



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
The International Association of Lions Clubs
Council of Governors
2009-2010



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Hagerstown, MD
MINUTES
Sunday, October 11, 2009

Attendees: *Council Chair* John Hopkins (22W); DG Señora Haywood (22A); DG John Atkins, Sr. (22B); DG Bill Thomas (22C); DG Lee Bird (22D); DG Bob Disinger (22W); 1st VDG John Cullison (22A); 1st VDG Bill Bicknell (22B); 2nd VDG Owen Landis (22A); 2nd VDG Stephen Finger (22W); *International Director* Beverly Stebbins (2-E2); *Past International Director* Darley Travers, Constitution and By-laws & Advisor (22B); *Past International Director* Joe Gaffigan, Advisor (22C); IPDG Paul Hawkins (22C); PDG Bob Muchow, LVRFB Chairman (22A); PDG Rodney Welch, MD 22 Convention Chair (22W); PDG Keith Williams, MD 22 Convention Vice-Chair (22A); PCC Grant E. Curtis, MERL Team Membership (22D); PCC John Lawrence, MERL Team Leadership (22B); PDG C. Kenneth Draper, International Convention Vice-Chair (22D); PCC Rowe Haywood, LCIF Coordinator (22A); PCC Clare Newcomer, Social & Leader Dog Chair (22W); PDG Barbara McKenney, GMT (22W); Gary Burdette, International Convention Vice Chairman (22C); Charlene Travers, MD 22 Convention Treasurer (22B); Bill Strauss, Public Relations (22W); Nadja Muchow, IPAA (22A), PDG James Moore (22D); Nancy Moore (22D); PDG Ralph Schieferstein (22D); PDG Ted Reiver (22D); PDG Bob Jones (22D); PCS Cheryl Jones (22D); Dave Studley, Cabinet Secretary (22B); Martin Bonura, Leadership Chair (22W); Dee Hawkins, Cabinet Secretary (22C); PDG Dal Mann, Roaring Lions Chair & LVRFB Secretary (22B); Suzette Kettenhofen, Cabinet Secretary (22A); PID Steven D. Sherer (13-G); AA Susan Bonura (22W).

Opening - CC John Hopkins (22W) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. DG Robert Disinger (22W) led the pledge; DG Lee Bird (22D) led the singing of one verse of *America*, and DG Bill Thomas (22C) gave the invocation.

- DG Lee Bird presented PID Joe Gaffigan with two Lion cubs for his bird nest for the two new Lions he has recruited.
- CC John Hopkins (22W) congratulated DG Bob Disinger (22W) for an excellent social and for starting off the year successfully.
- International Director Beverly Stebbins was called upon to give a few words. After thanking everyone for the wonderful time she has had and for making her and Lion Ed feel welcome, she asked that everyone publicize the *New Year Ginkgo Awards* in order to increase the average club size by two in each district as shown on a club's roles between August 31 and December 31. This is a "doable" thing. Our clubs should participate in the *Lions in Sight* program the last two weeks of January. We should toot our own horns by letting everyone know what we do and our wonderful service projects. District Governors should have received information regarding quality clubs and club excellence.

Clubs should honestly look at themselves and assess themselves and their communities in order to move in the direction of club excellence. LCI is looking at the MERL teams; President Wirfs has created a working committee to look at MERL. He wants ideas and suggestions for having the MERL teams mesh better with our global membership team and not to be compartmentalized and to work better as teams along with DGs and VDGs.

Council Secretary's Report, CS Señora Haywood (22A) – DG Haywood asked for any corrections to the minutes as previously submitted via e-mail and also available in printed form at the meeting. DG Bill Thomas (22C) moved to approve the minutes as submitted; second by DG John Atkins (22B); motion carried.

- Correspondence has been received which indicated that PCC Clare Newcomer (22W) and PDG Ted Reiver (22D) are running for the position of International Director.

