DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES – SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2013 BIG BOY RESTAURANT, 1310 S. Mitchell St., Cadillac, MI 49601

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by **Governor Tim Anderson**.

<u>Cabinet Officers attending</u>: Governor **Tim Anderson**, 1st Vice Governor **Pete Conarty**, 2nd Vice Governor **Mike Howard**, IPDG **Bill Simpson**, Secretary **Janalee McClure**, Treasurer **Pam Schroeder**, Region 1 Zone 2 Chairperson **Richard Veine**, Region 2 Zone 2 Chairperson **Bernard Baldwin**, Region 2 Zone 3 Chairperson **Bill Downey**, Region 3 Zone 1 Chairperson **Richard Langin**.

Others attending: PCC Richard Perrin(Big Rapids), PDG'S Dan Gibbons(Onekama), Jerry Brandt(Harrison), Jim Chipman(Big Rapids), James Walls(Stanwood), Harry Johnson(Baldwin), Lynn Mast(Fremont), Wayne Kreitner (Greenville), Laura Johnson(Baldwin), and Lions John Sovey(Harrison), Tony Rutledge(Big Rapids), Kerry McGinley(Big Rapids), Edye McCarty(Luther), Jackie Glazier(Empire), Marge Downey(Luther), Deborah Kreitner(Greenville), Ron Gibson(Fremont), Kay Brandt(Harrison and Lester McClure(White Cloud). Total 29 attendees.

PDG Dan Gibbons led the Pledge and PDG Jerry Brandt offered the invocation.

Governor Tim welcomed all Lions to his first Cabinet Meeting and presented some planned highlights of his year:

- International suggests the Governor, 1st Vice Governor and 2nd Vice Governor split up the visits to District Clubs so I'm scheduled for 20 club visits, 1st Vice Pete 15 club visits and 2nd Vice Mike 10 club visits per International. By the end of the 3rd year each Governor would have visited all 45 clubs. But I will be visiting all 45 Clubs, 25 clubs on my dime & 20 clubs on International's dime. My plan is to present an <u>Unsung Hero Award</u> to one member of every club in this District. This could be a person that works in the background of the club, works community projects, works club fundraisers and may never have been President but an <u>outstanding regular lion</u> that works hard for his/her Club. So I will be visiting every club at least once during my year as Governor.
- I've passed out the bags of wooden nickels for each club to the Zone Chairs. This program is a 'good deed' program that is scheduled to start on Sept. 1st. I first organized this for my District for my year as Governor and when I reported this to the Council of Governors they voted unanimously to make this a 100% Statewide project so all the Districts will be doing this program on Sept. 1st. The International President is also participating in this 'good deed' program and he would like to see it go worldwide. So far I have completely funded the purchase of all 5,000 wooden nickels and have passed them out to all the other District Governors too. When a good deed is noticed you pass out the wooden nickel and ask them to 'pay it forward' so it gets passed out over and over for any good deeds anywhere. This is a Public Relations project that brings Lions to the forefront with good deeds. Our immediate goal is to have 5,000 good deeds reported on our Facebook.com/sassy camel this year so the entire world can see the positive difference Lions make in our world.
- I also started to organize a Reading program for the District that has been picked up by the entire state. Michigan Reads is a program for reading in libraries and childcare centers that starts in the month of October. An agreement has been made for the State to send letters to all the libraries and child care centers letting them know the Lions in all communities are interested in helping with the 'Michigan Reads' program. This information has been picked up by the Associated Press and the PR is really great. We will be receiving the list of all Day Care Centers, Libraries and other childcare places that we can use for scheduling a reading or scheduling a Kidsight Photo Screening. A 'win' 'win' situation for all Lions in Michigan. We will learn more about this Michigan Reads program at the Fall Conference in Harrison on September 7, 2013. You don't want to miss it.
- Lastly, don't forget to make your reservation for IPDG **Bill Simpson's** Appreciation Dinner scheduled for the Falcon Head Golf Course, 13120 Northland Drive, Big Rapids on August 24, 2013.

