

Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jennings LA
May 19, 2007

Call to Order: J W Harrison, President

Invocation: Bill Bingham, PDG

Pledge of Allegiance: Fred Lantz, PDG

Opening Remarks: J W Harrison, President

Welcome to Jennings. Occasionally I think outside the box. We have had some roadblocks but we are doggedly pursuing getting ourselves back to where we were. We will get our Clinic and Research operations back up and running. I don't know how we will do it or when we will complete it. As we spread our services across the state we can now take care of more people. With the type of services we can service people from just out of the cradle to the grave: Cubsight, Eyeglasses, surgeries, and now Low Vision services. As our services and costs rise, we must think big as we act big as we facilitate our services. We are in the black for the first time in 8 years. Thank you for your continued support.

Report on Low Vision Program: Dr Steve Gill

This morning I did something I never did before, I gave an eye exams In a bar. Probaby the first time that someone could see better walking out of a bar than walking in. These were Two individuals that could not make trip to Slidell. We will deliver them glasses and set up occupational therapist to assist them.

A Couple of weeks ago I was in Washington attending a symposium on economic impact of vision problems in the United States. I don't think anyone realizes what the impact it. Economic impact \$54.5 Billion for sight related problems. 11.2 billion of this is for Nursing Home care for those who are in nursing homes for no other reason than they cannot see well enough to function alone. Some Nursing home patients are there because of vision related problems rather than any other medical reason. That is one of the goals of Low Vision program is to make people more independent self sufficient so that they can stay at home and take care of themselves. A Nursing home patient needed low vision equipment to paint. She could not pursue her hobby since she could not see well enough. We provided her with glasses and training. Two weeks later she showed up with a painting and presented to LLEF after training.

The program is busier as we are getting more referrals from doctors and outside agencies. Spent hour with school board in St Tammany Parish to get visually impaired students the help they need. They are going to start sending us students to get help.

Next week we will Explain to a seminar of doctors services we provide and how we help people. Hopefully more referrals will result.

Please continue with your donations and patience.

Roll Call: Michael Kennedy, Secretary

Introduction of Guests: MD8 District Governors

Report of Secretary- Michael Kennedy

Minutes were available for download. Are there any additions or corrections?

Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept Minutes as downloaded by Sharon Williams, Second by Robert Andrepont. Motion carried.

Report of Treasurer: George Edwards

Treasurer's report distributed. We are in black for this quarter.

Acceptance of Donations: \$13,895

Report of Executive Director- Robert J Eichhorn

Knight of Sight presented to President J W Harrison

Refer to Page 4 of quarterly Report. Look at districts L, I& O current referrals vs previous. Good levels of referrals. Page 6 reflects improved percentages for these districts.

We have new shirts available, good shirts with good prices. We have LLEF mens and womens watches on sale.

New era in LLEF. We can improve quality of life from 6 months to death. New Web site underdevelopment: www.LLEF.info showing how we are affecting quality of life through Cub sight, low vision, recycling, education of diseases, patient services. Who we are, What's available, how to contact, Chris Carlone gave overview of web site setup. Web site will be updated on regular basis. Was on www.lioneyes.org

Sugar bowl tickets will also have 4 tickets sugar bowl + 4 tickets for BCS.

He hoped there would be a land beyond a goal for growing that will keep growing, yet just a little out of reach so that we keep growing

Adjourn to Committees

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May 20, 2007

Call to Order

Invocation; Raymond Christiansen, PDG

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Fuentes

Opening Remarks by President J w Harrison

Roll Call – Michael Kennedy

Introduction of Guests: MD-8 District Governors

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – George Edwards

Cub Sight Coordinator:

Friday I get a phone call from Al Hatteburg who received phone call from Memphis TN hospital. You need to call this woman at St Judes Hospital. What are you doing? I explained the photo screening process. Well, you found a problem with a 20 month old with a tumor behind the eye detected by eye screening and confirmed by an ophthalmologist Ellis. Brenden Mastery had Retinoblastoma. By the time it would have detected the tumor in the normal progression, the child would have probably died. But now, they will not only save the life but also, probably the eye as well due to early detection. He is starting his chemotherapy at St Judes in Memphis TN. Your sight screening has saved a life. I thank all who have participated in this program. For those clubs who have not provided this service in their area, I ask that they start. Tell them the story of Brenden Mastery. They need to know it.

This is the primary reason we need to asking our friends and neighbors to be Lions members.

Treasurer's Report: George Edwards

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Phil Alexander, PDG; Second Ethel Robin. Motion Accepted.

Donations: to \$2320

Committee Reports:

Committees under the President:

Executive Committee: Presented by

Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

(See Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting attached.)

Committee Members in Attendance:
Chair
Robert Eichhorn, Exec director
J W Harrison, President
Cesar Fonseca VP
Mike Kennedy, Sec
George Edwards, Treas
Nancey Farr, Council Rep

Guests:
Bau Lake, PDG

Action Item: None

Nominating Committee: Presented by Dr Lisso Simmons, PDG
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

There are two nominees for the position of Treasurer for the 2007-2008 year: Bau Lake, PDG 8N and Sharon Williams 8S.. The nominating committee realizes that the traditional rotation would indicate a person from 8N but the Constitution and By-Laws do not specify a rotation by district. Thus the nominees stand.

