

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

**2nd Cabinet Meeting
November 8, 2003
Western PA School for Blind Children
Pittsburgh, PA**

District Governor Rich Keller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with one verse of America, Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation by PDG Bob Johnson Jr.

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.

Secretarys Report by District Secretary Greg Borichevsky

DG Rich Keller reminded everyone the voting members of the Cabinet which are DG, VDG, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, IPDG, and the eight Zone Chairs.

Motion made by Lion Harold Stitt and seconded by Lion Jim Engel to accept the minutes from the 1st Cabinet meeting on August 16, 2003. Motion Passed.

Cabinet Secretary Greg read the letter from PA Lions Beacon Lodge camp. The letter dated August 19, 2003 was from Executive Director Ellen J. Miller thanked the Lions of District 14-B for the contribution of \$3,663.00 to be used for 14-B operating budget.

Lion Greg reported that the per capitas have been mailed out for the 1st half of this year. He reminded everyone that has an address or email address change to let him know.

Treasurers Report by Cabinet Secretary Harold Fletcher

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the period July 1, 2003 through November 8, 2003

Administrative Account
Administrative Fund

Beginning Balance July1,2003	\$1,798.52
Total Receipts	\$2,904.97
Total Cash Available	\$4,703.49
Total Disbursements	\$3,698.85
Ending Balance Nov.8,2003	\$1004.64

Vice District Governors Fund

Beginning Balance July1,2003	(\$12.39)
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Receipts	\$415.60
Total Cash Available	\$403.21
Disbursements	\$205.05
Ending Balance Nov.8,2003	\$198.16

Recap of Fund Balances in the Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2003	\$1,786.13
Receipts	\$3,320.57
Disbursements	\$3,903.90
Ending Balance	\$1202.80

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance July 1, 2003	\$14,277.93
Receipts	\$1160.45
Total Cash Available	\$15,438.38
Disbursements	\$6,025.00
Ending Balance Nov. 8, 2003	\$9,413.38

Details upon request.

Motion made by Lion Maryann Dayton and second by Lion Marge Yurechko to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion passed.

Remarks by DG Rich Keller

Remarks about the State Council meeting held in Williamsport last weekend.

Important things that came out of the State Council Meetings.

The PA multi district 14 governors-endorsed candidates for the International second Vice President Jimmy Ross. He will be a candidate at the convention in July.

The All State Band will be going to Detroit a bus ride from PA. We will be sending a full compliment to Detroit. I am asking all Some Chairs to sell the band at their meetings. Applications are available.

At the International convention the host hotel is the Marriott Renaissance Center. It is the International headquarters and the PA Headquarter. If you have any questions see PDG Pauline Waide, who is on the International Convention Committee with the State. The International Convention is in Detroit July 5-9, 2004. The hotel at the headquarters is \$131.00 plus 15% tax plus an occupancy fee. The total is about \$160.00 a night. We will be having an International Director candidate for next year. We should have a good showing from the state of PA. Detroit is only a 5-hour drive from here and there is a State bus trip being organized. More information will follow. More information to follow also on additional hotels in the Detroit area. At the International and State Conventions. There are going to be more club seminars. Especially at the State Convention. At the State Council meeting the policy of the State protocol chair was passed. This is a State wide appointment. Anyone interested in the State Protocol Chair appointment get DG Rich your resume and Letter of Intent and he will submit it to the State Council at their Feb. meeting.

The Womens Membership Development and Participation Chair and policies have been set it is also a statewide appointment. If anyone is interested get a resume and Letter of Intent to the DG and he will submit it at the Feb. State Council meeting.

The State Convention is in Scranton, PA. There is not going to be a parade at this convention. There is going to be a Lion Recognition Day with a mass induction of new Lions that has joined within the last year. There will be many more seminars and they are starting State Council a day earlier so that more can attend the seminars.

The USA/Canada Forum next year will be in Reno, Nevada. DG Rich has more information. See him.

The State Magazine, The Pride is in print and will be out shortly. The Pride editor informed us at the State Council meeting that he is trying different things with The Pride so it is more club oriented. So have your clubs photos or articles sent to him.

From the Western Region there are two appointments available for the State Youth Exchange Committee and the Eye Research Foundation. If anyone is interested get a resume and Letter of Intent to DG Rich. Under the Youth Exchange if anyone is interested there are going to be 3 Peruvian Exchange Students available this winter. They will be here for six weeks.

