

**MINUTES DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING**  
SUNDAY JULY 31, 2005

CALL TO ORDER BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JANALEE McCLURE AT 9:30AM

ATTENDING : ZC Connie McMorris; IPDG Chester Kudla; PDG Dan Gibbons; Cabinet Treasurer Kerry McGinley; PDG Richard Perrin; Lion Sharon Thomas; Lion Pam Schroeder; Lion Karla Roebuck; PDG Richard Maguire; PDG Bernard Jardot; PDG Dick Daniel; IP District Treasurer Hal Pendleton; Lion John Hunt; Lion Anna Hunt; PDG Stan Preshaw; VDG Lynn Mast; PDG Jerry Brandt; Lion John Sovey; PDG Irwin Beck; Lion Tom Silverthorn; Lion Gayle Morlock; ZC Larry Morlock; Lion Bill Raymor; Lion Jane Raymor; Lion Bill Simpson; RC Prentiss Ware; RC Carl Homsher; Lion Laurene Homsher; PDG Harry Johnson; Lion Bob Gray and Lion Andy Wuotila.

Pledge

Blessing

**Governor's Remarks;** District Governor Janalee urged all present to pick up roster books and write down any you are taking for the clubs. Lion Pam will keep track.

Introduction; DG Janalee had all PDGs stand and introduce themselves and then all others present introduced themselves.

Recessed at 9:45 AM for committee meetings.

Call back to order 10:45 AM

**Minutes of April 1, 2005,** prepared by Lion Pam Schroeder. Motion by Lion Prentiss Ware to accept as presented. Supported by Lion Larry Morlock. No discussion and motion passed.

**Final Treasurer's Report from 2004-05:** Past Treasurer Pendleton reported there were some corrections on the report that he passed out at the beginning of the meeting. Midland has paid both the first half and second half dues, Reed City the second half dues, and Sheridan the first half dues. This leaves the following clubs still owing dues for 2004-05, Mecosta, MCO and Sand Lake for the first half, and MCO, Sand Lake, and Sheridan for the second half of 2004-05.

**Treasurer's Report;** Lion McGinley stated he has contacted Auto Owners Insurance Co. for a \$50,000 bond at a cost of \$233.89. He asked for a Motion of approval and Lions Morlock and Ware made and seconded. Lion Morlock asked if this quote was in line with years past and was assured it was. Motion passed.

Treasurer Kerry then asked for approval of the bank for 2005-06 being Chemical Bank Central of Big Rapids. Motion by Lion Morlock to accept the bank for 2005-06, Supported by Lion Ware. Motion voted upon and passed. Lion Kerry explained he would have two accounts at the bank. One will be a Chem Flex account where he will deposit the bulk of our money and have access to it one day a month. This account will earn 2% on approx. 25 to 30 thousand dollars.

The regular checking account will earn very little interest, and that is why he will have two accounts. Our Certificate of Deposit will be placed at State Farm, if the interest rate is still high.

The Audit Committee met while we broke for the committee meetings, and PDG Daniels reports the books are in order and the district is in good financial shape. Motion by Lion Morlock to accept the Audit Committee report. Motion supported by Lion McMorris and the motion passed.

VDG Mast reports he attend the Council meeting next week-end. He has made a couple visitations but the clubs aren't in full swing yet. He remains available to any one that needs help.

### **Region 1 Report; Region Chair Prentiss Ware**

Region Chair presented a written report showing a gain of 9 members in the region. The membership gain was in Onekama where they had 9 new members. They used a Michigan Model program and it worked. They expect more members from this meeting.

Zone 1 Lion Melinda Lautner No report absent  
Zone 2 Lion Connie McMorris No report  
Zone 3 Lion Dave Combs No report absent

### **Region 2 Report; Region Chair Kerry McGinley**

Region Chair plans on visiting all clubs in his Region this year as he did last year. M reports are still a concern and he hopes the new system this year works better.

Zone 1 Lion Diane Fleming No report absent  
Zone 2 Lion Tony Rutledge Absent but RC gave a short report for Tony as he was sick today. He installed officers for Chippewa Lake and plans on visiting clubs in Aug.  
Zone 3 Lion Larry Morlock Lion Larry reported that he plans on visiting all his clubs in Sept. and also plans a Zone meeting in Sept.

