



**New Mexico Lions Multiple District 40 Council Meeting**  
Socorro, New Mexico  
**7 November 2009**

The meeting was called to order by MD40 Multiple Council Chair PDG Rick Jensen at 1:10 p.m. He led the Pledge.

The first subject of discussion was the procedures to be used due to the unavoidable absence of District Governor Rosa DoPorto. MCC Jensen stated that if there were any tie votes that the matter would be tabled for later consideration.

The **Minutes of September 5, 2009** were presented by MC Secretary Tom Himrod and approved by the Council on motion of MCC Jensen, seconded by DG Stucker, after a discussion of mileage reimbursements.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by MC Treasurer Himrod who pointed out that due to good attendance, \$ 1400 of the \$2000 budgeted for mileage reimbursements had already been spent. As a survey of expenses only, reimbursement forms ask for hotel and meal expenses. The report was approved on a motion by MCC Jensen, seconded by DG Stucker.

Attendance sheets were passed out and signed by 35 Lions, including several new attendees from Hobbs and Silver City. PDG Jim Brannon conducted a 50-50 raffle in a flamboyant costume.

**UNM Development Director Hazel Tull-Leach** gave an update on the UNM Lions Eye Clinic and passed out promotional items. There are pins reflecting a \$500 contribution. She needs to have Lions arrange meetings with Lions Clubs, community groups, and other potential donors. She will send letters to all club presidents and have a 6-minutes CD to show at meetings.

She highlighted the telemedicine projects in Las Cruces. The camera has saved the eyesight of at least six people so far.

**KidSight Co-Chair Bryson McCool** announced that there are now 15 cameras in the state. The newest are in Gallup, Los Alamos, Rio Rancho and Moriarty. Cameras are being explored for Roswell, Farmington, the Gadsden School District and Las Cruces, totaling 7500 pre-school children.

He discussed the search for an administrator and stated that KidSight is high visibility, rewarding and great for attracting new members.

**Past Council Chair Bob Jones** discussed the Lions Clubs International Foundation Initiative. MD40 donations totaled \$21,162 in the last Lion year. LCIF has been awarded a four-star (the highest) ranking by Charity Navigator. District Coordinators will be visiting clubs.

Discussion stressed the need to put LCIF as a line item in Lions Club budgets and the fact that the Multiple District is receiving at least \$50,000 a year from LCIF in the KidSight grants.

**Special Olympics Committee Chair PID Gordon Post** reported that they were scheduled for November 21, 2009 in Las Cruces. He stressed the joy and satisfaction in helping with Special Olympics and implored those who had not participated to help out.

**State Convention Chair Lion Chuck Galusha's report was given by VDG Phil Marvel.** The convention will be held May 20-23, 2010 in Alamogordo. Rates and hotels are in the handouts and on the web and the Roar. Registration will be all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning.

International Director Doctor Jeremiah Myers will be the speaker as arranged by PID Ray Marley.

**International Convention- PID Don Reese** stated that the International Convention will be held in Sydney, Australia, June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2, 2010. Our hotel will be the Crowne Plaza in Darling Harbour. He pointed out that Seattle in 2011 will be the only USA Convention for several years. Lion Tom Himrod mentioned that the USA-Canada Forums will be in Milwaukee, September 23-25, 2010 and Anchorage in 2011.

**MERL Leadership Report** – Ray Marley, Kitty Callender and Jim Brannon propose a membership workshop and will submit a proposal to the Council.

Ray Marley asked for detailed proposals from Lions with ideas for what we would like. Vice District Governor Training was discussed. It is customary for the Multiple District to pay for travel. \$500 is in the budget for travel and expenses. MCC Jensen wondered whether we would train the VDG and the second VDG simultaneously. New Mexico is in charge of the training in 2011. DG Stucker stated she was not reimbursed for travel training last year. PID Marley felt she should have been as it was approved by last year's Council.

PID Marley asked the Council to endorse the recommended candidate for International Second Vice President PID Wayne Madden from Indiana. He is known by PIDs Reese and Marley. MCC Jensen moved and DG Stucker seconded the motion to endorse.

**Extension – PDG Brannon** stated that the Roswell Mariachi president is working on a Carlsbad Mariachi Lions Club, followed by a Las Cruces Mariachi Club. DG Stucker added that efforts continue in Los Lunas. In Mora, ten potential members have been recruited by the Las Vegas Club and PDG Ruben Vigil.

**Retention - PDG Callender** is generating a questionnaire for departing Lions, asking them why they are leaving and what we Lions could have done differently. She submitted a written report as well which proposed distributing directories to all members and reviving communication between clubs. She noted a lack of club visitations, bell stealing and attending other club's events.

Pins were also discussed. PDG Kitty showed a design that is inclusive of our Window Rock Arizona club. Pins are on the way. Shirts with and without pockets are ordered. A written report was submitted.

**Women's Initiative** – Melissa Washburn's report was read. The seminar will be held April 17, 9:30 – 4 p.m. at the Hotel Ruidoso, costing \$30 for early registration. A special guest speaker has been invited.

### **New Business**

**Lions Alert** – DG Stucker was informed by Lions Club International of a program called Lions Alert and asked Lion Bob Grant of the Albuquerque Four Hills Lions Club to follow-up. He is now conducting a monthly community training for emergencies. He is a ham radio operator. The emergency support has already been used on the occasion of two fires and during medical transport when the phone system was not working. He requested assistance in buying a piece of special equipment to improve communication.

On a motion by MCC Jensen and seconded by DG Stucker \$300 was moved from Unallocated Requirements Line Items to this purpose and Bob Grant was named Multiple Committee Chair for Lions Alert.

**Lions Quest** – VDG Marvel was asked by Zia Middle School to provide Lions Quest to a school. The principal and a teacher were already Quest trained. Using previously allocated funds already granted to MD40, the program was put on at a total cost of \$200. \$22,000 remains available and several schools are interested.

Lion Jerry Jones discussed the **New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation Eye Ball** to be held Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn. Details are in the Roar and Flyer. It will be a Dinner Dance with musical entertainment. Rita Lucero is Chair, Jerry Jones, publicity, Shirley Milton, Silent Auction and Karen Trumbull, tickets and reservations.

Tail Twister Jim Brannon announced \$53 collected for the 50-50 raffle and \$5 in fines. Kitty Callender won the 50-50.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Himrod  
Multiple Council  
Secretary-Treasurer