

**Lions of Michigan
District 11-E2
Business Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2010**

Attendance: DG Beverly Bodem, IPDG Dave Zeller, VDG William Stenback, CS Barb Durflinger, RC Woody Austin, RC Mitch Smith, RC Roger Houthoofd, ZC Steve Poole, ZC Corky Roberts, ZC Frank Illig, David Duverney, Lynne Jauss, Dave Harmon, ID Haynes Townsend, Donna Townsend, Jan Bassett, Bob Bassett, J.W. Smith, Jane Meyer, PCC James Rau, PDG Don Seifried, Max Main, Ronald Beal, Dan LeBlond, Arnie Engster, Benny Schraffenberger, Carol Turner, John Hoyle, Ron Sowers, Tom Richardson, Jan Richardson, Jeani Vermillion, Kim Forster, PDG Ed Hupert, PCC Bud Zanner, Dennis Bodem, Tom Shiemke, Chauncey Johnson, Sylvia Schuster, Leo Schuster, Berta Reinhardt, Bonnie Brabender, Randy Lamont, Bob Hartl, Philip Kirschner, Alden Kirschner, Jackie Smith, Clairene Jorella, Yvonne Mallak, Chuck Brew, Al Robbins, Penny Vance-McGaffin, Ron Gwilt, Gloria Barnum, Cheryl Anderson, PDG R.G. Barnum, PCC Gary Anderson, Spencer Chinavare, Rod Jones, Suzanne Aldred, Jay Mendid, PDG Wayne Schultz, Bob Nelden, Kathy Assemany, April Hodgkin, Louisa Northup, Nels Northup

DG Bodem called the meeting to order at 9 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VDG Bill Stenback, and the invocation was given by IPDG Dave Zeller.

Introduction of Guests- DG Bodem introduced ID Haynes Townsend and his wife Donna Townsend.

ID Comments- ID Townsend commented that the locations for the 2015 International Convention (Honolulu, Hawaii), and the 2017 Convention (Chicago, IL) had been decided upon at the last Director's meeting. 2017 will be the Centennial celebration of the Lions Club. He noted that the policy manual would be amended to read "one adult companion" instead of spouse. Article 9 of the constitution dealing with fees and dues was moved to the By-Laws- Article 12. This would allow them to pass by a simple majority instead of 2/3. There will be no dues increase requested in Sydney, but there will be a request for an increase of \$2 the following year. Ukrainian clubs and Beijing clubs were recognized as provisional regions. There were 64 grants approved by LCIF totaling \$2.5 million. Africa wants it's own constitutional area and ID (they are currently under India). They decided that the current membership of 21,000 was inadequate, and it will be reconsidered when they reach 30,000 members. There will be an essay contest for blind and visually impaired children in 2011.

ID Candidate Comments- PCC Gary Anderson's experience includes President of the Grand Rapids Lions Club, Council Chairman, Chair of the USA-Canada Leadership Form, chair of many sight missions to Central America, and much more. PCC Anderson commented that one of his best memories from his sight missions was a 3-year old child smiling when she could see her family clearly, and said that this is what it is all about. He commented the ID requires a lot of travel, and that the job was essentially managing a

large corporation. He believes he is well-prepared for the position.

PDG Linda Bosma commented that she is the candidate who will represent the “ordinary Lion.” As of now only 9 delegates are registered from 11E2, and we are the closest, and should be able to send people up to Mackinac Island at least for the day to vote.

Old Business- It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by RC Austin that we adopt the rules of the convention as printed in the convention program. Motion carried.

Credentials- Chairman Dave Harmon reported that twenty-three clubs have checked in thus far, with 29 delegates and 5 alternates.

Elections- PDG Schultz passed out voting instructions, and reminded everyone that to vote your badge needs to be stamped. He noted that all clubs received the requirements to qualify for elected positions and these should be reviewed prior to the elections on Sunday.

Awards- DG Bodem presented a number of awards to cabinet members and committee chairmen.

Nominating Committee- Lion Arnie Engster reported that only three nominations had been received on a timely basis, and the rest of the nominations would have to be from the floor.

DG Bodem won the 50/50 prize of \$82, and donated it back to the Lionesses.

Adjournment- At 10:20 AM, it was moved by ZC Poole, supported by VDG Stenback that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The next business meeting will take place at next year’s convention.