

Attendance: 17 Clubs, 38 Members  
Pledge: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gwen White  
Invocation: PDG Jim Boehm  
Parliamentarian: PDG Bob Rasberry  
Roll Call: Cabinet Sec.-Treas. Jana D. Underwood

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the August 16, 2009 cabinet meeting were presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood. A motion was made by PDG Paul Shaw and seconded by PDG Jerry Hughes to approve the minutes as presented, motion carried unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

The financial report was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jana D. Underwood. A motion was made by Lion Frances Jordan and seconded by Lion Robert Gordon to approve the financial report as presented, motion carried unanimously.

### **Audit Report**

The Audit Report of the Lion's year 2008-2009 was presented by PDG Charles Holleman. A motion was made by Lion Frances Jordan and seconded by Lion Garry Elliott to approve the audit report as presented, motion carried unanimously.

### **Opening Remarks by DG Bob Walton**

- The concept of the new building at Camp Dogwood has been approved by the Foundation; however, it will not be started until the Udovich dorm is paid off. The new building will take the place of the two duplexes.
- Council of Governors discussed the idea of pooling advertising dollars and purchase TV ads promoting Lions Club and same to be produced by PDG Paul Bledsoe. Each district will contribute \$750 and apply to LCI for matching funds.
- International President Werfs has named the month of January, 2010 as "Lions in Sight" in which fundraising projects will promote our Lions Clubs.
- Emphasis needs to be placed on membership throughout our district.

In response to DG Walton's report of the advertising project announced by the Council of Governors, PDG Rhett White made motion District 31J provide \$750 to the Council of Governors from the budget advertising match line item, subject however, to the match to be made by LCI, seconded by Lion Garry Elliott. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Zone 1**

Lion Jan Underwood presented report for Zone Chairman Chris Hardee of successful zone social held at First Flight Lions Club and attended by Manteo, First Flight, Nags Head, Lower Currituck and Wanchese clubs.

#### **Zone 3**

Chairman Ed Sawyer thanked everyone for their roll in making the VIP Fishing Tournament such a success. He also thanked those who participated in the recent talent show in his zone.

#### **Zone 4**

Chairman Jerry Hughes reported that the Washington Evening Lions Club charter night was successful. He also commented that Zone 4 anticipates a social in the near future.

#### **Zone 5**

Chairman Betz Blowe reported a successful Jungle Prowler and zone meeting.

#### **Zone 6**

Chairman Larry DeBruhl informed the cabinet that his zone has been very busy and highlighted the bus load to the VIP Fishing Tournament, selling Camp Dogwood tickets, preparing stews for fundraiser by the Davie Club, the cookoff and carnival of the Seaboard Club and the Gaston club with peanut sales.

### **Past District Governor's Report**

Past District Governor Alex Thannikkary reported that the Past District Governors met in Williamston and that there was discussion regarding the ability of the District's White Cane chair. PDG Mike Flora agreed to accept the position as Chair. It was later determined that 2nd VDG should remain in the position as Chair.

### **Blind Center**

Chairman PDG Jerry Hughes thanked the cabinet and the District clubs for the support of the Blind Center and asked for continued support and donations.

## **Boys and Girls Home**

Chair Garry Elliott reported that the Seaboard Lions donated \$250 to the Lions Cottage boys to buy their Christmas presents. He further stated that the Jaycees cottage that has been in the past traditionally all male now has 9 young ladies.

## **Camp Dogwood**

Chairman PDG Mike Flora reported that raffle book sales need to be increased. The goal is three books per member. The value of two books goes to maintaining Camp Dogwood and the value of one book goes toward paying off the debt at Camp Dogwood. The winning ticket gets a car! This year the selling Lions wins a gift certificate.

PDG Mike Flora announced that Doubletree has reduced their rate to \$79 for our Midwinter Convention to be held in Rocky Mount January 8 and 9. He reminded the Cabinet that the sale of ads for the program will defray costs for the convention. He also reported that visually impaired International Director Wasserman from Minnesota will be the speaker.

## **Celebrate Liberty**

Chairman Harriet Edmunds reported that the state annual liberty pins will be honoring the veterans and will be available for purchase later in the year. The annual program will be at a veteran's hospital, with districts joining adjacent districts that have a VA hospital. Chairman Harriet has provided written articles for district newsletters as well as planned and provided the program for Celebrate Liberty at a recent zone social in Zone 1.

Hertford Lions Club President Walter Schmitt notified the Cabinet that the Hertford Lions collect stamps for the military and that it was a good way of providing a service to them.

