

**Lions of Michigan  
District 11-E2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2010**

**Cabinet Members In Attendance:** DG Beverly Bodem, IPDG David Zeller, VDG William Stenback, CS Barb Durflinger, RC Roger Houthoofd, ZC Michael Brown, ZC Corky Roberts, ZC Rich Fortier, ZC Bill Fitch, ZC Frank Illig

**Cabinet Members Absent:** CT Bernie Lamp, RC Woody Austin, RC Mitch Smith, ZC Steve Poole

**Lions in Attendance:** PDG Wayne Schultz, PDG Robert Prause, Jan Bassett, J.W. Smith, Dan LeBlond, Madge Smith, Dave Duverney, Tom Richardson, Jan Richardson, Benny Schraffenberger, Bob Gingerich, Theresa Knecht, Nels Northup, Clairene Jorella, Lynne Jauss, Randy Lamont, PCC Bud Zanner, PDG Ed Hupert, Bob Bassett, Sam Smith, Susan Illig, IPDG Linda Bosma, PCC Gary Anderson, Cheryl Anderson, PDG Lewis Moeller, PDG Al Kelpinski, PDG Flo Kelpinski, Richard Shunk, Dana Shunk, Dennis Downie, Jane Meyer, PDG Terry Bebee

DG Bodem called the meeting to order at 10APM. VDG Stenback led the Pledge of Allegiance. IPDG Zeller gave the invocation.

**Secretary's Report-** CS Durflinger presented the minutes from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by ZC Houthoofd that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report-** IPDG Zeller presented the financial report in the absence of CT Lamp. For the period ended January 30, 2010 there was total cash of \$65,082.63 with \$20,041.99 in admin, \$43,040.64 in projects, and \$2000 in the convention savings account. Thirty of the clubs have paid their second half dues. The balance will receive second requests next week. It was moved by RC Houthoofd, supported by ZC Fitch that the financial statements be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**ID Candidate Comments-** PCC Anderson (II-C1), and IPDG Bosma (II-E2) presented their cases for their election as a candidate from Michigan for International Director.

**Old Business-** 2010 Convention Report- Lion Jauss reported that the forms will be mailed out next week for convention registration. The Convention will be held at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord from 4/30-5/2/2010. The hotel rooms will be \$79 for one bed, and \$109 for two beds. The meal prices will remain the same as last year. There are a number of fun activities planned.

**New Business-** There were several requests for medical assistance. One was referred to the Tawas club, and one is being worked on by the Roscommon club. They will get back to the cabinet or medical committee if additional funds are needed.

The Roscommon club submitted the only entry to the Environmental contest. It will be forwarded on to the next level.

The Hall of Fame applications were then reviewed. We are entitled to one submission in the living category, and one in the deceased category. It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by ZC Fitch that we forward the name of PCC Zanner (the only submission in the living category). Motion carried. The two submissions for the deceased category will be forwarded to the Honorary Committee for them to choose an II-E2 applicant.

Lion Jan Bassett reported that there are matching funds for PR available to the District and to the State. After some discussion of the possibilities, a committee was formed to decide if we should apply, and what form the publicity should take. The committee is Bassett, Zeller, Brown, A. Kelpinski, Jorella, and Illig.

Rogers City Lion Dennis Downie reported on the Cash Bash party hosted by the RC Lions on Feb. 13. Tickets are \$150 per couple which includes dinner for two, and the top prize is \$3000. Tickets are available by calling 989-734-3612, or you may email Lion Downie at [dennis31@toast.net](mailto:dennis31@toast.net).

### **Region and Zone Reports-**

**Region I-** No report.

**Zone 1-** ZC Brown reported that he has made visitations, and his Zone is currently at +8 for membership.

**Zone 2-** ZC Poole turned in a written report showing there have been two zone meetings held, and he has visited all but one club. Their membership is at -1.

**Region II-** RC Smith turned in a written report showing he has visited three of the clubs in his zone. The Atlanta Club recently held a membership drive, and they are looking at possibly admitting women into their club.

**Zone 1-** ZC Roberts turned in a written report showing that membership is at -5 for the year. She has been making visits.

**Zone 2-** ZC Fortier turned in a written report showing that he has visited all except one club now, and that one will be visited on 2/4. He has begun distributing the "What the heck is a Tailtwister" booklets.

**Region III-** RC Houthoofd submitted a written report showing a net loss of membership in the region of -7, an improvement over last year which was -10. There will be a combined Region/Zone meeting held on 2/4 at Carvers in West Branch.

**Zone 1-** ZC Fitch turned in a written report showing that clubs in his Zone have been active with some innovative programs.

**Zone 2-** ZC Illig reported that his clubs have been submitting their reports, and 6 of his 7 visits have been completed. The Prescott/Skidway Lake Club is hosting a fundraiser for Haiti on 2/13.

