

Lions District 37N 3rd Cabinet Meeting
February 28, 2010
Red Lion Colonial Hotel. Helena, Montana

In Attendance: Lions Pam Beyer, Christine Lank, Sharon West, Monte Weisser, Ron Hoye, Pauline Cooper, Wayne Hintz, Ed Malesich, Mike Collins, Dan Sturdevant, Janet Hadnagy, Steve Hadnagy, Laura Dickerson

Guests: Lion Dave Beyer

- 1. Meeting was called to order** at 9:08 am by DG Pam Beyer.
- 2. All present recited the Lions pledge.**
- 3. Introduction of Cabinet Members.**

4. Rally Update: DG Pam requested a Rally update from those committee members present.

PDG Steve Hadnagy stated that there had been 158 registered for the Rally, with the highest attendance for a Rally in MD37. A boost to attendance was having the Council Meeting held in Helena. Final numbers for the financial report are not yet complete, but preliminary numbers indicate the balance is definitely in the black. Final report will be submitted to DGs Pam Beyer and Jerry Smith. Rally was successfully held due to the full involvement of Zone 5 and the importance of asking club members to attend and following up in person with those individuals. Additionally, District N needs to be aware of the Council's selection process for holding a Rally.

PDG Ed Malesich stated that hosting the Rally was a challenge and required work to make a finespoke the effort needed to create a successful Rally required not only the many committee meetings, but almost daily contact between PDGs Ed Malesich and Steve Hadnagy.

1VDG Christine Lank offered her congratulations to Zone 5 for a terrific job hosting the Rally. 1VDG Christine clarified that the Zone communicated via email to pull this Rally together in very little time. As incoming governor, 1VDG Christine explained how these initial three Rallies will have their results amalgamated to assist for future planning and predicted a huge success if we focus on the strong points and all pull together.

DG Pam Beyer shared that coordinating between the DGs at the Rally (she and DG Jerry Smith) resulted in Lion Glenna Obie being overlooked for recognition. Lion Glenna will be presented a framed award within two days from DG Pam. DG Pam thanked the committee for their fine efforts in creating such a successful Rally.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting: PDG Steve Hadnagy moved to approve the previous minutes of the October 18, 2009 meeting as distributed. PDG Ed Malesich seconded. Motion carried.

6. Minutes of Cyber Meeting: PDG Pauline Cooper distributed minutes from the cyber meeting held February 2010. PDG Pauline moved to accept the minutes as distributed. PDG Wayne Hintz seconded. Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report:

a.) PDG Monte Weisser presented the 2009-2010 budget and reconciliation. PDG Monte explained that the current budget was prepared with the \$2.00 dues increase included for the 2009-2010 year. As the dues increase will not occur until 2010-2011 Lionistic year, we appear to have a budget shortfall. PDG Pauline Cooper moved that we approve the budget as presented and draw down the reserves as may be necessary. Motion seconded by Lion Mike Collins. There was a discussion of the impact on the reserves and a realization that some expenses will not be incurred this year, possibly sparing the reserve funds. Motion carried.

b.) PDG Monte reviewed current expenses and requested approval from the Cabinet to distribute funds. Expenses as follows: reimbursement to DG Pam \$290 for District Pins and \$452.45 for expenses; \$90.68 to Lion Laura for reimbursement on newsletter materials and postage; \$33.50 to PDG Monte for stamps; and \$500 to 2VDG Sharon for expenses; \$24.92 to PDG Wayne for expenses left over from his term. In addition, a check was handed to PID Patti Hill in payment for International dues. Monte moved to approve payment of expenses. Second by PDG Wayne Hintz. Motion carried.

c.) 1VDG Christine Lank received a check from the Crows Nest Pass club that is profit from the fall convention for \$167.85. It was explained that 50% of the profit should be refunded to the host club, Crow's Nest Pass. PDG Steve Hadnagy motioned to distribute 50% of fall convention profits to the Crow's Nest Club. Second by PDG Ed Malesich. Motion carried.

8. Zone Reports:

Zone 1: DG Pam Beyer advised that Lion Neva Duff has stepped down as Zone 1 Chair due to health concerns. Lion Pat Bratz has stepped in as Zone Chair to complete this year.

Zone 5: PDG Steve Hadnagy shared that two Zone meetings had occurred prior to the Rally. There is another meeting and an extensive training scheduled for this spring.

Zone 2 &3: 2VDG Sharon West reported that she is the recording secretary of Zones 2 and 3 and has sent all meeting minutes to the DG, 1VDG and Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. If any member of Cabinet would like copies of the minutes, she will make them available upon request.

9. Committee Reports:

DG Pam Beyer shared that planning is underway for Zone Chairs and Cabinet Positions for the next year.

2VDG Sharon West has requested names be forwarded to her about those who want to be Zone Chairs for her year as governor.

Discussion within the Cabinet about recruiting leaders for the next year. Suggestions included club recommendations for Zone Chairs and Cabinet members and a letter from DG Pam to the clubs and printed in the newsletter seeking leaders.

International Understanding: PDG Pauline Cooper reported the delivery of 1,700 glasses to Mexico in conjunction with the Oregon clubs. About two weeks ago, PDG Pauline was involved with the Re-Tree International program that ties in with the MD philosophy of getting youth involved in community projects. Re-Tree International organizes tree planting with youth volunteers and PDG Pauline participated with the Grants Pass, Oregon Lions in this project. PDG Pauline plans to have a newsletter article with more information on this organization.

