

Business Meeting  
Sunday, November 8, 2009  
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Called to Order: Lion George Edwards  
Invocation: Lion Ed Frost  
Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Willie Dixon

Opening remarks (Lion George): Annual letter in the Directory

Lion Nancy Gould – discussed 3 month old (Vincent Provencal) w/ cataracts. Laplace Lions paid for special glasses. LEI volunteered to pay for next pair of glasses, Lions JW and Kathy Harrison to assist also.

Auction:

Lion provided by Lion Ruthie Lake  
‘Last dollar raffle’ won by Lion Earl Pellegrin for \$65  
Lion Elsie Marks’ baby quilt  
Won by Bruce Simpson for \$100

Roll Call:

63 present  
Add Lion Fern Christiansen to the list as Advisor

Introduction of Guests:

8-L 0  
8-I 0  
8-O 2  
8-N 1  
8-S 5

Acceptance of last meeting’s minutes (Lion Fred Lantz). Motion: Lion Earl Pellegrin/  
Lion Elliot Bauman. Carried

Treasurer’s Report: (Lion Sharon Williams) No questions raised. Motion to accept: Lion  
Jim Caruso / Lion Earl Pellegrin. Carried. Donations – none.

Conduct election for At Large position vacated by Lion Bill Heyerdale (Lion Zeke  
Dunaway)

Nominations

Lion Tom Gould nominated Lion JW Harrison  
Lion Vicki Fonseca nominated Lion Jim Caruso

Motion to close nominations, Lion Harvey Willie / second, Lion Earl  
Pellegrin

Lion Jim withdrew, Lion JW Harrison elected Member-at-Large

Committee Reports:

Past Presidents Committee (Lion Mike Kennedy) Continued discussion of restructuring Board to meet demands of the future. Discussed timing of proposal details, likely next meeting (February).

Discussed proposed mobile glaucoma unit, need Club support outside of Cubsight volunteers. LLEF will not own, nor be responsible for maintenance of the unit. Unit will be in-state for 2 – 3 months out of the year. Some question regarding LLEF responsibilities, ability to provide LLEF, Lions signage at screenings. Concluded not on unit itself, but in the area, and Lions vests. No action

Officer and Trustee Development 5 of 6 present, new member orientation, outlining responsibilities. No action.

Personnel & Properties – Aged receivables over 90 days less than \$180; best report the Committee has ever reviewed.

Five percent raise for newest Cubsight staff member; Finance and Audit does not have in the budget, so can not be approved, unless Finance and Audit can find funds in the budget somewhere else.

Long Range Planning (Lion Anthony Fregosi)

Lion Bill Heyerdale suggested Long Range Committee chair distribute a form to other committee chairs to input plans.

Lion Leland Scoggins to open dialog with LSU concerning relationship going forward.

Utilize Dr. Gebhardt as appropriate, and as he is available.

Clinic and Research (Lion Cesar Fonseca)

Review \$200,000 contract, can't change, number was Lions initiative.

Suggest opening clinics in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

Lion Chris Carlone – Airline screened children at Charter school; LSU will do eye exams with Essilor providing glasses.

Lions Clubs International will provide grant of \$10,000 for portable ophthalmic lane.

Constitution & Bylaws (Lion Bruce Simpson)

Executive Committee; in last quarter's minutes.

Change conduct of election for At Large members.

Discussed proposed change to Article 3 Section 3 of the Bylaws; Nominations Saturday morning; election Sunday.

Past Presidents can run for President again.

Discussed At-Large Members and merits of limiting these seats to non-Past Presidents; new blood = new ideas.

Cubsight (Lion Phil Alexander)

Met with Contributions and Visitation.

Need to assist Lion Chris in visiting Clubs to generate enthusiasm for Cubsight. Screening at a record pace and on track to screen 22,000 for the year. 300,000+ children under 6 years of age in Louisiana (target population).

Diabetes and Diabetic Diseases (Lion Audrey Hebert)

Lion Jeff Robinson has handouts for members.

November is National Diabetes month; request Clubs do something diabetes related.