It was moved by ZC Fitch, supported by RC Houthoofd to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **All State Band-** There were five students from the District accepted in the band. They have to raise \$3995 each for the trip to Australia. Clubs should be sure when they send contributions in to the State that they designate the II-E2 students, or the money may be put into the administrative fund. The Grayling club is hosting a brunch fundraiser on 2/14 at the American Legion in Grayling from 10-2 to raise funds for Robert Stott. If there is extra money raised it will be shared with the other students.
- **Constitution and By-Laws-** PDG Bebee presented a written report reporting that There are no changes in the current Constitution and By-Laws to be considered. The proposed rules for the Convention were presented. It was moved by IPDG Zeller, supported by ZC Fortier that they be printed in the convention book. Motion carried.
- **District Convention-** Lion Bassett submitted a written report announcing the date of the 2001 Convention. It will be 4/29/2011-5/1/2011 at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire. They are planning a golf outing on Friday before the start of the convention.
- **District Melvin Jones-** There will be a meeting of the Committee following the Cabinet meeting to approve the nominee for the award. There was only one applicant.
- **District Peace Poster-** There were seven submissions. The winner is from Oscoda. The poster was forwarded to the Multi-District Level, but did not win.
- **District Pin-** PDG Schultz submitted a written report on the District pins. The new pins are available now for \$3. There are also some of last year's pins still available.
- **District Election Report-** PDG Schultz presented a written report noting that clubs had been sent information on the 2010 elections with a list of required qualifications. Secretaries are reminded that registration forms must be sent in on a timely basis for delegates.
- **District Convention Raffle-** Lion Sam Smith reported that information has been sent to all of the clubs, along with raffle tickets.
- **Honorary Committee-** There will be a committee meeting immediately following the Cabinet Meeting.
- **Information Technology-** Lion Dan Leblond turned in a written report showing the new items available on the District website, a list of clubs that have websites, and information on the free website available from Intl. for clubs.

- **Leadership Development-** IPDG Zeller submitted a written report concerning the search on the District Level for leaders. He will be speaking at upcoming Zone, Regional and Cabinet meetings about this topic.
- **Liaison-** PDG Flo Kelpinski submitted a written report primarily regarding the topic of ID candidates this year from both MD-11 and SD-10. If there are still two candidates after the selection process, there will have to be a determination as to how funds available for the campaign will be split.
- **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Schultz reported that we led the state in sweepstakes ticket sales last year. There will be an open seat for Foundation trustee this year. The candidate will be elected at the District Convention. The requirements for this position are the same as for Regional Chair.
- **Lioness Liaison-** Lioness Carole Schultz submitted a written report showing a decrease in membership down to 305. The clubs have been active in fundraising and made contributions totaling \$8004.
- **Liberty Day-** Lion Eleanor Lutze asked for permission to bring the remaining Liberty Day booklets to the convention for distribution to clubs. A table will be set up, and a donation will be asked to cover the cost of the booklets.
- **LCIF-** IPDG Zeller submitted a written report letting us know about the broadcast emails that have gone out to let people know what Intl. is doing in Haiti, and how clubs can make contributions. He is available to do programs to let clubs know more about LCIF.
- **Membership Development-** PDG Al Kelpinski submitted a written report showing that the MD is down 169 members so far this year. Our District is down 29 members, which is better than it was earlier this year, so the trend is in the right direction. Clubs are encouraged for the rest of the year to “keep what you have and add one.”
- **MD-11 Convention-** PDG Bebee submitted a written report showing that the 2010 MD-11 convention will be held on May 20-23, 2010 at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island. There is a discounted room rate of \$89 (normally \$171) which will be available from 5/19 through 5/24. If you are considering going, make reservations soon as they are almost out of the discounted rate rooms.
- **Orientation-** The copies of “What the Heck is a Tailtwister” are currently being distributed. There is one for every member. Members should be encouraged to read this booklet, and then return it to a designated club member who will have them available for new members.
- **Michigan Eye Bank-** Three more club presentations have been scheduled, and that should cover all clubs. Round two will then be started.
- **Michigan Forum-** The forum will be held on Saturday 2/20. There are 16 available seminars. Usually around 200 Lions attend. If you need white cane supplies, PDG Kelpinski can pick them up for you at the forum to save on shipping.
- **Nominating Committee-** So far the only official candidate for office is VDG Stenback who will be running for Governor.
- **Retention-** PDG Flo Kelpinski turned in a written report presenting a summary of the last retention committee meeting. The committee is working on getting the

retention idea out the to clubs, with various fun approaches to retention. Clubs are urged to remember that retention needs to start the minute a member is inducted.

- **White Cane-** PDG Flo Kelpinski reported that a recipient was selected for the scholarship from a number of very qualified applicants.

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**VDG Comments-** VDG Stenback commented that he is currently working on filling the cabinet positions and committees for next year. If anyone is interested in serving, they should contact him.

**DG Comments-** DG Bodem reminded us that District dues were waived for the second half of the year. She wants everyone to try and attend the Michigan Forum and the District Convention. Also since the MD convention is so close at Mackinac Island, with the discounted room rates, this is a good opportunity to attend that as well. She hopes clubs will continue to work hard on membership.

**Adjournment-** At 12:27PM, it was moved by RC Houthoofd, supported by ZC Fortier that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The next meeting will be 5/1 at 10AM at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord.