



District 2-X3 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

District Governor Richard Surface

Host: Leon Lions Club

Date: July 23, 2011

Location: Leon High School, Jewett, TX

Breakout Sessions at 9:00: L.E.A.D.

Zone Chairs

Club Officers

Leon Lions Club President Sheri Ramby called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

District Chaplain James Haney led the invocation, and Lion Jean Turner led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Lion Martha Surface led the singing of *God Bless America*.

Lion Ramby then welcomed all Lions and introduced District Governor Richard Surface.

DG Richard Surface recognized IPDG John Tramp who praised the newly-formed Leon Club for hosting the meeting, thanked the membership for its service last year, and awarded a Jack Weich fellowship award to Ben Childress (in absentia), Grapeland Lions Club, for bringing in the most members last year. IPDG Tramp also announced that in spite of having 153 new members and 3 new clubs in the district last year, 308 members were lost to death or resignation, marking an overall loss of 155 members. The winner of the 2010-2011 Efficiency Contest for large clubs was the Waco Founder Club. There were no entrants for the small or medium clubs. IPDG Tramp presented mementos of appreciation to those of his cabinet members who had been unable to attend the District Convention/Cabinet Meeting in Killeen in April.

DG Richard Surface introduced his cabinet for Lions year 2011-2012. DG Surface brought greetings from IP Wing-Kun Tam from the International Convention in Seattle and expressed pleasure to be serving as district governor. He is counting on his governors' team, 1VDG Robert Crabtree, 2VDG Lawrence Sanchez, and IPDG Tramp to assist him in the club excellence process— refining and revitalizing, recruiting and retaining members. Club members are asked to check their email and visit the 2-X3 website at least weekly. The district directory will now be available electronically at the district website and will be updated as changes happen. DG Surface's challenge to clubs is to end the year with one more member on the

club's roster than at the beginning of the year. IP Tam has challenged Lions world-wide to plant 1,000,000 trees this year. DG Surface has asked that one tree be planted for each Lion in District 2-X3 this year.

DG Surface appointed PCC Richard Robinson for Protocol and Parliamentarian and PDG Doug Hill as Sergeant-at-Arms. PDG Sam Lindsey served as Tail Twister.

Old Business:

Immediate past secretary Lion Mary Ann Craig presented the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting and District Convention of April 23, 2011 (Exhibit #1). Motion by Lion Al Waite; Second by 2VDG Sanchez for approval; motion passed unanimously.

Immediate past treasurer Lion Glenn Brandt presented the treasurer's report (Exhibit #2) which was accepted as presented. Lion Brandt also presented the membership report card (Exhibit #3) and the state convention fund report (Exhibit #4).

PDG Ben Baker presented a report on the district contingency fund (Exhibit #5) which currently has \$161.01 of accumulated interest. Whether to leave this amount in the contingency fund or to transfer it into the general treasury will be left to the discretion of the district governor.

New business:

Motion by 1VDG Crabtree that all Lions in good standing in District 2-X3 be allowing to vote; second by Lion Glenn Brandt; unanimously approved.

The 2011-2012 district budget was presented by treasurer PDG Gladys Tramp (Exhibit #6) and accepted as presented. Motion by 1VDG Crabtree to accept the budget as presented; second by Lion Robert Dockendorf; unanimously approved.

DG Surface proposed the following as signatories to the district account: DG Surface, 1VDG Crabtree, 2VDG Sanchez, Treasurer PDG Gladys Tramp, and Secretary Lion Diane Waite. Motion by PDG Charles Stout to accept these names as signatories; second by Lion Jim Bohls; unanimously approved.

Reports:

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF): PCC Robinson reported that 40 Melvin Jones fellowships were awarded last year and already this year 32 Lions are eligible to receive these awards this year. Due to a gift of \$3 million from the estate of Lion Joe Bragg from the Palestine Lions Club, District 2-X3 topped all other districts in the world last year in giving to LCIF.

Constitution and Bylaws: PCC Robinson asked for any proposed changes be emailed to him for consideration at the 2nd cabinet meeting.

