

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44

CHARLENE B. PROVENCAL, COUNCIL CHAIR

CORRECTED MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING

CAT N' FIDDLE RESTAURANT, CONCORD, NH

Call to Order: Council Chair Charlene Provencal

Pledge of Allegiance: DG Phil Flynn

Invocation: ID Ed Lecius

Patriotic Song: DG Forrest Powers

Lions Toast: PCC Bruce Ribolini

Attendance: MCC Charlene Provencal, DG Phil Flynn, DG Forrest Powers, VDG Celeste Ricupero, ID Ed Lecius, PCC Roger Latulippe, PCC Bruce Ribolini, PCC Peter deMoya, PCC Charles Vars, **PCC** Don Ager, IPDG Terri McGrew, PDG Stanley Brothers, MCST Jeri Maynard, CST-44H John Deschenes, CST-44N Meg Ager, Lions Bob Laferriere, Jeff Brothers, Evelyn Flynn, Linda Ribolini, Jerry Vaccaro, Gene Maier

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.

2007-2008 Financial Report: PMCST Meg Ager: Report shows the audited balance as of July 22, 2008. ID Fund money was transferred into a CD. Motion to accept final 2007-08 financial report made by DG Forrest Powers; 2nd by DG Phil Flynn. Motion carried, financial report accepted.

2008-2009 Budget: MCST Jeri Maynard: Budget was prepared based upon 2479 members in District 44 and presented in two formats. DG Forrest Powers moved to accept the 2008-09 budget after suggested figures be included; 2nd by DG Phil Flynn. *Discussion: MCST advised to use the format that was the most comfortable for her to use. Suggestions for "tweaking" the budget were offered by several persons and will be included in the budget presented at the Cabinet meeting.* Motion passed, 2008-09 budget accepted.

International Convention: ID Ed Lecius: The New England Lions marched together in the International Parade. Representatives from each state helped carry the banner. It is hoped that this will continue in the future when the New England delegation is small. The next international convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 6 through July 10, 2009.

At the Board Meeting, the position of 2nd Vice District Governor was formally approved. This position will not be mandatory but guidelines will be published shortly for those Districts that decide to go forward with it. The position of 2nd DG was created to make it easier to be a District Governor. Clubs will be visited earlier in the year; especially the clubs in need of help. There were some minor changes in the by-law language and an increase in the Presidential Medals because of an increase in world-wide membership.

CSFII: ID Ed Lecius: CSFII was a huge success. There are 150 Districts in our Constitutional Area. District 44-N came in at #17 by meeting and surpassing their goal; 44H came in at #46 and met 80% of their goal. Sector Co-coordinator Ed Lecius ranked #26.

International Relations: ID Ed Lecius: The speakers for all three conventions have been selected. International 2nd Vice President Sidney Scruggs will be the guest at the MidWinter Convention in January. ID Wayne Davis from Virginia will be the guest at the 44H Convention and ID Dana Briggs will be the guest at the 44N Convention.

Global Management Teams (GMT) will be set up for three year commitments. A presentation by PID Mike Butler will be given at the NE Lions Training Forum in September. District 44H is in crisis with membership and number of clubs down. Rhode Island and Vermont will not have a candidate in rotation for ID because of their membership numbers so rotation is now between NH, MA, and ME.

The NE Lions Council Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 noon on September 7, 2008 and will feature bag pipes (instead of an organist), a soloist from Connecticut, and a minister from Maine.

USA/Canada Forum: VDG Celeste Ricupero: Forum will be held Saskatoon, Canada September 18-20. Hope to have the brochures for the August Cabinet meetings.

Sight & Hearing Foundation: President Jerry Vaccaro: Several projects have already come in for the new year and it promises to be a record year for grants. The Annual Sight & Hearing Foundation Open House will be held on Friday, September 19th at the NH Association for the Blind, McGreal Center. There will be tours of the facilities and a question and answer period. Letters will be going out to the clubs shortly as well as information in both DGs' September newsletters.

