

**District 2-X3 Cabinet Meeting**  
**District Governor: Richard Surface**  
**Host Club: Gatesville Lions Club**  
**Minutes**

Date: October 29, 2011

Location: Gatesville High School, Gatesville, TX

Breakout Sessions at 9:00 A.M.: L.E.A.D.  
Zone Chairs  
Club Officers

Gatesville Lions Club President M.H. Sheppard called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M.

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

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

DG Richard Surface read a letter and presented a certificate from PIP Sid Scruggs to PDG Johnnie Tramp thanking him for his service as District Governor last year.

Lion J. C. Rainey from the Killeen Evening Club was recognized as the newest Lion in the district.

DG Surface appointed PCC Richard Robinson for Protocol and Parliamentarian, Lion Jim Bohls as Sergeant-at-Arms, and Lion Al Waite as Tail Twister.

Motion by 2VDG Sanchez that all Lions in good standing in District 2-X3 be allowing to vote; seconded and approved by acclamation.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from July 23, 2011 (Exhibit #1) were presented by Lion Diane Waite with the notation that the time for adjournment had not been noted, and future minutes will include that information. Bowing to tradition DG Surface accepted a motion to approve the minutes by Lion Jim Bohls, seconded by Lion Dave Stone, unanimously accepted.

PDG Gladys Tramp presented the treasurer's report (Exhibit #2), the convention fund (Exhibit #3), and the contingency fund (Exhibit #4). PCC Richard Robinson explained the reason for the convention fund allowing the district to have sufficient funds on hand in 2021 when the district next hosts the state convention. It is estimated that \$50,000 will be required at that time; there is currently a balance of \$47,595.94 in this fund. All financial reports were accepted by DG Surface following a correction to the treasurer's report of \$361.95 Tail-Twister funds from line 38 to 39 per question by Lion Janice Tooke.

### **New business:**

DG Surface noted that resolutions for leadership roles must be submitted to him prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> cabinet meeting on January 14, 2012. These will include 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Lions Camp Director, and representative to the Lone Star Eye Bank. Nominees must have been a club president and have served in the role of zone chair.

Lion Diane gave the membership report for the district as -38 from the beginning of the Lions year but +2 during the month of October for a present total of 1599. This is 101 members short of the number upon which the 2011-12 district budget is based.

Lion Diane reported that 38 of the district's 52 clubs are currently in compliance with required MMR reports; 14 are one or more months in arrears. A printed report (Exhibit #5) showing the MMR status of all clubs was displayed on the head table. Zone chairs are encouraged to study the report and contact delinquent clubs.

Club activities may now be posted on-line at the LCI website by club secretaries. Eight clubs are currently posting activities and pictures at this site and Lion Diane provided a print-out of these (Exhibit #6) for members to view and encouraged other clubs to begin listing the activities in which they are engaged. A question about "signature" service projects was answered by DG Surface that such a project is one which meets the needs of the community, uses the talents of its members, and is unique in its scope.

### **Reports:**

Leos: Lions Carlene Spicer and Bart Costa, and Leo President Maria Aleman thanked the Lions for their support. Thirteen Leos from 2-X3 attended the International Convention in Seattle in July: 1 from Kosse, 1 from Troy, 2 from Valley Mills and 9 from Killeen. The Leos present were in costume and lined up in the front of the audience for an "applause vote" to determine best costume. The "Invisible Man" aka Luke Krummon from the Troy Leos Club was the winner.

Global Leadership Team: PDG Gladys thanked all those in attendance at the past leadership training and announced there will be another session offered in Corsicana in January.

Texas Lions Foundation (TLF): PDG Gladys 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. The building is expected to begin in 2013. If enough funding is not available by that time, the Texas Lions Camp will have to be approached for an extension on the deadline for payment of the land. All clubs are encouraged to make their 100% donation to the TLF.

The TLF assisted the families harmed by the Bastrop fires to the maximum allowed per event. Further donations earmarked for Bastrop would be directed to this venue.

Texas Lions Camp (TLC): Lion Director Bob Tidwell announced there were 662 handicapped campers, 406 diabetic campers, 66 campers in the first-ever Down Syndrome week, 59 cancer victims in the Camp Discovery week, and 45 burn victims in the Camp David week. The ages for acceptance of Down Syndrome children will be raised from this year's 8 – 16 years old to 12 –

16 years old next year. New camper applications will be available on-line on 1/15/12. Next year's work dates will be 3/3, 3/31, and 5/5. This past October 1<sup>st</sup> was the first date for a club to register to host a picnic supper, watermelon treat, etc. and Trish Wilson, Development Director for the camp is the person to call to register or for more information. One other way to help the camp is by studying the camp's wish list on-line and providing items on the list to the camp. Camp counselors are provided with scholarships and clubs may designate funds to a counselor by contacting Paul Brouse. Lion Bob will present a program about the TLD at the Region 12 Educational Service Center on Nov. 12, and KWTX is planning a broadcast about the camp. Lion Director Jim Bohls spoke on the current Endowment CAMPAign reporting that \$2.4 M has currently been given/pledged from clubs across the state. It is estimated that if the endowment reaches between \$10 – 20 M, the interest earned from this would be enough to operate the camp. With Lions membership in the state decreasing, more money is required per member to keep the club operational at its current level. Members are being asked to make a "stretch gift" above and beyond what their current commitment is to the camp.

