

ADDITIONAL DETAILS (Council Meeting Minutes October 7, 2007):

MD22 Convention Committee Chair – PDG Barbara Marros

The MD convention committee continues to work very hard on plans for the 2008 convention in Dover, Delaware. The committee met on August 31, 2007 to discuss plans, changes or additions for the convention. Since this is the second year for Dover Downs, and with my predecessor PDG Bill Culver charting the new course last year, our job this year is much easier.

We have chosen the theme of “Racing to the Challenge” which combines Dover Downs and the International President’s theme this year of “Challenge to Change”. With the help of PDG Ralph Schieferstein, we made contact with Director of Sales Kimberly Thomas and Cindy Small at the Dover Convention and Tourism Office and met with them on September 21, 2007. It was a most productive meeting with discussions on housing, tours and entertainment ideas.

To address the wishes of last year’s convention attendees we asked Kimberly about possible tours and were given brochures showing many tourist options around Dover and we are looking into a bus trip to the Outlets in Rehoboth Beach. Dover tourism brochures are on the tables for you to take back to your districts to let Lions know what is available.

We have increased the number of hotels with room blocks this year and Kimberly has already sent our requests to 6 hotels close to the Dover Downs complex. They are:

Sheraton	40 rooms
Hampton Inn	50 rooms
Fairfield Inn	40 rooms
Comfort Suites	50 rooms
Residence Inn	30 rooms
Country Inn and Suites	30 rooms

Since the surveys indicated some complaints about the Sheraton last year, we have asked them for fewer rooms this year.

The Residence Inn and Country Inn and Suites are brand new hotels that have just opened. Residence Inn has suites that would accommodate club hospitality rooms if anyone would like to do that rather than at Dover Downs.

At this time we have 250 rooms blocked at Dover Downs. Dover Downs has expended the number of rooms they had this past year and have added more meeting rooms and restaurants. The committee is meeting with Carole DiMeo on October 12th and will find out exactly what additions there are.

At the request of PIP Clem Kusiak to change the date of the 2009 and 2010 conventions to accommodate International Presidents Al Brandel (2009) and Eberhand Whirfs (2010) I talked to Carole DiMeo at Dover Downs concerning these changes. Since Dover Downs stated they would not be able to give us reduced rates for Friday and Saturday nights for those years, they were very happy to make those changes. The dates for 2009 are May 18-21 (Monday – Thursday) and for 2010 they are May 18-21 (Tuesday to Friday). I know there are some Lions who want the convention to be over a weekend but if we want to be at Dover Downs that will not happen unless we pay a much higher rate for the rooms. It was a little early to know the number of rooms we will be able to have for those years but considering the days of the week, I am confident we will be able to get 300-400 rooms for those days.

I have sent requests to the District Governors and Vice District Governors for pictures and bios for the program book and for pictures from the Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers. I will need those by the December Council Meeting.

I want to remind the Council of Governors that I will need a list of your convention sub-committee assignments by January. We want to get the information out to these people in a timely fashion.

The 50/50 tickets are packaged and have been given to the District Governors to distribute to the clubs in all the districts.

We plan to have the Golf Tournament once again and PDG Jack Brinckmeyer will report on that as well as the exhibitors and PDG Rodney Welch will give the Treasurer's report.

I will ask the Council of Governors to act on the following items:

1. Approve the new dates for the 2009 and 2010 conventions
2. Approve the MD convention budget for the year 2007-2008.
3. Submit to the Treasurer PDG Rodney Welch the rest of the half year dues money for the convention committee

PDG Jack Brinckmeyer reported that we will have a golf tournament at the convention. Exhibits are open if you know anyone who would like to do this. There will be a schedule sent pertaining to pictures that will be taken at 22D Governor's ball.

PDG Rodney Welch furnished a budget for all in attendance. Explanation as to the difference in this budget as to the budget at the turnover meeting.

Dues money has already been turned over to the convention committee.

Motion to approve the date for the 2009 and 2010 convention made by DG Dick Bloomquist, second by DG Bill Stark. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the budget made by DG Bob Jones, second by DG Bill Stark, Motion passed.

The MD 22 Convention Committee was asked to initiate a long term study into how we do conventions and how others do conventions with the objective being to make sure we have the best model to serve the Lions of MD22.