

Official Minutes
First Cabinet Meeting 2011/2012
August 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Dallas Scott at 2:30 P.M. Lion Rob Senoski led the Pledge of Allegiance, IPDG Bernice Leftwich led the song America and PID Richard gave the invocation.

There were 24 Cabinet members present.

DG Dallas Scott asked if there are any additions to the agenda. PID Richard Chaffin asked that the Financial Review Committee report be added to the agenda. It was added to Other Business.

DG Dallas asked if anyone noticed that District 24-E received prominent exposure in the latest edition of the Lions Magazine. An ad on page 55 featured a patch for Camp Too Sweet.

District Governor Dallas Scott presented an overview of IP Tam's message. IP Tam has asked for more service that meetings. He has asked that we put the WE back in WE Serve. He wants Lions to plant 1,000,000 trees throughout the world. The 752 new District Governors pledged to plant 4.8 million. DG Dallas pledged 1,500 trees for District 24-E, or 42 per club. DG Dallas asked that the clubs report them when they plant them. He has pledged to plant 10 trees on his property. IP Tam wants us to show positive membership growth. Over the last two years, LCI has shown positive growth but not in the United States.

DG Dallas has challenged each club in the district to show a net 3 in membership growth. He pointed out that the president of the Forest Lions Club has already achieved that goal.

OLD BUSINESS

Sight Chairman Stephen Haight reported that we should receive two PediaVision machines the first two weeks in September. There has been a slight delay due to a software glitch. The LCIF grant request should be approved in October and we can order the other 2 machines. The machines will be housed at the State Office in Roanoke and Lion Stephen and State

Secretary/Treasurer Tammie Brightwell will be tracking the use of the machines.

Lion Ralph Long informed the cabinet that due to the software glitch, Lion PDG Dr. Hauser Weiler told him that his district was ordering two older machines and two new machines. Lion Stephen is going to contact Lion Hauser.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by 2VDG Jo Nelson and second by Zone Chairperson Eric Mills, and a unanimous vote by the Executive Cabinet, voting privileges were granted to the entire District 24-E Cabinet.

Cabinet Secretary Nelson Leftwich presented the minutes of the June 19, 2011, District 24-E Cabinet Meeting. PDG Bill Brammer made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Lion Charlie Herbert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Jim Newman presented the District 24-E financial statement. The financial statement was approved on motion of PDG J.D Arnold and second by Lion Charlie Herbert. The cabinet approved moving the funds in the Salem Red Sox account to the Discretionary Fund.

District 24-E Cabinet Secretary Nelson Leftwich presented the proposed Administrative Budget for Year 2011/2012. PCC Nelson Leftwich made the motion that the proposed budget (attached) be approved. PDG Bill Brammer seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

DG Dallas Scott informed the cabinet that we had been asked to provide volunteers to handle registration for the JDRF Walk scheduled for September 25, 2011. In the absence of Diabetes Chair Bill Brammer due to his scheduled surgery, PCC Nelson Leftwich will head up this project. PCC Nelson informed the cabinet that training will be held on September 18, 2011, in Roanoke at the JDRF office on Electric Road. He circulated a sign up sheet for the members to volunteer. The clubs in the district will be asked to announce this and request that volunteers contact Lion Nelson.

DG Dallas informed the cabinet that he had received a proposal for a joint service club project called Read Across America. This would be joint with

Rotary, Lions Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs. This involves going to all schools in Roanoke City, County and Salem on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, 2012, and reading. Lion Linda All volunteered to be the focal point for this project.

PID Fall Conference Chair Richard Chaffin gave an update on the Fall Conference scheduled for August 26, 27, 2011. An update will be going to all clubs by email (attached) reminding them of the deadlines and encouraging them to attend and participate in the conference. Lion Richard emphasized that there will be numerous presenters including Dr. Hauser Weiler who will be there demonstrating the PediaVision machine and hopefully conducting screenings. He emphasized that donations are needed for the raffle on Friday night. Clubs are asked to donate \$25 if they do not donate items for the auction.

DG Dallas reported that there is no effective method of knowing what the different committee chair people are doing. He asked that each chair person send him a report of what they had done, clubs they had visited and programs presented on a monthly basis. He said that it could be a simple email informing him what had been done.

CABINET MEMBER REPORTS

PDG Bob Hartman-Constitution and By-Laws.

- ✓ The committees goal is to clean up the election procedures.

PDG Bill Brammer-Camp Too Sweet.

- ✓ Started off with 43 campers, two had to drop out. Ended up with 41 campers. Total cost of the camp was \$10,583, which included pins, tee shirts and financial assistance. There were 21 from District 24-E who needed financial assistance and 7 from other districts who needed assistance. Hopefully we will receive funds from some of the other districts. We are working with CarilionClinic on weekend seminars for the family of diabetic children. PDG Bill offered to conduct CTS programs for the clubs and secure medical professionals to conduct programs on diabetes.

