

**International Association of Lions Clubs  
District 14-B  
1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
August 12, 2006  
Center for hearing & Deaf Services  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Jim Hartman at 9:05 AM. We began with one verse of America and the Pledge of Allegiance. District Chaplin Lion Tom Hurrell gave the invocation.

District Governor Jim Hartman established Protocol and introduced the quest speaker, Dr Jake Waxman Director of Comprehensive Ophthalmology at UPMC Eye Center. Dr. Waxman talked on the relationship between the Lions and the Eye Center. Vision screenings have been a tradition for the Lions and they are great because they raise awareness of disease, they let people know they are at risk for glaucoma and educate the community on vision loss. Vision screenings are very useful in preschool settings. There are problems with vision screenings in that they sometimes aim at the wrong target. If we really want to crusade against darkness then what we need to do is more than just vision screenings but eye care. We want to target people who need it, we want to target people at high risk and we want to target our care to people who would not other wise get it. Those people who have barriers to transportation, socio-economic barriers and barriers in that they didn't know they could get it. We want to provide a service where we can examine a patient, diagnose a patient and at the same site treat and prescribe. We want to design a system were we can follow up people who need to be followed up and get people taken care of. So here is our idea, travel light save sight. Put together exam equipment and put it in a car, notice the absent of eye van. Set up quickly and broken down quickly and provide most of the function of the eye doctors office. Take it were it is needed, free clinics, nursing homes, homes for the mentally challenged and rural PA. The initial funding for this what we have dubbed the Guerilla Eye Service has been funded by the Trees Foundation. We were able to put together some equipment all that is found in an eye doctor's office. I am not here for money, what I am asking of the Lions is 1. Person Power; help carrying equipment to set up. 2. Organization and structure; I have a dozen medical students who are interested in community service. I think turning them into a Lions Club such as the ones on the campuses. 3. Eyeglasses. I am here to ask you Lions how I can get the Lions involved and their Ideas are needed.

Comments by PDG Jack Schimmel that the Philadelphia college of Optometry has a Lion's club which is very successful and can be put in place here. Dr. Waxman stated that he would be interested in sponsoring one.

District Governor Jim Hartman comments that he thinks this is a workable program that we can possibly do. Discussion Held.

District Governor Jim established the voting members of the Cabinet. Which are District Governor, Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, IPDG, and the eight Zone Chairs.

### **Vice District Governors Report VDG Michele Matuch** (Written Report)

District Governor Jim Hartman and Fellow Cabinet Lions:

#### District Hotline

As Vice District Governor, I have been given the responsibility of taken charge of the District's Hotline effective July 2006. There were 38 calls received and appropriate referrals made through the end of July. For district eyeglass requests, I am requesting approval of the revised Eyeglass Assistance Form (distribute). Procedures for Eyeglass Purchases were prepared for the back of the form; and, therefore, are being recommended for cabinet approval. (PDG Dennis McCarthy may have more details on this).

#### Core 4 Diabetes Grant

The Core 4 Diabetes Grant was submitted to International on July 15. The District Governor received notification that the grant proposal has been received and will be reviewed on October 2. If approved, we will be developing a communication awareness plan for medications and educational and weight management classes through the district, and all Lions will be involved in promoting these services in their communities. We have ordered diabetes awareness pens with the district hotline number that will be distributed to the Lions Clubs by the District Governor during his visits.

#### State council Meeting

The Vice District Governor attended the August 4, 5 and 6 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where there were two four-hour training sessions on MERLOW. The VDG will be attending the November and February State Council meetings where there will be further training on Developing goals and Objectives for the district MERLOW teams (what you want to accomplish as DG). The first session also included expectations of the VDG, and how to develop a Mission statement for the MERLOW team in preparation for the VDG'S step forward to District Governor. Mission: "To provide for a stronger District by serving as a vital link between the people "We Serve" and the programs they need through education and training." Goal: would like to implement an "Adopt a Youth" campaign in all clubs through the MERLOW team.

Key information received from the workshops will be distributed to the MERLOW team at its first meeting. This meeting will be scheduled with the 14-B MERLOW team, officers and zone chairs after the September 9 and 10, 2006 MERLOW training in Carlisle. (distribute reservation forms) Lion Barb has been very eager to get started, and I am giving her a brochure received that serves as Lions International's Orientation Guide.



