

**LIONS TEXAS DISTRICT 2-E2
MINUTES OF THE LEADERSHIP/CABINET MEETING
HELD JULY 18, 2020 AT THE
CLEBURNE CONFERENCE CENTER**

- 1. Call to Order 1:00 PM** - District Governor Mary Alice Layland
- 2. Prayer of Invocation** – Cleburne Lion Neal Logan
- 3. Colors Presented** – McKinney Lions Club
- 4. Pledge to Flags** – Glen Rose President Mary Collier
- 5. Patriotic Song** – The National Anthem was performed by Madeline Yarbrough, Joshua High School
- 6. Protocol Established** – DG Mary Alice Layland
- 7. Welcome and Comments:** DG Mary Alice Layland welcomed all and expressed her sincere gratitude for all who were able to attend, in addition to the clubs that worked to pull the meeting together. There were 37 Cabinet Members in attendance.
- 8. Cabinet minutes of Prior Meeting:** Deb Cashen, Secretary submitted minutes from the June 13, 2020 Cabinet Meeting for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Budget Report:** Lion Sean Bryan presented the Budget for 2020-2021 and a motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Don Noblit presented his report to the group. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11. International Liaison: PID Beverly Stebbins provided an update, noting that while so many global efforts have been impacted by COVID, Lions continue to serve and make a difference around the world.

12. Constitution & By-Laws: There were no changes to report at this time.

13. Resolutions & Recognitions: Resolutions – Lions of District 2-E2 met July 18, 2020 at the First District Cabinet Meeting in the City of Cleburne, Texas. The Cleburne Lions Club served as the Host Club for this Meeting. Lion Jeanne Adkison presented Resolutions to the following: Club President Kirk Kirkpatrick for his leadership in bringing together a great team of Cleburne Lions to set up, decorate, and provide a home-cooked lunch for the meeting. In addition, Resolutions were presented to Lion Mary Collier, Glen Rose Club President, for providing breakfast and to Lion Doug Martin, Crowley Club Treasurer, for providing a team to work the Registration Table at the front door. **Exhibit 1** (paper copy of the Cleburne Club Certificate was inadvertently handed to Pre. Kirkpatrick after the meeting.)

14. GMT: PDG John Paul Burnet gave a brief report on the efforts of the Global Membership Team, noting that COVID has proved to be more than challenging for everyone.

15. NAMI: PDG Vince Rosen addressed the group with some comments on the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). As with other programs, the restrictions surrounding the pandemic have slowed the efforts.

16. GLT District Coordinator: PDG Suzi Schneider reported the Leadership Team continues to meet using Zoom.

17. GST District Coordinator: Lion Deb Lewis had nothing to report regarding Grass Roots Lions, as that is a spring activity.

18. Communications Director: Lion Deb Cashen reported on her progress, both with ZOOM training and managing ZOOM meetings. She was pleased that so many had taken to using it in place of their face-to-face meetings, many of which had been canceled indefinitely.

19.1st VDG Stan Hall: Introduction of Zone Chairs that were present to give their reports. * See note following Zone 10 report

- a. **Zone 1 Chair Charlie Brown** - Denison, Gainesville, Sherman Evening, Sherman Noon, Whitesboro Clubs. A report was presented by Chairman Brown indicating few clubs were meeting at all due to the pandemic.
- b. **Zone 2 Chair Elizabeth Dierdorf** - Argyle, Denton, Denton Hi-Noon, Denton Mean Green, Denton Triangle, Justin, Krum, Sanger Clubs. No report was given.
There was no report presented at the meeting.
- c. **Zone 3 Chair Doug Chapman** – McKinney, McKinney Morning Pride, Princeton, Prosper, The Colony Clubs. Chairman Chapman reported that he had reached out to his clubs but there was very little going on due to the COVID virus.
- d. **Zone 4 Chair Mary Green** – Azle, Bridgeport, Boyd, Decatur, Northwest Tarrant, Saginaw, Springtown Clubs. Chairman Green provided a brief report, but these clubs were also avoiding in-person meetings for the most part.
- e. **Zone 5 Chair Lion Phil Beckman** – Flower Mound, Irving Indian, Flower Mound New Century, Greater Bartonville FM 407, Highland Village, Lake Cities, Roanoke Clubs. No report was given.
- f. **Zone 6 Chair Denny Hilleren** – Colleyville, Grapevine, Keller, Mid-Cities Family, Northeast Richland, Northeast Tarrant, Southlake Centennial Clubs. A brief report was given stating that the clubs had been contacted, but in-person meetings were rarely happening.
- g. **Zone 7 Chair Jeanne Adkison** – Fort Worth Forest Hill, Fort Worth Founders, Fort Worth Southeast, Fort Worth Southwest, TCU Clubs. Chairman Adkison reported that she has been in touch with all of these clubs.

