

# District Governor Newsletter

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2021

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## Message from District Governor Mike Collins

**“Where there is a need, there is a Lion”**

Hello Montana Lions,

Seems like the Lions Year is moving quickly. I hope everyone is managing to stay safe. We are starting to see vaccinations reach a broader group of the population. I hope this means we are heading back to normalcy by summer.

Is it time for your Lions club to consider increasing service, as our communities really need us? Is your club keeping in touch with all the members? Have you found ways to continue to serve your communities?

District 37 has formed a partnership with the Montana Youth Diabetes Association, and we are supporting their plan to hold a diabetes youth camp this summer on Flathead Lake. We have applied for a \$40,000 grant to support this camp. The grant has been submitted and the next step is for the grant to be accepted by LCIF staff. This should happen in the next month. The grant will then be sent to the LCIF board for approval in June. We are asking for the financial support of all the clubs in District 37. There will be more details coming out this month on how to donate.

We are in the beginning phase of starting a virtual specialty lions club that is focused on Diabetes. This club will meet via electronic means. For further information contact DG Mike.

We are moving forward with the 2021 District Convention. The convention will be held in Kalispell on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also have Club Officer training for current and incoming club officers at the convention on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is no cost for the training sessions and those attending the training from outside the Kalispell area are eligible to be reimbursed for a Thursday night hotel stay. The convention registration fee has been reduced to \$50 for this year. Registration forms for the convention and officer training are included in this newsletter.

District 37 needs your help. We are reforming the District 37 North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) team. We need people who are excited about growing Lions Clubs in Montana. Everyone from brand new lions to well-seasoned lions are welcome. We are looking for enthusiasm, new ideas and different viewpoints. Please contact District Governor Mike Collins if you are interested.

“NEVER LOSE HOPE. STORMS MAKE PEOPLE STRONGER AND NEVER LAST FOREVER.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Kindness Matters,  
District Governor Mike



# District 37 Convention

Date: April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TIME: REGISTRATION 1PM-5PM**

**WELCOME AND KICK OFF 6PM**

LOCATION: RED LIONS HOTEL

20 N. MAIN STREET KALISPELL MT 59901

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Join us in Kalispell for the District 37 Convention. We have some great speakers and fun events planned. Club officer training is going to be offered on Friday at 10am – 2pm.

Register for the convention by April 1<sup>st</sup> and receive 2 FREE drink tickets for the Friday Night Social!

For more information contact PDG Monte Weisser, 406-756-8528

Registration form is attached to this newsletter.

PDG Jim Johnke and PDG Melody Whitcher  
Winnett Lions Club  
Box 222, Winnett, MT 59087  
[Wmel46@yahoo.com](mailto:Wmel46@yahoo.com) or [johnke@gmail.com](mailto:johnke@gmail.com)  
406-928-2311 or 603-491-0676

We are the chairs for the Memorial/Necrology Service at the District's 2021 Convention to be held in Kalispell on April 24 and 25. During the service we will be recognizing deceased Lions. During the Memorial Service will be asking a club or family member to assist by receiving a memorial rose.

We are asking for each club's help by securing information about Lions who have passed between April 2019 – January 2021. Please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it to us prior to April 1, 2021.

Lion's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as a Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Projects:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Club Offices Held:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

District Offices Held:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Awards:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If possible, please send a photo.

## **CLUB NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

Any Lions club member can submit information associated with any type of Lions project or general club information. Please send in "word" format and/or photos in JPEG format to: PDG Dennis Kopitzke; [djk\\_7491@rangeweb.net](mailto:djk_7491@rangeweb.net)

### **DISTRICT 37 HALL OF FAME**

The District 37 Hall of Fame nomination form is included with this newsletter, pages 16 & 17. The nominating form, for 2020, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the district convention, April 24-25, 2021.

### **DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION BID FORM**

The District 37 Convention Bid Form, for the 2022 district convention, is included with this newsletter, pages 18 & 19. The bid form must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the district convention, April 24-25, 2021.

### **DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

The registration form for the District 37 Convention is attached as part of this newsletter. The convention will be held on April 24 & 25 in Kalispell.

### **HAVRE LIONS CLUB SALVATION ARMY – BELL RINGING**

The Havre Lions Club supported the local Salvation Army through their bell ringing project during the month of December. Check the January 21, 2021 edition of the Havre Daily News for the full story.

### **LCI CHARTER AND ENTRANCE FEES WAIVER FLEXIBLE PAYMENTS**

The LCI Board of Directors has passed another resolution to help our clubs:  
**Charter and Entrance Fees Waiver** – The LCI board has waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.

**Flexible Payments** – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 20, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

**Please note** – Clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at LCI to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP BILLING**

This past year has been unlike any other as the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our world in so many ways. To support our Lions during these challenging times, the Board of Directors approved a resolution stating that no clubs will be suspended or canceled through December 31, 2020 for late payment of dues.

Currently, there are a record number of clubs that have not yet paid their balances. We want to make sure you are aware of some important dates and action items that will impact our clubs so we can all work together to support them during this difficult time.

**October 25, 2020** – The District Team will be advised on clubs that have not paid their balances within the suspension parameters.

**October, November and December Statements** – The statements will include a suspension warning to inform clubs of their past due status.

**January 1, 2021** – Clubs will be placed on Financial Suspension if balances over 120 days are in excess of US\$20/member or over \$1,000. Clubs released from Financial Suspension can expect to be billed for dues for January-June 2021.

**March 1, 2021** – Clubs previously suspended will automatically be canceled if their balances are not paid in full.

**March-June 2021** – Canceled clubs may be reactivated to Active Status upon receipt of their payment and approval from the district governor.

**May 8, 2021** – The suspension cycle will again review clubs for balances unpaid over 120 days with cancellation following on June 29 if payment has not yet been received.

**DG RECAPS** will be mailed regularly each month. The District Team should review the report and communicate with clubs to encourage payment prior to the end of this calendar year.

We will be sending the list of clubs in suspension to our District Team and Global Action Team leadership each month to support the districts.

Please let us know if you have questions about the process or the timeline. LCI can then ensure that our clubs stay in good standing and continue their great work in time when Lions are needed more than ever.

[membershipbilling@roar.lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipbilling@roar.lionsclubs.org)

## United in Kindness and Diversity – Dr. Jung-Yul Choi February 2021

Lions share the belief that we have the power to make a better future for all people. Because Lions have a passion for what's possible. There may be challenges ahead of us, but there are opportunities too.

Let's continue to deliver hope to our communities. Let's continue to innovate and serve safely. Let's continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to new opportunities to make a difference every day in people's lives. Together we can build a better future for our families, communities and the world we share.

### **District Grant Opportunities**

**District and Club Community Grants (DCG)** – Create even more change within the district. Eligibility is based on contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

**International Peace Poster Contest** – Sponsor the Peace Poster Contest through your local school or youth group or engage your entire community through a virtual exhibition. Peace Poster Contest kits are now on Sale

## 2021 LCI International Convention Virtual Convention

Due to the continuing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. LCI is still finalizing the details of the new convention experience, and will share those with all Lions as soon as they are ready.

**Everyone's Invited** – The 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.

**Registrations Fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50.00 until March 31, the US\$75.00 beginning April 1. The registration fee for LEOS will be US\$30.00 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

**Current Registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.

**Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forth coming.

**Convention Updates** – Check our convention website LCICon for convention updates and details as they become available.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank all Lions for your incredible service as a Lion.

## **PLUSOPTIX**

### **Regarding: COVID-19 and PlusOptix**

We are in an unusual year for PlusOptix. With the changes to how schools are constructing their day Lions will more than likely have to make multiple visits to each school to screen all of the students. Please make yourself and fellow Lions aware of each school's guidelines in regards to wearing masks and keeping social distancing.

