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LIONS OF MICHIGAN**

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**83rd ANNUAL CONVENTION
SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN
IRON MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN
APRIL 29, 30, MAY 1, 2005**



MIX & MEET
APRIL 29, 2005 - 6:00 p.m.
Recreation Lanes, Iron Mountain, Michigan



BUSINESS SESSION
APRIL 30, 2005 - 9:00 a.m.
Izzo-Mariucci Center, Iron Mountain, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by District Governor Harold Schermer. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, dignitaries and guests were introduced.

CREDENTIALS REPORT – Chuck Nicklas

The Credentials Committee reports that 92 delegates, 23 PDGs, and 2 alternates are certified for the convention from 32 clubs. The registration desk reports that 153 of 174 people have checked in.

MOTION – Nicklas, seconded, to accept the Credentials Report. Motion carried.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT - Bill Whippen, PDG

1. **Order of Business:** Except as herein otherwise provided, the "Order of Business" shall be in the order given in the Business Session Agenda, a copy of which has been furnished each certified delegate and alternate.
2. **Deviation from the "Order of Business":** Deviation from the "Order of Business" as adopted by the convention shall occur only when authorized by proper motion approved by a majority of the delegates duly assembled.
3. **First "Order of Business":** The first "Order of Business" shall be the report of the Credentials Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Credentials Committee shall have certified the number of delegates and alternates registered at the convention.
4. **Second "Order of Business":** The second "Order of Business" shall be the report of the Rules Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Rules shall have been adopted.
5. **Parliamentary Procedure:** Except where otherwise herein provided, the "Newly Revised Edition of Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern matters of Parliamentary Procedure.

6. **Quorum:** A quorum for any duly scheduled meeting shall consist one more than half of the registered delegates certified to the Convention by the Credentials Committee and present at such meetings.
7. **Resolutions:** All proposed resolutions, except amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be presented to the Convention by the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws under the conditions prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
8. **Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:**
 - A. **Amendments:** Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be presented to the Convention by the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws under the conditions prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
 - B. **Discussion:** Except as authorized by the Chair, discussion shall be limited to one principal speaker for and one principal speaker against, and three additional speakers each, pro and con. All discussion on any one amendment shall be limited to fourteen (14) minutes.
 - C. **Voting:** Any vote pertaining to amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, or resolutions requiring a vote, shall be by show of hands, except where otherwise required by the Constitution and By-Laws of District 10 and Lions International.
9. **Limitations on Speakers:**
 - D. **Subjects Before the Convention:** Each speaker discussing any matter, including proposed amendments or resolutions requiring a vote, shall be limited to three (3) minutes. An additional three (3) minutes shall be granted by the Chair without objection from the delegates.
 - E. **Presentations:** Presentations shall be limited to the time allowed by the presiding officer.
10. **Duties of the Sergeants-At-Arms:** The Sergeants-At-Arms are authorized to enforce the rules herein set forth.
11. **Call for Nominations:** The Call for Nominations shall be made three times before a motion to close nominations is in order.
12. **Suspension of the Rules:** Suspension of the Rules may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates assembled.

MOTION – Whippen, Hanford, to adopt the Rules. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION – made, seconded, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL GUEST

Past International Director John Walker thanked the Lions of SD 10 for their support of PID Dennis Cobler's candidacy for 2VP of Lions Clubs International. The International Board has endorsed the candidate from New York, PID Al Brandel. However, PID Cobler remains the endorsed candidate from Michigan, and he will wait until the next Board Meeting to see if his status changes. PID Cobler extends his gratitude and thanks to the SD 10 Lions.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

Lion LaBelle reviewed financial reports for the 10-month period ending April 29, 2005. The beginning balance on June 30 was \$19,568.37. Receipts totaled \$30,450.12, with disbursements of \$22,749.88—leaving a bank balance of \$27,268.61. Most of the net income of \$7,700.24 came from a surplus from the 2004 International Convention in Detroit.

Two clubs are delinquent in paying their dues. Two notices were sent to them, and four phone calls were made to club treasurers, secretaries, and presidents.

