

# NEW MEXICO LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Minutes

## MD40 MEETINGS MAY 29 & 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order by MD Council Chair PDG Jeff Kriz at 1:05 PM on May 29.. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Montoya. Frank Hayes gave the invocation.

On behalf of the Aztec, Farmington, and Lower Valley Lions Clubs Roger Sheak welcomed all and introduced Farmington Mayor Bill Stanley who read a proclamation naming the week of May 24 to 30 "New Mexico Lions Week" in Farmington.

In his opening remarks CC Jeff Kriz welcomed International Director Beverly Stebbins, our Keynote Speaker from Texas, and introduced Past International Directors and Past District Governors. He stated that this past year has been very successful for New Mexico Lions with an increase in membership and the formation of four new clubs. He would like to see more team work between the clubs. He commented on the cooperation with the University of New Mexico to raise funds for the UNM Lions Eye Center. He stressed the Lions will not be required to make donations (unless they so choose), but rather are asked to point out potential donors (businesses, foundations, individuals), so that they can be contacted by UNM's fund raising office.

On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender, the minutes of the February 21 Council meeting were approved. Secretary Bernie Holzapfel stated that there had been no noteworthy correspondence.

Treasurer Bernie Holzapfel reported balances in the various accounts amounted to \$13,031.00 as of April 30, 2009. After paying items still due and the return of funds to Districts if the proposed constitutional change is approved we should end the year with a balance of about \$6,900.00, i.e. roughly the same as last year.. On motion made by DG Kitty Callender, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the financial report was approved.

### **District Governors Year End Reports**

DG Chuck Easton reported that this has been a good year for NM Lions. District 40N is in excellent condition with an increase of 60 members and the formation of two new clubs. Two additional new clubs are in the works. The District's finances are in good shape. The Taos club gained seven new members as a result of their work with KidSight.

DG Kitty Callender stated that this has been a great year for Lions and thanked everyone for their work in increasing membership and forming new clubs. She stated that clubs have changed over the years and women and men are working together as equals. The Lordsburg club admitted their first female member. She urged all not to forget having fun during meetings and while working on projects.

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**Foundation Reports**

NM Lions Eye Bank: PDG Terry Reed reported that the eye bank is in good shape. He thanked all for helping to sell raffle tickets, the proceeds of which will be shared equally between the Eye Bank, the Eye Foundation, and the Crane Reading Foundation. DG Chuck Easton presented him with a contribution of \$500.00 from District 40N.

NM Lions Eye Foundation: PDG Tom Himrod stated that the foundation has received a grant of \$65,000.00 from St. Joseph's Community Health with the prospect of receiving additional funds in coming years. The grant money is to be used for operating expenses and assistance with eye surgery etc. The high point of the year was the visit of International President Al Brandel to Window Rock, AZ, with eye screenings provided by the Arizona and New Mexico Lion eye vans.

NM Lions Band Foundation: Bernie Chavez, noted that the next band will tour New Mexico rather than go to the International Convention. He asked each club to sponsor a student with \$500.00. The student would be selected from the sponsoring club's area.

NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation: No report.

NM Lions Operation KidSight: Bryson McCool announced that ten cameras are now active in New Mexico. An LCIF grant application for \$150,000.00 has been submitted with the funds to be used primarily for hiring a state coordinator with an office in Albuquerque. The chances of getting the grant look good.

**Committee Reports**

Diabetes Awareness: No report.

Protocol/International Relations: No report. PID Gordon Post was not present because he worked in Albuquerque during the Special Olympics.

Special Olympics: PID Gordon Post had submitted a written report stating that 1,035 athletes and 351 coaches are expected to attend the summer games in Albuquerque on May 30. Lions and other volunteers will provide eye screenings. The Special Olympics Four Corners games will be held in Farmington on August 1, 2009.

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International Convention: Anna Marvel reminded everyone of the upcoming convention in Minneapolis (July 6-10, 2009). She urged Lions to attend at least one International Convention to meet Lions from all over the world.

