

Lions International District 2-S2
Minutes of 3rd Cabinet Meeting
January 20, 2018

Please Note: If human hands touch it, mistakes will be made. My apologies in advance.

Written reports are attached and should be consider part of these minutes.

Those in attendance were:

District Governor Betty Ezell

1st Vice District Governor-Lion Karl Johnson

2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tony Austin

IPDG Mark Roth

Lion Diane Au-Thornton

Lion Julie Blaies

Lion Keith Blaies

Lion Shirley Capers

Lion Thomas Capers

Lion James "Bud" Casey

Lion Judy Champion

Lion Bonita Davis

Lion Stedman Douglas

Lion Lisa Free-Martin

Lion Jan Gloria

Lion Dr. James Gracey

Lon Merrell Greene

Lion Liesa Hackett

Lion Steve Hand

Lion Dr. Ralph Herring

Lion Jane Johnson

Lion Neil Lander

Lion Donald Landers

PDG Ronald Landers

Lion Terry Landers

PDG Charles "Chuck" Martin

Lion Paul Moore

PDG Chris Moorman

Lion Terry Peterson

PDG Rick Reynolds

Lion Marla Reynolds

PDG Eddie Risha
Lion Nancy Roades
Lion Bob Ruger
Lion Larry Smith
Lion Sam Thomas
Lion Paul Yackley

This meeting was called to order by Cy Fair President Keith Blaise at the Cy Fair Lions' Den at 9am After a prayer was offered and pledges were recited, District Governor Betty Ezell was introduced. DG Betty brought the Lions up to date to the activities of the Harvey Relief Task Force and all the donations from so many different areas that have been made to the Harvey Fund through LCIF, to MD2 and directly to our district. She spoke of the grants we are working on to help with rebuilding materials. So much good is being done with so many Lions' giving spirit. Working on the Harvey Task Force has at times been difficult but it has been rewarding. She is very proud of our Lions Family for all the good things that have been accomplished.

It established that a quorum, in accordance with our constitution, was present.

DG Betty appointed IPDG Mark Roth as the Sargent of Arms for this meeting.

PDG Chuck Martin moved that the minutes from our last cabinet meeting be approved as presented on the 2-S website Lion Thomas Capers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Lion Steve Hand asked PDG Chuck Martin to present financial report. PDG Chuck went over the highlights of the reports as they were posted on our website and asked for any questions. The first LCI grants have been spent. Not all the Holiday grant money has been spent. He has some receipt outstanding. Please get those in so we do not have to send money back. He, also, reports on the funds in the account to Harvey the monies from other grants and gifts. He reported on the large amount of funds that have been sent and the large number of people that have been helped. He reminded all he must have receipts before he writes a check.

He reported that a number of clubs that still owe dues and this needs to be corrected. There is \$3600 outstanding in dues. PDG Chuck made a motion that those clubs in arrears be put on financial suspension after one more contact by the Treasurer. PDG Chris Moorman seconded. Motion passed.

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Tail twisters stepped in to add a bit of fun to the meeting and raise a little money.

2nd Vice District Governor Tony moved to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded PDG Chris Moorman. Motion passed

There were no additional checks to be presented at this meeting

1st VDG Karl Johnson reported that he has been doing LCI training. His theme for the next year will be about embracing the future and embracing change. His goal will be to leave the district one step higher than he found it .He remind all that there is lots of training on the LCI website. We need new

enthusiastic members to replace the old one who need to teach and train them. VDG Karl led a discussion on a dues increase. After discussion, it was agreed, by a show of hands, that a \$2 per year (1 per six months) increase will be on the ballot at convention.

2nd VDG Tony Austin reminded us that change is inviable. Younger people look at things differently. The challenge will be to keep what we have but change how we move and get there. We need to embrace new tools. He encouraged all clubs to get involved on MyLCI. He knows that more clubs have been active in service than are shown on International reports. Change is hard but it will be good.

DG Betty called on her team for reports:

Region One Chair – Lion Syd Waldman-absent

Zone L-1 - Lion Elizabeth “Liz” Mason-absent

Zone L-2 - Lion Diane Au-Thornton – no report

Zone L-3 – Lion Minette Chiu – no report

Zone L-4- Lion John “Tank” Tankersley-written report given By PDG Chuck

Region Two Chair – PDG Chuck Martin

Zone I-1 – Lion Paul Yackley – written report

Zone I-2 – Lion Donald Landers- written report

Zone I-2 – Lion Thomas Capers – no report

Zone I-3 – Lion Jeffrey Bules- absent, written report

Region Three Chair – Lion Winnie Mae Eads- absent

Zone O-1 – Lion Paul Moore- written report

Zone O-2 – Lion Polo La Coste, Sr.- absent

Zone O-3 – vacant

Region Four Chair – Lion Dr. James Gracey – no report

Zone N-1 – Lion Bonita Davis- written report

Zone N-2 – Lion Neil Lander- written report

Zone N-3 – Lion Dwayne Litteer - absent

Zone N-4 – Lion Nancy Roades- written reports

Texas Lions Camp - Lion Emeé Nisnisan and Lion Lisa Free-Martin

Registration for campers is now online. Paper registration begins February 1st.