Two minutes on membership. DG Rich received a letter from International President TS Lee. TS Lee is giving an incentive that from Nov. 1, 2003 to June 20, 2004 anyone that brings a woman into their club to become a Lion the International Initiation fee of \$30.00 will be waived. The only money that they will have to pay is the \$15.00 to the State and District.

Comments by PDG Jack Schimmel. Those interested in any of the State jobs should see the DG for a copy of the policies or the job descriptions before they turn in a resume.

One last thing from the State audit. The State is in fine financial shape and the Auditors barring any changes does not see any dues increase in the next five years. He feels the State is running under a good budget and good controls. The key is the budget is based on membership and if the membership keeps falling then there could be a problem.

Committee Reports

Beacon Lodge Chair Lion Tom Hurrell (written report)

This past October 18 and 19, I was privileged to attend some directors meeting at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. During this time frame. I receive arrued; statistical data of each club in 14-B relative to donation type and dollar amount from October 2002-September 2003. As such. This was the gauge to measure total District 14-B donation performance to Beacon Lodge Camp. This summary would also indicate how well 14-B compared to other districts in multiple 14. Here are the results.

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ADMIN</u>	<u>365 CLUB</u>	<u>CAMPER</u>	<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Clubs Participating	23	11	14	10	44 of 51
Dollar Amount	\$11,448.34	\$1,450.55	\$5,200.00	\$4,625.00	\$22,738.89
14-B vs. Multiple	14 3rd	10th	12th	2nd	6th

I am very pleased to tell you that Beacon Lodge Treasurer, PDG Mike Vudragovich reported a balanced budget. (The first in four years).

Also of interest was the election of Camp Officers:

President - Glenn Ferree - Chairman Emergency Committee , VDG Seminar / New Board Member Training.

1st Vice President - Willard Stratz, Chairman Property.

2nd Vice President - Dennis McCarthy, Chairman Marketing Committee.

3rd Vice President - Hiram Brey

Secretary - Jane Newcomer

Treasurer - Mike Vudragovich, Chairman Finance Committee.

Of other interest:

Camp opens June 05, 2004 and closes August 11, 2004.

Camp fees for a 10-day session was increased from \$450.00 to \$500.00.

PA Lions Appreciation Day is scheduled July 18, 2004. There is also an increase in the chicken dinner from \$6.50 to \$7.00. Ice cream was added to the menu.

There maybe a bus trip from our District.

Other information from this meeting will be released from month to month via the Governors Newsletter.

. May 08,2004 - Lions night with the Pirates vs. the L.A. Dodgers

One correction:

It was stated in the November Newsletter that personnel donations made to the Beacon Lodge "365 Club" are applied to maintenance only. This was incorrect and I apologize. Donations to the "365 Club" are applied to the administrative fund.

Leadership Development Chair Lion George Burgess (written report)

The new members orientation to be held November 8, 2003 at the Western PA School for Blind Children.

A second new member orientation will be held as part of the second annual Leadership Seminar to be held at the end of April or the beginning of May. Exact date to be determined.

Zone Chair Reports

Zone a Region 1 Chair Lion Harold Stitt

6 clubs in Region 1 Zone A. 4 clubs set reports by email. 2 new members in Cheswick-Springdale club. Some members from the ex West Deer club express interest in joining Cheswick-Springdale and some are interested in joining Gibsonia/Hampton/Richland depending where they live. The big project ongoing with the clubs is brooms and bags. Most clubs in our zone had White Cane Day and were successful. Several clubs were involved in the community days in their area. This was a good way to sell their fund-raising things and make them known in the community. Tarentum had a few people expressing interest in becoming a Lion. I will be visiting Elfinwild on November 20, 2003.

Zone B Region 1 Chair Lion Paul Guido

I made half my visits. Membership is down. Lion Fred Snyder the President from the Coraopolis club passed away this month. Lion Fred was a member for 50 years. Lion Paul Stinner received a commendation from State Representative Nick Kotic and the Township Commissioners for his work with Lions and other organizations. A written report was submitted with details of all clubs.

Zone a Region 2 Chair Lion Jim Brubaker (written report)

This is the 10th anniversary of the Lions Diabetes Center at UPMC McKeesport. Lions of Region 2 have been meeting every Saturday to prepare for their Auction for Diabetes to be tonight at the Youghioghney Country Club. Please come and support this important District Project.

