

NEW MEXICO LIONS MD-40
Minutes
COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair PDG Jeff Kriz at 1:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery led the Lions Prayer.

CC Jeff Kriz introduced PIDs Ray Marley and Gordon Post as well as the many Past District Governors in attendance.

On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender, the minutes of the Council Meeting during the MD-40 Convention on May 3 and 4, 2008, were approved.

Treasurer Bernie Holzapfel commended his predecessor Bryson McCool for the excellent way in which he prepared the financial records of 2007-08 for transfer to the new administration. He suggested that the records be accepted without an audit. On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender, the financial records of 2007-08 were approved without audit.

Treasurer Bernie Holzapfel introduced the 2008-09 MD-40 Budget which shows a carry over of \$12,055.00 (\$10,555.00 after approval of changes) to 2009-10. DG Kitty Callender stated that the \$1,000.00 contribution to the Geronimo Museum is an annually recurring item and requested that it be added to the budget. On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender the budget was approved with the addition of the Geronimo Museum donation. A copy of the approved budget is attached.

Treasurer Bernie Holzapfel requested approval of payments to RB Design & Printing (\$207.82) for printing of the NM Lions State Directory 2008-09, Rancher's Steak House (\$124.00) for the Council's Share of today's luncheon, and Bryson McCool (\$150.00/month) for the Lions Roar and Web Site maintenance. On motion made by DG Kitty Callender, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the payments were approved.

In his opening remarks, CC Jeff Kriz suggested that clubs develop a three year plan on how they can improve their clubs, increase membership, find new projects and try to do things differently to move with the times.

DG Chuck Easton reported that District 40-N is alive and well. The Charter Night for the new Eldorado Basin Club will be on October 17 at 6:30 PM at Brumby's in Eldorado. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Second International Vice President Sid L. Suggs III from North Carolina will be the speaker and presiding officer. DG Chuck thanked all who worked hard to form this club. 40-N expects to have another new club - ABQ Uptown - shortly. This will be a business networking club. They have 15 paid members so far and hope to have the remaining 5 members in three weeks. A new club in Clayton is also on the horizon.

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DG Kitty Callender stated that District 40-S also is alive and well. She announced that visitations of clubs in the district will begin shortly. With the help of local administrators she was able to obtain an emergency grant of \$10,000 from LCIF to help the flood victims in Ruidoso. A new club is being developed in Roswell. This will be a business club.

FOUNDATION REPORTS

NM Lions Eye Bank: PDG Harry Kovaschetz presented certificates of appreciation to clubs in Carlsbad, Eunice and Roswell for their efforts in selling raffle tickets. He announced that the Eye Bank donated \$8,000 to the KidSight program for the purchase of a camera which can be used by any club in the State.

NM Lions Eye Foundation: PDG Tom Himrod reported that the Foundation is currently straightening out the finances. The foundations board approved an emergency transfer of funds from the reserve account to the operating account, so that bills can be paid.

NM Lions Band Foundation: CC Jeff Kriz reminded all of our raffle ticket booth at the NM State Fair and asked for support in manning the booth. Tickets are priced at \$3.00/each or two for \$5.00. Prizes are a \$3,000 home entertainment package, \$1,500 computer and \$750 game set (or the equivalent in gift certificates to Circuit City)

NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation: George Mulholland reported that a reading program for prisoners has been started and is quite successful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution & By-Laws: No report.

Protocol/International Relations: No report.

Special Olympics: PID Gordon Post reported that two out of three screenings this year (Albuquerque and Farmington) have been finished. The final screening will be in Las Cruces on November 22. So far the Lions Opening Eyes Program at the Special Olympics has been supported by LCIF with grants of over \$10 million.

USA/Canada Forum: PDG Tom Himrod announced that the next session will be in Memphis, TN.

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Leo Clubs: Rose Himrod reported that the second Leo Club in New Mexico has been formed in Santa Fe. Twelve sophomores are members. The club advisor has joined the Santa Fe Capital City club.

Lions Quest: CC Jeff Kriz will check with Ardis Adams on the status.

Diabetes Awareness: No report.

International Convention: PCC Mary Jane Shannon advised that she did not have many reports from convention chairs from other districts. Since she and PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery will be moving to Texas in the foreseeable future, she suggested that Anna and Phil Marvel be appointed as her replacement. On motion made by DG Kitty Callender, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the appointment was approved.

Leader Dogs: Melissa Washburn reported that donations during 2007-08 were lower than expected. District 40-N donated \$4,130.00 while District 40-S contributed \$2,250.00. No new dogs were issued in New Mexico, but we did have one replacement dog in 40-N. We expect a representative from Leader Dogs at next year's State Convention in Farmington.

LCIF: PDG John Sakasitz announced that pins are available from LCIF for various individual donations, i.e. \$20.00 (pin), \$50.00 (pin with silver wreath), \$100.00 (pin with gold wreath). Juan Lucero stated that a web site (goodsearch.com) has LCIF listed as a charity they support. Numerous stores are available on this site.

