

International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B
1st Cabinet Meeting
August 14, 2004
Center for Hearing and Deaf
Pittsburgh, PA

District Governor Dennis McCarthy called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by PDG Harold Fletcher. DG Dennis established protocol and welcomed everyone to the 1st Cabinet meeting for the Lion year 2004-2005.

District Governor's Report

When we had our reorganization meeting I went over some things that we were going to be doing and as of last night a meeting has been set up with the principal at the School for Deaf on Monday. What we are going to be doing is giving them information with regards to the Leo Club and we will also be presenting the parents association. My goal is to get one or two parents to join a Lions Club. What we are going to do is to get the Leo club up and running and to get the parents organization to become Lions. Or start their own club. That will be up in the Swissvale area because that is where the school is located. I will keep you informed of the progress as we go on and I will be pulling VDG Jim and the MERLO team in on this.

We also discussed putting together a committee for eyeglass and hearing aid recycling. A brainstorming meeting will be held after this meeting. Anyone interested in serving on this committee let me know.

All club presidents and secretaries have been mailed a copy of the District Directory. There are a few extra copies here if anyone needs one or didn't get one. Let me know.

Instead of roll call taken by the District Secretary, District Governor Dennis had all and guests in attendance to give their names and whether they are on the Cabinet and in what position they serve and the name of their home club. Being we have new Cabinet members and a few guests we can get to know each other better. Those Cabinet members in attendance will be marked on the attendance sheet. The guests in attendance were Lion Elmer Kruzek secretary of Glassport, and Lion Linda Aquilante the tail twister also from Glassport.

Thank you and welcome all Lions.

Some other information that I have been handing out is the USA/Canada forum that is being held in Reno. So far from District 14-B we have 4 members that have signed up to attend and if anyone else is interested in attending let me know I will give you the application.

The other things going on are The Lions Quest training will be back. There is a whole series of programs on Lions Quest. Dottie Hill from 14-M will be coming into 14-B. She will be in for a meeting at the AIU area. It is a good program. There is challenge out there to all 18 District governors by next State Council meeting to have a District to at least step forward and at least have a Quest program come into the boundaries of your District and to do something with it. There is a financial reward to that Governor of \$250.00 that

will be great so it can go into charities or things we want to do in our District. PDG Jack comments. The money is coming out of the Quest chairpersons' own pocket. Also there is grant money out there to train these teachers see the DG for information. In Leader Dog we are #2 Michigan is the number 1 state. Go to your clubs and thank them for making PA #2. If you have not been out there it is a great experience. I would like Lion Jim Engel the Leader Dog chair to put an article about Leader Dog in the newsletter at least monthly or every other month. I don't want anyone to forget the wonderful things that Leader Dog does.

So far being DG is wonderful. DG Dennis showed us a picture of his graduating class of 45 DG. They were from India, Turkey and of course 18 from PA. You meet people from all around the world and you can call any of the DG from around the world and see what they are doing in their districts. DG also shows a picture of himself and International President Clement Kusiak and his wife. He is very easy to talk to and he likes Pennsylvania (He was born in Pottsville). At every meeting I will keep you current on the programs from the International and I want you to rely on me as a resource. The goal again is just grow. Remember the B in 14-B means the Best.

The voting members are the District Governor, Vice District Governor, IPDG, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, and the Zone Chairs.

Motion to accept the voting members by Lion Jim Engel second by IPDG Rich Keller.
Motion passed.

Secretaries Report Cabinet Secretary Greg Borichevsky

Letter read from Beacon Lodge.

Dear Lions,

On behalf of the Board of Directors but most importantly. On behalf of the campers, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the Lions of 14-B District Lions Club for your contribution of \$2973.00 towards 14-B new pool;

We value the friendship and support of the Lions and Lioness without whom Beacon Lodge would not be possible.

Again thank you so very much

Ellen J Miller Executive Director

Comments on letter by PDG Mike Vudragovich that the proceeds were from the Pirate game.

We need approval of the Cabinet minutes from June's meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of June by Lion Jim Engel 2nd by Lion Marge Yurechko.

Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report PDG Harold Fletcher
Administrative Account**

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2004.....\$1,798.52
Total Receipt.....\$9,646.08
Total Cash Available.....\$11,444.60

Total Disbursements\$9,449.55

Ending Balance, June 30, 2004\$1,995.05

Vice District Governor's Fund

Beginning Balance July 1, 2003(\$12.39)
Receipts (District's Per Capita)\$860.00
Total Cash Available\$847.61
Disbursements\$605.44
Ending Balance, June 30, 2004\$242.17

Blind Activities Account

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2003\$14,277.93
Receipts\$11,735.84
Total Cash Available\$26,013.77
Disbursements\$11,348.97
Ending Balance, June 30, 2004\$14,664.80

Note on the Blind Activities Account. The Pirate proceeds were not included in the written report but were noted on the verbal report. I will have the corrected written report at the next meeting.

Question to PDG Jack Schimmel on the Blind Activities Accounts that must be disbursed. Of the accounts the Diabetes Research Funds must be disbursed.

Motion to accept the final report from last year by Lion Luis Cardiel and 2nd by Lion John Aiken. Motion passed.

Next report is the budget.

Budget

Administrative

Total Receipts\$11,640.00
Disbursements\$11,810.00

Vice District Governor's Account

Receipts\$920.00
Disbursements\$750.00

Budget is based on 1150 members.

Comments by PDG Jack Schimmel as of July 1 the State has waived the 100 mile one way for paying mileage. It is full mileage no matter where council is at. That could affect

the bottom line of the VDG account. Discussion held on VDG account. We need to refer to Long Range planning on writing a formal policy for the VDG reimbursements. Motion for approval of the budget by Lion Marge Yurechko and 2nd by Lion Luis Cardiel. Motion passed.

The last report is the financial report for July 1, 2004 to August 14, 2004.

Administrative Account

Administrative Fund

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2004\$1, 995.05

Total Receipts \$1,000.90

Total Cash Available\$2,995.95

Disbursements \$282.33

Ending Balance August 14, 2004\$2,713.62

Vice District Governor's Fund

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2004\$242.17

Total Cash Available \$242.17

Ending Balance August 14, 2004\$242.17

Administrative Account

Fund Balances

Total August 14, 2004\$2955.79

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by IPDG Rich Keller and 2nd by Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed..

Question on the floor where money is coming from to operate the District. We operate strictly off the per capita we receive from the State which is \$1.00 per member per half which totals \$2.00 a year. And our District dues are \$1.00 per member per half which totals \$2.00 a year. Declining membership cuts our operating fund tremendously. The District Governor receives the funds from the state only when clubs pay their state per capita dues to the state. That is the same with the District. We get our funds only when the clubs pay their district per capita dues.

Looking at the Treasurer's report there are a few clubs that have not paid their dues last year. If we don't get these funds and we continually drop members we cannot operate the District. This is a bare bones budget. There use to be a chain of command the DG would call the Region Chairperson in turn would contact that club to get the money in. It is very important that you go to your clubs to have them pay the dues in a timely manner.

International Dues are \$37.00 /year

State Dues are \$13.50/year (\$1.50 of which should come out of your club's charities account) and District dues are \$2.00/year.

Discussion held on paying dues by clubs.

Cabinet Secretary will send out letter to clubs that are in arrears in District per capita dues. Letters to be sent with this year's per capita statement.

Under environment I will be turning over the information to Lion Matthew Borichevsky on Adopting a Highway. I will work with Matthew on this. We will advertise this in the newsletter and ask for volunteers. It is a 4 times a year highway clean up. There will be a sign up on the highway that says that it is cleaned up by the Lions of District 14-B. Matthew and “I will get it started and this is a good marketing and PR for the District and Lions. I want to get environmental back as a start.

Zone Chairperson’s Reports

Region 1 Zone A Lion Jason Altmire (written report)

Excused report read by Cabinet Secretary Greg
 Reports-Zone Chair I plan to schedule and attend meetings of all the clubs in Zone A, Region 1 and provide a report at the fall Cabinet meeting.

Region 1 Zone B Lion Luis Cardiel

I am in the process of scheduling my visits.

Region 2 Zone A Lion Geoffrey Temple

I plan on scheduling my meetings soon. Clubs in my zone Jefferson Hills has a Community Days today. McKeesport on Sept 25 has a bike for sight event and is planning construction of a Lion at the Lion Band Shell at Rensie Park. Pleasant Hills is participating at their Community Days next weekend. Pleasant Hills along with McKeesport are selling the enjoy book.

Region 2 Zone B Lion Marge Yurechko (written report)

Not much to report.
 Boston Steak Fry is first meeting on Sept. 1.
 Versailles is to be around for the next two years.
 White Oak manned a booth at Community Days and helped at the Day of Caring.
 \$584.00 was earned form the broom and garbage bag sales and \$84.00 was donated to Beacon Lodge from a weekend collection.
 Request Central Elizabeth to host first Zone meeting in the fall.
 Discussion on North Versailles . DG would like MERLO team to go into the clubs and help them out.
 Comments by PDG Harold Fletcher-Central Elizabeth club are offering a \$1000.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the destruction at Elizabeth cemetery. A member of our club who owns a monument company has sent people to help upright some monuments.

Region 3 Zone A Lion Andy Zivinsky

Excused. No report.

Region 3 Zone B Lion John Aiken (written report)

The Oakmont club is the only one known to continue meeting during the summer. They reported a drop in membership recently from 45 to 42. No other clubs have reported any membership changes recently.

The Monroeville Lions held their annual Golf Outing fundraiser on July 31. The farmer's market continues throughout the summer at Gateway High School and on until mid November.

The Leo Club is dormant as usual through the summer. They will be recruiting for new members when school starts up in September.

Discussion held on a member who transferred from another club. Information available from the International which has information on every club in the world

Region 4 Zone A Lion Burt Sawyers

Excused. No report.

Region 4 Zone B Lion Jim Engel (written report)

I will be contacting Clubs to set up visitations. Plans are also being made for a joint zone meeting.

VDG Jim Brubaker comments to new zone Chairs that written reports read at the meeting are to be submitted to Cabinet Secretary Greg.

VDG Jim Brubaker (written report)

Western Region MERLO training for District 14-B club officers. Zone chairs and others are scheduled for October 9, 2004 in the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church. My training started at the State Council meeting in Clarion, PA on August 7 and 8. The trainers are very good and I'm sure they will present practical techniques that will improve your clubs, Zone chairs please emphasize the need for all your clubs to attend, especially those that need it most. Don't let them miss this opportunity to learn how we can grow in Lionism here in District 14-B. The seminar starts at 8:30 to about 3:00

Comments by IPDG Rich Keller that the MERLOW team consists of membership chair, extension chair, retention chair, leadership chair and orientation which is the combined effort of the 4 chairs. This year we are adding the Women's Leadership Development chair. Also on the MERLO committee are all the zone chairs. All should be at the MERLO seminar on Oct. 9. Remember zone chairs that you are the eyes and ears of the DG and VDG. If you know a club that is in trouble then you need to get that back to the MERLO team, The DG and VDG. We can then target our efforts on helping that club. Also the region advisors are drafted on the MERLO team because you are PDG's and a good source of Information.

District MERLO team training is scheduled in PA August 28 and 29 in Burnham, PA. I hope the MERLO team will stay for a few minutes to discuss our plans for attending. Not only will we be training but also establishing our strategy for this year. PDG Jack comments.

I think all of our MERLO team should attend this is a whole new program sent down by Lions International. The program was started last year by the MERLO Institute. The Districts should be there to get their training and they will come back and train within the District. There should be a MERLO seminar within the District set up this year. Oct 9 is

to encompass everyone who wants to strengthen there clubs. Discussion held.

Twelve Clubs have placed initial orders for 740 of the Enjoy coupon book. When sold should yield a profit of \$6,660.00.

DG Dennis comments on a Healthy Club Kit that is available from Lions International for free. They have a ton of information available for you on membership growth. Discussion held.

Regarding region reports what I will be looking for from you is if you have a club that is having difficulties within your region bring that information to us because the resource of knowledge is here between the MERLO team and PDG's. Bring it here so we can assign someone to go in with you and help that club.