PDG **Jim Chipman** presented **Governor Tim** with his official gavel and then proceeded to install and pass out name badges to all Committee Chairpersons present and the official Cabinet Officers using a beautiful ceremony provided by PCC **Dick Perrin**.

NOTE: The tail twister fined PDG Jim Chipman for losing the gavel before he presented it to the Governor.

1st Vice Governor Pete special thanks to IMPG Bill Simpson and Governor Tim for all the help they have given me in the past two years to help me get ready to lead the District.

- I'm encouraging all to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Kansas in September. It's a wonderful learning arena.
- International reported our membership is 24% women now and they are striving for an increase in bringing women membership up to 30%. October is Membership month and I'd like all clubs to work on membership.
- RAP is Reading Action Program and Midland has been involved with the Zimbabwe Lions with this project and has sent many books to them. A very rewarding project.
- If you'd like to be involved at the Cabinet level just give me a call. I have some positions still open.

2nd Vice Governor Mike reported:

- I will be starting to contact lions clubs to schedule a meeting with clubs in the area that I have. All zone chairpersons have been emailed a reminder of the cabinet meeting on 7-27-13 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Harrison Lions Clubs Dream is to be able to start a LEO'S CLUB. Club President Lion Penny McGlaughlin is asking for help and information on how to do this.
- The Harrison Lions Club has started out the new year by adding 3 new members.
- Fall Conference is scheduled for Sept. 7, 2013 at the Harrison Lions Club in Harrison, Mich. I need help from all zone chairs in getting this message out and the importance of making reservations so we know how many will be there. The featured speaker from the Library of Michigan on the "Michigan Reads" program is Karen Reish. We will also have the District & State project presentations & the Parade of Checks.

PCC **Dick Perrin** reported on the Global Leadership Program in District 11E1:

- We're looking for more Clubs to go through the Club Excellence Program this year. Forms are available on line for Club Officers to register for:
 - o Club Excellence Program Pro with facilitators from District or
 - o Club Excellence Program Lite using a self-guided workshop.
- Michigan Lions Leadership Institute will be held on November 8-10, 2013 at Higgins Lake. The registration form
 is available so don't delay as it fills up fast.
- USA/Canada Forum will be on September 19-21, 2013 in Overland Park, Kansas. Lots of leadership training there
- Lions Clubs International offers many webinars and online leadership courses which can be taken.
- New Members need to be assigned a mentor as soon as they've been inducted, maybe the sponsor or maybe another Lion that would help the new Lion get involved in the Club. **LCI** offers a Mentoring Program guideline.
- Special thanks to all the Zone Chairs and trainers for our Club Officer Training this year. Training sessions will be offered again as new officers are chosen for the 2014-2015 Lions year.

PDG Jim Walls reported on the Global Membership Program in District 11E1:

- All Clubs should work on an Orientation Program for new members so they know what to expect and make sure new members are assigned to a committee to make sure they feel an important part of the club right away.
- The Goal for 11E1 is to have 2 new members for each Zone each Month. I'd like to attend all the Zone Meetings, not to speak but for reference in case I can do anything to help. Please let me know your schedule.
- The next meeting for the State Global Membership Team will be Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Michigan Lions State Office.

There being no additions or corrections to the AGENDA the written agenda was approved as presented.

Lion **Bill Downey** moved approval of the <u>Cabinet Meeting and District Convention Minutes of March 23-24, 2013</u>, held at the Holiday Inn, Big Rapids, Michigan. Motion seconded by Lion **Bernard Baldwin**. Motion approved. Lion **Bill Downey** moved approval of the <u>District 11E1 Policy Manual</u> for this 2013-2014 Lion year. Motion seconded by Lion **Bernard Baldwin**. Motion Approved.

1st Vice Governor Pete moved approval of the <u>PNC Bank in Onekama</u> for this 2013-2014 Lions year. Motion seconded by Lion Bernard Baldwin. Motion approved.

Lion **Richard Veine** moved approval of the \$229.00 bond for Cabinet Treasurer, Secretary and Convention Chairperson for the 2013-2014 Lions year. Motion seconded by Lion **Bernard Baldwin**. Motion approved.