Youth Camp & Exchange: VDG Miriam Stucker will have uniform exchange program forms, so that all applications will be on the same basis. Only one request was received so far, but it was turned down because the student needed to be fluent in Spanish. Rose Himrod requested that the MD-40 budget include a \$500.00 scholarship for an exchange student. On motion made by DG Kitty Callender, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the request was approved.

Lions Opportunities for Youth: No report.

MD-40 Web Site & Info.Technology: Bryson McCool thanked all for their contributions of articles for the Lions Roar. He has prepared a Training & Orientation Manual which can be found on the MD-40 web site.

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State Pins/Shirts: DG Kitty Callender and PCC Bob Callender announced that they had received designs for the 2009 State pin, but they had to be rejected because they did not conform to specifications since they contained “aliens”. New designs are invited.

State Convention: PID Ray Marley reported that the 2009 NM Lions State Convention will be held in Farmington May 28-31, 2009. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Inn & Suites. Reservations should be made as early as possible. The registration fee is still to be determined. It is tentatively set at \$80.00. Advertising forms for the program/journal will be provided shortly. Negotiations for hospitality suites should be held directly with the hotel.

Public Relations: No report.

MD-40 MERL Team: PID Ray Marley presented a report on MD-40 Leadership Development. Last year’s training was conducted in Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Clovis and Las Cruces. Some 67 Lions attended a session and 27 clubs were represented. He suggested the following locations for training sessions during 2009: Alamogordo, Roswell or Carlsbad, Moriarty and Gallup. - He also proposed that a number of Lions be schooled soon in the T.T.T. program to act as trainers for future presentations to districts and/or clubs.

PDG Rick Jensen suggested that traditional training of club officers might have been too long and boring. There are mini-sessions which can be presented to the clubs by qualified and experienced Lions. He can be contacted at highrollsems@tularosa.net for further information.

Women’s Initiative: Melissa Washburn reported that past participants voted to keep the Annual Women’s Symposium in Ruidoso and to retain the name even though LCI is now calling it “Family and Women Membership”. The 2009 symposium will be held some time after April 1 when the ski season closes to obtain better hotel rates.

New Business: Rose Himrod announced that the first annual Turkey Shoot of the Santa Fe Capital City Lions club will be held on November 9 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Ohkay Owingeh. Further details to appear in the Lions Roar.

Special Recognition: CC Jeff Kriz presented a replacement Lion to PDG Tom Himrod who had given his old one to a foster child. Jeff Kriz also recognized Don Trumbull and his wife for their work for Lions. DG Kitty Callender presented the “dime a dozen” award to Tom Himrod.

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UNM Project: Following a presentation of this project by UNM personnel during lunch, CC Jeff Kriz opened the meeting for a discussion. He stated that this project involves the expansion of UNM's eye clinic and eye research program. If we help UNM in raising \$3.5 million we will have the right to name the new facility and would have an office in the building. He stated that there will be no financial commitment on the part of clubs, districts or MD-40. Rather the New Mexico Lions would assist the UNM Fund Raising Office in identifying potential donors. If clubs or individuals want to make voluntary donations, this would be acceptable.

Lori Stampley, Executive Director of the NM Lions Eye Bank, spoke in favor of joining hands with UNM because it would give the Lions more visibility.

Shelly Smith of the Albuquerque Rio Grande club also supported the project stating that we need to be proactive.

Bryson McCool asked "Should we go ahead?" and answered "Yes". However, he asked what is expected of us, can we fulfill whatever commitment we might make, would we let UNM down if we fail? He cautioned that we should be very careful in committing MD-40 to such a large project.

Anna Marvel stated that the Las Cruces de Noche club recommended approval.

On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by CC Jeff Kriz, the council approved to proceed with this project.

Raffle: The raffle yielded \$56.00 for MD-40. The winner was PDG Tom Himrod.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Bernhard "Bernie" Holzapfel
Secretary

NEW MEXICO LIONS MD-40 BUDGET 2008-09
Approved September 6, 2008

Expenses: *General - MD-40 Directories, Bank Charges, Postage, MD-40 Council Meeting costs, Commemorative Belt Buckles

****Mileage - Reimbursement was increased by 40%, i.e. from \$0.20/mile to \$0.28/mile per DG Kitty Calender and Chuck Easton on 7/18/08**

*****Website/Roar/Special Projects breakdown**

	<u>2007-08 Actual</u>	<u>2008-09 Budget</u>
Website/Roar	\$1,935.00	\$1,950.00
Women's Symposium	500.00	500.00
Geronimo Museum	1,000.00	1,000.00
Band Foundation	500.00	500.00
NM Lions Hearing Aid	300.00	300.00
Moriarty Christmas	420.00	-
Exchange Student Scholarship	-	500.00
Total	\$4,655.00	\$4,750.00