Leader Dogs: Melissa Washburn announced that we will have a new dog in Alamogordo. We are not having a speaker from this group this year because the cost is too high.

USA/Canada Forum: PDG Tom Himrod asked that Lions consider attending the Memphis, TN, forum Sept. 24-26, 2009. The forums provide excellent leadership training.

LCIF: PDG John Sakasitz noted that he has been unable to get a current report of New Mexico donations from International. PDG Bob Jones reported that he has been appointed as LCIF coordinator for the next few years. PDG Tom Himrod from 40N and PDG Rick Jensen from 40S will assist him.

Leo Clubs: Rose Himrod reported that there are now three clubs in New Mexico: Anthony, Gallup and Santa Fe. There are prospects for additional clubs in Deming, Edgewood and Santa Fe (Desert Academy).

Youth Camp & Exchange: No report..

Lions Quest & Opportunities for Youth: No reports.

MD40 Web Site & Info.Technology: Bryson McCool who is giving up this job at the end of June announced that we have two candidates to take over: Jennifer Long and Shelly Smith.

State Pins/Shirts: DG Kitty Callender asked for new designs for the pins for 2010. She still has plenty of the current pins. New shirts are available for \$21.00/each. There are still old shirts for sale at \$18.00/each.

Public Relations: No report.

**MERL Team**

PID Ray Marley reported that an increase of 95 members and the addition of four new clubs puts the New Mexico Lions at the top of the growth list. He urged clubs to appoint Lions with proven track records to club positions and suggested they look at the way meetings are held. Take potential new members to a club project, rather than to a meeting to show them what we are all about. District Governors (old and new) and clubs need to develop three year plans.

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Women's Initiative: Melissa Washburn stated that there will be a symposium again next year.

The 50:50 raffle for the day (\$150.00) was won by Shirley Easton. The MD's share of \$150.00 is being donated to Operation KidSight in memory of PCC Bob Callender.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM to be continued on May 30.

The second meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM on May 30 by MCC Jeff Kriz who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. DG Kitty Callender led the Lions Prayer.

**Future Conventions:** Presentations for holding the NM Lions State Convention in 2011 were made by Shelly Smith on behalf of the central New Mexico clubs and by PDG Ralph Richards, supported by PDG Manuel Rodriguez, on behalf of the Gallup Lions Club. Gallup won the written secret ballot and will be the host of the 2011 NM Lions State Convention. - The 2010 convention will be held in Alamogordo May 20-23.

**New District Officers**

The following were elected during the preceding District sessions.

	<u>District 40N</u>	<u>District 40S</u>
_____ Governor	Miriam Stucker	Rosa Doporto
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Governor	Bill Guss	Phil Marvel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor	Shelly Smith	Claudia Jensen.

**Voting:** Secretary Bernie Holzapfel noted that since there is no contest for the position of Multiple Council Chair voting can be by acclamation. On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender, PDG Rick Jensen was elected unanimously to the position of MD40 Council Chair for the year 2009-2010.

A change to the MD40 Constitution & By-Laws had been proposed by the Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club. In essence it provides for a return of \$2.00 per member from the Website/Roar account to the Districts since the cost of the electronic edition of the "Lions Roar" is now less than the printing and postage for the old paper edition. The full text of the amendment was posted in the lobby of and at the entrance to the meeting hall. Copies were also available to all attendees. The change, voted on by written secret ballot, was approved by 71 for, 1 against.

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**Awards:** Hap Beyer awards were presented to Allen & Virginia Crane (District 40S) and Lori Stampley and Bernie Holzapfel (District 40N).

The 50:50 raffle for the day (\$165.00) was won by Lucky Sells. The MD's share of \$165.00 is being donated to Operation KidSight in memory of PCC Bob Callender.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM on motion made by DG Kitty Callender, seconded by DG Chuck Easton.

Respectfully submitted.

Bernhard "Bernie" Holzapfel  
Secretary