

NCLI  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 1, 2020  
Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC

**Call to Order** at 1:00pm per PDG Curtis Erickson, President

**Prayer** per PCC Skippy Jackson, Second Vice-President

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Karl Ernst, First Vice-President

**Installation of Officers:**

PIP Sid Scruggs encouraged all Lions and especially the Lions in leadership positions. Leaders will need to embrace change. Communications via internet and the governors' newsletters will be necessary with the current challenges. He encouraged all to share new ideas openly. He then installed the state-wide committee chairs, the NCLI board of directors, and the NCLI officers. (As listed in the current NCLI directory). Lion Sid asked each Lion to affirm the ABC's: Acknowledge and accept the position, Believe that he/she can be effective, and Commit to fulfilling the duties and to making a difference. PIP Sid then pronounced the committee chairs, board of directors and officers duly installed. Appointment of 2 new at-large directors Lions George Suggs and Carlton Metts as Corporate members was announced. All at-large directors were subsequently installed.

**Opening Remarks** per Curtis Erickson, President. (See attachment 1)

**Introductions of International Family:**

*PIP Sid L. Scruggs, III* who  
his support for the coming year.

*PID Lacy Presnell* "happy to be here"

*PID Harvey Whitley* congratulated newly installed officers and pledged his support. He announced the USA/Canada forum will be held virtually September 25 -27, 2020. More information to follow.

*PID Gwen White* acknowledged that NC Lions have risen above challenges of various degrees in the past and she is confident the Lions will do so again. She pledged her support.

**Reading & Approval of Minutes** by Laraine Dupree, Secretary.

Motion to approve as presented by PDG Chris Headley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ken Beach. Motion passed.

**Roll Call** by Laraine Dupree, Secretary All board members except 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Barbara Thompson District 31-O (previously scheduled vacation) present either in person or via Zoom.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian:** DG Larry Gasperson

**Remarks by State Council Chairperson:**

Michael Schwartz, Council Chair reported a successful first Council of Governors meeting. The Council brings 2 recommendations to the NCLI Board:

1. Kids Sight, USA, a program sponsored by LCI, be moved to the NCLI committees, perhaps in conjunction with the Mobile Screening Unit committee. CC Mike has spoken with PDG George Holston about working with the program.
2. COG requests that the Constitution and By Laws Committee address Article IV of the NCLI By Laws changing the Board of Directors membership to be consistent throughout the Multiple District: Suggested change: Directors from each district will be the District Governor,, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor. This is a motion from the COG, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Robert Block.

**Camp and Retreat Administrator's Report** by Lion Tammy Thomas.

See Attachment 2. In addition, Lion Tammy requested that all Lions like and share Facebook page "free advertising."

**Executive Director's Report** by PDG Durden Dean.

PDG Durden thanked PIP Sid for command to convert challenges and problems into opportunities. Camp Dogwood and NCLI staff members have been down to get the job done and keep the camp going. NCLI received a \$114,000.00 PPP grant which ran out in early July; waiting now on US Congress to act regarding extension. The next program may run through December 2020. Lion Durden is confident NCLI will be in line to receive the grant again.

He thanked Past President Neal Alexander for his assistance in receiving the grant for new mobile screening vans. There have been 4 Lions to volunteer to be screeners with the new van as soon as it is available.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. **Communications:** Brighter Visions information folders and NCLI directories are available for governors to take to their districts.
2. **Treasurer's Report** by PDG Carolyn Sprinkle, NCLI Treasurer. No report. PDG Carolyn will be investigating a simplification of the balance sheet and financial statements. She is recommending that committees be formed to look into specific areas of the budget. Motion to accept report by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ken Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Past President Chris Headley. Motion passed.
3. **Recommendations from the Executive Committee:** Commissions Constitution and By Laws Committee to amend By-Laws to include virtual and on-line meetings and to amend voting virtually or other means when emergency situations arise.
4. **Reports of Ad-Hoc Committees:** None

Meeting was paused to allow 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year directors to elect representatives to the NCLI Executive Committee.

1<sup>st</sup> year representative Bill Mathers, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG District 31-I

2<sup>nd</sup> year representative Barbara Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG District 31-O

## **Committee Reports**

### **Committees Operating Under Second Vice-President Skippy Jackson**

1. **Clinical Eye Research** Dale Dupree, Chairperson: No report
2. **Properties** Jim Chandler, Chairperson: See Attachment 3
3. **Public Information & Education** Paul Bledsoe, Chairperson: Working on new video to be available soon.
4. **Sight & Hearing Conservation** Paulette Gasperson, Chairperson: No report sent.
5. **Volunteers** Robert Carroll, Chairperson: No report sent.

Motion to accept reports under 2nd VP by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Ken Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Karl Ernst. Motion passed.

### **Committees Operating Under First Vice-President Karl Ernst**

1. **Pin Sales** Luther Creel, Chairperson: No report sent.
2. **Constitution and By-Laws** Dave Butler, Chairperson: No report (Zoom issues)
3. **Camp Dogwood**
  - a. Wayne Faber, Co-Chairperson: Goal for the year is to raise funding for air conditioning units needed at camp. Developing pledge cards to be distributed to each club for Lions to make pledges toward the air conditioners' cost.
  - b. Marti Henry, Co-Chairperson: Last year's raffle sales \$101,850.00. Encouraged each district and club to sell at least 3 books per member this year.
4. **Fellowships & Partners** Ron Beltran, Chairperson: No report
5. **Brighter Visions** Max Bumgardner, Chairperson: See Attachment 4.
6. **Budget & Finance** Fred Huscher, Chairperson: No report,

Motion to accept reports under 1stVP by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Ken Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lacy Petty. Motion Passed

## **Other Business:**

Recognition of NCLI Past President Chris Headley

Plaque of Appreciation of his devotion and hard work

Past President's engraved clock

Framed Bob Timberlake print.

Recognition of past NCLI Treasurer Skippy Jackson, Plaque reflecting 3 years of service

Recognition of past NCLI Secretary Johnny Berry, Plaque reflecting 3 years of service

PIP Sid read a poem from PID Lacy Presnell's book of reflections of his Lions experiences.

**Our Next Council of Governors and NCLI Board of Directors Meeting will be November 13-15, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Gastonia, NC.**

President Curtis expressed special thanks to Lions Carlie Metts and Tammy Thomas for their assistance with the virtual presentation of this meeting.

With no further business and appropriate motions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Laraine Dupree, NCLI Secretary