

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting

Camp Dogwood
Sherrills Ford, NC

May 5, 2024
9:00 AM

Call to Order

Steve McLaurin, President

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Steve McLaurin.

Pledge of Allegiance

Allen Swaim, 2nd Vice President

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Second Vice President Allen Swaim.

Invocation

Wayne Faber, 1st Vice President

The Invocation was given by First Vice President Wayne Faber.

Opening Remarks

Steve McLaurin, President

President Steve McLaurin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions

Steve McLaurin, President

President Steve McLaurin introduced our International Family in attendance.

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Anne Metts, Secretary

The minutes were published online and have been reviewed by the Board of Directors.

MOTION was made to accept the minutes as published by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and second by At Large Board Director C. Neal Alexander. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call

Anne Metts, Secretary

Officers and Board Members present: President Steve McLaurin, First Vice President Wayne Faber, Second Vice President Allen Swaim, Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Council Chair Rahim Shomari, Executive Director Carlton Metts, DG Susan Fernandez, 2nd VDG Eileen Artavia, DG Kathy Poirer, 1st VDG Mike Edwards, 2nd VDG Steve Cline, DG Susan O'Brien, 1st VDG Judy Keck, 2nd VDG Jaunita Brown, DG Carlton Metts II, 1st DG Ana Elliott, 2nd VDG Gene Goetz, DG Lorraine Dixon, 1st VDG Jim Tobolski, 2nd VDG Dwayne Turner, At Large Board Directors George Suggs and C. Neil Alexander.

Present by Zoom: At Large Board Directors Jim Turner and Eddie Weaver, Nominations Chair Paul Silverman

Not Present: District Governor Elect Dawson Hart, Secretary Anne Metts and Immediate Past President Skippy Jackson

Quorum is present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Steve McLaurin, President

President Steve McLaurin appointed PID Dr. Lacy Presnell to be Parliamentarian.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson

Rahim Shomari, Council Chair

**Council Chairman Report
May 2023**

NC Lions 100th State Convention was held in Greensboro NC on April 24-27, 2024. Our guest speaker was Third International Vice President Mark Lyon and his wife Lynn.

As we celebrate a very successful year, in conclusion we must congratulate our District Governors for a fabulous year with serving the citizens of North Carolina and hopefully to inspire others to join The Lions Clubs Organization.

The District Governors have maintained the total control of their districts through continuous dialogue and club assessments. As it relates to Countless hours have been spent creating more vibrant colorful newsletters and very interesting articles. A difference has been made and it was due to collective efforts.

To date the membership has been steady, the retention has been great considering the loss of some members.

One club was Chartered in District N, despite not chartering clubs in other districts strong emphasis was placed on membership growth.

MD-31 L 727 Members, 46 Clubs added 64 Members dropped 91 a net growth of 3.71 %

MD-31-I 890 Members, 45 Clubs added 81 dropped 84 a net growth of .34%

MD-31-O 1,045 Members, 52 Clubs added 107 dropped 75 net growth of 3.06 %

MD-31-N 963 Members, 53 Clubs dropped 99 net growth 2.60 %

MD-31-S 920 Members, 46 Clubs added 62 dropped 71 negative 1 Club net growth 1.01%

Brighter Visions totals to date.

MD -31 L \$34,595, MD-31 I \$104,974, MD-31 O \$69,874 MD-31 N 65,477, MD-31-S \$67,802

RLLI was very successful despite having 24 registered 12 Lions participated. The Participants were motivated and fully engaged while the courses were being led by our faculty members. One of the participating Lions wrote on an evaluation form " I learned how to make Team Development to make the clubs successful in meetings, planning and organizing meetings. Faculty, that participated were PID Harvey Whitley, PCC Paul Marth, PDG Barbara Thompson and DG Carlie Metts.

Camp Director's Report

Tammy Thomas, Camp and Retreat Director

**May 2024
Camp Directors Report**

Summer Camp 2024 is less than 4 weeks from the start. This year our theme is Mardi Gras. We have new activities and workshops planned. A few of the new items include axe throwing and adaptive tennis. This year as in years past will go down in history books as a great summer camp program.

As we move forward into 2025 some of the things we are working on to increase attendance is opening up weeks to individuals that not only have vision problems but also some other underlying disability.

Please note we are not taking this project lightly. We are and will continue researching to make sure this is an opportunity that the Lions of NC can safely offer to our citizens.

Fellow Lions our staff is working hard to advertise and promote our beloved Camp Dogwood. But I have to let you know that we are met with opposition across the state. I am continually told that we (clubs) only support our local community. So, with that these clubs do not sell Camp Dogwood tickets or contribute to Brighter Visions. We have Lions Clubs that will no longer offer transportation for the VIPs to attend Camp Dogwood. In 2019, Camp Dogwood was forced to increase the cost of attendance from \$125 to \$225 for each weekly session due to the rising cost of supplies, fuel, and food. A lot of Clubs will only offer financial support to one function each year. These clubs will also offer transportation to local events.

It was even stated to me several times that we need to serve more VIPs. Just a few things to be considered.