Past Treasurer Lion **Kerry McKinley** reported the 990 for District 11E1 has been filed with the Federal Government and he presented his final treasurer's report for audit. Governor Tim appointed PDG's **Harry Johnson**, **Wayne Kreitner** and IPDG **Bill Simpson** to audit the <u>final treasurer's report for year 2013-2014</u> and report back after lunch.

Treasurer Lion **Pam Schroeder** moved <u>approval of a proposed budget</u> for the Administrative fund for 2013-2014 leaving a balance in Administrative for 2014-2015 of \$7,450.42. Motion seconded by **1**st **Vice Governor Pete**. After a detailed discussion with many suggested changes on several budget line items the Motion failed. Treasurer Lion **Pam Schroeder**, with the Governor's approval, moved approval of a revised budget of the Administrative Fund for 2013-2014 leaving a balance in Administrative for 2014-2015 of \$8,468.42. Motion seconded by Lion **Janalee**. Motion approved unanimously.

DISTRICT 11E1 Approved Budget of Administrative Fund for 2013-2014

Receipts	Budgeted
Transfer from prior years excess	\$12,370.42
Dues – 1206 @ 21.50	25,925.00
Interest	30.00
District Convention – 1206 @ \$1.00	1,206.00
District Pins	400.00
Total Receipts	\$39,931.42
Expenses	
Dues – 1206 @ 14.50	\$17,487.00
Roster Books	372.00
Newsletter & Postage	500.00
Awards	850.00
Zone Chairs 2013-2013 (\$75.00 each)	525.00
District Pins	400.00
District Convention	600.00
GMT & GLT	500.00
USA/Canada Forum 1 st VDG	1,250.00
International Convention	1,500.00
Miscellaneous nonrefundable District Governor expenses	2,700.00
Miscellaneous nonrefundable 1 st VDG expenses	1,500.00
Miscellaneous nonrefundable 2 nd VDG expenses	750.00
Leadership Institute	300.00
Dishonesty Bond	229.00
IPDG Jacket & Pin	150.00
Peace Poster	100.00
District Website	250.00
Membership Initiative	750.00
Miscellaneous	750.00
Total Projected Expenses	\$31,463.00
Balance Administrative Fund for 2014-2015	\$ 8,468.42

IPDG **Bill Simpson** moved approval for the 50/50 and fines balance of \$265.00 for his year be used for the District 11E1 Louis Braille Award expenses. Motion seconded by Lion **Bill Downey**. Motion approved.

IPDG **Bill Simpson** moved we approve for payment the \$20.00 filing fee for the Michigan Corporation Papers #70993M. Motion seconded by 2nd Vice District Governor **Mike Howard**. Motion approved unanimously.

Written report from Lion **Connie McMorris**, Region 1, Zone 1 Chairperson – Sorry I was unable to attend this cabinet meeting. I am spending time with family for vacation and family reunion. Our year is off to a good start; my zone is getting ready for a zone project, our first attempt. We will be doing a Kidsight screening at the Northwest Michigan Fair on Aug. 7th, from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. We will do special needs kids in the morning and all others in the afternoon. We had great input from most of the clubs. We will also be doing a donor registration at the same time, thanks in advance to PDG **Dan Gibbons** for helping with the screenings and PDG **Lynn Mast** for helping with the Donor station. Frankfort is still struggling with membership and they have asked for some ideas and help with trying to get back on track. Honor just added a new member. Empire added a new member. It is a busy time for all my clubs with their summer projects. I will be making visits and contacting them all to get roster books to them. Hope to be able to report more on all the clubs successes next meeting. (NOTE: PDG **Lynn Mast** will be contacting Frankfort to offer help.)