Council Treasurer's Report, CT John Atkins (22B) – The Multiple District is doing extremely well. Bills to the sub-districts have been sent and paid. All bills, including the surety bond, have been paid. There are no closing financials from last year's treasurer; as soon as that information is received a formal budget will be prepared. DG Bob Disinger (22W) moved to accept the treasurer's report; second by DG Lee Bird (22D); motion carried.

MD 22 Committee Reports - MD 22 Committee Chairpersons

- **International Convention, PDG Gary Burdette (22C) and PDG Ken Draper (22D)** – See Appendix I for the full report. This year the Lions International Convention will be held in the “Land Down Under” – Sydney, Australia from Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2, 2010. MD 22 Lions will be housed at the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour. We may have a problem reserving a hospitality room due to the lack of meeting space in the hotel. We plan to order the MD 22 pins earlier than in past years; giving each district more time to distribute them. We have some pin designs for the Council to review today. Once a selection is made, pins will be ordered and should be available for distribution at the next Council meeting in December. In order to make this happen, we need the Council to approve the transfer the first half of the convention dues to the Convention Committee to pay for the pins.
 - DG John Atkins (22B) moved to pay the international convention committee the first half of the convention dues so that MD 22 pins can be ordered; second by DG Senora Haywood (22A); motion carried.
- **MERL Team, PDG John Lawrence (22B)** - See Appendix I for the full report.
 - Harold Boccia's (22A) Extension report was distributed and includes information for review by the District Governors. See Appendix I for the full report.
 - **PCC Grant Curtis (22D)** – distributed a personal membership challenge to meeting attendees. See Appendix II.
 - **PDG Barb McKenney (22W)** – Fortunately, this year GMT is moving along and we are going to succeed. We need LCI to set up some workshops and to help us with training in order to help struggling clubs.
 - PDG Barb called upon PID Steve Sherer (13-G) from Ohio to provide some guidance regarding what is needed to get new clubs before LCI will send an extension representative for a workshop. Some work needs to be done before an extension representative will come in: You need a location for the new club,

make contact(s) in that area such as with the mayor, a meeting place, and you need guiding Lions to work with the new clubs. In Ohio last year 18 new clubs were chartered.

- DG Bob Disinger (22W) moved to give permission to the MERL Team to contact LCI for club extension training; second by DG Señora Haywood (22A); motion carried.
- **LCIF, PCC Rowe Haywood (22A)** – Total donations to LCIF from our Multiple District for Lions year 2008-2009 totaled \$254,871.11. A complete breakout by category, by district and by club is provided so that you can tell how your clubs are doing in respect to donations. The Lions Club International Foundation hosted a Constitutional Area I LCIF Coordinator Seminar during the recent USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, TN. This Seminar was attended by PCC Michael Bleything (LCIF District Coordinator, 22C), IPDG Robert Daniels (LCIF District Coordinator, 22D), and PCC Rowe Haywood (LCIF MD Coordinator). See Appendix I for the full report.
- **Multiple District Convention, PDG Rodney Welch (22W)** – See Appendix I for the full report. The following items need Council action today: (1) Proposed budget; (2) The Ocean City dates for our convention for 2013 and 2014 were talked about at the turnover meeting. I contacted the convention center in Ocean City and inquired about changing to a Sunday - Wednesday for both years. Their answer was both Sunday's would be Mothers Day. I took no action from there; (3) Can the convention committee send the housing letter out by Sub-District email lists, web-sites and newsletters?
 - DG John Atkins (22B) moved that the housing letter be sent out by e-mail and through use of the web site; second by DG Lee Bird (22D); motion carried. It was clarified that this would be specifically for this one purpose and the information would be sent out through sub-district cabinet secretaries.
 - DG Lee Bird (22D) moved to accept the convention budget; second by DG Señora Haywood (22A); motion carried.
 - CC John Hopkins (22W) asked PDG Keith Williams, MD 22 Convention Vice-Chair (22A) if a final budget report from the Convention Committee was available as it has now been five months since the convention was held. PDG Williams indicated that the information was in the hands of Past Cabinet Treasurer, IPDG John Andrews (22A).