1. With our aging Lions members, it now takes 12-14 Lions instead of 8 lions each week. Most of these 12-14 Lions when volunteering expects a private room. So, with that we now have occupied the entire White Dorm instead of the usual downstairs for volunteers. Leaving on Lineberger 14 rooms and Udovich 16 rooms for use of the VIPs. Keep in mind we always keep 2 rooms empty each week for emergencies. So, with this being said we only have occupancy for 56 weekly attendees.
2. Remember volunteering at Camp Dogwood comes at no cost to the volunteer. The room and food cost are covered.
3. It is hard to find someone with the ability to handle the 14-passenger bus safely. International counselors are unable to drive in the US. Currently only 3 summer staff members are comfortable driving the bus. One is myself and I am unable to leave the campus during the day; every day. Second is Josh, he is our only maintenance employee therefore he cannot leave daily. Our third person is a lifeguard; therefore she cannot leave daily. With these transportation obstacles, fieldtrips are out of the question.
4. With the lack of American counselors, we are having to reach out internationally for staffing shortages. This year alone we have 4 Americans and 8 international counselors. The hardest thing with the international counselors is the ability to obtain their visa.
5. Be supportive of the cost of sending a VIP to Camp. When Lions openly speak against the cost of \$225 for attending Camp it does not generate positive vibes across the state. Remember the \$225 covers the cost of rooms, all linens, all meals and all activities. While the full cost for each camper to attend is in the \$1500 range. Remember the difference of \$1275 for each individual attending is offset with your Brighter Vision donations.
6. We have VIPs from a particular area that do not attend any more. Reason they feel like the rules and regulations set forth are childish. This statement is openly and actively supported by Lions leading the support groups in that area. The biggest concern is the 10 o'clock in your building rule. States that you must be in the four walls of your building this includes the common area and the screen porch. Remember our counselors work 14-hour days for minimal pay. They need their rest and down time. I understand these are adult campers you are talking about but let something happen and see how quick things turn to how we should have been more concerned and should have a safer environment.

I ask what is your club members doing. Are you going out into the community and actively recruiting for Camp Dogwood? Are you actively seeking out and inviting new VIPs to Camp? I recently attended a support group meeting where we gained three first time VIPs. They have attended this support group for years. Fellow Lions we need to make sure we are reaching out to our local support groups and let the VIPs know we are there to support them.

Does your club faithfully donate to Brighter Visions each year?

Does your club contribute \$50 per member in ticket sales?

I am openly asking each and every Lion in this room for your support for Camp Staff and Camp Dogwood. Why should we openly support ALL projects supported by NC Lions. After all our motto is WE SERVE!!!

I have been traveling across the state speaking to clubs about Camp Dogwood and the programs of NCLF.

I am happy to say that all of these clubs I have received the utmost support. I only have a few more visits to make this Lions year; but we are actively scheduling meetings and programs for Lions year 2024-25.

Volunteer Week- Lets talk glasses first!

Plastic framed glasses will be given to missionaries. Currently we have a handful of optometrists and churches picking up these for mission trips. We are continuing to look for other sources of distribution.

Metal and combination framed glasses. These will be smelted down for the metal. This money will no longer be given to other recycling centers in the US. This money will stay In NC. Reading glasses will be kept and distributed to libraries, senior centers and others in need.

Sunglasses-

1. "Regular" sunglasses will be sorted and distributed to commercial farmers and others in need.
2. Designer sunglasses will be sorted and sold with that money being kept in NC.

Again, we are no longer sending our sunglasses out of state for others to make money.

I know there was concern expressed after volunteer week on eyeglass sorting. Some felt like we are not serving. So, I ask that a Lions Eyeglass Committee be formed to seek out other sources that I may have missed for recycling. This eyeglass committee needs to

1. Seek out resources for distribution
2. Seek out the best resources for recycling each type of frame to benefit those in need
3. Seek out the resell options available for designer frames and by keeping this money in NC so the visually impaired and those in need in NC may benefit from the proceeds and not those in other states.

I want to thank all the Lions from NC that attended volunteer week. Thank those Lions that worked diligently to beautify our campus and make it safer for our VIPs this summer. Tentatively mark your calendars for September 16-19 for fall sorting and project days.

Off Season usage

Revenue to for month - \$26, 314.34

Revenue today vs same time last year - \$ 48,724.46 over last year this time

Our team is working purposefully on marketing our off-season usage. Offer your support by sharing all posts on the Dogwood on Lake Norman Facebook page. Next year we have been challenged once again. Our yearly revenue expected will be \$320,000. With only 52 weekends again in the year we need your assistance in marketing our venue.

Executive Director's Report

Carlton Metts, Executive Director

BOD Meeting

Executive Director's Report

May 5, 2024

Activities: Offseason usage for YTD \$197K down by \$26K YTD.

Hearing Aids received YTD 308 up by 189.

Canes were also normal at 218 YTD down 118YTD.

Eyeglasses donated YTD at 60K, down by 30K YTD.

Investments:

Stickley Endowment Prior Year End \$1.94 Million, last period \$2.0 Million and this period \$1.96 Million with a loss for the Month of \$38K, unrealize gain YTD \$65K.

First Citizens \$135K matures in 02/2029.

Raymond James (So. Iredell LC) Portfolio Total \$1,027M, withdrew interest of \$60,000.

Raymond James: (old Peoples) Total \$156K, Withdrew \$72K on one that matured in March

Raymond James (Old Dir House Fund) established five \$75,000 CDs at 5.25%. four at 12 months and one at 6 months total is at \$378.7K still early

VSP Vouchers: YTD 540, average estimated cost each is \$200 with an estimated value of \$108,000

Use of Camp: is at \$195K, down \$26K YTD

Matching Funds; none.

Long-Range Planning:

Raffle: We are in the process of setting up QR code for Raffle Tickets. It will be set to go to our website, key in the name, phone number, club, credit information, auto feed at a foundation email. A staff member will process to a spread sheet, print ticket, place in the drum. The tickets will be Avery type template. Tickets will also be delivered in sheet format at the Kickoffs. The Foundation will print extras as needed and mailed.

LRP Committee The 2024-2025 year will keep the current committee with Districts 31- L and 31- I being replaced with one each in 2025-2026, Districts 31-O and 31N being replaced with one each in 2026-2027. District 31-S being replaced with one in 2027-2028.

Leadership and Development Committee: Training booklets are in process and the Committee will be official after approval of the Policy and Duties change today. DG Carlie Metts has been appointed as the chairperson and the Governors Elect have been alerted to select quality individuals for this position. The plans are to offer face to face or Zoom training when participants can't attend. Our goal is to train all Statewide Committee and District Chairs. We

want the Lions of North Carolina to be informed and to understand what their positions are all about. The number one issue that floated to the top was training. After a couple of years we don't want that to be an issue. Help us and participate.

Changes in VSP Vouchers: VSP is now requiring feedback on all vouchers. In the year past no feedback no vouchers. They are asking that on events where the vouchers are used to take pictures and feedback. Its going to be difficult task but then again that is the least we can do for free glasses.

Motion to accept Camp & Retreat Director Tammy Thomas and Executive Director Carlton Metts' reports was by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and seconded by First Vice President Wayne Faber. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. **Communications** – None
2. **Treasurer's Report** –

NCLF Treasurer/Budget & Finance Report 5/5/24

PDG Curtis Erickson

NCLF Treasurer/ Budget & Finance Chair 23/24

Revenue:

Unrestrictive Revenue:

Brighter visions: YTD-\$400,070, -\$116929. Budget left \$225,029

Camp: YTD-\$283503, -\$22662. Budget left \$104428

3210 Use of Camp -\$54428

Other: YTD- \$335113, +\$226,330. Above Budget \$204613

3300-3304 Investments- YTD +\$47139

3310 Vision Van- YTD -11,694

3315-16-17 Awards-YTD -\$18591

3348-3349 Stock- YTD +\$209397

Total Unrestricted Revenue- YTD-\$1,018,688- +\$86738. Budget left \$137,911

Restrictive Revenue: YTD- \$148,408- +\$28409. Budget left \$1591

Permanently Restrictive Revenue: YTD \$6175 -3241. Budget left \$5125

Total Income: YTD **1,173,272- +\$111,905. Budget Left \$144,627**

Expense: YTD

Unrestricted Expense:

Programs: -\$4014

Vision Van: -\$6276

Camp Dogwood: -\$39560
4131 insurance -\$13300, 4137 food -\$29818
Matching Funds: -\$3082
Public Information: -\$3361
Officers/Committees: -\$2729
Salaries: -\$21998
Payroll Taxes: -\$5202
Benefits: -\$4706
Office Supplies: -\$5963
Total Unrestricted Expense: YTD-\$883867, -\$96890
Restrictive Expense:
Maintenance: +\$21432
4606 Lawn/Pastures +\$4431
4611 Plumbing +\$3332
4614 Waste Treatment \$12798
Total Maintenance: YTD- \$109932- +\$21432
Other: YTD- \$49223- +\$ 30557
4710 YTD-Other TR- +\$40527
Total Restricted Expense: YTD-\$159156- +\$51989
Grand Total Expense: YTD- 1,043,033,-\$44900
Net gain/loss: YTD +\$130239

MOTION was made by First Vice President Wayne Faber to accept Treasurer's Report and seconded by At Large Board Director George Suggs. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee

None.

4. Committee Reports

Clinical Eye Research Report

May 5, 2024

When I was at Camp Dogwood during Volunteer Week April 5th to the 11th, NCLF President Steve McLaurin spoke with me about a presentation that he had attended with PDG Carlton Metts. The presentation was for another possible way to raise money for Clinical Eye Research. It was a week later that I attended a presentation on April 13th at TReVer, (Translational Eye and Vision Research Center) at Wake Forest. Dr. Rebecca Sappington and Dr. Jay Ma did a program on the work they are doing with large animals and how eye diseases in primates as well as certain other animals are the same as humans have. After the presentation, Dr. Sappington said that what they needed the most was funding for their research equipment. I spoke with her about possible funding from NCLF. I said I would talk with NCLF President Steve McLaurin about a possible grant for a piece of equipment that was needed to do their

research. After the presentation we also went on a tour of the new building the Wake Forest Baptist Eye Institute will be retrofitting to be the new vision center at Wake Forest. The main floor will be for patient check in with the surgical area and the patient registration on the first floor. When the facility opens they would like to have 6 operating rooms on the first floor to start but there is plenty of room for future growth. The second floor will be the patient clinic, the third floor will be for eye research and the fourth floor is the administration area. They have a date of mid 2026 for the vision center to be in operation. As further information is available, it will be shared with the NC Lions.

