

Minutes – 4th Cabinet Meeting
District 37
April 29, 2018, Butte, Montana

The fourth District 37 Cabinet Meeting for the 2017-2018 Lionistic year was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by DG Lary Garrison.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, District Chaplain Elaine Black offered the Invocation. Attendees and guests were recognized.

A motion was made by DGE Dennis Kopitzke with a second by PDG Dan Sturdevant to approve the *minutes of the January 17, 2018* Cabinet meeting as distributed. Carried.

DG Lary presented the Financial Report. A motion was made by PDG Jack Beckman with a second by 2nd VDE Mike Collins to approve the *Treasurer's report* as presented. Carried.

DG Lary thanked the DG Team and Cabinet members for their service and support during this past Lionistic year. International guest PIP Joe Preston complimented the District leadership team for guiding District 37 in the right direction.

OLD BUSINESS:

DG Lary introduced and congratulated 2nd VDGE Mike Collins from the Kalispell Lions Club.

PDG Steve Hadnagy presented a *preliminary District Convention report*. 125 were registered for the convention with an additional 20 persons for the Saturday evening banquet – very encouraging to see an increase in attendance. There were a few minor glitches, but all in all a great convention.

Conference Call Feedback – January Cabinet Meeting – Consensus that it worked well, Participants appreciated not having to travel during the winter. Suggested that it would be wise to plan ahead if conference calling is used for future meetings – i.e. distribution of pertinent materials prior to the meeting. 2nd VDGE Mike mentioned a commercial product that might work well for the District in the future.

The District Governor team gave an update on *club visitations*. It has been challenging to arrange some of the club visitations due to the inclement weather this past winter. It is hoped that all clubs will be visited before the end of the Lionistic year.

Rocky Mountain DGE School – DGE Dennis and 1st VDGE Verna both reported that the training was well worth the time invested. They recommend that it would definitely be worthwhile for both the 1st VDGE and 2nd VDGE to attend next year's session as the material covered will change. The "Smart Training" that was held in San Francisco is especially geared for 1st VDG's and focuses on establishing goals, etc.

Chair 1st VDGE Verna reported that the *2018-2019 District Forum* is scheduled for December 7 & 8, 2018 at the Quality Inn in Butte. Plans are progressing. A contract has been secured. The Forum theme will be “Getting Back to Basics”.

2018 International Convention, June 28 – July 1, Las Vegas, NV

Transportation update – An extra travel day and additional expenses that would be incurred (motel and meals for driver, parking for bus, etc.) makes the option of chartering a bus to travel to Las Vegas not feasible.

Parade Dress – PID Dave Hajny had several sample sizes of a denim vest. A motion was made by PCC Ben Apeland with a second by PDG Jim Johnke to purchase multiple sizes of the vest. Carried. Discussion held as to the design for the back of the vest. Consensus of the Cabinet for the following design: an outline of the state below the word “Montana” with “37” below the outline and a lion in the middle of the state. A motion was made by PDG Jim Johnke with a second by PDG Steve Hadnagy to approve the agreed upon design. Carried. PID Dave will order vests in the sizes selected for Cabinet members wishing to purchase a vest along with 16 additional vests in multiple sizes. All vests will be embroidered and the extras will be available for purchase. The official parade dress will be jeans, white shirt, denim vest, comfortable black walking shoes and a western straw hat.

Parade Banner – PCC Ben Apeland has been in discussion with a Billings firm on the design for a new district banner. After consulting with Lion Sue Hanson, it was determined that the current banner could be remodeled for \$300, roughly half the cost for a new banner.

District Flags – PCC Ben introduced the concept of having four flags representing the four regions of the District. PCC Ben is working with Lion Sue and will have more to report later.

PID Dave Hajny reported that the committee discussing the possibility of promoting a Rocky Mountain International Director candidate is scheduled to meet at the International Convention. He will have an update for the July Cabinet meeting.

DG Lary reported that the District had received a letter from PID Brian Sheehan, candidate for 3rd IVP at the 2018 Las Vegas convention, thanking us for our support.