PDG Bill thanked PCC Nelson Leftwich for taking the leadership in the JDRF Walk. He could not do it because of upcoming back surgery.

PDG Bill Brammer-Leadership

- ✓ PDG Bill reported we have 9 candidates for the Lions Regional Leadership Institute.

PDG Bill Brammer-Club Officers Training

- ✓ Another session will be offered on September 17, 2011, at the Higher Education Center in Roanoke. 2VDG Jo Nelson will be conducting the Presidents school, PCC Nelson Leftwich will conduct the Secretary school, Cabinet Treasurer Jim Newman will conduct the Treasurer school, DG Dallas Scott will conduct the Membership training and PDG Bill Brammer will conduct the Leadership Development.

Lion Steve Garrett-Environmental Affairs

- ✓ DG Dallas informed Lion Steve that he had appointed him to head up the tree planting in our district.

PDG Jesse Garrett-LOVHF

- ✓ Asking for donations.

PDG J. D. Arnold-Long Range Planning

- ✓ Nothing to report at this time.

PDG J. D. Arnold-International Convention

- ✓ June 22, 2012 - June 26, 2012 in Busan, Korea. There were over 15,000 in attendance at the Seattle convention. There were 80 from the state of Virginia. There will be a \$2 dues increase over the next two years.

PDG J. D. Arnold-USA/Canada Leadership Forums

- ✓ 2011 will be in Anchorage, Alaska and 2012 will be in Tampa, Florida

PID Richard Chaffin-Fall Conference and International Liaison.

- ✓ Fall Conference report has already been given and nothing to report on Liaison.

2VDG Jo Nelson-LOVF and Women's Membership.

- ✓ Lion Jo has been elected to be VP this year so there is a vacancy for our District Rep to be filled. Lion Jo reported that she does have LOVF raffle tickets. She stressed that our district had benefited from previous raffle ticket sales with the monies received for the tornado relief in Pulaski County. She also emphasized that the profit to the club can be used for Administrative purposes.
- ✓ Lion Jo informed the cabinet that she will be willing to go to any club and present a program on Women' Membership. She reported that over the last two years, women's membership has shown positive growth.

Lion Peggy Smith-Youth Opportunities.

- ✓ Lion Peggy said that the emphasis is on the Lions Quest program and asked that if any member knows of a school that would be interested, to let her know.

PDG Don Rhinehart-LCIF Coordinator.

- ✓ PDG Don will be visiting as many clubs as possible emphasizing Melvin Jones Fellowships and to explain what LCIF is doing. At the present time 5 clubs have made donations to LCIF for a total of over \$1,400. Last year there were 18 MJF awarded by 14 clubs. Four clubs did 2 awards each.

Lion Charlie Herbert-Global Membership Team.

- ✓ Next weekend he, DG Dallas and PDG Bill will be attending a GLT/GMT workshop in Morgantown, WVA. Lion Charlie reported that his goal for membership growth is for each member to bring in one new member.

Lion Stephen Haight-Sight Conservation and PediaVision

- ✓ Lion Stephen reported that he will be working on the process for handling requests for eyeglass assistance in the Roanoke Valley.

Lion Carl Stump-Information Technology

- ✓ Lion Carl reported that he is busy at the start of a new Lions year. He is scheduling time to update the District Directory, Committee, Club Officers and other changes as necessary for another successful year. He hopes to make the District website attractive, informative for all visitors. If anyone has suggestions on improvements, corrections or should anyone desire to assist with the constant updating of information, please contact him.

Lion Kirk Sampson-Region I, Zone II Chair

- ✓ All clubs are doing well. The Stuart Lions Club, with 8 members, presented their President Lion Bill Hines with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Lion Kirk Sampson-Peace Poster

- ✓ Lion Kirk is in the process of transitioning Leader Dog to Lion Ralph Long and transitioning Peace Poster from Lion Jo Nelson.

Lion Linda All-LAMP/RAM

- ✓ The RAM Event at Wise was held on July 22-24, 2011. Two words describe the event - HOT & HUMID. Lowe's which provides the water for the event was constantly bringing water to keep the volunteers and patients hydrated. The EMS crews were kept busy with people passing out from the heat. The patient count was lower this year, a little over 2,000. They do not know the reason it was lower.

- ✓ The next LAMP event will be in Grundy, Virginia on October 1 & 2, 2011. Volunteers are needed for this event since Lions are in total control of the eye and hearing screenings. Reservations can be made at the Breaks Interstate Park located near Grundy.
- ✓ A MOM event, dental, will be held in Roanoke on March 20 & 31, 2012.

Lion J. S. Brown-Zone Chairperson

- ✓ Nothing to report

Lion Tammie Brightwell-State Secretary/Treasurer

- ✓ Thanked everyone for their work at the RAM

IPDG Bernice Leftwich-LEO

- ✓ Reported that she has not received anything from LCI. DG Dallas challenged her to have one new LEO club for the year. We will have some LEOs at the Fall Conference. DG Dallas reported there is some interest in forming a new club in Botetourt and the Smith Mountain Lake club will try to form a new club at Franklin County HS.

