

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44

CHARLENE B. PROVENCAL, COUNCIL CHAIR

MINUTES: JANUARY 31, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

MIDWINTER CONVENTION, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, NASHUA, NH

Call to Order: Council Chair Charlene Provencal

Introduction of Guests: Council Chair Charlene Provencal

Welcome remarks: City of Nashua Representative: Steve Balton

Introduction of LCI Guest 2nd International VP Sid Scruggs and his wife,
Lion Judy: ID Ed Lecius

VP Scruggs spoke briefly on the redistricting of some MDs and the reasons for the changes. In addition, VP Scruggs spoke about the new position of 2nd Vice District Governor for every Lion District. This position is not an optional position but if there are no candidates, then the position will remain vacant

Parliamentary Procedure: PCC Charlie Vars: Meeting will follow the Robert's Rules of Order. 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. All Lions in attendance may vote on any Resolutions presented

Roll Call of District Delegates was taken by CST John Deschenes for 44H and CST Meg Ager for 44N

Resolutions: Motion made by Lion Joe Kasper to accept the following four resolutions; 2nd by PCC Peter deMoya

(1): MD 44 to endorse Dr. Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong as a candidate for the position of 2nd Vice President of the International Association of Lions

Clubs, 2009-2010. Resolution passed unanimously

(2): MD 44 MCST to send a letter of appreciation to the International Office for sending us 2nd VP Sid Scruggs as the Conventions guest and keynote speaker. Motion passed unanimously.

(3): MD 44 MCST to send a letter of appreciation to the staff of the Crowne Plaza Hotel for the courtesies and hospitality shown to the Lions and their guests. Motion passed unanimously.

(4): The Convention attendees extend their sincere appreciation and congratulations to the members of the Convention Committee for an outstanding job in organizing the convention. Members of the Committee included: PCC Ellie Johnson, Chair; Charlene Provencal, Council Chair; Forrest Powers, DG 44N; Philip Flynn, DG 44H; Terri McGrew, IPDG 44N; Jeri Maynard, MDCST. Motion passed unanimously

Uniforms & Resolutions: Lion Joe Kasper: There is only one vendor remaining for the red jackets and their prices are as follows: 100% polyester jacket is \$157.00 and the wool blend jacket is \$177.00 (both prices include the crest). George's Clothing Store in Manchester will still carry them but in order to get the vendor price, they must be ordered through Joe Kasper and then taken to George's for fitting and alterations. Going directly to George's will result in a higher price for the jacket. "Shirts Happen" in Concord is a registered vendor with LCI and is now carrying the new Lions' emblem on their items. Items with the old logo are now on sale. There is a Lions' page on ShirtsHappen.com and individuals may order online and pay by credit card. Red is the official district color but clubs are free to order any of the many colored shirts that are available.

DogSight: PCC Peter deMoya: Approximately \$5,500.00 will be going to the Fidelco Program on April 18th at their annual Open House. All Lions are invited to attend. Have enlisted a blind woman named Linda Piekarski and her guide dog, Ruby, and she has spoken at DogSight meetings, Zone meetings and several club meetings. All clubs are urged to invite her to a meeting for an interesting evening. Donations received: Seabrook: \$300.00; Windham:

\$300.00; Hopkinton: \$1,000.00; Salem: \$1,000.00; Hilltop 13: \$50.00.

Health Services Board:

- **Eye Clinics:** Lion Joanne Pouliot: The Eye Clinics have picked up and have not had to cancel any dates. Many of the new clubs are using the clinics. Most of the trial clinics in the Seacoast area did not materialize- confusion with the process involved may have been a factor. Currently working on a program to help clubs that need assistance. The S&H Foundation has granted \$500.00 for vouchers to be used for eyeglasses at Lens Crafters through the “One Sight” Program, formerly called the “Gift of Sight” program. This program now has expanded to include Pearle Vision, Sears, and Target Optical Centers. Thank you to Catholic Memorial Center (CMC) and the New Hampshire Association for the Blind for hosting the clinics and to the Manchester Lions for staffing the clinics.

- **Sight & Hearing Screening Equipment:** Lion Sandra Hurd: Part of February and March are already booked but there is still time available in the Spring if clubs need to book the equipment.

- **Operation KidSight:** Lion Sandy Hill: There has been an increase of clubs using the new digital equipment. The cost is \$2.00 per child screened and checks should be made out to HSB/OKS and sent to Lion Sandy Hill. Lion Tom Reynolds maintains 2 cameras for 44N and Lion Bob Laferriere has two cameras for 44H. Checks received: Hampstead: \$150.00; Salem: \$1,000.00.

International Convention: ID Ed Lecius: This year’s International Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 6-10, 2009. Keynote speaker will be Retired General Colin Powell and entertainment will be provided by the Beach Boys. Arrangements for tickets to a Minnesota Twins vs. NY Yankees baseball game are being made. The NH Delegation to the convention will be housed at the Best Western Normandy Hotel.

Lions Net: No report.

Twin Soccer: President Jerry Vaccaro: Twin Soccer is celebrating 35 years. The calendar raffle held last March brought in \$7500.00 for the NH Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. A banquet for this year’s Soccer players and

their parents will be held in March.

Training Seminar: PCC Ed Farrington: The training seminar for this year will be held on April 4th at Milford High School, Milford, NH. Additional classes such as public speaking and projects will be added. New ideas/suggestions for classes are welcomed. Lunch will be optional and will require a reservation.

