

**DISTRICT 2-X3
1ST CABINET MEETING-JULY 28, 2007
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
CROCKETT, TEXAS
DG JOHN HOPKINS**

Saturday, July 28th, 2007

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 am. To 9:45 a.m. Training Sessions for Zone Chairs, Presidents, Secretaries
LEAD Board Meeting
LEO District Meeting

10:20 a.m. Call to Order: Patty Meyer, 1st Vice President of Crockett Lions Club opened the meeting by welcoming us to Crockett.

Invocation: Lion James Haney, the District Chaplain led a prayer.

Pledge: Lion Ron Duncan, Immediate Past President, of the Crockett Lions Club, led the pledge.

Song: Lion Terry Sutcliff, District Song Leader, was not present, but DG John Hopkins appointed IPDG Sam Lindsey to lead the Lions with "America the Beautiful".

Welcome and Introduction of the Mayor: Lion Ron Duncan welcomed all Lions to Crockett, and introduced Lion Mayor Wayne Mask.

Welcome to the City: Mayor Wayne Mask gave all Lions and guests a warm welcome to the city of Crockett, and told us a little history of Crockett, Texas.

Introduction of the District Governor: Lion Patty Meyer introduced DG John Hopkins and presented him with a "Crockett Coonskin Hat" and he was requested to wear this hat thru the entire meeting!! A pin was also presented to DG.

Presentation: DG John Hopkins presented a personal pin to Lion Ron Duncan, and one to Lion Patty Meyer for hosting this cabinet meeting.

Foolishness from the District Tail-twister: Lion Robert Hull, fined a few Lions in the audience, and then fined Lion Ron Duncan, just because!

Appointments: DG John appointed the following for:

1. Protocol & Parliamentarian-PCC Richard Robinson
2. Sergeant at Arms: Lion Ron Boyda
3. Timekeeper: Lion Ron Duncan

Texas Lions Camp Director: Lion Eddie Hambrick stated that he grew up in this area and knew a lot of the Lion members, but one really stood out and worked and worked and worked. He is a former Lion member, Bob Mattox of Crockett, and Lion Eddie presented him with a Life Membership to Texas Lions Camp in honor of all of his achievements in the city of Crockett. This donation was part of the monies earned from the annual Corsicana Golf Tournament held every year. The proceeds of the money will be presented to Texas Lions Camp with a figure of over \$6,400. Congrats to TLC and Corsicana Lions for another successful year!

Introduction of Leo Cabinet: Lion Lawrence Sanchez, District Leo Chairman, introduced the following LEO officers for the 2007-08 year.

President: Evan Stravinsky of Corbell Leo Club

Vice President: Shannon Spivey of Copperas Cove Leo Club

Secretary: Angela Rose of China Spring Leo Club

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Treasurer: Sara Carr of China Spring Leo Club

Director: Crystal Ramos of Kosse Leo Club

Director: April Torres of Kosse Leo Club

Director: Tamara Lee of Kosse Leo Club

Director: Christi Nottingham of Copper Cove Leo Club

Director: Brittany Span of Copperas Cove Leo Club

Lion Sanchez explained that the Leo Board voted on projects for the year in the Leadership Training today. 1. To hold a leadership training class, which was accomplished today, 2. To have a District Wide Service Group, and 3. To have a district wide Fund raiser to raise funds for Scholarships.

Installation of LEOS: DG John installed these members as District Board Members of the LEOS.

DG John Hopkins Remarks: DG John spoke about the Intl Convention and how the Kosse Posse LEO Group led the Intl Parade in Chicago. He stated that everyone was very proud of our youth and they are our future. Kosse Leo April Torres was pictured on the Jumbotron at Intl. DG showed a picture of her on the projector screen.

Presentation of the District Cabinet Members 2007-08: DG called each cabinet member up and presented a District pin to each one of the new members. We were all installed at that time.

Foolishness of the Tail-twister: Lion Hull was at it again and collecting more money. DG John stated that the monies collected today would go to the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank

Voting Privileges: VDG Charles Stout motioned that all Lions in good standing in District 2-x3 be allowed to vote at this meeting. This was 2nd by IPDG Sam Lindsey. This was approved by the members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: Lion Janice Tooke presented the minutes. **Lion Al Waite motioned** to accept the minutes as presented. This was 2nd by Lion Ann Gatlin. This was approved by the members.

2006-07 Ending Year Budget: Lion Janice Tooke yielded her time to IPDG Sam Lindsey for explanation of the ending year budget. It is attached to the original minutes. After a thorough explanation, the ending budget pending audit was presented. **A motion** was made by PDG Norwood Brenneke and 2nd by Lion James Haney. This was approved by the members.

State Convention Fund: PDG L. Eldon Miller was not present, but DG reported there is \$41,981.18 in a certificate of deposit at First State Bank of Central Texas earning 4.85% interest and matures on 9/3/07. Since the CD will mature before we have another cabinet meeting, the committee will be reminded that the CD will be maturing in September. **A motion** was made by Lion Jim Bohls to accept the state convention funds as presented. This was 2nd by IPDG Sam Lindsey. This was approved by the

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District Contingency Fund: PDG Ben Baker stated there is a balance of \$10,547.09 at the rate of 5% and from January 4, 2007, interest earned totaled \$208.18. There is an excess of \$547.09 to be turned over to the State Convention Fund at any time the DG asked for the excess. **A motion** was made by IPDG Sam Lindsey to accept the District Contingency Fund as presented. This was 2nd by Lion Jan Bohls. This motion was approved by the members.

Intl Convention Report: VDG Charles Stout stated in his opinion that this was the worst Intl Convention that he had ever attended! The transportation was the worst ever! Other than the mishaps of the transportation, all in all, the Intl Convention was very enjoyable. They had Glen Campbell, and Ronnie Millsap for entertainers. The new President is from Sri Lanka, and his motto is "Challenge to Change". VDG Charles stated that everyone owes IPDG Sam a great deal of thanks and gratitude for all of his leadership, and hard work towards the Intl Parade, along with many other things.

NEW BUSINESS:

Surety Bond: Lion Jim Bohls motioned to approve the Surety Bond to be paid thru Western Insurance Company of Copperas Cove, Texas in the amount of \$130.00 to \$150.00. This was 2nd by Lion Frances Bender. Approved by the members.

New Proposed Budget 2007-08: DG presented the new budget, and with a few changes, and pending the audit, a motion was made by PDG Norwood Brenneke to accept the budget with an update at the October cabinet meeting. This was 2nd by IPDG Sam, and was approved by the members.

Lunch Break: All enjoyed a great meal catered by the Methodist Men.

Tail-Twister Collection: \$175.51 was collected by the tail-twister and Lion Janice Tooke threw in an additional amount of \$24.49 to bring the total collected to an even \$200.00!!!

Called to Order: DG called the meeting back to order after the meal.

Guest Speaker: Lion Ron Duncan introduced, Frank Minton, a Crockett Lion who is a great Lion and a funny one!

Presentation: DG stated that a \$50.00 donation would be sent to the Texas Lions Camp in honor of Lion Frank Minton.

Approval of Bank Depository and Authorization of Signatures: DG stated that District 2-X3 has a checking account at First National Bank in Killeen. The signatures need to be changed as we now have a new DG, VDG. **IPDG Sam Lindsey motioned** to approve the bank depository, and signatures on the District 2-X3 checking account for the purposes of signing checks (only two signatures required on the check) should be **DG John Hopkins, VDG Charles Stout, and Cabinet Secretary Lion Janice Tooke**, with no other names to be on the signature cards. This motion was 2nd by VDG Charles Stout. The motion was approved by the members.

REPORTS:

Opportunities for Youth: Lion Daisy Butz was not present, but Lion Bea Thompson gave a report on the Peace Poster Contest on how to order the posters from Intl and more details will be given in the newsletter.

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LWSB: Lion John Tramp was not present for a report.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank: Lion Alex Kachura, 1st Vice President of the Eye Bank, reported that the Eye Bank is doing very well. The Eye Bank Building was damaged from all the rains and they are getting estimates on the damage. A report was passed around to all members. The report is attached to the original minutes.

