

Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation
Business Meeting

Best Western Richmond Suites
Baton Rouge LA
Sunday, August 20, 2006

Call to Order – Lion President J. W. Harrison, PCC
Invocation – Lion Vice President Cesar Fonseca, PDG
Pledge of Allegiance – Lion Secretary Michael Kennedy, PDG

Roll Call – Lion Secretary Michael Kennedy, PDG

Introduction of Guests by MD8 Governors

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report – Lion George Edwards
Motion to Accept – Lion Ethel Robin, PDG
Second – Lion Elsie Marks

Donations
East Baton Rouge - \$500
District 8S Taitwister - \$37

Committee Reports

Clinic and Research – Lion Jim Caruso, PDG
Copy of Accounts Receivable Report to be sent to the District Governors

Constitution and By-laws – Lion Bruce Simpson
Discussed relationship between LLEF and Sight & Hearing on coordination of investment of endowment fund and policies manual

Contribution and Visitation – Lion Ann Sanders, PDG
Need people, particularly from N & I
Need trained person(s) to visit the Clubs and advertise the mission of the Eye Foundation and elicit contributions
Suggest Clubs talk to members about “Fair Share” Program
Lion Cliff Dickerson (8S) to provide sample presentation that can be used to address the Clubs

Cubsight - Lion Phil Alexander, PDG
Discussed eye screening program and goal of 20,000 screenings during Lion Year 2006-2007

Discussed advantages/disadvantages of new auto-refractor in lieu of traditional photo-screener

Endowment – Lion Augustus Lake, PDG

Action Item:

1) Returned interest initially charged the Eye Foundation on loan, to the Eye Foundation for the Low Vision Program (50% in accordance with bylaws, 50% for Low Vision Clinic)

2) Purchase of 4 Mutual Funds totaling \$10,000 resulting in diversification of ~3% of the Sight and Hearing portfolio.

Executive Committee – Lion Curtis Paul, PDG

Motion to turn cell phones off – Lion Ann Sanders, PDG

Seconded by Lion Joyce Willie

Passed

Grant Committee – Lion Tom Gould

Need participation by Committee members; participating members assigned by District Governors

Discussed establishing library of standard background material to aid in grant request generation

Discussed possible sources of grant monies

Eye Glass Recycling – Lion Jim Fuentes

No Report

Personnel & Properties – Lion Curtis Paul, PDG

Action item(s)

Met with Finance Committee to discuss salary increases for the office staff

Recommendation that 5% increase be authorized for Office Manager and Patient Coordinator

Recommend the salary increase be retroactive to 01 July, 2006

Recommend the office staff receive \$250 holiday bonus

Recommend the Executive Director discuss Cubsight Coordinator's salary with LSU and report back status.

Possibility of paying Cubsight Coordinator for grant writing – to be addressed at the next meeting

Finance and Audit – Lion Lee Mott, PDG

Action items:

Approve the budget

Formally approve Bob Williams' position as unpaid Administrative Analyst; add the position to the Executive Committee as non-voting member

Prepare a letter of commitment to be signed by elected and appointed members, describing duties of the position; that the same letter include commitment of financial support, the amount to be determined by the Executive Committee.

(Personal contribution made by Lion Lee Mott)

Discussion among assembled Lions followed; motion to table the issue by Lion Robbie Robinson, seconded by Lion Ruthie Lake.

Fund Raising – Lion Harvey Willie

Discussion about Big Bass Rodeo moving to a different location; Rhonda Baker discussed Parade of Prizes and housing for Big Bass; 4 Wheeler and trailer raffle to be shared with the Camp; Camp may also participate in the Truck Raffle

Action item:

The Executive Director and Lion Cesar Fonseca speak to Bill Johnson (concert promoter) about a concert proposal to be brought to Fundraising and Executive Committees

Diabetes and Diabetic Eye Disease – Lion Lois Foret

Discussion of Diabetic Walk November 18th

Hearing and Speech – Lion Carole Wedge

LSU audiologists located at 4300 Houma Blvd by East Jefferson Hospital
Clubs having difficulty raising funds for hearing aids should contact LLEF staff for assistance

Long Range Planning – Lion Paul Moore, DG

Address PR for more awareness

Make suggestions on recognition

Evaluate changing staffing levels as changes in operations occur

Public Relations – Lion Angela Trahan, VDG

Recommendation that member of the Board be at large public functions where Lions have a booth to hand out pamphlets/fliers

Motion to accept the reports – Lion Robbie Robinson, PCC

Seconded by Lion Jack Wallace, PCC

Recess

Vote on action items:

Personnel and Property – motion to accept raise and bonus, retroactive to 01 July 2006
Lion Zeke Dunaway, PDG, second by Lion Elsie Marks. Passed

Adoption of the budget – motion to accept, Lion Jim Caruso, PDG, seconded by Lion Phil Alexander, PDG. Passed

Approval of Lion Bob Williams' position as permanent non-voting member. Motion to defer to next meeting by Lion Lee Mott, PDG, seconded by Lion Cesar Fonseca, PDG. Passed

Letter of Commitment, tabled

Engagement of Executive Director and concert promoter – motion to accept – Lion Jim Caruso, second – Lion Phil Alexander, PDG. Passed

Old Business

Lion Elsie Marks spoke about Memorial Cards
Lion Cesar Fonseca, PDG discussed getting Big Bass tickets in
Lion Jack Wallace, PCC announced the next meeting to be held 11/12 November,
Ramada Inn, Houma

Benediction, Lion Jackie Morse

Adjourned