

Minutes of the Meeting, District 6-SE Second Cabinet Meeting, October 31, 2009 at the Colorado Lions Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado.

Total in attendance= 31 Lions, from the following clubs: Calhan, 6; Canon City Noon, 2; Canon City Sunrise, 2; Cheraw, 2, Colorado Springs-Old Colorado City, 1; Colorado Springs-Nob Hill, 6; Colorado Springs-Security, 2; Florence, 1; Fountain-Ft. Carson, 3; La Junta, 1; Pueblo Charter, 2; Pueblo West, 2; Swink, 1.

DG Wayne Babros opened the meeting promptly at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the Camp and the meeting. He thanked them all for attending.

PDG Mike LeMay gave the invocation, and Lion Geof Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DG Wayne then introduced guests and recognized PDGs, PCCs, and so on.

DG Wayne announced the next MD6 Council meeting on 1/30/10 in Colorado Springs; and the next 6-SE Cabinet Meeting on February 6, 2010 in Canon City.

General Business:

Cabinet Secretary PDG Mike LeMay read the roll call of clubs of which 13 had representatives in attendance (see list above).

Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 1st Cabinet Meeting—moved and seconded to dispense with the reading. Motion passed.

DG Wayne gave his report (typed copy attached to District File copy of these minutes.)

First VDG Henry Cowell gave his report in which he noted that he and Patti attended the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis, and praised the leadership forum and noted the excellent seminars. He asked Zone Chairs to invite him to attend any zone meetings to share ideas. He emphasized membership growth and the Branch Club approach to forming new clubs. He talked briefly about family clubs and similar new clubs that are different from the traditional format of Lions Clubs. (Typed copy of his report attached to the District File Copy of these Minutes.)

2nd VDG Bob Selle introduced himself and spoke about his interest in youth activities with the Calhan Club, noting its Kidspreet Project and that he was an educator for 35 years. His goal for the year—developing new relationships and getting to know the clubs in the district and having them get to know him.

Lion Derinda Bercher-David gave the Treasurer's Report. (Copy attached to the minutes. The total income to date was \$27,844.55; total expenses, \$13,541.11; and a balance of \$24,343.44. Her report details all the expenses. PDG Mike LeMay praised the thoroughness of the report.

PDG Eileen Sanderson reported on District Pins. She has the inventory of old pins which will be sold at fire sale price of 50 cents, that she has some Colorado Pin Traders pins that will be sold in discounted sets; and some Royal Gorge pins at \$2.00.

Zone Reports:

A: Lion Nancy Lodge reported on the activities of clubs in Zone A, stressing Calhan's 70th Anniversary gathering at which 50 attended; their seasonal flu project that dispersed 45 shots; and their Halloween party and booth at the event. She mentioned 6 kidsight screenings of 106 children, trash pickup on HY 24; a car race fund raiser that netted

\$300; their collection of 222 pairs of glasses and their sponsoring of Student of the Month. The T-Gap club had a successful Flags for First Graders project and are working Lions Bingo. The Nob Hill club is also working bingo, is preparing for its Xmas Tree Lot; and their adoption of Otis Park. The club is in the process of finding a new meeting place. They meet 1 per month at the Golden Coral at Palmer Park and Powers; and 1 per month at Care and Share. The Club collected 1800 eye glasses, donated necessity bags to Ronald McDonald House, distributed eye vouchers, donated \$1,000 to Care and Share, supported the Deaf and Blind School Christmas Party, and Pennies for People. (Typed copy attached to Minutes.)

B: Lion Chuck Larson summarized the zone activities as “a quiet quarter.” He highlighted that the Fountain-Ft. Carson Club gave out 14 Anne Sullivan Awards; and that the Security Club awarded a life membership, collected 400 pair of eyeglasses, held a very successful Kidspreet project that served 100 children. Old Colorado City is actively seeking new members.

C: Lion Rick Calhoun stressed good things were happening in Zone C. Avondale/Vineland has 2 new members. The club is active and he will attend and give a program. Trinidad is small but active. They sent kid sight teams to Pagosa Springs and to Alamosa, and will help serve 500 Thanksgiving meals. Lion Rick will present a program to the Club on 11/05. He noted that Pueblo West and Pueblo Charter have teamed up for Kidsight. Pueblo West will host a Halloween Party, and Pueblo Charter is having a vender’s appreciation lunch. He will visit the club later in the season. Colorado City Rye had nothing to report, just their regular activities. He will visit the club. (Typed copy of his report attached to the File Copy of these minutes.)

D: Lion Joseph Schryver reported that he’d visited all clubs. Cotopaxi is small, 15 members, but very active. Sun Rise lost a member due to death; their Red Shirt project to families of fallen soldiers was conducted with Parkdale and Sunrise. Both Congressmen from the area attended.

