

North Carolina Lions, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, November 14, 2021
Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC

Call to order by President Karl Ernst at 9:05am

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 we have a lot of business to take care of this morning and asked that anyone who wishes to speak to raise their hand and wait to be recognized.

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

- Past International Director Gwen While read an email from PID Lacy Presnell who cannot be present this morning.
- Past International Director Harvey Whitley was recognized later in the meeting.

President Karl asked Past President Curtis Erickson and Lion Barbara Ernst, president of the Siler City Lions Club, to come forward for the passing of the NCLI presidential banner.

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, Executive Administrator Durden Dean, Camp Administrator Tammy Thomas, VDG DG Kenneth Beach (31-L), 1st VDG Marilyn Wunderler (31-L), DG Wayne Kennerly (31-I), 1st VDG Bill Mathers (31-I), 2nd VDG Kathy Poirier (31-I), DG Barbara Thompson (31-O), 1st VDG Lacy Petty (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), 2nd VDG Lorraine Dixon (31-S), At-Large Directors PDG Carlton Metts, PDG George Suggs, Committee Chairs Rahim Shomari (BV), PDG Dave Butler (By-Laws), PDG Wayne Faber (Camp Dogwood), PDG Ron Beltran (Fellowship and Partners), PDG Paul Bledsoe (Public Information), and PDG Robert Carroll (Volunteers).
- Via Zoom: 2nd VDG Susan Fernandez, At-Large Director Lion Jim Turner, and Committee Chair Jim Chandler (Properties), PDG Paul Silverman (Nominations)
- Absent: At-large Directors PDG Neal Alexander and Eddie Weaver, PDG Donald Cobb (Sight & Hearing Conservation), PDG Paul Marth (By-Laws Co-chair).

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

Appointment of Parliamentarian: PCC Dave Butler accepted.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson Dale Dupree

Year off to a great start. Governors doing a great job working with clubs and district projects. COG had a good time last night as they hosted an evening of food and fellowship.

Camp and Retreat Administrator's Report by Lion Tammy Thomas. (Attachment #1)

Addendum to report: Will be adding disc golf to summer camp activities.

Lost two part-time employees this weekend.

New Kitchen Manager will be starting shortly.

Question was raised about possible sponsorships for holes for disc golf. Each hole with equipment will run around \$350. Each disc will cost approximately \$20-\$30 with additional \$20 for adaptive element. Funding is still in beginning stages.

Executive Administrator's Report by PDG Durden Dean:

NCLI is in good financial shape.

The districts had good Brighter Vision Kickoffs. This time of year, donations are typically a little slower. Income from off-season usage is helping cover current expenses.

Governors are asked to stress Brighter Vision programs and the need for donations.

The Kids Sight Screening program has exploded. More important than number of screenings is the people we help.

Funding for the MSU mini vans is still dependent on the passing of the North Carolina Budget and its signing by Governor Cooper.

The grant from LCIF will be presented to the LCI Board of Directors in January 2022.

Announced his retirement in February 2022. He thanked the Lions of North Carolina for the opportunity to serve these last few years. He will remain an active Lion.

Lion Durden recognized the efforts of Lions across the state to become certified Kids Sight USA screeners.

Motion by DG Ken Beach, seconded by 1st VDG Lacy Petty to accept the Camp Administrator's and Executive Administrator's report was approved by all.

Old Business:

1. Consideration of proposed amendments to the NCLI Committees Policy and Duties (Attachment #2)

President Karl reviewed in detail the amendments as presented at the August Board meeting.

Wording was finalized and forwarded to all Board members at the appropriate 30-day notice for adoption at this meeting.

Motion to accept was approved by all Board members.

New Business:

1. Communications: None
2. Treasurer's report by Treasurer Carolyn Sprinkle. (Attachment 3)
Lion Carolyn provided clarification on a few issues:
Line 3200: Camp Contributions may be used for anything at the camp.

Question re: difference in salaries between last year and this year: posting glitch and will be corrected.

Increase in fire safety expense: System upgraded

Differences in prices of the drawing: This year's prizes have not been posted.

Value of assets increased: Value of land owned by NCLI has been added to assets.

Explained spread sheet (Attachment 3)

Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented by PP Carlton Metts and seconded by DG Barbara Thompson was approved.

Committees Operating Under Second Vice-President Steve McLaurin:

- **Mobile Screening Ad-Hoc Committee:** PP Carlton Metts presented the reports of both meetings held by this committee. (Attachments #4 & 5)
- **Clinical Eye Research:** PDG Carlton Metts presented his report (attachment #6). In addition, he stressed the need to continue contributing to this fund to make it viable.
- **Properties:** PDG Jim Chandler presented his report via zoom (attachment #7).
- **Public Information & Education:** PDG Paul Bledsoe presented his report (attachment #8).
- **Sight & Hearing Conservation:** PDG Donald Cobb was not present but did submit a written report. (Attachment #9)
- **Volunteers:** PDG Robert Carroll presented his report (attachment #10).
 - Addendum to report: During volunteer week, additional concrete pads will be added to help VIPs.
 - He and Josh inspected the columns at the Stickley building only need to be painting.
 - Porches on duplexes need to be painted. Will be part of volunteer week jobs.
 - Stressed the need for volunteers during VIP fishing tournament in the fall and summer camping season.
- Motion to approve committee reports under 2nd VP Steve by DG Ken Beach, second by DG Wayne Kennerly was approved without dissent.

