

International Association of Lions Clubs
District 14-B
2nd Cabinet Meeting
November 11, 2006
Center for Hearing & Deaf Services

Meeting was called to order @ 9:05 AM by DG Jim Hartman with one verse of America, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Lion Tom Hurrell, and a moment of silence for PDG Bob Johnson.

Special quest today is PDG Clarence "Dutch" Dine from 14-F along with PDG Dave Leone from 14-E. PDG Clarence "Dutch" Dine made a presentation on VOSH in Pennsylvania and their work with the children in Guatemala. We tailored this program like the one in India. Not only did they go in and take care of eye care but after 10 years they became self sustainable. We are about three years away from being self supporting. Lions of Pennsylvania helped raise \$30,000 last year with matching grants it increased to \$60,000 and we built an Optical Lab. Some facts on why we are asking the clubs for help. Since 1997 with the help of seven LCIF grants and hundreds of Lions clubs throughout Pennsylvania we have funded three full eye clinics and are sole provider for affordable eye care for over 3 million. Our clinics in Guatemala where Indigent children receive free eye care. There are an estimated 5 million children. The clinic employs 45 Guatemalans. By early 2008 the three clinics will be self sufficient. There are only three Lions clinics able to do children's eye surgeries in Latin America. Unfortunately at this time SightFirst II does not cover children's Eye Surgeries, so each year we must fund 200 children who need sight saving surgeries and 4000 who need eyeglasses. Each pediatric surgery cost us \$209 because of the complexity in comparison to adult surgery which is about \$60. Eyeglasses cost \$21. Each year we must raise \$100,000 to fund all the children services. We are asking the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania to fund about 200 children's surgeries and 4,000 glasses for children. We would like to get permission from each district in the state of Pennsylvania to allow VOSH to send a letter to your clubs.

District Governor Jim Hartman welcomed all Lions to the second Cabinet Meeting of this Lion year.

Secretary's report Cabinet Secretary Greg Borichevsky

Roll call taken

Secretary Greg requested approval of the minutes for the last cabinet meeting. Lion Roy comments that some corrections need to be made in the minutes. On Page 4, the line that states the budget committee was not properly made up with the people that should be on it. This line should be deleted because there is not a budget committee but a finance committee which specifies the members and they were present. So that is an incorrect statement. The next line stating that a motion made not to accept the budget and take it back to finance committee this changes the policy and is illegal and should be deleted. In the next paragraph the sentence, 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. This is a change of policy and is not proper under lack of a quorum and cannot be made.

Lion Barb comments that under Zone chair reports on Page 5, the sentence should read MERL meeting at Carlisle, PA on September 9&10. DG Ken Lloyd, Lion Alice and Lion Barb attended. Secretary Greg stated corrections will be made.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Lion Roy Smith and seconded by Lion Barb Schimmel. Motion Passed.

District Governor Jim Hartman recognized the Clubs that were present. Lion Jay Wells- Secretary Bethel Park Club, King Lion Robert Pflueger- President Bethel Park, King Lion John Frombach- President Whitehall club, King Lion Louis Horvath- President McKeesport Club and Lion Elmer Kruzek- Secretary Glassport Club.

Treasurers report Cabinet Treasurer Roy Smith (written report)

Lion Roy submitted the balanced budget to the cabinet and a discussion was held.

Motion to accept proposed budget for 2006-2007 by Lion Roy Smith and second by IPDG Jim Brubaker. Motion Passed.

Treasurer report July 1, 2006 to August 12, 2006.