Texas Lion Eyeglass Recycle Center (TLERC): Lion Ron Boyda recognized Waco Founder, Palestine Evening, Hillsboro, Groesbeck, Killeen Evening, Lion, Temple Founder, Harker Heights, Chandler, and Killeen Noon Clubs for bringing glasses to the July meeting. His truck was in the parking lot to receive any glasses brought to the meeting. Members were surprised to learn the the recycling facility will now accept sunglasses—prescription or not. They still do not want broken glasses and cases. They also accept hearing aids.

Pin Sales: Pin chairman Lion Mike Keefe has a number of current pins still available: the district governor's pin is \$5 and this pin and the state pin together sell for \$8.

Newsletter: 2VDG Lawrence Sanchez encourages all chairmen and club secretaries to send articles to him for the newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Lions World Services for the Blind (LWSB): 2VDG Sanchez requested that all clubs make a 100% humanitarian donation to this organization by providing \$2/member. Thirty clubs have become 100% clubs to date, with the Killeen Evening Club being a 200% club and Chandler a 500% club!

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): PCC Richard Robinson explained that LCIF is a 501C3 non-profit disaster relief organization. He thanked all the clubs who are already 100% clubs for the year and noted that there is one more club in this category than at this time last year. Two days ago the Gates Foundation pledged \$2 for every \$1 donated by Lions with funding being particularly directed at relieving childhood measles. Melvin Jones fellowships are available for \$1,000 donations to LCIF. It has been suggested that clubs may wish to use undesignated LCIF funds donated during the SightFirst II drive several years ago by matching \$500 donations by a member qualifying them for a Melvin Jones award. LCIF pins are available today; donations will be taken at the head table during lunch.

Tom P. Kirkham Leadership Award: PCC Robinson requested nominees for this district award for service be submitted to him by the Mid-Winter conference. Nominees must have been a Lion of the Year awardee in the past but may not have served as a VDG or have been a previous winner.

Constitution and By-Laws: PCC Robinson announced that an update would be prepared based on changes presented at the international convention in Seattle in July, 2011.

Opportunities for Youth: Lion Martha Surface presented the necessary information for clubs to enter a student in the Speech, Essay, or Outstanding Youth contests to be held in Corsicana at the Mid-Winter conference. The cost of sponsoring a youngster is \$100 for each contest. The deadline is December 16 for completed applications and the registration fee. Topics, rules, applications, and all necessary information may be found on the district website. The state

competition in Houston will be held in mid-May so as not to compete with graduations as happened last year.

Peace Poster Contest: Lion Ray Harper requested all peace poster entries be submitted to the governor by November 15, so that the winner may be forwarded to the state by December 1. (Exhibit #7)

Lions Effort Against Drugs (LEAD): PDG Doug Hill will be responsible for the LEAD essay contest. Information is available on the district website. (Exhibit #8 provided for records)

Lions Alert: Lion Joe Holman explained how Lions were involved in the Bastrop area following the devastating fires in that area. All clubs are asked to submit to him a plan for how they might be able to help in their area in our district in the event of a disaster.

Zone Chair Reports:

C-2: Lion Ray Harper – met in July and will meet again on 11/10

A-2: 2VDG Lawrence Sanchez – filling in for absentee position at zone chair – met in Sept

A-1: Lion Ruby Simon – have 11 potential new members

C-1: Lion Dave Stone – difficulties with a few clubs – met in the fall

Recessed for 14 minutes for set-up of video presentation

District Governor Richard made a stirring presentation on the new Club Excellence Process during which clubs would be encouraged to answer these four questions: Why are we here? What makes an excellent club? How can we determine our needs? What can we do next? Clubs would then identify “signature service” plans—unique ways in which they might serve their local communities.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 P.M.

During lunch final announcements were made: \$225 Tail Twister funds were collected which DG Richard designated for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Seventy-two Lions and 15 Leos were registered for the meeting. Having completed all agenda items, DG Richard adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M. with the invitation for all district Lions to meet next at Corsicana for the Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Diane Waite, District 2-X3 Secretary