Committee Reports

Beacon Lodge Lion Thomas Hurrell (written report)

For the benefit of our new members and guest it is my privilege to introduce your 14-B representatives to PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

Board member and 2nd Vice President at camp, Governor Dennis McCarthy. His primary responsibility is marketing.

2. Board member and Camp Treasurer, PDG Mike Vudragovich

14-B Liaison Lion Tom Hurrell

Although our responsibilities are each different in nature, we function very well as a team dedicated in service to our camp. PDG Mike and I welcome the opportunity to visit your club with a slide presentation or just a down home, fireside type chat about camp or to address any personnel concerns. Notice, The Governor's name was omitted from this visitation mix to allow more time to attend his other responsibilities.

One concern of late is "What's happening to all that money we've been sending to Beacon Lodge and in particular capital improvements such as the Braille trail Markers and 14-B Dorm renovations"? A fair question and one that deserves an answer.

Donation to the Braille Trail have been used to purchase seven new, cast aluminum trail markers as well as their respective mounting posts. They have since been installed along that part of the trail that starts near a point at Children's Village and continues for about 1/3 of a mile. We are in need for three additional markers for that segment of the trail.

They can be purchased individually or by a club, either in remembrance of that someone special or to honor your own club. Let your intentions be known to PDG Mike Vudragovich or Liaison Tom Hurrell if you are interested. In the next addition of the Cauldron I will submit a brief description of the trail and their markers.

Built in 1960, we have known for some time that serious renovations are required to bring 14-B dorm up to ADA Standards. In 2002, a study was made that determined it would take approximately \$40,000.00 to undertake this project. The game plan was to raise \$20,000.00 from clubs within our district and then request a matching grant from LCIF. Donations for the renovation started in 2002-2003, continued into 2003-2004 and are currently accrued at approximately \$17,000.00. We are ever so close to our goal, yet so far enough away to keep us in a holding pattern until such time we receive additional donations that would satisfy the remaining balance of \$3,000.00.

Additional comments by PDG Mike Vudragovich. We had our third annual night with the Pirates and we had 743 people in attendance and we got \$2,973.00 contributed to Beacon Lodge. In the last 3 years we have had 2,075 people in attendance and have had over \$8,000.00 donated to the Beacon Lodge camp based upon the money we get back from the Pirates. We need approval from the District to go ahead with this project. Motion that we be Western region sponsor for Night at the Pirates with proceeds going to Beacon Lodge by Lion Geoffrey Temple and seconded by Lion John Aiken. Motion passed. Besides the 14-B cabins there are other needs to be addressed. The pool which is 30 plus years old. During the summer we got bids for a new pool of \$171,000.00. The main focus though is the new pool it is going to be a statewide project. There are also other capital projects like waterline that are extremely old. This past summer they had at least 3 or 4 breaks. Also the camp needs new vehicles, pick-up trucks and mini buses or vans to transport the campers. At next board meeting we will present a plan for approval of our board and then state council's approval. Then after that we will begin a capital improvement campaign for the camp. This is just to make you aware of it and the zone chairs when you go to your clubs you can let them know that there is a capital improvement project coming. We are looking at outside funding from LCIF. If anyone knows of anyone that we can maybe get grant money. Let me know.

Blind Bowlers Lion Richard Peters

No report.

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

Since my last report of June, 2004 local clubs have donated \$450.00 towards the District 14-B Lions Club Fund administered at HDS. Three people have applied for assistance and have qualified for reconditioned hearing aids. I will continue to send letters to clubs closest to the recipient's locale in order to replenish the Fund.

A huge thank you to all the clubs who have supported this Fund throughout the years.

Coordinator of District Activities Lion Alison Weber (written report)

Passing of the Banner will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at Duranti's Restaurant, 128 North Craig Street Oakland. Checks made payable to "Pittsburgh Deaf Blind Lions Club for \$14.00. Social hour starts at 5:30 pm and a buffet dinner starts at 6pm. Please send rsvp and checks to me Alison Weber.

