

**SINGLE DISTRICT 10 CONVENTION  
BUSINESS SESSION  
Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Ramada Inn, Marquette, MI**

**BUSINESS SESSION**

The Business Session of Single District 10 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Governor Mike Kobasic. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Welcome and introductions of the head table were made by DG Mike Kobasic. Those present included: PIP Chancellor Bob Corlew, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bruce LaBelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joe Maki. Special guests in attendance were also recognized: Lion Diane Corlew, IPID Jenny Ware, PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

**Credentials Report** – PDG Jim DeCremer

PDG DeCremer reported the following:

74 Registered Delegates  
4 Delegate Alternates  
155 Registrations received  
175 Attendees

**Rules Report** –PCC Sara Doubledee

PCC Doubledee stated the rules of the convention were published in the proceedings booklet for review by all.

**MOTION:** Munsell, Rowe, to accept the rules as published. Motion carried.

PCC Doubledee reminded all of the 3-minute time limits on speakers.

**MOTION:** Doubledee, Lanaville, to accept the Business Session Agenda as written. Motion carried.

Governor Mike Kobasic appointed Lion Barry Frisk, Bark River Lions Club, as Tail Twister.

**Financial Report** – VDG Bruce LaBelle

VDG LaBelle reported on behalf of Treasurer Lion Scott Kwarciany the financial statements through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The ending balance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is \$65,909.70. VDG LaBelle reviewed outstanding dues, mint sales and donations. Expenses for the year totaled \$29,611.48. The LCIF Diabetes Grant for both Single District 10 and MD 11 has been approved, with an obligation of funds from SD 10 in the amount of \$5,681.00. To date, \$5,565.00 has been raised with a remaining balance due of \$117.00.

**MOTION:** Lanaville, Brown, to receive the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried. Motion carried.

**Proposed 2019-2020 Budget:**

The proposed 2019-2020 budget was reviewed and amended to include \$1,400.00 into the budget for Guiding Lions.

**MOTION:** Stephens, LaRue, to amend the proposed budget to include \$1,400.00 for Guiding Lions. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Goltz, Svinincki, to approve the proposed 2019-2021 budget. Motion carried.

**REPORTS-**

**Global Membership Report –PDG Bill Rowe**

PDG Rowe reported membership is down slightly by 4. With a promise of two new members to be added the district would only be a -2. Iron Mt.-Kingsford recently added eight (8) new members. All are encouraged to continue to work toward a positive gain in membership.

**Liaison Report –IPID Jenny Ware**

IPID Ware noted the many guests attending this year's convention: Wisconsin Lions PDG Art and Lion Jo; Ontario Lion PDG Bill Michael, who is completing his run around Lake Superior; PDG Bill Christiansen of Ohio and PCC Justin Faber, ID Candidate, will be arriving this evening. Many Lions are gathering to celebrate Marquette's 100 Year Anniversary of Lions in SD 10.

It is looking positive that PCC Justin Faber will move forward as an International Director in Milan, Italy, during the LCI Convention. We wish him all the best in his endeavors.

**Lions of MI All State Band Report –IPID Jenny Ware**

LMASB began in 1978 when Michigan had an International President, Ralph Lynman. As a means to honor him, the band was formed and has performed continuously at the LCI Conventions for all but one year in which the International Convention was held in Bousan, South Korea. There are two accounts set up for the band: Administrative and Student. Your donations to the Administrative account help to finance chaperones and medics on the trip, and cover extra fees involved not covered by students. Student accounts strictly fund each student that a check is designated for. This year, Lauren Kwarciany, Treasurer Lion Scott Kwarciany's daughter, will go to Milan, Italy with 57 other students in the band. Recently, the LMASB storage trailer was damaged beyond repair due to a water leak. The Lions of Michigan Foundation donated an older, unused KidSight trailer to the band for use to store band equipment. IPID Jenny Ware is a former band member, and appreciates the support by SD 10 of our State Project, LMASB.

### **Bay Cliff Camp Report –Kris Rowe**

To date, Bay Cliff has received \$6,060 in donations from UP Lions Clubs. Upcoming dates to note: Lions Day is June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the same date as the next cabinet meeting which will be in the teen center on Bay Cliff's campus. 11:00 am tours of camp start. 12:30 lunch with the campers and a short presentation to follow after the meal by the teen campers. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Rapid River Wild Game feed fundraiser for Bay Cliff Health Camp. Doors open at 5, meal is at 6:30. This is a great event with great bucket raffle prizes, other 50/50 prizes and a great live auction. July 27<sup>th</sup> Is Gwinn Fun Daze, our 5k walk/run this year's proceeds will be going to Bay Cliff Health Camp.