On September 20 the Central Elizabeth Lions Club held their annual outing for the Lions Diabetes Center at the Seven Springs Golf Clubs.

Zones A and B held their Fall meeting on Oct 8 hosted by the White Oak Club.

On Tuesday, October 14 about 125 Lions attended Glassports annual Rigatoni Night at the Sons of Italy Hall. DG Rich Keller inducted Lion Rich Ziemianski and Lion Tony Campano as Melvin Jones Fellows.

On October 23rd the District Fall Rally was held at the White Oak American Legions with a guest speaker, Pirate broadcaster Gregg Brown.

A written report was submitted with all the clubs activities listed.

Zone B Region 2 Chair Lion Marge Yurechko (written report)

I have visited four of my five clubs. The fifth will be at White Oak this Monday.

The zone meeting was at Cavanaugh's in McKeesport. Attendees enjoyed the food and the room given to us. Unfortunately we had only 36 people there. The biggest complaint was that it cost \$20.00.

Elizabeth and Versailles had no reps at the Fall Rally. B/G/MtV had no one there except me. Also misses were people from Versailles and Elizabeth.

M&As are coming in except from the Central Cub. To date I have none.

The Elizabeth Club with problems is trying to come back. They are looking for new members. At my visit they had seven people.

I sent out 2100 flyers for photo screenings in the Elizabeth Forward schools plus five preschools. It was very disappointing. Only eight responses. This was done with the Elizabeth Rotary Club. Blood Screening Program is the last Saturday in September and the first Saturday in October.

White Oak donated a portable TV for the Auction.

B/G/MV donated cookware for the Auction.

White Oak donated \$100.00 to the Patti Burns Walkathon. Nine attended the Fall Rally.

White Oak hosted the B Zone dinner. Next year Central Elizabeth will be the host. They have accepted the mandate to make it a success by finding a place, time and cost.

Zone A Region 3 Chair Lion Andy Zivinsky Absent No Report

Zone B Region 3 Chair Lion John Aiken (written report)

Lion Andy Zivinsky organized a joint Zone meeting at West Mifflin.

Region 3 meeting about 5 Lions from Monroeville attended the speakers were from Beacon Lodge.

Fall Rally about 13 from the Monroeville club attended including one new member who was inducted that night.

Braddock is serving as a broker for other clubs for Koeze nuts.

Monroeville had their annual family picnic in September. White Cane Days were for two weekends in October. The Farmers Market continues through November 22 at Gateway High School. Koeze nut sales are underway. Anyone interested in starting a Leo Club let us know and we will assist you in getting started.

Oakmont is preparing for their annual Variety Show November 14, 15 & 16

Pitcairn held Bingo in October. November 1 with assistance from the Monroeville Lions is having a 5K ARun for Sight@

Wilmerding has added several new active members and has dropped some inactive ones.

The citrus sale is surveying Zone Clubs for interest in January 2004.

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

Our first Zone meeting will be on November 12 at The Royal Place Restaurant hosted by the Whitehall Lions Club.

Since our last Cabinet meeting, all clubs have been active and doing well. They are selling garbage bags, brooms, Koeze nuts, Entertainment and Enjoy books, having fish and steak fries, citrus sells, bake sells, White Cane Days, membership drives and participating in several community programs such as the Salvation Army's Treasures for Children and the Patti Burns Walk-a-Thon.

I am also scheduling my club visits.

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

Since the last Cabinet meeting all clubs were contacted by letter and phone from the Fall Rally. They were instructed to contact Lion Harold Fletcher if they were attending. All clubs after a summer break are starting all activities again.

A joint Zone meeting is scheduled on November 12 at The Royal Place Restaurant which the Whitehall Club will host.

I will be visiting the clubs in the upcoming months.

DG comments on the discussion of poor participation from club members in attending Zone meetings and other Lion functions. This has been an ongoing problem. A DG will write a letter to Long Range Planning to see if they can come up with any solutions to this problem.

Committee Reports

Long Range Planning Chair IPDG Ken Lloyd

Absent. No Report

DG Rich comments that they will have a meeting on November 12, 2003. Anyone interested may attend.

Coordinator of District Activities, Historian Chair PDG Harold Fletcher

PDG Harold comments about the lack of participation and response. When he was, DG membership was of course higher but there was an enthusiasm. When we asked for a response we got one back with membership slightly above 1200 like DG Rich said we need to do something to turn this around. It is not just the Lions the Kiwanis, Rotary, church and other service organizations all have this problem.

93 Lions and guests were at the Fall Rally and listened to our speaker Gregg Brown. We lost about \$117.00 on the Fall Rally. It would have been more but we took in \$93.00 on half the take of the 50/50 raffle. The buffet cost \$11.75 plus the 18% gratuity. For a total of \$14.31 we only made .69 a meal. We anticipated 125 to 150 people which we would have probably broken even.

Our next Cabinet meeting will be on February 11, 2004 a Wednesday evening. We hope it will be a draw for people. DG Rich and I will be getting together to decide where to have the meeting. This meeting was usually a Melvin Jones Breakfast. Details to follow.

The other big thing coming is the Spring Party on Friday, April 23, 2004 to be held at the new Stragious Banquet facility with a Polynesian event. Cost will probably be \$25.00. A person starts bringing it up to your clubs. Looking forward to a suggestion on the Polynesian theme please let us know.

Blind Bowlers Chair Lion Rich Peters (written report)

This year the tournament will be held on February 20, 21, 22, and 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. As in the past each Region has the responsibility for supplying the man power (Lions, Lioness, Leos, or volunteers from the community) for providing assistance with scoring and pin spotting on the assigned dates and times as picked at the August Cabinet meeting. Those assignments are as follows:

Friday afternoon Feb. 20	2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Region 2
Saturday morning Feb. 21	8:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.	Region 4
Saturday afternoon Feb 21	Noon to 3:30 p.m.	Region 1
Sunday morning Feb. 22	8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Region 3
Sunday morning Feb. 22	Noon to 3:30 p.m.	Cabinet

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

PDG Jack Schimmel question on the \$1,260.00 NSF check. DG Rich was in contact with Dan the tournament chairperson with the Keystone Blind Bowlers. It is not our tournament it is the Keystone Blind Bowlers Tournament and from now on it is the Keystone Blind Bowlers that will get all the bills. What we will do as a District is, we average between \$1,300-\$1,500 in what the District has to spend for hospitality and anything else. So I told Dan that District 14-B would give them a set amount which is \$1,500.00 the average from the last five years. The District will then be out of the bill end of it but we will still provide scorers, spotters and assistance, the District chair will still solicit letters of donations so we can still collect the \$1,500.00 and still assign sessions for regions to attend. We will still be doing the same as before except that we will present the Blind Bowlers a check for \$1,500.00 before the tournament. We are washing our hands of it and he will pay all the bills. If he bounces any checks then it will be his problem. The District cannot be liable for \$3,600.00 because that is what the tournaments usually runs between \$3,500.00 to \$3,600.00.

Motion made by PDG Harold Fletcher and second by Lion Maryann Dayton to limit the donation to Blind Bowlers Tournament to \$1,500.00. Motion passed.

Question by PDG Jack Schimmel on \$1,260 owed

DG Rich explained that he talked to Dan from Blind Bowlers on money owed and he told him that the money would be deducted from next years monies if not paid by Jan. 30, 2004.

Motion made by Lion Jim Brubaker and seconded by Lion Marge Yurechko to limit the donation this year to the balance of \$1,500.00 minus \$1,260.00 if he doesn't pay us the \$1,260.00 by the end of Jan. 2004. Motion passed.

I would like to take the Blind Bowlers policies and have them reviewed by Constitution and by laws and have them updated to include the new funding.

Motion to send the Blind Bowlers chair policy to Long Range Planning for review.

Motion by Lion Jim Engel and second by Lion John Aiken. Motion passed.

Chaplain Chair PDG Robert Johnson

Comments on lack of enthusiasm in our clubs. PDG Bob thinks that we have lost our ability to reward people for what they have done. The International recognized that we are all volunteers and the only way that they can reward us a plaque or reward. We need to build up enthusiasm in the clubs. Have a contest in the District for example the clubs can earn a plaque. Each club would get points for attending other meetings (Zone, District) and other functions of the District. The Fall Rally should have a speaker on Lionism so to pump us upon Lionism. The Spring Party should be to reward the Lions on what they have done.

Discussion Held

DG Rich suggested that maybe we will have a brainstorming session and try to come up with a possible solution.