It is important, however, that we continue our fundraising efforts to have available funds to meet the needs for grants when requested by any of our partners (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, and Miracles in Sight).

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Poirier, PCC
 State Clinical Eye Research Chair

**NCLI MSU/KSU
 Vision Screening Report 5/4/24**

Event Name: _M-31 vision screenings 23/24 YTD

Location	Screened	Referrals	Referral %
31-L	11589	1474	13%
31-I	16115	2609	16%
31-O	9571	1303	14%
31-N	6408	724	11%
31-S	2771	579	21%
State	46454	6689	14.40%

By Curtis Erickson, Co-Chair

Camp Dogwood Properties

White Building

The lattice on the bottom of the screen porch are rotten. Needs replacing. Not asking anything to be done until Long Range planning meets to discuss.

Well House

Well house needs a new roof. We have material just waiting on time to do this in house.

Asphalt Drive

Starting to see a lot of grass growing up through parking lot. Maintenance has been trying to keep down by pulling and spraying with weed killer. Tammy has gotten quotes on resealing. After looking at all quotes the Properties committee makes a recommendation to approve the asphalt sealing for \$30,000.00. **Sent to Budget and Finance - Asking to approve this recommendation for \$30k.**

Landscape

The landscape around the property needs some work. The fence line around the waterfront needs to be worked on. The fence closer to the gas pumps is really in need of some work. The fabric to stop the weed growth has seen its better days and needs to be reworked. The weeds have overtaken this area. Good place for varmints.

Vehicles

We really need this another vehicle. The vehicle we have now that we use to drive across the state to all the meetings has over 208,000 miles on it.

Sent To Budget and Finance Asking to approve \$50k for another vehicle

Bus

The bus needs a roof over it. We recommend building a 20x 40 Building next to the maintenance Building to accommodate the Bus and the Boats. To get them out of the weather. The sun and weather will damage these vehicles.

New Building fund? Have quotes. Waiting on Approval from Board.

Sent to Budget and Finance to approve \$15,000 to get this project done.

The Grease trap needs cleaning and coated we have quotes this is highly important. I sent this to Budget and Finance to get approval for \$17,445.00

The manhole also needs to be cleaned and coated but not as important As the Grease pit. We have a quote for this for \$13,810.00.

The below items are being looked at by Long Range Planning but will keep on report until resolved.

Dock at water

Will need to be replaced with in the next few years due to getting weathered.

Roofs on Buildings

The roofs will have to be replaced on

Duplex 1-2—30.66 Squares total cost \$9,044.70

Duplex 3-4--- 31.00 Squares total cost \$9,145.00

White Building--- 87.33 Squares total cost of \$25,762.35

Udavich---102 Squares total cost \$30,090.00

Lineberger--- 96 Squares total cost of \$28,320.00

Main Office--- \$65,513.00

Total roof repair _____ \$167,875.05

Submitted 04/30/24
PDG George Suggs
Properties Chair



Public Information Chair Report – 5/5/24
Prepared by: PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Past President NCL, Inc.

Thank you very much for your continuing effort to support and promote our NC Lions Foundation. Today we are going to talk about our “Big Adventure.” Your care for others well-being and having the heart to do more for those less fortunate in your community, town or city, has led you here. As Lions leaders, you took that giant step to be a part of a big adventure. Personally, you know collectively as an organization, you can create a better world for those who need us by working together. Being a Lions Clubs leader is a big adventure because you learn, listen, you experience and you help decide the next big challenge for an enhanced better quality of life with services and programs that lead individuals to a brighter way of living.

Most importantly, you understand that the NC Lions Foundation is nothing more than an extension of each and every Lions Club in NC. It’s an expansion of working together and creating the most services and programs needed throughout our state that’s more cost effective on a large scale. As Lions within our NC Lions Foundation, we do big things. That was simply the dream of our founders and we continue strive and expand these remarkable programs.

We are now challenged on this big adventure, with treacherous territory, unseen obstacles that try to negate our outreach. From dwindling membership, to the loss of communication within every territory of NC. We now understand, (like our current inflation across America), it’s not transitory, things will never return to where we once were unless we change our process and outreach.

In North Carolina there are 48,055 501(c)(3)s, to which you can make a tax-deductible donation. North Carolina nonprofit organizations reported \$85 billion in revenue on their most recent tax filings (Pro Publica, Nonprofit Explorer, NC Center for Nonprofits). Of this total, 11,811 nonprofits in NC that are organizations exempt from federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3) that are not private foundations, and they file Form 990 or 990-EZ (typically with budgets of \$50,000 or more).

This year we have set our big adventure on the road to success. As the scout for this big adventure, the long-range planning committee has set forth the direction for a new plateau to reach. We are helping you achieve our success with helpful and informative educational material including printed material readily available, continued communication through our avenues of email and social media. Available now, NCLF material for each and every club to download easily from our NCLF Google Doc access.

Our goal, each and every Lions Club member will understand, communicate through educational knowledge, and help us communicate to all citizens our Mission to Care, to Enrich, and to Serve Our North Carolina Citizens.