TLC Director: Lion Eddie Hambrick reported that the Camp is ok. The Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament will be held this Thursday, August 1st. You can still send in your hole sponsor fees of \$100.00 to Texas Lions Camp. Lion Eddie stated that 100% for our District was not real good in giving this year. We need to give, give, and give!!! If you have some lapsed years in your 100% giving, you can buy back your years, and be 100% throughout the years. Right now, Beverly Hills is number 1, with Palestine Evening, and Corsicana Noon catching up!!! This helps TLC, also!!!

LEAD: Lion Jon Gear reported that they are revising and updating the LEAD Articles of Incorporation. The LEAD Board of Directors will vote on the new Articles at the next District meeting in October in Gatesville. Quest was held at the May born Museum on July 11-12. Only 7 out of 13 attended. Weather affected some of the lack of attendance. Next year, a fee will be required if not able to attend. The feedback on the quality of the Quest program continues to be positive, and it was voted to continue this project next year. The topic for the Essay Contest will be **“What causes adolescent substance abuse and how can we prevent it?”**

Campaign Sight First II: PCC Dick Robinson stated that United States has collected 17 Million dollars for SFII, and Texas has collected 1.2 Million Dollars. The state goal 2 years ago was 1.3 Million, so we still need to raise more funds. For \$6.00, sight is given to one person. We can raise this money!! The District SFII coordinators were recognized as follows: Lion Jackie Condon, Lion Mike Ludlow, Lion Jim Bohls, and PDG Norwood Brenneke, all raised 75% of the dollars from our District. Congrats to you all for a fine job. PDG Gladys Tramp who is the District Coordinator was not present for this report, but PCC Robinson reported the State and District level.

USA/Canada Forum: PDG Ken Schroeder stated that the forum would be in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September on the third weekend. He has forms in the back if you are interested. He announced that next year, the forum would be in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Rebuilding Lions Chairman: PDG Ken Schroeder stated that he was appointed as the rebuilding chairman for the District. If there are any clubs that need assistance, than he would need to be contacted and he would come and try to help.

TLF Chairman: PDG Alvin Coleman stated that only 28 clubs out of 52 gave 100% to Texas Lions Foundation. IPDG Sam did not get his ED Flood Award for being 100% TLF Governor, due to the fact, he was a couple of hundred short! PDG Alvin stated that he could come to any club in the District to make a presentation about TLF.

Re-Cap of 2006-07 Year and Awards: IPDG Sam presented an extension pin and letter from Intl to Lion Gary Tooke in his work in extension, and also an extension award for Lion Robert Kinney for his hard work in extension. Lion Bob Kinney was not present.

Announcements: Lion Jan Bohls stated that some of the Groesbeck Lions were building a new home for a family that had been flooded and lost their house and

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belongings. The Foundation is doing this project thru the New York Fire Fighters of 911, and monies and information about this project, please contact Lion Jim Bohls or Lion Jan Bohls.

Closing Remarks: DG John Hopkins stated if you had any corrections for the new directory, please contact Lion Sherry, and she will publish the corrections in the upcoming newsletter.

The Texas Lions Leadership is to be held on March 8th and 9th, of 2008. If you register early, and are the first 100 to register, than you will get free lodging. More information, ask DG John. Also, the **District Contest Forms** are at the back at the table. Please pick them up.

Intl Director: DG stated that the United States lost an Intl Director due to the low membership in the United States. We are losing members every day and need to work for new members. He stated that each District needs at least 2 clubs to break even!! Sell our story, and change the way we operate! Stop the back door drops. We need to reverse our membership and strive forward.

Attendance: It was reported that 125 were in attendance today at our cabinet meeting.

Membership: Lion Francis Bender stated that their club made a challenge to get 50% increase in membership. She would like to see every club make this challenge.

Leader Dog: Lion Al Waite stated that 23 & 28 seem to be the numbers for club participation in 100%. 28 out of 51 clubs gave 100% and the other 23 was not able to give for some reason or another. He had suggested that possibly the 28 clubs should form a partnership with the other 23 and pool together to help these other clubs reach 100% participation, also. A good suggestion, and maybe we can follow up on this matter.

Closing: IPDG Sam, VDG Charles, and DG John led the Lions in the song “**Do you hear those Lions roar?**”

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Janice F. Tooke
District 2-x3 Cabinet Secretary

Emailed: Intl on July 31st, 2007