

**First Regular Meeting
West Virginia Council of Governors
Saturday July 29, 2006
9:00 a.m.
Bel-Meadow Golf Club, Mt. Clare, WV**

Council Chairman Paul Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m... The following were in attendance: CC Wheeler; DG's Eva Dague, Gary VanHorn, Eddie Queen and Teresa Johnson; VDG's Fred Knight, Tina Canon, Donna Pinkerman and Garland Burke; PID's Browning and Cole; PDG's; Glass, Nichols, Keffer, Canon, Reed, Dague, Smith, Woodrum, Larry Johnson, Julius, Jackson, Bill Griffith, Hugus, Weber, Amrhein, Hesson; Others, Del Cohrs, Don Worth, Judy Weber, Phyllis Amrhein, Bernice Hesson, Lisa Keffer, Linda Burke, Buck Ferguson, Merlin Trickett, Rachel Johnson, Shirley Hlad, Wanda Kile, Melody Minor and Earl Jackson.

Lion Dennis Keffer led the pledge and Lion Larry Johnson gave the invocation. CC Wheeler introduced the following; DG's Eva Dague, Gary Van Horn, Eddie Queen and Teresa Johnson; VDG's Knight, Tina Canon, Donna Pinkerman and Garland Burke; PID's Browning and Cole and he asked everyone else to stand and be introduced.

DG Van Horn motioned and DG Queen seconded to approve the past minutes as mailed.
Motion Passed

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

Policy Manual Updating. Motion by DG Dague and seconded by DG Johnson to accept the policy manual for the 2006-07 year. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by DG Van Horn to table the approval of the Convention Handbook until 2007 convention Chairperson Steve Glass had given his report. DG Queen seconded this motion. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by DG Queen and seconded by DG Van Horn to approve the Fifth Third Bank as the depository for council funds. **Motion Passed**

Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Queen to approve the Kluemper Insurance Agency as the carrier of the \$100,000 bond for Secretary/treasurer Pinkerman. **Motion Passed.**

Convention Chairman Jim Canon presented the final report of the 2006 MD 29 Convention, which was held at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia. 332 registrants and 46 Sunday only registrants attended the convention. Seven refunds were given to those who could not attend. All bills are paid and the account is closed. \$2,152.40 was returned to council, which is 70% of remaining funds from the convention. Lion Jim also announced that the Wilsonburg Lions Club appreciated the opportunity to host the convention. Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Queen to approve the final report. **Motion Passed.** The financial budget statement will be made available for the Convention Proceedings.

Consider report and or Budget requests for:

MD Membership Chair, Bill Syphers. Lion Bill was absent and CC Wheeler read his report.

MD Extension Chair, Fred Cole. Lion Fred asked for a one year commitment instead of two years to see if he would be successful. Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Dague to allow PID Cole to serve a one year term instead of three. **Motion Passed.**

MD Retention Chair, Merlin Trickett, reported that he did not have a formal report or budget request due to theft of his automobile. Lion Merlin asked for a \$800 budget if council would approve.

MD Leadership Chair, Dan Dague reported that his report was mailed prior to the meeting and was looking forward to working with council. He also is putting information together for the VDG's and will spend time with them to prepare them to lead the MERL teams in their districts. He is also working on training for the Leadership School. Dan recommended council to give the MERL team direction on what they would like to see accomplished this year.

MD LCIF Chair, Dennis Keffer reported on the \$150,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to help Indonesian earthquake victims. LCIF has awarded \$375 million in grants since it began in 1968. At the June, 2006 board meeting in Boston, the LCIF Trustees approved LCIF Standard Grant 9678/MD-29 in the amount of \$29,691 to purchase diagnostic equipment for the Lions Clinical Eye Research unit at the WVU Eye Institute. LCIF asked Dennis to stress to MD 29 that this grant was made possible through the generous contributions of Lions worldwide. July 1, 2006 kicked off a world wide fund raising campaign by LCI called Campaign Sight First II.

MD Quest Co-Chairs, Barbara Cline & Ed Weber, Lion Barbara was absent however, CC Wheeler read her report. Co-Chair Weber reported that there have been no Quest workshops since the last Council meeting. We have \$25,477.16 in the Core 4 grant account ready to be used for Quest workshops, and all that is needed now is to get some workshops scheduled. 166 teachers have been trained during the time of the present grant. Overall approximately 4,126 teachers have been trained. Ed is working with Quest Coordinator Chris Doty in 29-L and he is working with the middle schools in Hardy County. Barbara is working in Mason and Cabell County.

