

North Carolina Lions, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, February 13, 2022
Greensboro/High Point Marriott
Greensboro, NC

Call to order by President Karl Ernst at 9:00am

Prayer was offered by NCLI Chaplain Bill Womack during earlier devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd Vice President Steve McLaurin.

Opening Remarks:

President Karl welcomed everyone. He stated that he would cover business as we go through agenda. After verifying that board members had reviewed the agenda, motion to accept the agenda as presented by DG Randy Oxendine, seconded by DG Bob Block; motion passed without dissent.

President Karl recognized the members of the International Family who were present:

- PID Gwen White reminded incoming district governors that they discuss speakers for upcoming fall and mid-winter conventions so that invitations can be issued. She mentioned that waiting until the USA Canada forum limits the availability of many of the IDs. PID Gwen stated that PIP Sid and PID Harvey will also be willing to help with suggestions.
- PID Harvey Whitley expressed wishes for a good meeting.

Roll call:

- Present in Person: President Karl Ernst, 1st VP Skippy Jackson, 2nd VP Steve McLaurin, Immediate Past President Curtis Erickson, Secretary Laraine Dupree, Treasurer Carolyn Sprinkle, Council Chair Dale Dupree, Interim Executive Administrator Carlton Metts, Camp Administrator Tammy Thomas, 1st VDG Marilyn Wunderler (31-L), 2nd VDG Susan Hernandez, DG Wayne Kennerly (31-I), 1st VDG Bill Mathers (31-I), 2ⁿ VDG Kathy Poirier (31-I), DG Barbara Thompson (31-O), 2nd VDG (Susan O'Brien (31-O), DG Robert Block (31-N), 1st VDG Mayra McCloud (31-N) 2nd VDG Carlie Metts (31-N), DG Randy Oxendine (31-S), 1st VDG Allen Swaim, 2nd VDG Lorraine Dixon (31-S), At-Large Directors PDG Carlton Metts, PDG George Suggs, PDG Neal Alexander Committee Chairs PDG Dave Butler (By-Laws), PDG Paul Marth (By-Laws Co-chair). PDG Ron Beltran (Fellowship and Partners), PDG Jim Chandler (Properties), PDG Paul Bledsoe (Public Information), PDG Donald Cobb (Sight & Hearing Conservation) and PDG Robert Carroll (Volunteers).
- Absent: VDG DG Kenneth Beach (31-L) due to illness, 1st VDG Lacy Petty (31-O) due to illness, At-large Directors Lion Jim Turner, and Eddie Weaver, PDG Rahim Shomari (BV) due to father's death, PDG Wayne Faber (Camp Dogwood), PDG Paul Silverman (Nominations),

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Minutes had been emailed to all board members and committee chairs. Motion by DG Bob Block, second by DG Wayne Kennerly to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Appointment of Parliamentarian: PCC Dave Butler accepted.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson Dale Dupree

The year is off to a great start. Governors are doing an excellent job working with clubs and district projects.

All districts except one have had district conventions which were well received. Covid requirements still presenting challenges. He stressed the need for flexibility.

Executive Administrator's Report by PDG Carlton Metts: (Attachment #1)

Motion to accept the report by PDG Neal Alexander, seconded by DG Randy Oxendine. Motion passed unanimously.

Camp and Retreat Administrator's Report by Lion Tammy Thomas. (Attachment #2)

Lion Tammy is excited to be partnering with the Governor Morehead School who will be distributing information about camp to current students and their alumni. This opens more opportunities for younger campers.

Forming partnership with the technologies for the blind and visually impaired committee and offering more opportunities to have on-hand experiences. Information will be shared with I Phones and the available apps.

Motion by DG Randy Oxendine, seconded by DG Barbara Thompson to accept the Camp Administrator's report was approved by all.

President Karl reminded everyone of applications for the State Convention, as well as ad forms.

Old Business:

- Consideration of the proposed amendments to the "NCLI Committees Policies and Duties." (Attachment 3). Committee name: "See the 21st Century Screening Unit Program Committee." Each district governor will appoint 1 or 2 members to the standing committee. PCC Diane Whitley has agreed to chair the committee for the remainder of this Lions' years. This committee will integrate the education portion of Sight and Hearing Conservation committee.
Motion by DG Randy Oxendine to accept the amendment as presented, seconded by IPP Curtis Erickson, passed. District governors were encouraged to make appointments as soon as possible.