E & F: Lion Fred Trimmer could not attend sent in an e-mail report to DG Wayne who briefly summarized it. In Zone E, Arriba has had steady membership. They helped Flagler with the School homecoming by serving, cleaning up, and selling raffle tickets; realizing a profit of nearly \$600 as 30% of ticket sales. Karval has had no change in membership. They contributed to the installation of a new covered area for the park in memory of Helen Kravig. They participated in the Halloween Carnival to entertain kids and raise funds for the community building. They entered a float in the homecoming parade, receiving third prize. They will undertake project to repair road direction signs they installed in the past. They held a raffle and earned \$1,000 for the project. They had the piano in the community center tuned. Hugo had a drop of 3 members. They had a work party selecting two homes that were the most needy and painted screens, trim and installed hand rails.

In Zone F, Stratton and Vona are in limbo. Stratton did a lot of work helped to cook and serve the homecoming BBQ. Flagler held a money raffle that netted nearly \$1,400. They serve lunch at the Senior Center. The club paid \$100 for a needy family for an eye exam and glasses. (Typed copy of his report attached to the District File copy of these minutes.)

G & H: Lion Chester Vetter could not attend due to severe back problems. There was no report for the Zone.

Club Brag Time and Happy Bucks. Six Lions “bragged.” One bragged about the Swink club; Lion Mike bragged about his attendance at a Writer’s Conference in Breckenridge; Lion Tom bragged about Cheraw successful Bingo at a Halloween Party and their pancake supper June 8th was a big success; Lion Derinda gave a Happy Buck for their Habitat for Humanity project and she paid “fines” for the DG for the remainder of the day; Lion John Freyta bragged about Florence Club’s best ever fund raising project that sold out.

Guest speaker Denny Bettenhausen spoke about Enight (extensive notes in typed report attached to these minutes). Enight Skill Centers and Rehab for the visually impaired. They have 2 low-vision doctors, 4 OCC therapists, assistant tech specialist; and their mobility services help people with low vision be independent. They have sites in Fort Collins, a new one in Denver, and Greeley, and a satellite one in Boulder. They served over 5,000 people. The Director attended a conference at the Olympic Training Center. She spoke about the need for their services and are pushing to get out there and spread the word among lion members. She offered to come to clubs as a speaker. They are interested in starting a SE Rural Colorado effort. They do low vision screening evaluation and with the Eye Bank are developing a volunteer drivers program to get people to their centers. Among their clients, over 80% are 65 years old or older. Their bare bones budget this year was \$500,000. They need Lions Clubs to help with donations, and as volunteer. They are developing a Helen Keller Award pass-through.

DG Wayne broke at 10:00 a.m. for a 5 minute potty break before beginning Committee Reports.

PDG Lion John Freyta began the reports with a brief report on Lions Youth Exchange. Any club interested in being involved should contact him to send or to host a youth. His daughter will spend 6 weeks in Italy. He hoped the District could help the program with miscellaneous expenses.

Lion Jim Pierie gave an extensive report on the Lion’s Camp (typed copy attached to these minutes). He spoke about their success in rentals. In the winter they will work in preparation for the Spring push. The camp received over \$16,400 in rentals, \$8,500 in rentals this fiscal year so far. Campers are already looking for applications, which are posted on the Web-site of the Camp. The site has excellent photos. This year the camp hosted the Lions Youth Exchange camp. They hired a new Activities Director and adopted a dress code. The camp needs volunteers (he handed out a camp “wish list” and

“work projects” list. He hopes to get 5-6 volunteers from lions clubs. For FY ending September 30th, the camp had a surplus of \$58,395. That included endowment money which has a goal of \$50,000. Money is restricted and only the interest earned can be used only for camperships, but that will not happen until the \$50,000 endowment goal is reached. Currently, interest earned is rolled over toward the goal, and one of their investments is paying 5.9%. Camperships cost \$500.

RMLEB: PDG Eileen Sanderson read an extensive report on the Rocky Mountain Eye Bank (full typed copy attached to the District File Copy of these minutes). She addressed the stability of the Bank and how they continue to meet regulatory requirements for organ transplant. She reported the board recognized the need to expand their donor base, including hospice programs and stressed the need for volunteers to transport donated organs promptly. She reported on the use of Advanced Technology and the Moris machine which the bank now owns and will no longer need outside processing. She reported on Kidsight and favorable voting by both state conventions to bring the program under the wing of the RMLEB, how they are working toward getting Kidsight on sound financial footing. Kidsight now falls under the 501c3 classification. The Eye Bank is providing equipment to condense the volume of screening files. She reported on the Eye Surgery Fund. The Eye Bank board approved over \$100,000 to support eye surgery, the cost of which is rising as well as the number of people needing help. She noted other challenges—new organ donor regulations that will add over \$100 to the cost per cornea processed; and a trend toward bigger eye banks seeking smaller eye bank centers. The number of eye banks has dropped from 100 to 80 in the last few years. She offered her services to speak at Club visits about the bank and/or the Kidsight program. She closed with a plea that we conscientiously vote for eye bank reps who are strong in leadership skills. This year two directors will be voted on: one from district and one at-large. She asked that we “please vote wisely.”

