

**First Regular Meeting
West Virginia Council of Governors
Saturday July 28, 2007
9:00 a.m.
Mount Hope Lions Club, Mount Hope, WV**

Council Chairman Gary Van Horn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m... The following were in attendance: CC Van Horn; DG's Richard McMillon, Tina Canon, Donna Pinkerman and Garland Burke; ID, Larry Johnson; PID's Browning and Cole; PDG's; Jim Canon, Pat Julius, Pete Johnson, George Woodrum, Dennis Keffer, Paul Amrhein, Paul Wheeler, Norville Ellison, Billy Nichols & Steve Glass; Others, Shirley Hlad, Barbara Cline, Betty Neely, Mary Louise Cole, Pat McMillon, Linda Van Horn, Harry Schramm, Jeff Baxter, Rachel Johnson, Lisa Keffer, Bill Laird, Charlie Biggs, Phyllis Amrhein, Melody Minor, Merlin Trickett, Sharon Cook & Charlotte Flick.

International Director Larry Johnson led the pledge and PID Scott Neely gave the invocation. CC Van Horn introduced Lion Bill Laird, President of the Mount Hope Lions Club, who welcomed everyone to his club. CC Gary thanked the Mount Hope Lions Club for hosting the meeting and providing lunch as well. Lion Gary then introduced newly elected International Director, Larry Johnson, members of the Council of Governors and asked others for self-introductions.

DG Pinkerman motioned and DG Burke seconded to approve the past minutes as mailed.

Motion Passed

Secretary/Treasurer Pinkerman presented the Treasurer report. Motion by DG Burke and seconded by DG McMillon to approve the Treasurer report. **Motion Passed**

Policy Manual Updating. DG Burke read the following changes to be made to the MD 29 Policy Manual:

Page 5...1st paragraph. "It has been a long-standing policy for the Council to pay for the lunch of the Council members and the MD Chairs who attend the fall and January meeting of the Council". Change to read: "*It has been a long-standing policy for the Council to pay for the lunch of those attending the Council meeting in the fall*". Page 5...2nd paragraph. "Council should be made aware, in writing, of any persons who want to address the Council and the item of business that they want the Council to consider at any regular or special meeting at least ten (10) working days in advance of said meeting: Add: "*Written reports from the JD Chairpersons should be to each Council member two weeks prior to each Council meeting*". Page 14...6th paragraph. *Include the descriptions and qualifications of the Dudley Simms and Richard H. Ruff Awards.* Page 18..Line 10. *Remove Emerging Lions Leadership Institute wording.* After Page 18, *include pages for the By-Laws and Constitution Committee, the members per district, their terms, and the rotation and job descriptions. Also include the IT position job description.* Page 22. MD Youth Exchange Chairperson title. *Change title to "Lions Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson".* After Page 29, *include the Romney Student Work Program job description.* Page 30; State Council Administrative Fund, 3rd paragraph, "Expenses for the training of District Governors Elect by the MD Leadership Development Chairperson and luncheon expenses at the first and second regular meetings of the Council of Governors come from this fund: Change to read: "*Expenses for the training of District Governors Elect by the MD Leadership Development Chairperson comes from his/her budget.* Page 51: West Virginia Lions Leadership School Operational Manual. *The present version is outdated. Include the present version here.* Page 57: Under mileage, reads \$.26 cents per mile for the VDG's and MD Chairperson. Change \$.26 to \$.28 per new rules of audit from LCI. Motion to accept Policy Manual Changes by DG McMillon and seconded by DG Canon. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by DG Pinkerman and seconded by DG Burke to table the Convention Handbook approval until a further meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by DG McMillon and seconded by DG Canon to approve the depository for MD 29 funds to be the 5th 3rd Bank and the \$100,000 bond for MD 29 Secretary/Treasurer to come from the Kluemper Insurance Agency in Huntington, WV. **Motion Passed.**