DG Bill Thomas (22C) moved to approve the other reports as submitted; second by DG John Atkins (22B); motion carried. See Appendix I for the submitted reports.

Unfinished Business - DG Señora Haywood (22A) indicated that the previous request for use of Lions names and addresses for a mailing by the travel agency working with the Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation (LSKSF) fundraiser was being removed from the table. The LSKSF committee will be working on other proposals for future consideration by the Council.

New Business

- The MD22 Convention Budget was approved under the chair's report.
- DG Lee Bird (22D) moved that candidates for International Director be allowed to campaign throughout the district and that the candidates obtain the specific District Governor's approval for campaigning during that Governor's ball (social); second by DG Bob Disinger (22W); motion carried.

- PID Joseph Gaffigan and PID Darley Travers – we have an opportunity to support a candidate for International Second Vice President in 2012-2013, PID Wayne Madden. PID Travers read a resolution of support for the candidacy of PID Madden. DG John Atkins (22B) moved to endorse the candidacy of PID Madden; second by DG Lee Bird (22D); motion carried.

Comments from MD 22 Advisors -

- PID Joseph Gaffigan (22C) – you have had another great council meeting. Please note this point of order, the council chair needs to call for a vote on all motions. Please take advantage of all training opportunities and leadership programs such as Camp Merrick and Emmitsburg. You have to ask in order to get new members; not just talk about asking. DG Bob Disinger (22W) commented on the need for membership application materials, without cost, from the International Association, given the need for new members.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) – congratulations to 22W for the great social and thanks to ID Beverly for her comments.
- ID Beverly Stebbins (2-E2); – thanks for a very effective COG meeting. The LCI staff has a budget in which they have to operate and sometimes printed materials are requested but then do sit on a shelf someplace.

Council Chair's Comments

- CC John Hopkins (22W) thanked DG Bob Disinger (22W) and PCC Clare Newcomer (22W) for a fine start to the social season.

District Governors' Comments -

- DG Robert Disinger (22W) - I am a big advocate of very short meetings and I appreciate everyone's participation. It was great to have Clare Newcomer as my social chairperson; if this is an example of her organizational skills, she will make a great International Director. Thank you all for attending. We had an outstanding social and we have outstanding clubs. I am not pleased with a meeting being called right after the social to discuss an issue without that committee asking me for my permission. I feel that this is the Governor's social and people should have the chance to mix and socialize, not have to go off to a corner for a meeting; so please give the Governor that courtesy. We want quality clubs and we need quality materials provided by LCI. Thank you so much for being here, I thank my fellow DGs and I am proud of what we are able to accomplish. I look forward to the next Governor's ball in Delaware.
- DG Señora Haywood (22A) – to everyone in 22W, the party was outstanding; PID Steve, it was good seeing you again and thanks for sharing incentives on membership; ID Beverly, thanks for the outstanding job done last night. We will be seeing you all at the social in D.
- DG John Atkins (22B) – thanks to DG Bob and PCC Clare for the outstanding job. It is a pleasure serving up here and we are getting a lot done.
- DG Bill Thomas (22C) – Thanks to DG Bob and Lion Eileen, it was a wonderful occasion and a wonderful event. It is not too late for Camp Merrick, applications are still available. PDG Sonny Parker, 22C, acting director of Camp Merrick, was hospitalized recently with symptoms of congestive heart failure; please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

- DG Leland Bird (22D) – Thank you Governor Bob and PCC Clare thank you for the job you did; it was a wonderful social. Thanks to my fellow governors; this is our working uniform. You can take your ties off when you come in. To our IDs and PIDs, thanks. We look forward to seeing you in December in Dover at Dover Downs.

Upcoming Council of Governors Meetings

- December 6, 2009
- January 31, 2010
- March 14, 2010
- April 25, 2010

Benediction - DG Señora Haywood (22A) gave the benediction.

Adjournment - CC John Hopkins (22W) thanked everyone for coming and for their presentations and input. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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