Lion Fred von Beckman, Zone Chairperson

- ✓ He reported that he is in the middle of a feasibility study of getting all the committee chairpersons together for a round table discussion.

Lion Eric Mills-Zone Chairperson

- ✓ Congratulated two clubs in his zone on celebrating anniversaries - Mount Pleasant Lions Club, 50 years and the Cave Spring District Lions Club, 70 years. There was discussion regarding the great article in the Roanoke Times on the Mount Pleasant Lions Club. PDG Tom Ruble said it was probably in self defense rather than having to deal with PDG Mike Ferguson.

Lion Jim Newman-Cabinet Treasurer

- ✓ There will be a new donation form that will be on the District 24-E website.

Lion Jim Newman-Pin Traders

- ✓ The new 2012 state pins are in. The price actually went down from \$2.25 last year to \$2.00 this year.

Lion Ralph Long-Leader Dog

- ✓ Lion Ralph thanked Lion Kirk Sampson for volunteering him for the job. He has a lot of experience with service dogs. His wife trains dogs for St. Francis of Assisi and has written a book about her methodology and Lion Ralph took all the pictures used in the book.

Lion Rob Senoski-Safety

- ✓ Offered to present programs on safety dealing with smoke alarms or any other aspect of safety.

Lion Rob Senoski-Public Relations

- ✓ Offered to present programs on Public Relations.

Lion Tammie Brightwell-State Secretary/Treasurer

- ✓ Reported that the vote for International Director continues with the special election. Ballots were mailed to all registered delegates to the convention. It is not known who voted but only those delegates that voted at the convention are eligible to vote in this special election. Lion Tammie covered all the procedures that will be used in this special election.

PID Richard Chaffin-Financial Review of the District 24-E finances.

- ✓ A written report of the Financial Review Committee, PID Richard Chaffin, Lion Jim Newman and PCC Nelson Leftwich, is attached. Everything was in good order. There were no material discrepancies.

The committee send its congratulations to Lion J.J. Johnson for his dedication over so many years and appreciate all his hard work.

- ✓ PID Richard reported that there is a substantial amount of money in three different accounts; Money Market Account, Webb Maddox Fund, and Special Sight Conservation Fund, that is just sitting there not being used. It is up to the Cabinet as to how these funds are used.

Lion Carl Stump said that the directory is on line and will be updated with the new officers before midnight tonight.

PDG Bill Brammer reported that the District now has the 501.C.3 approval from IRS. He reported that the Charity fund can now handle grants for the individual clubs rather than the clubs having to apply for the C.3 status. A legal document will be drawn up for the clubs and the charity representative to sign on how the funds will be used.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

PCC Nelson E. Leftwich, Jr.
Cabinet Secretary
District 24-E
Lions of Virginia

See Special Elections Minutes Below:

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Special Meeting
District 24-E Cabinet
August 14, 2011**

The special Cabinet meeting of the District 24-E Cabinet was called to order at 3:50 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2011, by District Governor Dallas Scott. DG Scott informed the Cabinet that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a replacement to the office of First Vice District Governor caused by the resignation of Lion John T. Johnson.

DG Scott announced that there are two candidates who have secured the endorsement of their club. The candidates are PDG Bill Brammer, a member in good standing of the Rocky Mount Lions Club and PCC Nelson Leftwich a member in good standing of the Bedford Host Lions Club. DG Scott asked if there are any other nominations from the floor. There being none, DG Scott asked for a nomination speech for PDG Bill Brammer. PDG Jesse Garret, a member in good standing of the Boones Mill Lions Club, nominated PDG Bill Brammer for the office of First Vice District Governor of District 24-E. Lion Steve Garrett, a member in good standing of the Boones Mill Lions Club, seconded the nomination.

DG Scott then asked for a nomination speech for PCC Nelson Leftwich. Lion PID Richard Chaffin, a member in good standing of the Forest Lions Club, nominated PCC Nelson Leftwich for the office of First Vice District Governor for District 24-E. Lion Charles Herbert, a member in good standing of the Rich Creek Lions Club and the Rich Creek Giles Breakfast Branch Lions Club, seconded the nomination.

The nominations were closed and DG Scott distributed ballots with the names of the candidates to the members in attendance. After the members had marked their ballots, State Secretary/Treasurer Lion Tammy Brightwell, along with PDG Garrett and PID Chaffin retired to another room to count the ballots.

After counting was completed, DG Scott announced that PCC Nelson Leftwich had 21 votes and PDG Bill Brammer had 4 votes. PCC Nelson Leftwich was declared the winner and will be reported as the appointee to Lions Clubs International.

**Lion PCC Nelson Leftwich
Cabinet Secretary
District 24-E
Lions of Virginia**