- h. **Zone 8 Chair Jim Isom** – Everman, Fort Worth Handley-Meadowbrook, Fort Worth Riverside, Haltom City, Mansfield Centennial, Pantego Clubs. There was no report at this time.
- i. **Zone 9 Chair Ron Layland** – Alvarado, Burleson, Cleburne, Crowley, Glen Rose, Godley, Granbury, Grandview Clubs. Chairman Layland reported on the clubs in his zone. Some are meeting in person, following COVID precautions.
- j. **Zone 10 Chair Woody Mathews** – Aledo, Benbrook, River Oaks, Weatherford Evening, Weatherford Noon, White Settlement Clubs. Chair Mathews reported that he had contacted each of his clubs by phone and most were not meeting in person.

- **No written Zone reports were provided.**

20. Entity Reports:

- a. **Texas Lions Camp** – Lion Robert Duckworth, Director, provided a brief update on the status of the camp this year. Due to the Covid 19 viral pandemic, there is not going to be an on-site camp open this year.
- b. **Texas Lions Camp** – PDG Lion John Paul Burnett, Director/Bus Chairman, reported that the Camp planned to use the down time to rehabilitate some of the buildings in dire need of repair.
- c. **LOEB (Lions Organ and Eye Bank)** – Lion Emily Rohne presented a report on the status of LOEB for July. The report included the names of the four new board members. **Exhibit 2**
- d. **Julien C. Hyer Youth Camp** – Lion Woody Mathews, 2nd VP, provided a brief update on the planning activities the board is taking to prepare for the 2021 camp.

a. **TLE (Texas Lions Foundation)** – PDG Dan [unclear] [unclear]

- f. **DAC (Drug Awareness Council)** – Lion Jim Byrom had nothing new to report.
- g. **Leader Dog** – Lion Paul Richards, Chair had no report at this time.
- h. **Lions Club International Foundation** – PDG Charlie Bethards presented an update and mentioned there were pledge cards at each table for donations. **Exhibit 3**
- i. **World Services for the Blind** – PDG Charlie Bethards presented a report that touched on the progress of the capital campaign and advised that WSB was publishing a newsletter now. **Exhibit 4**
- j. **2-E2 Eyeglass Recycling Center** – Lion Courtenay Martin, President **Exhibit 5**
- k. **Sports Extravaganza** – 2nd VDG Juneria Berges, Chair
- l. **Lions Quest** – 2VDG Juneria Berges reminded the group of the educational assistance that this program offers all over the state. It has made a positive impact so far this year.

21. Committee Reports:

- a. **Convention Chair** – PDG Suzanne Henderson gave a brief report on Convention plans.
- b. **Auction Items** – Lion Pam Eckmann did not have a report at this time.
- c. **Directory** – PDG Carolyn Gramm reported to the group that she was getting some corrections to the directory and encouraged everyone to discuss the importance of each club keeping up with their members information on the website.
- d. **Elections Chair** – PDG Vince Rosen had no report at this time.

- f. **Grass Roots Lion Award** – Lion Deb Lewis reported activity regarding the selection would begin in the spring. She has started looking at vendors for the award. **Exhibit 6**
- g. **ALERT Chair** – Lion Dave Schneider had nothing new to report.
- h. **Diabetes Chair** – Lion Sean Bryan **Exhibit 7** did not report, as there was no new activity.
- i. **Opportunities for Youth Chair** – Lion Rose Marie was not present to report.
- j. **Peace Poster Chair** – Lion Michelle Greco had nothing at this point to report.
- k. **DAC Poster Contest Chair** – Lion Clayton Meissner did not have anything to report yet.
- l. **DAC Speech Contest** – Lion Tammy Rydell was not present.
- m. **Diabetes Essay Contest** – Lion Bill Cowen was not present.
- n. **Outstanding Youth Contest** – Lion Karri Hayford did not have anything to report as the pandemic has affected the work with the schools.
- o. **USA/Canada Forum Chair** – PDG Jack Adkison reported that the Forum had been canceled due to the pandemic.
- p. **Vision Preservation Chair** – Lion Jim Niemczyk gave a brief report on the importance of this effort and encouraged Lions to remember to support this Committee.
- q. **Women and Family:** Lion Rose Marie was not present but delivered this message by email: The Women's Conference is to be held at Stacey's Furniture Store in Grapevine, TX, on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

but there are at least a couple of Lions that are actively working to bring the club back to life.