The Hearing & Speech Restricted Account began the year with a balance of \$610.95. Deposits of \$1,350.00 were made, and one check for \$200 was issued to Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Services. The account currently has a balance of \$1,760.95.

The White Cane Account started the year with a balance of \$264.22. A total of \$200 was deposited, and there were no disbursements. The current balance is \$464.22.

Cabinet donations (from fines) totaled \$321.42. These funds were disbursed to Omega House (\$22.42), Teaching Family Homes (\$26.00), Bay Cliff (\$23.00), and the Lions Leadership Institute (\$250.00).

Cabinet Treasurer LaBelle reviewed the dues structure. Lions International dues are currently \$33.20 per member per year, but will rise to \$39.00 next year. State dues are \$2.59 per member per year, and district dues are \$7.56 per member per year.

Single District 10 received a refund check from the International Convention in Detroit for \$3,868.67. This is the district's portion of the funds that were not used for the convention last year. Treasurer LaBelle suggested donating the money to the Bay Cliff capital campaign. "Trying to allocate the money back to individual clubs would be very complicated since it was collected over a three-year period and was based on membership numbers."

MOTION – Andrews, LaRue, to donate the 2004 International Convention refund to Bay Cliff's capital campaign.

MOTION – Ware, Hanford, to amend the motion by substituting the following language: To place the money in a discretionary fund to be administered by the Cabinet for purposes to be determined by the Cabinet.

In discussion of the motion, it was noted that the funds were raised from dues and could be used for administrative purposes. Several Lions felt that the money should be distributed to more than one project. Others felt that "discretionary funds always seem to slip away," and therefore should be disbursed in total. PDG Joe Potvin explained that money is needed to match funds for the grant for Bay Cliff. The overall cost of the project is \$350,000, and matching funds raised to date total approximately \$31,000.

Vote on the Motion to Amend by Substitution: Motion defeated.

Vote on the Original Motion: Motion carried.

MOTION – Hanford, Munsell, to receive the Treasurer’s Report and to place it on file.
Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

The proposed budget for 2005-2006 will be presented at the changeover meeting. It will be roughly the same as this year (approximately \$23,450).

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Bill Whippen, PDG, Chair

There are no amendment proposals to be presented this year.

ALL STATE BAND REPORT – Jenny Ware, PDG, Chair

There are approximately 90 students in this year's All State Band, which will travel to the International Convention in Hong Kong, with a stop in Hawaii on the return flight. Four band members are from the Upper Peninsula—three from St. Ignace and one from Rudyard. SD 10 has donated \$630 to date to the band's administrative account. This account pays for operating costs, such as postage, telephone, rent of rehearsal facilities, insurance, music, instrument repairs, and staff expenses. The band has a staffing ratio of one adult per 10 students.

PROJECT KID SIGHT – Jenny Ware, PDG, Chair

At last year's convention, the SD 10 delegates voted to become part of the Photoscreening Core 4 Grant which was received in August of 2003. The goal is to provide free vision screening to children between 1 and 5 years of age. In collaboration with Public Health Departments throughout the state, Lions are being trained in the use of the Photo Screener camera.

Three training sessions have been held in Single District 10 since this time last year. Sixteen Lions and Lioness have been trained to use the Photo Screener camera. Eventually, the goal is to train 1-2 people per club. Over 40 children have been screened in the past few months. SD 10 received one camera from the grant funds, and the Lions of Munising and Crystal Falls have purchased a second camera. Jenny is working with Rose Potvin to obtain funds for a third camera.

Seven Lions Clubs have donated \$575 to the Photo Screener program, plus \$1,250 each from the Munising and Crystal Falls Lions toward the purchase of a camera.

BAY CLIFF REPORT – Tracee Charbeneau

The SD 10 Lions have asked to take on the cost of one building (Shady Nook) as "their" project. Approximately \$15,600 has been collected from donations, and the raffle will generate another \$16,000.

