

North Carolina Lions Incorporated
Board of Directors Meeting

Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley
Salon A-C

August 14, 2016
9:00 AM

Call to Order:

Charles Holleman, President

The meeting of the NC Lions, Inc was called to order August 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley, Raleigh, NC by President Charles Holleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Sandy Scarlett, Second Vice President

Second Vice President Sandy Scarlett led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag.

Opening Remarks

Charles Holleman, President

President Charles Holleman thanked everyone for attending the Board of Directors Meeting.

Introductions

Charles Holleman, President

President Charles Holleman recognized Past President Sid Scruggs III, Lion Judy Scruggs, and Past International Director Harvey Whitley. Lion Harvey related that a person had approached him before the meeting and thanked the Lions for providing her first pair of glasses.

Reading of Minutes

Gary Steele, Secretary

Approval of minutes posted online from the May 1, 2016 Board of Directors meeting held at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC.

First Vice President George Suggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting as published online. The motion was seconded by First Vice District Governor Curtis Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call:

Gary Steele, Secretary

All members were present except:

2nd VDG Susan Dailey

2nd VDG Don Eggert

PDG Howard Wallace

Appointment of Parliamentarian:

Charles Holleman, President

President Charles Holleman appointed Past President Dale Dupree to serve as Parliamentarian.

State Council Chairperson's Report

State Council Chair Tim Williams

See Attachment "A"

Executive Director's Report

Steve Walker, Executive Director

Thanked everyone for all their work during the redistricting over the last year and having a successful year. NCLI directories are available during the break. A sign-up list is circulating for the next meeting in November.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Nominations Committee

Carlton Metts, Chairperson

See Attachment "B"

2. Communications

None

3. Treasurer's Report

Skippy Jackson, Treasurer

See Attachment "C"

A motion was made by 1st Vice District Governor Karl Ernst to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion was seconded by Past District Governor Wayne Faber. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Recommendations from Executive Committee

None

5. Reports from Ad-Hoc Committee

Past President Herb Justice reported on the current status of the Strategic Planning Committee.

See Attachment “D”

6. Committee Reports:

COMMITTEES OPERATING UNDER SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SANDY SCARLETT

a. Clinical Eye Research Marti Henry, Chairperson

Second Vice President Sandy Scarlett has shared that the State of the Art equipment has been needed and there was no funding available at the UNC Eye Clinic. The State of the Art equipment is in the works. It will be able to save the eyesight of around 40,000 people annually. We have our half of the funds waiting to join with the grant from LCIF. They needed more information and Executive Director Steve Walker has provided it. The LCIF Board will be meeting in the next few weeks to make the decision about the grant.

b. Properties Robert Carroll, Chairperson

See Attachment “E”

c. Public Information & Education George Culp, Chairperson

See Attachment “F”

d. Sight and Hearing Mary Boehm, Chairperson

See Attachment “G”

e. Volunteers Wayne Faber, Chairperson

See Attachment “H”

District Governor Laraine Dupree made a motion to accept the committee reports under the Second Vice President Sandy Scarlett. District Governor Max Bumgardner Siegelwax seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A fifteen minutes break was taken to allow the one and two year Directors to meet and elect a representative from each group for the Executive Committee. The break started at 9:39 AM.

At 9:55 AM President Charles Holloman reconvened the meeting. First Vice President George Suggs reported that 1st Vice District Governor George Culp was selected as the one year representative. Second Vice President Sandy Scarlett reported that 2nd Vice District Governor Carolyn Sprinkle was selected as the two year representative.

COMMITTEES OPERATING UNDER FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE SUGGS

- a. **Pin Sales** **Dave Butler, Chairperson**

See Attachment "I"
- b. **By-Laws** **Dale Dupree, Chairperson**

There are no changes to be made at this time.
- c. **Camp Dogwood** **Dale Dupree, Chairperson**

See Attachment "J"
- d. **Endowments** **Howard Wallace, Chairperson**

Jack Stickley Fellowship
William L. Woolard Partner-in-Service
Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope

No Report
- e. **Brighter Visions** **Jana Peedin, Chairperson**

See Attachment "K"
- f. **Budget and Finance** **Harvey Whitley, Chairperson**

Past International Director Harvey reported that due to Brighter Visions funds being down last year, Matching Funds was also down. We did more with less. We moved over \$105,000 from our reserved to balance the budget. Our expenses came in under budget which helped.

