

**Lions of Michigan
District 11-E2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2012**

Cabinet Members In Attendance: DG Roger Houthoofd, VDG Lynne Jauss, CS Barb Durflinger, ZC Michael Brown, ZC Robert Gingerich, ZC Benny Schraffenberger, ZC Croft

Cabinet Members Absent: IPDG Stenback, ZC Michael Cain, ZC Rich Fortier, CT Spence Chinavare

Lions in Attendance: Dan LeBlond, Julie Haase, PDG Wayne Schultz, PDG Dave Zeller, Fred Spaven, Marilyn Spaven, Bob Hartl, Gary Rehberg, PDG Ed Hupert, Dana Shunk, Richard Shunk, Jan Bassett, Bob Bassett, Jay Winchell, Bonnie Bigelow, Neil Aleson, PDG Lewis Moeller, Craig Buchoz, PDG Al Kelpinski, PDG Florence Kelpinski, Otis Matteson, Dee Matteson Smith, PDG Bev Bodem, Dennis Bodem

DG Houthoofd called the meeting to order at 10: 20 AM, after showing the Quarterly Update video from International. VDG Jauss led the Pledge of Allegiance. VDG Jauss gave the invocation.

Secretary's Report- CS Durflinger presented the minutes from the October 15, 2011 meeting. It was moved by ZC Brown, supported by VDG Jauss that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion carried. CS Durflinger reported that 12 clubs have not paid their second half dues. Reminders will be sent out next week.

Treasurer's Report- DG Houthoofd presented the financial report for the period ended 1/21/2012. There was total cash of \$65,421.32 with \$25,443.01 in admin and \$39,978.31 in projects. It was moved by ZC Croft, supported by ZC Brown that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- Redistricting- DG Houthoofd reported that all districts now have a representative. Ours is IPDG Stenback. Their first meeting is next month. If an agreement is reached, anticipated implementation will be in 2014. There are five plans proposed. If the plan with 6 districts is adopted, it would take each district to around 1950 members. We would be left intact, but would add the Bay County, Midland County and Isabella County area.

Lion LeBlond reported that the PlusOptix cameras are being used regularly. The state has requested that we concentrate on children under the age of three, as the older ones are pretty well covered by school screenings. Children over 6 and adults can still be screened, but their results will not be recorded by the state, and there will be no follow-up on their care.

Bear Lake Fan update- DG Houthoofd reported that a group has volunteered to do the installation work, so we will only need to raise \$700 to cover our goal. As of now, only 9 clubs have donated to the project, but since several of them donated more than the \$26 requested, we have accumulated \$533. If your club has not yet donated to this project, please consider making a contribution.

New Business- The proposed rules for the convention were reviewed. It was moved by ZC Croft, supported by ZC Brown that they be adopted. Motion carried.

DG Houthoofd read a letter from Welcome Homes. Due to a lack of funds, they will be disbanding effective 2/13. If any funds remain after paying all bills, they will be spread between the other state projects.

PDG Zeller reported that PCC Esther LaMothe of the Novi Lions is running for International Director, and would like our District's endorsement. He commented on her many qualifications and leadership positions held. As of now, no one else has announced their candidacy. She will not be running at the upcoming convention, but will run the following year. The endorsement covers two years. It was moved by ZC Gingerich, supported by ZC Schraffenberger that we endorse PCC Esther LaMothe. Motion carried.

The District Peace Poster winner this year was Eileen Naniseni. She also came in second at the MD-11. Her award will be presented at the district convention.

Zone Reports-

Region 1, Zone 1- RC Brown introduced Lion Jay Winchell from Wolverine, and commented on his hard work. They have added 9 new members this year, and have started a project with the DNR to plant 100,000 trees to reforest a burned out area. Lion Winchell commented that they are having luck attracting young people because they are having fun projects like the tree planting. He would welcome help from other clubs in this project.

Region 1, Zone 2- No report.

Region II, Zone 1- ZC Croft reported that he has visited four of his clubs, and has times set up to visit the remainder. He is working with several who are delinquent with reports, and encouraging all of them to consider the CEP project.

Region II, Zone 2- ZC Fortier turned in a written report stating that he has visited several clubs, but has had health problems that prevented him from doing more. As his health improves he will be resuming visits.

Region III, Zone 1- ZC Gingerich reported that his clubs are active. The Grayling Club is having a pancake breakfast on 2/11 from 8-1 at the Grayling American Legion. The Roscommon Club just completed "Ski for Light" which had 42 skiers. They also distributed around 90 baskets at Christmas.