June 26, 2005 is "Lions Pride Day" at Bay Cliff. Lions Club members are invited to visit the camp to see the improvements that have already been made. This is the first time this event has been scheduled on a weekend, in hopes that more people will be able to attend. Activities kick off at 10:30 a.m.

PDG Jim Decremer presented a check for \$500 to Bay Cliff on behalf of the Rapid River Lions Club.

MOTION – Charbeneau, Holzworth, to apply to LCIF for a \$50,000 grant for Bay Cliff on behalf of the district.

In discussion of the motion, it was questioned when matching funds count toward the grant. Approximately \$30,000 has been raised to date, leaving another \$20,000 to meet the match. Can funds raised before applying for the grant be counted? PID John Walker explained that most grant applications show that money has already been raised to show support for the project. The LCIF Board meets three times a year to consider grant applications.

Vote on the Motion: Motion carried.

MOTION – LaBelle, Holzworth, that the Lions of SD 10 adopt the Shady Nook project, totaling \$350,000 over the next four years.

Tracee Charbeneau explained that the Lions' name would be on the building. If fund-raising falls short, the project will go forth regardless. The building will still be named for the Lions. She explained that other groups are also supporting capital improvement projects. A women's group from Lower Michigan is sponsoring the laundry room. NASCAR is sponsoring the swimming pool. Elks and Kiwanis have also agreed to sponsor projects.

Vote on the Motion: Motion carried.

NORTHWOODS AIR LIFELINE – George Kelly, PDG, Chair

Pilots are averaging two flights per week. Two aircraft—one privately owned and the twin-engine purchased by NWAL—are all-weather and have been used extensively over the winter months. FAA has mandated that two pilots must be aboard on some flights with the twin-engine airplane. With the weight of the fuel, passengers, and luggage, the twin engine is not very economical to operate. Therefore, it has been sold for \$375,000. The money will be used to purchase two all-weather, single-engine aircraft. NWAL is negotiating for one aircraft now, and they hope to have the second before long. This will give them the availability of three all-weather aircraft. If one is down for inspection or maintenance, or if one is on a mission, another will be on standby.

With the increasing cost of fuel and maintenance, it is becoming very expensive to fly these missions. PDG Kelly expressed his disappointment with donations this year—only 18 Lions Clubs and 1 Lioness Club have contributed. A Harley Motorcycle will be raffled to help raise money for NWAL.

Information packets were mailed to all clubs last fall. Every club is encouraged to appoint an NWAL Coordinator. A forum on Northwoods Air Lifeline will be presented this afternoon.

PDG Jim Decremer presented a check for \$800 to NWAL on behalf of the Rapid River Lions Club.

MOTION – Kelly, Klaus, to voice support for the Lioness Clubs in SD 10. Motion carried.

TEACHING FAMILY HOMES REPORT – Marvin Shimp

Mike Smith will present a forum on Teaching Family Homes this afternoon. Construction and renovation are underway, and the new campus is being built as money comes in.

OMEGA HOUSE – Lois Berg

Omega House is a hospice facility in Copper Country. The grant from LCIF has been approved, and the check will be coming in soon. Construction is almost complete, and move-in will take place later this month.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS – Duke Snyder

There are three offices to fill, with written ballots to be cast for all three. The first office is District Governor. There is one candidate, Richard Johnsen from the Wells Lions Club. The other offices are Vice District Governor and Trustee for the Lions Service Foundation.

MOTION – Snyder, Hanford, to accept the Nominations Report. Motion carried.

Nominations were taken from the floor for LMSF Trustee. Ruth Snyder from Munising was nominated.

MOTION – Andrews, Hanford, to close nominations and proceed with voting. Motion carried.

Ballots for LMSF Trustee were distributed and collected from the delegates present.

Qualifications for the office of Vice District Governor were read. The floor was opened for nominations. PDG Jim Decremer placed in nomination Chuck Nicklas from the Munising Lions Club. A seconding speech was delivered by PDG Bill Whippen. The Chair called three times for additional nominations.