Region 1 Zone 2 Chairperson Lion **Richard Veine** reported a very busy summer already for all of the Clubs in his zone. I had a new zone project this year. Each Club in the zone hosted one day at the 'free popcorn' booth at the Fair. Each Club passed out brochures about their Club. This project was a huge success for the public relations it provided all the clubs and we hope to do it again next year. We also had <u>Bear Lake Days</u>, <u>Kaleva Days</u>, <u>Arcadia Days</u>, the <u>Mesick Mushroom Festival plus Onekama</u> worked a food booth for the entire Manistee Fair. And we are all looking forward to working together again on the October United Way Dinner Dance.

Region 2, Zone 2 Chairperson Lion **Diane Fleming** was absent for a family vacation.

Region 2, Zone 2 Chairperson Lion **Bernard Baldwin** reported that <u>Chippewa Lake & Mecosta</u> may be in line for a merger. Both clubs have low membership but their activities mesh very well and the officers' mesh very well too so we probably won't lose them and together both communities will be stronger. If the Chippewa Lake & Mecosta merger is a success it is possible <u>Edmore and Six Lakes</u> will consider merging. <u>Remus</u> will be having their 75th Anniversary in November. An official celebration is not scheduled yet but I'll let you know when it does get scheduled.

Region 2, Zone 3 Chairperson Lion **Bill Downey** reported <u>Evart</u> is very active in the Dulcimer Festival and has added 6 new members. <u>Luther</u> is busy with the horse pull in the July 4th celebration and has added 2 new members. <u>Cadillac</u> has added 1 new member and <u>Baldwin</u> is growing.

Region 3, Zone 1 Chairperson Lion **Richard Langin** reported on his visitations. <u>Carson City</u> needs to work on membership and the membership reports. <u>Crystal</u> and <u>Six Lakes</u> need to be working on membership. <u>Edmore</u> membership is up 2 from last year and <u>Sheridan</u> is doing great on membership but I suggested they really need to appoint a tail twister for a little fun at their meetings. <u>Stanton</u> has dropped 3 members for non-payment. Stanton doesn't have a tail twister either and they could really use some help with the Aug. 5th Old Fashioned Days.

Written report from Lion **Bill Koch** Region 3, Zone2 Chairperson – Status of Clubs – Lions: If you could I would like to know the status of your clubs. Members and projects as well as your goals. Our First Zone Meeting will be on August 26th at the Lion's Den in White Cloud. We will dine together and then update every club on our goals and projects we hope to accomplish this year. **Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services ROAR LIONS**

2nd Vice Governor **Mike Howard** requested the Zone Chairpersons take count of women attending meetings when you do your visitations.

Governor **Tim Anderson** reported that International is asking all Governors to appoint a Chairperson for Family & Women in Lionism. Lion **Connie McMorris** and Lion **Jackie Glazier** have accepted that position for 11E1.

IPDG **Bill Simpson** moved approval to <u>pay the \$30.00 incentive to Clubs</u> for new members after year end totals are recorded at International. Motion seconded by Lion **Bill Downey**. Motion approved unanimously.

2nd Vice Governor **Michael Howard** moved we transfer ownership of our Portable Vision Screening Devices, commonly known as <u>'Kidsight Cameras' from District 11E1 to the Lions of Michigan Foundation</u> with the provision the cameras continue to be located and restricted for use in our District's designated service area and would be under the supervision of our District Kidsight Coordinator at all times. Motion seconded by IPDG **Bill Simpson**. Motion approved. NOTE: The Foundation will be paying for the insurance on cameras as soon as documentation is complete. The Clubs in our District will be asked to pay \$1.00 per child screened to the District Sight & Hearing Fund for Project Kidsight. The District will make an annual donation to the Lions of Michigan Foundation for Project Kidsight.

Governor **Tim Anderson** announced Treasurer Lion **Pam Schroeder** will take care of ordering any of the <u>official District</u> <u>shirts</u> for everyone. The red shirt is for all Cabinet Members and Committee Chairpersons and the blue District shirt is for purchase by any regular Lion member in our District. Both can be worn at all official Lion activities.

PDG **Harry Johnson** reported that the <u>Audit Committee</u> found everything in order and up to date in Past-Treasurer Lion **Kerry McGinley's** books and records.

