

**International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B**

1st Cabinet Meeting and Passing of the Banner

**August 16, 2003
Center for Creative Play
Pittsburgh, PA**

District Governor Richard Keller called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. with one verse of America, Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation by PDG Bob Johnson Jr. PDG Bob Johnson also read the obituary of Lion Anthony Ferrainolo of Shaler.

DG Rich introduced Ms Ann Mayhew, the Director of Development for the Center of Creative Play. Ms. Mayhew welcomed everyone and offered tours of the facility after the meeting. Information is available upon request about the center and she is available to visit your club to explain what the center is all about.

DG Rich explained that IPDG Ken Lloyd made The Center for Creative Play a District 14-B project last year and through donations from the Lions Clubs in the District, DG Rich presented Ms. Mayhew a check for \$5,675.00 and IPDG is also working on a grant. Ann Mayhew thanked the Lions Clubs.

District Secretary Greg Borichevsky took roll call. The attached sheet indicates Cabinet members that were in attendance, absent or excused.

DG Rich Keller established protocol and welcomed everyone.

Official Passing of the Banner District Banner

PDG Mike Vudragovich read the Oath of Office to District Governor Richard Keller. This Oath was administered to him in Denver, Colorado. DG Rich responded that he would fulfill his duties to the best of his abilities.

King Lion Keith Long of the Cheswick-Springdale Lions Club returned the District 14-B banner to PDG Mike Vudragovich, who in turn presented it to DG Rich Keller so he can present it to his home club, White Oak. DG Rich accepted the Banner from PDG Mike Vudragovich for safe keeping during the year 2003-2004. DG Rich presented the Banner to the White Oak Lions Club. King Lion William Herrup accepted the Banner and the responsibility and he stated he would carry it out to the best of his ability for the year 2003-2004.

Meeting

Director Ann Mayhew gave tours to the ladies and guests that were not involved with the meeting.

DG Rich then established the voting members of the Cabinet for the year 2003-2004 for all Cabinet meetings. They are VDG, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, and all 8 Zone Chairpersons plus DG, and IPDG.

A motion was made by Lion Maryann Dayton to accept those voting members of the Cabinet and Lion Harold Stitt seconded motion. The motion passed.

Secretary's report by District Secretary Greg Borichevsky

Motion was made by Lion Harold Stitt and seconded by Lion Maryann Dayton to accept the Cabinet meeting minutes for June 1, 2003 as presented. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Lion Jim Engel and seconded by Lion Paul Guido to accept the Reorganization meeting minutes from July 19, 2003 as presented. Motion passed.

District Cabinet Secretary Greg reminded those that get their meeting announcements and Cabinet minutes by e-mail if they have any problems getting or opening them please let him know. The meeting announcements and previous minutes will be sent out two weeks before the next Cabinet meeting if you do not get them let me know either by calling or email. I will resend them. The members who do not have a computer will receive the meeting announcement by regular mail the voting members will also receive the minutes. DG Rich comments that he would like to make Secretary Greg and newsletter Editor Lion Gail's job easier by emailing as much as we can. It saves the District a lot of money just by emailing. If you can get online. Try to get District 14-B into the 21st century. Of the 41 Cabinet members 32 get email and only 9 members get regular mail. The voting members 11 out of the 13 get email. The newsletter has 101 regular mailings and 85 emails.

Lion Greg also asks for a better response to the meeting announcement mailings. This helps Lion Greg and DG Rich better prepare for the meetings.

Treasurer's Report by Cabinet Treasurer Harold Fletcher

There are two sets of reports.

First Report July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 for the year of PDG Ken Lloyd.

Summary of Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	\$3,867.11
Total Receipts	\$8,937.94
Total Cash Available.....	\$12,805.05
Total Disbursements	\$11,006.53
Ending Balance June30, 2003	\$1,798.52

The Administrative Account split into two accounts. A VDG fund and a Administrative fund. VDG fund is a ongoing balance fund. Funded by the per capita dues.

Blind Activities Accounts

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002 ..	\$26,288.45
Receipts.....	\$27,695.60
Total Cash Available.....	\$53,984.05
Total Disbursements	\$39,706.12

Ending Balance June 30, 2003\$14,277.93

Details available upon request.