1st Vice District Governor Curtis Erickson made a motion to accept the committee reports under the First Vice President George Suggs. Past District Governor Robert Carroll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

President Charles Holleman thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone safe travels.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Next Board Meeting will be November 13 2016, at the Holiday Inn, Wilmington, NC.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Steele, Secretary



Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley
4500 Marriott Dr., Raleigh, NC 919-781-7000
Friday-Sunday, August 13th -15th, 2016



**Attachment
A**

Report of the Council Chairperson:

Greetings from the 2016-2017 MD-31 Council of Governors. The Council Looks forward to working closely with North Carolina Lions, Inc., and, together, I am sure that we can make this a banner year for the Lions of North Carolina.

Together, we face big challenges. Four years ago Multiple District 31 underwent redistricting. Although we knew this action would not solve our membership problems, we thought it would give us eight to ten years to address them. We miscalculated. The wolf is upon our doorstep. The total membership of our multiple district, as of July 5, was 6,305 Lions (down 448 from last year). This gave us an average district membership of 1,261 Lions. Keep in mind that this is an average. Two of our districts were above that average, and three were below it, but all of us are perilously close to going below 1,250.

You might ask why this number is so important. Well, if we had no matching funds program; if we had no eye research facilities, if we had no Camp Dogwood; if other programs existed to meet the needs that we provide to our communities, it would not be. But we, the Lions of North Carolina, through North Carolina Lions, Inc. and through our local clubs, have great programs and offer great services to our VIPs and others within our communities, and no one else meets these needs. With declining numbers, we are finding it increasingly difficult to continue to offer these benefits. That is why we need to increase membership – so that we can continue to be the service leaders in our communities, our state, and the world.

I know I have painted a bleak picture. But I wouldn't have done so if I didn't believe that we can do something about it. This year's Council of Governors is united in our dedication to the task before us. We have big plans, and we have the will to act on them. One of the districts that was below the average membership of 1,261 has already risen above that number, and the others are working on it. All of our District Governors have committed to starting new clubs. Two have already scheduled New Club Consultants to come into their districts and help with this effort. We will not stand idly by and watch the Lions of North Carolina decline. And we are counting on all of the Lions of North Carolina to work with us to keep our organization strong. We are the Lions of North Carolina, and we will tackle this challenge together, with a mighty roar!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Tim Williams
Council Chairperson

Nominating Chair Report

By Carlton Metts, State NCLI Nominating Chair
08.14.2016

President Charles thank you and all Lions for allowing me to serve as the State Nominating Chair for 2016-2017. I'm looking forward to a great year serving with a good group of qualified committee members.

At this point I have received one intent to run for the office of President from first Vice President George Suggs. I encourage others to get your letters of intent to me as soon as possible for your next position and anyone that may wish to become a candidate for an office of the North Carolina Lions Inc. The requirement for these positions are available and can be found in the North Carolina Lions Incorporated By-Laws of which is located website at nclionsinc.org.

As for the Council of Governors any Current District Governors or Past District Governors interested in the position of Council Chairperson should submit their name and resume of service by September 30th to the State Council Nominating Chairperson. As of today I have four names submitted, they are: Past District Governor Johnny Berry of the Rutherford College Lions Club, Past District Governor Marti Henry of Greater Asheville Lions Club, DG Irwin Siegelwax of the Calabash Lion Club and PDG Gary Steele of the Cleveland Lions Club. After the September 30^h deadline I will certify the qualifications of each candidate and forward all information to the 1st VDGs by October 20th. The interviews and selection will take place at the November Council Meeting.

Anyone needing assistance to locate the requirements of any position Council or NCLI may call or email me. My information is in the Directory.

Submitted by,

PDG Carlton Metts
State NCLI Nominating Chair

NCLI Board Meeting

Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley

Friday-Sunday, August 12th-14th, 2016

Treasurer Report

As you are aware this financial statement is for July only. So there really isn't much for me to report.

The books for fiscal year 2015-2016 have not been closed. Therefore the Net Assets values have not been updated and the asset & Liabilities will not balance till the books are closed. This is a normal for this first meeting.

Looking at only 30 days of 365 everything seems pretty normal for this short period of our fiscal year.

