

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44

CHARLENE B. PROVENCAL, COUNCIL CHAIR

CORRECTED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING

CAT N' FIDDLE RESTAURANT, CONCORD, NH

Call to Order: Council Chair Charlene Provencal

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Cheryl Powers Invocation: ID Ed Lecius

Patriotic Song: PCC Roger Latulippe Lions Toast: DG Phil Flynn

Attendance: MCC Charlene Provencal, DG Phil Flynn, DG Forrest Powers, VDG Celeste Ricupero, VDG Don Potter, ID Ed Lecius, PCC Roger Latulippe, PCC Bruce Ribolini, PDG Gary Rodgers, IPDG Terri McGrew, MCST Jeri Maynard, CST-44N Meg Ager, Lions, Linda Ribolini, Cheryl Powers, Deedee Latulippe, Bill Brown, Jerry Vaccaro, Joe Kasper

Parliamentary Procedure: ID Ed Lecius: Voting members of the Council are the two District Governors with the Council Chair voting in case of a tie. Motions may only be made and seconded by voting members of the Council. All Lions in attendance are welcome to participate in any discussion on the floor.

October 23 Financial Report: MCST Jeri Maynard: Motion to accept financial report, subject to audit, made by DG Phil Flynn 2nd by DG Forrest Powers. Motion carried, financial report accepted.

July 31, 2008 Council Minutes: MCST Jeri Maynard: Motion to accept 7/31/08 minutes, as corrected, by DG Phil Flynn; 2nd by DG Forrest Powers. Motion passed, 8/31/08 minutes accepted.

MidWinter Convention: CC Charlene Provencal: MidWinter will be January ~~30~~ February 1, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza. Registration forms are in the DG's newsletters. International 2nd Vice President Sid Schruggs will be the guest speaker. Entertainment for Friday night is being planned

Membership/Development: IPDG Terri McGrew: 44N will host another Extension Workshop February 28-March 4, 2009*. The new Tilton Club has 5 paid members and 6 other new members. The new Franklin Club has gotten off to a slow start.

*After the meeting, the dates for the 44H Extension workshop were corrected to Saturday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

DG Phil Flynn: 44H will have an extension workshop on December 5-6, 2008 at the Dreyer Holloway Car Dealership in Greenland NH. The target area is Epping, New Hampshire; the Exeter Club will be the Host Club. The Guiding Lion has been selected and the MERL Team will consist of PDG Mike Baillargeon, PDG Stanley Brothers and VDG Celeste Ricupero

International Relations: ID Ed Lecius: The Fall Board Meeting is in Maui, Hawaii. There has been discussion regarding the rule that a District must have 35 Clubs/1250 members to have an International Director run for election to the International Board. Some Districts do not meet this requirement but still have very qualified individuals. The "Rebranding Program" is in the next phase which is advertising and billboards. Reception of the

new logo seems to be going well. The deadline for contributing to CSFII and designating the donation towards a Melvin Jones had been extended to December 31, 2008.

Health Services Board: VDG Celeste Ricupero: The OKS Program is going well; the cameras are constantly out on loan. The school screenings also seem to be going well with the vision and hearing machines being solidly booked.

Lions Net: PDG Gary Rodgers: haven't had many requests for help. There are a few sites available for interested clubs. Some clubs have not had much activity with their sites and may be asked to give them up if the site is needed by a new club.

Lions Youth Services: President Linda Ribolini: The Youth Services Board has a new meeting place: the Holiday Inn Express in Manchester, off Exit 2, Rte 293. This new location is working out well and the attendance is good. The Board has workers assigned to help from the CSEP, a training program for individuals 50 years and older which enables them to return to the work force. Individuals work 20 hours per week and are paid by this federally funded program. Lion Phil Verrill is trying to get them a work space. Next year's Fisher Cats Baseball Game Night will be on June 27th and will feature fireworks. Upgrading the section that we sit in is in the works. The Patriotic Essay will now be run in District 44N as well as 44H. Lion Joan Lynch and PDG Joe Caouette will supervise the program in both Districts. The website www.LionsYouthServices.org has been updated. The Board still has one 44N Director vacancy.

Sight & Hearing Foundation: President Jerry Vaccaro: The Open house at the NH Association for the Blind went very well. Over 80 Lions, representing 37 Clubs, mostly 44N, were represented. Booklets for each club containing information sheets/forms were distributed to each club in attendance. The Haunted House needs help for the upcoming weekends. Over \$23,000.00 has been spent on Projects so far this year which is about one half of the total spent last year, i.e. donations are needed. The Endowment Fund is losing money. The \$210,000.00 donation received from "My Greatest Dream" Foundation has been deposited into a separate account.

Twin Soccer: President Jerry Vaccaro: The games are in their 35th year. The Board has new members. ***This*** year \$7500.00 ***will be*** given to the NH Sight & Hearing Foundation and the same amount given to Vermont's charitable organization. The calendar raffle was a success and this year's tickets are already printed.

Uniforms & Resolutions: Lion Joe Kasper: There has been a steep increase in the price of the Red Jackets. George's Clothing Store in Manchester will still carry them. "Shirts Happen" has linked their website to the MD Website. There are a variety of colors for Lions shirts which may be ordered directly from them. New patches and emblems for our jackets and shirts are being worked on. The vendors will be at MidWinter Convention on Saturday with samples of their products.

Resolutions: A resolution for the District to ***endorse the 2nd International Vice Presidential Candidate from China, Wing Tam,*** will be presented. ID Ed would like the sub districts 44H and 44N to take a vote of support and bring that to the MD meeting MidWinter. All resolutions for MidWinter must be in 45 days before the Convention.

Vision 2009: IPDG Terri McGrew: The Vision 2009 weekend will be April 24-26, 2009. We have found some new ways to save money which means that we can invite more people can be invited to participate. The room rates have been lowered and the savings from that alone will allow 16 more people to come to the weekend. The Easter Seals Society will do the busing for the weekend

Old Business:

- **Tornado Relief Project:** DG Phil Flynn: We requested and received from LCIF a \$10,000.00 grant for the victims of the tornados last summer. So far, over \$9,000.00 in gift cards, to be used for food, clothing, etc, have been given out. In turn, we have received many thank you calls from the recipients.

New Business:

Announcements:

- Next Meeting will be at the MidWinter Convention, January 31, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza
- New England Council Meeting in Marlboro, Mass, November 1-2

Remarks:

- VDG Don Potter" ...it's a privilege to be here...thank you to all the clubs who came to the Open House...
- VDG Celeste Ricupero: "...excellent meeting...informational...good job from everyone..."
- DG Forrest: "...pleased with the 44N turnout at the S&H Open House...have stressed the importance of attending; over 50% of clubs complied...sent a copy of 44N newsletter to **ID Dana Briggs and the Group Leader in Bangkok and both** have responded to each...been to 25 clubs, after December, only 5-6 **will** remain... working on areas that need help...some members need induction and/or orientation...For the record: any bad comments about me **should be put into the records**...have tried to do what is right...
- DG Phil: "...DG Forrest said it all...sorry that 44H was underrepresented at the Open House- Friday Night is not the best night...visitations are going well..."

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeri Maynard, MCST