STATE PROJECT DISTRICT CHIRPERSON REPORTS

<u>All State Band</u> – Lion **Tricia Lewis** – written report:

LMASB once again, had a fruitful, successful, enjoyable and a truly musical experience on their trip to the Lions International convention in Hamburg. Following 6 days of rehearsal over a period of 6 months which included a 3 day band camp at Adrian College the band and its instructional staff began the journey to Berlin.

Though the weather was a challenge with regard to rain and heat during band camp, Berlin started out with gorgeous weather that followed us throughout the tour. Our first evening in Berlin we met with the current District Governor of Berlin as well as the immediate Past District Governor, they were accompanied by four area Leo's who all joined us for our first meal in Berlin.

The table was prepared and the tone for the rest of the trip was set by that opening gathering with the faces of Lions in Germany. From the moment we played the first notes of our first concert we knew that Germany was going to be a very special venue with regard to audiences. Germans love music and will stop, listen, and enjoy good performances when and wherever they occur.

The students and staff were very appreciative of the audiences and performed with emotion and excellence in response to their presence. Our concerts at the residence for the blind and residence for the elderly were truly emotional experiences. To see the students visit with the residents following the presentations was precious beyond words.

Attendance at the parade was well above average and our kids rose to the occasion playing a program that had broad appeal to the audience members that lined the route. "We Serve" with their gifts and talents of music were evident throughout the tour the message of Lionism was proclaimed and witnessed daily throughout the tour. We are very proud of these students; what they gave, how hard they worked, the personal performance perfection that they presented, and certainly last but not least, how well they individually and collectively represented themselves, their families, schools and communities.

Toronto: Here we come!

<u>Bear Lake Camp</u> – The Past District Governors Association scheduled a work day and really perked up Bear Lake Camp. The 40' climbing wall is finished including the zip line, which is an outstanding addition to the Camp.

Leader Dog – Lion Pam Blizzard and Lion Ronald Sharp: Absent

<u>Lions of Michigan Foundation</u> – Lion **Ron Gibson**: Please extend us an invitation to visit as many of the Zone Meetings as we can this year. The Foundation has an outstanding cruise fundraiser scheduled for January 2014. 18 clubs in 11E1 donated \$6165 to the Foundation last year. Our District was #9 in donations yet we received over \$20,000 in grants. I hope we can do better this year. July 20, 2013, West Branch, Michigan -IPDG **Bill Simpson** written report:

Lions of Michigan Foundation meeting and Awards banquet;

The foundation & Eye Bank six nights cruise, sailing from Fort Lauderdale, starts on January 26, 2014. Don't miss a fun winter break activity; your last day to make reservations is September 30, 2013. To make reservations call Lion John Marshall at 1-899-874-6470.

Hall of Fame inductees were PDG John Cloroch, PCC Bill Whippen, PDG Paul Frederick, PDG Stuart Goodrich, PCC Ray DeWitt, PDG Albert Van Thomme and PDG Wendell Doty. Each district is allowed one candidate, either living or deceased, and must be approved by that districts cabinet with the endorsed application received at the Foundation by March 1st.

Foundation goals for the 2013-14 Lions year are:

- Establish and provide financial aid and support for Kidsight.
- Possible partnering with Masons on Child ID this project would be a good match with Kidsight.
- Make efforts to rebuild relationship with Michigan Dept. of Community Health; Opening channels for information exchange and endorsement of Kidsight.
- Working with Kellogg Eye Center to provide eye screenings and funding of vision screenings of pre-school aged children in Michigan.
- Increase participation/donations from all clubs/districts in Sight and Hearing sweepstakes ticket sales. This year's sales were down from last year.

Lion Jim Dunn from C-2 won the raffle for the LMF/Eye Bank cruise raffle. Over 500 tickets were sold with \$1,000 profit going to each organization.

PDG Bill Simpson, LMF Trustee

Note: Lion **Ron Gibson** and I would like to attend your zone meetings and do a LMF presentation. We represent one of the easiest money making projects available to your club.

