

NCLI Board of Directors Meeting
NCLI
November 14, 2020
Zoom Meeting

NCLI Board Meeting was called to order by President Curtis Erickson at 2:30pm.

Board Members attending via zoom: 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), 1st VDG Bob Block (31-N), 2nd VDG Mayra McCloud (31-N), DG Allen Swaim (31-S), 1st VDG Randy Oxendine, and At-Large Directors Lion Jim Turner, PDG Neal Alexander, Lion Eddie Weaver, and PDG Carlton Metts. Absent 2nd VDG Marilyn Wunderler, 31-L (Family emergency), PDG Nathan Medlin, 31-S, and At-Large Director PDG George Suggs.

Committee Chairs attending via zoom: Brighter Visions, PCC Max Bumgardner; Budget and Finance, Lion Fred Huscher; By-Laws and Constitution, PCC Dave Butler; Clinical Eye Research, PDG Dale Dupree; and Fellowship and Partners, PDG Ron Beltran. Absent were Camp Dogwood, PDGs Marti Henry and Wayne Faber; Properties, PDG Jim Chandler (submitted report); Public Information & Education PDG Paul Bledsoe (submitted report after meeting); Sight and Hearing Conservation, PCC Paulette Gasperson (submitted report); and Volunteers, PDG Robert Carroll (submitted report).

PDG Butch Conrad, NCLI Chaplain, led the **Prayer**.

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

Opening Remarks: President Curtis thanked everyone for attending via zoom, acknowledging the changes necessary due to the NC Governor's mandates reducing in person gatherings to 10 people or less. President Curtis recognized the excellent job during a "roller coaster year" done by Executive Administrator Durden's and Camp Administrator Tammy's efforts to cut expenses in this challenging year. Most of the staff has been furloughed, being brought back as needed to help with events at camp. Due to the most recent state guidelines, the employees have once again been furloughed. Some of the early spring activities at Camp (like volunteer week) may be delayed due to the pandemic restrictions. Clubs started the year off well at the Brighter Visions kickoffs. Bookings for off season events are vital to the financial health of the camp. All staff members and the executive board will be monitoring expenses as we go forward.

Introductions: Lion Curtis acknowledge on-line presence of PIP Sid Scruggs, PID Harvey Whitley, and PID Gwen White. All expressed their pleasure to attend.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lion Bob Block to accept minutes as distributed. Lion Neal seconded the motion which carried.

Role Call: All Board Members were present with the exceptions of 2nd VDG Marilyn Wunderler (31-L), PDG Nathan Medlin, and At-Large Director PDG George Suggs. Committee chairs not in attendance nor submitting reports were PDGs Wayne Faber, and Marti Henry.

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. Motion to accept report by Lion Carlton, 2nd by Lion Ken Beach. Motion carried.

Executive Administrator Report: Lion Durden reported that Tracy Neil Brown had named NCLI as a beneficiary of his life insurance in the amount of \$8,000.00. Mr. Brown was a non-Lion who was impressed with several Mount Pleasant Lions. Lion Durden wanted this information preserved in the Board's minutes.

Kudos to the staff for keeping the camp up and running. Expenses for the 1st 4 months of this Lions year are down \$153,258 from the same period last year.

Lion Durden noted that VSP vouchers are helping clubs to offset lack of matching funds for the rest of 2020. 300 vouchers were sent to NCLI by LCI. The vouchers cover all eye exam and eyeglass expenses for adults and children. Clubs may contact Bryan Hoover for more information and availability of the vouchers.

The Stickley Endowment was established in August 1989 with the earned interest to be used for administrative expenses. At the August NCLI Board meeting, the board approved withdrawing annually 5% of the total account. That amounts to a \$7300 monthly draw which has helped meet current payroll expenses.

The \$48,000 grant from the Foundation of the Carolinas has been used to purchase a screening van vehicle. Lion Durden has acquired approximately half of the equipment for the van.

A grant has also been submitted to the Sisters of Mercy in western North Carolina.

He is cautiously optimistic that Congress will enact another Covid stimulus program and payroll protection program by the end of January, hopefully sooner.

The Brighter Visions report has been modified to reflect the past 3 years history, hopefully providing more information for district governors and Brighter Vision chairs to work with clubs. The raffle report has likewise been modified. Lion Durden thanked NCLI accountant Eileen Artavio for her diligent work on these reports.

Motion to accept report by 1st VDG Bob, 2nd by 2nd VDG Ken. Motion carried

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Communications:** None
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lion Carolyn presented the report. (See attachment 3).
- **Recommendations from the Executive Committee:** None
- **Reports of Ad-Hoc Committees:**
 - Long Range Planning Committee: Per PDG Dale Dupree, committee is still gathering data.

Committees Operating Under Second Vice President Skippy Jackson:

- **Clinical Eye Research:** PDG Dale presented his report. See attachment 4
 - **Properties:** PCC Diane Whitley read the report submitted by PDG Jim Chandler. See attachment 5.
 - **Public Information & Education:** See attachment 6 submitted after the meeting adjourned.
 - **Sight and Hearing Conservation:** Report submitted by PCC Paulette Gasperson. See attachment 7.
 - **Volunteers:** Report submitted by PDG Robert Carroll. See attachment 8.
- 2nd VP Skippy made the motion to accept the reports, 2nd by 1st VP Karl. Motion carried

Committees Operating Under First Vice President Karl Ernst:

- **Pin Sales:** PDG Luther Creel had no report per PDG Dave Butler. See attachment 9.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Proposed changes were clearly identified by PDG Dave. The following changes to his report were suggested:
 - Article V Section 4 ALTERNATE MEETING FORMAT. Regular and/or special meetings of the NCLI Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and all other NCLI committees may be held through use of alternative meeting formats, such as teleconference and/or web/virtual conference. Such action may be initiated with approval of the majority of the NCLI Board of Directors.
 - Article VII Section 11: Add the following sentence to proposal: Such action may be initiated with approval of the majority of the NCLI Board of Directors.

- **Camp Dogwood:** No report
 - **Fellowship and Partners:** Report submitted. See attachment 10. PDG Ron Beltran encouraged use of honorariums during the holiday season.
 - **Brighter Visions:** PCC Max Bumgardner presented his report. See attachment 11.
 - **Budget & Finance:** Lion Fred Huscher had no report at this time.
- 1st VP made a motion to accept these reports; 2nd by 1st VDG Ken. Motion carried

Other Business:

The next Council of Governor and NCLI Board of Directors Meetings will be held on February 12-14, 2021 at the Biltmore Double Tree by Hilton in Asheville, NC, dependent upon restrictions of pandemic. Everyone will be advised of any changes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laraine Dupree, PDG
NCLI Secretary

- Attachment 1: Council Chair Report
- Attachment 2: Camp Administrator Report
- Attachment 3: Treasurer Report
- Attachment 4: Clinical Eye Research
- Attachment 5: Properties
- Attachment 6: Public Information and Education
- Attachment 7: Sight and Hearing Conservation
- Attachment 8: Volunteers
- Attachment 9: Constitution and By-Laws
- Attachment 10: Fellowship and Partners
- Attachment 11: Brighter Visions