24. **District Governor Mary Alice Layland** opened the floor for old business, followed by any new business. This was followed by the Governor's closing remarks and the Benediction. At that point, the Governor thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

EXHIBITS

1. Reward & Recognition
2. LOEB Report for July
3. LCIF Report for July
4. World Services for the Blind Report
5. Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center Report
6. Grass Roots Lion Report
7. Diabetes Awareness

Resolution

Whereas: The Lions of District 2-E2 met July 18, 2020 at the First District Leadership Meeting in the City of Cleburne, Texas

and

Whereas: The Glen Rose Lions Club served as a Host Club for this Meeting

and

Whereas: The members of the Glen Rose Lions Club extended a great amount of time and energy seeing to the arrangements of this meeting

and

Whereas: Lion President Mary Collier has demonstrated admirable traits of leadership in supervising the members of the Glen Rose Lions Club

and

Therefore: Be it resolved that the District Governor and the District 2-E2 Cabinet express their appreciation in the form of this Resolution recognizing the efforts of Lion President Collier and the Glen Rose Lions Club

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of July two thousand and twenty in the City of Cleburne, Texas.

Resolution

Whereas: The Lions of District 2-E2 met July 18, 2020 at the First District Leadership Meeting in the City of Cleburne, Texas

and

Whereas: The Crowley Lions Club served as a Host Club for this Meeting

and

Whereas: The members of the Crowley Lions Club extended a great amount of time and energy seeing to the arrangements of this meeting

and

Whereas: Lion President Cecil Yates has demonstrated admirable traits of leadership in supervising the members of the Crowley Lions Club

and

Therefore: Be it resolved that the District Governor and the District 2-E2 Cabinet express their appreciation in the form of this Resolution recognizing the efforts of Lion President Yates and the Crowley Lions Club

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LOEB Report July 2020

Vision Assistance- The LOEB has no new or pending requests currently.

Vision Screening- The three scheduled back to school events have been cancelled. A fourth event has been modified. No equipment will be loaned out.

Totals for June 2019-June 2020

Lions

Number of events reported	47
Number of Lions	344
Number of service hours	1,268

Vision

Number of children	7,670
Number of children <5	1,283
Number of adults	286
Total number of referrals	543

Hearing

Number of children	5,222
Number of adults	32
Number referred	42

LOEB – The board welcomed 4 new members. Lion Mark Talbert, Lion Philo Waters, Lion Bill Ayars and Lion Bob Appel. The board is now full.

President	Julie K. Camacho	Colleyville Lions Club
1st Vice President	Bill Cowan, III	FM New Century Lions Club
2nd Vice President	Philo Waters	Burleson Lions Club
Treasurer	Mark Talbert	Colleyville Lions Club
Secretary		
Past President	Emily Rohne	Highland Village Lions Club
Vision Assistance Chair	Elizabeth Dierdorf	Denton
Director	Bob Appel	McKinney Morning Pride Lions Club
Director	Bill Ayars	Burleson Lions Club
Director	Andy Klein	Keller Lions Club
Director	Dave Schneider	Fort Worth Southeast Lions Club
Director	Russell Wheeler	McKinney Morning Pride Lions Club

COVID-19- The LOEB has made the decision not to loan out any vision equipment at this time. We feel it is not safe for our members to be doing screenings until such a time as 6 feet social distancing is no longer recommended by the CDC.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Report

July 18, 2020

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LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International; whose mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Since 1968 over \$1.1B has been distributed to support Vision, Youth, Disaster relief and Humanitarian Programs. Texas has received \$5.4M and 2E2 has received \$398K. The Pandemic has been addressed by LCIF with 333 grants totaling \$5,128,692, with 68 grants totaling \$844,602 for CA1 and \$20,000 for Texas.

LCIF is recognized as the number 1 non-governmental organization in the world to partner with (United Nations and Financial Times) and has been awarded 6 consecutive 4-Star ratings by Charity Navigator (<5% get this rating repetitively).

A donation of \$100 to LCIF can provide two cataract surgeries, help buy equipment to diagnose and treat 8 kids with cancer, provide clean water for 14 people, regular food for 14 people, measles vaccinations for 100 kids, immediate relief for 4 victims of a disaster, lions quest for a classroom for 1 year, etc. etc. **All donations go to support causes.**

Doing the mission, providing the services requires resources – money etc. Campaign 100, kicked off in 2018, has a goal of raising \$300M and this now ends in June of 2022. To date for Campaign 100; \$157.3M has been raised, with \$1M from Texas and \$102K from 2E2. Texas has received approximately \$1M and has donated \$1M since campaign 100 started.