VDG Mast remarked on the MCO Club that they haven't been paying dues. Lion Kerry stated we talked about the clubs in arrears and the Cab. Sec. will contact them. Lion Harry brought up the resolution that he thought was passed at the District Convention requesting the MCO Club not having to pay District dues. Governor Janalee stated that this resolution was passed after the meeting was adjourned. It was brought back to the Cabinet at their next meeting, but was turned down. ZC Tony Rutledge is working on a program for the clubs to adopt some of their members and pay there dues.

Governor asked Lion Kerry to come up with a program with the MCO Club so they will pay their dues. They have not paid any dues to the District since being chartered in 03. Lion Chipman and Johnson will help Lion Kerry try to resolve this matter.

### **Region 3 Report, Region Chair Carl Homsher**

Lion Carl reported that Zone 2 Chair Donald Veitengruber is planning a Zone meeting Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Tuchmeheta. Cost to be \$8.00 and meeting to start at 6:00 PM. A tour of the camp will follow the meeting.

Zone 3 Fremont club will hold a Kids Sight Screening on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> and they have asked all clubs in Newaygo Co. to send a representative.

Zone 1 Chair Tom Wilson absent

Zone 2 Chair Donald Veitengruber absent

Zone 3 Chair Robert Chapman absent.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Lion Karla Roebuck

The committee held its organizational meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Seven Lions were in attendance. In a very productive forum the committee set this year's goal:

IDENTIFY THE AUDIENCE

ESTABLISH STANDARDS

INCREASE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DISTRICT & CLUBS AS WELL AS BETWEEN CLUBS AND MEMBERS

The committee and other interested Lions will be sharing their thoughts and ideas via an internet message board.

Lion Silverthorn asked if the web site is working for you. You can reach the site at <http://lions.silverthorn.biz/11-e1> Lion Tom will update club web sites if the clubs contact him and ask him to do so. Committee people and club information will not be placed on the web site this year unless the clubs request it.

**MERLO TEAM:** VDG Lynn Mast

The following committees make up the MERLO Team and they are; Membership & the chairperson is Lion John Sovey; Extension, Lion Harry Johnson; Retention, Lion Evert Hopwood; Leadership, Lion Richard Maguire; Orientation, Lion J. Louis Hughes and Women's Development, Lion Sharon Thomas.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Lion John Sovey; The District is down 5 members from last report. Last year's new member sponsors were entered into a contest for the 2006 District Convention. The winners are the sponsors of the following new members. Jerome Hebert, Midland and the sponsor receives all expenses at the Dist. Convention. Second place the sponsor of Loraine Kirchner of Weidman. Third place is the sponsor of Mary Schendel of Midland. 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize is free registration and free banquet. 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive a free banquet. Two alternates were drawn and they are the sponsors of Randall Roebuck, Chippewa Lake and James Powell of Fremont.

It was pointed out by the treasurer that the expense for this has to come from the Convention Fund. He advised the Convention chairperson of this.

**EXTENSION:** Lion PDG Harry Johnson; He is working with 3 areas, and held first meeting last Thursday at Woodland Park.

**LEADERSHIP:** PDG Richard Maguire; The first meeting of the Multiple 11 committee will be August 6<sup>th</sup>. Lion Dick stated his goals this year as wanting to visit 50% of all zone meetings and club meetings. He needs the assistance of the zone chairs in making these goals.

VDG Mast thanked the MERLO Team and stated they feel that the leadership problems are more pronounced at the club level than the district.

**WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT:** Lion Sharon Thomas; No meeting yet at the Multiple and, being new on the job has no report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL;** Lion Andy Wuotila Chair This is a new beginning for this committee for both Lion Andy and the committee. Lion Andy has been involved with conservation for years and today he is recognizing a member of the Mesick Lions Club for outstanding service to the community. Lion Bob Gray is the heart and soul of the Lions Veterans Memorial Park. Located on the backwaters of the Manistee River, Lion Bob has seen to the development of a fishing pier, walking trail, dog run, and the building of three pavilions. Lion Bob not only sees to the construction, but he is also the one that sees to the maintenance. So, with great pride Lion Andy nominated Lion Bob for the first District 11-E1 Outstanding Community Environmental Project Award. At this time, Governor Janalee presented Lion Bob with a framed certificate. Lion Bob stated he was very happy with the number of people from all over the state using the park.