The PlusOptix company has suggested the following cleaning products to use on the machines: Bacillo 30 Tissues, Clorox Healthcare Bleach Wipes and Teccare Control Tissues. Use as recommended to disinfect the machines. If you can't find these specific products just do the best that you can to make sure your machines are as sanitized as possible.

It is recommended to use a damp soft clean cloth. Do not spray anything directly onto the screen or lens.

The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation still has 2 NEW PlusOptix S-12 machines FOR SALE. If interested in purchasing or have questions on how to go about getting monetary support to purchase a machine please contact Lion Dave Falcon at 406-257-2258.

Please beware there is a new PlusOptix update version available for download, 7.1.8.0. This download is located at: [www.PlusOptix.com](http://www.PlusOptix.com); then click on support.

Just a reminder that after you have screened students, report the number of students screened and number of students referred to Lion Dave Falcon.

Lions: Thank you for everything you do to support our kids in Montana. Stay safe out there.

Lion Dave Falcon

## **Websites**

Visit the district website: [www.montanalions.org](http://www.montanalions.org) to find a wealth of valuable information regarding almost every aspect associated with the operation of the district.

LCI website, [lionsclubsinternational.org](http://lionsclubsinternational.org) Look for: general information, service projects, membership, club improvement, online training, media and news releases, and LCIF.



The Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation website: [www.mtlionsshfnd.org](http://www.mtlionsshfnd.org)  
Information regarding programs and sight, hearing and/or speech impairments

## Contact Information

DG Mike Collins, 40 Meadowlark Drive; Kalispell, MT 59901; H 406-752-3473;  
C 406-871-4176; [mikeacollins@bresnan.net](mailto:mikeacollins@bresnan.net)

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2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Scott Dornfeld, 744 Arbor Hills Drive, Billings, MT 59105; C, 406-489-1884;  
[Sdornfeld51@gmail.com](mailto:Sdornfeld51@gmail.com)

District Secretary/Administrator; PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Box 1266, Forsyth, 59327;  
406-346-1488; 406-853-8695; [djk\\_7491@rangeweb.net](mailto:djk_7491@rangeweb.net)

## DISTRICT VESTS

The district has a number of vests for sale in a wide variety of sizes.  
Contact PID Dave Hajny for more information on the vests. 406-596-4596;  
[whodat@3rivers.net](mailto:whodat@3rivers.net)

**The vests are great looking and a great way to support our district and Lionism.**





## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Dear Montana Lions,

There is good news and not so good news in this month's LCIF report. I will start with the good news

District 37 has applied for a Diabetes Grant of \$40,000 for a camp this year. The application has been received and will now go through the process of being checked to make sure it meets all requirements.

Denton Lions are in the process of submitting a Matching Grant application for approximately \$100,000 for a new community ambulance. Culbertson is looking at submitting a Matching Grant for a pond and park improvement. I am exploring the possibility of a Matching Grant for a park expansion in Billings Heights.

These are all good projects that can give greater access to emergency or outdoor needs in each of these communities- but then there is the not so good news! For this year as of January 25 District 37 has 3 Club donations to LCIF totaling \$1242.00 and 9 Individual donations totaling \$2,205.00 for a total of \$3,447.00 for the first 6 months of this fiscal year. We have known grants of \$140,000 for this year alone.

Can we as a District with good conscience expect to continue receiving these Grants without supporting OUR FOUNDATION in a respectable degree. Since Campaign 100 started we have received \$75,000 for a Senior Center renovation, \$100,000 for state-of-the-art visual readers, \$95,000 for a handicap fishing dock and during that period District 37 has made total donations of \$21,333.66.

Now I understand that this pandemic has challenged every Lion and every Lion's Club, but has also challenged OUR FOUNDATION. Now we need to look at the Lions Legacy opportunity. I have made a pledge of 2% of my estate to go to LCIF upon Judy and my death. I did a percentage as I do not know when or how much there will be to donate. It will not be a huge gift, but it will be an amount that added with other donations will be huge. Like all Lions endeavors the moderate donations we each make will be combined to make a dramatic impact.