Motion by Lion Maryann Dayton and second by Lion Andy Zivinsky for approval of Treasurers report for period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Motion passed.

The second report also contains the budget.

The Administrative Account

Expected Receipts.....\$11,810.00

Anticipated Disbursements\$12,050.00

VDG Account from per capita

Expected Receipts.....\$1040.00

Expected Disbursements.....\$800.00

Budget Totals

Expected Receipts.....\$12,850.00

Expected Disbursements.....\$12,850.00

Details available upon request.

Motion was made by Lion Maryann Dayton and second by Lion John Aiken to approve the budget for District 14-B for July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Motion passed.

For the period July 1, 2003 through August 16, 2003 in the Administrative Account

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2003\$1,798.52

Total Receipts31.64

Total Cash Available.....\$1830.16

Total Disbursements\$678.85

Ending Balance August 16, 2003.....\$1,151.31

Vice District Governors Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2003(\$12.39)

Receipts.....\$10.80

Total Cash Available.....(\$1.59)

Disbursements.....0.00

Ending Balance August 16,2003.....(\$1.59)

Administrative Account Recap

Fund Balance August 16, 2003\$1,151.31

VDG Fund.....(\$1.59)

Total\$1,149.72

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2003\$14,277.93

Total Receipts\$253.82

Total Cash Available.....\$14,531.75

Total Disbursements\$6,025.00

Ending Balance August 16, 2003.....\$8,506.75

Details available upon request.

Motion made by Lion Jim Engel and second by Lion Jim Brubaker to approve the Treasurer's report for the period July 1, 2003 through August 16, 2003. Question was raised by PDG Jack Schimmel on the receipts for the Blind Bowlers Tournament, the

NSF check for \$1,260.00. DG Rich stated that he is working on this and will have an answer by the November Cabinet meeting. Motion passed.

Zone Chair Reports

Zone A Region 1 Chair Lion Harold Stitt

The clubs in his zone are the Cheswick-Springdale, which is his home club, Elfinwild. Gibsonia/Hampton/Richland, Northern Allegheny, Pgh. Northside and Tarentum Area. Unfortunately we lost the West Deer Club last year. We want to work together as a zone to promote the District. I will be meeting with all the clubs trying to attend their meetings.

Zone B Region 1 Chair Paul Guido (written report)

I contacted the four Zone B Lions clubs who haven't sent their June M&A reports to the District Governor. They were requested to send them directly to DG Rich Keller. The clubs are Greater Pittsburgh Airport, North Boroughs, North Suburban and Robinson Lions Clubs. I have a tentative schedule of my first club visits made out. I will contact my clubs after the directories come out. My schedule will be mailed out in early September to avoid conflicts with scheduling of club activities.

Zone A Region 2 Chair Lion James Brubaker (written report)

Region 2 Zone A consists of Clairton, Glassport, Jefferson Hills, Liberty Boro, Pleasant Hills, McKeesport and West Mifflin Lion Clubs. The highlights of my written report are the Jefferson Hills Lions held their 50th anniversary dinner at the Georgetown Inn in Pleasant Hills on June 20. DG Rich and VDG Dennis were speakers and the keynote speaker was PID Carl Battistone. The West Mifflin Club will celebrate their 50th on Saturday, September 18 at the Church Hill Country Club. The UPMC Lions Golf and Tennis event had an excellent showing. This is the 10th anniversary of the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport. The next committee meeting of the Lions Diabetes Center will be held at the UPMC McKeesport Hospital August 30 at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to attend the Fall Auction on November 8 at the Youghioghney Country Club. Eight of the Pleasant Hills Lions Club attended the Lions Pirate Night and four Pleasant Hills Lions helped at the American Council for the Blind Convention in July. The grapefruit fundraiser seems to have died due to supplier problems.

Zone B Region 2 Chair Lion Marge Yurecko

Excused. No Report.

Zone A Region 3 Chair Lion Andy Zivinsky

The Homestead Lions Club had their golf outing on June 29. The Lions Club of Pittsburgh is getting started with their Christmas wreath sale and starting the nut sales.

