014 Outstanding Zone Chair, Lion Bill Koch, White Cloud
4. 2013-2014 Zone Chair Excellence, Lion Bernie Baldwin, Weidman
5. 2013-2014 Club President Excellence Awards, Lion Bill Koch, White Cloud & Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood
6. 2013-2014 District Team Excellence Award, IPDG Tim Anderson, Cadillac, For District Team.

Our Tail Twister Lightened Our Wallets And Taxed Our Memories On Lions Trivia From The Early Days Of Lionism.

2014-2015 Presidential Zone Chair Awards Were Presented For The First 6 Months To PCC Janalee McClure And Lion Peggy Walls With Recognition Also Given To Our Late Friend Lion Connie McMorris.

2nd VDG Patch, And Pin, By Governor Pete Conarty. Newly Elected 2nd VDG Ron Gibson Was Presented With The Patch And Pin and Instructions On How To Affix It And When To Wear It.

District Chairperson Reports, Presided Over By 1VDG Pam Schroeder:

LCI Centennial, IPDG Tim Anderson. The Buildup Continues For The 100th Anniversary In 2017. So Far, 17 Clubs In The District Have Completed Project Reports.

Constitution And Bylaws, Previously Reported On.

District Convention, Previously Reported On.

Credentials, Previously Reported On.

Diabetes/Sight Conservation, No Report.

District Pins, Previously Reported On.

District Newsletter, DG Pete Conarty. He Is Looking For Information From Clubs That Have Not Yet Been Highlighted, Along With Photos Of Club Activities.

Elections And Nominations, PCC Richard Perrin. The Following Have Submitted Letters Of Nomination For The 2015-2016 Year:

District Governor -Elect: Lion Pam Schroeder, Onekama Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor - Elect: Lion Ron Gibson, Fremont Lions Club

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

2nd Vice District Governor- Elect: Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood Lions Club

Lions Of Michigan Foundation Trustee: PDG Bill Simpson, Big Rapids Lions Club

Float Trailer, PDG Laura Johnson. Ten Clubs Have Used The Trailer This Year, Compared To Fourteen Last Year. A Promotional Letter Is Going Out To All The Clubs.

Guiding Lions:

1. Crossroads, PCC Richard Perrin And PDG Bill Simpson. The Club Now Has 15 Members And Is Having A Recruitment Day To Encourage Members To Bring A Prospective New Member. PDG Karen Routson Will Be Speaking To The Club February 10. Two Kid Sight Screenings Have Been Attempted, With One Screening About 20 Children. They Have Had An Eyeglass Collection And Had A Concession Stand For An Outdoor Music Concert.

2. Kingsley, IPDG Tim Anderson. Lion Connie McMorris Did A Great Job. The Club Has 20 Members With 2 New Ones Pending. They Will Be Adding A Car Show Project In The Fall.

Hearing And Speech (Report From Lion Debra Wall). There Have Been 14 Requests For Hearing Aids With 4 Applications Received And 4 Applicants Receiving Assistance. She Hopes To Work With Central Michigan University To Test Individuals In The Community. She Would Also Like To Receive Old Hearing Aids To Be Used For People Who Might Not Otherwise Qualify For Assistance.

Honorary, No Report.

It/Public Relations, No Report

Leos, No Report

Lions Liaison, No Report

Lion Alert, Lion Bill Koch. Information Was Shared On How To Get Assistance In Your County. (See Attachment). If Help Is Needed, Contact District Governor.

LCIF, No Report

Lions Of Michigan Foundation, PDG Bill Simpson And 2nd VDG Ron Gibson. The New Challenge Coins, To Support Military Veterans In Need Of Assistance, Are Now For Sale. The Cost Is \$5.00 Each And It Is Suggested You Sell Them For \$10.00 To Raise Money For Your Club. The Sight And Hearing Sweepstakes Are On Sale Now And Clubs Should Have Received Theirs. Each Ticket Is \$10.00 And Clubs Can Make Money Based On How Many They Sell.

Lions Quest, PDG Harry Johnson. No Clubs In The District Are Participating And He Would Like To Come Out And Speak. The Program Is Designed For Children Grades K-12.

Past District Governors Association, No Report.

Peace Poster, Lion Jackie Glazier. 7 Clubs Participated This Year With The Winning Entry Coming From Big Rapids. The 2015-2016 Theme Is Share Peace And Kits Are Available For \$11.95 + Shipping And Handling And Tax. All Rules And Information Can Be Found On The LCI Website.

KIDSIGHT, IPDG Tim Anderson. The East Side Of Our District Has Not Been Trained (Certified) On The Use Of The Camera. It Was Damaged When Sent In For Updates And Repairs Will Be \$556.00. The Foundation Bought The District Three New Printers, Which Are Much Faster. PDG Dan Gibbons Camera Is In For Updates And When It Comes Back, Lion Bill Koch Will Send His In For Updates. Welch Allen Has Replaced PediaVision On The Cameras, Which Will Be Calibrated For Michigan. Four New People Have Been Trained On The Cameras. There Is Still A \$1.00 Fee Per Child For Screening And That Money Goes To The District. The District Will Need To Have Money Available For Up Front Maintenance Costs. Proper Records Of Screening Must Be Kept. New Tents Are Being Made For Each District And Will Be Available This Summer.

Roster Book Being Put Together By 1st VDG Pam Schroeder.

Strategic Planning, Lion Bernie Baldwin. A Written Report Was Submitted (See Attached) And Highlighted. PDG Was The Last Person To Develop A Strategic Plan. PDG Bill Simpson Suggested The Need For Redistricting And For Developing Future Leaders. Lion Bernie Asked For Us To Review The Report And Provide Feedback So That He Might Move Forward.

Svosh, No Report

White Cane, No Report. Supplies Can Be Picked Up At Michigan Forum But Must Be Ordered In Advance.

Youth Exchange. Michigan Lions Will Be Looking For Homes For Students Coming This Summer. There Will Be Two From Germany, One From Italy, And Two From Japan. Lion Edye Mccarty Will Provide Updated Information To Each Club Once She Receives It.

State Projects:

Allstate Band. There Are Nine Students From The District Who Would Like To Go And Will Be Requesting Assistance From Clubs.

Bear Lake Camp. Concerns That Bear Lake Is Not Communicating Well To Districts.

Leader Dogs. No Report As Lions Pam Blizzard And Ron Sharp Were At A Leader Dog Meeting.

Michigan Eye Bank, PDG Lynn Mast And PDG Bill Simpson. A New Name Is In The Works And Must Be Approved By Council Of Governors. Donations Are Up A Little This Year With The Goal Being To Have 100% Club Participation. Ten Clubs In The District Qualify For One Of The Two Humanitarian Awards The Eye Bank Offers. Donor Registry Is Way Up, With 50% Now On The State Registry List.

Multiple District Committees:

International Convention, PDG Harry Johnson. This Year's Is In Hawaii, With The Parade 6/27 And Michigan Night 6/28.

Michigan Forum, PCC Richard Perrin. This Year's Forum Is February 27-28 At The Causeway Bay Hotel, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing. There Is A Hospitality Room Friday And Four Breakout Sessions On Saturday. The Keynote Speaker Saturday Will Be Miss Michigan 2014, K T Maviglia, Whose Platform Is "Listen Up: Advocating For Those With Hearing Disabilities".

Governor's Closing Remarks. The Governor Reminded Us That His Job Is To Improve The District. He Asked Us To Continue Doing The Good Work We Have Done So Far And To Keep Him Informed On What's Going On.

Meeting Adjourned At 2:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cabinet Secretary/2nd VDG Ron Gibson