It is still important for each Club and Individual to support LCIF in any amount you can.

Yours in Lionism, Lary

# LCIF - Hunger Pilot Grant Program

There are nearly one billion people across the world that experience food insecurity. No one can truly understand the devastating physical and emotional impact of hunger unless they experience it. Through the LCIF Hunger Pilot Grant Program, Lions can support school-based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers, and similar facilities that provide food to people when they need it most. For more information go to: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/hunger-pilot-grant>

## Our Strategy.

Grants are available to Lions districts in amounts of US\$10,000 to US\$100,000. Hunger Grants support infrastructure and equipment acquisition of Lions' projects capital needs and select project operational expenses during the start-up period.

## Examples

Typical project expenses may include:

- \* Construction or expansion of food banks, feeding centers, and food storage facilities.
- \* Construction or expansion of kitchen or dining facilities as part of a school based feeding program.
- \* Purchase of refrigerators and freezers to store perishable food items.
- \* Kitchen equipment such as stoves and ovens.
- \* Furniture such as chairs and tables for dining rooms and feeding centers.
- \* Vehicles to transport, collect, and deliver food.

## Application and Deadline

The applications for Hunger Grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of the Board of Trustees meetings, which take place in January, May, and August.

Applications can be downloaded from [www.lionsclubsinternationalfoundation.org](http://www.lionsclubsinternationalfoundation.org)

or by contacting [lionlarygarrison@gmail.com](mailto:lionlarygarrison@gmail.com)

## You Can Feed the World

Defeating hunger is a huge undertaking. It will require the effort of everyone, everywhere-and all Lions. To begin making a difference, you can make a donation today. Support LCIF at: [www.lcif.org/donate](http://www.lcif.org/donate)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Feb. 2-4	First Vice District Governor/DG Elect Seminar
Feb. 15	International Childhood Cancer Day
Apr. 23-24	District Convention, Kalispell
Apr. 25	Cabinet Meeting, Kalispell

## **February Club Anniversaries:**

Bozeman Gallatin Empire Lions – 1969 – 52 years

Fairfield Lions– 1940 – 81 years

Kalispell Sunrisers Lions – 1969 – 52 years

Nashua Lions– 1952 – 69 years

Plains Lions – 1944 – 77 years

The logo features the text "Lions: We Serve" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: 'L' is purple, 'i' is pink, 'o' is red, 'n' is orange, 's' is yellow, 'W' is green, 'e' is light green, 'S' is blue, 'e' is dark blue, and 'r' is purple. The text is set against a background of horizontal lines that create a sense of depth and shadow.

## **District 37**

### **Advertising and Publicity Reimbursement for 2020-2021**

District 37 has made available funds for reimbursement of advertising expenses for the July 2020- Jun 2021 Lions Year. District 37 will reimburse clubs in good standing up to \$100.00 for expenses for advertising expenses such as social media advertising, google ads, newspaper, radio, or other paid advertising.

It is highly recommended that the advertising should be used to promote your club and club projects, attract new members, and increase public awareness of your Lions club. While the funds may be used to promote a fundraiser, please emphasize what your club is raising the funds for. Social media advertising allows you to get a much bigger impact for your dollar and can be targeted to specific demographics, so it is highly recommended that these funds be used for that type of advertising.

Requests for reimbursement can be made by submitting an Advertising and Publicity Reimbursement Request to DG Mike Collins either by email or postal mail. Please send one request for funds rather than sending multiple small requests. The form will be published in the newsletter and on the web site. All requests must be submitted by June 1. 2021.

We Serve

DG Mike Collins

Montana Lions District 37 will reimburse individual Lions clubs for expenses for advertising your club for the Lion's year 2020-2021 up to a maximum of \$100.00 per club. It is recommended that this be used for attracting new members and/or publicizing your club using electronic or social media but is not limited to this.