Convention Chair Lion Patti Jo Bean

Absent No Report

Diabetes Awareness/Research Chair PDG Clarence Thomas (written report)

I really don't have a report because the District Governors newsletter this month contains the 2nd Annual Auction for Diabetes at Yough Country Club at 6:00 p.m. tonight and the Christmas Around the World Party for the Diabetes Foundation at the Palisades in McKeesport on December 13, 2003 included.

I can tell you there are very nice things at the auction with retail prices anywhere from \$45.00 to \$1,000.00 all of which were donated. Tickets will be available at the door if you decide to attend.

As for Christmas Around the World the tickets are going faster this year than at anytime in the past most likely because the entertainment is Pure Gold. They will present two shows. If you are going, I suggest you get your tickets early because they will not be available at the door. Complimentary wine and cheese will be available from 6:00 p.m. till 7:00 and the various food stations will serve from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Followed by Pure Gold. I have 20 tickets with me today, if you want any they are \$25.00 each.

An insert in the Daily news was a good article about the Diabetes Center when it was started back in 1993. PDG Pauline Waide and I are on the cover.

District Directory Chair Lion Barb Schimmel

Excused. No Report

Extension Chair PDG Mike Vudragovich

PDG Mike remarks on Extension. There is a lot of areas in the county that are being under served or are not being served by the Lions due to clubs lost and membership declining. DG Rich and I after the first of the year will be looking at Swissvale Edgewood area for a possible club. If anyone knows of an area that could use a club let me or DG Rich know

**Pgh Hearing Conservation Coordinator/Pgh Research Foundation Chair
Lion Richard Costello**

Absent. No Report

Information Technology Chair Lion Jim Hartman (written report)

We are in our third year at Lions of Allegheny County.org

Last November, 2002 873 Visitors

October, 2003 1,951 Visitors

This shows that the word is out about our website. Beacon Lodge is now on the website.

We are currently up by 1,078 visitors(monthly) over last year at this time. Daily average of persons visiting LionsOfAlleghenyCounty.org is 72.

Specific breakdowns by request

We are also linked to Lion.net.

I would like to put the Lions information letter on the website.

International Understanding Co-Op Chair Lion Joseph Julian

Absent. No Report.

Leader Dog Chair Lion Jim Engel (written report)

On October 9 I made a presentation to the Springdale Club. The next day I traveled to the Leader Dog School to see first-hand the new facilities. The school will do anything to succeed and the new facilities sure do reflect it. Students now have their own private rooms with back yard facilities to take their dogs out. They also have numerous rooms for student career training. With all the building and final touches taking place at the school, they are already making plans for the International Convention in Detroit this coming summer.

I will continue to call clubs to set up visits on behalf of Leader Dog.

Comments by DG Rich

At the State Council Meeting the Leader Dog Association presented awards out for donations that were raised throughout the state.

District 14-B came in 2nd place and DG Rich presented Lion Jim Engel the award from the Leader Dog Association.

Lion Jim thanked DG Rich.

He also stated his goal when he became Leader Dog chair was to have 100 % participation from the Clubs which he still working on.

Membership Chair PDG Pauline Waide (written report)

DG Rich mentioned the Regional seminar on November 22, 2003 presented by the State MERL team. It is in Indiana,PA from 8:30 to 2. No charge and breakfast and lunch will be provided. They are asking that Zone chairs and Club officers attend.

July 31, 2003 Membership Report shows that District 14-B stands at 1228 Lion members. At the end of August we had 1223.

Additional comments. That is all to my report because there have not been any

requests to speak about membership.

Newsletter Chair Lion Gail Titus (written report)

We are continuing to save money on the newsletter. I am now printing it at MailBoxes which is even cheaper than Office Depot. They had a two cent per page special in October.

Several people have said they had trouble getting the email or opening the newsletter pdf (Acrobat) file. I have no easy answer for this since everyone's computer is set up differently. Since the clubs send me their flyers as Word file, I think next month I will send them separately as Word files. This will cut down the size of the pdf file. Also if you have trouble getting the file by email you can go to the website and print and /or download the pdf file from there.

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. It is a venue for updating your directory.

Please limit the size of flyers it makes the email newsletter too big and overflows people's mailboxes.

PA Lions Foundation Chair PDG Sylvan Lang

I would like to visit the clubs please let me know and I appreciate the Zone chairs in getting me in.

There are clubs out there that have money in the PA Lions Foundation.