The final report of the 2007 State Convention was given by Convention Chairperson Steve Glass: Lion Steve announced 344 registrants and total expenses of \$33,937.59. Total sleeping rooms booked were 167. Total receipts minus Expenses were \$3,224.41. 30% went to the host Clarksburg Lions Club of \$967.32 and the balance of \$2,257.09 to return to the MD 29 Convention Fund. Lion Steve thanked the 2006-2007 Council of Governors for their support and was grateful to the immediate past council for giving him the latitude and direction to make different changes. Motion to accept and thank Lion Steve for an outstanding convention was made by DG Canon and seconded by DG Burke. **Motion Passed.**

The following are Multiple District Chairperson Reports:

MD Membership Report: Chairperson Bill Syphers was absent. Report was mailed.

MD Extension Report: PID Fred Cole reported at the present time he has not received the names of the District Extension Chairpersons but hope to get that information later and plans a meeting with those Lions in early August to lay plans for the year. Fred also mention work on a new campus club at Salem and possible new clubs in 29-N. He has talked with the MD Membership Chair about a MERL team meeting in the future. Lion Fred stated that the encouragement that each Governor gives to their extension team will have a positive effect on the outcome of the number of new clubs we will be successful in starting this year.

DG Canon expressed certain actions plans and goals that the council would like to be implemented by the MERL team. (1) In August, Team come together to provide sub-district training for cabinet MERL Teams. The training would include new MERL Teamwork for Growth Chairperson manuals, handouts and CD's provided by LCI. The training would be held on a Saturday, separate from any conferences. Funding to be provided out of each chairs budget granted by the Council and funds reimbursed by LCI. Participants would have lunch provided out of funding and gas stipend according to the rules of audit for sub-district chairs. (2). MD Team to stay in contact with sub-district Teams on an every other month basis by phone calls, letters or emails. Report said findings to the Council. (3) MD team to provide to sub-district teams the MERL quarterly newsletter provided by LCI. DG Burke suggested that the MERL team choose one of its own members to chair the leadership of the team.

MD Retention Report: Chair Merlin Trickett was present but had not report.

MD Leadership Report: Chair Dan Dague was absent. His report was mailed.

MD LCIF Report: Chair Paul Wheeler reported during the June 2007, LCIF board meeting, more than \$2.4 million in grants were approved. Since LCIF begin in 1968, it has awarded nearly 8,300 grants totaling \$588 million. During this 2006-2007 year, LCIF assisted MD 29 with the following grants: (1) A grant for the purchase of Diagnostic equipment for the Lions Clinical Eye Research unit at the WVU Eye Institute. (2) District 29-O with a \$10,000.00 emergency grant for flood relief activities. Campaign Sight First II has raised more than \$100 million at this point of the campaign. MD 29 District Coordinators will be conducting District team meetings to help focus the final year fundraising activities. A donation of \$1000 to CSFII enables a club to award the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. MD Quest Report: Chair Barbara Cline reported the Lions Quest program is beginning the new Lion year in full swing. She has just returned from a Lions Quest Workshop in Buckhannon. She will be going to Berkeley Springs on August 7-9th for a workshop. There are three workshops in the final planning stages. All that needs to be completed are the best dates to do them. She is going to Middle School in the Cabell/Huntington area to discuss with the principal the best time for that workshop. Barbara expressed her thanks to the District Governors for their support and funding.

Youth Camp and Exchange Report: Lion Jim McMillon submitted his resignation of Elected Youth Exchange (Term ending August 31, 2008) position effective at the end of the current Youth Exchange Season, September 1, 2007. MD Chair Lion Earl Jackson also submitted his chairperson position with Youth Camp and Exchange, effectively immediately.

Student Work Program Report: Lion Frank McGee was absent and his report was mailed.

