

## District 20-Y2 Fall Conference Minutes

11/05/2011

Meeting called to order by DG Rick Quick at approx. 3:10pm

IPDG John Samples Pledge

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Lynch Prayer

Introduction of Guests PDG Joe Jarvis

ID David Hainjy and Partner in Service Lion Marie

DG Rick Quick recognizes the Presidents, Secretaries, and PDGs, CS, Cabinet Treasurer, and most importantly Lions

Moment of silence for PDG Conroy Beebee, and Roger Swartzfiger

DG Rick's opening remarks:

Council Meeting in Binghampton

State Convention will be in Lake Placid in 2014 with updated facilities. This year convention is in Syracuse.

Redistricting if it comes up again will go through the same format as last time.

Treasurer's Report PDG Dave Harris

Motion to accept. PDG Ed Stano, 2<sup>nd</sup> PDG Joan Scott: Motion Carried

Motion to accept Secretary Report. Lion Marianne, 2<sup>nd</sup> PDG Ed Stano: Motion Carried

International Report: ID Dave

Focus: Zone Chairs and promoting Lionism and accountability for ZCs.

Election process for Council Chairs

LCIF: Melvin Jones, designating funds works great, but it does constrain the money. They have now come up with areas to designate donations. By breaking donations down to areas, it allows International to give away funds more freely.

Measles initiative: \$350,000 from LCIF. There will be an initiative to raise \$5million for it. When \$10 Million is raised we will receive a \$5,000,000 donation from Bill Gates.

1.2m for Special Olympics opening eyes program

Core 4 grants from LCIF for diabetes is not being used enough, and may face extinction. Use it or lose it.

ID Dave thanked DG Rick for requesting the \$10k grant from LCIF.

They are working on positive changes to DG School and institutes.

Lions resource center:

Training tools, resources, other member information. Online trainings for members.

GMT/GLT There are \$300 matching dollars for the GLT leaders in each district.

Check out the Rocking the Vest Lions rap videos.

Advertising Lions on airlines. (captive audiences)

Quick Statistics:

38% of clubs had a net gain 62% flat or lost members

40% of clubs are under 20 members

1100 clubs in North America had a net gain 6+

23% of membership is now women.

Lions is the only service organization in the world allowed in China.

Planting Trees is a big initiative for the International President.

5.2 million have been planted so far.

ID Dave thanked us all for what we do.

Lion Cubs – teach them service early, and they will keep it with them for their lifetime. Cubs-Leo-Lions  
Lions Quest continues.

Lions hiring people to go out and form clubs. Test phase is taking place. Used to work in the past, but  
cost is an issue. Training local Lions to go out and start the clubs.

MD20 is \$78k in arrears currently. If you are going to the Convention make sure your club's dues are  
PAID or you CAN'T vote!

Lion Tom Snowdon's report: Attached

We have now been approved for a Brandel-Murphey grant for \$2,500 Lion Mary-Claire on committee as  
well as PDG Joan.

GLT Team Lion Bill Suchy

There will be training on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at the state headquarters. Receiving guidelines for leadership program.

GMT Team Lion Tom Kevlin

Orientation program at the Glens Falls Lions Club a few weeks ago, contacting Zone chairpersons to help assess clubs through the Presidents of individual clubs.

Peace Poster Lion Mary Claire Noakes:

2 entry's to vote on after meeting. 1 from the Cambridge Lions Club, 1 from the Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club.

PDG Dick Ralston, Diabetes:

November is Diabetes awareness month Nov 14<sup>th</sup> is worldwide Diabetes day. Wear blue every Friday, especially the 14<sup>th</sup>!

PDG Joe Jarvis has Newsy Notes from Lions Camp Badger:

There are 2 vacancies on the board, if anyone is interested get in contact with PID John Rabideau. Treasurer spot is currently vacant. The board meets 4 times a year. You can also contact the office manager Cynthia.

The camp is available for different functions.

Fire extinguishers are needed to support the program. They need to be replaced on a rotating basis PDG John Samples and PDG Joe Jarvis are trying to get donations from around the district to support replacement of the 20+ fire extinguishers.

The wishlist will come out in January for Camp Badger.

LCIF PDG Ed Stano: Would like to get around to the Clubs in the District to talk about LCIF. (ID David Hainjy stole his thunder on LCIF)

NYS Bermuda Foundation PDG Joan:

\$ 2,500 grant for flood relief. The foundation does provide matching grants, required bank statement before matching. The foundation has joined the modern age, the next meeting will be online! There is a meeting next Saturday. The annual raffle is coming. If you sell 3 raffle tickets, your club can give a Robert J. Uplinger. Please be sure to tell the tickets. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$20,000.

Hearing Society Lion Jim Clark:

Next Meeting Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. At the foundation in Albany 7pm. Last year, over 2,000 earplugs were passed out at different events to help preserve and protect hearing. Everyone is a member of the hearing society and would like participation from more members. Has loan out material available.

Any used hearing aids from nursing homes, hospitals, etc... Some can be salvaged and some can be reused.

Lions Eye Foundation PDG Dick Nason:

Great loss with the death of PDG Conroy Beebee.

Searching for the best deal for bunnies for 2012. Awarding a patch for the Lion OR Lioness that sells the most bunnies for this Lion's year. Also looking for more fundraising opportunities. We are hoping to reschedule a visit from Ms. Keller to the spring as she was not able to come in the fall due to health concerns.

We have been working on a list of Knights of the Blind and hope to have the names on a computer program. We continue to request individuals and clubs to become Knights of the Blind and are investigating other fundraisers.

The majority of the funds go towards patient care and the need is increasing currently. The foundation is not currently bringing in enough money to meet the need.

1<sup>st</sup> VD Linda Walsh Youth and USA Canada Forum:

Youth Band: The band is going to continue. PIP Al Brandel wants the Youth Band to continue and must be a continuing youth program. Many Lions have been selling many tickets.

USA/Canada Forum: Was able to meet IP Tam. He inducted the speakers into Lions. Next year the forum is going to be in Tampa Florida. It was a wonderful convention and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Linda was able to see many things while visiting. The Leadership Forum was excellent.

The two international candidates for director from New York would like to speak at your clubs.

We need more Presidents and Secretaries at the cabinet meetings.

There's a new member's program with a pin. To get a pin, you have to meet certain goals throughout the course of your first year.

The International Convention this year is in Korea.

District Newsletter Lion Karen Rager:

If your club is not in the newsletter, it's because they aren't sending anything. Send pictures, news, and any other interesting information.

MD20 Newsletter PDG Joan Scott:

Send her any information you'd like to see in the MD20 Newsletter.

Webmaster Lion Jerry Gordon:

Everyone is invited to the Albany & Troy Lions Club Christmas Party. Encourage your club membership to sign up for the District Newsletter at 20Y2Lions.org

Region N Zone A: Zone Chair Lion Marianne Lynch

Zone project is to work a day at Camp Badger on the Weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Fort Edwards Lion Club: The Adirondack drums fundraiser was a great success; the club is working with their local government to plant trees. A membership drive is being planned for later this year. Fort Edward is hosting our next Zone Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Glens Falls: The Glens Falls Lions Club has had two very interesting Club meetings in October. First, Glens Falls Lion Al Fredette spoke at the luncheon meeting about Jimmer's journey to become the successful basketball player he is today. Then at the dinner meeting Lion Tom Kevlin presented an excellent Lions Orientation training session for several new Lions and for some who have been in the Club for many years. Club members also cleaned up the highway on Ridge Road.

- 2,100 pairs of glasses recycled.
- \$2,000 donated to the Association for the Hearing Impaired
- \$1,200 donated to the Association for the Blind
- \$2,000 donated for Family Services

Hadley-Luzerne: No report given.

Granville:

The donations for the month of October included:

- \$400 for the Ken Harrison Memorial Lions Wrestling Tournament
- \$100 for the Granville American Legion Christmas basketball tournament
- \$100 for the MD20 Youth Band Raffle

The club added 2 new members since the last district meeting. A Zumbathon and basket auction on November 5<sup>th</sup> to benefit diabetes. The annual Lions/Leo's Blood Drive will be held at Granville High School on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This year's Leo Club officers will be installed at our November 15<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting.

Granville Lioness:

The annual basket raffle was held on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended by Lioness from Granville and Hadley Luzerne and Lions from Granville. The Lioness are planning once again to supply Thanksgiving dinner baskets for local families in need. The Granville Lioness made a \$100 donation to the Granville Lions Zumbathon for diabetes.

Hadley Luzerne Lioness: Six thousand cookies were made by the Hadley-Luzerne Lioness for the Double H Hole in the Woods Ranch's Registration Day. They held a blood drive and donors donated 28 pints of

blood. The Club held a health fair on October 22<sup>nd</sup> where flu shots were available; and the donated money to flood relief.

Region O Zone B Report: Zone Chair Lion Tom Snowdon

Town of Wright-Schoharie Lions Club:

- Club has 17 members

Flood relief donations to date.

- \$2,000 received from LCIF and dispersed fully
- \$4,030 from non LCIF donations, \$2,940 paid out, \$1,090 cash on hand

Activities: The club continued to act as a liaison with District Clubs who wished to aid the relief effort.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> the Club welcomed President Tom Hart of the Albany-Troy Lions as well as three other members of his Club. Also welcomed was President Kim Dumar of the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions Club as well as PDG Lettie Saheim and three other Club members. These Lions had visited Schoharie Village and witnessed the flood damage to the buildings. Albany-Troy Lions presented President Mary with a donation of \$1,500, comprising a check towards relief efforts and an amount of gift vouchers. Mechanicville-Stillwater Lions presented a check for \$1,000 for relief efforts.

PDG Bob Montenaro, Amsterdam Lions, offered 50ft storage trailer from Buanno Transportation. Amsterdam Lions would pay trucking cost. Details given to Sarah Goodrich of the Schoharie Recovery Group. Delivery was arranged and this trailer is now on site and in use.

On Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, President Chuck Eafrato and ten Lions from Saratoga Springs Lions Club brought a truck with food supplies from Price Chopper to food kitchen at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Middleburgh. Hardware supplies were brought to the Schoharie Recovery Group at the Reformed Church, Schoharie. The Club members were then directed to a worksite, by Sarah Goodrich, and spent the day working there. Saratoga Lions also provided a dinner at Our Lady of the Valley Church on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This was open to all who wished to attend from surrounding areas.

We had a contact from Lion Greg Frevele of the Cooperstown Lions Club and sent him information on relief needs. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Cooperstown Lions sent a work group to rehab a home on the Schoharie Recovery schedule.

The Wright-Schoharie Valley Lions Club has received \$2,000 from LCIF and \$4,030 from other sources for Flood Relief. To date the \$2,000 from LCIF has been distributed and \$2,940 of the other funds. A balance of \$1,090 remains.

The Club lending program for hospital equipment continues to be active. This mostly caters to clients referred by the Office for the Aging. Hospital beds and wheel chairs are generally in demand, some beds are available at present.

Motion to adjourn Lion Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>: PDG Ed Stano Motion Carried at 4:58PM