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July1, 2006.	\$1,504.12
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1.03
Total Cash Available.....	\$1,505.15
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 505.95
Ending Balance 8/12/2006.....	\$ 999.20

Vice District Governor Fund

Beginning Balance July1, 2006.....	\$1,033.58
Receipts.....	\$0.00
Disbursements.....	\$0.00
Ending Balance 8/12/2006.....	\$1,033.58

Blind Activity Fund

Beginning Balance July1, 2006.....	\$12,617.63
Receipts.....	\$3.81
Disbursements.....	\$165.00
Ending Balance August 12, 2006.....	\$12,456.44

Motion to accept Treasurers report July1 to August 12, 2006 by Lion Mary Jane Keller and second by Lion Geoffrey Temple. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report July1, 2006 to November 11, 2006

Administrative Account

Beginning Balance July1, 2006	\$1,504.12
Total Receipts	\$4,862.57
Total Cash Available	\$6,366.69
Disbursements	\$3,544.70
Ending Balance 11/11/2006	\$2,821.99

Vice District Governors Fund

Beginning Balance	\$1,033.58
Receipts.....	\$419.20
Total Cash Available.....	\$1,452.78
Disbursements.....	\$0.00
Ending Balance 11/11/2006.....	\$1,452.78

Blind Activity Fund

Beginning Balance July1, 2006	\$12,617.63
Receipts	\$15.01
Disbursements	\$220.00
Ending Balance November 11, 2006	\$12,412.64

Discussion held on line Items, State council- to be deleted and Donation- to be deleted unless a donation is made.

Question on Flood Relief Fund. Discussion held and DG to check on whether final report was given to LCIF on grant for flood relief fund.

Question on Lions Youth Seminar in 14-E. No club has sent anyone or requested money.

Motion to accept Treasurers report for July1, 2006 to November 11, 2006 by Lion Mary Jane Keller and second by Lion Geoffrey Temple. Motion Passed.

Question on Beacon Lodge Dormitory line item

Motion to release \$50.00 Beacon Lodge Dormitory to Beacon Lodge Camp by Lion Mary Jane Keller and second by Lion Pat Lornic. Motion Passed.

Details on all Treasurers reports available upon request.

Audit Report

The audit Committee, consisting of Past International Director Carl L. Battistone, and Past District Governors Harold A. Fletcher and Sylvan W. Lang met on 11 October 2006.

The cash receipts and disbursements of the Administrative Account and Blind Activities Account were reviewed for the period 1 July 2005 through 30 June 2006. The Cabinet Treasurer's reports were found to be correct and presented fairly the cash position of District 14-B.

For clarification purposes, the committee revised the summary of Receipts and Disbursements of the Activities Fund to more clearly represent all of the transactions. The revised summary is attached as enclosure (1).

Lion Roy Smith is to be commended for his accurate and detailed recording of the District's transactions.

Motion to accept Audit Report by Lion Geoffrey Temple and second by Lion Jim Engel.

Motion Passed.

DG Remarks:

DG Jim read a letter from VDG Michele Matuch

Dear DG Jim

As discussed with you this will serve as a written notification that I can no longer serve in the capacity of VDG. I will continue to work with the Lions on the local level that I am accustomed to and will help in making an easy transition to the new VDG who is appointed. The Lions are a wonderful organization and the good work being done in the communities is commendable however with my schedule as it is and my commitments to my family and work I cannot do a full time job that is over whelming to begin with and do all that is required with the VDG and DG.

This will not be fair to the Lions either.

Thank You for understanding best wishes.

Lion Michele Matuch

Motion to accept Lion Michele Matuch's resignation as VDG by IPDG Jim Brubaker and second by Lion Barb Schimmel. Motion Passed.

Anyone interested in being the VDG let me know.

State Council meeting

Congratulations to PDG Pauline Waide who has been appointed to the House of Delegates and also is on the finance committee for the state.

Congratulations to PDG Mike Vudragovich who was appointed to the Investment committee on state council.

Congratulations to PDG Jack Schimmel, he took over the reigns as the chair of the Sight Conservation.

The next state council meeting is at Greensburg in February. There are training sessions that weekend.

Long Range Planning IPDG Jim Brubaker (written report)

VDG Michele Matuch reigned.

Someone read letter. PDG's held a special meeting on 11/9/06 to review candidates to replace her and serve as our DG for 2007-2008. Whoever is selected will also serve as State Council Chair for 2008-2009.

We are reviewing interested candidates and will meet again on 12/7/06 to recommend her replacement.

We are also seeking a VDG Candidate for next year 2007-2008.

