

DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES  
MAXFIELD'S RESTAURANT, WYMAN  
NOVEMBER 8, 2009

**ATTENDING:** District Governor Wayne Kreitner, Lion 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Deb Kreitner, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Laura Johnson, PDG Harry Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John Monahan, Cabinet Treasurer Kerry McGinley, Cabinet Secretary PDG Jim Chipman, PCC Richard Perrin, PDG Stan Preshaw, PDG Bill Raymor, PDG Dan Gibbons, PDG Lynn Mast, IPDG Larry Morlock, PDG Dick Daniel, RC Connie McMorris, RC Laurene Homsher, RC Tony Rutledge, ZC Bill Simpson, ZC Steve Adsmond, ZC Pete Conarty, ZC Tim Anderson, ZC Bob Manning, Pin Chair John Hunt, Hearing Chair Gayle Morlock, Conventions Chair Pam Schroeder, and Tail Twister Ron Gibson.

**9:30 AM** Call to order by District Governor **Wayne Kreitner**

**Pledge** led by Lion **Ron Gibson**

**Invocation** by PDG **William Raymor**

**Remarks by DG Wayne:** DG Wayne thanked everyone for working on membership as at the beginning of the month our district was at a plus 11. Coleman Lions Club is working toward getting new younger members for their club, and it is working.

**Remarks by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Laura Johnson:** So far this year she has visited 19 Lions Clubs and has worked at 3 service projects. Laura feels that working on the service projects has been very rewarding as you can really get to know the club members. As she visits the clubs, she is finding that they are really different. Some clubs are open to help and suggestions and some are not, and many clubs do not even know that we have several District and State projects. Lion Laura is going to have knee surgery on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nov. followed by 3 weeks of recovery time. Lion Laura has a written report; it's attached.

**Remarks 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John Monahan:** For some clubs, programs tend to be problem. It shouldn't be, if your club gives money to someone or some project, they will be more than happy to explain to you about where the money is going. Tail Twisters can do an outstanding job or they seem to do nothing at all. Training would really help some of these Lions if they were willing to attend. As retention chair, I would love to visit your club and put on a program.

The District Governor stressed orientation for the clubs; especially their own history.

**Secretary's Report:** PDG Chipman presented the minutes of September 13, 2009 and made motion to accept as published. Motion supported by RC Homsher, and the motion passed. Lion Chipman discussed the Family Unit program and the problem with all the clubs that do not report all the members that are qualified. The clubs that are late with their M reports was also read aloud.

**Treasurer's report:** Lion Kerry McGinley presented the treasurer's report and it shows the administrative account to date has a deficit of \$1,412.83. This is not a problem as it will balance out before the end of the year. The designated fund account shows a balance of \$25,698.32. The complete report is attached to this report. Lion Kerry talked about the Ear Lab and the shortage of funds for it. This brought on a discussion of the Ear Lab and the need for it. Last year we collected almost \$5,000.00; our commitment to Munson is \$6,000.00. The cost was discussed and the amount of use it is getting in our clubs. Lion Kerry reminded the cabinet that we have some \$15,000.00 in our designated sight and hearing fund, so it is not crucial but still a concern. One of the problems that 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John stated was the lack of programs put on by the Ear Lab and other state and district projects. The consensus of the cabinet was that the district has too much money into this project and we just need to raise more money to fund it and get the clubs to use it more.

Lion Kerry reported that he has sent in the 990 form for the IRS and encouraged all to remind the clubs that it is due by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

All clubs have paid their first half dues.

Motion by RC McMorris to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Supported by ZC Anderson; the motion passed.

## **REGION AND ZONE REPORTS**

Region I Region Chair Connie McMorris: Going to Traverse City on the 23<sup>rd</sup> with PDG Mast and will talk about membership. She has been trying to get to Onekama and has not made it yet. Zone 2 and Zone 3 Chairs are not here today and have not received report from either. She has been in contact with Lion Neal and he says he had a Zone meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Nov. but can not confirm. The Governor will call him.

Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Robert Manning: Will hold Zone meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Traverse City. Cedar-Maple City held a benefit for an individual and raised some \$3,000.00. All Clubs doing well and are busy.

Region II Chair Tony Rutledge: Region is doing very well and I have great Zone Chairs. Remus is my biggest problem and trying to work it out with ZC Bill and PDG Mast. I had the privilege of installing 6 new members at Chippewa Lake.

Zone I Chair Pete Conarty: Clare is coming along, and the problems that they had last year are being rectified. Sanford has problems and trying to help them. Written report turned in and attached.

Zone II Chair Bill Simpson: Visited the Remus Club along with PDG Mast and is trying to assist them in growing stronger with more members. All my other clubs are doing ok.

Zone III Chair Tim Anderson: Held 2<sup>nd</sup> zone meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> in Baldwin and all clubs present. The Cub program is going well in Cadillac. Any club with young members might have a need for such a club.

Region III Chair Laurene Homsher: Is having problems with a zone chair and she is also secretary of her club. Lion Laurene does not know how to handle the conflict. Governor Wayne assured her that he would make a phone call and try to resolve it. Lion Laurene has a written report attached.

Zone 1 Chair Lanie Niemi Absent

Zone 2 Chair Richard Goedge has been assisted by PDG Raymor who will be setting up visitations to the clubs. Dick's family problems are getting resolved, and he will be active soon.

Zone 3 Chair Steve Adsmond: 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone meeting will be held Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> in Fremont. Two programs are set for that evening. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be the final zone meeting.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Lion Pam Schroeder reports the District 11-E1 Convention will be held in Muskegon April 9-10-11; the theme will be Halloween in April. Room cost is \$75.00 a night. There will be two hospitality suites this year, one for each District. We will have a silent auction so please talk to the clubs about donating gifts. Entertainment is not set yet for Friday evening or the Leo, Lioness breakfast. Memorial service will be on Sunday and the committee needs pictures and bio of each deceased Lion. Lion Pam asked for direction on the purchase of name tag lariats and ZC Simpson made motion to let the Convention Committee decide on it. Motion supported by RC McMorris and it passed.

**MD 11 CONVENTION:** Lion Pam Schroeder also is the committee chair of the MD 11 Convention being held May 21 & 22 on Mackinac Island at the Mission Point Resort. Cost of the rooms is \$89.00 per night and there is a 14% tax on the rooms. Luggage transfers from the dock to Mission Point will be \$4.00 and if you want to take a taxi it will be \$4.75 per person. Star Ferry Lines is offering a reduced rate to travel there, and it is \$14.00 per person. Any handicapped persons should call early so you can get a room on the lower floor and motorized seats are permitted on the island.

**PROPOSED SITES FOR 2011:** PDG Chipman presented several proposed sites for 2011. After discussion, the cabinet suggested to Lion Chipman that he check on the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids, Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant, the Grand Rapids Hilton, the Little River Casino in Manistee, and the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

**WHITE CANE:** Lion Bill Simpson had no report.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE:** no report

**HONORARY COMMITTEE:** Lion PDG William Raymor: “The Honorary Committee met November 1, 2009 at the Luther Lions Den. The meeting was chaired by IPDG Larry Morlock. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the complaint/grievance filed by the Evert Lions Club. There were eleven PDG’s present, and a letter was received from two PDG’s who could not be present. There was a great deal of discussion and the complaint/grievance has progressed through the first step of the process.

No further meeting has been scheduled at this time; however additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.”

**MERLOW:** PDG Bill Raymor: The MERLOW Team has met twice since the last Cabinet Meeting. The MERLOW identified 6 clubs that need immediate assistance and they are Remus, Sand Lake, Howard City, Traverse City, Six Lakes, and Sanford. Lions have been assigned to these clubs to assist them. PDG Bills complete report is attached to this report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** PDG Lynn Mast: Committee meeting was held yesterday in Lansing and it was not well attended by district chairs. Membership and Retention go hand in hand and both have to be worked on to keep clubs viable. Several items were discussed and the following ideas were suggested to do.

1. Have a member from the MERLOW Team at all Zone Meetings.
2. Train the membership chairs of the clubs.
3. Publicity about your club.
4. Work on the 5 lowest clubs in the District.
5. Keep members involved in their local communities.

**EXTENSION:** PDG Harry Johnson: Held a meeting in Oct. and only 5 extension chairs were present. PID Dennis Cobbler from the Global Membership Team has set a goal of 10 new clubs and 200 new members for our Multiple District.

**RETENTION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John Monahan: Has put together a power point presentation and will be putting on a program in Big Rapids and Fremont. (Secretary’s note: Lion John did a very good job in Big Rapids.) Retention and Orientation go hand in hand as usually if a club does one the other follows.

**LEADERSHIP:** PDG Dan Gibbons: Lion Dan reported he had an accident with a big tree and just now out walking. He will be getting back active very soon.

**ORIENTATION:** Lion Dave Rowe: Absent

**WOMEN:** Lion Gayle Morlock: “IPDG Larry Morlock inducted a new family unit & a woman into the Evert Lions Club and the White Cloud Lions Club for 2 new women and 2 new family units during the month of October. The district lost 2 women and 2 family units during the month of August. The Cadillac Lions Club inducted a new Cub member. I am available to do programs on women’s development and on the new Cub program.”

District Governor Wayne told the Cabinet that the Family Unit will only be receiving one Lion Pride magazine soon as the State will be using new mailing addresses.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION:** Lions Kerry McGinley & PDG Bill Raymor: So far 5 hearing aids have been granted for our District and a cataract application will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Hall of Fame Nominations have to be approved by the Districts and sent to the Foundation by January 15, 2009.

Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets will be sent to all clubs soon. Prizes will be the same as last year and Lion Kerry wants to have at least 10 clubs sell at least 100 tickets this year.

Counter Boxes filled with individually wrapped Mints are available from the Foundation for **FREE** just for trying this new product. So far, it has had great reviews from the clubs that have tried it.

Lion Kerry and PDG Bill are available for programs. Lion Kerry's written report is attached to the minutes.

11:50 AM break for lunch:

Call back to order at 12:43 PM by District Governor Wayne Kreitner

The first order of business for the Governor was to present PCC Richard Perrin with his PDG jacket from the District.

**PEACE POSTER:** PDG Stan Preshaw: At least 7 clubs are participating in the Peace Poster contest, and the contest ends November 15. Lion Stan and Governor Wayne will judge the entries and pick the winner. The winner will be entered in the Multiple 11 contest.

**PROJECT KIDS SIGHT:** Lion Debbie Kreitner: There has been no activity for Project Kids Sight. If there is anyone who would like to have a program for Project Kids Sight, please contact Lion Debbie. PDG Dan Gibbons asked about a bill for repair of one of the cameras. Motion by ZC Anderson to authorize the District to pay the \$106.00 for the repair. Motion supported by RC Rutledge and the motion passed.

**LEADER DOG:** Lion Pam Blizzard: Lion Pam was absent but Lion Connie McMorris told about one of the members of her club that raises breeding dogs for Leader Dog and will be taking 4 puppies to the school soon.

**BEAR LAKE CAMP:** Lion Rick Coccia: Lion Rick was absent but sent report stating that the campers were down this year, but the camp is looking forward to next year. The camp just installed new play ground equipment at a cost of \$48,000.00. Future plans call for an expansion as money is raised. Several Lions was memorialized when the play ground was dedicated including Rick's father, PDG Tony Coccia. The web site for the Bear Lake Camp is [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org) .

**CAMP TUHSMEHETA:** Lion Larry Alman: Lion Larry was absent but sent written report. The camp ran a full camping program last year and held 9 sessions and they cost the camp some \$60,000.00. The camp does not have an Executive Director at this time but plans on filing the position after the first of the year. For Lion Larry's full report please go to end of the minutes.

**DIABETES:** PDG Richard Daniel: November is Diabetes Awareness and Eye Health Month. World Diabetes Day will be celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

Here are simple and easy ways for each club to celebrate Diabetes Awareness Month:

- Support eye screening programs.

- Encourage blood tests to detect.

- Clubs can conduct free screenings with doctor's help.

- Provide financial support for programs.

- Fund a paper bag logo/ad and furnish to local grocery stores.

For Lion Dick's full report please see attached copies.

**LEO CLUBS:** Lion Laurene Homsher: The State LEO Committee met on Sat. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. District Chair persons reviewed their specific roles to grow, encourage, support and sustain LEO Clubs. Lion Laurenes full report is attached.

**ELECTIONS:** PCC Richard Perrin had no report at this time.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Lion Gayle Morlock: "The delegate form will be in the January 2010 District Newsletter and will be sent to all club secretaries. The form must be returned to Lion Gayle Morlock by March 30, 2010."

**HEARING COMMITTEE:** Lion Gayle Morlock: "The state hearing committee met on October 31<sup>st</sup>, but I couldn't attend due to illness. There were only 4 members present. District D-2 asked about information on the Ear Lab as they want to have it at there convention in 2010. I am available to do programs on hearing loss and the procedure to acquire new hearing aids."

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK:** PDG Lynn Mast: "Phase 1 of "I Joined" is going well. All clubs in the District have either had the program or are scheduled except for 1 Lions club, 1 Leo club, 1 Leo club and 1 Lioness club. I've not given up on them yet and still trying to get them scheduled.

Phase II of the program has begun in our district. This program is about getting Lions Clubs involved in their communities by signing up donors at their festivals and events. I have a short DVD that I can present to clubs or I can get a club a copy of it for them. The Buddie Program has been expanded to the "Super Buddie Program". This involves a club taking on the responsibility of keeping a bulletin board up to date and pamphlets on hand at the Sec. of States office. Also they could set up more sign up days."

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Lion Karla Roebuck: Has written report attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CONSTITUTION CHANGES:** PDG Jim Chipman: Several changes were presented and they were approved by the cabinet to be presented at the District Convention. They were moved by Lion Kerry McGinley and supported by ZC Anderson. These changes to our Constitution have already been sent to the District editor to be included in the District News letter. They are attached to these minutes.

ZC Simpson asked about the family plan for the District so we can be in sync with Lions International and the State. After much discussion, the Governor appointed a committee of ZC Simpson, PDG Harry Johnson and PDG Lynn Mast to study the idea and report back to the Cabinet.

**STATE OFFICE:** PDG Lynn Mast asked the Governor how construction was coming at the office. The Governor said the remodeling is about done even though they have been arguing about it since it started. All monies for funding have come from the club donations and they have not been coming in very fast.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LCIF:** PDG Richard Daniel has been appointed by Lions International as LCIF Chair for the District. This will be a 3 year appointment. He will be out and about putting on programs soon.

**NOMINATIONS:** DG Wayne asked if any nominations have been sent in yet and the Cab. Sec. said he had received only one by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Laura Johnson for the office of District Governor for 2010-11. The Governor reminded that all nominations have to be in by the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting.

**ALL STATE BAND:** The trip to Australia will cost some \$4,000.00 and the committee is not sure if the band will be going. More information will be coming soon.

**FINIAL REMARKS:** District Governor Wayne thanked everyone for coming to our meetings and for working hard. Our District is the second largest district in the state at 1405 members.

**TAILTWISTER:** Lion Ron Gibson said he would go to any club and put on a program if so asked. He then did his tail twisting, what ever it was. Typical tail twister!

Motion to adjourn at 1:45 PM

Jim Chipman  
Cabinet Secretary  
District 11-E1

