

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 29  
LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Pipestem State Park, Pipestem, West Virginia  
Sunday, November 5, 2006  
COUNCIL MEETING  
9:00 AM

Council Chairman Paul Wheeler called the meeting to order. The following were present; CC Wheeler; DG's Eva Dague, Van Horn, VDG & acting DG Donna Pinkerman & Teresa Johnson; PID's Browning and Cole; Secretary/Treasurer Pinkerman; VDG's Knight, Tina Canon & Burke; PDG's Keffer, Canon, Nichols, Glass, Pete Johnson, Amrhein, Julius, Dague, Mary Klages, Larry Johnson, Beecroft and Woodrum; Others, Rachel Johnson, Bill Syphers, Earl Jackson, Steve Clendenen, Marietta Lyall, Merlin Trickett, Lisa Keffer, Cindy Glass, Jeff Baxter, Linda Kibble, Phyllis Amrhein, Jamesie Beecroft, Shirley Hlad, Charlotte Flick, and Loxie Wook.

Following the pledge by Lion PCC Keffer and the invocation by PDG Woodrum. CC Wheeler introduced the council of governors as well as others in attendance. CC Wheeler read statement concerning DG Eddie Queen, announcing that VDG Donna Pinkerman would serve as acting DG for 29-0.

Motion by DG VanHorn and seconded by DG Dague to accept the minutes from the past meeting as mailed.  
**Motion Passed.**

Secretary/Treasurer Pinkerman gave the treasurers report. Motion by DG Johnson and seconded by DG VanHorn to accept the treasurers report. **Motion Passed.**

**The following MD reports were given:**

**Membership:** Bill Syphers reported that MD 29 now totals 5180 through September 2006. His goal is to increase each club by one member or at least to have an average net growth of one member per club. LCI has provided us with great tools, including the baby boomer campaign. LCI has also included the family membership initiative to help pay for dues of family members. His team will encourage every club to utilize the three-person membership committee. Lion Bill encourages all to get involved in bringing in new members. LCI has, for the past two years, had a contest where Lions can submit their "best practices" for gaining new members. These "best practices" have been compiled into a booklet that is available through LCI.

**Extension:** Fred Cole reported he is promoting extension by training Lions who have an interest in the work by holding several Extension Workshops, with the following participation. District L, 15 participants; District I, 8 participants; District O, 4 participants and District N, 1 participant. At each workshop Fred has stressed it is a waste of time unless Lions have a sincere interest in working extension. Currently District L is working on one new club, District I is also working on one new club. Hopefully as the year progresses we will see more interest and a more positive report.

**Retention:** Merlin Trickett reported 140 drops for WV have been recorded through end of September. 70 new members have been added which is a total loss of 48 as of the end of September 2006. Merlin is tracking numbers and looking for help in ways to improve our membership situation. Merlin has attended the MERL meeting at Charleston. He is encouraging the District Retention Chairs to fill out a District Retention Annual Goal form and get it him

**Leadership:** Dan Dague is preparing for and conducting initial VDG/MERL training. They have worked together at the first council meeting and at O's conference. Subjects covered has been Role & Duties,

Understanding the MERL Team Concept, their president's programs and expectations, planning their conference, goal setting, understanding the homework and self learning programs that will be assigned during the year. He is also providing materials for officers training and leadership training for the districts and has meet with two of the district leadership chairs plus will meet with another this weekend. He has promoted and attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus and has purchased some new CD's & books for the lending library. Dan has applied for funding from LCI for VDG training seminars he will hold in January 2007. Lion Dan asked council to consider some type of incentive programs to help grow our membership numbers.

**Quest Co-Chair:** Barbara Cline was absent.

**Quest Co-Chair:** Ed Weber was absent but CC Wheeler read his report. Ed reported that for the first time in over a year, he has a positive report. He is working in Harrison County to add the Quest program and asked Lions to look for new sites. The Core 4 grant has \$25,447.16 is available for workshops. Lion Ed gave a short report on how the Quest program got its start in WV. Approximately 4,000 teachers have been trained since its inception. What this program will do for teachers is attitude, raise test scores, raise esteem, etc.