Zone B Region 3 Chair Lion John Aiken

Region 3 B including our Monroeville Leo Clubs has 7 clubs. Monroeville along with the Pitcairn club are collaborating a 5k run for sight on November 1, 2003. Recently the Monroeville club had their 5th annual golf outing and netted over \$1500.00.

Zone A Region 4 Chair Lion Maryann Dayton (written report)

Letters were sent out to all club presidents and/or secretaries notifying them of today's Cabinet meeting. Only 1 responded.

On August 6, the Brentwood Club held its annual officers installation picnic. PDG Jack Schimmel swore in the officers. A Melvin Jones Award was also given out to Lion Jim Engel. The Whitehall Club was also in attendance.

Most clubs are not meeting for the summer months. I will be contacting them to set up future visits.

Zone B Region 4 Chair Lion James Engel (written report)

Grandview Lions held their installation meeting and I was asked to swear the officers in with the help of Lion Maryann Dayton.

Letters were sent out to all clubs urging them to attend today's Cabinet meeting. I will also be contacting them to set up visitations since most of the clubs are off until September.

Committee Chair Reports**Long Range Planning/LCIF Chair IPDG Ken Lloyd**

Excused. No report

Beacon Lodge Chair Lion Thomas Hurrell (written report)

The camping season for this past year at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp opened June 7, 2003 and closed August 13, 2003. We were blessed with beautiful weather on Lions Appreciation Day as well as outstanding entertainment by our campers.

Camper statistical data for the past season indicates 120 children attended 125 sessions and 359 adults attended 370 sessions for a total of 479 campers attending 370 sessions.

This was an increase of 5 campers over last year. From this group 25 were new children and 36 were new adults.

There were 23 campers from District 14-B. That group included 4 children and 19 adults of which Lion Clubs sponsored 18.

The Fall Board Meeting is scheduled for October 18-19. Of interest will be election of officers. The latest on the Braille Trail Markers, they have been shipped and are in storage at the camp. Installation date has not been determined.

Responsibilities of District 14-B 365 Club Coordinator have been transferred for VDG Dennis McCarthy to Beacon Lodge Chair Tom Hurrell.

Last year our low-end priority project was the renovation of 14-B Dormitory for which we accrued \$2,425.00. This project will receive high priority in 2003-2004.

Blind Bowlers Chair Lion Richard Peters (written report)

The 2004 Keystone Blind Bowlers Tournament will be held on February 20, 21 & 22, 2004. The bowling will be held at the Noble Manor Lanes in Greentree. The Greentree Holiday Inn will be the site for the banquet.

This year, District 14-B will be asking that each club donate \$50.00 to help in the financial support of the tournament. Also, each Region will be responsible for supplying

the manpower. (Lions, Lioness, Leos or volunteers from the community) for scoring and pin spotting on the assigned dates and times. Each region will now draw for a date and time to supply manpower.

Friday, February 20.....	Region 2
Saturday a.m. February 21	Region 4
Saturday, p.m. February 21	Region 1
Sunday a.m. February 22	Region 3
Sunday, p.m. February 22.....	Cabinet members

A letter with these assignments and information about the tournament will be sent to all the clubs in the District. If anyone would like to get more information on the tournament or want me to visit his or her club to talk about the tournament please contact me.

Newsletter Chair Lion Gail Titus (written report)

I finally have all the email addresses corrected. We are sending the email District Governor's Newsletter to 84 Lions and the hard copy to 101 Lions. This represents a savings of \$70.00 to \$80.00 per month in printing and postage.

If anyone has a new email address or buys a computer and signs up for email please let Lion Gail or DG Rich know so we can update the address list.

Additional comments. For those wondering about miscellaneous expenses on the Treasurers report that was for scotch tape and labels. If you have trouble receiving the newsletter let me know and I will send you another one. If worse comes to worse I print about 4 or 5 extra copies and I will mail it to you.

DG Rich comments that this isn't Rich Keller's newsletter it is District 14-B newsletter. Zone chairs please tell the club presidents that the more information I get I will put in the newsletter. With emailing we are not limited to the number of pages. If we have to use mail with .37 we are limited to the number of pages 5 or 6 double sided. Reminder you need adobe reader to open the PDF file. You can download it and the adobe reader is free to download.