We are also seeking nominees for the District Counsellor's Award.

Please see the form in the November Cauldron.

Comments by PDG Mike Vudragovich that to be VDG you must have been club president and served on the cabinet.

Zone Chair Reports**Region 1 Chair PDG Ken Lloyd** no report**Region 2 Zone A Chair Lion Geoffrey Temple** (written report)

All club visitations have been completed. Zone 2A is busy trying to increase membership and complete projects. To date 14 new members have been added to the roles. The clubs are also working hard amassing points for the Governor's Challenge Cup. Three of the clubs are in the top five. On 11/13/06 a joint zone meeting will be held with zone 2B. Below is a break down of some of the activities and accomplishments of the clubs in zone 2A.

Clairton: Held a candy sale and sold raffle tickets based on lottery numbers. Working on starting a Leo club and need some guidance. Planning on holding a pancake breakfast in March.

Glassport: Held their 40th annual rigatoni dinner for the Lions of district 14-B. Approximately 180 lions and guests attended. They also conducted a white cane campaign.

Jefferson Hills: Conducted white cane campaign. Will be co hosting joint zone meeting. They also will be doing the baskets for the shut-ins at Christmas time.

McKeesport: Held bike for site fund raiser. Held spaghetti dinner to benefit Sight First II.

McKeesport is a model club for Sight First II. Also they are sponsoring a Leo club for middle school students. So far they have added 6 new members this year.

Pleasant Hills: Sponsored and organized annual Halloween parade. Sold Macy's fundraiser coupon tickets, sold Enjoy coupon books as fund raiser, held citrus fruit sale with Bethel Park club. Also held a white cane campaign. Co-sponsored the banner passing and joint zone meeting. To date have added 1 new member and 3 transfers from Irwin club.

West Mifflin: Held annual gun bash fund raiser. Co sponsored banner passing. Continue to sell trash bags and brooms. Have added 7 new members.

Region 2 Zone B Chair Lion Mary Jane Keller (written report)

I have made my first visit and have scheduled the other visits. All the clubs in the zone are doing well and have activities scheduled.

A joint zone meeting is scheduled for Region 2 on Monday November 13, 2006 and the MERLOW team will give their presentation.

Region 3 Zone A Chair Lion Barb Schimmel (written report)

I have visited the Bloomfield Lawrenceville, Shadyside Squirrel Hill, Homestead and Pittsburgh DeafBlind Lions Club, Forest Hills and Oakland will be visited within the next two weeks.

The Oakland club as changed its meeting date, at least from the directory information, from the 1st Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Bloomfield Lawrenceville: 9 members. Just completed their sale of the Enjoy books and will continue with the sale of Koze nuts. They are a regular participate of the Peace Poster contest.

Shadyside Squirrel Hill: 12 members. For a comparatively small club in number, they continue to have ongoing activities. Making use of the eye glass collection boxes; fund raisers such as an Auction Fundraiser...Donate any non clothing item and it is auctioned (not flee market) but auctioned and the proceeds benefit the Lions Charities...see King Lion George Burgess for information and detail. New member candidate was present at the time of my visit. Club has club brochure.

Homestead: 40 members. Celebrating 50 years of service to the community through Lionism. Needless to say, this club is very active in the community. Their biggest fund raiser is their golf outing raising thousands of dollars each year. What impressed me most about this club is just about every club member is on a committee and actively participates. This club also has a club brochure.

Pittsburgh DeafBlind: 17 members. The main objective for the club this year is renewal and rebuilding. Currently no fund raisers underway. Collecting eye glasses and hearing aids. The continuous collection of slightly worn clothing for the women's shelter and food items for the food pantry. Inducted 2 members.

Oakland scheduled November 14th and Forest Hills for November 20th.

During my visits I encourage the compiling of a club brochure for use in obtaining members.

Also, as Orientation Chair, I do sneak in finding out how much they know about the Lions organization in general. The MERLOW team has much work in this area.

All in all, these Lions clubs are hard working for the communities.