MOTION – made, seconded, to close nominations for Vice District Governor. Motion carried.

A written ballot for the office of Vice District Governor was collected from the delegates present.

Richard Johnsen from the Wells Lions Club is the only candidate for District Governors.

MOTION – Olsen, seconded, to close nominations. Motion carried.

Written ballots for the office of District Governor were cast by the delegates present.

Election results were announced by Lion Duke Snyder: Ruth Snyder was elected Trustee of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Chuck Nicklas was elected Vice District Governor, and Richard Johnsen was elected District Governor. Officer patches were presented to DGE Johnsen and VDGE Nicklas. Acceptance speeches were made.

MOTION – Lanaville, Olson, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

FUTURE SD 10 CONVENTIONS

Next year's convention will be held in Sault Ste. Marie. Two dates are proposed—May 12-14 and May 19-21, 2006. PDG Whippen noted that the constitution specifies that the

convention will be held on the first full weekend in May (unless it falls on Mother's Day weekend). May 5-7 is the first full weekend in May, but that date interferes with LSSU graduation. May 12-14 is Mother's Day weekend. A vote of the delegates is required to approve the proposed convention date.

MOTION – Potvin, Lanaville, to approve holding the SD 10 Convention in Sault Ste. Marie on May 19-21, 2006. Motion carried.

The Lions Clubs of Rapid River and Days River offered to host the 2007 SD 10 Convention in Rapid River, Michigan, on May 3-6. Activities will begin with a golf tournament on Thursday.

MOTION – Godlewski, Snyder, to approve the bid for the 2007 convention. Motion carried.

Thanks were expressed to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Lions Club and the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club for hosting the 2005 convention.

NEW BUSINESS

PID John Walker presented the 2003-04 100% District Governor Award to IPDG Joe Potvin.

The following forums are scheduled in the afternoon at the Izzo-Mariucci Center: 1:30 p.m. – Northwood Air Lifeline; 1:50 p.m. – LCIF; 2:10 p.m. – Project KidSight; 2:30 p.m. Teaching Family Homes; 2:50 p.m. – Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf; 3:10 p.m. Bay Cliff. In addition, President's and Secretary's training will take place at the Timber Motor Lodge at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

The appreciation party for District Governor Harold Schermer will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 30, 2005 at the Chip-In Casino. The Cabinet Meeting will be held on July 31 at the Rapid River Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.

The Business Session was adjourned.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Written reports submitted by the Scholarship Program and Michigan Eye Bank are printed below.

Lions Scholarship Program – Dwight Seger, PDG, Chair

There is not much change in our program at this time of the year. I had Lion Wayne Christoff give me a Treasurer's Report so you can see what is going on and let you know where the donations are coming from. Applications are slow at this time of year, but we do have about five and should be getting more as we get closer to August.

Student loans are still being paid off, and there are a few that are going to take a long time to collect because of the size of the loans and the size of the payments.

Scholarships Awarded –

Jessica Manier	Negaunee High School	\$750.00
Damon Paul	Gladstone High School	\$750.00
Ryan Jacob Idalski	LaSalle High School	\$500.00
Robert Caliguri	Gladstone High School	\$500.00
Josua Querio	Norway High School	\$500.00
Cheryl Anderson	Gladstone High School	\$500.00
Christopher Campbell	Iron Mountain High School	\$500.00

Michigan Eye-Bank Report – Larry Klaus, PDG

This year continues to be a very exciting time in Michigan Eye Banking. Our new President and CEO, Susan Mozena, and the Board of Directors are working very hard to build a faster acting and more efficient organization. The Midwest Eye-Banks and Transplantation Center (MEBTC) operates the Michigan Eye-Bank, the Illinois Eye-Bank and the Watson Gaily Eye Bank (also in Illinois) from our office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We have a very knowledgeable and efficient staff and are very highly respected among US Eye Banks. We even send tissue to other countries around the world.