2nd VP Steve reported a visit to Johnson & Wales to set up an agreement between NCLI and Johnson Wales to place graduates of the program at Camp Dogwood for work experiences.

Committees Operating Under First Vice President Skippy Jackson:

- **Pin Sales:** PCC Dave Butler presented the pin sales report (attachment #11)
- **Constitution & By-Laws:** PCC Dave Butler presented his report (attachment #12).
 - Addendum to report: Future agendas need name of committee changed to "By-Laws."
- **Camp Dogwood:** PDG Wayne Faber presented his report. He thanked all for their support of his retirement from Apex Communications. Raffle tickets have been distributed to all districts. He stressed the importance of selling the tickets to support the upkeep of the camp. An increase in sales is expected during the districts' fall and mid-winter conventions. 6-8 volunteers are needed during the summer sessions. A week's stay for volunteers is preferred, but volunteers are appreciated for 1- or 2-day visits. More that \$20,000.00 is needed to complete needed tree removal. PDG Wayne will probably start a statewide campaign to raise the needed money in the beginning of 2022. He also reported that the money for the heating and air unit for the Cates Room has been

received and does not understand why it has not yet been replaced. He challenged President Karl to get the process started.

- **Fellowship & Partners:** PDG Ron Beltran presented his report (attachment #13).
 - Addendum: In 2002, there were 18,000 Lions in NC; now below 5,000.
 - Use the tools of recognition to help support the programs of NCLI.
- **Brighter Visions:** PDG Ray Shomari presented his report. He reviewed the goals of each district and the % of goal each district has currently met. Brighter Visions is the nuts and bolts of what Lions are doing.
- **Budget & Finance:** Immediate Past President Curtis Erickson is saving his time for the May meeting.

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

President Karl then recognized the Nominations Committee Chair, PDG Paul Silverman for his report.

- **Nominations:** PDG Paul Silverman reported that as of September 30, 2021, he has received nominations for Council Chair 2022 – 2023 from Paul Marth and Chris Headley and for Council Secretary Johnny Berry; and for Council Chair 2023-2024 from Ray Shamari.
 - The respective councils met with the candidates and elected by secret ballots Paul Marth Council Chair and Johnny Berry Secretary/Treasurer for 2022-2023; and Ray Shamari Council Chair 2023-2024.
 - He has also received nomination for 2nd VP of NCLI from PDG Wayne Faber and for 1st VP of NCLI from Steve McLaurin. The election will be held at the annual meeting in 2022. Nominations must be received by April 15, 2022.

1st VP Skippy brought up a question about the policy of VIPs not being allowed to attend summer sessions as a camper and serve as a volunteer in the same year. Lion Tammy reported that that statement is on the current application form. The “policy” will be further investigated.

Executive Director Durden presented traditional gifts (clock, plaque, and Timberlake painting) to Immediate Past President Curtis since his health prevented him from attending the awards dinner in August.

President Karl recognized Executive Director Durden to report from the Investment Committee a recommendation that a portion of the funds held for emergency use at BB&T where it received “horrible” interest be transferred to a Principal Protected Market-Linked Note. The current amount at BB&T is \$336,291.94. The details of the PPM-L Note were reviewed by the investment committee and deemed a viable option, retaining some liquidity on a yearly basis. Motion was made to move \$135,000 to the PPM-L note by DG Bob Block, seconded by DG Ken Beach. Motion was approved unanimously.

President Karl announced that the Board will move into a closed session and all non-board members were asked to leave the room.

The next Council of Governors and NCLI Board of Directors Meetings will be held February 11-13, 2022, **at the Greensboro Marriott Airport Hotel, 1 Marriott Dr., Greensboro, NC. 336-852-6450**

Respectfully submitted,

**Laraine Dupree
Secretary, NCLI Board of Directors**

Attachments

- 1. Camp and Retreat Administrator's Report**
- 2. Proposed Amendments to NCLI Committees Policies and Duties**
- 3. Treasurer's Report**
- 4. Mobile Screening Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**
- 5. Mobile Screening Ad-Hoc Committee Proposed policy addition**
- 6. Clinical Eye Research Report**
- 7. Properties Report**
- 8. Public Information & Education**
- 9. Sight & Hearing Conservation Reports**
- 10. Volunteers Report**
- 11. Pin Sales Report**
- 12. Constitution and By-Laws Report**
- 13. Fellowships and Partners Report**