Lions can register for workdays in March, April and May online. The lottery for picnic days is over. Winners will be notified with their dates. Board meeting will be February 3rd. New long range plans are being made for the camp. Directors visiting clubs and anywhere campers might be found. They are attending resource fairs

and expos. Focusing a lot of time on campers who will actually use the camp and Lions who support the camp. In 2019, a new contract camp will be added to schedule.

Save the date- Bob Dowden Diner will be October 6th. Looking for a new, bigger venue. Please offer any suggestions. Just over \$12,500 was raised last year for the camp at this event. The goal this year is \$20,000.

We are looking for our next director, someone who has a real passion for the camp. You can shop the camp store online. Lion Lisa explained how we get camp counselors from all over the world.

Director for Camp Museum-PDG Eddie Risha - no report

Lions Eye Bank-Lion Elizabeth Garza and Lion Syd Waldman absent

Lighthouse of Houston- 2nd VDG Tony Austin and Lion Marla Reynolds

2nd VDG Tony reported there has been a problem with the newest major building project.

Lion Marla reported her goal this year was to get Lions more involved and that has been successful. Lions have assisted in the Halloween and Christmas Party. She will be putting out a calendar of the next events.

Please share this with all members. Upcoming events will include Mardi Gras Party, Valentine's Party and the Beep Easter Hunt.

DG Betty congratulated Lion Marla for all the efforts toward the Lighthouse this year.

Honorary-IPDG Mark Roth- Excellence awards for LAST year's DG team were awarded to Zone Chairs James Gracey, Liesa Hackett, Thomas Capers, Neil Lander, Winnie Mae Eads and Paul Yackley.; Region Chairs PDG Chris Moorman, PDG Chuck Martin, Syd Waldman; GLT Susan Soto, GMT Sam Thomas, 2nd VDG Karl Johnson and 1st VDG Betty Ezell. He reminded all that the deadline for nominations for the PDG Distinguish Service Awards was February 15th.

Governor Betty said that speaking of awards for last year; she presented IDG Mark Roth a Certificate of Appreciation from IPP Bob Corlew. She, also, presented a Club Excellence award to the Montgomery Lions Club, the only one in our district...

ALERT-Lion Wayne Bergeron absent

Information Technology & Webmaster-Lion Terry Landers reported that the website is up and running.

Upcoming events are posted. He, also, reports that we need new batteries for the hand held microphone. He reminded all that the 15th is the deadline for newsletter submissions.

Constitution /Bylaws & Parliamentarian-PDG Ronald Landers- written report. PDG Ronald made the motion to place on the ballot at the District 2-S2 Convention on May 5, 2018 a proposal to adopt the LCI Standard Form District Constitution as adjusted for District 2-S2. The proposed Constitution to be posted

on the District website by February 28, 2018, emailed to the Cabinet, Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the District, so it may be reviewed prior to the convention. PDG Chris Moorman seconded motion. Motion passed.

He made a motion to place on the ballot at the District 2-S2 Convention on May 5, 2018 a proposal to adopt the proposed Leo District 2-S2 Constitution. The proposed Constitution to be posted on the District website by February 15, 2018, emailed to the Cabinet, Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the District, so it may be reviewed prior to the convention. Lion Lisa Free-Martin seconded motion. After discussion and explanation, motion passed. Lastly, regarding the earlier discussion, he made the motion to place on the ballot at the District 2-S2 Convention on May 5, 2018 a proposal to increase the District Administrative Dues by \$2 annually. Changing

Article X, Section 2, Subsections (a) to read
Provision and Amount

To provide a District Administrative Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax in the amount of ~~\$4.50~~ \$5.50 (~~\$9.00~~ \$11.00 annually) shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereafter provided. 1st VDG Karl Johnson seconded motion. Motion passed.

Convention and Mid Winter Conference Chair-PDG Rick Reynolds, Co-Chair 1nd VDG Tony Austin Mid Winter Conference on February 17th. PDG Rick turned matters over to 2nd VDG Tony reminded all to register. We need to turn numbers into the hotel in the next 02 days. There will be great breakout sessions and council Cahir Rick Talbot will be with us.

District Directory-PDG Ronald Landers- written report

Hall of Fame Committee – District-PDG Dr. Tony Braddick- Lion Judy reported recipient has been chosen.