If you have interest in having a Bay Cliff presentation for your club please contact Bay Cliff Health Camp. 906-345-9314. Clare is the new Camp Director would like to visit all of the Lions Clubs. Bay Cliff is hiring for the summer if you know anyone who is looking for a great summer job. A work-bee at the camp will be held in June –watch for the date confirmation.

### **Hearing Report –Lion Victoria Dinkin**

The Lions of MI Foundation is looking into the cost and purchase of a new hearing screener. The question was raised as to whether or not hearing screenings could be held in conjunction with KidSight screenings. Lion Victoria stated she would look into this, as a quiet area would be needed to conduct a hearing screening. Anyone with questions or interest in conducting hearing screenings should contact Lion Victoria.

### **Information Technology – Lion Dayna King**

Clubs with a Face Book page can link it to the SD 10 website. Lion Dayna will assist with this and any other areas of technology needed.

### **Leader Dogs for the Blind –Lion Gretchen Preston**

Lion Gretchen reported that the cabinet voted to make a donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind. There will be a breakout session held in the afternoon on "Prison Puppy Raising." Lion Gretchen and Lion Floyd work together in the prison, proving the value of the puppy raising program. A new program at Leader Dog now offers free home delivery of Leader Dogs and in-home training, allowing clients to train at home with their new guide.

### **LCIF Report –PDG Jerry Stephens**

Grant assistance was sent to Copper County to aid in the devastation left behind after flooding. LCIF also approved a \$250,000.00 matching grant for a statewide Diabetes initiative. Every district will donate \$5,681.00 to the fund and projects will begin to provide diabetes awareness, education and serve qualified people in need at no cost.

This past year SD 10 Clubs gave 100% to LCIF. You are encouraged to donate to Campaign 100.

### **Eversight Report –Lion Bill Munsell**

This past year, Eversight has received 1,878 donated corneas in the state; 1,427 people have received the gift of sight; 51 donors were from SD 10; 9 in SD 10 received the gift of sight.

Construction is underway at Eversight to consolidate buildings, which will house the new board room. This will be a \$50,000.00 project funded in part by Lions. Donors will be recognized on a newly installed wall of honor. Alex Teska is the new contact for Lions. The annual golf outing will held this summer and Lion Bill is looking for a team to participate and represent SD 10.

Lion Bill has had the opportunity to meet some of the donors and told a story of 6-year old girl who had her first corneal transplant at just 7-weeks old, and has undergone many surgeries since. Lions' donations help to make this happen.

### **Lions of MI Foundation Report –PDG Duane Goltz**

There are new requirements to participate in KidSight screenings. Everyone needs to have an I.D. card in order to conduct screening. The LMF raffle calendar is still available for sale and has been a success. The \$2,500.00 drawing will take place on May 18, at the MD 11 Convention. LMF provided \$1,000.00 for hearing aids and they purchased the KidSight trailer used by SD 10 and provide all maintenance. New mints are being tested and are at the LMF exhibit table for trial.

### **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS –PCC Sara Doubledee; PDG Jerry Stephens** Nominations and elections include positions for District Governor; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and LMF Trustee.

The committee reported there is not a nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. A special meeting will take place on Sunday following the Necrology Service to nominate and elect a candidate. Per the Constitution and By Laws, qualified PDGs have received notice of the meeting.

Nominees are:

For the position of District Governor: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bruce LaBelle

For the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joe Maki

For the 2-year term as Trustee with the Lions of MI Foundation: PDG Matt Doney.

For the position of Trustee with the Lions of MI Foundation, PDG Matt Doney has been verified as a member in good standing with the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club and is qualified to serve.

**MOTION:** Stephens, J. Goltz, to the 2-year term as Trustee with the Lions of MI Foundation PDG Matt Doney. Motion carried.

For the position of District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bruce LaBelle has been verified as a member in good standing with the Bark River Lions club and is qualified to serve.

**MOTION:** Stephens, Christiaens to nominate 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Bruce LaBelle to the position of District Governor. Motion carried.

Lion Gerry Christiaens, President of the Stephenson Lions Club, gave a nominating speech in support of VDG LaBelle.

For the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joe Maki has been verified as a member of Gladstone Lions Club, serves as club secretary and is a member in good standing and is qualified to serve.

**MOTION:** Stephens, Jones, to nominate 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Joe Maki to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. Motion Carried.

Lion Rick Jones, President of the Gladstone Lions Club, gave a nominating speech in support of VDG Maki.

**MOTION:** J. Stephens, J. Goltz, to close all nominations. Motion carried.

Ballots were handed to certified Delegates for voting. Lion Bruce LaBelle was unanimously elected District Governor, 2019-2020; Lion Joe Maki was unanimously elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2019-2020; PDG Matt Doney was elected to the position of LMF Trustee 2019-2021.

**MOTION:** J. Goltz, Miller, to destroy all ballots. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Northwoods Air Lifeline** –Lion Lee Rowe

Northwoods is in need of pilots. There are 13 total with one pilot in training. This is a free air service to patients in need of transportation to hospitals for treatment, procedures, etc. Two airplanes are currently in operation.

### **Project KidSight** –Lion Peggy Lindeman/Lion Rose Potvin

Lion Lindeman reported on a successful letter campaign. KidSight training will be held in the afternoon for anyone who will be conducting future screenings and a KidSight trailer is available in the parking lot of the hotel for tours. A new security background check is in place and all who assist in screenings will need to be updated in the new system. The District has three spot cameras available, which must be reserved in advance. To the trailer or a camera, contact Lions Peggy or Rose Potvin.

### **Partridge Creek Farms** –Lion Dan Perkins

Partridge Creek Farm offers a farm-to-school program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students is designed to build a sustainable future for our kids. Growing healthy food healthy, eating healthy and growing minds are all part of this program. A project of the Ishpeming Lions Club, Partridge Creek Farms is now a 501(c)3 and have applied for a \$50,000.00 grant to duplicate efforts. Memberships help to offset program fees. An information table is set

up in the exhibitor area. Lion Perkins stated the farm is looking into steps required to become a District Project.

PCC Doubledee stated to become a District Project the request would need to be placed on a ballot for the Delegates to vote on.

VDG Joe Maki, Lion Peggy Lindeman, moved to adopt Partridge Creek Farms as a Project of SD 10.

Discussion held to move this topic under New Business for voting purposes or wave the rules.

**MOTION:** Maki, D. Goltz, to add under New Business "Adoption of Partridge Creek Farms as a Project of SD 10."

Lion Pete LaRue questioned if there was a need to discuss a budget for this, and it was reported there was no need. Lion Dan Perkins stated the current budget is \$120,000.00. He also noted there are three part-time workers consisting of an education coordinator, assistant farm managers and numerous volunteers.

**MOTION:** Maki, Lindeman, to designate Partridge Creek Farms as a Project of SD 10.

**MOTION:** Maki, D. Goltz, to wave the rules.

**MOTION:** Maki, D. Goltz, to add to the agenda Partridge Creek Farms as a Project of SD 10 under new business.

Discussion was held as to the need to form a committee and propose a budget to the Cabinet. PCC Doubledee stated when a Project is adopted the Project members are given permission to move forward, provide reports to the Cabinet and serve the District as a new Project, just like the current Projects do. All discussion was closed.

By a show of hands, delegates were asked to vote upon designating Partridge Creek Farms, a Project of Single District 10. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

**MOTION:** D. Goltz, Munsell, to pay the bills of SD District 10. Motion carried.

Tail Twister Greg Wagner collected \$173.00 to donate to Diabetes.

The next Cabinet meeting will be held at Bay Cliff Camp on June 29, 2019.

IPIP Chancellor Bob Corlew congratulated SD 10 Lions on their 55 Clubs, 1,479 Lion members and the 109 new Lions inducted this year. The history records of the early days of SD 10 state the first meeting was held on 10-19-2019. IPIP Corlew is proud of the work Lions are doing in the District to continue our mission: We Serve!

Convention Bids:

4-24/26-2020 -Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Conference Center. Price ranges from \$80-\$88/night.

4-23/25-2021 -Island Resort Casino, Harris. Stephenson Lions Club to host.

**MOTION:** Bryant, Doney, Vulcan-Norway-Loretto to host the 2022 Convention at Island Resort Casino, Harris. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Governor Mike Kobasic at 11:04 a.m.