Region 3 Zone B Chair Lion Pat Lorinc (written report)

Region III, Zone B has been very busy.

October 16, 2006 was the District's first Joint Zone meeting of the year. The MERLOW Team presented the program.

I have one more club to visit and then I will have my first ZC visitations completed. Tuesday, November 21, 2006, I visit Oakmont.

The clubs have all been very active. Some examples of activities:

1. Braddock Lions Club- Apple Dumpling Sale.

The Braddock Lions Club will have their first Apple Dumpling Sale at two locations on Friday November 17, 2006 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be at Braddock Hospital and National City Bank in Edgewood Town Center. Costs of the apple dumplings are \$2.00 for single, \$4.00 for double and \$8.00 for quad.

2. Monroeville Lions Club – Farmers' Market

Started in early spring and will run thru November. It is scheduled every Saturday morning at Gateway High School parking lot.

3. Oakmont Lions Club – Lions Club Show.

The Oakmont Lions are holding their show this weekend. It was held last night and will be held tonight and Sunday

4. Pitcairn Lions Club – Holiday Nut Sale & Holiday Fruit Sale.
Selling cashews, mixed nuts and Pecan & selling navel orange and ruby red grapefruit (nuts with cooperation of Levelgreen Lions & fruit with cooperation of Bethel Park Lions.

5. Wilmerding Lions Club – Nite at the Races.

November 11, 2006

Time: Dinner 7:00 PM Horse Races 8:00 PM

Holy Angels Social Hall 201 Caldwell Ave. Wilmerding.

Cost \$5.00 per person (includes dinner and door prizes)

Agenda: Food, Horse Race betting, Door prizes, Cherry tickets, 50/50

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Two clubs are very proud of the fact they stage a yearly 5K race called the “Run for Sight.” Last year all the proceeds went to Pittsburgh Vision Services (B&VRS), and this year the money will be divided between SightFirstII and B&VRS. Monroeville and Pitcairn will begin plans for next Year’s race this Wednesday.

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

All clubs are active and raising money for their communities and Lion’s charities. I am continuing on with my club visitations. I am to report that there are now 2 women members in the Upper St. Clair club. Unfortunately the South Park club said that there will be no women members in their club. The Brentwood club celebrated their 20th year of service in Lionism. Unfortunately, after meeting at the Point View Hotel for 20 years, they closed their doors. We are now looking for a “new home“ We were working on getting a Joint Zone meeting, but we had a number of conflicting dates. With the holidays fast approaching we were not able to have one. Plans are being made now to have a Joint Zone meeting the second week in January that will be hosted by the Whitehall club.

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

All clubs are active. One thing on all clubs agenda is new members. The clubs are looking for new members to help on numerous projects. Hilltop Lions club transferred one member to another District because of a job transfer. The Hilltop Lions will also be holding our second Joint Zone meeting in March. I am still visiting clubs.

Lion Maryann Dayton read a letter that she and Lion Jim Engel wrote to International President Jimmy Ross. They think he should go on the Oprah show and talk about all the good that the Lions do through out the world, then maybe Sight First II would be bigger than ever thought of, because when Oprah talks everyone listens. Lion Maryann also read the response that was sent back thanking them for there suggestion and that it was a good idea they will contact the producers of the Oprah show and another possibility is to name Oprah the Humanitarian Award receiptant

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Membership Chair PDG Ken Lloyd no report

Extension Chair PDG Mike Vudragovich (written report)

On Thursday, September 28, 2006 Charter Night was held for the Ohio Valley Lions Club. Although they needed 20 members to charter the club, they worked hard over the summer and got an additional eight members, thus chartering with 28 members.

PDG Pauline Waide and I have continued going to their meetings and they are starting to function as a club. They have had several successful fundraisers and have over \$2,000.00 in their charity account. For anyone who is interested, they will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 19, at the VFW on Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks. They are now in the process of discussing ways to use their monies for various projects.