Action Item: 1. Bau Lake 2. Sharon Williams running for Treasurer's position

Committees under the Vice President

Long Range Planning Committee: Presented by DG Paul Moore
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:
Maxine Hardy 8O
Paul Moore DG 8L

Guests:
Renee Dunbar, 8O
Johnny Dunbar VDG 8O
Rhonda Baker VDG 8N

Discussed educational Materials and focused on revisions to the website. We recommend a gathering of District computer website guru's to assist in developing this website as well as incorporating the various district links to this site.

Recommend that a meeting be held of various district Web sight gurus to develop our sight.

Action Item: None

Marketing and Public Relations Committee: No Report. Met with Fund Raising and Clinic and Research Committees.

Action Item: none

Personnel and Properties Committee: Presented by Sharon Williams
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance: Guests:
Sharon Williams, Sissy Lantz, Bill Heyerdale

We were asked to create guidelines to establish a process for employee evaluation and to establish a job description for Chris. We will collect information and present a report at the August meeting.

Action Item: None

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Presented by Bruce Simpson
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance: Guests:
Bruce Simpson, PP
Raymond Christensen, PDG
Anthony Fregosi, VDGE
Robert Conway PDG PP

No constitution items to discuss. We discussed progression of officers, and the selection of At-Large members of the Executive Committee.

Action Item- No action items

Clinic & Research Committee: Presented by Jim Caruso
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:
No Report. Met with Fund Raising and Public Relations Committees.

Action Item: None

Cub Sight Committee: Presented by Phil Alexander, PDG
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Phil Alexander, PDG PP Chairman	Kenneth Marks DG 8O
Jackie Honeycutt, 8I	
Leland Stanford 8L	
Francoise Ratard CC 8N	

We discussed where we are in the Screening year in preparation for the next fiscal year. Over 15000 children screened. We discussed ways of increasing the number of children screened. The only way is to increase the number of Lions participating in CubSight. We talked briefly about the replacement equipment for the Polaroid Cameras. No date for when the Auto Refractor retinal scanners will replace our photo-scanners. Will start purchasing a couple of new scanners this summer.

Cesar asked if we could consider a Core 4 grant for the screeners. Jeff Robinson replied that LCIF will not consider a grant for us because it is for our existing program. Director Eichhorn said that it may have to go under a Standard Grant program. Jeff said that there is now a new piece of equipment on the market which is quite expensive.

There are new consent forms.

Action Item None

Glaucoma and Diabetes Awareness Committee: Presented by Michele Waskom
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Michelle Waskom 8L	E J Geiling 8S
Norma Lantz 8O	

Members and guest discussed the action items presented previously to the Board at the 3rd quarter meeting. Members and guest present were not aware of any updates on previous action items. All in attendance agreed on the importance of educating and training Co-Chairs so that our club s can be educated correctly. Also discussed was the lack of communication between the committees.

Guest E J Geiling discussed the committee provide diabetes screening at LLEF meetings as well as other district and Multiple District functions.

The committee is to move forward on items previously submitted to the Board such as identify Lions to train and to conduct training no later than the 1st quarter of the coming fiscal year.

Action Item: None

Hearing and Speech Committee: Presented by Carole Wedge
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Carole Wedge, Chairperson 8S	
Fredrick Wells, PDG 8L	
Donald Laborde 8I	
Troy Kibodeaux 8O	
Joyce Willie 8N	
Barbara Tramonte 8O	
Pat Bayard 8S	

The LSU Healthcare is still located at 4300 Houma Blvd by East Jefferson Hospital. They are still taking Lions Patients for Hearing Aides. Ms Pay Bayard in the Slidell office handles the new Lions patients for hearing aides. For the Incoming District Governors, it is important that when you select District Chairpersons for Hearing & Speech that the Lion commits to attending the LLEF meeting 4 times per year and participates on the Hearing and Speech committee.

Action Item: None

Eyeglass Recycling Committee: Presented by Jim Fuentes
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Jim Fuentes, Chairperson	
Betty Jeffries 8L	

We want to thank the LLEF Staff and expecially Lion Mauro for getting us a New, replacement Lensometer. Now we provide all the required information for the glasses as requested by LCIF. We have screened to date 177,200 glasses. Of c ourse we could not have achieved this number without the contributions of all the Lions Clubs through out the state. We anticipate no changes in the budget for the coming year.

