

NEW MEXICO LIONS MD-40
Minutes
COUNCIL MEETING 19 March 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gov Bill Guss at 1:05 PM. The meeting place had been abruptly changed to K-Bob's but seemed well suited to accommodate those Lions present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Lions Prayer opened the meeting.

Lion's Symposium. Lions Melissa Washburn and Gemma Ferguson provided an insight on the upcoming Lion's Symposium that will occur 9 April 2011 in Ruidoso. The day promises to be fun and instructive.

The Roll was called and a total of 36 Lions were in attendance for the meeting.

Since no changes were needed on the minutes for the last Council meeting, a motion was made by Gov Bill Guss, which was seconded by Gov Phil Marvel, and the minutes from the 13 November 2010 were approved.

Sec/Treas. Rick Jensen provided a Treasurer's report. The finances look good and mostly on track with the proposed budget for 2010-11. Some areas still need attention though. Gov Phil made a motion to use \$600 of the MERL Carryover funds to provide for Officer Training in both Districts in May. Gov Bill seconded. The motion passed. The 2nd half dues are not collected yet, and D40-S still has some clubs outstanding from last year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

GMT / GLT Kick-off. PID Ray Marley reported that MERL is no longer viable. The Global Membership Team leader is not yet selected, but the Global Leadership Team leader is PID Ray. Both positions will represent Multi-District 40 and work at the Council level. The District GMT and GLT positions are yet to be announced. More info on these positions is available on the LCI website using the search key. An upcoming Constitutional amendment by the Santa Fe Capital City Lions will address the issue to remove "MERL" funding and re-distribute it correctly identified as "GMT & GLT" funding.

UNMH Project. PDG Jeff Kriz reported that the project has been slow-rolled by UNM but action should be forthcoming. Lion Melissa interjected a concern that monies collected in the name of Lions be held separately in case the funds have to be returned in the event the Lions Eye Center does not materialize.

NM Lions Eye Foundation. Lion Chuck Galusha, President of the Foundation, provided a comprehensive status report. He again stressed the importance of club support if the Foundation is to continue to be effective. He has made a great deal of progress aligning us to the proper administration and constitutional requirements of the Foundation. Looking

forward, he announced the 2011 NMLEF Eye Ball to occur 9 April at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso. The event will be open to the public.

NM Lions Operation KidSight. Lion Chuck Galusha, NMLOKS Program Coordinator/Administrator, provided an impressive summary report of screening results to date for the year.

LCIF Initiative. PDG Bob Jones stated that the outpouring of funds for Japan is substantial and contributions count toward a Melvin Jones through 30 June.

State Convention. 2nd VDG Johnty Cresto reported that scheduled events promise a lot of fun and a spectacular time. Gallup is heavily supporting our upcoming Convention. Don't wait - sign up now.

MD40 Constitution & By-Laws Revision. According to 2nd VDG Johnty, three or four proposed changes have been submitted for voting on at the State Convention. Look for the proposals in the Roar and discuss them in your clubs so club delegates can be better prepared.

International Convention. PID Don Reese provided details about the International Convention in Seattle on 4-8 July 2011. Our Lions will be the 54th competitive unit in the parade...a parade with only 10 New Mexico attendees. We need more Lions to come join us there. There's a lot more to Lionism than what we see every day out our back door and the International Convention opens up the world to us.

Special Olympics. PID Gordon Post announced that the first event this year will be held on May 21 in Albuquerque. Volunteers are needed to staff the eye screening station for the athletes. Lions and Special Olympics - an extraordinary partnership to be proud of.

USA/Canada Forum. Lion Gemma reported that the Forum will occur 23-24 September 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska. It is the best learning experience offered by Lions !!!

Youth Activities. Lion Rose Himrod announced the Peace Poster Contest had been completed for the state and the winning poster was submitted by Benjamin Bejama through the Santa Fe Capital City Lions. Gov Bill will see that he gets it. The Youth Exchange has candidate possibilities and host parents are needed if anyone is interested. Youth activities are personally satisfying and offer a tremendous opportunity for youth world-wide.

District Governor Elect Training. PID Marley hosted the two-day DGE training this year in Farmington for 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors from New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. The five-state training is conducted annually, primarily funded by LCI, and the host state is rotated. PID Marley submitted a letter requesting meals and miscellaneous costs as our portion of the total cost.

Pins/Shirts. PDG Kitty Callender announced that pins and shirts are still available. PDG Kitty is running for Council Chair next year...a very historically special year with our very first all woman Council.

Old Business. None

New Business. None

DG 40N Bill Guss Comments. Remember the Eye Ball following the Lions Symposium on April 9th. See you there.

DG 40S Phil Marvel Comments. Goodbye and have a safe trip home.

Gov Bill adjourned the meeting at 3:35PM.