**Youth Exchange:** In their report, the YE committee announced the annual contest is in progress and available to all WV high school students, whereby the first place winner will win up to \$2,500 toward travel expenses for a 6-week 2007 summer visits to Japan, Australia, Finland, Peru or Italy. Second place winner would receive \$1,500 towards travel expenses toward a summer visit to one of the name countries. [www.wvliions.org](http://www.wvliions.org) has the scholarship applications for downloading. Earl Jackson requested council to allow the YE program to expand the award program from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners to additional students (if additional students applied). Earl suggested this would affect their budget as well. This topic will be addressed at the special meeting on December 9, at the Leadership School meeting.

**LCIF:** Dennis Keffer reported LCIF Sight First activity includes new public relations tools designed to promote the work of Lions around the world and LCIF's continuing involvement following hurricane Katrina. He states that our Sight First program continues to better the lives of millions of individuals by improving and often saving their vision. At their August meeting, the Sight First Advisory Committee approved a total of \$2.9 million in grants. LCIF recently released a series of public service announcements featuring former President, and Lion, Jimmy Carter. The PSA's promote Lions' efforts to save 37 million people around the world from preventable blindness through Campaign Sight First II. Clubs can look at the LCIF web sight, which has some new information and resources to assist us in our efforts to publicize our club and LCIF grant projects in order to increase public awareness and support of Lions and LCIF.

**Leo:** Lisa Keffer has contacted all district chairs regarding a LEO conference at the state convention this year. All responses have been very favorable. With Council's blessing, she will proceed with organizing this endeavor. She reports that the Harrisville Lions Club has started a new LEO Club at Ritchie County H.S. LEO Clubs are providing essential community service all over the state—providing hats and gloves for children in District L to providing food for a local animal shelter in N. She is in the process of collecting LEO projects from each district to display at the state convention.

**Ski:** Billie Nichols reported he has met with the Superintendent at Romney and she will be retiring soon and that the school is interested in continuing the Lions program. Lion Billie reported on activities the kids have participated in during the year. The Thomas-Davis Lions Club has been much help with the ski program and the committee has worked hard to keep expenses as low as possible. Programs are available throughout the state and a video is also available. Lion Billie presented an up to date financial report.

**Romney Work Study:** Frank McGee was absent. CC Wheeler read his report. The program began with 24 students enrolled. More are expected as the year gets into full swing. The program ended last year with a total of 43 students working. As of this report a current balance of \$6,412.27 is recorded and available. The program has received a total of \$800 in contributions since his last report. All monies collected go directly to the students enrolled in the program. All work is being handled by the superintendent's secretary Penny Maphis, Lion Carol and himself on a volunteer basis. If more information is needed contact Frank at 304-822-3551 or [fmcghee@citlink.net](mailto:fmcghee@citlink.net).

**Protocol:** Bob Browning had no report.

**LEHP:** Teresa Johnson has attended three of the conferences and is working. The new laptop is being used and available to others as well.

**Information Tech.** Melody Minor was absent. CC Wheeler read her report. Lion Melody stated that the website has been updated with all officers; has been revamped for easier navigation and faster upload time with major programs listed and linked on home page; New items are, Family membership form and ID Candidate section; The Youth Exchange area is improved with Scholarship Application download and photos. Still in progress: MD Policy Manual; LEO's; News from across the state, Guestbook and Site map. Actual VISIT counts, July 716; August 618, September 783 and October 671. (Visits are actual look-at-visitations; Hits are much higher and show that the website was listed on a search plus "hit on" by web-crawlers" who are scanning for key words.) Melody will be teach two classes, live Online Training of Membership Reporting plus navigating the websites for beginners. She said a display is under construction and will contain brief intro to Websites with main emphasis on the MD site and the down-loads and information they can find there. Concerning the MD directory, Melody says that if we do not receive an electronic copy of the directory, which she can disperse to the districts in editable MS Word and website loadable Adobe Acrobat, she will, with the assistance of others, update the existing MS Word document she does have and disperse to the districts in the two formats. However, it may be January before this task is complete. Melody reported her budget may come up \$59.18 short this year and she suggested a possible minimal fee to attendees at Regional IT training to cover any costs because we don't want to delay or dismiss these training sessions plans because they can increase interest in filing reports online, create some regional trainers, demonstrate that we are technologically-advanced to members and be a good selling point for potential members.