Membership/Development: IPDG Terri McGrew: 44N had a successful LCI extension workshop and have been sharing that training with the 44N clubs. Two branch clubs have been established: Tilton/Northfield is a branch of the Hudson Club and Franklin is a branch of the Andover Club. 44N will have another extension workshop on March 14-15th

PCC Ray Hill: Our membership/extension team has visited 29 clubs, 5 Zone meetings and 1 Region meeting. 17 clubs have had positive growth and the District has had an overall positive growth as of December 31, 2008. The female membership has had an increase of 27%. The clubs' leadership (presidents) has shown a willingness to work with the District this year.

PCC Mike Baillargeon: Members of the 44H membership/retention/ extension team include PCC Mike Baillargeon, PDG Stanley Brothers and VDG Celeste Ricupero. An extension workshop was planned for January 10th and 11th of this year and the result is a new club being chartered in Epping. This will bring 44H back up to 38 clubs. The District has 41 new members, 5 re-instated members and 2 transfer members. However, 87 Lions were dropped for various reasons. There are several fragile clubs in the District and we need to reach out to them. Membership packets are available.

USA/Canada Forum: VDG Celeste Ricupero: The USA/Canada Forum will be held September 24th-26th in Memphis, Tennessee. Packets which include 4 meals are \$240.00 until 6/15 and then will rise to \$260.00 and finally \$275.00. Airlines that fly to Memphis include Delta, Northwest and United.

Lions Youth Services: President Linda Ribolini: The Youth Services Board's Annual Meeting will be held at 2:15 PM (1/31/09) directly after the S&H Meeting. All attendees will be given a ticket for a door prize drawing. Peace Poster kits have been ordered and there are still 8 available; see IPDG Terri

McGrew if interested. 100 campers from Camp Allen were sent to a Fisher Cats game last summer and the Board would like to make this an annual event for the Camp Allen campers as well as other children's groups in the area.

Vision 2009: IPDG Terri McGrew: The Vision 2009 weekend will be April 24th-April 26th at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua, NH. The IRIS Network and the Maine Lions are being invited to participate. There is money available to sponsor 27 participants- more is needed. Transportation will be provided by the Easter Seals Transportation Program and the Pizza Party is being sponsored by the Region I Clubs in 44H. There will be a Gong Show on Friday night and Saturday will have a Bingo and Bowling. Saturday Night's banquet will have awards followed by dancing to the music of "The Musicians for a Cause". Checks received: Epsom/Chichester: \$200.00; Seabrook: \$100.00; Windham: \$250.00; Merrimack: \$250.00; Andover: \$100.00; Exeter: \$200.00; Meredith: \$300.00; Salem: \$500.00, \$1000.00; Saddleback Mountain: Yarn; Hilltop 13: \$50.00.

LCIF: ID Ed Lecius: Starting next year, LCI will appoint a multiple district LCIF chairman for a term of 4 years. They will receive their training in Oakbrook, Illinois. The Multiple District Council Chair will appoint a District LCIF chairman for a term of three years. The reason behind this is continuity in leadership. Checks received: Goffstown: \$500.00; Concord: \$ 1,000.00; Manchester: \$50.00

Haunted House: Lion Elda Cordero-Goodman: Haunted House will be held 10/22-24 and 10/30-31. Help is desperately needed if we are to continue this project. Sign up sheets are available and should be returned to PCC Terry Goodman.

Old Business:

New Business:

VP Sid Scruggs held a question and answer/informational session before the meeting adjourned

VP Scruggs announced that the Lions were named the #1 non-governmental organization and have been nominated for a Noble Peace Prize. He also

suggested that every Lion have an “Elevator Speech” prepared. This should be a 30 sec informational talk that we could give to people when they ask about Lions. Use the phrase “we make miracles”. Other suggestions were for every club to do a needs assessment in their community every other year. “Do unto others as they would want done unto them”. Also use high school students to help with your service projects and ask them to come to your meetings, get them involved early. Use “affiliate members” for only service projects if they can’t commit to full membership

In regards to the 2nd Vice District Governor’s position, LCI is looking for continuity. Going from 2nd VDG through to IPDG is a four year commitment. Other responsibilities for the 2nd VDG, as well as the 1st VDG, are being worked on and will be designed to help the role of the District Governor. Some states are redistricting because of the 1200 members/35 club regulation for ID Candidacy. Asia and Africa clubs are growing rapidly. The International Board has been refigured and have lost directors in some areas and added in others. Moving the Headquarters to another country is not likely but US needs to become stronger to insure that does not happen.

Announcements:

- Camp Pride is celebrating 20 years and a pin has been designed to commemorate the anniversary
- EyeBall is February 28, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza; tickets are available from any S&H Director

Remarks:

- VDG Don Potter “...it’s ‘gonna’ happen...”
- VDG Celeste Ricupero: “...always a pleasure to be at a meeting ... everyone here belongs to the membership committee as of now...”
- DG Forrest Powers: “...lots of work to be done in the next few months...at the end we will be in the plus column...”
- DG Phil Flynn: “...it’s a ‘fine’ day... remember, we are all everyday heroes...”
- ID Ed Lecius: “Congratulations to CC Charlene, DG Forrest and Phil,

and VDG Celeste and Don for the good work they are doing”. In appreciation, Friendship banners were presented to PDGs Vi & Neill Williams, PCC Ed & Lion Elaine Farrington, and PCC Bruce & Lion Linda Ribolini

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeri Maynard, MCST