#### **DISTRICT YOUTH COORDINATOR-LIONS OPPORTUNITIES**

Lion Laurene Homsher is the chair, and the following committees are united with her; All State Band Chair Mike Filkins; Peace Poster, PDG Stan Preshaw; Lion Bob Burnison, Youth Exchange and PDG Harry Johnson, Youth Outreach.

Lion Laurene reported that the All State Band had 91 students last year and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Hong Kong. They gave 11 performances through out the area. She anticipates more students will go to New Orleans in 2006.

**LEO CLUBS:** Chair Laurene Homsher; Currently there are 3 LEO clubs in the district and they are Coleman; Ewart and Onekama. There has been interest in Mesick, Carson City and Fremont. Lion Laurene is willing to make visitations to help promote more clubs and tell the LEO story.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE;** Lion Jane Raymor reported. They have not yet held a meeting, but will have one at the end of August. Action plan from last year will serve as basis for this year; Inform clubs about Youth Exchange; Have each district sponsor two students to travel overseas and host three; Each district contribute \$500.00 to Youth Exchange for adm. cost and, last, give financial support to students from district and clubs.

**YOUTH OUTREACH:** Chair PDG Harry Johnson; No meeting held yet but, there will be a forum later in the year and it will cover everything for youth and what Lions can do to help.

**PEACE POSTER:** Chair PDG Stan Preshaw; The 2005-06 contest is Peace with out Borders, and kits are available from International until Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Lion Stan requested \$50.00 for prize money for the outstanding poster from our District. Motion by Lion Morlock to approve this request, Supported by Lion Ware. Motion passed.

Governor Janalee requested that all committee persons fill out the new District Chairpersons Report. This is a trial year to see if it helps our chairpersons.

**WEB MASTER;** Governor Janalee requested \$600.00 for one year updating on our web site. This will allow much of our District business to be on the WEB. Motion by Lion McGinley to approve up to \$600.00 for this, Supported by Lion Morlock. Motion passed.

Break for lunch 12:08 PM

Call back to order 1:02 PM

**DISTRICT PIN:** Chair Lion John Hunt; The district has 66-2003-04 pins and 92-2004-05 pins. There are 50-2004-05 pins still out with Lions. The 2005-06 pins are here, and the Governor has 100 of them, and the others are divided into 16 bags of 25. Today Lion John turned in \$61.00 for last years pins and IPDG Chester gave the district a check for \$250.00 for pins. The 500 pins this year cost the district \$1.23 each, and a motion to sell the pins for \$1.50 was requested. Motion by Lion McMorris, with support from Lion Ware to sell pins for \$1.50. After much discussion about price of pins, a motion was made by Lion Morlock to amend the motion to raise the price of pins to \$2.00, Supported by Lion McGinley. Motion to amend the original motion passed and the main motion then passed.

**HEARING SPEECH AND WORK WITH THE DEAF:** Chair Lion Gayle Morlock; Lion Gayle and PDG Maguire held a meeting and discussed the following goals; Increase # of clubs using screening services; increase # of hearing aids being donated to be reused, and join with the Lions of Michigan Foundation hearing aid project. The Foundation will give hearing aids at no cost, but the cost for the mold will have to be picked by a club or the patient. PDG Maguire reported his club donated \$3000.00 to the Lions of Michigan Foundation for the purpose of assisting people with hearing problems. Lion PDG Dan Gibbons stated he had passed out Lions of Michigan Foundation grant request forms to all Region and Zone Chairs. The committee is also working to find an audiologist to assist the Lions at a rate that we can afford.

**DIABETES:** PDG Lion Richard Daniel Chair; No meeting held yet, the first one will be in December. The second meeting he plans on holding by E-Mail. Lion Dick did attend a Lions of MI. Forum meeting and found it very interesting. They first defined a Mission Statement **“To create and foster an environment of personal growth by providing education and information to those who seek it.”** Planning on a two day format again this year with 12 forum topics. Same location this year in Midland with menu costs at \$30.00. Had 155 people there last year and hoping for 200 this year. Date for the forum has not yet been set.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION:** PDG Lion Richard Maguire reported. Lion Dick read a report he presented to the Foundation upon concluding his year as president of the Foundation. The Governor will put this report on the Web site.

**NOMINATIONS:** PDG Lion Irwin Beck No report

**BEAR LAKE CAMP:** Lion William Raymor Chair; Lion Raymor attended the board meeting in July and visited the camp. They are in the process of making a new video and hope to have it soon. No committee meeting set yet. Lion Larry Morlock asked if the camp was for profit or non-profit. Lion Raymor stated the camp is a 501C-3 foundation. Lion Larry asked for a detail report of the operation of the camp. PDG Beck stated he has received a report from the camp, and 19 District 11-E1 clubs donated last year.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Lion Pam Schroeder Chair; Lion Pam and her committee members are working with Traverse City for the 2006 convention. They have the same problems with meal prices, room rates and hospitality rooms, but will make an outstanding convention as always. PDG Brandt is working on a location for 2007.

**PROJECT KIDSIGHT:** PDG Dan Gibbons Chair; Kidsight is starting to take off now after the first couple of years of problems. The district has had 45 screening sessions and tested some 500 children. Lion Dan requested money from the district to purchase another camera at \$3800.00. After much discussion on the subject and about Kidsight, no one came forth with a motion to purchase another camera at this time. The District Governor stated she would place this item on the agenda for the next cabinet meeting. She thanked PDG'S Dan Gibbons and Stan Preshaw for an outstanding report.

**ELECTIONS:** PDG Richard Perrin, Chair No report

**LIAISON:** PDG Jim Chipman, Chair; No meetings yet but Lion Jim thinks there will be a candidate for endorsement to run for International director at the multiple convention. International Convention will be held in New Orleans 2006; more to follow later.

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK:** VDG Lynn Mast reporting; At the annual meeting of the Eye Bank, it was voted to no longer have sub stations. Our district had 5 sub stations, but the Eye Bank feels we can do without them. They also voted to change the way board members are chosen. They will no longer be voted on but, picked by the sitting directors. A new building has been purchased and they will be moving out of the U of M. There will be a fund raiser coming forth but no information as of yet. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, a Sight Night was held to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of cornea transplant. It was held at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, and very few Lions turned out. There was a good turn out of the donor families and the recipients, but not the Lions. The next committee meeting is scheduled for the last of August. The Governor reminded the cabinet that there will be a change of address starting in October of 2005 for Mich. Eye Bank.

**WELCOME HOMES:** District Gov. Janalee reporting; Welcome Homes will be closing. The home will be sold and the money will be turned over to the new company they are joining with. There was much discussion on the merits of them selling the property and turning the money over. Most felt that the money should be the Lions, but the DG explained that being a 501C-3 the Lions have no power over them.

Motion made by Lion McGinley to recommend to all clubs that they withhold all donations to Welcome Homes until after the Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> cabinet meeting, Supported by Lion Ware. Motion passed.

**POLICY MANUAL:** Lion Bill Simpson, Chair; Lion Bill presented numerous changes to the policy manual. First, all mention of gender has been made neutral. The following pages have changes on them; 174, 176, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 184, 186. All pages were accepted as presented except for page 176 . The last line of Section C, Item 3b of the revised changes to be changed as follows; "the request for reimbursement and presented by June 1<sup>st</sup>". Motion by Lion McGinley to accept the changes to the policy manual as amended. Motion supported by Lion Morlock. Motion passed.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Requested that all committee descriptions and contact information be placed on the web sight. Motion to approve by Lion Morlock and supported by Lion Ware. Motion passed.

POLICY manual to be placed on line.

**BUDGET FOR 2005-06:** Lion Kerry McGinley, Treasurer; Lion Kerry presented the budget for 2005-06 and, after much discussion, the budget was balanced except for the \$900.00 for reimbursements for last years region and zone chair expenses. These were not paid in last year's budget, so they will be paid this year. Motion to accept the budget as presented by Lion Chipman and supported by Lion McMorris. After much discussion on funding the secretary, treasurer and increasing funding for the District Governor, Lion Chipman called for the question. The Governor asked for a vote on calling for the question and the vote was affirmative. She then asked for a vote on the budget as presented by Lion Kerry and it passed.

**Motion to adjourn** by Lions Ware and McMorris. Motion Passed; Adjourned at 2:50 PM.

**NOTE;** PDG Ed Fluegge is in the Clarkston Assisted Living Home with a lung problem. Lion Bernie will get more information to the district.

Clubs: Please read minutes, and discuss at your zone meetings. Any questions, please call me at **231-796-7708**

Jim Chipman, Cabinet Secretary