Remember we have the Pin program. It is \$10.00. I have the applications cards and you receive a rocker. PA Foundation is your vehicle for becoming 501C for tax deduction. I have sent the application for the Center for Creative Play for \$5,000.00. We should get it. The total we will have gotten is \$8,000.00 from the foundation in this District \$5,000 for the Center for Creative Play and \$3,000 that was given to WQED for Decoders. We should in the District start paying back into the fund so next time we need money it will be there. Fellowships are only \$500.00 and they come back to us.

Parliamentarian Chair PDG Jack Schimmel

District 14-B is a transitional District now. We have two years to get back over more than 1250 members and 32 clubs. If we don't get there then the District Governor will be reimbursed but not his wife at the convention.

I want to comment all the Zone chairs in that this the most active meetings that I have seen in the last five years on the Cabinet. You are the leaders of this District and the PDG's are a support group.

If you get a chance to go to the International Convention you don't have to stay at the Internationals PA's hotel. If you talk to the International there are other affordable hotels further out and they will be shuttling by bus to all events.

Comments by PDG Jack on Lionism. One thing we have to remember is our motto We Serve. Clubs need to get out and serve in the community instead of just writing a check. We need to put some fund-raising on the back burner and get our members back onto volunteerism. With membership the way it is we need to start intermingling and intermixing with clubs. It is not only here but everywhere in the United States. Lionism is growing by leaps and bounds outside the United States. At one time we had more than 50% of the membership in the world of Lionism. In the next five years we will probably lose another board seat that is being held by the U.S. on the International Board.

Peace Poster Chair Lion Matthew Borichevsky

I have received 2 posters to date.

Public Relations Chair Lion Eileen Markowitz

Absent. No report

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

I continue to visit clubs to discuss vision issues and eyeglass collection. I am working on an agreement with AARP to encourage their volunteer chapters to collect used eyeglasses and turn them over to the Lions. There are 85 active AARP chapters in District 14-B.

Eye Prothesis Chair PDG Bob Friend (written report)

I reported last Cabinet Meeting. The District has no free eye Prothesis left for the calendar year 2003. As of JANUARY 2004 we will have two free eye Prothesis from Mr. Tillman. We do have to remember the two eye prothesis will be for the whole year of 2004.

Audit Committee PDG Robert Friend Chair (written report)

The audit was performed for the Lions year ending June 30,2003

We used the guidelines in Policy Number 108, located in the Constitution and By-Laws Manual of District 14-B.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted. Those standards require that we perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

We matched each check to an invoice.

This is where we had a slight problem. I have listed three checks written, but we could be not an invoices.

Check to Lenscrafters (check #1243, dated 4-24-03) For \$50.00

Check to District 14-U #1616, dated 1-27-03 for \$137.50, this was for 55 sets of M&A reports

Check #1602, dated 10-23-02 to Perfect Emblem & Dies for \$330.00.

In all we found the accounts kept very neat, and I fell quite sure the Treasurer can find the three invoices. In our opinion the audit was completed to the best of our

abilities.

Motion to accept the audit report for Lions year ending June30, 2003 by Lion Harold Stitt seconded by Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed.

MTI Photo Screener Chair Lion Joseph Molinero

Absent. No report

Pittsburgh Vision Services Chair Lion MaryBeth Chester (written report)

New President -Steve Barrett, comes to us from Texas, he was also the past CEO at Helen Keller National Center.

The Lions Clubs have been very generous to the agency since July - Oct. They have donated \$10,650.00. This has included donations from:

Tarentum	Monroeville
Bethel Park	Oakmont
Elfinwild	Pgh Deaf Blind
Bethel Park Lioness	Brentwood
Glassport	Oakland
Liberty Boro	McCandless
Mt. Lebanon	Jefferson Borough

SINCE JULY PRESENTATIONS

July - West Mifflin club had about 12 individuals visit our Bridgeville site and have lunch.

Oct.- Bethel Park Lioness public education coordinator presented to the club about 20 members.

Nov Central Elizabeth- I did presentation to their club.

-Radio Information Service Chair Lion Samuel Depiero (written report)

Over thirty years ago when I was a librarian at the School for the Blind. I read about a reading service in Madison, Wisconsin. I remember thinking what a great idea that was because at that time I was married to a blind woman who liked to have the newspaper read to her and also the advertisements from department stores and super markets. It

was not always convenient and I had other tasks to do. When I saw the information about radio reading services, I became committed to getting the service here in western Pennsylvania. I still am convinced that the Service here does do as our motto says-Independence through Information.