As noted in my last report, 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. Once upon a time our district had 61 Lions Club and 8 Lioness Clubs. There are many areas in Allegheny County that could benefit from the work that Lions do. Some areas where we had clubs in the past are Dravosburg, Wilksburg, Penn Hills, Perry Highway, West Deer, West Allegheny, Liberty Boro, Swissvale, Dormont, Shaler, Etna, Fox Chapel, Squirrel Hill, Forward, and Port Vue. These are areas we need to look at to see if we can start new clubs.

At the August cabinet meeting, Dr. Waxman spoke to the cabinet. He expressed an interest in starting a campus club at UPMC. I've attempted contacting him, but have not received a reply.

Comments by IPDG Jim Brubaker thanking PDG Mike Vudragovich and PDG Pauline Waide for their work on the Ohio Valley Lions Club. IPDG Jim presented PDG Mike and PDG Pauline with an International recognition award from LCI.

Retention Chair Lion Alice Jones no report

Leadership/Orientation Chair Lion Barb Schimmel (written report)

The MERLOW team has attended several training session over the past few months... we have been to Carlisle, PA for 2 day training, and to Butler for a 1 day training. We didn't meet in the parking lot and

decide to come up with some acronym to look impressive. We meet in September with the Zone Chairs to coordinate the goals and to work better together. The M Team is proud to be part of the district's plan to further guide and inform the Lions of 14-B.

The primary objective for this year's MERLOW team is Orientation and Retention. Although membership is a big part of the district's goal to help us out of transition, we found that a large percentage of the membership do not have knowledge of what the duties are for their own club offices or the district. We do not know the purpose of a Zone Chair, the function of district cabinet and what the committees on the cabinet are all about.

It will be the order of first choice to orient every Lion in this district. The team is planning to conduct an Officers Training Seminar and Orientation session in the early spring, hopefully March or February of 2007. We know that this is not a new idea, we have had this in the past, but not on a scheduled basis and that is one of the objectives is to incorporate this training on the Governor's calendar of events as an annual or semi annual event.

Goal of the OT and Orientation is..... Before you accept a position, either in your club or in the district, you will know what the position involves....

We don't want you to accept first and find out later.

The Team's objectives will be to have many informational handouts, including a "Lions Lingo" glossary, duties of club officers, district officers, state officers and international officers. Why some

traditions should be kept and changes need to be made. AN INFORMED LION IS A BETTER LION. Each Lion should know what to expect of the District Governor, Vice District Governor and Zone Chair. If you are an educated and informed Lion, then you will identify and understand the working of the club and or district, therefore, you will be more willing to step forward to undertake a position with confidence.

The Team looks forward to working with each Lion and extends an invitation to become involved with the MERLOW Team, your club and your district.

We are aiming at YOU...the LION.

Women's Leadership Chair PDG Pauline Waide

PDG Pauline attended the Region 3 joint zone meeting as women's Leadership, trying to encourage clubs to recruit more women into clubs and to remind them that they can be very good Lions.

Campaign SightFirst II PDG Dennis McCarthy (written report)

The projected amount of money that our district has pledged to raise over the next few years is \$27,840.00. In the western region we have pledged \$325,600. Remember this is only a pledge we are of course hoping for more money from all the clubs in all the districts but this is a very strong start. Currently we have 5 model clubs in the western region. This is the most model clubs in a sector or region. We are very proud of this fact. In our District McKeesport is our model club and has done great fundraising to meet their goal. Zone Chairpersons are to be talking to the clubs they visits about SightFirst II. This is the program for the next few years. Our District Governor has made it a part of his report he gives to clubs when he does his visits. Any questions should be directed to either Greg Borichevsky, District Coordinator or Dennis McCarthy, Sector Coordinator.

PA Lions Foundation PDG Dennis McCarthy (written report)

What is the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation?

The Foundation is a public, non-profit, tax exempt corporation, as described in Section 501c (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The Foundation was incorporated as the charitable arm of the Pennsylvania Lions. The "Mission" of the Foundation is to assist those afflicted with sensory impairment, particularly those relating to vision and hearing.

Not many people from the District have joined the Lions of PA Foundation from our district. We currently have through the district 3 paid members. The rockers for the 2006 year are here. I also have 2004, 2005 and the five year pin. Soon as the 2007 pins are available they will be announced. If you are interested in joining the foundation or need more information please contact Dennis McCarthy @ 412-751-8119.

Beacon Lodge Liaison Lion Tom Hurrell (written report)

Data for November Cauldron

The "365" Club was introduced by PDG Cliff Martin circa 1991 to help offset the high cost of maintenance. The program was, and still is, serving its purpose effectively, but not as well as it once did due to inflation as well as becoming an accounting nightmare to manage. Consequentially, changes were in order to bring the program up to speed. It was agreed at the Beacon Lodge Fall Board meeting that accounting responsibility and criteria would shift from camp to their respective districts with a 2- year benchmark. The criteria will be presented at our 2nd District Cabinet meeting Nov. 11th for consideration. Once approved, data will be released throughout the district via the Cauldron, Zone

Chairs etc.

Hopefully you noticed in the Cauldron the article concerning the status of our “365” Club at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. Within the article there are basically 3 words that summarize that status.

Inflation:

At the Fall Board meeting it was agreed to increase the cost to participate from \$3.65 to \$5.00 per year. This equates from a penny a day to roughly 1 & 1/3 cent per day. This is the first increase since the Club was founded in 1991.

Accounting:

Keeping track of all “365 Club” members in Multiple 14 became an accounting nightmare to maintain. Realizing the situation the Board agreed to discontinue new membership cards, 1st year’s pins, 5 and 10 year pins for continuous service as well as 100% Certificate of Participation. The only pin that remains is a special Life Membership Pin for a donation of \$100.00 or more.

Criteria:

The 11 line criteria we once knew that supported the accounting nightmare at camp have therefore been dismantled. It is not recommended that 14-B create its own criteria, for if we did, we would surely inherit problems identical to those experienced at Beacon Lodge.

Donations:

Can be mailed directly to camp by either a club or an individual. It can also be mailed to coordinator, Lion Tom Hurrell who will respond with a letter of appreciation and then forward the donation to camp. In either case, always remember to write “365 club” on the check memo section or the donation Will default to the administrative fund.

Remarks on Beacon Lodge by PDG Mike Vudragovich.

Beacon Lodge is under going major work on sewer and water lines. Work on the lines in children’s village are almost complete but work on lines needs done in the adult dorms. Any contributions for that would be appreciated.

Lion Tom Hurrell comments that 14-B dorms are done inside and next will be working on the outside. A roof is needed and there is talk of siding the dorm. Thank you for all your donations and support both financially and physically.

Blind Bowlers Chair PDG Rich 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. As in the past each region is responsible 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 II

Saturday morning Feb. 17 8:00 am to 11:30 am _____ Region III

Saturday afternoon Feb. 17 noon to 3:30 pm _____ Region I

Sunday morning Feb. 18 8:00 am to 11:30 am _____ Region IV

Sunday afternoon Feb. 18 noon to 3:30 pm _____ Cabinet Members

A letter with there 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.

Diabetes Awareness Chair PDG Joseph Donkin (written report)

1. Xmas around the world- cut off at 400. Band: Chuck Corby- Quiet Storm @ the Palisades-McKeesport
2. Auction –May 4th – YCC
3. Core IV Grant- There are some changes that had to be made and it will be acted on at January Board meeting.
4. Stride for Diabetes.

District Activities Coordinator Lion Alison Weber (written report)

The Fall Rally was held at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin on Monday, October 23, 2006. One hundred and twenty nine (129) Lions registered to attend. Only two Lions did not attend and bills for their meals were sent to their respective clubs. Twenty one clubs were represented plus District 14-E and 14-F. A 50/50 was held. Pat Lorinc won his share of \$216.00 and the District received \$216.00.

Future events include the February Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, February 10, 2007 and the Governor's Spring Party to be held once again at the Westwood Golf Club on Friday, April 13, 2007.

Please remember that RSVP means to send your reservation and money in before the date required. I do not want to turn anyone away but you must pay attention to the dates on the announcements.