We will succeed because our mission and purpose is as strong today as it was in the beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, NCLF Public Information Chair / PP NCLF Foundation

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Report of the Sight & Hearing Conservation Chair
May 5, 2024

Last weekend at our State Convention the CEO of Miracles in Sight gave us a seminar on what Miracles in Sight do, I have been to many seminars but that one was one the best I have ever been to, she gave us a lot of information one thing I didn't know is that they can't transplant your eyes after the age of 75 but can use them for research so it is still important for us over 75 to donate our organs. It is also important that we stress the importance of donating our organs.

Across the state the Kids Sight vans are being used and many Lions are doing the screening with the spot cameras. If you are having a July 4th parade in your town that would be a good time to use the Kids Sight Van.

The report from District S chair reports that clubs are collecting eyeglasses, having visions screening events and programs for collecting eyeglasses.

It is time to find High School Seniors with Blind parents to get a grant to help them in college.

Paulette Gasperson PCC State Sight & Hearing Conservation Chair

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

We had a pretty good Volunteer week with more Lions than we had previously.

The first and most important job was the porch on the White Dome. We got started on the porch on Thursday morning with three lions until some more Lions checked in. We had to replace five or six 2x4s on the porch; take off old screen; clean nails out of studs and some of the staples. We had first come up with the idea about putting the screen on the inside of the porch because of the hill but after trying to get the old staples out we decide to put it back on the outside. After Secord Vice Governor Dwayne Turner arrived and he is a good worker along with Gene Goetz which is also a good worker and they worked very good with PDG Nathan Medlin looking after getting the job done. We were able to start painting the porch on Friday morning which was very important because the paint was oil base paint and need to dry so that we could start putting the screen on Saturday when District Governor Susan O'Brien came to the Camp to work. She brought six more Lions with her and they were very good workers and they worked well with Lion Nathan Medlin and we got the screen on the porch finished on Saturday. One of the Lions that Susan brought was her husband Michael and let me say that one more District Governor that work the whole week was Governor Kathy Poirier along with her husband Lion Joe. That was all of the Governors that showed up at the Camp and worked. Barbara Thompson looked after the flower beds and Second Vice Governor Steve Cline brought his tractor to help with the mulching and let me say that all of the second vice governors came to the Camp and worked. None of the first vice governors came and worked at the Camp. Then we had the Lions that did the sorting of the glasses and in closing I would like to thank all of the Lions for working during volunteer week. We had only three district Volunteer chairs to show during volunteer week L,O, and S. The chairs from district I and N did not show up.

Thanks
Robert H. Carrol PDG

MOTION was made to accept all reports under Second Vice President Allen Swaim by Second Vice District Governor Dwayne Turner and seconded by District Governor Susan O'Brien. Motion carried by voice vote.

Brighter Vision Report
PDG Chris Headley

We have eight weeks left to raise funds for Brighter Visions. We can continue to sell raffle tickets for the original painting by a local artist at \$5.00 each. Give monetary donations to honorariums/memorials.

We can do a pledge card.

We have met 65% of our goal for Brighter Visions.

District Goals met to date:

District L: 51%

District I: 92%

District O: 71%

District N: 88%

District S: 82%



**Camp Dogwood State Chair Report (NCLF-CofG)
May 4, 2024**

We have a “gorgeous” facility located on beautiful Lake Norman for the visually impaired. The camp is the BEST in the southeast. Camp Dogwood is the “Life Blood” of North Carolina Lions and we should all be proud of this facility.

The porches are all newly screened and have a fresh coat of paint. The gutters have all been repaired. There are benches around the firepit. New mulch is in place and all the landscaping is in tip top shape. The new rocking chairs will be well received by our visitors.

Many Lions worked hard to eliminate the piles of glasses that had to be sorted. All of this is due to the dedicated workers at volunteer week, many Thanks to Robert Carroll’s leadership.

I would like to thank the district camp dogwood chairs Marti Henry and Eileen Artavia from district L, Theresa Munion from district I, Jacob Steagall from district O, and Dwayne Turner from district S. We will be meeting this weekend to recap this year and plan for 2024-2025.

Raffle ticket sales are the primary fund to support maintenance needs of Camp Dogwood. 100% of the ticket sales goes to maintain the camp. Last year the raffle brought in just over \$80,000 after expenses BUT expenses were over \$200,000, causing us to dip into the Joyce endowment fund.

This year’s Goal is \$112,000.

Ticket Sales as of May 1, 2024:

District	Members	Raffle Sales Jan 2024	Raffle Sales May 2024	Difference
L	727	\$ 6,268.00	\$11,614.71	\$ 5,346.71
I	890	\$10,181.00	\$14,999.00	\$ 4,818.00
O	1,045	\$ 4,572.00	\$21,438.00	\$ 16,866.00
N	963	\$ 3,340.00	\$13,974.00	\$ 10,634.00
S	920	\$ 7,899.00	\$17,341.00	\$ 9,442.00

Totals	4,545	\$32,260.00	\$79,366.71 71% of goal	\$47,106.71
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Highest giving clubs:			Books	
Sherrills Ford	L	16	\$1,625.71	10.16
Salisbury	I	39	\$2,000.00	5.13
Vass	O	46	\$1,430.00	3.11
Lumberton	N	17	\$2,500.00	14.71
Edenton	S	38	\$2,195.00	5.78

The tickets for 2024-2025 will be simpler, printing costs have been significantly reduced and a new QR code will be printed on each ticket. The QR code will direct the user to a website where an order can be placed and payment can be made.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Lion Gene Goetz
 1st Vice District Governor Elect
 Camp Dogwood State Chairperson
 Revision A

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report
May 5, 2024
Dale Dupree

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has received several recommendations from the Executive Board on changes to the "NCLF Committees Policy and Duties". Those recommendations have been sent to all clubs in MD-31 and will be voted on at the NCLF board meeting May 5, 2024. **See Attachment "A"**.