**Blind Activities Account**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2006 .....	\$12,617.63
Receipts .....	\$3.81
Disbursements .....	\$165.00
Ending Balance August 12, 2006 .....	\$12,456.44

Details upon Request

Motion to accept Verbal Financial report of last years ending report by Lion Barb Schimmel and second by Lion Jim Engel. Motion Passed.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Roy reviews the budget worksheet.

Question on omission of Proud Lion Award. There was a motion to have the Proud Lion award a line Item @ \$50.00 as needed, at the last cabinet meeting. Discussion held. It will be added.

Parliamentarian comments by PDG Jack Schimmel. There is a policy that when the District Governor goes out of office all the district property is to be turned over to the new District Governor and he/she has to sign off that they received it.

The Budget committee was not properly made up with the people that should be on it. Discussion Held.

Motion to not accept the budget and take it back to the finance committee with all the members present and new budget will be presented at the November Cabinet meeting by Lion Roy Smith and second by Lion Barb Schimmel. Discussion Held.

No Quorum for vote.

Motion is withdrawn by Lion Roy Smith and the Second by Lion Barb Schimmel.

The finance committee consists of the IPDG who is the chair, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, and one PDG with knowledge of finance.

We need to get the finance committee together ASAP and prepare the budget and then call a special cabinet meeting of the voting members to approve the budget. With the passed budget and accompanying minutes to be presented at the November Cabinet meeting.

Budget is tabled.

PDG Harold Fletcher comments that under disbursements the line Item should be listed as DG gifts not Cabinet gifts.

PDG Jack Schimmel under Parliamentarian report. We need an audit committee member. PID Carl Battistone and PDG Harold Fletcher are on the audit committee right now and we need another PDG to serve. It is a three year term. Lion Roy has to get the books to PDG Harold and

the audit committee has to meet by policy and has to come back in November with approval of last years books.

PDG Sylvan Lang has volunteered to be the third member of the audit committee.

### **Long Range Planning**

Committee will be scheduling a meeting.

### **Zone Chair Reports**

#### **Region 3 Zone A Chair Lion Barb Schimmel**

I will be contacting clubs in my region to set up visits

#### **Region 4 Zone A Chair Lion Maryann Dayton & Zone B Chair Lion Jim Engel (written report)**

Lion Maryann and I will be contacting clubs in our region to be setting up visitations. Most of the clubs are still on summer break and will only be starting in September.

MERL meeting at Carlisle, PA on September 9&10. DG, VDG, Lion Alice and PDG Jack will be attending.

### **Committees**

#### **Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation PDG Sylvan and Lion Maxine Lang (written report)**

Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation met on Saturday, August 5 in the Lehigh Valley Hotel Conference Center, Bethlehem, PA.

Two grants were discussed for a total of \$38,728, currently funded by the association.

There was a dinner August 4, to introduce the current Vice District Governors the programs the foundation are supporting.

#### **Memorial Endowment Fund**

Lions Research Foundation is providing clubs or individuals an opportunity to establish and endowment in the following manner:

A contribution of \$100 or more would establish said Endowment.

#### **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation PDG Dennis McCarthy (written report)**

It is time to renew your 2007 membership. Donations of \$10.00 will get you the 2007 rocker. Interested people should let Dennis McCarthy know so that he can send the rocker out to you. The meeting that was held at State Council in August discussed the Joe Wroblewski Fellowship. There are many people from around the world that are interested in getting this fellowship. In

order to qualify you must have received a PA Lions Fellowship and paid \$500.00. An additional \$500.00 will get you the Joe Wroblewski Fellowship. Election of officers took place at the meeting with the following officers in place. President PDG Ed Tustin, Vice President PDG Charles Duchman, Secretary PDG Barry Hinkle and Treasurer PCC, PDG Ray Rohrbach. New board members were also elected into the foundation for a three year term PDG Dennis McCarthy 14-B, Lion Mark Tomco 14-C, IPDG Lee Kunkle 14-E, PDG Jim Eldridge 14-F, Lion Doris Good 14-J, PDG Ed Tustin 14-R, and PDG Justin McCarthy 14-W.