Tom Kirkham Jr. Leadership Award: PCC Robinson delineated the requirements for submission of a candidate for this award—nominees must have been a Lion of the Year within their club

and may not have served at the governor level at the district. Letters will be sent in December to all clubs with further information for nominating a member. Only three Lions' names were placed in nomination last year, and it is hoped that there will be many more next year.

Global Leadership Team: PDG Surface introduced guests PDG Aubrey Cherry, MD-2 GLT Leader, and luncheon keynote speaker, and his wife, PDG Frances Cherry. In addition to the information which was to be presented at lunch, more information will be forthcoming about this important initiative on the district website in September.

Global Membership Team: PDG Lindsey had three comments: Remember IPDG Tramp's remarks about overall loss in membership for the district last year, DG Surface's challenge for each club to increase membership by one member this year, and District Treasurer PDG Gladys Tramp's budget presentation based on a district census of 1,700 members of which we are currently 64 members short. "The task is set out for us, and the time is now."

Texas Lions Camp (TLC): Returning Director Jim Bohls announced that the first ever Down Syndrome camp week ended yesterday. The Endowment CAMPAign is underway with an immediate goal of raising \$10 million. A zone chairperson for the CAMPAign for contacting the clubs in Zone A-2 (Palestine area) is needed. Incoming Director Robert Tidwell attended the VIP introductory weekend in June. The next board meeting is Saturday, August 6.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: Lion Al Waite reminded Lions that this is the only school of its kind which offers training at absolutely no cost to the trainees.

Lions World Services for the Blind (LWSB): 2VDG Sanchez requested that all clubs be 100% contributors to this Lions charity and presented a roll call of clubs which supported LWSB last year (Exhibit #7).

White Cane: Lion Bill Buckner explained the significance of White Cane Safety Day to recognize and honor achievements of Lions in supporting sight initiatives. Oct. 15 is National White Can Safety Day, but any day is appropriate to hold a White Cane fundraiser.

Texas Lions Foundation: PDG Gladys Tramp reminded members of the building being constructed at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville to house the state offices and that our donations are needed to help the foundation.

District Webpage: PDG Charles Stout, district webmaster asked that all 2-X3 Lions visit the website regularly and send any updates to him at cstout@vvm.com. A new Facebook page is also under construction.

Peace Poster Contest: Lion Ray Harper will chair this event this year. The theme is "Children of Peace." Last year only 20% of our clubs participated; he is hoping that will double this year. The contest is open to all 11 – 13 year olds. Information for ordering kits is available from his display; deadline for submission to the district is November 15.

Texas Lion Eyeglass Recycle Center (TLERC): Lion Ron Boyda announced that 16 clubs recycled 13,000 glasses last year and recognized each by roll call. His truck was in the parking lot to receive any glasses brought to the meeting.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank (LSLEB): Lion Robert Dockendorf as incoming president of LSLEB will attend the installation of officers on 7/30/11 at Manor, TX. A hole-in-one contest worked in conjunction with local tournatments is underway as a fundraiser.

Lions Effort Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.): PDG Doug Hill announced the topic for the essay contest this year will be “America’s War on Drugs—How Can It Be Won?” The contest is open to 6th – 8th graders; rules may be found on-line; 5 monetary prizes will range from \$300 – 50. The DARE grants will continue as last year when \$4,000 was contributed to local law enforcement agencies to make presentations at schools serving over 38,000 students. Exhibit #8 provides financial summary information for 2010-2011 and the proposed budget for 2011-2012.

Installation of 2011 – 2012 Officers was conducted by PDG Sam Lindsey who also provided inspirational comments about the past accomplishments and future challenges of Lions.

The meeting was recessed for lunch during which PCC Robinson projected a DVD highlighting the accomplishments of LCIF. PDG Aubrey Cherry provided a motivational presentation about the Global Leadership Team initiative. Locally, PDG Gladys Tramp will serve as the District 2-X3 GLT leader.

The Cabinet Meeting was adjourned by DG Surface following the luncheon with the announcement that the 2nd Cabinet Meeting will be held in Gatesville on October 29, 2011.