Motion was made by At Large Board Director George Suggs to accept the proposed changes to the "NCLF Committees Policy and Duties" manual. Seconded by District Governor Carlton Metts II. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is in the process of reviewing the LCI updated Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and revising the North Carolina Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws so that we will be up to date and in compliance.

Fellowships and Partners
Report
May 5, 2024

This year is coming-to-a-close and to date we have received contributions in the amount of \$16,000.00 recognizing lions and individuals for their service. We have two months left in this year, so please continue to support these programs throughout your communities. At your upcoming Installation/Awards Banquets please recognize outstanding lions with an award. Remember by supporting these programs, you are supporting our VIPs.

As of this quarter the following have been awarded:

District L 3-Sid L Scruggs BOH Lighthouse, 5-Steps to Service,1-Lighthouse Keeper and 3-William L Woolard Partner-in-Service at the Founder Level

District I 1-NCLF Ambassador, 1-Sid L Scruggs BOH Steps to Service, 5-William L Woolard Partner-in-Service at the Founder Level and 2-Jack Stickley Fellow

District O 5-Sid L Scruggs BOH Lighthouse, 3-Steps to Service, 2-Lamp Lighter, 2-Lighthouse Keeper, 1-Beacon of Hope, 4-William L Woolard Partner-in-Service Founder Level and 1-Jack Stickley Fellow

District N 1-Sid L Scruggs BOH Lighthouse, 1-Lighthouse Keeper and 1-Jack Stickley Fellow

District S 1-Sid L Scruggs BOH Steps to Service

Funds raised to date:

NCLF Ambassador	\$1,500
Sid L Scruggs BOH	\$7,800
William L Woolard	\$2,100
Jack Stickley Fellow	<u>\$4,600</u>
	\$16,000

This concludes my report. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Metts
State Chairperson

Pin Recycle Program—Over \$ 170,950.00!!

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC for Lion Lou Creel, PDG

President Steve, fellow Lions and guests. I am making this report for NCLF Past President Lou Creel. Since my last report for Lion Creel, there has been action within this program that I can report on today. Lion Lou was at our NC Lions State Convention last weekend and raised \$375.00. Lion Lou will be at the NC Pin Club swap next week, May 9-11, at our own Camp Dogwood again this year. There will be Lions from approximately 15 states at the swap; so this would be a great time to visit Camp Dogwood and select from tens of thousands of pins for sale.

Again, all donations should be sent to Lion Creel!

Thanks, again, to everyone who has played a part in the phenomenal success of this project, for our North Carolina Lions Foundation Eye Research Programs.

REMEMBER! IF IT WASN'T FOR EYE RESEARCH, MANY OF US WOULD BE BLIND TODAY AND MOST OF US WOULD BE FACING A LIFE OF BLINDNESS IN THE FUTURE.

YES THE TOTE BOARD HAS CHANGED AGAIN!!!!

Amount raised to date is: \$ 170,968.59

Thank You

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT

Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 was presented for approval.

Motion made to approve Budget for 2024-2025 by At Large Board Director George Suggs and seconded by District Governor Susan Fernandez. Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION made to accept Committee Reports under First Vice President Wayne Faber made by District Governor Kathy Poirier and seconded by First Vice District Governor Elect Eileen Artavia. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

May 2024 Report on Nominations

Candidates for NCLI positions provided notice of intent and verification of membership in good standing prior to April 15th, 2024. This election will be held at the 4th NCLI meeting on the weekend of May 3rd 2024.

I am currently in receipt of nominating credentials for PDG Wayne Faber as President of NCLI, PDG Alan Swaim as 1st Vice President of NCLI, Lion Anne Metts for NCLI Secretary and PDG Curtis Erikson for NCLI Treasurer. I currently have credentials for two candidates for 2nd Vice President, PDG Robert Carroll and DG Lorraine Dixon.

Candidates for State Council Chairperson for the 2026-2027 Council for current 2nd Vice District Governors should submit their resumes to PDG Paul Silverman by mail at 2 Lacrosse Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 or e-mail to silverman1@prodigy.net no later than Midnight on Monday, September 30th 2024. Eligible candidates shall be District Governors or Past District Governors who are also members in good standing in their home lion clubs. Resumes of eligible candidates will be distributed to the 2nd Vice District Governors council for review. Interviews and the election of candidates will take place at the second State Council Meeting at Camp Dogwood in November 2024.

Candidates for 2025-2026 State Council Secretary/Treasurer should submit their resumes to me by midnight on Monday, September 30th 2024. The candidates will be interviewed and the election held during the second State Council Meeting in November 2024.

Candidates for 2025-2026 State Promotion Chairperson should submit their resumes to me by midnight on Monday, September 30th. Eligible candidates shall be District Governors, Past District Governors and any lion in good standing that has a working knowledge of the role, has been a lion for seven years and has attended at least two Lions International Conventions. Resumes of eligible candidates will be distributed to 1st Vice District governors and their Council Chair for review. Interviews and the election shall take place at the second State Council meeting in November.