<u>Michigan Eye Bank</u> – PDG **Lynn Mast**: Two new awards for recognition of Lions are now available at Michigan Eye Bank. We have the \$500 Chuck Weir Award and the \$1,000 Doc Barr Award. We haven't had any request for donor stations for the eye bank yet this year. We have a new program coming out very soon.

MULTIPLE DISRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

<u>International Convention</u> – PDG **Harry Johnson**: 52 people attended Michigan Night. It was a great Convention with nearly 30,000 attendees.

<u>Michigan Forum</u> – PCC **Dick Perrin**: Will be held on Saturday February 14, 2014 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing. Attendees have many choices in sessions and you can't go wrong attending this special day.

MD11 Convention – PDG Laura Johnson: Convention will be held in Battle Creek on May 15, 16 & 17, 2014.

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

<u>Camp Tuhsmeheta</u> – Lion **Larry Alman** written report:

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind Report 07-27-2013 Camp Tuhsmeheta (Camp T.)

Some Blind and visually impaired Children in Michigan have had many fun experiences at Camp T. and beyond.

They had the opportunities to spend a few days at Sleeping Bear Dunes in Northern Michigan.

This coming week scheduled was Science Camp and it had to be canceled because three of our staff came down with whooping cough. We have been working with Kent County Health Department to get this resolved and the

quarantine period will be off this coming Wednesday and things will be back to normal. They will be able to continue the camp week.

They have their adventure camp coming up soon and that is a build up to the end of our camping season at Camp T toward the end of August.

We would like to have the opportunity to come visit your club and tell our story. Please give Lion Larry a call at 616-745-9213 or email me at w8wr@charter.net .

Lion Larry Alman, Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind Chairperson

<u>Constitution</u>, <u>By-Laws</u> – PDG **Lynn Mast**: Nothing to report at this time.

<u>Convention</u> – PDG **Jerry Brandt**: Will be held at the Double tree in Holland March 20-23, 2014. Individual rooms will be \$75.00 + 11% tax (\$83.25). We will have a committee meeting following this Cabinet Meeting.

Credentials - Lion Gayle Morlock: Absent

<u>Diabetes/Sight Conservation Awareness</u> – Lion **Jackie Glazier**: November is Diabetes Awareness Month and March will be Diabetic Alert Month. We will be contacting all Clubs.

<u>District Pin</u> – PDG **Jim Walls**: I have State Pins for \$2.00 each plus the Governor pins at \$2.00 each too. Today I have given 25 State pins and 25 Governor pins to Zone Chairpersons Lions **Richard Veine**, **Bernard Baldwin**, **Bill Downey**, **Richard Langin** and Lion **Edye McCarty** to sell. I also gave 25 State Pins to PDG **Wayne Kreitner** to sell. Make sure everyone wears a Governor's Pin to every function this year, otherwise you may be paying a \$2.00 fine each time and I'll give them a pin to wear!

<u>Editor, Newsletter, Communicator</u> – Lion **Debbie Kreitner**: So far I'm mailing out 14 @ 2 stamps for each. Please read my written report: July 27, 2013 – Governor, Cabinet and Fellow Lions,

I am currently working on second newsletter for the year and it will be out within the next 5 days. There are several issues that I need to discuss with the Lions who send articles for the newsletter.

- 1. Please do not send newspaper articles scanned, they do not copy well. Please contact the paper the article was in and get the original pictures. The paper will send pictures and articles in PDF form if requested.
- 2. Please do not place borders around articles that are submitted, articles do not copy well and are hard to resize and center.
- 3. Please include pictures of Installations, projects and other items pertaining to your club's activities.
- 4. All articles need to be to the Editor by no later than the 20th of the previous month you want it published. Example: 20th of August for the September newsletter.
- 5. Articles need to be in black lettering unless it is a form that is being sent for project of a club activity or District project.
- 6. Any person that wishes to write a special interest article to be published in the State Lions Magazine, please send it to the District Editor for submission.

Zone chairs please talk to all of your clubs. I have set a goal to have at least one article from every club in the District before the end of the year. This is something that we have not accomplished in many year, if ever. If you don't talk about your club no one will know that you are a part of this great District.

If you have any Questions about the newsletter please contact me.

