

MINUTES FROM DISTRICT 40S

November 12, 2011

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. with the pledge led by 2nd VDG Lion Melissa Washburn, followed by the by Lions Prayer led by 1st VDG Carlos Tellez.

Those attending were Lions: Bryson McCool, Curt Dimberg, Walt Ramstead, Charles Rothwell, Beverly Rothwell, CC Kitty Callender, PCC Rick Jensen, Barbara Zaboroski, Amil Anderson, Stanley Morgan, Ron Reagon, Tom Moore, Eldon Stellman, PDG Phil Marvel, Anna Marvel, Krystle Apodaca, Marty Apodaca, Georgia Qualls, Heather Qualls, PID Don Reese, Mary Jean Reese, PID Ray Marley, Mona Fredrick, Jim Rogers, Karen Hill, Franklin McKay, PDG Jim Brannon, Bettie Brannon, Tail Twister Gumpers, Gemma Ferguson, Ruth Wilkes, 2nd VDG Melissa Washburn, 1st VDG Cali Tellez, and DG Claudia Jensen

Lion Claudia welcomed all and introduced PID Ray Marley, PID Don Reese, CC Lion Kitty, PCC Lion Rick, and all PDG's.

Lion Gemma took the roll call for the cabinet.

Lion Gemma stated that the minutes had been sent to the cabinet and also had been shown on the NM Lions web site. PDG Claudia asked for a vote for the minutes as had been sent via email. Lion Walt moved to approve, Lion Melissa seconded. Motion carried.

Lion Ruth then went over the current treasurer's report. There are still a few clubs owing dues from last year. All details are shown on the treasurer's report that was distributed to all attendees. Lion Don moved to approve, Lion Carlos seconded. Motion carried.

VDG's opening remarks:

- Lion Melissa – said thank you for the invitation to participate in other club activities. Just let her know when your club is having a fund-raiser or event and she will try to attend. She has really enjoyed helping and meeting new Lions.
- Lion Carlos – his working with other clubs started his helping with the Hatch parade. He has also been to Hobbs to help with the pancake breakfast, Hagerman cook out, the parade in Las Cruces, the haunted house in Carlsbad and helped with the enchilada dinner in Lovington. He has really had a great time with his Lions family.

The Tail Twister – Lion Gumpers – sold tickets for a Lions rug. All proceeds will go to help the VDG's travel expenses for training. The tickets will also be sold at the next meeting in Alamogordo and the winner will be chosen at that time.

Zone Reports

Zone 1 - Lion David Valenzuela. No report

Zone 2 - Lion Charles

They have lost 7 members but added 10 so are up by three.

- T or C – UTD on reports but could use more members
- Hatch – current on reports – need to work on more fundraisers and need more members. Introduced the Hatch president - Krystle Apodaca
- Mesilla – Working with them and also introduced a new member – Tom Moore. They are going to be very busy – will be setting out 5500 luminarias around the plaza and other areas around the village. They do this for the village and the village makes a donation to their club
- La Mesa – good club – very busy
- Las Cruces Host – behind on dues – working with the club to get them done
- De Noche – need to do activity report – has low membership and needs new ideas for projects
- LC Sunrise – dues are paid & reports are current
- Anthony – is past due for the Leo dues. Also is behind on activity reports but is helping them now. They only have 6 members but are trying to get more

Zone 3 – Lion Mona

All clubs are UTD on reports and dues. Lion Jim has been helping her with her zone duties

- Four members of the Alamogordo Breakfast have transferred into the Alamogordo Downtown club to see if they can revive the failing club
- Lion Mona has issued a challenge to all other zone chairs to donate at least \$100 per club to help defray the costs of the VDG trainings. \$100 would be nice, but any amount will be accepted
- Alamo Evening – co-sponsored the Veterans Day parade
- Alamo Noon – does flags and gets help from the ROTC as a service project
- Tularosa – the village is doing the luminarias now so they want to do more service projects
- Cloudcroft – small club – few members

Zone 4 – Lion Dennis – no report – Ruidoso Evening - dues are behind

Zone 5 – Lion Jennifer – sent report to Lion Claudia – but Gemma gave short report – all dues & reports current.

Zone 6 – Lion Jim – no report – but they now have an email address – Roswell Midday and Hagerman are behind on their dues

Zone 7 – Lion Walt

All clubs are very busy in the zone with projects and fundraisers. Lovington has a newsletter - and it recently thanked the extra help from the VDG's for their enchilada dinner.

Other

- Lion Franklin McKay – DeNoche. They are getting asked to help with all the minor expenses for individuals having cornea transplant surgeries. They are a small club and can't afford to continue to help. The Eye Foundation pays for 99% of the surgeries, but the patients still need eye drops that can cost of up \$150 each. Carlsbad Downtown offered to help as did T or C. It was suggested that Lion Walt contact the LC clubs for their help.
- Lion Eldon – the check off for eye care on the NM vehicle registrations. He has talked to the Director of Health – where does that money go? Are Lions getting in-kind funds for the glasses we purchase? The DOH was going to see how it was going to be spent but he hasn't heard from anyone. It was understood that the DOH was supposed to have a budget for the funds. He is going to start contacting local legislators to see what they can do.
- Lion Bryson – Constitution & By-Laws – Suggested changes were handed out to all attendees. The proposals were discussed and he and PID Ray are continuing to discuss the changes to the constitution and are emailing them to the membership. Lion Melissa brought up the idea of only having three district meetings and thus having more time at the state convention for training and FUN. Districts can designate their last meeting as a convention and vote on their incoming officers at that time. Lions Bryon & Ray will research and advise.
- GLT – PCC Rick – The future of our leadership is training. The upcoming training to be held in February in Wyoming is for both of the VDGs. We are looking at more regional training at that level. There will be training for all future district leaders. Part one will be approximately 4 hours. It will be LCI driven, do you have the resources for the job, the rules of audit, etc. Part two is just for the VDGs with the format for responsibilities from LCI; i.e. how to resolve conflicts, how to be a secretary, how to be a president, how to be a treasurer. The second set of training is the multi-state VDG training. In that training they will learn how to talk, how to present. The first VDG must also complete training on-line. For example, if a 1st VDG only completes 75% of the on-line training, International will only reimburse them 75% of their expenses to international convention. We only have 600 members in our district, but we need 1250 to be a strong, relevant district. The zone chairs already attended a training at the start of the year. If we bring in an International speaker to any event, we must have over 100 attendees or International does not pay for their travel expenses. LCI wants to know how the zone chairs are doing. Their reports are necessary so the reporting can be given to LCI. Please read the governor's newsletter and share it with your clubs.
- GMT – PID Don – He hasn't received any information from anyone. Membership has to increase or we will be combined into one district. It is up to us. Hopefully by the end of December, the Tatum and Jal clubs will be back.
- GMT-GLT – PID Ray – he has an 18 item list of duties as the coordinator of the multi-district. The team has their own pin and he present one to the District GMT, District GLT, the VDGs and DG.
- A certificate of appreciation was present to PDG Phil Marvel by 1st Lion Carlos.
- Lion Kitty – the 2012 state pins are for sale as well as a prestige pin.
- PDG Phil – On November 19th, Special Olympics will be holding a bowling tournament at Tin Pan Alley in LC. They can use any and all help.
- DG Claudia – Since July, we have added 37 new members, but have lost 51. We need to keep the members we have.
- PID Ray – if we combine to one district, the dues will increase.
- The next meeting will be held in Alamogordo.