### **Beacon Lodge Liaison Lion Tom Hurrell**

It is difficult to summarize all that is going on at Beacon Lodge every three months in just three minutes. So what I am going to do is that as things are happening at Beacon Lodge I will be putting it in monthly reports in the Cauldron. This way not only will I target cabinet members but also clubs as well.

### **Blind Bowlers PDG Richard Keller (written report)**

This year the tournament will be held on February 16, 17, 18, 2007. 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 \$25.00 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. 16 Noon to 3:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_Region 2

Saturday morning Feb. 17 8:00 am to 11:30 am \_\_\_\_\_Region 3

Saturday afternoon Feb. 17 Noon to 3:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_Region 1

Sunday morning Feb. 18 8:00 am to 11:30 am \_\_\_\_\_Region 4

Sunday afternoon Feb. 18 Noon to 3:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_Cabinet members

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.

**Leader Dog Lion Jim Engel (written report)**

This report is to inform you and reflects the clubs support for Leader Dog for the Lion's year 2005-2006. 14-B had 27 clubs donate \$10,750 plus \$100 for the brick donation. That put us in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the State. Twenty plus clubs did not support this Lion's charity. The goal this year, as in the past, is 100% support!

**Eye Prothesis Lion John Aiken (written report)**

A fellow named David recently received his artificial eye.

The established procedure has been reviewed with the prior chairman, Bob Johnson. Dr. Tillman's secretary is aware that I will be taking over for him, and she is typically the starting point for any action. I plan to speak with her soon to ensure that she has all my contact information. Also, I intend to continue the policy of at least suggesting a \$200 donation from the Lions club closest to the recipient

Question on Eye Prothesis Policy. Discussion held

**Diabetes Awareness/Research PDG Joseph Donkin (written report)**

1. Core Grant sent in.
2. Auction was very successful-May 4<sup>th</sup> @Y.C.C.
3. X mas around the world Dec.8 at the Palisades in McKeesport – band will be Joint Chiefs
4. Stride for Diabetes- will have to get info on it and will put it in newsletter
5. Need help \$

**Pa Lions Sight Conservation**

Discussion held on the PA sight conservation board. IPDG Jim Brubaker maybe interested in this appointment.

**Radio Information Services Lion Samuel DePiero**

Absent No report

**Toddlers Program at WPASBC Lion Bob Cass (written report)**

Toddlers Program District report

I wish to thank all the clubs that contributed to the Toddlers fund this past year the money will be well spent to advance this outstanding program. Since many of the Lions have visited the school there has been a new building and garden added to the school property. If you have not stopped in to see this garden, take time at your leisure. You will be amazed at its contents. I will leave it up to you to find out all education that could be packed into such a small area.

I more thing I would like to inform you about is that there will be a large change in the Pittsburgh Lions Club Inc, Christmas tree sale this coming season.

Once again I am available to talk to your club if you need a speaker.

**Center for Hearing and Deaf Services Lion Alison Weber** Excused no report

**Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation PID Carl Battistone (written report)**

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation last met on 23 July 2006 at the Eye and Ear Institute.

The Lions Low-Cost Hearing Aids Program has been temporarily discontinued, pending the identification and selection of a new manufacturer. After purchasing and testing two of the hearing aids, our audiologists found them to be unacceptable due to extremely high distortion. We have found an acceptable manufacturer locally with a lower price than we have been paying in the past, but not as “low-cost” as the contracted by International. Allegheny County (14-B) has been received more hearing aids than the other five Districts combined. Our funds are being stretched to the limit. Many thanks to the clubs in this District that faithfully donate to our foundation. Without your help we would be unable to continue. Thank you very much.

Discussion held on requesting money from clubs. Suggested to chairmen it is better to send a letter to clubs requesting donations. District Governor Jim has mailing labels for club Secretaries and Presidents. Any expenses incurred by Cabinet chairs will be reimbursed by District Cabinet under District Expenses.

**Peace Poster Lion Mary Jane Keller**

No report

**Extension Chair PDG Mike Vudragovich (written report)**

With the assistance and support of the Coraopolis Lions Club, in particular, they're president, Lion Jack Boyle, and the help and support of PDG Pauline Waide, a new club was charter in District 14-B. The Ohio Valley Lions Club in the McKee's Rocks area was officially chartered on June 27, 2006.