Action Item None

Committees under the Treasurer:

Finance and Audit Committee: Presented by Bob Williams, PDG PP
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Bob Williams, PP, PDG 8S	J W Harrison, PCC
George Edwards 8L	
Lambert Ratard, PDG 8N	

Reviewed budget for the upcoming year. Budget is on line at www.llef.info
Will be reviewed again in August

Action Item: Move adoption of Budget

Contribution and Visitation Committee: Presented by Ann Sanders, PDG
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your
Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Lamar Joffrion 8I	George Schafer 8N
Don Brown	
Ethel Robin 8O	
George Edwards 8L	
Ann Sanders PDG Chairperson	

Lamar Joffrion 8I suggested that either the Executive Director for the LLEF or the Cub Sight Director should come to the clubs and speak. Discussed suggestions for getting clubs more involved in promoting the LLEF. Don Brown suggested that the website would be a great help. He also suggested providing a SASE to the club president for forwarding their contribution to LLEF. PDG Robin said that PP Bob Conway PDG would be glad to visit clubs on behalf of LLEF. Every LLEF member should assist in getting the word out about LLEF to the clubs. Need our advisors to visit clubs to spark interest in supporting LLEF.

Jim Curuso suggested that the Staff and Executive Committee visit with the non participating clubs and determine why they are not contributing to the LLEF.

Action Item: None

Fund Raising Committee: Presented by Joyce Willie
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Cesar Fonseca, PDG 8S Chair	Bob Andrepont, IPDG 8-O
Joyce Willie 8N	Bill Bingham, IPDG 8-N
Michael Kennedy, PCC 8I	Jim Caruso, PDG 8S
Rhonda Baker VDG 8N	Fred Lantz, PDG 8-O
J W Harrison, PCC 8O	Russell Leblanc
Kathy Harrison, 8-O	
Jackie Morse 8-I	
Joyce Willie, 8N	

The committee met in conjunction with **Public Relations** and the **Clinic and Research** Committees. Upon a motion by Kathy Harrison, second by Jackie Morse, it was decided to combine 3 large raffles into one 'super raffle': State money raffle, Big Bass Rodeo and 4 wheeler. Kathy Harrison then made a second motion, second by Vickie Fonseca to propose Tickets to be \$2 and available beginning 1 October 2007 with drawing being held at Big Bass Rodeo in September 2008. After a lively discussion the motion was recinded and VDG Rhonda Baker made motion to make tickets \$1.00 with the thinking that we will sell more tickets at this price. Motion seconded by PDG Bob Andrepont. Motion Carried. After further discussion, it was decided to implement this change beginning with the 2008 raffle.

Motion

Bob Andrepont emphasized scheduling the boat and 4 wheeler to your local festivals in attempt to spur ticket sales.

Action Item: 1. Propose super raffle ticket
2. \$1 per super raffle ticket

Grants Committee: Presented by Tom Gould
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Tom Gould, Chairman 8S	
Bob Honeycutt PDG 8O	
Vito Tremonte PDG 8O	
Bryan Foret DG 8S	

Met with Fun Raising

Action Item None

Endowment Committee: Presented by Bau Lake
Mr President, Executive Officers, Trustees, and Administrative Staff: Your Committee submits the following matters for consideration by the Board:

Committee Members in Attendance:	Guests:
Bau Lake, PDG 8N	Ed Orgeron 8O
Hazel Martin 8L	
Dianne Kennedy PDG 8I	
Ruthie Lake 8N	
Joe Inzinna PDG 8S	

Ed Orgeron, a well versed broker, asked enlightening questions to better open opportunities for future investments. Discussion ensued among committee members as to the subject matter presented. He agreed that we need to stay in a semi-liquid position as we are awaiting market changes conducive to new investments of principle.

Possible avenues in the future might be the American Income Funds or the Franklin Income Funds. There is also 7% callable CDs available, which might be a viable avenue to explore.

Chairman Lake asked if there were any other questions for discussion. As there were none, Chairman Lake expressed appreciation to Lion Ed for his participation and information provided.

Action Item NONE

Old Business:

Action Items Voting:

L: 11 Votes
I: 5
O: 10
N: 8
S: 9
Total: 43

1. Adopt Budget Motion Carries
2. Adopt Combine into one Raffle the 4 wheeler, the State Cash Raffle & the Big Bass Rodeo and present recommendation to the LLLCC. Motion Carries Unanimously.
3. Adopt \$1 per ticket for Super Raffle and present recommendation to the LLLCC. Motion Carries; 6 opposed.
4. Create forms for Visitation into a 3 piece NCR form. Motion Carries.

Dr Lisso Simmons presented votes for Treasurer: Lion Bau Lake elected Treasurer:
Motion for approval of Ballot carried
Motion for destroying ballot carried

Announcement of Next Meeting:

1. Landmark Hotel in Metairie 3rd weekend in August 18-19
2. November Alexandria
3. February: Ruston
4. May: TBA

Announcements:

Sharon Williams thanked those who voted for her and congratulated Lion Bau.

VP Cesar Fonseca has sent email to DGE's for selection for board appointees which is needed ASAP. Also will be needed for State Directory as well as LLEF directory. Looks like 8N will establish parity.

Benediction: J W Harrison

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Michael Kennedy, PCC
Secretary