New Business:

- Communications: None
- Treasurer's report by Treasurer Carolyn Sprinkle. (Attachment #4)
Lion Carolyn provided clarification income and expenses. Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented by DG Wayne Kennerly and seconded by DG Randy Oxendine was approved without opposition.
- Audit review: (Attachment #5) IEA Carlton Metts reviewed the report. Motion to accept the report by PDG Neal Alexander, seconded by PDG George Suggs, passed unanimously.
- Recommendations from the Executive Committee:
 - a. Launched the search for an executive administrator.

- b. Fees for the MSU (large unit) were set.
- c. Approved a pay increase for summer counselors from \$250/week to \$350/week (plus room and board).
- d. Approved camp administrator to exceed the budgeted contract labor line item.
- e. Motion to approve recommendations by 1st VP Skippy Jackson, seconded by DG Bob Block, passed without opposition.
- Report from Search Committee: per PDG C. Neal Alexander (Attachment #6)
 - a. Motion to accept the report by PDG Randy Oxendine, seconded by DG Barbara Thompson, without opposition.
- Report from the Nominating Committee: per PDG Paul Silverman in absentia (Attachment #7)
- Reports of Ad-Hoc Committees – MSU Ad Hoc – Carlton Metts (Attachment #8)
 - Motion to approve report by 2nd VDG Carlie Metts, seconded by DG Barbara Thompson.
 - Motion passed without opposition

Committees Operating Under Second Vice-President Steve McLaurin:

- **Clinical Eye Research:** No report.
- **Properties:** PDG Jim Chandler presented his report via zoom (attachment #9).
- **Public Information & Education:** PDG Paul Bledsoe presented his report (attachment #10). Additionally, Lion Paul encouraged clubs and Lions to get involved with Instagram and TikTok. He also reported that the new NC Lions Ambassador brochure is available.
- **Sight & Hearing Conservation:** PDG Donald Cobb presented his report. (Attachment #11)
- **Volunteers:** PDG Robert Carroll submitted a written report (attachment #12).
- Motion to approve committee reports under 2nd VP Steve by DG Bob Block, seconded by DG Wayne Kennerly, was approved without dissent.

Committees Operating Under First Vice President Skippy Jackson:

- **Brighter Visions:** No report. PDG Ray Shomari was not present due to a death in his family. Per Carlton, BV currently at \$250,000; approximately half of current expectations. Governors were encouraged to stress the need to their district Lions.
- **Camp Dogwood:** PDG Wayne Faber could not attend due to work but did submit a written report. (Attachment 13)
- **Constitution & By-Laws:** PCC Dave Butler presented his report (attachment #14).
- **Pin Sales:** PCC Dave Butler presented the pin sales report (attachment #15)
- **Fellowship & Partners:** PDG Ron Beltran presented his report. This program is a vital part of the recognition of Lions for their work. He expressed his thought that Stickley fellowships are being presented because it contains a plaque. He asked that governors poll their Lions to determine if receiving a plaque is that important when using these programs for recognition.
- **Budget & Finance:** Immediate Past President Curtis Erickson is saving his time for the May meeting. Budget meetings are April 8-10.

1st VP Skippy made the motion to accept the reports of his committees, second by DG Randy Oxendine. Motion was approved.

The next Council of Governors and NCLI Board of Directors Meetings will be held on April 29 – May 1, 2022, at Camp Dogwood. Call the camp office for reservations. The Annual meeting will be held on May 1, 2022.

Other business:

- Question was raised from the floor regarding the financial report: the general ledger shows negative balance for camp usage. This is a glitch in the Sage accounting system to be rectified, but the balance is positive for camp usage.
- Lions were reminded to register for the NC Lions State Centennial Convention.
- Lions were reminded to use the honorariums and memorials envelopes to remember and honor fellow Lions and others.
- PIP Sid Scruggs, unable to attend today, has some suggestions about using contributions to apply to NCLI fellowship and partners programs.
- Clarification was requested about how Stickley Fellowship funds are invested. Lion Carlton confirmed that the money is invested and that *NCLI can use only the interest earned* to help meet expenses, never the corpus of the endowment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laraine Dupree
Secretary, NCLI Board of Directors

Attachments

- 1. Interim Executive Administrator's Report**
- 2. Camp and Retreat Administrator's Report**
- 3. Proposed Amendments to NCLI Committees Policies and Duties**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Audit Review**
- 6. Report from Search Committee**
- 7. Report from Nominating Committee**
- 8. Mobile Screening Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**
- 9. Properties Report**
- 10. Public Information & Education**
- 11. Sight & Hearing Conservation Reports**
- 12. Volunteers Report**
- 13. Camp Dogwood Report**
- 14. Constitution and By-Laws Report**
- 15. Pin Sales Report**