## **Clinical Eye Research**

PDG Charles Holleman reported as Chair of Clinical Eye Research that there are no more ongoing programs for equipment. The last \$196,000 grant was finished with UNC this year. It was acknowledged that PDG Lou Creel has been selling pins for the last 10-15 years and has raised approximately \$130,000 that goes toward clinical eye research.

## **History**

Although Historian Chairman was not present to give report, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gwen White related information about the historical publication from 1988 to present time and that every club is encouraged to contribute their club's history.

## **White Cane**

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gloria Bowser informed Cabinet of who she called for programs and who has not responded to her by returning her phone calls.

## **Jack Stickley**

Chairman PDG Jim Boehm reflected that money is tight but he is hopeful that some clubs will give the Jack Stickley award to their members.

## **LCIF/Diabetes/Organ Procurement**

Chair Jan Holleman through PDG Charles Holleman reported that Clubs should try to encourage the awarding of and the promotion of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. As regards organ procurement, it was emphasized that we need to educate/inform our families of our intentions to donate our organs.

## **Leader Dogs**

Chairman Lois Moore of Leader Dogs encouraged the cabinet to call her for presentations. She reported that during a jungle prowler in Zone 1 she was able to collect \$150 after giving her Leader Dog program. She also related that the Leader Dogs have told her “to change the name of the tail twisters”!

## **M.E.R.L. Team/Retention**

Lion Frances Jordan, Retention Chairman of the M.E.R.L. team, reported that the MERL team work proved successful by the actual charter of the Washington Evening Lions Club on November 10, 2009.

## **M.E.R.L. Team/Extention**

PDG Alex Thannikkary, Extension Chairman of the MERL team, likewise reported that the chartering of the Washington Evening Lions Club was a group walk. It took the efforts of many persons.

## **Memorials/Honorariums**

PDG Paul Shaw, Chairman of Memorials/Honorariums, requested that the clubs represented at the Cabinet meeting should stress “funeral homes” to their club members. The procedure is to notify Chairman Paul with the Lion’s death, providing him with the name of the surviving spouse/family member, mailing address, and Chairman Paul will contact the Cabinet Secretary for further action with NCLF. At the end of the Lion year a ceremony of remembrance will be held at the state convention at which time the decedent’s name will be announced.

## **Peace Poster**

Lion Adrienne Makowski, Chairman of the Peace Poster, reported that she had received only one poster for the contest from Columbia. She expressed her desire to have more participation through the district.

PDG Mike Flora, reminded the cabinet of the promotion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of NCLF with the purchase of pins, shirts, and banquet tickets.

## **Public Information**

Lion Harriet Edmunds, Co-Chairman of Public Information, informed the cabinet that the newsletter for October is available.

She also reminded the group that email (blitz) is available for district chairmen to use by sending to Harriet the information that needs to be emailed.

## **State Convention**

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gwen White announced the State convention will be in Asheville May 29, which said date was based on the availability of International President Elect Sid Scruggs who would be able to attend. Past International President Jim Irving will make remarks at the Convention.

## **VIP Fishing Tournament**

Chairman Gwen White reported that there were 519 participants at the fishing tournament, 76 counties attending. The fundraiser golf ball drop is scheduled for November 18, 2009.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Van/LEHP**

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gwen White, on behalf of Lion Billy McKee, Chairman of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision Van/LEHP, informed the cabinet that a problem arose because there was not a backup driver in case of illness but the Foundation President John Miller stepped in and saved the scheduled event. It was pointed out that plans need to be revised so that in the event of an emergency/illness that there would be a backup driver so that events would not suffer.

## **Volunteers**

Lion Harry Mann, Chairman of Volunteers, reported that there was a fall clean up at Camp Dogwood and that Spring Clean up will be held April 11 through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **Youth Exchange**

PDG Rhett White, Chairman of Youth Exchange reported that the guidelines for selection of youth for the exchange will in the future have a Lions Club background.

PDG Rhett made motion that the District send \$500 of designated youth exchange funds to the State Council for the state youth exchange, seconded by Lion Harriet Edmunds. Motion passed unanimously.

PDG Rhett White also announced that there is still one active Leo Club, at First Flight High School; however, schools require that a teacher be the advisor and the current advisor has gone out on maternity leave. There may be a prospective LEO club in Wilson.

NCLF Treasurer PDG Charles Holleman informed the cabinet that NCLF is changing its name to North Carolina Lions Services, Inc. It was recommended that the word "Foundation" be taken out of the corporate name.

No further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana D. Underwood, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer