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January 9, 2022

Montana District 37 – Cabinet Meeting, January 8, 2022; Townsend, MT; Meeting face to face and via “Zoom”

Attendees in person: DG Michael Tobin, PCC Ben Apeland, PDG Jack Beckman, PDG Dennis Kopitzke, Lion Jon Kimble, Lion Peggy Tobin

Attendees via Zoom: PID Dave Hajny, PCC Dan Krum, IPDG Mike Collins, Lion Marie Hajny, Lion Dave Falcon, Lion Robert Jaquiss

- I. Call to Order by DG Michael Tobin at 1:00 PM
 - a. DG Michael Tobin led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Lion Jon Kimble provided an invocation
 - c. Roll Call
 - d. DG Tobin Opening Remarks – All going well in the district; meetings throughout the district continue be held via Zoom but many clubs are meeting face to face; DG and VDG’s continue to travel and do their club visits
- II. Minutes – October 9, 2021 cabinet meeting minutes; motion PCC Dan Krum, second by Lion Jon Kimble, to approve the minutes. Passed.
- III. Financial Reports – PCC Dan Krum provided the reports. Motion PCC Ben Apeland, second by Lion Jon Kimble to approve the reports. Passed.
- IV. Additions to the agenda
 - a. Meeting related equipment
 - b. Club activities

V. General Business

a. Grants

- i. Denton (Range Fire) – DG Michael Tobin with help from PDG Lary Garrison will apply for a \$20,000.00 LCIF grant to help the Denton community; the district is waiting for related information from the Denton Lions Club.
 1. Clubs and Lions are encouraged to donate to the Denton Lions Club or the Denton community. The Gallatin Empire Lions Club Foundation donated \$5000.00. A Coutts/Sweetgrass fundraising project raised \$1600.00
 - ii. Laurel (pond area improvements) – The project has been completed. Information is being gathered related to the final paperwork associated with the project
 - iii. Culbertson – Work continues on their pond project; work on the grant is pending, waiting for additional information related to the project
 - iv. LCIF Hunger Grant – Information has been distributed to Montana Lions Clubs and Montana Lions
 - v. Campaign 100 – Campaign 100 is moving into its final stages; clubs and Lions are encouraged to contribute to the campaign
- b. Administrator's Report – District administrator provided the quarterly report; information only, no action required
- c. Club Health Assessment – Many clubs have not paid their international dues. New statements will arrive later in January. DG Tobin will be contacting clubs with outstanding dues and encourage payment. Leadership team will be taking special action by visiting or making contact with clubs suspected of having significant membership issues
- d. Reports – Lion Robert Jaquiss, Zone 1: The Missoula Lions Club has purchased a plusoptix machine and meets regularly; Missoula Southside continues to meet; Missoula Lions Club helped the Missoula Southside Lions Club with vision screening and Missoula Southside "sold out" their supply of Christmas trees; zone clubs continue to work to provide financial support to individuals with a special need; PDG Jack Beckman, North Region: Clubs continue to meet; zone 6 clubs held a well-attended social event; clubs continue to meet; written reports were submitted to the DG from Lion Kathryn Yancey, zone 3 and Lion Raleigh Peck, east region
Lion Raleigh Peck, East Region, work continues on a fishing pond.

PDG Lary Garrison provided a written report associated with LCIF

- e. Club Visitations – DG Michael Tobin has made 23 visits with 5 pending; 1st VDG Scott Dornfeld has made 21 visits with 7 pending; 2nd VDG Brian Gertiser will have his visits completed by the end of February
- f. Committee Reports .

GLT – Team leader is IPDG Mike Collins. The Leadership Retreat has been re-scheduled for May 6-7 in Helena. A list of possible future attendees will be compiled as district officers make their club visits; Helena. Training for secretaries, treasurers and other officers was held with good attendance. Training sessions will be held at the district convention

GST – Nothing new to report

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NAMA – Nothing new to report

VI. Old Business

- a. 2022 District Convention, Great Falls – PDG Jack Beckman provided an extensive convention report. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, April 29 and 30. Registration form and related information is pending. Room rates are \$109.00 per night. Call 406-727-7200 and use Code SRL when registering; possible tours include a hydroelectric dam, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind; 1st IVP Patti Hill will be our international guest; additional details and registration information will be distributed as the information becomes available. The copy of PDG Jack Beckman's convention report is attached to the minutes.

As a prelude to the convention report we want to make the district aware the current COVID situation and economic inflation has made pricing a large concern.

- b. Website Update – The site continues to evolve. It is receiving excellent use.
- c. Club Officer Training - The Leadership Retreat has been re-scheduled for May 6-7 in Helena. A list of possible future attendees will be compiled as district officers make their club visits; Helena. Training for secretaries, treasurers and other officers was held with good attendance. Training sessions will be held at the district convention
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e. Virtual Diabetes Club – No Report

VII. New Business

- a. Incoming DG Training – Training will be similar to last year with the training done virtually later this winter.
- b. 2023 Convention Bid Form – The bid form was sent to Montana Lions via the newsletter and is posted on the district's website
- c. 2022 Hall of Fame Nomination Form – The form was sent to Montana Lions via the newsletter and is posted on the district's website
- d. 2023-2024 2nd Vice District Governor Election Process – Information was included in the newsletter and posted on the district's website. Any Lion interested in serving can also contact DG Michael Tobin for more information
- e. USA/Canada Forum - Information was included in the newsletter and posted on the district's website. Contact PCC Ben Apeland, benjamin@montana.com for more information, Forum September 17-19, Calgary. Special Note: If traveling to the Forum via car there are special COVID testing requirements for getting into Canada

VIII. Additional Items

- a. Conferencing Equipment – DG Michael Tobin and Lion Marie Hajny have done research on acquiring improved conferencing equipment. It was determined that OWL offers the best equipment to meet the district's needs. Motion by PID Dave Hajny, second by PCC Ben Apeland to spend approximately \$1700.00 to purchase appropriate equipment. Passed.

The new equipment may help with the interaction between local Lions clubs, their members and district leadership.

Notes: IPDG Mike Collins has prepared and distributed a draft of an officer's manual. Suggestions for changes are welcome.

Thanks to Lion Angie Wintrow for providing lunch for the Lions attending the meeting in person. Thanks to the American Legion Club for the use of their meeting room.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 1, 2022; 9:00 AM; Holiday Inn, Great Falls

Adjournment, 2:45 PM

Dennis Kopitzke

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