



## **1st District 7-L Cabinet Meeting**

July 25, 2015, 10:00 – 12:30

Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia AR

### **ATTENDANCE:**

(CABINET MEMBERS): DG Maxine Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), PDG Bob DeVinney (HSV Evening), 1<sup>st</sup>VDG John Collier (Hope), 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Larry Ketcham, Sec. Nell Rockett (HSV Evening), Treas. Claude Jamerson (Jesse D. Hawkins), Z2TC Toni Shockey (HS Oaklawn), Z3TC/Webmaster Don Draper (HSV Breakfast), Z6TC Jimmie Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), GMT/Leos/PDG John Lewis (Saratoga), Mid-South Cord. Art Ritter (Bryant), LCIF/PDG Bruce Davis (HSV Evening), WSB/Sight Conversation/PCC Dave DeGraff (HSV Evening), Nominating Com. Members Dick Welch (Benton) and Gary Wokaty (HSV Evening), Eye Bank Chair Dennis Williams (Arkadelphia).

(CLUBS/GUESTS): Lions Julian Jaeger, Anita Williams, Travis Burton, and Jennifer Story (Arkadelphia); Lion Chuck Shellnut (Benton); Lion Adren Duncan and David Olson (Bryant); Beau and Laurel Stricklin (Hatfield); Lion Bill Freeman (Hope Noon); Lion Joanne Blos (HS Jesse D Hawkins); Lion Tom Dexter (HS Noon); Lions David Shockey (HS Oaklawn); Lion Larry Louden (HS South); Lions Candace Ludeke and Emile Lauber (HSV Evening); and Lion Elane Cecil (Texarkana Evening).

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by DG Maxine Crittenden and Agendas passed out.

**PLEDGE** led by 2<sup>nd</sup> DG Larry Ketcham.

**INVOCATION** by 1<sup>st</sup> DG John Collier

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** DG Crittenden introduced the interim president of the new Hot Springs Noon Lions Club. Lion Art Ritter introduced his two guests. DG Crittenden presented to all present a bag containing gifts.

**APPROVAL OF June 13, 2015 MINUTES:** Minutes were emailed to cabinet members and club officers prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Lion Dennis Williams and seconded by Lion Joanne Blos to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

**FINAL 2014-15 FINANCIAL REPORT:** Copies of the final 2014-15 financial report was emailed to cabinet members and club officers prior to meeting. Report showed a total income of \$19,918.00 for the year. State dues were \$9,978.00 and district expenses of \$4,058.00 leaving a carry over balance of \$5,882.00. Lion Joanne Blos moved and Lion Dennis Williams seconded a motion to accept the 2014-15 final financial report. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF 2015-16 PROPOSED BUDGET:** The 2015-16 Proposed Budget was emailed to cabinet members and club officers prior to the meeting. Treasurer Claude Jamerson passed out copies of the proposed budget and entertained questions and suggestions. PDG DeVinney asked for a clarification of the allocations of \$500 for two governors to attend the USA/Canada Forum and \$600 to Zone Team Chairs. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Ketcham also questioned lowering from \$750 each to \$250 each to attend the USA/Canada Forum. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Collier explained that the amount was higher the previous

year since the VDG was in charge of Mid-Winter Forum and due to this responsibility more would be allowed for his expenses. DG Crittenden gave the rationale of budgeting \$100 for each Zone Team Chair as an effort to defray some of their expenses for meeting and travel. PDG DeVinney proposed that money be moved from the projected carry over for the next fiscal year to add to the amount for the USA/Canada Forum. Several voiced a concern for reducing the proposed carry-over funds. FYI: The proposed budget indicates beginning available funds from beginning balance and membership dues to be \$20,966. Proposed expenses total \$16,656 leaving a carry over balance of \$4,310. ZTC Toni Shockey moved and Lions Joanne Blos seconded a motion to accept the 2015-16 D7-L Proposed Budget. Motion Passed.

At this time, PDG DeVinney turned over the debit card for the District Disaster Alert bank account to DG Crittenden.

**INTRODUCTION OF CABINET MEMBERS:** DG Crittenden introduced the D7-L Cabinet officers and chairs and presented each with a tag for their Lions lapel pin. Several name tags were also presented.

**CAMP AGAPE/CAMP CAUDLE:** Beau and Lauren Stricklin talked briefly about a new camp for August 6-9 in the Russellville area for children of incarcerated parents. This camp originated in Hawaii and is spiritually-based. All money for the camp is raised since parents are unable to pay for the camp. Ages of the campers range from 7 to 17. There are presently 40 enrolled. Approximately \$200 per participant is needed. Lions Clubs in the district are encouraged to consider sponsoring one or more children for the camp. To learn more about the camp, go to the website: [campagapearkansas.com](http://campagapearkansas.com). The curriculum is geared toward trust, love, faith, and forgiveness. To view a video go to <http://youtu.be/oEWd-2d0sr0>.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

➤ Alert Trailer Report:

- Lion Julian Jaeger (Arkadelphia) talked about several additional objects placed in the trailer (yellow tape, two concrete blocks, and flag/flagpole. He stated that flashlights were added to the adult totes. He also discussed the importance of knowing how to hook up and transport a trailer if picking up the trailer. When hooking up the trailer, it is important to ensure the trailer is secure on the ball and that the safety chains are criss-crossed when attached.
- Sec. Rockett praised Lion Julian and the Arkadelphia Lions for their prep of the trailer and continued upkeep.
- DG DeVinney discussed the LCIF grant and that he had been in touch with LCIF concerning this grant.
- In lieu of Alert Chair Charlotte Young, Sec. Nell Rockett gave the Disaster Alert report received from Lion Young. The alert bank balance as of today is \$3,753.37 and all grant paperwork has been sent in to LCIF. She is awaiting communication back from LCIF.