This is significant for our district since the last club chartered in our district was the DeafBlind Lions Club that was chartered on October24, 1994.

A charter Night celebration is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2006. On this evening the charter will be officially presented to the club. It is a cause for celebration in the district. All cabinet members are encouraged to come as well as representatives of each club. It will be held at the VFW Hall on Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rocks. As the club firms up the final plans for time and cost, we will get that information to you. Talk it up in your clubs and be sure to attend.

Coraopolis Lions Club is the sponsoring club, and Lion Jack Boyle of the club will be the Guiding Lion. He will work closely with the club for at least the next one to two years to ensure they get a firm foundation in Lionism and are a strong club. Again, your support is needed.

Forming a new club has to start at the local level. It has to be the responsibility of all clubs. Clubs need to identify new areas that they feel need a Lions Club, then possibly make contact with several leaders in that area and talk about the benefits of what a Lions Club can do. Once those initial contacts are made, then the district can assist in the formation of the new club. See you September 28!

Sto Rox Ken Lions Club has been reinstated, they have paid there dues because of International Board action. The club has 23 members. If your club is more than 90 days past due with International whether it is in club supplies or per capita and it is over \$1,000.00 International will automatically put you on Status Quo. The District Governor will be informed and you will put on Status Quo for 90 days and if it is not paid your club is folded.

**Environmental / International Understanding CO-OP Lion Karen Hamerski**

Absent No report

**Information Technology / Newsletter Editor DG Jim Hartman**

The website had 87 visitors daily or 2400 visits a month.

**Historian PDG Harold Fletcher**

No report

**Tail Twister Lion Jim Emery**

Excused No report

**District Directory.** Any corrections email them to the DG and they will be listed in the Cauldron

**Coordinator of District Activities Lion Alison Weber**

Excused No report

State Convention will be in Fogelsville, PA next May at the Holiday Inn. There will be no parade – all seminars. More to follow.

International Convention will in Chicago next July 2-6, 2007

Intercontinental -PA Hotel.

### **Women Membership Development PDG Pauline Waide**

No report

PDG Pauline comments that the Ohio Valley Lions Club has 5 women in the club and 3 are officers. Ohio Valley Lions Club charter night is September 28 at the VFW in McKees Rocks. On October 14 @ Penn Glade Lions Park is State MERL training in Western Region. Club secretaries and presidents should attend.

Introduction from Lion Alice Jones the district Retention Chair, Lion Alice is looking forward to working with the cabinet and she is excited about this position.

### **Old Business**

Update on the Eye Mobile, PDG Harold Fletcher reported that the last information he has is that when Tony Cicco past away, he contacted Citizens Bank and informed them of the situation. The only thing they told me is that Tony's signature was the only signature on the accounts. Citizens Bank turned it over to their legal department and I haven't heard anything since. I have put some things together and turned it over to an attorney and I haven't heard anything yet. We are going to have some legal problems with this and I don't know what the outcome will be. The approximate amount of money we are trying to go after is \$42,000.00.

### **New Business**

PDG Jack Schimmel comments that at State Council meeting last weekend, state council gave the state permission to run a candidate for International Director. The House of Delegates can be called until the February state council meeting. Our district is not eligible to run anyone because we are in transition. But we do have three votes in the House of Delegates; they are PDG Ken Lloyd, PDG Rich Keller and PDG Harold Fletcher. I am not sure which one is coming off in December and I don't know who is running. We have three delegates and have to make sure they are going to be at four points in Greensburg for the state council meeting in February 2007 to vote. The delegate's appointment is for three years. Anyone interested let us know and it doesn't have to be a PDG.

DG Jim will get an Adhoc committee together to meet with Dr. Waxman and explore on what he is looking for and what we can do for him, then bring it back to the cabinet. Need to set up a committee, Lion Kevin from the Hilltop club is interested and anyone else interested let the DG know. Adhoc committee should meet first and then with Dr. Waxman.

PDG Bernard Machesky wife passed away this week.