**International Convention.** Steve Glass reported on the 2007 International convention in Chicago. Deadlines that need to be met: Early registration is December 31, 2006 after which it goes to \$115 and then up to \$130 for late registration. WV's delegation is at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. All information is on line and in the Lions magazine. Steve is contacting the hotel and is requesting space for a delegation breakfast and also requested space for a hospitality meeting. WV's PDG association has allotted \$2,000 for the WV Lions get-together. Steve will explore the cost of a bus to take Lions to Chicago. Steve also announced the dress for the parade will be the same as last year. Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Johnson to use the same parade clothing as last year. DG Van Horn withdrew his motion. The PDG Association sets the dress for the parade.

**Leadership School:** Fred Cole gave Don Worth's report. All speakers have been secured. Past LCI President Kusiak has agreed to give one of the main addresses. At the present time 43 reservations are in at the present time. The committee will meet one more time and council is encouraged to promote the school as much as possible. Motion by DG Dague to accept Dennis Keffer as the Vice Chair for the 2008 Leadership School. The motion was seconded by DG Johnson. **Motion Passed.**

**WV Sight Foundation:** Paul Amrhein reported all bills have been paid at this time. The 84 Lumber golf project has been completed with \$15,000 received. The LCIF grant has been received and check will be written to the West Virginia Foundation. The foundation fulfilled a request for funding from the Blind and

Handicapped department of the Wood County Library requesting software to serve the blind patrons of WV counties serving approximately 235 patients.

**Const. & By Laws:** PID Browning had nothing to report. Lion Bob will check to see who is representing 29-O on this committee and encouraged council to notify him of any suggested changes to be discussed at the next meeting.

**State Convention:** Steve Glass has provided some proposals for the 2007 convention. He went over his proposed plan for the event. The Waterfront Place Morgantown will be convention headquarters. Steve went over proposed changes for the event and listened to suggestions by council. Steve will meet with council at lunch following the council meeting. DG Dague motioned to table further discussion until the January meeting....after some discussion, DG Dague withdrew her motion.

Registration fee of \$75.00 and late of \$85.00.  
Cut-off date for pre-registration  
Hospitality Rooms  
Other items

Motion by DG Van Horn to tentative set early registration of \$75 and late fee of \$85 and a vote only non-meal registration fee of \$10 for voting on Saturday and Sunday. Acting DG Donna Pinkerman seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

Motion to approve all reports as approved by DG Dague and seconded by DG Van Horn. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Old Business:**

a. Long Range Planning Chairperson appointment. DG Van Horn motioned and DG Dague seconded to table this item until the special meeting in Charleston on December 9. **Motion Passed.**

b. Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Johnson to remove the Faculty Development Seminar request from being tabled. **Motion Passed.** Motion by DG Johnson and seconded by DG Dague to deny this request. **Motion Passed.**

c. Emergency Relief Fund. After some discussion Lion Bob Browning suggested the wording to read, "To serve as a source of grants, up to \$2,000. It was also requested to change the sentence that said, "The District Governor shall report to the council on the use of the grant within 60 days of receipt of the grant to "90 days". The current value of the \$10,000 certificate of deposit, from the Williamstown National Bank, is \$14,883.92. DG Van Horn asked about how the grants would be reported on. Receipt of money, use of money and disbursement of money would be needed for clarification as to how grant was used. Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Dague to approve the above changes. **Motion Passed.**

#### **New Business:**

Motion by DG Johnson and seconded by acting DG Donna Pinkerman to approve the endorsement of PID Eberhard J. Wirfs, as candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Lions Clubs International. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by DG Van Horn and seconded by DG Johnson to request MD 29 Secretary/Treasurer Pinkerman to send check in the amount of \$59,382.00 to the WVU Department of Ophthalmology for purchase of needed equipment. **Motion passed.** Check was written and presented to PID Bob Browning, Jr., who would mail the check to WVU.

Motion by DG Dague and seconded by DG Johnson to authorize payment of meeting expenses, including lunch. **Motion Passed.**

There will be a special Council meeting, at the Leadership School meeting, Saturday, December 9, at the Charleston House Holiday Inn...The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be at the Riverfront Hotel, Morgantown, WV, Saturday 9:00 a.m. January 6, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.