Thank-you, Lion Debbie 616-745-8409 debkreitner@charter.net

<u>Elections & Nominations</u> – PCC **Dick Perrin**: Nothing to report at this time.

<u>Float Trailer</u> – PDG **Laura Johnson**: Last year 5 clubs used the float 7 different times. Already we've used the float 12 times this year so the word is getting out to the clubs on how great the float really is for your communities. Special thanks to the Luther Lions for providing a home for the float. We couldn't keep it so nice without their care & custody.

Hearing – Lion Gayle Morlock: Absent

Honorary – IPDG Bill Simpson - written report: July 26, 2013

The Honorary Committee met on Wednesday July, 24, 2013 at Ruby Tuesday Restaurant in Big Rapids. Attending the meeting were DG Anderson, PDG's Witter, Morlock, Monahan, H. Johnson, Chipman, McClure, Kreitner, Mast, Gibbons, Walls, and Simpson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following agenda:

District Plans for coming year: Bring PDG's up to speed on the proposed changes/plans

- GMT
- 2. \$30.00 Membership Incentive
- 3. Roles of VDG's
- 4. "DREAM TEAM"
- 5. Membership Goals
- 6. Club Mentoring Program
- 7. Extension (New Clubs)
- 8. Women in Lions
- 9. PR Campaign
- 10. Michigan Reads (RAP)
- 11. District Fundraiser (to offset the \$30 incentive or to offset future dues increase) currently looking at holding a dinner/auction either at Harrison or White Cloud
- 12. Fall Conference
- 13. News Letter/ Social Media
- 14. Website
- 15. PDG's Role in all this for the coming year

A discussion and input is welcome on each topic

PDG's Role:

The PDG's ARE and always will be our leaders and one of our Districts most valuable assets; they possess knowledge, experience and in most case the respect of the clubs and Lions within 11E1.

We need to recruit and use their skills and influence to help the district reach its goals. We need to pull together to guide our district forward.

- 1. Club Mentoring Program
- 2. Membership Goals
- 3. Extension (New Clubs)
- 4. District Fundraiser
- 5. "DREAM TEAM"

These are just some of the ways the PDG's can help and it can be done either by hands on or by promoting and supporting the programs within your club and area. Just one word positive or negative from a PDG can sway the opinion of a lot of Lions so let's do what we can to make this a POSITIVE Year!

DG Tim covered the above topics with most discussion centered on the expanded role of GMT the \$30 dollar membership incentive, Club mentoring by PDG's and regional fund raising to aid the District. District roster books were distributed and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

IPDG Bill Simpson, Honorary Committee Chairperson

International Relations – Lion Bill Shier: Absent

<u>Information Technology/Webmaster</u> – Lion **Karla Roebuck**: Absent

<u>Leo</u> – Lion **Laurene Homsher**: Absent

Liaison – PDG Lynn Mast: Nothing to report at this time.

<u>Lioness Liaison</u> – Lion **Kay Brandt**: The Harrison Lioness Club is the last active Lioness Club in District 11E1. We have 45 members and keep very busy. We will also be doing the PR campaign with the wooden nickels just like the Lions members.

Lions Alert - Lion Harry Engels: Absent

<u>Lions Clubs International Foundation</u> – PDG **Jerry Brandt**: passed out the list of donors for Melvin Jones and encouraged all Clubs to donate to this very outstanding Foundation this year.

Lions Opportunities for Youth - Lion Laurene Homsher: Absent

Lions Quest – PDG Harry Johnson: waiting for the new information to present.

<u>Lion Services for Children Chairperson</u> – Lion **Terry Strong**: Absent

Past District Governors Association – PDG Duane Witter - written report: PDG Association

The PDG Association is in the process of revamping. The past two years we have been to Bear Lake for their cleanup day in May. If you read the article in 'The Lions Pride' about Bear Lake Camp, you noted that they had 'leaders' for various projects. Well, what it did not say was that the PDG's were the 'leaders'! We had a meeting on Friday night and then on Saturday led various projects being done for the camp.