A motion was made by PID Tom Lehman to endorse the candidacy of PID Patti Hill for 3rd IVP at the 2019 International Convention in Milan. The motion was seconded by PDG Jack Beckman. Carried. The International “powers that be” will be notified as appropriate.

LCIF Grants Update – Ennis (Senior Center) – project almost complete, looking forward to grand opening soon; Baker (Emergency Preparedness Electric Generator) – grant request has been withdrawn; Fort Benton (Hospital Remodel) – in preliminary review process.

Several clubs are in the early stages of requesting a grant: Laurel (park and pond fishing dock and pathway for elderly and handicapped); Sidney (library update – children’s section); Lolo (park equipment); Superior (handicap equipment for swimming pool replacement; Winnett (senior/health center).

2013 37N Emergency Grant - PCC Ben Apeland and DG Lary are working with the Past District Governors from the old District 37 N to re-submit a final past due report for a grant received for flood relief in Medicine Hat, AB. LCIF acknowledges receiving the photos but has misplaced the final financial report. (It was noted by 37-N leadership that photos and financial report were included in the same envelope.)

1st VDGE Verna reported that the *2018-19 District Leadership Retreat* is scheduled for October 5th and 6th in Butte. A preliminary contract has been secured. Plans are on track for an excellent retreat. The planning committee has reviewed the selection procedure process. 1st VDGE Verna will handle the retreat registrations.

DG Lary reported that several zones are planning socials. Zone Chairs have been reminded that they have \$100 budgeted for their respective socials.

Campus Club Updates – Western Montana, Dillon – have three signed up, will be doing another push for members in August, hoping to get enough signed up to form a Branch Club; Rocky Mountain, Billings – have three signed up, looking to re-group in August; MSU Bozeman – not enough interest at this time; Carroll College, Helena – PDG Dan Sturdevant is working with the college, very challenging.

USA/Canada Forum, September 20-22, 2018, Columbus Ohio – 1st VDGE Verna, PCC Ben and 2nd VDGE Mike (tentatively) are planning to attend. Looks like it will be an excellent Forum.

PDG Dan Sturdevant shared a concern from the MLSHF Trustees. Local clubs aren't aware of what the Foundation does. Education needs to be done stressing to the clubs that it is "your" foundation. At times it has been challenging to obtain local club support for an assistance application. PDG Dan said that it is heartbreaking when it is necessary to deny assistance for someone who is truly needy for lack of local club support.

NEW BUSINESS

DGE Dennis reported that almost all project chair positions have been filled for the *2018-2019 Cabinet*. Zone Chairs are still needed for Zones 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9. The 2018-2019 budget is in process and will be finalized by the July Cabinet meeting.

The District Advisory Committee has recommended the following *Policy Manual wording updates* to the Cabinet for approval. (Changes were previously approved by the District Cabinet.)

Article 4, Section G – Claims for Reimbursement – Strike the following sentence: All claims must be made to the Cabinet on or before the 15 of September of the Lionistic year following their attendance. Replace with the following sentence: **All claims for reimbursement must be presented for payment no more than 45 days after the training event.** (Motion by PCC Dan Krum Seconded by PDG Richard Gessling. Passed.)

Article 4, Section I – Campus Clubs – add the following: **The District will waive a campus club’s District membership dues for 1 year. The year will be the year the club is established.** (Motion by Lion Jerry Leggate second by 2nd VDG Verna Love to establish this policy. Passed.)

DGE Dennis Kopitzke made a motion to approve the Policy Manual wording updates. The motion was seconded by PDG Monte Weisser. Carried.

The guidelines for the *Friendship Committee* as outlined in Article 10 of the District Policy Manual were discussed. PCC Ben Apeland presented a proposed Policy Manual update. Following discussion with one minor addition, PDG Dan Studevart made a motion to approve the update. The motion was seconded by PDG Monte Weisser. Carried. (Approved revision of Article 10: Friendship Committee may be found at the conclusion of these minutes.)

Discussion held regarding the selection process for the *District Hall of Fame* Honoree. A motion was made by 2nd VDGE Mike Collins with a second by PDG Jack Beckman to leave the current policy in place. Carried.