Diabetes Awareness: Lion Mike Collins reported that the STRIDES walk will be in June in Kalispell this year. Also on March 20th, there is a Taking Control of Your Diabetes conference and health fair in Kalispell. Only ten cities in the US offer this event. Those in Missoula and Helena will have bus service provided to attend the Kalispell conference. Lion Mike distributed the pamphlets for this important event.

Extension: PDG Wayne Hintz reported that he had not been able to coordinate with PDG Dan Sturdevant. However, he has been in contact with the smaller clubs of Deer Lodge (7 members) and Coups-Sweetgrass (International Club). Planned extensions for next year in Clancy and Eureka. He is looking at a Canadian club to sponsor Eureka. Possible future extension sites are: Coaldale, Granum, Coalhurst and Nobleford.

PDG Dan Sturdevant reported that Clancy and Montana City extension requires funding for a mass mailing. It was clarified that monies are available in the extension fund and PDG Dan will estimate amounts needed for the extension mailings.

DG Pam Beyer clarified her goal for 100 Guiding Lions as a leadership development tool. She wishes to encourage people to see Zone Chair and Guiding Lions responsibilities online. We need to build from the 1,213 members currently in District N.

Newsletter: PDG Ed Malesich reported that for the first 4-5 months it was a struggle to get contributors to the newsletter. At this time, the newsletter has grown substantially and he is glad to work with those who are very close to the deadline.

Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation: PDG Dan Sturdevant reminded us vigorously to keep the “**Lions**” in the title of this important Foundation. At this time the Foundation is struggling with cutbacks, however, they are a viable resource for most requests. PDG Dan stated his appreciation for the fundraising for the Foundation that came from this Rally.

THRIVE!/Lions Quest: In keeping with referring to programs respectfully and properly, PDG Pauline Cooper clarified that in Canada, THRIVE! Is the correct title, while in the US, Lions Quest is correct.

MERL: 1VDG Christine Lank informed the Cabinet that 6 places had been identified for extension, Libby, Montana is number 7. 1VDG Christine reported that the Cardston club is struggling and a zone team is already scheduled to go and support this club.

USA/Canada Forum: 2VDG Sharon West reported that next year’s forum will be held in Milwaukee from September 23-25. She will be in attendance and will bring back a report to the Cabinet.

Membership: Lion Laura Dickerson reported that there had been two newsletter articles offering assistance to clubs wishing to boost their membership. There have no responses to this offer. Additionally, the Healthy Clubs Tool Kit survey was completed with the Kalispell Sunrises club and 7 pages of comments were elicited from the 17 participants. A committee will be formed to prioritize the needs and move the club forward.

PDG Steve Hadnagy told the MERL team that the Deer Lodge club was on the radar of the Zone 5 Chair and work would begin with this club in the last 1/3 of the Lionistic year. A reminder from PDG Steve that Extension Team should be coordinating with the Zone Chairs.

Reminder from PDG Wayne Hintz that affiliate and at large memberships are available alternatives to traditional membership.

2VDG Sharon reported that branch clubs are also a viable alternative, citing the group of 4 in Milk River, who are eligible to be a branch club of Warner.

Retention: Lion Ron Hoye reported on the breakout session at the Rally with the Ameri Corps youth volunteers who were unaware of the presence of the Lion's Club when their job is to be aware of and coordinate community service organizations.

10. Old Business

--DG Pam Beyer reminded us that the spring convention will be held in Kalispell on May 13-15. Important business at the convention will be the nomination of PCC Dave Hainey from District S. PDG Steve Hadnagy motioned for the Cabinet endorsement of PCC Dave Hainey for ID. Second by PDG Dan Sturdevant. Motion carried.

11. New Business

--1VDG Christine Lank shared that MD37 has a \$10,000 matching fund grant for public relations that is divided within the 5 districts. 1VDG Christine distributed sample public relation materials from LCI that promoted organ donor awareness and pamphlets from Oregon and Alberta that promoted Lions membership. 1VDG Christine will research public relations materials for District N and coordinate with her upcoming Public Relations Chair. In addition, April is Organ Donor Awareness Month and 1VDG Christine will put this in the newsletter and share with the clubs.

--Friendship Committee: PDG Dan Sturdevant shared the lengthy Lions history of this crucial fundraising committee supporting those running for international office. PDG Dan is requesting that the Cabinet join the Montana PDG's to promote Montana candidate PCC Dave Hainey for ID. Motion by PDG Steve Hadnagy to endorse the MT Friendship Committee. Second by PDG Pauline Cooper. Motion carried.

--1VDG Christine Lank reported that she had distributed the District L bylaws via email, seeking input in guiding the District N bylaw revision, with zero response. PDGS Steve Hadnagy and Ed Malesich, 1VDG Christine and Lion Mike Collins formed a committee to develop bylaws for the district.

--DG Pam Beyer requested background on PCC Dave Hainey to be shared with the Cabinet. PDG Steve Hadnagy shared the following information: PCC Dave Hainey, of Ennis, MT, was originally a New York firefighter. He was deeply involved in the Ennis club and helped start the new hospital and maintaining the park in Ennis. He transferred to the Bozeman club to attend a larger club that looked more towards the LCI scope. He will attend and speak up to address core values of Lionism.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cabinet Secretary Laura Dickerson.