Visitors in attendance at today's cabinet meeting; Pleasant Hills Secretary Tim Orsega, Bethel Park President Robert Pflueger, Bethel Park Secretary Jay Wells and Jefferson Hills Secretary Shirley Michaels.

**Sight First II Campaign PDG Dennis McCarthy (written report)**

The goal is to raise 200 million in the next year. The western Region of PA (Districts B, E, F, J, M, and N) is doing great. A meeting is set for September 30, 2006 at camp Orenda in Indiana PA for all group Coordinators. Group Coordinators are the Zone chair persons that have been selected by the District Governor. All Zone Chairpersons are encouraged to attend this training program at the camp, call Dennis McCarthy for more information.

Additional comments by PDG Dennis:

We have \$52 Million raised. Largest donations out of Japan and most of the model clubs have come out of Japan. The good thing is that within the world our Sector Region, the region we are in is the western part of the state we hold the most model clubs in our area. We have 6 model clubs out of our region which is more than what the whole State of PA has. We are over \$125,000. and are doing real well in raising money. We are 12<sup>th</sup> in the world with the amount of money being raised. If your club needs any information or speakers let me know.

The McKeesport club is the model club in our district and they are raising \$400.00 per member. We have extended model clubs to go into 2007. If you are interested in being a model club let me know and if you just take \$400.00 times the number of members in your club, you have three to five years to pay. It can be raised through fund raisers like McKeesport has done. The first year they had a spaghetti dinner, they did a raffle for the all stars in the second year and a spaghetti dinner in the third year. We have a ton of info on Sight First II and videos we can get to your clubs. Sight First II donations can also count towards a Melvin Jones Fellow. All your donations can go to Lion Greg who is the District Coordinator or myself PDG Dennis which I am the Sector Coordinator. Greg and I have been working together on this project.

Benediction by Lion Tom Hurrell Meeting adjourn @ 11:58 am

Respectfully submitted: Lion Greg Borichevsky,  
Cabinet Secretary District 14-B

District Cabinet 14 -B	Attendance Sheet 2006-2007	Aug	Nov.	Feb.	June
	Voting Members				
James Hartman	District Governor / Information chair/Newsletter Editor	P			
Jim Brubaker	IPDG/LCIF/Long Range Planning/ PA Lions Sight Conservation	E			
Michele Matuch	Vice District Governor/MERL Chair	P			
Greg Borichevsky	District Cabinet Secretary	P			
Roy Smith	District Cabinet Treasurer	P			
	Region 1 Zone A Chair				
	Region 1 Zone B Chair				
Geoffrey Temple	Region 2 Zone A Chair	E			
Mary Jane Keller	Region 2 Zone B Chair/Youth outreach/peace poster	P			
Barbara Schimmel	Region 3 Zone A Chair/MERL Leadership & Orientation	P			
Patrick Lorinc	Region 3 Zone B Chair	E			
Maryann Dayton	Region 4 Zone A Chair	E			
Jim Engel	Region 4 Zone B Chair/Leader Dog	P			
	Non Voting Members				
Kenneth Lloyd PDG	MERL Membership Chair	A			
Dennis McCarthy PDG	PA Lions Foundation/ Beacon Lodge Board Member	P			
Richard Keller PDG	Blind Bowlers	P			
Michael Vudragovich PDG	Extension Chair / Beacon Lodge Board Member	E			
Alice Jones	MERL –Retention Chair	P			
Thomas Hurrell	Beacon Lodge/Chaplain	P			
John Aiken	Eye Prothesis	P			
Harold Fletcher PDG	Historian	P			
Alison Weber	Coordinator District Activities/ Center for Hearing and Deaf Services	E			
Joseph Donkin PDG	Diabetes Awareness / Research	P			
Carl Battistone PID	Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	P			
Pauline Waide PDG	Women’s Membership Development	P			
Sylvan Lang PDG &Maxine Lang	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	P			
Jack Schimmel PDG	Parliamentarian	P			
Karen Hamerski	Environmental / International Understanding CO-OP	A			
	Blind & Visual Rehabilitation Services				
Samuel DePiero	Radio Information Services	A			
Robert Cass	Toddlers Program at W. PA School for Blind Children	P			
James Emery	Tail Twister/Time Keeper	E			
	White Cane				