Hall of Fame – State- Committee has met. Waiting on one vote. Will be announced at District Convention and award given at State Convention.

Lions Clubs International Foundation-PDG Eddie Risha announced that there is a new way of giving to LCIF, a Contributing Sponsor for \$20 per club member, \$50 per member for silver and \$100 per member for gold. This can be individual or club. If it is the whole club, it can come out charity account. PDG Eddie reported on measles funds from 2-S2. Remember the name Bill McGraw. He not only matched funds raised by 2-S2, he raised funds through his employees and customer. PDG Eddie is proud to announce that he turn in a check for over \$33,000 this year. Looks like we will be number 1 again. Then Bill Gates matches funds raised. 60 thousand plus children will get measles shots due to fund raising in 2-S2. Diabetes will be the next LCIF project

Lion Tamers-The Landers Family- no report

District Newsletter-Lion Terry Landers- given previously

Opportunities for Youth -Lion Minette Chiu- absent

President & Secretary Council-Lion Elizabeth “Liza” Garza and Lion Jerome Teichmiller- absent

Public Relations & Lions Information-Lion Donald Landers- written report

Tail Twisters-Lion Sam Thomas and PDG Eddie Risha

Lion Sam spoke of Lions’ pride AND collected some fines.

Texas Lions Foundation -PDG Ronald Landers- written report. PDG Ronald moved that District 2-S2 support the submission for a TLF grant for the Houston Broadbased Community program for troubled youth which will display the lions’ logo in such program. They will have activity tournaments and give a scholarship. Motion was seconded by 1st VDG Karl. Motion passed.

Team Contact – 1st Vice District Governor Karl Johnson

Humanitarian Relief Fund-Lion Donald Landers, Lion Bud Casey, Lion Stedman Douglas- no report

Hearing & Speech & Work with the Deaf -Lion Terry Peterson, written report. Lion Terry handed out application packets to all.

Leader Dogs for the Blind-Lion Larry Smith reported that the new facility is training about 600 dogs a year. Leader dogs give blind people their lives back.

Leo Clubs-PDG Albert Baker-absent because Leos meeting today.

LCI Centennial Celebration

MD-2 Liaison-PDG Art Drouin

District Co- Chair-PDG Eddie Risha

District Co-Chair-PDG Chris Moorman

These projects are finished.

GLT District Chairman- PDG Chris Moorman- written report

GMT District Chairman-IPDG Mark Roth- written report

GST District Chairman- PDG Rick Reynolds reports that this is a new position and they are still learning. It works from our motto... We Serve. We need to work on reporting our service to LCI. Service is not our problem, reporting is.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and Lions International Convention PDG Art Drouin – PDG Rick has forms to register for the forum in Columbus, Ohio this year starting on September 20th. Going to be a fun event.

Team Contact – 2nd Vice District Tony Austin

Lions Quest-Lion David Hite absent

Peace Poster Contest-Lion Barbara LeBoff absent

Lions Services for Children- Lions Lynn and Ken Harrison absent

Camper Transportation - Lion Melissa Bjorgaard absent

Dictionary Project-PDG Paul Eads absent

Cultural & Community Activities - Lion Loretta Darden absent

Diabetic Awareness-Lions Nelson Ventura absent

Eyeglass Collection - Lion Tim Cox absent

Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind -Lion Dr. Ralph Herring reported that the medical grant for Harvey allowed 45 patients to be served by the college. The amount of appreciation shown was phenomenal. Do still have some funds if clubs need to refer patients.

District Chaplain-Lion Liesa Hackett absent, helping PDG Fred Wuenche move today.

Vision Screening- Lion Paul Moore-written report

District Song Leader- Lion Ladoris Cates absent

Resolutions PDG Chris Moorman read a resolution for the nomination of Lion Bonita Davis for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for the coming year.

New Business

PDG Chuck presented an opportunity for community service. Next Saturday at 1206 10th St in Hempstead at 8:30 am. Waller, Hempstead, Prairie View Lions Clubs and their Zone Chairs have been contacted. Lions have been asked to help clean out a hoarder's house. The City of Hempstead is supplying a dump truck.

PDG Chuck presented a proposal concerning fees charged for use of the Lions' Den that will be effective January 22, 2018. There will be a \$35 cleaning fee for each meeting. See all of proposal in written reports. Future DGs will need to find a different meeting place or add fees to their budgets.

Lions Julie Blaies and Merrill Greene spoke of the building improvements, rental arrangements and fees for functions other than Lions' meeting.

PDG Chuck assured the group that the DG has fund in her discretionary fund to pay for our last Cabinet meeting of the year.

PDG Eddie Risha invited all to attend the Charter Night event for the new Montgomery Lake Conroe Centennial Lions Club on February 24th at the Walden Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Judy Champion

Adjournment

If you have a report, written copies are requested.