Blind Ski Report: Chair Lion Billy Nichols reported the Romney School Superintendent Jane McBride did retire at the end of the school year and has been replaced by Dr. Nancy Shanks. Before Jane retired, she again reaffirmed to us that the Lions Ski project and the work programs at the school are having a very positive life changing effect on the students who participate. The ski trips have developed into a teamwork project where the Thomas Davis Lions members help provide the evening pizza party. We have cooperated with the WVU Foundation's children's vision rehabilitation project and are constantly on the look out for new ways to provide off campus challenges for the kids. Donations have remained steady, thanks to the newsletters and the ski program chairs in each of our sub-districts. The current balance on hand, as of July 10, 2007, is \$9,436 and next year's estimated budget will again be \$14,400 and is still self funded. The treasurer of this project is Lion Lori McDonald, HC 66, Box 110, Junction, WV 26824 and her phone is 304-289-3870 and email is lorimcd@citynet.net

Leo Report: Lion Lisa Keffer reported she plans to contact each of the four district chairs and offer support. She will keep up to date on all Leo activities and share them with the MD through our web page and at conferences. Lisa would like to obtain the names of all Leo advisors and their addresses and e-mails to insure better communication.

DG Canon again expressed goals that the council is encouraging. (1) By August 20th, arrange a place for a one-day Leo conference (Saturday). (2) By August 27th, submit to LCI, the Regional Leo Conference Grant application for \$2,000.00. (3) Order and have on hand several Leo Club organization kits to provide to sub-district Leo Chairs. (4) Provide prior to the November council meeting a list of all WV Leo Clubs with contact information to council. (5) Provide prior to the November council meeting the list and contact information to the MD IT Chair in order to create a Leo website.

IT Report: CC Van Horn complimented Melody for being voted the best MD Website in the entire world of Lionism. Some goals that are now completed are the posting of the complete list of MJ and LF Award recipients and there is now a website for District N. She is still working on an IT Chair responsibility section in the Policy Manual and a Leo area of the website. New goals for this year are: More links to LCI new material and sites; more content about becoming a Lion; New area called "What Lions Do"; More information about the Sight Foundation and its work; ID Larry Johnson's travel dates, etc.; Update or adjust the Pin Trader's section; Attend L & O's conferences to give presentations etc. and start training her replacement. Council also agreed to pay, in advance, a discounted fee for web-hosting.

DG Canon suggested the council's wishes for IT: (1) by August 31, have online the MD directory & (2) By the November council meeting, have Leo site up with information provided by MD Leo Chairs.

PR Report: Lion Melody Minor provided an inventory of in-house Public Relations materials, such as brochures, Posters and CD's. She is also received permission from LCI to post new LCI president Mahendra Amarasuriya's "Challenge to Change". Lion Mel is working on PSA's at the present time and she doesn't think we would qualify for a PR grant.

DG Canon explained council wishes for PR this year and they include: (1) By August 31, submit Lions PSA's to WV radio and television stations; (2) Review on a monthly basis the LCI calendar of events and submit an article to WV newspapers an article on related themes.

MD Protocol Report: PID Scott Neely had no report.

Long Range Planning Report: PID Bob Browning reported they are gathering data in two areas: a) The state of Lionism in WV in all our projects and b) How long range planning works in other multiples. The LRP will meet at the O and I conference and at such other times and places as three of the four committee members can be present. They will have a report at the Pipestem Council meeting.

20K Report: MD 29 Chairperson Robert Browning reported he is looking forward to working with all DG's and PID Wayne Madden along with the MERL team in promoting the membership plan for MD 29 and LCI. Lion Bob is visiting with each district at their cabinet meeting.

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Report: President Paul Amrhein reported the WVLSFC had a successful year in 2006-2007. He thanks everyone for their hard work and dedication, however, with a new year comes new challenges and goals. There are several major projects that the Foundation will face, such as the fate of the MESU #1 Unit, and securing a major fund-raiser to name only a few. At the present time, our bills are paid and we are in good financial standing. The Foundation stands ready to help our clubs help West Virginia residents in need.