MD Youth Exchange Chair, Earl Jackson reported that Youth Exchange is going through some changes and are trying to locate more host families. We had no youth to travel this past year but are looking for more children to travel, not necessarily Lions children. Finances as are now are \$3,565 which has come in from clubs. Lion Earl reported that his committee is in need of funds and are asking for clubs to put them in their budgets. Earl also announced that he has YE pins and banners for sale, which will help the program. Earl's proposed budget for 06-07 for \$4,979.

MD LEHP Chair, Teresa Johnson reported the, newly purchased, lap top, projector and screen are been used. New CD's are available for diabetes and Teresa is starting a library. She also reported on a possible Diabetes walk in the future.

MD Blind Ski Chair, Billie Nichols reported on activities for the past year. They also participated in the WVU Children's Rehab program. Current balance \$9,224.56 with \$850 outstand debt. Lori McDonald will continue to serve as treasurer of the program and her e-mail is lorimcd@citynet.net or by phone at 304-289-3870. Lion Billie announced that Frank McGee presented his report for the work program.

MD Leo Chair, Lisa Keffer plans to contact the four district chairs to introduce her and offer support. She will keep abreast of all Leo activities in the district and share with the MD through web page and conferences. She has received information on obtaining a new Regional Leo Conference Grant of \$2,00 that she will share with the district chairs. This grant provides financial assistance to a Lions MD to help finance a regional conference for Leos. She will be attending the USA/ Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio.

MD IT Chair, Melody Minor thanked council for the opportunity to serve. Even though the MD website is up and running with a more advanced program and more state Lions are using it as a resource, improvements are still on the drawing board.

MD Protocol Chair, Robert Browning Jr. thanked council for the opportunity to serve. He is available to help with official visits for each conference. Bob thanked Dan Dague for letting him participate with VDG training.

WV Sight Foundation President, Paul Amrhein reported the Sight Foundation is in good financial condition at this time. All bills are paid.

WV Lions Leadership School Chair, Don Worth reported a new logo would be used this year with some excellent speakers. He also announced an orientation for new Lions. Club president training would also be available and many more information items. Motion by DG Van Horn to

approve the operational changes to the Leadership manual and seconded by DG Queen. **Motion Passed.**

MD 29 2006 International Convention Chair, Jim Canon reported 20 WV Lions attended the convention in Boston. 17 attended the breakfast at the convention. The hospitality room was a big success with Lions from around the world stopping by.

MD 29 2007 State Convention Chair, Steve Glass reported on the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown. Official request forms have been completed and ID Beverly Roberts will be our speaker at. 2005 prices are being used for food. Lion Steve is looking to council for ideas on how to make the convention as good as it can be. Lion Steve also is suggesting some new ideas for council to consider. The VDG's will be consulted as to their request for hospitality rooms etc. Motion by DG Van Horn to approve the convention handbook subject to the adjustment of the schedule on page 10 and 11 which may make the convention less hectic and allow us to look at the cost of registration. Motion by DG Queen. **Motion Passed.**

MD Council Constitution and By-Laws committee had no report. Lion Bob Browning is chairperson for this year and 29-O needs to make an appointment to the committee.

Motion by DG Van Horn to approve reports and seconded by DG Johnson. **Motion Passed.**

DG Queen reported on the upcoming budget for 2006-07. (See attached budget) Motion to approve budget by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Queen. **Motion Passed**

Old Business: Flood Relief CD of \$14,883.92. DG Johnson explained how the council had been notified of this CD. Council has chosen to place these dollars into a First Response Fund. In this fund, each of the four districts can apply for the money in the amount of a maximum of \$2,000, per occurrence, at the discretion of the sitting DG in the district requesting funds. Motion by DG Queen and seconded by DG Johnson to set up a First Response Fund. **Motion Passed.** Lion Bob suggested that the Constitutional and By-Laws committee would put a page in the Policy Manual giving attention to the new First Response Fund. Motion by DG Van Horn to establish this fund in the policy manual and seconded by DG Queen. **Motion Passed.**

WV Lions license plate coordinator Bill Griffith reported that the state has mandated certain guidelines for the vanity plate. By December 15, 2006, 100 applications with checks must be presented to the state to start the process for the plate. The new plate would not be ready until July, 2008. Council asked Lion Bill to appoint at least four persons to promote the vanity plate at each of the conferences etc. Motion by DG Van Horn to set December 5, 2006, as the cut off date for forms and checks to be received by Lion Bill and that if the goal of 100 are not reached, the checks would be returned to those individuals submitting checks. Motion seconded by DG Dague. **Motion Passed**

New Business:

Lion Bob Browning invites Lions to sign up for the 84 Lumber golf tournament. Ticket sales for the tournament will be extended through August 28th.

Motion to approve expenses of council meeting by DG Dague and seconded by DG Van Horn. **Motion Passed.**

PID's, Browning and Cole were asked but had no comments for those in attendance.

Next meeting will be November 5, 2006 at Pipestem State park.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.