Fall Rally will be at the White Oak American Legion on Friday, October 8, 2004 beginning at 6:30. Festivities will include dinner and a band.

Cabinet meetings of November 20, 2004 and February 12, 2005 will be held at the Center for Hearing and Deaf Services. Please park in the back parking lot and enter through the back door.

Convention Chair

No report.

State Convention Johnstown May 19-22, 2005

International Convention Hong Kong June 27- July 1, 2004

Diabetes Awareness PDG Clarence Thomas (written report)

There are a lot of things happening with the UPMC McKeesport Lions Diabetes Foundation.

First the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

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| Brought forward..... | \$44,200.14 |
| Fundraising Activities and donations | |
| Christmas Around the World..... | \$4,836.89 |
| Lions Auction..... | \$9,201.54 |
| District 14-E Lions..... | \$10,313.30 |
| District 14-B Lions..... | \$7,230.00 |
| "United Way | \$13.26 |
| Grand Total | \$76,395.13 |
| Disbursements | |
| Medications for disparate individual | \$20,175.00 |
| End of the year total | \$56,220.13 |

In March 2004 the McKeesport Lions Diabetes Foundation formed a partnership (State Health Improvement Plan) with Braddock, Duquesne and Hazelwood and named this partnership The Mon River Fleet.

Part of the read letter to Frankie Weatherly

Our fight against diabetes in at-risk communities will clearly send a message to the communities we serve that SHIPS are not only working together in each of our communities but our working together as a coalition in support of the state's Healthy People 2010 goal to increase the number of those reached with diabetes management education from 40%(1998) to 60%(2010). In April we applied for a grant from the PA Department of Health for a grant to help put this program together. On June 3, 2004 The Foundation received a letter from the manager of Prevention from the PA Department of Health informing them The Mon River FLEET Coalition Diabetes Initiative in Allegheny County has been selected for funding (\$120,000.00).

On July 16, 2004 The Mon River Fleet was notified by the Department of Immunizations of the State Health Department that is making fund available for those SHIP partners who would like to conduct activities in enhancing adult immunizations in their communities. The goal of these activities is to increase the rates for influenza and pneumococcal immunizations, especially in high-risk populations. The appropriate forms have been filled out and submitted.

The Mon River Fleet has also applied for a grant to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to put a program called LAV Health Coaches Bridging Hospitals into Communities. This is an initiative to train people to go into the communities and work with those people who need help. The training will be done at CCAC. There will be more information on this program at a later date. I have given 5 articles to Lion Jim Hartman for the Cauldron.

Flyer on Women's Day Out Sunday, September 26, 2004 Main Pavilion Renzie Park 1-4 pm.

Flyer on Lions Club District 14-B and District 14-E.

Christmas Around the World.

The Lions Clubs of District 14-B and District 14-E are proud of its unique and only Lions Diabetes Center of its kind in the nation that was initiated over 10 years ago. Beginning in January 2005, the McKeesport Hospital Foundation will be the recipient of a major grant for diabetes education and medication treatment through the PA Department of Health that will benefit people in all state health improvement plan SHIP communities. "There is much for us to celebrate together! This year, the annual "Christmas Around the World" event will be held on Friday, December 10, 2004 at the new Stratigos Banquet Hall that is centrally located between both Lions Districts. Entertainment will be provided by PURE GOLD. We anticipate a record crowd of between 500 and 600 people. The new Stratigos Banquet Hall is a beautiful facility that can accommodate our needs." More information to follow.

American Diabetes Association and Healthy for Life at Convention Center needs volunteers on Sat, August 28 9am to 6pm.

Contact Lorrie Ramas (412) 489-0780 home or work 412-474-1188.

District Directory Coordinator Lion Barb Schimmel (written report)

District Directories all corrections will be placed in the September newsletter.

Environmental Lion Matthew Borichevsky

No report

Extension PDG Mike Vudragovich

No report.

Historian PDG Harold Fletcher

Articles submitted to newsletter editor Lion Jim Hartman.

Discussion held on the original District publication The Cauldron. It was published 4 times a year in addition to the regular monthly newsletter. We will continue to give you history on what it was like back then.

