
Subject: Unapproved Minutes of 7/25/2014 District 11E-1 Cabinet Meeting

Unapproved Minutes, July 25, 2014 District 11E-1
Cabinet Meeting, Harrison Lions Den, Harrison, Mi.

Attendance(based on those who signed in): DG Lion Pete Conarty, 1st VDG Lion Pam Schroeder, Treasurer, Lion Kay Brandt, Secretary Lion Ron Gibson, PDG Lion Dan Gibbons, Lion Bill Koch, Lion Jackie Koch, PDG Lion Jerry Brandt, PDG Lion Larry Morlock, Lion Gayle Morlock, Lion Connie McMorris, Lion Jackie Glazier, Lion Sheila Ferrell, Lion Marion Walker, Lion Peggy Walls, PDG Lion Jim Walls, PDG Lion Laura Johnson, PDG Lion Harry Johnson, PDG Lion Lynn Mast, PDG Lion Bill Simpson, Vickie Simpson, PDG Lion John Monahan, IPDG Lion Tim Anderson, Lion Steve Adsmond. 6 p.m., call to order by Governor Pete Conarty Adjourn for dinner, prepared by Harrison Lioness Club 6:45p.m., reconvene the Cabinet Pledge of Allegiance Invocation Induction of 2014-2015 Officers, done by PDG Lion Bill Simpson: Zone Chairs(present) PDG Lion Dan Gibbons, Lion Peggy Walls, Lion Connie McMorris, Lion Sheila Ferrell; GMT District Coordinator PDG Lion Jim Walls, GLT District Coordinator PDG Lion John Monahan, Extension Chairman, PDG Lion Harry Johnson, IPDG Lion Tim Anderson, Treasurer Lion Kay Brandt, Secretary Lion Ron Gibson, 1st VDG Lion Pam Schroeder, DG Lion Pete Conarty.

DG Lion Pete Conarty's Remarks: information was shared about the loss of the Sanford club and the six month timeframe to try and revive it. There have already been 3 deaths in the District sine July 1. The current membership is 1233. Our District lost 166 members last year. The theme on the Governor's pin is "Lions Make a Difference". LCI has 1.35 million members in 46,000 clubs worldwide. Leading up to the Lions centennial year of 2017, the goal is for clubs to do 100 million activities, with the focus being on food, vision, youth, and ecology. All clubs will be asked to report on their activities. Retention of members will be heavily emphacized this year with a goal of a 20% reduction in drops. Unfortunately, there have been 37 drops already, since 7/1/2014. It is important for clubs who have not already done so to participate in the Club Excellence Program. There are 2 versions they can do. Priority Clubs, or "at risk clubs" can receive help from the District, from Guiding Lions, and from non-certified long term Lions. Governor Pete's goal is to bring in 130 new members this year. He will prepare a gourmet meal, at his expense, for the club that brings in the most new members. It is hoped that new clubs will be formed in Scottville and at Ferris State University. The goal is to reinstate Sanford and the District has one year to do it. More Leo and Cub clubs are needed. Another goal is to hold a Leadership Conference, hopefully in October, with leaders from all clubs represented, sharing ideas and goals. More Guiding Lions need to be trained and certified. The District now only has nine. Social media is very important. Get as much information as possible to club members and send articles about club activities to District Nwsletter editor, Lion Debbie Kreitner. Our next District Convention will be 3/27-3/29, 2015 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. We will be with District 11C-1 again this year. The keynote speaker will be International Director Lion Kembra Smith from Georgia. Additional fun activities are being explored for Friday afternoon and Sunday, following the Memorial Service. Zone meetings are already being scheduled and attendance by club presidents and secretaries is critical.

3/21/14 District Cabinet meeting minutes were accepted.

6/18/14 Special Cabinet meeting minutes were accepted. Lion Mike Howard came home yesterday, 7/24/14, from a rehabilitation center and Sue is optimistic about his recovery. Governor Pete is asking Lion Ron Gibson to assist 1st VDG Pam as needed.