## District 37 Advertising and Publicity Reimbursement Request

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Describe advertising done (type of media, purpose, duration of ad):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe results of advertising (new members, fundraising results, new followers):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested (receipts required):

\_\_\_\_\_

Club Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

District Governor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

**All requests must be submitted no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Please email signed form and scanned receipts to

[mikeacollins@bresnan.net](mailto:mikeacollins@bresnan.net) or Mail to DG Mike Collins, 40 Meadowlark Dr.,  
Kalispell, MT 59901

**Nomination Form  
District 37 Hall of Fame**

Date:

Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Address:

Candidate's Phone #:

Candidate's Immediate Family:

Family Addresses:

Sponsor:

Sponsor Contact

Information:

CRITERIA:

Date Candidate joined Lions:

Candidate's current Club:

List of all clubs in which Candidate has held  
membership:

List Past Club Offices held:

List Current Club Offices:

List District positions held:

List LCI positions held:

List all Lion's awards and honors received:

Is candidate a Life Member of District 37 or LCI? \_\_\_\_ If so, how long?

How many new members has candidate sponsored?

State reasons why you think this member is a worthy candidate for the District 37

Hall of Fame:

List any other information that you feel may be applicable:

Please feel free to include any news articles.

Note: This form/application must be filed with the District Governor at least 30 days before the District Convention.

Additional Comments:



## DISTRICT 37 CONVENTION BID FORM

This form must be received, by the district governor at least 30 days prior to the current year convention. The approval/non-approval of the bid will be made at the current year district convention.

Please print.

Date of Bid Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Bid for Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidding Club(s): If this bid is being jointly made by more than one Lions club, please list all clubs as bidding clubs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Convention Headquarters: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: All correspondence will be sent to the Chairperson)*

Chairperson's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of full service Motel Rooms: \_\_\_\_ Meeting Rooms: \_\_\_\_ Campsites: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Location and seating capacity for the following activities:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Social	(     )	_____
Business sessions	(     )	_____
Breakfasts	(     )	_____
Luncheons	(     )	_____
Friday Night Social	(     )	_____

DG Banquet ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Attach information on what makes your area attractive as a District Convention site. Please note items of interest in and around your community.

3. Organizational support has been obtained from:

Other Lions clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Other clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Levels of Government: \_\_\_\_\_

Chamber of Commerce/Board of Trade \_\_\_\_\_

Travel and/or Convention Bureau: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Convention experience of Chairperson and others:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Bid submitted by:

Host club(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Attach copy of minutes of club meeting where the motion was passed authorizing this bid.



Help Support Your  
MONTANA LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION

**YOU COULD WIN ME!! Contact a Lion for tickets.**



**Polaris Basic 570 Ranger with a Dump Box & Roll Bars**

Tickets: \$20.00 each or 8 for \$100.00

Drawing: April 24, 2021

\*Need not be present to win\*

Thank you for Supporting the Foundation!

**Return ticket stubs and money to:**

Lion Monte Weisser  
533 West Arizona  
Kalispell, Montana 59901

## **District 37 – Cabinet Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2021; Meeting via “Zoom”**

Attendees: DG Mike Collins, 1st VDG Michael Tobin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Scott Dornfeld; PID Tom Lehman, PID Dave Hajny, PCC Ben Apeland, PCC Dan Krum, PDG Monte Weisser, PDG Melody Whitcher, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Lion Jerry Leggate, Lion Kathryn Yancey, Lion Peggy Tobin, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Raleigh Peck, Lion Marie Hajny, Lion Robert Jaquiss; Lion Jessica Falcon, Lion Charles Keen, Lion Brian Gertiser, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Raleigh Peck

### **I. Call to Order by DG Mike Collins at 10:04 AM**

A quorum was present

PDG Dennis Kopitzke provided an invocation

### **II. Minutes – October 24, 2020; Motion by PID Tom Lehman, second by PCC Dan Krum to approve the minutes. Passed.**

### **III. Financial Reports – PCC Dan Krum provided the reports. Motion by PID Tom Lehman, second by Lion Kathryn Yancey to approve the reports. Passed.**