Eye Prosthesis / District Chaplain PDG Robert Johnson Jr.

Protocol having been established, I hereby submit this report. I have tried to contact Dr. Tillman by phone to make an appointment with him to discuss the agenda for the coming year. I was told that Dr. Tillman's son was running the business. I asked to speak with him and was told that he was with a patient and could not come to the phone.

I left my name and phone number and asked that he return my call. After not hearing from him in three days I called again with the same results, no call.

I called again yesterday and got his answering machine. My call was not returned.

Prior to the next Cabinet meeting I will go to his office and hope that he will find time to meet with me.

Additional comments on PR for Lions. You know that WQED has telethons and maybe we can volunteer to man the phones. We could wear our Lions cap or shirts. Then people could see us.

Information Technology/Newsletter Editor Lion Jim Hartman

My email address is

HYPERLINK "mailto:jwhart@adelphia.net"
jwhart@adelphia.net

. The newsletter is sent in HTML form because with some servers you lose all the graphics. If you want a printable copy then you open the PDF and then you can print it. We are running at 1100 to 1200 hits a month to our website.

Lion Jim Hartman would like PDG Skip Thomas to give him more info on the McKeesport Diabetes Center and he will put together articles for the newsletter. Our goals are to have the newsletter to you by the beginning of the month so that the clubs that meet in the beginning of the month will have the newsletter available to them for the meeting.

International Understanding Co-Op Lion Matthew Borichevsky

No report.

Leader Dog Lion Jim Engel (written report)

Last year 30 Lions Clubs from District 14-B contributed to Leader Dog. It was more than half but not 100%.

My goal is the same goal as in the past. ALL Clubs in 14-B to donate to Leader Dog School.

I am available to speak at any Club. Please give me a call.

Remember that Leader Dog is a District project like Beacon Lodge.

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

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation last met on 25 July 2004 at the Eye and Ear Institute.

The Foundation thanks all the Clubs for their generous donations. While some Clubs send their donations directly to the Foundation, recent donations through me amounted to \$2300.00. Only through your continued generosity are we able to serve the needs of an aging community.

The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project is proceeding well and the device is now being tested in India, Michigan, and one other State in the U.S, LCIF allocated \$300,000 to develop the hearing aid, \$300,000 to produce some for testing and another \$200,000 for first production runs. The initial testing has shown the aid to be comparable or better than aids which sell for over \$1,000.00. Hopefully these aids will soon be made available to the hearing impaired for \$100.00 to \$200.00.

The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on 24 October at the Eye and Ear Institute in Pittsburgh.

Financial Information available upon request.

Additional Comments.

I am being allocated \$3,000.00 to do something with membership in our District. I don't know all the details yet but this is something new. Only the last three PID are getting this allocation. If anyone has any project you would like to do with connection on

membership and you need money. Let me know. I expect to have more information forthcoming on how I am to report this and how they are going to give it to me. If you have any great ideas on membership and requires a little bit of money let me know.

Long Range Planning IPDG Rich Keller (written report)

Nothing to report at this time. Just a reminder that a meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16 at Lombardozzi Restaurant at 6:30 pm.

LCIF IPDG Rich Keller (written report)

Nothing to report at this time. Just a reminder that this year there will be a Melvin Jones Brunch held on Sunday, February 27, 2005 at the Royal Place Restaurant. More Information at the November Cabinet Meeting.

Leadership Development Chair IPDG Rich Keller

As Leadership chair I want to say we all have been designed as leaders in the District. We are the people who are going to have to save the District. We are the leaders we have been picked by DG Dennis and the past District Governors to lead the District. DG Dennis has a very busy schedule and the zone chairs, IPDG, PDG and every committee chair is a leader and has been designated as a leader. We will be having a leadership seminar. We need a VDG candidate.

Membership-MERLO seminar State report 1180 members as of June 30. We lost 60 members. We used to have 52 clubs now we have 50-. West Allegheny was one club. The true numbers are 1149 members based on M&A reports and phone calls and emails. We have lost more than was reported.