WV Lions Leadership School Report: Jeff Baxter no report.

MD 29-International Convention Report: Steve Glass reported that 41 West Virginia Lions and one Leo attended a part or all of the convention activities. 35 WV Lions and one Leo marched in the International parade. On July 3rd, the WV Lions held their breakfast caucus. The WVPDGA subsidized the breakfast for each West Virginian attending in the amount of \$18 per person, making the final cost \$22.00. At the caucus, we were visited by all 8 ID candidates from our constitutional area, 4 from other areas and a representative of Eberhard Wirfs, successful 2nd VP candidate, also visited with us. Lion Steve announced Larry Johnson as the 12th West Virginia Lion to serve as ID from our great state in the 90 years of Lionism's existence.

Constitution and By Laws Report: PID Bob Browning suggested that we examine the provision that establishes qualification for membership in the WV PDG Association. Lion Bob used the Virginia provision as a reference. He asked council to give him their views and he plans on giving the PDG's this same information, so that they can reflect and render opinions. The PDG's will meet this fall and we will have their views prior to the November council meeting.

MD 29 2008 International Convention Report: PCC Paul Wheeler announced that the 2008 International Convention will be held in Bangkok, Thailand and that the WV delegation will stay at the Siam City hotel. You may visit the hotel website by going to www.siamcityhotel.com. More information will follow

Motion to approve the above reports by DG Burke and seconded by DG McMillon. **Motion Passed.**

Under Other reports, CFS II, Coordinator Dennis Keffer spoke on the importance of CSFII and asked each Lion to consider pledging at least \$100 and ask each Lions Club to participate. He explained that every \$6.00 donated will save 1 person's sight.

Old Business

1. Motion by DG McMillon and seconded by DG Burke to table the discussion concerning the 2010 MD 29 convention. **Motion Passed.**

New Business

1. Motion by DG Canon and seconded by DG Burke to purchase 1 laptop and 2 projectors for the Multiple District, not to exceed a total of \$2000. **Motion Passed.**
2. WV Lions Leadership School Changes.
 - a. Motion by DG McMillon and seconded by DG Pinkerman to approve the wording concerning Seminar Presenters Committee to read; "The seminar Presenters Committee will be responsible for contacting and securing the presenters identified by the committee". Items concerning the Seminar Moderators Committee, and Printing Committee were passed as well. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. Motion by DG Burke and seconded by DG Canon to delete the wording concerning Seminar Presenters Committee which stated, "We will make sure all presenters are registered for the school. (Exception: A person presenting a seminar who is not a member of Multiple District 29 need not be registered for the school). **Motion Passed.**

Other Items Added:

Motion by DG Canon and seconded by DG Burke to endorse PID Sid Scruggs as the 2nd Vice Presidential candidate for Lions Clubs International. **Motion Passed.**

DG Burke appointed PID Robert Browning to serve a four-year term on the Constitution and By Laws committee. DG McMillon motioned and DG Pinkerman seconded to approve the appointment. **Motion Passed.**

DG Canon motioned to remove PDG Evan Hugus from the Constitution and By-Laws committee, due to medical issues and request of family and appoint PCC Jim Canon as his replacement. Motion seconded by DG McMillon. The vote of this motion was 2 for and 2 against. CC Van Horn cast the deciding vote and the **motion was defeated.**

Motion by DG McMillon and seconded by DG Canon to allow Leader Dog to acquire MD 29 club officers list in order to send thank you acknowledgments. **Motion Passed.**

Comments:

ID Larry Johnson thanked the Lions of West Virginia for their support at the International Convention in Chicago. He also commented that we must do all we can to support CFSII. He explained that all amendments, at the convention, passed. He thanked the council for their endorsement of Sid Scruggs for 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

PID's Scott Neely, Bob Browning and Fred Cole had not additional comments. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

John A. Pinkerman
MD 29 Secretary/Treasurer