My next report will have a lot more information to discuss strictly from a time standpoint as we will be able to see how everything is flowing both expenses and revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Skippy Jackson, Treasurer

NCLI

Properties

I do not have much to report but I will say that I plan on meeting with Executive Director Steve Walker and camp maintenance man Jamie Chandler at the camp some train after camping season to look over the camp and to see what is in need of repairs . I plan on going up one afternoon spend the night at the camp and then the next day we can get a early start and look over the camp and then I will not be so late getting home. Also I will have Director Steve to get in touch with any other of the district chair s that would like to attend can also be at the camp at the same time.

Thanks

Robert H. Carroll
P.D.G.

Lion George Culp, Chair August 12 - 14, 2016

GOALS COMMUNICATION SHARING WHAT LIONS DO

...”everyone's primary duty is to communicate effectively and efficiently to every Lion member in our state and tell our story in a way that defines the people we serve.”

Paul Bledsoe NC Lions, Inc President 2015-16

NCCOG Report

2016-17 Goals

Enhance communication within NCLions and the ability to reduce time and travel for meetings through the use of online collaboration tools.

Support NCLions Districts and Clubs efforts in Social Media

Respond sensibly and timely to the request of the NC Lions Council of Governors.

Issues_ None

All websites are being maintained by the individual districts.

Current Activity Request Budget for 2016-17 remain as in the past at \$1000.

Future Activity: Make GoToMeeting available to each District. Train the trainers and create procedures.

Request updated email list from each District for state database.

NCLI Report

The Advocate –

Future Activity: The Advocate will no longer be printed and mailed. By recommendation to the budget committee, we feel that the expense of postage and printing could better benefit our services to the blind and visually impaired. The Advocate will be presented digitally.

Newsletter – The monthly Newsletter is being published monthly on or around the 15th of each month.

The newsletter is being emailed using a new database of NC Lions. See below Email Services.

Education Our committee has been asked to focus on providing more education to both Lions and the general public about the benefits of supporting our program of Brighter Visions.

Communication

Email services – We continue to monitor the statistics of the number of email being opened and read.

Online meetings and seminars GoToMeeting - Can be made available to NCLI.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp

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Mary Baehr

Sight and Hearing Report

August 2016

**Attachment
F**

July 1 2015 – June 30 2016

Last Year

July 2016

Support and Mobility Canes	1192	98
Exams Provided	1214	80
Glasses provided	2108	174
Eye Glasses Collected	157426	3851
Hearing Aids Collected	713	3
Ink Jet Cartridges	5796	564
Educational Grants	8	8
Students Precipitating		

To: NCLI Board

Date: 8/14/2016

Topic: Volunteers Committee

Greetings Fellow board members, I would like to take this time to thank NCLI President Charles Holleman for giving me the chance again to serve as statewide Volunteers Chair. It is a job in which all the very talented lions in our state who volunteer of their time and talents that make this position look good. We will once again be holding our annual volunteer days on April 9th thru the 12th at our wonderful Camp Dogwood. We will be meeting with the properties committee to check and see what projects we as lions can assist in doing to keep our camp the best in our state and country. Our VIP'S mean a lot to us and I can't begin to say how much this facility means to them. I will hopefully have more info as to the types of projects at our next meeting and not any later then the February board meeting. It is estimated that we as lions save by our volunteer days \$30,000 to \$40,000 in money we don't have to pay to have projects done.

Respectfully Submitted PDG Wayne Faber

Pin Recycle Program—Over \$ 156,490.00!!

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

President Charles, fellow Lions and guests. Since my report to you in May, we have had no sales

This is our slow time of the year before Fall and Mid-Winter Conventions; so today my report will be very short.

We have a good supply of **NC State, District, Club, and Personal pins** available at this time. Send me an email or give me a call for any of your pin needs. There is a good chance I will be able to help fill the gaps in your collection.

Thanks, again, to everyone who has played a part in the great success of this project for our North Carolina Lions, Inc. Eye Research Programs.

REMEMBER! IF IT WASN'T FOR EYE RESEARCH, MANY OF US WOULD BE BLIND TODAY AND MOST OF US WOULD BE FACING A LIFE OF BLINDNESS IN THE FUTURE.

Amount raised to date is: \$ 156,497.86 .