Environmental Chair PDG Joseph Donkin

I was talking with DG and we will be getting together and come up with a project for the District under environmental.

Extension Chair PDG Mike Vudragovich

No report.

Center for Hearing and Deaf Services Chair Lion Alison Weber

No report.

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Chair PID Carl Battistone (written report)

The Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation last met on July 13, 2003 at the Eye and Ear Institute. The next meeting will occur in September.

The Foundation thanks all the Clubs for their generous donations for 2002-2003. We are able to continue serving the needs of an aging community only through your support.

The resume of my hearing aid assistance activity will be updated and reported at the next Cabinet meeting.

At the International Convention in Denver outgoing President Kay Fukushima again mentioned that the negotiations between Lions International and a hearing aid manufacturer were nearing completion. This arrangement will hopefully provide excellent hearing aids for our clients and for our Lions themselves at a cost of approximately \$80.00 to \$100.00. The announcement of details should be forthcoming in a few months.

Leadership Chair Lion George Burgess (written report)

Focus of Leadership Development will be the 2nd Annual Leadership Seminar. Information on this year's seminar will be available after the MERLO Team's first meeting.

We still need some volunteers to assist in the planning and working of the seminar. To volunteer please contact me at 412-241-4200 ext 115.

Membership Chair PDG Pauline Waide (written report)

Membership stands at 1284 as of May 31, 2003.

It presents a challenge to all of us.

The state MERL team has scheduled a seminar for November 22 in the western region.

District 14-B is part of the region, The place and time have not been decided, and information will be in the Governor's newsletter, hopefully in September. Zone Chairpersons should attend this seminar to get information to pass on to the clubs.

Membership growth is everyone's responsibility. We all need to get involved.

As District membership chair my plan is to be available to all clubs to present the Pennsylvania Plan.

DG Rich comments the VDG is the chair of the MERL team. The MERL team consist of the Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership chairs. Last year as VDG chair of MERL team I think everyone should talk about membership for at least 2 minutes every time you have a meeting. Here is my 2 minutes, As a goal for the District there are 51 clubs. I want 51 new members by the end of the year. One new member per club and retain the members we have.

Public Relations Chair Lion Eileen Markowitz

No report

Parliamentarian Chair PDG Jack Schimmel

No report

Peace Poster Chair Lion Matthew Borichevsky-excused

No report

PA Lions Foundation Chair PDG Sylvan Lang

PA Lions Foundation we need you help. We need you to go out and push the PA Foundation awards. I will come out to your club and explain the program. Membership pins also raise money for the Foundation.

PA Sight Conservation/Research Chair Lion Jason Altmire (written report)

We continue to collect eyeglasses and work to garner media coverage for 14-B collection efforts. August 4th we came to an agreement with Lasik Vision Center in North Hills to have them donate their patients' eyeglasses to Lions through the North Allegheny Lions Club. This should bring in between 6,000 to 10,000 pairs annually in addition to the 40,000 we already collect.

This fall I will again visit clubs to discuss eyeglasses and other sight conservation activities for the District.

In addition a family approached me if I can get them information on getting them a reader. If anyone can get me the information so I can help that family.

Eye Prosthesis Chair PDG Robert Friend excused (written report)

I reported last Cabinet meeting, the District has no free eye Prosthesis left for the calendar year 2003. As of January, 2004 we will have two free eye prosthesis from Mr. Tillman. We do have to remember the two free eye prosthesis will be for the whole year of 2004. Sorry I was unable to attend the meeting.

Pittsburgh Vision Services Chair Lion Mary Beth Chester (written report)

Continuing to receive donations to our agency from the clubs in District 14-b.

Dr. Welsh, President of PVS has recently gone on Disability Leave and has stepped down from his role as President of the agency. Currently our Vice President Jim Baumgardner has stepped in as Acting President as the agency and Board are in the process of a search for a new president.

Pittsburgh Vision Services continues to find ways to increase the services and supports that they provide to individuals who are vision impaired or blind. If a club is interested in hearing about specific services that the agency has to offer they should contact our public education department or can contact me directly.