Plans are progressing well for the *2018 – 2019 District Convention* scheduled for April 26-27, 2019 in Sidney.

2019-2020 Convention – Discussion held regarding the convention location - Bozeman or Glendive. District leadership was unaware prior to the convention that the Glendive Lions Club planned to bid for hosting the convention. 1st VDGE Verna had been in discussion with the Bozeman Sweet Pea Club about hosting. Due to time constraints the Sweet Pea Club was not able to present a formal bid at the convention. If there is a commitment from the Sweet Pea Club by either the June Advisory Committee meeting or July Cabinet meeting, District leaders will negotiate with the clubs. The Glendive club is willing to step back for a year and host the Convention for the 2020-2021 Lionistic year.

2018-2019 Officer Training – Officer Training will be emphasized at the District Forum “Getting Back to Basics”.

PDG Jack Beckman on behalf of the Lions Clubs of Great Falls and in partnership with the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind is requesting *District Endorsed Project status* to proceed with a goal to raise about \$150,000 to procure 50 magnifying readers for visually impaired children in the state of Montana. PID Dave Hajny reported that the Endorsed Project review committee had reviewed the request and found the project extremely worthy of the approval of District 37 adding it to our Endorsed Project list. PDG Jim Johnke made the motion with a second by 1st VDGE Verna Love to grant Endorsed Project status for the MSDB Digital Reader Units. Carried.

Region and Zone Chair Reports – There were no Region Chair reports. Zone Chair reports were given by PDG Jim Johnke (Zone 11) and Lion Jessica Falcon (Zone 3).

Written Zone Chair reports were received from Lion Jessica and PDG George Chenoweth (Zone 12).

Lion Bob Hanseal has resigned his position as Zone Char for Zones 6 and 8 due to family obligations. He would appreciate calls and notes of support.

PlusOptix Chair Lion Dave Falcon reported that updates are available for the screening units. Lion Dave would like to see a scheduled chunk of time set aside during the District Convention to update the units and provide training for the new software.

Written reports were received from Lion Jerry Leggatte as Webmaster, Centennial and Global Service Team chair.

Guiding Lion Training – DG Lary would like to have more trained Guiding Lions. He noted that online training is available. PCC Ben Apeland was presented a Certified Guiding Lion certificate of completion.

The meeting was turned over to DGE Dennis for closing remarks. Please email any suggestions for projects, etc. to him for consideration. DGE Dennis would like to have Zone Chairs notify the DG Team of their Zone meetings and they will try to attend if schedules permit. The *District Directory* will be in the same format as last year.

The first Cabinet Meeting for the 2018-2018 will be held on July 22, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Lewistown.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Elaine Black, Cabinet Secretary

ARTICLE 10: DISTRICT FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Section A: Committee

The committee shall consist of 5 to 7 members to include the current Montana District 37 International Director (or their representative), any District 37 Past International Directors and the current District Governor. The remaining committee members shall consist of Lions who will be members in good standing. The committee will annually select a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer from within the membership. The most recent Past International Director will serve as the Political Advisor. Vacancies will be filled by the Friendship Committee members. Funds will be disbursed only on approval of the committee.

Section B: Function

The committee shall:

- Enable Montana District 37 Lions to be elected to International Office;
- Entertain International Lions Guests of Montana District 37;
- Assist Montana District 37 in projecting a favorable image to International Lions and VIP's from outside the District;
- Assist the 1st VDG to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum by providing the Forum Registration fee;
- Assist the 2nd VDG to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum by providing the Forum Registration Fee if requested by the District Governor Elect;
- Supervise the Political Advisor and International Participation on behalf of the District and conduct fundraising activities;
- Manage funds assessed annually from dues and surplus funds from previous years designated for the Friendship Committee and retain all funds in a special Friendship Account.

Section C: Funding

The District Friendship Fund will receive \$1.00 Annually per Lion member from the dues that are collected by the District. The number of members will be established by the total number of Lions within District 37 as shown on the final report for the month of November for the Lionistic year billed.

As part of fundraising, the Committee shall handle the purchase and sale of pins to include District Governor, District and Club pins.

The Committee will prepare and present a financial statement as requested by the Cabinet.