2013-2014 Treasurer's report was reviewed by 1st VDG Lion Pam Schroeder, who recommended that \$400.00 for the District pin expense be moved to the new budget as pins had not been received or paid for. Motion by IPDG Tim, seconded by 1st VDG Pam. Approved. Audit to be conducted by PDGs Simpson, Monahan, and Walls.

2014-2015 budget was presented by Lion Kay Brandt and approved.

IPDG Tim Anderson spoke about the purple membership ribbons that members should wear until they bring in a new member. At that time they receive a gold ribbon to wear on their Lions pin and give the purple ribbon to the new member to wear. Failure to wear your purple ribbon at your club meeting is a fineable offense by the tail twister. Also, a new recruiting brochure for potential new members is being prepared and can be given out to parents at Kid Sight screenings.

Governor Pete, additional comments: theme this year is "Be Bold-Be a Lion". This will be on a pin. Governor Pete has the Sanford Club charter. LCI has said no dues should be collected from Sanford. The Governor would like to have the District float in the Sanford Days Parade Sept. 6. Sanford has transferred 2 members to the Coleman Club.

GLT report, PDG Lion John Monahan. Leadership development in clubs and in the District is important. Each club will be asked to nominate 3 potential leaders and pass those names on to the District. There is a goal of getting 5 new Certified Guiding Lions, but that may not be enough.

GMT report, PDG Lion Jim Walls. He stressed the importance of club membership, getting new and retaining existing ones. He also stressed the importance of keeping your word, by following through on what you said you'd do.

Audit of 2013-2014. The audit team reported that the books are in good shape and the financial statement was approved. Prior to this 1st VDG Lion Pam Schroeder reported that the money left over from this spring's disaster in Newaygo and Osceola Counties would be returned to LCI. IPDG Lion Tim Anderson is working on finalizing the costs of this project.

Lion Alert, Lion Bill Koch. A report was given on efforts in Newaygo County with dumpsters to aid residents following the spring flooding. Propane tanks were taken care of by the county. He also reminded us that more publicity is needed to let the public know how Lions help.

1st VDG Lion Pam Schroeder. She would like to do service projects with clubs and will do them on a first come, first serve basis. She reminded us that this year's USA/Canada forum will be held 9/11-9/13 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This year's Fall Conference will be 9/20 at the Harrison Lions Den. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$7.00. Flyers were passed out.

District Convention questionnaires were explained and all club members are asked to participate.

Zone Chair reports. 1, Lion Connie McMorris reported that a tentative schedule had been given out. Kingsley had a Kid Sight screening and Lion Bill Koch found one boy badly in need of follow-up. The N.W. Michigan Fair will have Kid Sight screening and a donor registry. 2, Lion Peggy Walls has talked to club presidents and her first zone meeting will be 8/18. This will be in conjunction with the Stanwood club's annual picnic and it's naming of its Citizen of the Year. She is encouraging more interaction between clubs. 3, Lion Sheila Ferrell is in the early stages of organizing zone meetings and club visits. 4, PDG Lion Dan Gibbons is working on organizing his first zone meeting.

Health Concerns: Governor Pete mentioned that PDG Lion Wayne Kreitner has been diagnosed with cancer and will soon begin chemotherapy. Lion Lester McClure collapsed at home and PDG Lion Janalee McClure has taken him to the hospital for tests. The Memorial Service for Lion Carl Hawkins, a celebration of his life, will be 7/26 at the Big Bear Sportsmens Club.

Convention Report, PDG Lion Jerry Brandt. The 2013-2014 convention had 19 clubs represented. Of 117 possible delegates, only 55 were at the convention. \$713.00 was raised at the silent auction and each District will get half. An 8/18 meeting is scheduled in Traverse City with Governor Pete and the Traverse City Lions Club to get suggestions for possible activities for the 2014-2015 Convention.

Old Business- monetary incentives to clubs were originally started 2 years ago, paying \$30.00 to clubs for new members. For 2013-2014, \$540.00 was given to clubs. Lion Peggy Walls moved and Lion Kay Brandt seconded to have the \$30.00 incentive for new members dropped. The motion passed and the incentive is eliminated. Concerns were also raised about the \$30.00 charter club induction fee being paid by the District. The District paid approximately \$1500.00 in 2013-2014, from discretionary funds, for the 2 new clubs. Motion made by IPDG Anderson, seconded, by Lion McMorris, to have District pay only \$15.00 of the \$30.00 charter club member induction fee, with the money to come out of discretionary funds. Motion carried.

New Business- future Cabinet meetings will be Saturday, October 11, 2014, at Community Building in Mesick, and Saturday, January 17, 2015, at Blue Lake Tavern in Mecosta. Additional information can be found in the roster book. PNC Bank was approved as the District bank of record. A possible District fundraiser was mentioned and ideas are to be brought to the October Cabinet meeting. For the 2014-2015 District Convention, Lion Connie McMorris moved, Lion Kay Brandt seconded, to print up to 400 tickets to be sold at \$2.00 apiece, for 2 nights at the Park Place during the convention. The drawing will be held in January and costs will be taken out of the convention fund. Motion approved. Also, a motion was made by PDG Lion Dan Gibbons, seconded by Lion Kay Brandt, to have Lion Connie McMorris' zone explore selling ads for the convention and to do this in conjunction with District 11C-1, with revenues being split on a pro-rata basis. Motion approved. Also, the 2014-2015 convention might have a Pinewood Car Derby, similar to last year's boat races. This was tabled until the October Cabinet meeting.

District Committee Chair Reports:

LCIF-PDG Lion Jerry Brandt. A monthly list of club donations made will be sent to zone chairs.

Credentials-Lion Gayle Morlock. More information to come shortly.

District Pin-PDG Lion Jim Walls. A lovely new pin is coming. Also, there will be a pin swap Saturday, Sept. 27 at the White Cloud Lions Den.

Project Kid Sight-IPDG Lion Tim Anderson. Much emphasis will be put on this in the coming year. More screeners will need to be trained to handle the increased number of children to be screened.

Lion Alert-Lion Bill Koch. Please contact him if there are disasters in your community.

Disasters-Lion Marion Walker. She's new to this position and is working on getting new diabetes information put together for clubs.

Roster Book-PDG Lion John Monahan. The book is complete, printed, and Governor Pete has copies for distribution.

Peace Poster-Lion Jackie Glazier. Recruitment is being done in the schools.

Liaison-PDG Lion Lynn Mast. Michigan has 2 candidates for International Director, Lion Jenny Ware from District 10, and Lion Paul Hemeryck from District 11. There is presently \$32,000.00 in the campaign fund for International Director.

White Cane-PDG Lion Larry Morlock. Preparations are under way for the next event. Clubs should check their inventories to see if new materials should be ordered.

Float trailer-PDG Lion Laura Johnson. 9 reservations have been made through September. This is down 5 from last year. The \$20.00 use fee may be a deterrent.

MD11 Convention-PDG Lion Laura Johnson. Next year's convention will be at Holland's DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center May 15, 2015- May 17, 2015.

Lions of Michigan Foundation-PDG Lion Bill Simpson. Raffle tickets for the annual Lions of Michigan Foundation/Midwest Eye Banks sponsored cruise are still available at \$10.00 each. The drawing will be held 8/2 at the Foundation's annual Hall of Fame banquet in Lansing.

Tail twister-Lion Steve Adsmund. A 50/50 drawing was held and then he took even more of our money!
9:30p.m.-meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Ron Gibson
District Secretary

REMINDER: Cabinet members, not everyone has the right to make motions or to vote. Those privileges are reserved for: the Governor, Vice Governors, IPDG, cabinet treasurer, secretary, and zone chairs.

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