Radio Information Services Chair Lion Samuel Depiero excused (written report)

First I would like to explain why Radio Information Service is not going to move its offices and studios to Pittsburgh Vision Services. A committee of the PVS Board investigated the cost of remodeling their building to hold RIS offices and studios and realized that it would cost more than they would have in their budget. They asked to be released from the promise of allowing RIS to move into their building. The Board at RIS agreed and are now seeking ways of cutting costs, especially the rent.

This is the beginning of our fiscal year and the same problem is appearing about the grant from the Legislature. They have said in the past that they will reduce our grant by ten percent each year for five years and then they will not grant anything. This year the grant will be reduced to about \$37,000.00. The reduction is understandable when we look at economic conditions in Pennsylvania and other states.

Fundraising is very important now. So I want to remind the Cabinet and all Zone Chairs about the Patti Burns Guide Dog Walkathon. The date is October 19, 2003 at the Carnegie Mellon Track in Oakland. All Clubs are urged to get sponsors for the Walk or to donate to Radio Information Service.

Tail Twister Chair Lion Jim Emery

This year lets have some fun. Anything that we do if we have fun doing is not a chore then.

Leader Dog Chair Lion Jim Engel (written report)

At last's month's reorganization meeting. Governor Rich said that Pennsylvania fell to 4th place. We also fell to 4th place in the State. Fourth place may seem bad in the District but with only 25 clubs from District B sending in donations I think we did a good job. I'd like to thank all the clubs that donated.

I will be calling clubs to set up visits on behalf of Leader Dog. The goal is the same. We need all clubs to donate to Leader Dog to be 100% District. This is a State project.

Coordinators of District Activities Chair PDG Harold Fletcher

Two more Cabinet meetings we will be hosting. The next one is Saturday morning November 8 at 9:00 a.m. at The Western PA School for Blind Children.

The meeting in February we haven't decided where it is going to be or a definite date either. Maybe February 11 or 18. Still anticipating it being in conjunction with the Melvin Jones Dinner. The last meeting is on Saturday, June 4, 2004 starting at 11a.m. at a park to be announced.

The District Fall Rally will be held on October 23, 2003 at the White Oak American Legion. It will be a buffet dinner. Speaker to be announced.

The Spring Party is on Friday, April 23, 2004 at Stratigos Catering Center. It is a beautiful new facility. This is going to be an Hawaiian Luau or Polynesian night. Get yourself an Hawaiian shirt and promote this party to your clubs. We want to have a lot of fun.

District Directory Coordinator Chair Lion Barbara Schimmel (written report)

The District Directory finally arrived on Friday, August 15, 2003. After many, many weeks of making revisions, corrections etc. the final print is now in your hands.

I would like to thank, of course DG Rich Keller for his insight/innovation for the need of a coordinator of the district directory to maintain continuity for district information.

Special thanks to Lions Gail Titus and Pauline Waide for their keen eyes in finding mistakes and adding the 4 digit zip codes. It is a team effort to compose and produce the directory.

I am sure that there will still be errors in this year's directory, however, with each passing year, progress will be made to avoid many errors.

I am asking each of you and especially zone chairpersons that as you find mistakes and or changes to immediately inform the District Governor so that it may be communicated through the newsletter and be placed on the Directory Master for next year, in the event that this information is needed.

If you have any suggestions that you feel may improve the physical appearance or printed information please feel free to let me know.

I did not receive the invoice with the books and I will speak with the printer on Monday requesting this information.

DG Rich comments that the idea of appointing a Coordinator of District Directory was that the software or floppy disk kept changing hands from DG to DG and when it got

down to it might be easier to start from scratch. It is a tough job to put the Directory together, you are dependent on the information you receive from the Lions clubs from all over the District. Sometimes we don't get the information as quickly as possible.

Convention Chair Lion Patti Jo Bean

Absent. No Report.

Diabetes Chair PDG Clarence Thomas

Absent. No Report.

Pgh. Hearing Conservation, Pgh Research Foundation Chair Lion Richard Costello

Absent. No Report

Information Technology Chair Lion Jim Hartman

Excused. No Report

International Understanding Co-op Chair Lion Joseph Julian

Absent. No Report

MTI Photo Screener Chair Lion Joseph Molinero

Absent. No Report

W. PA School for Blind Children Chair Lion Robert Cass

Excused. No Report

Youth Outreach Chair Lion Doris Irr

Absent. No Report.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Report on the State Council Meeting August 8, 2003 in Allentown by DG Rich. The State Council has appointed a new editor for the State magazine the PA Pride. The first issue will be a little late but you will be receiving it shortly. PDG Bill Halbfoerster Jr. is the new editor. The PDG's on the search committee for the new editor solicited bids for the printers of the Pride. There were two bids submitted and the State Council approved the lowest bid. PDG Bill Halbfoerster has some good ideas.

Peace poster deadlines for ordering the kits form the International is October 1, 2003. The State office needs the winners from each District by December 1, 2003. I will be talking to the peace poster chair Lion Matthew on the deadline for the District.

Reminder about the USA/Canada forum held September 18, 19, 20 in Portland, Oregon. International Convention for 2004 will be held in Detroit, Michigan July 5-9, 2004.

The important thing brought up by the convention committee was room reservations. If you would like to be in the Pennsylvania hotel your reservation needs to be in by December 30, 2003.

State Convention will be held in Scranton, PA the host hotel is the Radisson. The room rates are \$99.00 but they have 7 other hotels in that area prices range from \$68.00 to \$109.00 per night.

Information for District 14-B. In February 2006 District 14-B will be hosting the State Council meeting. Our chairperson for the State Council meeting will be Lion Barb Schimmel. More information to follow in the coming months.

This was sent down by the International President TS Lee, in order to become more unisex from here on out everyone will be referred to as a chair or chairperson.

Lions International has bought the Quest Program. The Quest program is a study guide program. Drug and Alcohol Awareness and self-esteem. The State Committee is researching the Quest program within the State. There are funds available to start the Quest program in your school district. If interested contact the DG.

The State band was very impressive at the International Convention in Denver. Anyone that heard them loved them. Being that next year's International Convention is close to us in Detroit I am going to be selling the State band at my visits this year. The State Band Committee is hoping to get a larger contingent because they don't have to pay for plane fare they only have to bus.

Letter read by DG Rich from PDG Bill Gazica from Whitehall Lions Club. The US Postal System denied Whitehall Lions Club non-profit status. It is not the postal system but the IRS that denied your club the non-profit status. We are a not for profit status. If your club wants to be a nonprofit club then you would need to become a foundation. Discussion was held. Postage nonprofit is 18 cents bulk mail not for profit is 24 ½ cents. It is still cheaper than paying 37 cents per letter.

I received an email from the state office. The State Youth Exchange Chair informed us that we will be receiving two 16-year-old German girls in the Spring. He is looking for anyone that would like to host a foreign exchange student. Please get a hold of me and I will forward your name to the exchange chair. Also I have been informed that Germany will accept two exchange students. If you know anyone in the clubs with a student that would like to spend a summer in Germany let me know.

International mandate to create a new Cabinet post not only at the District Level but also the State level. The State is sending to constitution and by-laws for the new Cabinet post policies. The District Women's Membership Development and Participation Chair we need to send to our District constitution and by-laws for policies so we can appoint someone to this position. Motion was made to send the District's Women's Membership, Development and Participation chair to Long Range Planning for policies by Lion Maryann Dayton second by Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed.

IP TS Lee wants to get more women into Lions Clubs. He wants to also get campus clubs started at the college level. He wants to get a District Campus Club Chair. It is up to the District to do this. It will have to go to Long Range Planning to get policies written on a District Cabinet Chair.

Motion made to send campus club chair to Long Range Planning as a study to see if we need or to develop a District Campus Chair by Lion Harold Stitt. Second by Lion Andy Zivinsky. Motion passed.

District Projects

PDG Joseph Donkin mentioned about environmental as a District project. PDG Joe and I will get together and we will come up with something that all clubs can participate and do.

I would like the renovation of District 14-B cabins at Beacon Lodge be a District project this year. It is in need of repair. Comments by PDG Mike Vudragovich: There are 4 dormitories and probably the last time renovated was about 25 years ago. Bathrooms need updated to make it ADA friendly. A rough estimate of approximately \$12,000-\$13,000 in materials alone. This can be an ongoing project perhaps doing part this year and part next year. I will be looking into getting some grants from the PA foundation and LCIF.