The State has an initiative this year for membership growth. They start at a 5% increase for next year. With Texas as one of the largest multiples in membership. They want to increase their membership to get up close to Texas and that means in the state of Pennsylvania we have to increase membership across the state by 4000 members. Seems like a lot but take all the clubs in Multiple District 14, 844 clubs that worked out to 4.5 members per club. We have to put into consideration that we are going to lose people because of dues increases that is when Retention comes into play. We are the leaders of this District and we have to back to our clubs and start to lead by example. Stir up your clubs to get new members.

MTI Photo Screener/Peace Poster Lion Mary Beth Chester (written report)

MTI Photo Screener

We have in our possession both screeners, though one is not in good condition. It will be looked into further as to if we should put money into fixing it or look into other avenues of screening.

We already have it scheduled for 3 days in September 2 days for Robinson Club and 1 day for Zone Chair Andy.

Peace Poster Contest

“Give Peace a Chance”

Deadlines

10/1/04 Purchase kits for Clubs

11/15/04 Deadline for Club to send a winning poster

12/1/04 Deadline for DG to send winning poster

12/15/04 Deadline for multiple District Council Chairs to send one winning entry to International.

Discussion held on MTO Photo screener

Comments by PDG Mike Vudragovich that we have had problems with the one screener and maybe we ought to look at replacing them. PDG Jack Schimmel comments that back when they were purchased they were antiquated pieces of equipment and they had to retrofit it. They have proven to be not satisfactory. I think we ought to put it back in the hands of PVS who have simple forthright proven method. We should sit down with PVS and discuss the practicality of this.

Lion Mary Beth Comments that the staff has been testing the MTI Screener and I need to touch base with them. As far as the other method it is a lot easier and simpler to use. It has 85% accuracy when you think a child has an eye condition. I think that PVS would do is train the Lions as volunteers to go and do the screening. Discussion held.

DG Dennis remarks that he and VDG Jim would like to set up a meeting with you to see which the best method is. If their training for Lions then we will set aside a day for all Lions interested in the training.

Lions of PA Foundation PDG Sylvan Lang

Check will be mailed to the District for the Center for Creative Play for \$2,500.00 and \$2,500.00 next year. So the Lions of Pennsylvania will send the District a total of \$5,000.00. A reminder for those new Cabinet members, The Lions of Pennsylvania is similar to the LCIF but it is strictly for Pennsylvania. This Foundation by raising money by Lions of PA Fellow (similar to Melvin Jones Fellow). Can purchase for \$500.00. The money goes to PA Foundation. This money in turn is sent

Via of matching grants all over PA right now we receive more money than we put into the Foundation.

If you need a speaker I am available to come out to your clubs and speak about the Foundation. We got about 4 fellows last year.

PID Carl Battistone is on the organization that supplies the hearing aids. The PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation does the research on new hearing aids, improving hearing aids or anything else to do with hearing.

PA Sight Conservation Lion Linda Rowley

Excused. No Report.

Under Sight conservation report read by Cabinet Secretary Greg for Lion Jason Altmire on eyeglasses.

We will work to promote the eyeglass collection efforts taking place around District 14-B and will help clubs better publicize their efforts and encourage them to collect more are report progress to the District.

Parliamentarian PDG Jack Schimmel

No report.

Pittsburgh Vision Services Lion Meghan Nelson

No report.

Public Relations Lion Lisa Blaney Stewart

Excused.

DG Dennis comments I am working with Lisa and contracted billboard companies and got some prices. We contacted PAT to advertise on the buses inside or outside. We were told we cannot as the Lions organization but it can be done for an event for example "The Diabetes association or Art auction event" on the bus \$3.00 inside and \$5.00 outside. You must have a contact person name and phone number and how much tickets are. Looking at newspaper ads.

Radio Information Services Lion Sam DePiero

Excused. No Report.

Toddler Program at W. PA School for Blind Children Lion Robert Cass

Lion Bob asked that we put in the Toddler program because the School for Blind is not as user friendly as in the past. So we are separating it and only concentrating on the Toddler program. Those who send directly to the school you can do what you want. We have serviced the school in the past but are no longer needed but the Toddler program still needs our help.