One thing that has been lagging here in SD 10 over the past several years has been financial contributions to the Eye-Bank by our Lions Clubs. Although we have more clubs than any other Michigan Lions district, we stand in the lower half in the percentage of club contributing. There is still time to change this by making your contributions before the end of the 2004-05 fiscal year, which ends June 30th. To those clubs that have made financial contributions, thank you!

Our Eye-Bank annual meeting will be in June, at which most of the pending issues we have been working on during the year will be finalized. They include, but are not limited to, operating another Lions Eye-Bank, moving our operations from two locations in Ann Arbor to a larger single location in Ann Arbor, and a revision of the Constitution & By-Laws. I will send a full report on that meeting to the SD 10 Lions Magazine.



PARTNERS LUNCH
April 30, 2005 – 1:00 p.m.
Rialto Lanes, Norway, Michigan



AWARDS LUNCH
April 30, 2005 - 12:15 p.m.
Recreation Lanes, Iron Mountain, Michigan

Lion Joe Baczkowski presented a plaque to Megan Asano, winner of SD 10's Peace Poster Contest. The Heart of the North Lions Club won the Membership Drive Award for bringing in five new members.

Club Presidents and Secretaries were asked to stand and be recognized for their excellent work over the past year. Special recognition went to nine clubs for their outstanding newsletters: Days River, Bark River, Crystal Falls, Drummond Island, Rapid River, Tri-Township, L'Anse, Marquette, and Wells.

Harold Schermer presented District Governor Appreciation Awards to the following Lions for outstanding service during the year: Richard Johnsen, Wally Hanford, Fran Valente, Ruth Snyder, Barry Frisk, Roland Renquist, Gary Klop, Joan Paul, George Kelly,

Earl Chaltry, Jim Decremer, Knut Strom, Tracee Charbeneau, Bill Whippen, Evelyn Valente, Mike Kobasic, Larry Klaus, Jack Holzworth, Ed Vinoski, and Joe Baczkowski.



GOVERNORS BANQUET
April 30, 2005 - 12:15 p.m.
Recreation Lanes, Iron Mountain, Michigan

PID John Walker from Sterling Heights, Michigan was the featured speaker. He explained that “together we can do so much.” Several SD 10 projects have benefited from Lions working together, including those that have received grants from LCIF, such as Northwoods Air Lifeline, Teaching Family Homes, Omega House, Photo Screeners, and Bay Cliff.

The Lions organization is a good place to learn leadership skills. By serving as club officers and participating in Leadership Institutes and Forums, members can take their commitment to community service to a higher level. Leaders must also learn to make way for new leaders—to know when to back away and let others grow and make decisions.

LCIF will kick off Campaign Sight First II during the International Convention in Hong Kong this summer. The goal is to raise \$150 million worldwide over a 3-year period. More money is needed to continue the work of eradicating preventable blindness throughout the world.

A number of awards were presented during the banquet. The district’s highest recognition, the Ralph Sheehan Award, was presented to PDG Jim Decremer from Rapid River. The SD 10 Distinguished Lion Award went to PDG Jenny Ware from Days River. International President’s Certificates were awarded to Lion Tracee Charbeneau, Bruce LaBelle, and PDG Pat Klarich. International Leadership Medals were presented to PDG Bob St. Peter and PDG Joe Potvin.

DG Harold Schermer gave awards to Magazine Editor Larry Belanger, Cabinet Secretary Tom Lanaville, Cabinet Treasurer Bruce LaBelle, and Convention Chairperson Pat Klarich.

The convention’s Traveling Trophy was claimed once again by the Drummond Island Lions. It is awarded annually to the club that drives the furthest and has the most members at the convention.



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH
May 1, 2005
Recreation Lanes, Iron Mountain, Michigan

PDG Bob St. Peter conducted the memorial service. Soloist Jennifer Alwine performed four songs including "Amazing Grace," "Remember Me," "Legacy," and "You Raise Me Up". The memorial roll call was read, and seedlings were distributed in honor of each of the Lions and Lionesses who passed away during the past year.

The convention concluded with brunch and distribution of door prizes. Thanks were expressed to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford and Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions for hosting the convention`