The Haunted House will run October 17-19, 24-26, and 31 at the Fisher Cats stadium. New Lions need to be encouraged to participate.

The Foundation has been the recipient of a \$200,000.00+ bequest from the "My Greatest Dream" Project. This Foundation ran for 28 years and helped fulfill the dreams of terminally ill individuals. Now the project has been discontinued and, according to their by-laws, any remaining funds were to be disbursed to the NH Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. The matter is still in the lawyer's hands.

GSFs are still available. The goal is to award the remaining 10 before November so that new plaques may be ordered.

Membership/Development: No report

LCIF: LCIF Donor pins will be purchased in the same manner as last year. Interested persons will download the form and mail in their donation to get their pin. The reasons for the change in procedure are varied but are mainly because of accountability and currency exchange issues. The annual LCIF dinner will be held on February 21, 2009 in Connecticut. LCIF has given 3.6 million dollars to New England.

Lions Net: PDG Don Ager has requested a space on the District's website for the NH Pin Traders Association. DG Forrest Powers moved that MCC Charlene contact District Webmaster Gary Rodgers about the feasibility of acquiring more space on the website for the pin traders; 2nd by DG Phil. Motion passed.

Health Services Board: Chairman Bob Laferriere: The last meeting was held on July 22nd. The old OKS cameras (MTI photo screeners) will be given to Dr. Scholl for use in third world countries. They are no longer of any value. Attendance at the Eye Clinics has been low and some of the scheduled dates have been cancelled. The Seacoast Clinic still has "not taken off" yet. The "Families First" social services program has inquired about the possibility of using our clinics for their program.

Vision 2009: IPDG Terri McGrew: There were 84 participants at the Holiday Inn in Salem for the 2008 Blind Bowlers weekend. The Manchester Lions baked homemade cookies, the Salem and Windham Clubs were on hand throughout the weekend to help out, and Rockingham Park donated dealers to teach the participants Texas Hold-Em. Now looking for new ideas for next year's program and have contacted NH Association for the Blind for suggestions. The Vision 2008/9 Committee has been restructured. Officers will now be elected, will serve a two-year term, and will alternate between 44H and 44N. This year's officers are as follows: Chair- IPDG Terri McGrew, Vice Chair- Dottie Chasse, Secretary/Treasurer- PDG Nancy Nye. The Committee will keep their own checkbook but have switched to TD BankNorth and will be using a one-write system. The Committee will remain under the

HSB and will submit a monthly update and year-end accounting to them. Now in the process of getting multiple quotes for buses and hotels for next year's 2009 weekend so as to insure getting the best package available.

Lions Youth Services: President Linda Ribolini: The yearly retreat was held last week and much was accomplished. The audit has been completed satisfactorily. The Lions Night at the Fisher Cats ball game will be on August 16th; tickets are **\$8.00** and are still available. Camp Allen is asking for sponsors to send their campers to the game. The committee would like to change their meeting place to someplace in Manchester as all Board members are from Southern NH. Currently looking for a suitable place. The Board is still collecting grocery receipts from Shaw's markets which may be redeemed for 1% of their value. There may be a yearly cap on the amount reimbursed. The Lions Quest Program is revamping. Lions Ellis Ring and Bonnie St. Jean will partner with Granite State College to meet with representatives from various school systems. The new ***emphasis will be to talk to school curriculum committees to see if we have a course to fill their goals for the year. Teachers need to take the courses deemed necessary to fulfill the goals set for the year by the school district.***

Twin State Soccer: DG Forrest Powers: All teams had a full roster this year, even after a few students had to be replaced at the last minute. The Girls' teams tied at 1-1 and the Vermont Boys' Team beat NH Boys by 3-0. The Calendar Raffle grossed about \$15,000.00 and the ticket sales were \$4,000.00. The final report is not in yet but predict that we will surpass last year's figures.