### **IV. Additions to the agenda**

- a. Credit Card Use – Credit card use was approved at the October 24 cabinet meeting and should be made available to all clubs and Lions in the district

### **V. Old Business**

- a. Grants – Huntley Project grant has been withdrawn; Laurel grant is still pending; Culbertson and Denton may have grant requests
- b. Administrator's Report – PDG Dennis Kopitzke presented the report; information only, no action required
- c. Club Health Assessment – The district is down a net 3 in membership; many clubs are still not meeting; clubs may be dropping members as their books are adjusted to reflect the most current membership; the Charlo Lions Club may cease to exist, DG Mike Collins is still trying to work with the club, creating a club in Ronan and making Charlo a branch club may be an option; Shelby Lions Club continues to grow and is doing well, the district may send a recruiting team to Shelby to help increase membership; Columbia Falls continues to increase their membership and continues to be very active; Lion Robert Jaquiss reported that Missoula Southside, East Missoula and Lolo may have membership issues

- d. Visitation Schedule – Visitations have been slow to be held due to the virus and weather; DG Mike has done 12 visits, VDG Mike Tobin, 2 visits, and VDG Scott Dornfeld, 50% of his visits (VDG Scott may visit Hamilton in early February); efforts are being made to visit clubs via Zoom
- e. District Convention – Plans continue to hold the 2021 convention in Kalispell, Red Lion, on April 23 & 24. There was discussion related to methods of encouraging convention attendance; backup plan for a different date for the convention; registration fee. Motion by Lion Raleigh Peck, second by Lion Peggy Tobin to establish a \$50.00 registration fee. Passed.
- f. NAMI Champion/GMT Position – Lion Brian Gertiser has assumed the roles of NAMI Champion and GMT leader.

## VI. New Business

- a. PR Grant, Magnetic Signs - The PR grant (\$5000.00) was approved by LCI but LCI does not have funds available. Three hundred (300 signs will be ordered at a cost of \$4500.00, \$500.00 shipping fee); each club will get 4 signs with approximately 35 extra signs available for other distribution. Motion by PCC Dan Krum, second by Lion Kathryn Yancey to use district funds (\$5000.00) to pay for the signs. Passed. District Governor Credit Card – DG Mike Collins and district treasurer will work to secure a credit card for DG use. There will be a credit limit.
- b. Diabetes Grant – There is a proposal for a \$40,000.00, LCIF grant, with a 25% match, for the Montana Youth Diabetes Association. The grant will be funded: there is approximately \$7064.13 in Community/District Impact Grant funds; Montana Lions Clubs will be asked to support the grant and provide \$3000.00; and LCIF will be asked to provide a grant of \$30,000.00. Motion by PID Dave Hajny, second by PCC Dan Krum to approve the grant proposal. Passed.
- c. Constitution and By-laws & Policy Manual Changes – DG Mike Collins continues to work on the proposed changes with the committee composed of PDG Dennis Kopitzke, ~~PDG Verna Love~~, and Lion Debra Wager-Anderson. Action will be taken at a later date.
- d. District Money – The proposal for a decrease in district dues has been withdrawn. A committee will be formed to review the use of district funds and the proposed dues decrease. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Michael Tobin will chair the committee (collection suggestions from Lions throughout the State and then make recommendations to the full cabinet. Volunteers to serve on the

committee include: PID Dave Hajny, PCC Ben Apeland, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Scott Dornfeld, Lion Brian Gertiser, Lion Raleigh Peck, Lion Jerry Leggate, Lion Robert Jaquiss, other Montana Lions.

NOTE: Plans are still progressing to hold virtual officer training opportunities this spring.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 26; 8:30 AM (time subject to change); district convention.

Adjournment: 11:24 AM

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Kopitzke*

PDG Dennis Kopitzke, District 37 Administrator/Secretary  
January 16, 2021