

NCLI Board of Directors Meeting
NCLI
May 2, 2021
Camp Dogwood
Sherrills Ford, NC

NCLI Board Meeting was called to order by President Curtis Erickson at 2:06pm.

Board Members present: President Curtis, 1st VP Karl Ernst, 2nd VP Skippy Jackson, Immediate Past President Chris Headley, Council Chair Michael Schwartz, Secretary Laraine Dupree, Treasurer Carolyn Sprinkle, Executive Administrator Durden Dean, Camp Administrator Tammy Thomas. Board Members DG Larry Gasperson (31-L), 1st VDG Kenneth Beach(31-L), DG Donald Cobb (31-I), 1st VDG Wayne Kennerly (31-I), 2nd VDG Bill Mathers (31-I), DG Paul Marth (31-O), 1st VDG Barbara Thompson (31-O), 2nd VDG Lacy Petty (31-O), DG DeAngelo Jackson (31-N), DG Allen Swaim (31-S), At-Large Directors Lion Jim Turner, and PDG Neal Alexander.

Attending via zoom: 1st VDG Bob Block (31-N), 2nd VDG Mayra McCloud (31-N), 1st VDG Randy Oxendine (31-S), 2nd VDG Jo Starling (31-S), At-Large Directors PDG George Suggs and PDG Carlton Metts.

Absent: 2nd VDG Marilyn Wunderler (Family Emergency)

Committee Chairs present: Brighter Visions, PCC Mx Bumgardner; By-Laws and Constitution, Camp Dogwood Co-Chair PDG Marti Henry; Clinical Eye Research, PDG Dale Dupree; Public Information & Education PDG Paul Bledsoe; (submitted report); and Volunteers, PDG Robert Carroll.

Attending via zoom: PCC Dave Butler; Camp Dogwood, PDG Wayne Faber: Fellowship and Partners, PDG Ron Beltran; Properties, PDG Jim Chandler.

Absent: Budget and Finance, Lion Fred Huscher; Sight and Hearing Conservation, PCC Paulette Gasperson

DG DeAngelo Jackson led the **Prayer**.

Lion Karl led the **Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag.

Opening Remarks: President Curtis thanked everyone for attending in person and via zoom. It has been a great year: we are open, the air conditioning has been fixed (except the Cates Room), docks are rebuilt, and volunteer week was held on a limited basis. Lion Curtis led a standing ovation in appreciation of the NCLI and Camp Dogwood staff who multi-tasked and kept the Camp open. There is more money in the bank checking account than this time last year. The use of Zoom has made meetings more accessible to Lions across the state. We have learned to work, provide service, and grow membership in an exceptional year. The year has been successful.

Introductions: Lion Curtis acknowledge the presence of PID Gwen White, PID Harvey Whitley and PID Lacy Presnell. All expressed their pleasure to attend.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion made by IPP Chris to accept minutes as distributed. 1st VP Karl seconded the motion which carried.

Role Call: All Board Members were present in person or via zoom with the exceptions of 2nd VDG Marilyn Wunderler (31-L) who had a family emergency and At-Large Director Eddie Weaver. Committee chairs not in attendance but submitting reports were Budget and Finance Fred Huscher and PDG Lou Creel. Committee chairs not in attendance nor submitting reports were PCC Paulette Gasperson

Appointment of Parliamentarian: PDG Dave Butler agreed to serve.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson: CC Michael presented his report. See attachment 1

Camp and Retreat Administrator's Report: Lion Tammy presented the Camp report. (See attachment 2). Lion Tammy reported that new contracts are being negotiated that will run \$20,000 to \$30,000, and she is currently

booking into 2022 and 2023. The camp staff is working to recoup the \$40,000 revenue that was lost last year due to Covid restrictions. The drawing for the 50/50 raffle held during the weekend was won by Lion Eileen Artavia. Lion Tammy also reported that during the Kentucky Derby events held on Saturday, that \$205 was raised for Brighter Visions.

Executive Administrator Report: Lion Durden reported . (See attachment 3) Lion Durden recognized PDG Paul Bledsoe for his marketing activities, PDG Neal Alexander and 2nd VP Skippy Jackson for their assistance in obtaining grants for the MSU mini vans, and the Vass Lions Club for the duck houses for camp. Lion Durden has asked the Executive Committee for approval of funding to offer free camp time for children's diabetic, cancer, or Special Olympic camps as one-time only seed camps, believing that once the people see Camp Dogwood, they will book future camps. The Investments Committee has been instrumental in the growth of the Stickley Fund Endowment. The Brighter Visions fund drive is currently \$250,000 short of the Annual Fund Drive. Lion Durden encouraged the District Governors to check on individual clubs' well-being and encouraging the clubs to review their situations to see if there might be ways to contribute to Brighter Visions.

Lion Durden also reported that the Executive Board voted to pursue legal counsel to start with cease and desist order for lady who is continuing to slander the Camp Administrator for over 2 years.

He finished his remarks by recognizing the NCLI and Camp staff for their work and positive attitudes this year.