The Pandemic has slowed donations to LCIF similar to many other organizations – thus the campaign has been extended another year.

For 2019-20 2E2 donations were \$21,283, with 47 out of 66 clubs participating. This was substantially lower than the earlier year. In 2E2 there are 772 Melvin Jones Fellows with 61 Progressives. I hope we can increase the donations from 2E2 during this and the next year.

On the table outside there are pledge cards and ink pens for your use in filling out those cards, or you can send me a check or I can send you a text link for your use in making a donation. There are many ways for getting personal or club recognition that are too much to cover today. Are there any checks for LCIF today?

If you want to learn more about LCIF, I would also be happy to provide a program for your club.

Respectfully submitted,

/Charles Bethards/

LCIF District 2-E2 Coordinator

World Services for the Blind (WSB) Report

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WSB is an organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas that seeks to provide those with low or no vision, "sustainable independence" (Life skills, Job skills, etc.). The poster child for WSB is their CEO and Pres., Sharon Giovinazzo (in my view).

What impact has the pandemic had on WSB? Lions donations are down over last 6 months and services needed have exploded exponentially (for online courses). WSB was the only such facility that stayed "open" through the last few months.

The Capital Campaign, kicked off in the fall of 2018 with a goal of \$3.3M, has raised \$3.1M. Any contributions are most welcome. Considerations are being given to another campaign to update the dormitory facilities.

In 2019-20, MD2 contributed over \$40K, which is significantly above the last two years. 2-E2 contributed \$8.2K of the \$40K or over 20% of the total..

WSB has begun publishing a newsletter. To sign up for the newsletter go to <https://www.wsblind.org/media-center> and fill out the registration request.

WSB is getting good press in large part thanks to our CEO Sharon. Enclosed with this report is a paper to the Lions by Sharon that analogizes our Pandemic feelings such as Fear, Isolation, Unprecedented, and Unemployment with those feeling of the blind or newly blind. An article in the AY (about you) magazine starting on page 144 at link <https://www.aymag.com/digital-issue/?fbclid=IwAR3RuPXXKpBF90c3L4zDKs-XV3SsnAT0Zrz3zVHU0qadgybPtK8TaMnj1k> is also complementary of WSB.

From our CEO, Sharon while 70% of visually impaired are unemployed, 85% of those who complete a vocational program at WSB are placed. For the 95 people placed by WSB in the last year the savings in public aid plus taxes paid over a 20-year period is over \$41M.

If you want to learn more about WSB, I would also be happy to provide a program for your club.

Respectfully submitted,

/Charles Bethards/

WSB District 2-E2 Chair

Encl: WSB Summer Update



WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FOUNDATION

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pledge Amount: _____ Multi-Year: ☐ 1 Year ☐ 2 Years ☐ 3 Years ☐ 4 Years ☐ 5 Years

Installments: \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Yearly \$ _____ Other

In-Kind Donation Estimated In-Kind Value: _____

Description: _____

☐ Yes, I am interested in donating securities. (You will be contacted for more information on this service.)

☐ Yes, I'm interested in credit card payments:

Card type: Visa / MasterCard / Discover / Amex Card #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please designate this gift as follows: ☐ In honor of ☐ In memory of

Name: _____

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

Report to the District 2E2 Cabinet

July 18, 2020

District Governor Mary Alice Layland:

The Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (TLERC) is open and processing glasses for missions. Protocols for the health and safety of volunteers are being followed. Donations of used glasses and monetary gifts are always gratefully accepted.

All district 2E2 Lions clubs are asked to please consider a donation of \$3 per member to become a "Focus Club". Please contact me for more information.

All clubs in District 2E2 are encouraged to ask for a TLERC presentation to learn more about the programs and services available to help those in need and how clubs can help with the needs of the TLERC.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Jim Cook

District 2E2 Director, Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center



Grass Roots Lion Report – July 2020

Deborah Lewis Sun, Sep 20, 2020 at 7:48 AM

To: "marciamathews1@gmail.com"

Grassroots is a spring thing so all I can report now is that I am looking for potential award plaques. And I reported in July that there is not yet any activity on this.

Via e-mail

Diabetic Awareness – July 2020

Lion Sean provided this to me in an e-mail.

Because of the proximity of this meeting to the 4th meeting the month before, I had no report as there was nothing new in the short interval.

We Serve!

Lion Sean Bryan
Diabetic Awareness