MD40 Council Meeting

May 21, 2016

The Council meeting was held at the Ramada in Las Cruces NM with the meeting being called to order at 1:35 p.m.

In attendance were Lions: CC Jim Brannon, 40S Governor Joe Jaramillo, 40N Governor Randy Rhue, CC Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Washburn, 1st VDG Vern Leavitt, 1st VDG Ruth Wilkes, 2nd VDG Rose Himrod, 2nd VDG Gemma Ferguson, PID Gordon Post, Christel Post, Bill Whatley, Gail Stark, Jane Wells, Bill Bryan, Debbie Bryan, Damon McCarty, Jennifer McCarty, Mel Eperthyener,Bill McKinney, Terry Delzer, Fred Apodaca, Brenda Watson, Roger Freeman, Claudia Jensen, Rick Jensen, Christie Boyer, Jeff Kriz, Lucky Sells, Janice Sells, Nancy Hollenbeck, Wayne Krack, Anna Marvel, John Sakasitz, Linda Hite, Thomas, Merritt, Linda Cuenco, Annie Miller, Bobby Richardson, Bette Reed, Terry Reed, Carl Zimmerman, Elmer Houghton, Bettie Brannon, Larry Mendoza, Tim Ross, Jack Thomas, Bryson McCool, Jimmy Jaramillo, Bob Jeska, Lori Stampley, Jim Hall, Joan Hall, Mona Fredrick, Cathy Kortz, Michael Dugas, Jim McDevitt, Deborrah Gonzalez, James Gonzalez, Philip Vanvern, Jerry Lopeman, George Hartwell, Rick Richardson, Mary Jean Reese, Jennifer Long, Karen Robinson, Joanne McDevitt, Richard Dutchover, Ruben Vigil, Mike Perrone, Tom Himrod, Rita Vigil, Janet Valdes, Celita Castillo and ID Ed Farrington & Elaine Farrington.

* Invocation was led with the Lions Prayer by DG Joe Jaramillo
* Pledge was led by DG Randy Rhue
* Roll Call was done with 13 of 21 members of the cabinet in attendance
* CC Jim Brannon introduced International Director Ed Farrington and his wife Elaine, PID Gordon Post, Both District Governors, and asked all PDG to stand to be recognized
* **Opening comments –**

Council Chair Jim Brannon opened the meeting recognizing the Las Cruces clubs for a great convention and commended the host clubs for doing such a great job. He made mention of how honored he was for receiving the Melvin Jones award.

40N Governor Randy Rhue welcomed all the Lions to Las Cruces and thanked the International Director for the presentation of the Melvin Jones awards during lunch.

40S Governor Joe Jaramillo thanked the International Director and his wife for being with us in New Mexico and he thanked all of the Las Cruces Convention committee for all of their hard work and he asked that they all rise and be recognized. He as well thanked his home club Las Cruces Sunrise for supporting him as District Governor.

* **Minutes –** The minutes were posted on the Lions web site from the last council meeting for review as well as emailed to all council members. Governor Randy moved to accept the minutes, Governor Joe seconded. Motion carried.
* **Treasurer Report–** Report was given by CST Melissa Washburn with a current balance of $8252.12 in the general account and $19624.57 in the convention account with a breakdown of funds as such: $12624.37 holdings for the Band Foundation funds and $7000.00 for the Convention funds. Governor Randy Rhue asked to see the bank statements to audit the balances to make sure they match and Governor Joe looked as well. Governor Randy moved to accept the report, Governor Joe second, motion carried
* **Special Town Hall**: ID Ed Farrington gave a report on membership with the association as well as the changes that the LCI board has made. He spoke about the upcoming International Convention, he as well informed that the Chicago 100th year Convention will be hosted at the McCormick Convention Center and that they are expecting record numbers for registrations. Information was given that there will be a new constitutional area added and it will be in Africa, only 3200 more members are needed. ID Ed entertained any questions the Lions may have had. Elaine Farrington gave a walk down memory lane, she spoke of their family and their 31 years of marriage this December. She had funny stories about the 2 of them and told of their journey as Director and spouse of the board over the past 2 years and was pleased that MD40 was their final Convention of their term.

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* **Old Business –**

Pin contest for the 2016-2017 year for Chicago. CC Jim asked if there were any submissions and there were not. Governor Joe moved to table the contest with the drawings due at the first Council meeting in July, Governor Randy second the motion, motion carried.

* **New Business –**

CC Jim Brannon asked if there were any clubs to make nomination for the MD40 State convention for the 2018 year in the 40S, Jennifer Long and made Nomination for Carlsbad Downtown to host the convention. All Lions in favor, none opposed.

* Celita Castillo with the Santa Fe City Host Club was asked to read a Lions Blessing that she had written for the New Mexico Lions.
* CC Jim asked if there was anyone that would like to make nomination or speak on behalf of the Council Chair candidates. There were two Lions that spoke on behalf of Ruben Vigil and two Lions spoke on behalf of Randy Rhue.
* CST Melissa Washburn explained that there were 3 articles to be voted on that were on the ballot sheet. She read aloud what each proposed change was and announced both candidates. She then read aloud to all Lions in attendance from the official delegate sheet sent from LCI, which clubs were in good standings and allowed to vote. There was a question in regards to Roswell Downtown and it was in error and they were allowed two votes. CST Melissa Washburn did then ask that as the declared delegate’s names are announced to raise their hand and a ballot would be distributed to them. Once all ballots were out, they were then explained to only check one category per article and raise their ballots for collection when finished. The ballots were then given to the voting committee comprised of the 1st and 2nd VDG from both Districts. The committee did then leave the room with the ballots for the count. 1st VDG Ruth Wilkes then gave the final report that:

1. Funds for the Lions Roar and NM Website, Article VII Multiple District Revenue Section 2 to read: Any monies remaining in the website and newsletter fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be transferred to the MD40 Council Admin. Fund - **Yes**
2. Campus Club Members Dues: Campus Club members between the ages of leagal majority and thirty years of age only pay one-half the annual Multiple District and District dues. Students and Campus Club members over the age of thirty would pay full Multiple and District dues. – **Yes**
3. 2016-2017 MD40 Council Chair: **PDG Ruben Vigil**

* Lion Bill Whatley made motion that the Ballots be destroyed, Lion Melissa Washburn 2nd motion, motion carried.
* Council Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Washburn will hand off the books to incoming Secretary/Treasurer Bill Whatley in Albuquerque, at that time, all named signers on the MD40 account and the convention account shall come off and reflect only Secretary/Treasurer Bill Whatley and Council Chair Ruben Vigil as account signers.
* Committee Reports –

All Committee chairs were asked to email reports ahead of time to the District Governors, Council Chair and the Council Secretary/Treasurer as there would not be any verbal reports given at the final meeting.

* Special Guest speaker: Dr. Juan Lucero spoke of the “Juarez Orphans”
* Mike Perrone awarded gifts to the top 4 Lions in the Centennial knowledge contest: 1st place - DG elect Vern Leavitt, 2nd place - Lion Mary Jean Reese, 3rd place 2nd VDG Gemma Ferguson and in 4th place – DG Randy Rhue.
* Both DG Joe Jaramillo and Randy Rhue gave awards to their cabinet for all of their hard work.
* Tail twister interim Johnny and Austin Washburn collected $268.00 for the 50/50 drawing with $134.00 going to Lion Joann McDevitt
* Meeting adjourned at 4:05

These minutes have been prepared and signed off by Council Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Washburn, this 23rd Day of May, 2016.

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