**LCI CONVENTION IN HAWAII:** DG Crittenden attended the LCI Convention in Hawaii and gave the name of the new International President from Japan. She also showed a brief video. This video can be found on the LCI website.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Lions Quest:** Lion Toni Shockey reported that the Lions Quest Workshop this past July 7-8 had 30 participants from around the state. Several attendees were interested in becoming Lions or implementing Lions Quest in their area. Each Vice District Governor

received a sign-up sheet of the participants to pass along to the Zone Team Chairs for future contact.

- **Zone Alignment:** DG Crittenden reviewed the Zone Team Chairs Reporting Structure. This document was passed out. The secretary will maintain a copy of the document. The Zone Team Chairs of Zones 1,2,3 will report to VDG Ketcham while Zone Team Chairs of Zones 4,5,6 will report to VDG Collier. The Glenwood Lions Club has been moved from Zone 2 to 3 and the new HS Noon Lions added to Zone 2.
- **Review of District Theme & Goals:** DG Crittenden presented this year's theme as: "Serving Those Who Cannot Serve Themselves." She presented a PowerPoint of the following goals under Membership and Leadership:

#### **Membership:**

-   "Conduct a reclamation program to reclaim at least 5 charter members in clubs chartered since 2000." The GMT and Club Presidents will be responsible for leading the charge for this goal.
-   "Conduct a survey of past members to determine why they left the organization." Club presidents are asked to lead in this effort. The results can be summarized and reported at the district cabinet meeting.
-   "Increase the number of clubs in District 7-L by 2." GMT will be responsible with the assistance from DG and district leaders.

#### **Leadership:**

1. "Conduct orientation for all new members." Should be done within two weeks of joining the club. Club presidents are responsible. Secretary Rockett will obtain an orientation PowerPoint and send out upon request. This Ppt can be personalized for each club.
  2. "Assure that all club officers are trained for their respective positions." Should be done no later than October of fiscal year. The GLT has already offered training and LCI Webinars are available. For any necessary training, contact GLT Dr. Claudia Griffin.
- **District Convention:** In the absence of the convention chair, Lion Valarie Sanders, VDG Collier reported the convention is scheduled for October 30-31, 2015 at the Arkansas Convention Center in Texarkana, AR. The hotel is Holiday Inn. Flyers announcing the convention will be sent out at a later date. The theme and entertainment for Friday night will be "MOTOWN". Past International Director Howard Jenkins will be the keynote speaker. Five breakout sessions will be repeated in morning and afternoon. A sixth breakout session will be for Leos. The five sessions are:
    1. "New Lion Orientation" by VDG John Collier
    2. "Around the Den" (how a Lions Club should conduct business) by PDG Bob DeVinney.
    3. "Leadership" by GLT Dr. Claudia Griffin
    4. "How to Attract Younger Members" by Secretary Nell Rockett
    5. "Projects & Fund Raisers" by VDG Larry Ketcham
    6. Leo's session will be led by PID Jenkins and ZTC Toni Shockey

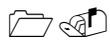
- **Website:** Webmaster Don Draper encouraged Zone Team Chairs to get club activities in so they can be posted on website. The 2015 Directory of Officers is now on website. Website is lionsdistrict7L.org.
- **Charter Night for Hot Springs Noon Lions:** PDG Bob DeVinney introduced Lion Tom Dexter as acting president of this new club until officer elections can be held. There will be an organizational meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Brick House Grill in Hot Springs to finalize charter night plans. When plans are finalized, Secretary Rockett will email a flyer out to district clubs. Sec. Rockett reminded clubs to consider giving a start-up gift of at least \$50 since this new club has not had time to have a fundraiser; therefore, is in need of start-up funds.

## **REPORTS:**

### ➤ **Zone Team Chairs/VDG:**

1. Zone 2 Team Chair Toni Shockey announced the first zone 2 meeting is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Home Plate, Hwy 7 outside west end of Hot Springs Village, 10:00 a.m. She also announced that Hot Springs South Lions' Gun & Knife show is today, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Hot Springs Oaklawn will be having a BBQ on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Lion Toni also announced a Zone Team Leader Training by GLT Griffin is set for August 1, 2015 at Western Sizzlin in Arkadelphia beginning at 10:00 a.m.
2. Zone 3 Team Chair Don Draper announced his zone meeting is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> at Whitman's Bar and Grill in Hot Springs Village beginning at 10:30 a.m. Other meetings are: November 21, 2015, February 27, 2016, and June 11, 2016.
3. VDG Larry Ketcham reported that he will be emphasizing membership retention as well as increasing membership for this fiscal year.
4. VDG John Collier is going to continue his last year's message of "Grow Your Own." Can use Prescott Leos as an example. He will also emphasize retention of membership. He stated that if you're doing same thing this year that you did last year, you need to change. Chart your path and follow it. Keep members interested. VDG Collier stated, "If there is a Dollar Store in a community, there are enough people in the community to support a Lions Club.
5. PDG Bob DeVinney added the concept of Branch Clubs. He would like this concept developed in areas such as Bearden and Delight. He further stated that LCI has spent a lot of time and money researching how to interest new members and keeping them involved.
6. Lion Bill Freeman voiced a concern about not only keeping Lion members interested but in getting new members. He stressed the importance of induction of new members and conducting an orientation.

### ➤ **Cabinet Chairs:**



WSB: Lion Bruce Davis announced a meeting of the MD7 Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at WSB in Little Rock.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** DG Crittenden reminded clubs that from now to June 2018, the induction of new members will receive a centennial pin in the membership packet. PDG DeVinney announced that the new Hot Springs Noon Lions is a centennial club.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 31, 2015 at the district convention in Texarkana. Notice will be sent out prior to meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nell Rockett, Secretary