Thank You

Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Chris Headley PDG
State Camp Dogwood Chair

Attachment

I

Did you know that over 700 visually impaired and the blind individuals enjoyed a fun filled camping season at Camp Dogwood this summer? So many of you know Camp Dogwood is a million dollar facility. This year two new brochures have been published about what Camp Dogwood has to offer. The first brochure is entitled "Camp Dogwood, The Summer Destination for the Visually Impaired and Blind", and it lists numerous recreational and entertaining activities from boating, water skiing, golf, and bowling to name just a few. The other brochure is entitled "Camp Dogwood Meeting and Retreat Center" located on Lake Norman offering Retreats, Events, Meetings, Dining and Guestrooms.

Yes, Camp Dogwood is very impressive. In order to maintain that standard (just like your own home) there are yearly and daily maintenance costs that need attention. As a lion, you are an owner of Camp Dogwood. In order to share your cost of the maintenance, you are asked to sell 3 books of Camp Dogwood tickets that comes out to 8.5cents per day.

At each Sub -District Convention two \$200.00 Gift Certificates will be given away. On June 16, 2017 at Camp Dogwood, the grand prize will be drawn with the winner having a choice of a 2017 GMC Terrain, 2017 Buick Encore or a 2017 Buick Verano. The vehicles are provided by Vestal Buick GMC Kernersville, NC.

If you would like a program or have any questions, you may contact me at 704-289-5718 or by email@chrisfcs@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for supporting Camp Dogwood by the purchase or sale of 3 books of tickets.

Brighter Visions
Quarterly Report #1
August 14, 2016
Jana D. Peedin, State Chair

Old Ed's Shrimp Bucket

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun was setting. Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier, clutching in his bony hand a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. . . Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Ed is alone with his thoughts . . . and his bucket of shrimp.

Soon he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white birds screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say, "Thank you. Thank you."

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place. When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the ramp, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, you might think Ed seems like "a funny old duck," as my dad used to say. Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp. To the onlookers, rituals can look either very strange or very empty and seem altogether unimportant . . . maybe even a lot of nonsense. Us old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of our children, the Baby Busters, and Generation X and Millennials. Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there at that pier. That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in WW I and WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun, the sharks and most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive. Every day across America, millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive.

As the men drifted, they needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for that miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. Old Ed sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the surprised seagull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it – a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait . . . and the cycle continued.

With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first lifesaving seagull. And he never stopped saying, "Thank you." That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

For those who have forgotten, Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airline, a race car driver, a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military advisor, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. And now you know another story about him, the trials and sacrifices that this brave man has endured for your freedom. This is a great story that many don't know . . . You've got to be careful with old guys and old gals, you just never know what they have done during their lifetime. Look around this room!

Speaking of seagulls. There is really something special about the North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament, don't you think? The VIPs are charged up . . . ready to catch that one fish . . . or the Volunteers, energized, and beaming with pride that they are part of this incredible event . . . the sounds around the piers or the boats . . . of seagulls waiting for their morsel of food, eagerly chasing down the tiniest piece of bait. . . the soft salty breeze on your face. North Carolina Lions remember, this event along with other services and programs, is financially supported by NCLI. Every one of us as a North Carolina Lion has an ownership in these programs and services offered by NCLI. You are a member of an extraordinary team. You too may have had trials and sacrifices along the way. We are all aging, some faster than others . . . but you are Lions who have demonstrated your dedication to providing assistance for the disadvantaged in our communities. Over the last three years your support through Brighter Visions has touched the lives of thousands of individuals across North Carolina. Your works and contributions have given hope to the hopeless.

3,759 Support and Mobility Canes were given to the visually impaired.

38,155 Individuals were screened with the Mobile Screening Unit.

2001 Campers attend Camp Dogwood.

6,017 Pairs of glasses were purchased by our clubs through Matching Funds. 3108 eye exams were provided through matching funds.

41 sighted students of visually impaired parents received education grants.

Almost ½ million pairs of eyeglasses were recycled providing improved vision to thousands of individuals.

We have begun a new Lions year and NCLI is bringing alive our Brighter Visions through our annual fund campaign. SO far, we have held successful kickoffs in Districts S, L, and N. We have asked Lions to reach deep in their own pockets as well as the clubs, as they too agree, the programs and services of NCLI are worthy of our support as Lions. Collections so far:

District L:\$ 17,633.63

District S:\$ 6,046.55

District N:\$ 16,130.93

Remember: Live simply. Love generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly. Leave the rest to God.