Motion to accept Council Chair's, Camp Administrator's, and Executive Administrator's reports by PDG Neal, 2nd by 1st VDG Ken Beach. Motion carried without opposition.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Communications:** None
- **Treasurer's Report:** PDG Carolyn advised that copies of the proposed balanced budget are available. She complimented the staff for the increase in the Stickley Endowment Funds and utilizing the approximately \$7,000/month for operating expenses. The over \$200,000 in the checking account includes the money received for the PPP loan and \$47,000 grant for the mini vans. There are currently 5,000 Lions in North Carolina. PDG Carolyn encouraged every district to get clubs to visit Camp Dogwood to see where their money is going. 1st VP Karl made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd VDG Lacy Petty seconded the motion which passed without opposition.
- **Recommendations from the Executive Committee:** Executive Director Durden covered this in his remarks.
- **Reports of Ad-Hoc Committees:** None

Committees Operating Under Second Vice President Skippy Jackson:

- **Clinical Eye Research:** PDG Dale presented his report. See attachment 4
- **Properties:** See attachment 5.
- **Public Information & Education:** See attachment 6. PDG Paul is working on a Diabetes Retreat for families; 4 people per family, 15-20 families. The retreat will be both recreational and educational with emphasis on menus, medications, and exercise. He has received excellent feedback from Wake Forest University, Atrium and Novant Medical Centers.
- **Sight and Hearing Conservation:** No report
- **Volunteers:** Report submitted by PDG Robert Carroll. See attachment 7.
- 2nd VP Skippy made the motion to accept the reports for the above committees, 2nd by 1stVDG Ken Beach. Motion carried

Committees Operating Under First Vice President Karl Ernst:

- **Pin Sales:** Lion Dave Butler presented the report. See attachment 8.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** PDG David presented his brief report. See attachment 9.

- **Camp Dogwood:** PDG Wayne Faber thanked clubs for stepping up to meet the needs at Camp Dogwood. All HVAC units needing replacement have been updated except for the largest unit needed for the Coleman Cates room. Currently have \$12,000 toward the \$24,000 needed to complete the project. He encouraged clubs to continue to donate funds toward this campaign. PDG Marti Henry is working to promote raffle sales in Districts L & I. See attachment10.

1st VP Karl recognized Past NCLI President Stewart Wooten for remarks. He stated that the average age of the 5000 Lions in NC is over 65. He asked that District Governors encourage all clubs to provide a memorial and honorariums form to be in every Lion's household not just the club secretary.

- **Fellowship and Partners:** PDG Ron Beltran submitted his report. See attachment 11.
- **Brighter Visions:** PCC Max Bumgardner reported that we have reached 54% of the goal. 101 clubs have not contributed to BV this year. See attachment 12.
- **Budget & Finance:** Lion Fred Huscher submitted his report. The proposed budget was presented by President Curtis at Saturday's caucus. Motion to accept the budget was made by IPP Chris, second by 1st VDG Barbara Thompson. Motion passed without opposition. 1st VP Karl then encouraged education about Brighter Visions programs to each of the clubs and to remind them that every club is part of the team.
- 1st VDG Ken Beach made a motion to accept the reports for committees operating under 1st VP Karl; 2nd by DG DeAngelo. Motion carried.

Other Business:

- The NCLI President's banner was presented by IPP Chris Headley to President Curtis. Earlier transfer of the banner was delayed due to COVID restrictions.
- PID Harvey Whitley asked all recipients of the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest honor in LCI, assemble at the podium. He then officially presented the newest recipient PDG Paul Bledsoe his medal; PID Gwen White presented his pin. Other NC Ambassadors of Good Will present were PID Lacy Presnell and Past NCLI President Herb Justice.
- PID Gwen asked if a little bit of money was available that we should make a monetary contribution to the staff that has held the camp together during this challenging year. Motion was made to turn the request over to the executive committee (which acts as the personnel committee) for recommendation and then turned over to the budget and finance committee. DG Allen Swaim made the motion; second by PDG Neal Alexander. Motion passed without opposition.

The next Council of Governor and NCLI Board of Directors Meetings will be held on August 6-8, 2021 at Camp Dogwood.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.

Respectfully submitted,
Laraine Dupree, PDG
NCLI Secretary

Reconvention of NCLI Board of Directors

President Curtis reconvened the Board of Directors Meeting at 12:10pm immediately following the General Membership meeting. Motion was made by 2nd VP Skippy that any and all future NCLI meetings held this point forward may be held both virtually and live. DG DeAngelo Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.

Attachment 1: Council Chair Report

Attachment 2: Camp Administrator Report

- Attachment 3: Executive Director Report
- Attachment 4: Clinical Eye Research
- Attachment 5: Properties
- Attachment 6: Public Information and Education
- Attachment 7: Volunteers
- Attachment 8: Pin Sales
- Attachment 9: Constitution and By-Laws Report
- Attachment 10: Camp Dogwood
- Attachment 11: Fellowship and Partners
- Attachment 12: Brighter Visions
- Attachment 13: Budget & Finance