Our District was not well represented.

Then last September, we went to Camp Tuhsmeheta to help clean up and put things away for the winter We are scheduled to do this again this September.

Again, our District was not well represented – and this was disappointing since it is one of our District Projects. We really would like to see a much better turnout this year.

Also, we have been hosting a Sunday morning breakfast at the Multiple District Convention. This event has the best turnout – maybe it has to do with food. (though they feed us well at the Camps also).

We have a new President, PDG R.G. Barnum and he has been working really hard to get the Association moving and active again.

In this month's Lion Pride there is a note from PDG R.G. and a form to fill out to send in to pay your dues – which are still only \$10. Please send that form in ASAP.

Many have asked that the PDG Association have a purpose – well, now we have one and we need your support!

Peace Poster – Lion Steve Adsmond: Absent

Project Kidsight Coordinator – Lion **Bob Thompson**: Absent

<u>Public Relations/Publications Advisory</u> – Lion Karla Roebuck: Absent

Strategic Planning: PDG's Wayne Kreitner & Lynn Mast reported the next meeting will be August 14th.

<u>SVOSH</u> – Lion **Tony Rutledge**: More information on Ferris expanding the mission program to our District will be coming later – written report: Lion **Tony Rutledge** SVOSH Project, District 11E1, Zone 2, District MTG., July 27, 2013

A project between District 11E1 Zone 2 Lions and Ferris State University students and faculty of the Michigan School of Optometry.

GOALS: Promote the collection of used eye glasses within the Zone 2 communities. Organize the participation of club members in the sorting of used eye glasses, monthly, with the SVOSH students, under the supervision of the Ferris faculty Advisor. Promote the possible participation of Lion members that would be interested on going on MISSIONS. Coordinate for the District as needed.

At the present time ALL of the clubs in Zone Two are involved in either eye glass collection, monthly sorting, or have expressed an interest in going on a possible MISSION some time.

Future Goals: Encourage SVOSH students to attend Lion Club meetings, to learn about or organization and how it will work with their Profession. Encourage SVOSH students to participate in KID SIGHT SCREENINGS, learn to use the CAMERA, etc. Development of Monetary Stipends, at the club level, Zone level, and District Level to help defray the cost of participating in MISSION Work. Lion **Tony Rutledge**

<u>Youth Exchange</u> – Lion **Edye McCarty:** my email has a double _____ . It doesn't show up really good in the book so I'm not getting all your emails yet. This is my first year and the State Chairperson's first year too so we have a huge learning curve. DVD's are available for programs and we have forms that need to be filled out if your club wants to sponsor a youth or if you would like to host a youth. Just contact me and I'll get everything to you that you'll need.

Governor Tim Anderson's Closing Remarks:

- Lions of Michigan is following Lions International suggestion that we have a Social Medium Committee. The State Chairperson will be Laura Hunt from 11D1. I will be asking Lion Karla Roebuck if she would like to chair that Committee for 11E1.
- There is an International Grant available for Women in Lions Symposium that I'm interested in applying for our District. Lion **Richard Veine** moved approval for the Governor to apply to International for the Symposium Grant. Motion seconded by 2nd Vice Governor **Mike Howard**. Motion approved unanimously.
- We have forms on our website that can be filled out so I will have a report of all the State and District meetings you attend and of all the Clubs you visit. It's very important that I'm always aware of what meetings you attend, what was accomplished at the meetings and the clubs you visit. Please keep me up to date on your activities for the District.
- I've been asked about the badges. Always wear them on your right side and your left side is for the pin.
- Thank-you for attending today and for all the work you've been doing for the District. Running the District is a TEAM effort and I'm very proud of our TEAM.

IPDG **Bill Simpson** moved to <u>adjourn</u> the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Lion **Bernard Baldwin**. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, PCC Janalee McClure, District 11E1 Secretary 2013-2014

NOTE: October 12, 2013 Cabinet Meeting: IPDG **Bill Simpson** moved approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2013 Cabinet Meeting as presented. Motion Seconded by Lion **Connie Morris.** Motion approved unanimously.