Lion Chris needs chairpersons for Mobile Glaucoma screening effort:

- 8-L Shreveport
- 8-I Monroe/Alexandria
- 8-O Lake Charles/Lafayette
- 8-N Baton Rouge/Slidell
- 8-S New Orleans/Houma

Organize dates for screenings February through April, starting at Monroe quarterly meeting, ending at State Convention in Slidell.

Hearing & Speech (Lion Carole Wedge)

Discussed features and availability of CapTel Phone, which translates spoken words to text and prints on a screen, assisting those with hearing impairment. Cost is \$99 through the La Hamilton Relay Service vs. \$599 regular retail.

Discussed difficulty raising funds for hearing aids, suggest establishment of account to accumulate funds so they will be available when needed.

Eyeglass Recycling (Lion Tommy Babin)

Discussed eyeglass recycling boxes

Eyeglasses processed by Harahan Lions Club - 277,500

Discussed Texas Lions eyeglass recycling phone # 432-683-3611

Low Vision (Lion Jack Wallace)

“Recently, I was asked to give a report on the Low Vision program we conduct in cooperation with Dr. Gill at the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation Clinic.

After contacting Dr. Gill and speaking with him about the program, I found him to be very uncooperative and hostile to the Foundation. He has informed me that he wants us to pay ALL his expenses for the program and he sense we do not want to work with him in a cooperative manner.”

The committee submits the following action item:

The Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation will offer Low Vision Grants up to \$10,000 each for the provision of low vision services to the residents of the State of Louisiana, not to exceed the \$40,000 budget. Such grants for the provision of services, but not for administration or travel expenses.

Motion to continue LLEF Low Vision Program budgeted through LSU (Dr. Gill). Program is to continue only until budgeted funds are expended for Lions sponsored patients. Budget limits include:

\$8,000	Houma (Lions)
20,000	Devices
12,000	Occupational Therapist
40,000	Total

Finance and Audit (Lion Bob Williams)

Action Item 1:

With any budget item change or addition, a letter needs to be generated to the Chairman of Budget & Audit with the motion noted and all directives.

Action Item 2:

Authorize a 5% salary increase for Cubsight employee retroactive to July 1, 2009

Action Item 3:

Change accounting system; hire a CPA firm to work on a monthly basis to generate the audit.

Fundraising (Lion Harvey Willie)

Discussed Big Bass with Lion Tommy Babin, and how to improve for next year.

Action – To be advanced \$2,000 seed money to order 500 caps for sale in Monroe and State Convention.

Sugarbowl tickets.

Marketing and Public Relations – Lion Tom Gould

Letter of thanks to outlying clinics with static cling decal.

Generic fundraising poster.

Grants and Endowments – (Lion Bob Ebberman) joined Marketing and Public Relations Committee

Request cooperation with Dr. Gebhardt to write grants.

Recommendation that we develop long term relationships between corporations in the eye care field and Dr. Gebhardt to create partnerships for the benefit of LLEF patients.

Contributions and Visitation (Lion Terry Coupel) – no committee members present

Visitations are important. Clubs that have not made any donations by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, send Lion Chris or Lion Jeff to sell them on the Eye Foundation and Cubsight.

Action Items:

Motion made by Constitution and Bylaws to change conduct of At-Large election, change timing of election, second by Lion Earl Pellegrin, carried.

Motion made by Low Vision Committee to continue LLEF program until funds run out, second by Lion Lee Mott, carried, with one in opposition, Lion Lucien Marks.

Motion made by Fundraising Committee to be allowed to purchase 500 ball caps funded by Marketing & P.R. budget, seconded by Lion Phil Alexander, carried.

Motions by Finance and Audit: 1) letter be generated for any budget changes, second by Lion Phil Alexander, carried. 2) seek alternative accounting firm/CPA for audit - second by Lion Jack Wallace; carried. Lion Bob Williams requested permission to solicit info for the next fiscal year, second Lion Cesar Fonseca. 3) 5% Jeff requested for Cubsight Assistant Marsha Trahan retroactive to July 1, second by Lion Zeke Dunaway, carried.

Old Business – none

New Business

February meeting in Monroe

May meeting 15 & 16 in 8-N

Benediction – Lion George Edwards

Adjourn