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

The center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. has a new President & CEO-Amy Hart. She started on November 1, 2006 and has previously worked at the United Way of Allegheny County and the Mars Home for Children most recently. She is very enthusiastic and has a great personality.

I am still collecting all makes and models of used hearing aids to be used for people who cannot afford the cost of a new model. The District 14-B Lions Club Fund held at HDS currently has \$946.63 available to low- income senior looking for reconditioned or recycled as is hearing aids.

I am also available to speak to any Lions clubs who wish to learn more about our agency, hearing loss and hearing aids.

Environmental/International Understanding COOP Lion Karen Hamerski (written report)

At this time I would like to propose my concept for our environmental project. This would be a joint venture between US Steel, Paynter Elementary School of Baldwin and the Lions clubs of our district.

On Earth Day- April 22, 2007 at South Taylor Environmental Park in West Mifflin, each club would send a representative to partner with a child to plant a tree. If all our clubs would donate a tree, a Lions grove would be created for all to enjoy. This project would restore the environment (which was a slag dump), create interest to the public regarding our organization and promote a new relationship with the youth.

I've been in contact with Jacqui Gabel of US Steel Corp and Joyce Smith of Paynter Elementary School. Do I have the support of the cabinet to proceed with this project?

Eye Prothesis Lion John Aiken (written report)

There has been no official activity for this post. Reportedly, Dr Tillman did implant a prothesis recently in a child's eye at a discount, and a local Lions Club will be picking up most or all these charges.

Leader Dog Lion Jim Engel (written report)

As of 10/30, three clubs donated to Leader Dog, for a total of \$2,400. We are currently in 5th place in Pennsylvania. I've already visited a couple of clubs and I am available if any clubs need a speaker.

Peace Poster/Youth Outreach Lion Mary Jane Keller (written report)

At last week's State Council meeting in York, this year's Council of Governors voted unanimously to eliminate the Youth Outreach Committee. I will now wait to be advised of any decision by our district about the continuation of this position.

The peace poster contest report will be reviewed by our District Governor Hartman, as I am waiting to receive the entries from the District Governor for judging.

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 meeting scheduled for October was cancelled due to the unavailability of Doctor Hirsch.

No further information has been received from International about the Lions Low-Cost Hearing Aids Program.

As mentioned in previous reports, our funds are being stretched to the limit, but thanks to donations from our clubs, we are keeping our head above water. Many thanks to the clubs in this District that faithfully donate to our Foundation. This past year we received money from the following clubs: Bethel Park Lions, Bethel Park Lioness, Dormont, Elfinwild, Jefferson Hills, Monroeville, Pitcairn, Shadyside-Squirrel Hill, and Sunset Hills. Plus one generous donation from Lion Sam DePiero. Without your help we would be unable to continue. Thank you very much.

PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation PDG Sylvan Lang & Lion Maxine Lang no report

Pa Lions Sight Conservation

PDG Jack Schimmel was asked to serve on the board when there was no one serving from the western District for 3 State Council meetings. If anyone is interested in this position let him know. Discussion Held.

Parliamentarian PDG Jack Schimmel

Pennsylvania has the opportunity of putting another International Director on the Board at Lions Clubs International.

We have three on the House of Delegates; PDG's Ken Lloyd, Pauline Waide and Rich Keller. If anyone is interested in seeing how the House of Delegates works come out to the state Council meeting in February at Greensburg. They will be meeting Saturday @ 2pm.

As of January 1st for the new VDG, the mileage Expense will go to 28 cents a mile.

There is an ADHOC committee looking at redistricting at the state level. Right now we have 18 Districts, 6 in Transition. Discussion Held.

DG Jim comments that out of 18 Districts in Pennsylvania there are only 4 Districts that showed a plus in membership and 14-B is one of them.

Radio Information Services Lion Sam DePiero (written report)

District Governor Hartman, Cabinet Members and Guest:

Radio information Service has many crises in the past and I must inform you of the latest. Our Executive Director, Laura Anderson, has tendered her resignation effective the end of December. The RIS Board is meeting next Tuesday to discuss this and other matters.