Region III, Zone 2- ZC Schraffenberger reported the zone meeting on 10/25 had five of the eight clubs represented. He noted the AuGres club has two 50 year members who will be recognized later this month.

Committee Reports:

- **Bear Lake Camp-** Lion Dennis Bodem turned in a written report noting that the camp had a successful 2011. The district contributions in 2010-11 were up, and he hopes for a good showing this year also. We need to look for eligible campers from the district.
- **District Convention 2012-** VDG Jauss reported that the convention will be at Treetops in Gaylord this year on May 4-6. She presented the convention budget, which shows a \$1555.52 deficit, but commented that the committee hopes for more advertising in the program, and will be holding 50/50's to reduce the deficit. The keynote speaker this year is ID Mark Hintzman from Wisconsin. The club packets will be sent out next week. It was moved by ZC Croft, supported by ZC Gingerich that the budget be approved. Motion carried. PDG Schultz is looking for unique things about each club for the trivia game that will be played at the convention.
- **District Pin-** This years pins are still available. PDG Schultz commented that the design for next year's pin has been chosen. Less will be ordered next year due to declining sales.
- **Diabetes/Medical Assistance-** Lion Jan Bassett reported that they have gotten many applications for hearing aids, which are being coordinated with the LMF. She asked that clubs PLEASE fill out the questionnaire so that the committee can help improve the medical assistance in the district by finding doctors willing to work with clubs and help reduce our medical expenses. She also commented that used hearing aids can be sent into

the LMF.

- **District Melvin Jones-** PDG Bodem turned in a written report commenting that one application had been turned in for the District Melvin Jones. (A second one was turned in at the cabinet meeting). The deadline for applications has been extended to 2/29.
- **Global Leadership Team-** PDG Zeller reported that 12 Lions are now trained in the CEP process. Please see PDG Bodem to request enrollment in the program.
- **Global Membership Team-** PDG Bodem reported on the CEP training session on 1/14.
- **International Convention-** PDG Zeller reported that the next International Convention will be held in Busan, Korea from 6/22-26, 2012. Please contact him if you plan to attend.
- **Lioness Liaison-** The Lioness clubs have raised over \$9300 to date, and made donations of \$9500. Their membership is now at 256.
- **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** Lion Flo Kelpinski reported that so far only six clubs have donated to the Foundation. Clubs should be encouraged to donate.
- **LCIF-** PDG Zeller submitted a written report reminding clubs to donate to LCIF, and to think about honoring fellow Lions by awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
- **MD-11 Convention-** PDG Zeller reported that this year's convention will be 5/18-19 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.
- **Michigan Forum-** PDG Zeller reported that the forum will be held 2/17-18 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing. Registration forms are available at www.lionsofmi.com. Come be entertained by "dueling pianos."
- **USA/Canada Forum-** VDG Jauss has information on the upcoming USA/Canada Forum to be held 8/13-15 in Tampa Bay. Please see her if you are interested in attending.
- **Website/Information Technology-** Lion LeBlond reported that there is a lot of useful information on the District website- www.millions11e2.org. He also commented that to his knowledge no new e-Clubhouse websites have been set up in the District.
- **White Cane Committee-** PDG Florence Kelpinski reported that this year the committee decided to award three \$1,000 scholarships to legally blind individuals. The scholarships will be awarded at the Michigan Forum in February.

Other Business- PDG Schultz commented that clubs should be reminded to donate to District and State projects. Several clubs have received grants without making donations to replenish the funds available.

Lion Gary Rehberg commented that our membership problems would be alleviated if the all male clubs would accept women. Currently 12 clubs in the District have no women. DG Houthoofd commented that another problem is our aging members. We have over 100 members in their 80's and 90's. Currently the District is 77% male and 23% female.

VDG Comments- VDG Jauss has a supply of the 25th anniversary "Women in Lions" pins. She noted that to help balance the convention budget, clubs are asked to get four \$25 ads for the program. This way no one club has to do all the work. ZC's need to check and be sure that clubs report all of their decedents for the memorial service, and remind those who have lost someone to be sure and have a representative at the service on Sunday morning.

DG Comments- DG Houthoofd reported that "Buddy Day" has been renamed "2012 SOS Donate Life Day." It will be held on Wednesday 4/11.

The Strategic Planning Committee on the State level is being restructured. This will be voted on at the MD convention.

The cabinet is working on the updates for the District Policy Manual. He hopes to have this ready at the convention.

He noted that the Hubbard Lake Club had received a \$10,000 grant for their park project.

Adjournment- At 12:05 PM, it was moved by ZC Brown, supported by ZC Gingerich that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The next meeting date is May 4, 2012 at 4 PM at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord.