

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2008
CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 9357 95TH Ave. EVART**

ATTENDING: District Governor Larry Morlock, Vice-District Governor Wayne Kreitner, IPDG Bill Raymor, PDG Lynn Mast, PDG Janalee McClure, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Stan Preshaw, PDG John Clemens, PDG Richard Maguire, RC Connie Mc Morris, RC Laura Johnson, ZC Bob Gray, ZC Carl Hawkins, ZC John Monahan, ZC Tim Anderson, ZC Lainie Niemi, ZC Laurene Homsher, Lion Larry Alman, Lion Tom Silverthorn, and Lion Karla Roebuck.

Call to order at 9:31 AM by DG Larry

Pledge was led by DG Larry

Invocation given by IPDG Raymor

Remarks by DG Larry; Membership is our biggest problem this year and our membership has slipped below 1400 members. We are here today to see what ideas we can come up with to reverse this. At the present rate of decline membership will be below 1250 with in two years. Our clubs are doing a great job in their communities but membership, for all clubs continues to be a major problem.

Governor Larry was happy to announce that 3 Lions from our District were accepted for the Lions Leadership Conference in Toronto and they are Lions John Monahan, Laura Johnson, and Carl Hawkins.

Larry reminded everyone about the Leadership Conference at Higgins Lake Nov. 14-16. More information will be sent to the clubs soon.

INSTALLATION of CABINET MEMBERS by IPDG Bill Raymor: Lion Bill asked everyone to identify themselves and tell about their position. Lion Bill asked all Cabinet Members to take a fresh look at their job this year and challenged us to become a great team to lead our **GREAT DISTRICT**. Governor Larry passed out pins to all voting members present.

MINUTES OF APRIL 18,2008: Motion by Lion Laurene Homsher to accept the minutes as printed. Motion supported by Lion John Monahan, and it passed

MINUTES OF CONVENTION APRIL 18-20, 2008. Motion by Lion Niemi to accept minutes as presented and supported by Lion McMorris. Motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lion Chipman reported all clubs have been billed; total of 1385 members, \$15,581.25, of which \$5,838.75 has been collected. A list of clubs was read off that are behind in reporting M-reports, and PU-101's. Governor Larry stated that Lions who take positions of leadership should do the paper work that goes with the job,

and if kept current, it does not take that much time. The roster book this year will be on line and Lion Karla wanted to know if it should be protected by a password? A motion was made by Lion Laurene Homsher and supported by Lion Connie McMorris to not have the roster book protected by a password as it would not be used. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As Lion McGinley was unable to be present today, Lion Chipman presented his final report for 2007-2008 and his proposed budget for 2008-2009. After discussion, PDG Lynn suggested that that the proposed budget for the USA-Canada Forum for the VDG was not enough and suggested increasing it by \$1200.00. A motion was made by Lion John Monahan to transfer \$1200.00 from the balance of last year to the current budget for the USA-Canada Forum; supported by Lion McMorris. Motion accepted. Motion was then made by Lion Homsher to accept the budget for 2008-09 as amended, so the treasurer can pay the District's bills. This motion was supported by Lion Monahan, and it passed.

Bonding of officers, Approval of the bank and the examination of the books for 2007-08 will be taken up at our next regular board meeting.

As discussion was going on about the budget, it was brought up that Lions International has mandated to all Districts the Office of Second Vice District Governor, which will have to be supported by the Districts. This election will take place at our District Convention in April.

POLICY MANUAL; PDG Janalee presented the policy manual to all present and asked everyone to read over and see if any changes needed to be made. The Policy Manual and Constitution and By-Laws will be on the WEB Site. Motion by Lion Laurene to accept the policy manual as presented. Supported by Lion McMorris; the motion passed.

CONVENTION REPORT: As the convention chair was not present, the final report for 2008 will be given at the next Cabinet Meeting and at that time the books will be examined.

The Convention for 2009 will be held at Big Rapids, and with approval from this board it will be a joint meeting with District C-1. This will be a three year agreement, with C-1 responsible for the location next year and E-1 to pick the site the following year. Discussion was held about how the finances were to be split between the two Districts and the fact that we needed a couple more Lions appointed to help Lion Pam. Lion Laura Johnson was appointed to the Convention committee by the District Governor.

Motion to approve the joint Conventions between C-1 and E-1 for calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011, the locations to be in Big Rapids in 2009 and a location picked by C-1 for 2010 and E-1 for 2011. It is understood that all finances will be kept separate. Motion made by Lion Chipman and supported by Lion Maguire. Motion passed.

IPDG BILL RAYMOR REMARKS: Lion Bill expressed his thanks to the District for their support and his appreciation for being Governor. The cabinet thanked Lion Bill for a very successful year.

PEACE POSTER; PDG Stan Preshaw passed out applications for this years contest and stressed the reading of the rules. Several posters are disqualified each year for they do not read the rules. The posters can be done by any group such as church groups, Scout groups, and not just schools.

REMARKS BY VDG WAYNE KREITNER: VDG Wayne stressed the need for retention in our clubs. We are bringing in new members to our clubs but not retaining our old ones. Lion Wayne is available to all clubs to assist them in any and all problems they may have.

REMARKS BY DG LARRY: Lion Jim Spoors has resigned as MERLO Chair due to personal problems and the VDG will assume the position for the balance of the year. Governor Larry presented a list of cities that may support a Lions Club: Lake City, McBain, Marion, Idlewild, Scottville, and perhaps Canadian Lakes. Of course Ludington needs to be chartered as does Reed City and Grant. Lake City is still being worked on by Lions Harry and Bill and hopefully there will be a club soon. Many of our clubs need members.

This is the charge he is giving today to the Strategic/Honorary Committee to try and come up with an idea to hold and increase membership in our clubs; Committee to meet directly after lunch, in the basement, while the zone and region chairs do their training, upstairs.

Break for Lunch at 12:00 PM

Training was conducted for the Zone and Region Chairs by PDG Janalee.

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC/HONORARY COMMITTEES: Several items were discussed; first we plan on meeting every couple of months and have a group of 3 PDG visit clubs and perhaps put on a production of the "Perfect Lions Club". PDG Lynn stated that committee chairs need to call clubs and set up programs. If we wait for the clubs to call, we will not be making any visits. All clubs need to be visited by the Governor and by the committee chairs.

APPRECIATION DINNER: The appreciation dinner for IPDG Bill Raymor will be held Oct. 19th at Onekama.

MEETINGS: Training will be held at 9:00 AM on the 27th of Sept. Notice will be coming out soon. Training for new club officers has to be held soon and will be held in each Region. Governor Larry asked each Region Chair to set up a location and time.

CABINET MEETING: Our next cabinet meeting will be held Sept. 7th in Big Rapids at FSU.

ROSTER BOOKS: Books were handed out to everyone; corrections will be published in the next newsletter.

LEO'S: Lion Homsher asked for items to be given for the LEO conference and to bring them to the next cabinet meeting.

Meeting closed at 2:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Chipman
Cabinet Secretary