Lion Bob Kennec was not present so he gave no report on the Eye Institute.

Lion Mike LeMay had no reports to give on the campus clubs and Campaign Sight First II other than to urge clubs to meet their pledges.

Lion Nancy Lodge asked for clubs to help with a national project to renovate Helen Keller’s home. She handed out brochures regarding a brick campaign for that purpose. PCC Roger Maggart spoke to Constitution and By-Laws and Lions Protocol (typed Reports attached to these minutes). No changes are anticipated for this year’s District Convention, and all clubs in the district should have received their amended copies. He handed out copies of “Lionistic Protocol” to anyone wanting a copy (one attached hereto).

Lion Luann Babros reported on the District Governor’s Growth contest. Award is a weekend stay for two at Cripple Creek. Any member bring a prospective member to a club meeting will have an entry to the drawing. If that person joins, a second entry will be placed. Drawings will be at the District Convention in March, 2010.

PDG Monty Whitney said he had no report to make on Environmental Awareness.

Lion Mona Soland has had eye surgery and could not be at the meeting, but she sent in a report on Hearing Dogs (copy attached to the District File copy of these minutes). The

center, in Henderson, Colorado, received \$17,835 from Lions Clubs, of which Colorado Lions contributed \$2,700, about 15 percent of the total given by Lions. Hearing Dogs celebrated their 30th anniversary in July. She mentioned how a person can donate by shopping on-line. She will mail out brochures to all clubs presidents and offered to come speak at clubs.

Lion Luann Babros reported on Leader Dogs. MD6 donated \$13,155 to Leader Dogs. (Typed copy of the report attached hereto.)

PDG Eileen Sanderson reported on the Leadership Institute. She urged all Lions to attend. There they will learn Protocol, and lots of knowledge and insightful information. Lion Luann Babros reported on the District 6-SE Convention which will be March 19-20 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Colorado Springs. International Director Douglas Lozier will be the international guest. She urged all clubs to send some members. Copies of the registration form and advertising rates for the Convention Program will be mailed to all clubs soon. (Typed copy attached to these minutes.) She urged all clubs to take out an ad in the program. She also noted a change in the DG's e-mail address for anyone reporting for the growth contest. The new address is:

lionbabros@yahoo.com

Lion Patsy Osburn was not in attendance so she could not give her report. DG Wayne mentioned that she said she had lots of mints available for any club interested.

Newsletter editor Lion Sandy Smith was not present to report. DG Wayne praised the work she is doing on the newsletter.

Lion Bob Groves was not present, so there was no report on the Health Fair.

Lion Geof Clark reported on PR/Publicity. There will be two articles forthcoming in the paper—one on Fountain-Ft. Carsons awarding of 14 Anne Sullivans and one about the Security Lions Club having to cancel its newspaper recycling because they no longer pay for recycled newspaper.

Used Eyeglasses, DG Wayne reported on how they are being handled.

USA/Canada Forum, DG Wayne made a pitch for all lions to attend—this year (September 23-25, 2010) it will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will have four keynote speakers (listed in typed copy of the report, attached hereto). There will likely be a beer-brat party with a baseball game, a golf tournament, and the inclusion of many seminars.

Lion Tom Coffield reported on Flags for 1st Graders, noting a number of clubs in the district are doing it.

DG Wayne reported on the Peace Poster, as Lion Shirley Scofield was working bingo and could not come to the meeting. DG Wayne said there were 16 entrants.

DG Wayne reported on the Speech Contest for Lion Heather Zimmerman, who could not attend.

New Business. None.

DG Wayne called on Lion Nancy Lodge who announced the winners of the costume contest: 1st Place, the Clown (Lion Max) who won a picnic gift basket; 2nd Place to Sir Henry the Knight (Lion Henry Cowell), who won a stuffed Lion; and 3rd place went to the Egyptian Princess, aka Lion Derinda Bercher-David, who won a lion statue. Photos were taken of them in costume.

DG Kathy Pergola (6-C) announced the state convention and a state-wide new member contest. Her district will hold its "Lions University" in 6-C, Denver, on February 27th. The Lion Balloon, in need of some minor repair work, was shown. Clubs interested in having the Balloon for local parades, etc. can do so. Contact DG Wayne for details.

The meeting was adjourned by DG Wayne at 11:05. Lunch to be served at 11:30. The PDGs association members met and the DG met briefly with Zone Chairs. Nine participated in the PDGs association meeting where Lion Monty reminded them to send their annual \$10 dues to CC Ron Smith. He distributed a roster of incoming officers and copies of a survey of those interested in the future of serving as DG.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Lion Mike LeMay, Cabinet Secretary.