At RIS finances are about the same-the rent has been reduced a small amount. We received two better computers as a gift to replace several computers that are old and slow.

The Patti Burns Walkathon was a success, getting about \$40,000.00 before expenses are deducted. This month the Annual Appeal Drive will be launched and we hope that it will be as successful as in the past. I will report the final figures on both fundraisers at the next Cabinet meeting.

In the area of donations the Lions and 14-B have been generous as always. In the three months of this fiscal year we have received \$3,750.00

Not counted in this are donations that the clubs have given to the Guide dog Walkathon in the last month. This has been very helpful because the State has just sent us their grant for the first four months. RIS want to thank all the clubs for their donations.

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

Excused. Report read by DG Rich Keller

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation last met 13 July 2003 at the Eye and ear Institute. The next meeting is scheduled for 16 November 2003.

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

Only the latest two pages of the resume of my hearing aid assistance activity is included to update the previous reports. Details upon request.

My last report included a comment on negotiations being conducted by Lions International to provide excellent hearing aids for clients and Lions themselves at a cost of approximately \$80.00 to \$100.00. At the latest International Board meeting in October, several actions were approved in support of the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (LAHAP) including (1) a grant to hold a meeting of audiologists to review data from the clinical trial phase; (2) authorization of a limited pilot program to offer the LAHAP hearing aid as a member benefit to Lions in the USA and India. No further details at this time.

Youth Outreach Chair Lion Doris Irr (written report)

Excused. Report read by DG Rich Keller

The Monroeville Leo Club at Gateway High School completed service projects including:

- i Five Leos participated in the Radio Information Service guide dog walkathon on October 21, 2003.
- i Ten Leos played bingo with elderly nursing home patients at the Cedars Assisted Living Facility on Tuesday, November 4th after school from 3 to 4 p.m. Prizes were donated including stuffed animals, cologne sets, holiday items and socks.
- i Upcoming projects include cleaning out the Monroeville Lions Club trailer and replacing all ceiling tiles, and building shelves for storage and general cleanup on November 16, 2003.
- i Leos are planning to volunteer at the Christmas tree sale at the School for Blind Children sometime in December.

Center for Hearing and Deaf Services Chair Lion Alison Weber (written report)

Excused. Report read by DG Rich Keller

Since my last report of June 2003, local clubs have donated \$1150.00 toward the District 14-B Lions Club Fund at the Center for Hearing and Deaf Service, Inc.

Three consumers applied for assistance and qualified for services. Two reconditioned hearing aids and two hearing aid repairs were performed during the period of June 1, 2003 and November 7, 2003.

We are continuing to send letters to clubs closest to the recipients locale in order to replenish the Fund.

Finally, I want to offer a grateful thank you to all clubs that have donated and supported the Fund and hope that the generosity will continue.

Western PA School for Blind Children Chair Lion Robert Cass

Absent. No Report

Tail Twister Chair Lion James Emery

Excused. No Report

Old Business

Zone Chairs councellers awards applications are in the newsletter. Two councellers awards will come back to the District from the State if we have qualified candidates. Those not qualified by the State are automatically qualified from the District councellers award. This is a great way to recognize Lions in our Clubs.

New Business

Zone Chairs will be receiving a letter from DG about a brainstorming meeting. A DG will find a place and night when no other meetings are going on.

Important Dates

November 14-16	Oakmont Lions Club Variety Show
November 15	District Peace Poster Deadline
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 13	A Christmas Around the World@ McKeesport
December 25	Merry Christmas
January 1, 2004	Happy New Year
February 6-8	State Council Meeting Canonsburg, PA
February ???	3 rd Cabinet Meeting
February 20-22	Blind Bowlers Tournament

Try to attend the State Council meeting in Canonsburg. It is a great way to see how the State operates.

The committee meets Saturday morning. A general session start at 1pm goes to 4:30.

Banquet Saturday night cost between \$20.00-\$25.00

It is good to see this because we are hosting State Council meeting in 2006.

I will promote the All State Band in my next newsletter.

District 14-B needs to supply committee people for the State Convention at Scranton. Details to follow.

Motion to adjourn by Lion Marge Yurechko. Second by Lion Paul Guido. Motion passed.

Benediction by PDG Bob Johnson

Meeting Adjourned at 11:33am.

Respectfully submitted by

Lion Greg Borichevsky

Cabinet Secretary District 14-B