

District 11E1 Cabinet - Sunday, October 27, 2013

5:00 p.m. Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Governor **Tim Anderson**, 1st Vice **Pete Conarty**, 2nd Vice **Michael Howard**, Cabinet Secretary **Janalee McClure**, Cabinet Treasurer **Pam Schroeder**, Immediate Past District Governor **Bill Simpson**, Region 1 Zone 1 Chairperson **Connie McMorris**, Region 1 Zone 2 Chairperson **Richard Veine**, Region 2 Zone 2 Chairperson **Bernard Baldwin**, Region 1 Zone 3 Chairperson **Bill Downey**, Region 3 Zone 1 Chairperson **Richard Langin**, Region 3 Zone 2 Chairperson **Bill Koch**.

Region 2 Zone 1 Chairperson **Diane Fleming** - not on conference call but sent an email with the request that her comments be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by **Governor Tim** with a short presentation on the difficulty District 11E1 has had in starting new clubs to replace the 7 clubs we've lost in the past 10 years. We've spent untold hours and district funds to no avail so far in our quest for new clubs. Having the District fund the new member charter fee for new clubs might make the difference from past failures to huge successes this year. District has already approved spending \$30.00 for each new member to clubs that have a net increase in membership at the end of this Lions year and the \$30.00 charter fee would follow this guideline the District has already set for new members.

Lion Bill Koch moved approval for the District to fund the \$30.00 charter fee for charter members of all new clubs that are chartered this Lions Year ending June 30, 2014. Funds to be used for this purpose would be Governor's discretionary funds, such as 50/50, fines, fall conference, White Cloud Lions fundraiser for District, and any other fundraisers we have for the District this year. This means no district dues/no budgeted funds go to this project this year.

2nd Vice Governor Michael Howard seconded the motion. Discussion follows:

- **Lion Bill Koch** stated he feels paying the charter fee gets the club started and when the members start serving their communities they will find out how much they are appreciated and then paying the dues in the future will not be an issue.
- **Lion Bill Downey** stated he agreed with **Lion Bill Koch's** assessment of this issue.
- **IPDG Bill Simpson** wants to make sure that the new charter clubs do not double dip and get the additional \$30.00 for net increase in membership at the end of the year. **Governor Tim** responded that it is impossible for that to happen because the net increase is from the July 1, 2013 membership number and the new club didn't exist on July 1, 2013.
- **2nd Vice Governor Michael Howard** stated that he agreed with **Lions Bill Koch & Downey** but wondered about the charter cost of the potential new Campus Club at Ferris. **Governor Tim** responded with the information that Campus clubs do not have a charter fee and only have to pay \$20.59 annual dues.
- **Lion Diane Fleming's** email response: I totally support **DG Anderson's** decision to use discretionary funds to pay for the start-up dues for the Kingsley Lions Club. None of the projects that Lions support would receive support if it were not for the faithful work of Lions themselves. Stated another way, without members we can do nothing. Whether we use discretionary funds at the beginning of the year or the end of the year is really immaterial; what matters is the purpose for which those funds are used. I can think of no better use for those funds than to support a new club in its infancy.

The Roll Call Vote on the motion was all YES. Motion approved unanimously.

Conference Call Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Janalee McClure – District 11E1 Secretary