PDG Mike Vudragovich asks that the renovations donations be made in addition to the clubs regular donations to Beacon Lodge because Beacon Lodge counts on the generous donations from the clubs for their normal day-to-day operations.

DG Rich also comments on a simple way to raise money for Beacon Lodge is the 365 club. Our donation from District 14-B last year was \$1330.65. It doesn't sound like much but it helps with maintenance and general administrative accounts.

Motion made to make Beacon Lodge District 14-B B building renovation a District project for the Lions year 2003-2004 with a donation of \$100.00 per club by Lion Andy Zivinsky. Second by Lion Harold Stitt. Motion passed. DG Rich will announce in the newsletter and will do a mailing to the Club Presidents. \$100.00 per club is a good start and we may have to carry this project until next year when VDG Dennis is DG. If we can get donations from contractors, building materials, supplies and maybe the labor unions this would help. The biggest cost is going to be the bathrooms complete renovations to become ADA compliant.

When I go the Beacon Lodge board meeting in October I am going to so some measuring and I will come back to the November Cabinet meeting with a more solid cost for renovations.

Discussion was held on a need to better mark the District 14-B cabin.

Referring to Lion Samuel Depiero's report. Zone Chairs go out and tell your clubs about Radio Information Services. They provide the service not only for Allegheny County but also outside the county in Southwestern PA. Remember RIS is a District project also. I

will try and contact a couple of state legislators to see if they can increase RIS funding. Their rent is extremely high so if anyone knows of anyone in the Pittsburgh area that has a building or an area in a building that can be rented cheaper let me know and I will contact Lion Samuel Depiero and the board at RIS.

PDG Mike Vudragrovich comments on the success of Lion Night at the Pirates as PDG Harold Fletcher stated. We would like to seek approval to continue this. PDG Harold has talked to the Diabetes Center of McKeesport about having a tailgate event. Motion to have our third Annual Night With the Pirates by Lion Maryann Dayton. Second by Lion Jim Engel. Motion Passed.

We made \$40.00 at the Riverhounds game in July. My suggestion is to stick with the Pirate night and not do the Riverhounds.

DG Rich received a letter from Chuck Morganstern he is affiliated with the National Federation of the Blind of PA. They are starting a \$1000.00 scholarship to further the education level beyond high school to those with visual impairments. He is asking the District if he can solicit money from the clubs. He is asking \$25.00 per club to help offset some of the costs of the scholarships. No motion made

Important dates

October 23, 2003 Fall Rally We are trying to get Steve Blass or Bob Walk as guest speaker.

October 31, 2003-November 2, 2003 State Council Meeting

November 8, 2003- Cabinet Meeting also Region 2 is having their 2nd Annual Auction for Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport. Last year was very successful. This is the 10th anniversary of the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport. The Auction is at the Youghioghenny Country Club @\$10.00 per person.

The Spring Party lets make it fun

The International Web page is very user friendly the problem is getting into the web page. They have done a total revamp of the web page. I will contact the International to see what the problem is with this.

M&M reports can be done online. I am working to do M&A reports online using Microsoft Word.

Comments by PDG Harold Fletcher for the record. I would like to recommend that Long Range Planning clarify the VDG expenses and how often and what meetings he is to get paid for. So we have it in black and white. Motion to send the policy for VDG expenses to be reviewed to Long Range Planning by Lion Jim Engel. Second by Lion Jim Brubaker. Motion passed.

Comments by Lion Barb Schimmel on M&M reports and also newsletter inputs. The deadline is the 15th of the month for the following month. Send articles to DG Rich and he will email them to Lion Gail.

VDG Dennis Remarks

VDG training at the first State Council meeting was really good. I spent two days with other people I will be serving with in the next two years. If you are interested let me know. I am looking for my replacement. My correct address is Buena Vista, PA 15018.

Betterment of Lionism

Discussion held on District 14-B putting ads in another Districts Golf Tournaments. Can this be done if in the budget but nothing in the budget this year?

Benediction by PDG Robert Johnson Jr.

Meeting Adjourn at 11:36a.m.
Respect submitted by,
District 14-B Cabinet Secretary
Greg Borichevsky