Old Business:

- **MD Audits:** PCC Charlie Vars, Lion Jeff Brothers: The Multiple District, the Health Service Board, and the Vision 2008 financial accounts/ bank statements were all audited on July 22, 2008 and found to be in good order. The MD audit included the bank account and CD account. Kudos to all treasurers for exemplary record keeping.
- **New Club Extension:** IPDG Terri McGrew: The LCI Extension Workshop was held May 20, 21, and 22 at the Delta Dental Building in Concord. Lion Joe Kasper and the Delta Dental Corp provided snacks, lunches, envelopes, and postage. Training was held in the classroom from 8:00-12:00 and, after lunch, participants canvassed the local businesses in the Franklin/Tilton areas. On Day 3, the Guiding Lions guidelines were presented. On Day 1, there were 10 participants, Day 2 had 12 participants and Day 3 had 11 participants for a total of 33 (which was considered a high participation rate by the LCI trainer, John Barnett). The Tilton/Northfield Club (44H) area has five paid members and the Franklin Club (44N), with five paid members, has decided to start out as a branch club with the Andover Club. They have already had three meetings. Both clubs will need continued support. The extension training program has provided our MD with 10 new Guiding Lions and 10 new Lions. In addition, the Nashua Club hopes to sponsor a new club in Hollis. PCC Ray Hill and IPDG Terri will continue to visit clubs that have asked for help and will specifically target clubs with less than twenty members.

New Business:

- **Lighted Heart Group:** IPDG Terri McGrew: The Lighted Heart Group is a support group for the blind with 20-30 members between Concord and Nashua. Some of their members participate in the Vision_ weekends as well as winter week-ends at the East Hill Farm in Troy, NH. The cost of the winter week-ends is currently at \$180.00 for 3 nights/9 meals. This cost is very low because of the huge discount given by the East Hill Farm. However, since 70% of the Blind are unemployed, many are still not able to participate in these week-ends. The group has asked IPDG Terri to ask the Lions for help. IPDG Terri hesitates to ask any Lion or Lions Club to extend their resources any further than they do now but did promise the group that she, personally, would organize a raffle to raise funds for them. IPDG Terri will solicit all the prizes and is asking only for permission to sell the raffle tickets at the Cabinet meetings. Permission was granted with the following suggestions being made: Put the information about the group

into the DGs' newsletters and let the Lions decide if they want to help out and to also prepare a S&H Project request and apply for a grant from the S&H Foundation. The goal of the Lighted Heart Group is to send 150 members to these winter week-ends.

Announcements:

- DG Phil Flynn announced that he has contacted LCIF regarding the recent tornado devastation and has been awarded a \$10,000.00 grant to help out the areas that were damaged. He and ID Ed Lecius will meet with the clubs that service the damaged areas (Epsom, Chichester, Pittsfield, Barnstead, Alton, New Durham, Deerfield) to see how this grant can be best used and what guidelines to set in place. Hopefully, we will get some media coverage.
- DG Forrest Powers announced that a woman from Alstead had written to LCIF about the possibility of getting eyeglasses for both her and her husband. LCIF contacted the Charleston Club and, happily, the couple is on their way to get their new glasses.
- ID Ed Lecius, during his invocation, mentioned that the theme of the new ID President Al Brandell is "Everyday Heroes". The woman that was killed, while protecting her infant grandson during the tornado, was a former Portsmouth Lion and a good example of an "everyday hero".
- PDG Don Ager: The Annual Hillsboro Club Fun Night will be held on Tuesday, October 28th; the theme will be Halloween. All clubs are invited to attend- more info to be forthcoming.

Remarks:

- VDG Celeste Ricupero: "...as always, a good meeting with lots of good information..."
- DG Forrest: "...well on our way for a good year...have good ideas for membership...will be holding a session on membership, retention, extension during the morning of the Cabinet Meeting (8/10)..."
- DG Phil: "...productive meeting...looking forward to going to DG Forrest's 'fine cabinet meeting'...the following week, we will have another 'fine meeting'...bring money...dress code will be the District casual uniform..."

Meeting adjourned at 8:51PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeri Maynard, MCST