Tail Twister Lion Jim Emery

I would like to see the voting members on the Cabinet identified also the reports will be two minutes or less.

Comments by DG Dennis

Written reports can be any length. They will be in the minutes but your verbal report will be 2 minutes or less.

Youth Outreach Lion Mary Jane Keller

No report

DG Dennis comments on more information to follow on the Youth Exchange. Hopefully we can have some growth in the youth area. District 14-E is going to have a youth seminar. More to follow.

Women's Membership Development Lion MaryAnn Dayton

No report

Old Business

None

New Business

An appointment has to be made to the audit committee. They must be a PDG. Present members are PDG Pauline Waide (chair) and PDG Mike Vudragovich. PID Carl Battistone has been nominated by PDG Jack Schimmel.

Benediction by PDG Robert Johnson

Meeting Adjourn 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Greg Borichevsky
District 14-B Cabinet Secretary

| District Cabinet 14 -B | Attendance Sheet 2004-2005 | July | Aug | Nov. | Feb | June |
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| | Voting Members | | | | | |
| Dennis McCarthy | District Governor | P | P | | | |
| Richard Keller | IPDG/LCIF/Long Range Planning /Leadership Development /Retention / Advisor Region 4 | P | P | | | |
| James Brubaker | Vice District Governor | P | P | | | |
| Greg Borichevsky | District Cabinet Secretary | P | P | | | |
| Mic Wrbas | District Cabinet Treasurer | P | E | | | |
| Jason Altmire | Region 1 Zone A Chair / White Cane Chair | E | E | | | |
| Luis Cardiel | Region 1 Zone B Chair | P | P | | | |
| Geoffrey Temple | Region 2 Zone A Chair | P | P | | | |
| Marge Yurechko | Region 2 Zone B Chair | A | P | | | |
| Andy Zivinsky | Region 3 Zone A Chair | P | E | | | |
| John E. Aiken | Region 3 Zone B Chair | E | P | | | |
| Burt Sawyers | Region 4 Zone A Chair | E | E | | | |
| James Engel | Region 4 Zone B Chair / Leaderdog Chair | P | P | | | |
| | Non Voting Members | | | | | |
| Thomas Hurrell | Beacon Lodge | P | P | | | |
| Richard Peters | Blind Bowlers | E | P | | | |
| Robert Johnson PDG | Chaplain / Eye Prothesis | P | P | | | |
| Joseph Julian | Convention | E | A | | | |
| Maryann Dayton | Women's Membership Development | P | P | | | |
| Barbara Schimmel | District Directory Coordinator | E | P | | | |
| Matthew Borichevsky | Environmental / International Understanding CO-OP | E | P | | | |
| Harold Fletcher PDG | Historian | E | P | | | |
| Michael Vudragovich PDG | Extension Chair / Beacon Lodge Board Member Advisor Region 3 | P | P | | | |
| Alison Weber | Coordinator District Activities/ Center for Hearing and Deaf Services | P | P | | | |
| Clarence Thomas PDG | Diabetes Awareness / Research | P | P | | | |
| Carl Battistone PID | Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation | P | P | | | |
| Jim Hartman | Information Technology / Newsletter Editor | E | P | | | |
| Kenneth Lloyd PDG | Membership Chair / Advisor Region 1 | P | A | | | |
| Sylvan Lang PDG | PA Lions Foundation / Advisor Region 2 | P | P | | | |
| Maxine Lang | PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation | E | P | | | |
| Jack Schimmel PDG | Parliamentarian | P | P | | | |
| Linda Rowley | PA Lions Sight Conservation | P | E | | | |
| Mary Beth Chester | MTI Photo Screener / Peace Poster chair | A | P | | | |
| Meghan Nelson | Pittsburgh Vision Services | P | P | | | |
| Lisa Blaney Stewart | Public Relations | P | A | | | |
| Samuel DePiero | Radio Information Services | E | E | | | |
| Robert Cass | Toddlers Program at W. PA School for Blind Children | A | A | | | |
| James Emery | Tail Twister/Time Keeper | P | P | | | |
| Mary Jane Keller | Youth Outreach Coordinator | P | E | | | |