One of the latest fund raiser for RIS in November and December is a CD. A group of volunteers and listeners have gotten together each year in the Christmas season to sing carols. This year they made a CD as The Brailletones so they can sell the CD as a fund raiser. The CD can be purchased at all Borders, Jays Bookstore, Joseph Beth Carson Street, and many other bookstores. They can also be purchased at RIS offices.

The new Radios are a great hit with listeners of RIS because of the built in cassette recorder and full band of FM stations and RIS station.

Western PA School for Blind Children Lion Robert Cass

I would like to have the title listed in the directory as WPSC (Toddlers Program). I would like to keep the funds received to still go to the Toddlers program. The Toddlers program is one of the unfunded programs by the federal and state the school has.

I have very little activity in the Toddlers Program this last period.

The Lions club of Pittsburgh has been doing Xmas tree sales at the school for 50 plus years. We are going to totally revitalize the program of selling Xmas trees out there. We are going to have a Xmas Tree Festival and limit it to two weekends. We are also going to have a food tent. The Western PA School was a private institution until a number of years ago, and then the State started to contribute money, which made it a public institution. Then the Federal Government came in and said they would contribute money. When the feral government contributes money they also add millions of regulations, you have to under go. The federal government thought the school was spending too much on money on overtime to encourage people to have meetings and dinners at the school. So the federal government said they had to cut that back on it, they had no choice. The school director said the federal government said cut back. That was the reason the District had fallout with the school. We were told we couldn't have any meetings or dinners at the school. They are allowing the tree sale to continue, the federal government didn't object to it.

Historian PDG Harold Fletcher

With all the clubs we have been losing over the years, we haven't had the clubs submit a history of their club. For those clubs that haven't submitted anything about your club please get it to me. Discussion Held.

Information Technology / Newsletter DG Jim Hartman

I changed the color on the website to Pennsylvania green. We are getting 120 visitors per day.

Tail Twister Lion Jim Emery no report

Old Business

PDG Harold Fletcher comments that under Disbursements on the Treasurers report, at the last cabinet meeting, it was agreed on to change it from Cabinet Gifts to DG Gifts. Change noted by treasurer and will be done.

Question to PDG Harold on progress of Eye Bank funds. No new developments, still waiting to hear from attorney.

New Business

Xmas around the world, it has been a tradition to donate for a basket. DG Jim Hartman made a motion to donate \$50.00 for a basket for Xmas around the world second by lion Barb Schimmel. Motion Passed.

Lion Roy Smith made a motion to pay DG expenses upon receipts to the USA/Canada forum second by Lion Mary Jane Keller. Motion Passed.

Under Environmental

DG Jim thinks this is a good idea. Will have Lion Karen write up a letter and send it to all the clubs. Motion to accept Lion Karen's project at South Taylor Environmental Park by Lion Geoffrey Temple and second by Lion Jim Engel. Motion Passed.

VOSH

DG Jim comments that he thinks that they have evolved as a valid program. PDG Rich Keller comments that VOSH does a wonderful job and he just wants to let the cabinet know that when VOSH performs a Cataract operation in Guatemala we are charged \$209.00. When International pays for the same operation it is less than \$100.00. My question is that VOSH is doing a wonderful job and I hope they keep doing a wonderful job but their prices are slightly inflated.

PDG Dave Leone comments that what VOSH is asking for is permission from the District to solicit the clubs in the District for the next 3 years. Discussion Held.

Motion to permit VOSH to send solicitation letters to clubs in 14-B for one year (DG Jim's year) and it is up to clubs if they want to contribute, this is not an endorsement, by DG Jim Hartman.

No Second. Motion is dead.

Question by Lion Mary Jane Keller on Youth Outreach.

DG Jim suggests we wait to see what the State does on it.

Motion to Adjourn by Lion Barb Schimmel and second by Lion Geoffrey Temple. Motion Passed.

Benediction by Lion Tom Hurrell

Meeting Adjourn @ 12:15 PM.

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