I am currently in receipt of a letter of intent to run for 2026-2027 State Council Chair from District Governor Carlie Metts.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 04/30/2024.

Our next Council and Board Meetings will be held on August 9 – 11, 2024 at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC. For Reservations call 828-478-2135 and ask for April, Extension 250.

There being no other business to discuss, President Steve McLaurin stated a motion was needed to close the NCLF Board of Directors Meeting and open the NCLF General Membership Meeting immediately following.

Motion was made by 1st VDGE Steve Cline to close the NCLF Board of Directors Meeting and open the NCLF General Membership Meeting. Motion was seconded by DG Lorraine Dixon. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Metts
Executive Secretary

ATTACHMENT “A”



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NCLF Committees Policy and Duties

Revised May 7, 2023

NCLF Committees Policy and Duties were separated from the North Carolina Lions Foundation By-Laws and approved at the NCLF General Membership Meeting at Camp Dogwood on May 20, 2018.

Revised 2/13/22 Added Article 1, Section 2.A (13).

Revised 5/7/23 Changed to North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated.

Proposed for 5/5/2024 BOD Meetin

ARTICLE I COMMITTEES

Section 1: **WHENEVER** three year terms are referred to in the North Carolina Lions Foundation By-Laws, subsequent Governors approval is required for District appointments. North Carolina Lions Foundation State Chairpersons require the approval of subsequent North Carolina Lions Foundation Presidents.

Section 2:

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A. The Chairperson of the following standing committees, with the exception of the By-Laws and Nominating Committees, shall be appointed by the President of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, before July 1, next, following his/her election to office.

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One member of each Committee shall be appointed by each District Governor-Elect, before July 1, next, following his/her election to office, except for members of the ~~Budget and Finance Committee, the Sight and Hearing Conservation Committee, the Properties Committee, the Public Information and Education Committee, the Fellowships and Partners Committee, the Clinical Eye Research Committee, The Volunteers Committee, the NCLF Long Range Planning Committee, the See the 21st Century Mobile Screening Unit Committee, the NCLF Leadership and Development Committee~~ and the By-Laws Committee, whose appointments are for a three-year term. Appointments to these committees to fill any vacancies created by this rotation system shall be made by the appropriate District Governor-Elect before July 1, following his/her election to office. Should he/she move out of the sub-district from which he/she was appointed, miss two consecutive meetings without justifiable cause, or be unable to serve for any reason, as determined by the District Governor, his/her term on the committee shall terminate and the successor for his/her unexpired term shall be appointed by the District Governor.

- (1) Budget and Finance **Committee**
- (2) By-Laws **Committee**
- (3) Camp Dogwood **Committee**
- (4) Sight and Hearing Conservation **Committee**
- (5) Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive **Committee**
- (6) Properties Committee
- (7) Public Information and Education **Committee**
- (8) Fellowships and Partners Committee
- (9) Clinical Eye Research **Committee**
- (10) Volunteers **Committee**
- (11) Nominating **Committee**
- (12) NCLF Long Range Planning **Committee**
- (13) See The 21ST Century Mobile Screening Unit Program Committee
- (14) NCLF Leadership and Development **Committee**

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- B. The President may appoint any special Committees and advisory Committees he/she deems necessary in the promotion and expansion of the work of the North Carolina Lions Foundation.
- C. The North Carolina Lions Foundation staff and committee members shall be adequately bonded by a bonding company approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. The North Carolina Lions Foundation committee members as specified in Article I, Section 2, A and B, shall be afforded the opportunity to be reimbursed for expenses not to exceed North Carolina Lions Foundation Rules of Audit.

Section 3: The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 4: All standing committees shall consist of a Chairperson and one member from each sub-district of Multiple District 31 of Lions Clubs International. No committee Chairperson or member shall serve for more than three one-year terms consecutively on the same committee.

Section 5: When requested by the President, Committee Chairpersons shall report either verbally or in writing at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 6: When appropriate, matters brought to the attention of the full Board of Directors or Executive Committee shall be referred to the proper Committee for study, evaluation and action prior to submission to the Board of Directors.

Section 7: In the event any Committee member shall, during his/her term of office, move out of the sub-district from which he/she was appointed, miss two consecutive committee meetings without justifiable cause, or be unable to serve for any reason, his/her term of office shall terminate and a successor for his/her unexpired term shall be appointed by the respective District Governor,

ARTICLE II STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: BUDGET AND FINANCE

This committee shall prepare in cooperation with the North Carolina Lions Foundation Executive Director and Treasurer a budget that would ensure that the North Carolina Lions Foundation operate on a line item balanced budget annually, depicting anticipated receipts and expenditures that would include an adequate reserve fund to ensure a smooth cash flow for the fiscal year, and shall present this prepared budget at the May meeting of the Board of Directors for its consideration. Upon approval of this

budget by the Board, it is the responsibility of the Budget and Finance Committee to monitor the Budget and request explanations of variances. Any adjustments to line item budgeted accounts shall require the review and recommendations of this committee, and approval by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. Any receipts in excess of the budgeted line items shall be referred to this committee for recommendation prior to expenditure. The Budget and Finance Committee, with the Chairperson of the **NCLF Long Range Planning Committee**, shall make periodic visits to agencies receiving North Carolina Lions Foundation funds for on-site program evaluation.

Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 2: BY-LAWS

The North Carolina Lions Multiple District 31 Constitution and By-Laws Committee will function as the By-Laws Committee of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. This committee shall meet prior to the November Board of Directors meeting and review the North Carolina Lions Foundation By-Laws to see that they are meeting the needs of the organization. This committee shall investigate changes proposed by the Board of

Directors or the Annual Meeting of the General Membership and report them to the Board with the committee's recommendations.

Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 3: CAMP DOGWOOD

This Committee shall be responsible for conducting special fundraising activities for Camp Dogwood, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and the North Carolina Lions State Council. All financial activities at Camp Dogwood shall adhere to the budget of the North Carolina Lions Foundation.

This Committee shall promote Camp Dogwood by encouraging both the blind, other handicapped, Lions and other authorized persons to make use of the facilities at the camp. The Committee shall inform the clubs of the camp's needs and encourage Lions Clubs to cooperate with Social Workers in preparing applications for visually impaired campers.

Section 4: SIGHT AND HEARING CONSERVATION

The Committee shall encourage clubs to enter into a variety of activities with the blind and/or hearing impaired community with particular emphasis on one-on-one involvement. Also, this Committee shall distribute information concerning services available to the blind and/or

hearing impaired through the programs of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, the Division of Services for the Blind and other agencies.

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The Committee shall promote public information and awareness of the problems of the hearing impaired, screening and early detection of hearing problems, medical research, education, training and employment assistance, collection of used hearing aids, telephone and TV attachments and the use of Camp Dogwood and other types of recreation for the deaf and/or blind. This Committee shall promote the use of the Mobile Screening Unit/KidSight Screening Units by Lions Clubs.

This Committee shall serve as liaison between the Lions Clubs and the Eye and Human Tissue Banks. The Committee shall cooperate with the Eye and Human Tissue Banks to educate the clubs and general public with the needs for tissue for transplantation.

This Committee shall also serve as the education arm for the humanitarian acts of organ donation, procurement and transplantation of eye tissue.

This Committee shall be responsible for awarding the North Carolina Lions Educational Grants each year to worthy students of a blind or visually impaired parent and/or parents, either living or deceased. The committee develops promotional material and

establishes criteria for awarding the North Carolina Lions Educational Grants subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Also, this Committee shall assist in the selection of the winners of the grants in accordance with board policy.

Committee members shall be appointed for a period of three years.

Section 5: BRIGHTER VISIONS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The duties of this Committee shall be to promote North Carolina Lions Foundation fundraising projects approved by the Board of Directors, the State Council of Governors, and the Lions of North Carolina in compliance with the existing state legislation. Funds collected from such drives, including Lions Clubs' contributions, shall be remitted to the state office of the North Carolina Lions Foundation which shall keep an accurate record of such funds. Monies shall be deposited in an approved bank to the credit of the North Carolina Lions Foundation.

This Committee shall promote North Carolina Lions Foundation fund raising projects through the use of Memorials and Honorariums. The duties of this committee shall include educating the local clubs regarding this program, promoting the use of Memorials and Honorariums by the general public, preparing informational brochures and materials for use of

Lions and conducting programs. This Committee should use all available means to promote Memorials and Honorariums such as district newsletters, North Carolina Lions Foundation newsletters and press releases.

Section 6: PROPERTIES

This Committee shall review all transactions involving real estate of the North Carolina Lions Foundation and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors.

This Committee shall also be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all North Carolina Lions Foundation property.

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Council to NCLF

This committee shall work closely with the **NCLF** Long Range Planning Committee, and shall be responsible for determining North Carolina Lions Foundation property needs, developing necessary plans, and implementing approved plans.

In addition to the appointed membership, the Chairperson of the Camp Dogwood Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee without a vote. Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 7: PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

This Committee provides the news media with prepared stories and pictures and news releases and prepares and distributes public service announcements in cooperation with any other committee. All such news media releases or public service announcements must be prior approved by the President of the North Carolina Lions Foundation or his/her authorized representative. In addition, any public statement regarding North Carolina Lions Foundation, must receive prior approval of the President of the North Carolina Lions Foundation or his/her authorized representative.

This Committee also solicits advertising for the North Carolina Lions Foundation publications and periodically reviews North Carolina Lions Foundation publications, brochures, pamphlets, films, videos, and other media to keep all information current.

This Committee shall assist the Executive Director and/or other staff members assigned to this function in compiling information for the North Carolina Lions Foundation publications and shall assist in producing a period newspaper.

This Committee shall also be responsible to assist the Executive Director in the review and updating of the North Carolina Lions Foundation website.

Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 8: FELLOWSHIPS AND PARTNERS COMMITTEE

This Committee shall promote the memories and accomplishments of Past International Presidents John L. “Jack” Stickley, William L. Woolard, and Sid L. Scruggs, III to the Lions of North Carolina through established programs.

This Committee shall promote the use of the Jack Stickley Fellowship as an endowment fund to assist in covering North Carolina Lions Foundation administrative expenses.

This Committee shall also promote the use of the William L. Woolard Partner-In-Service program not only to fund an endowment but also to provide funding for current programs and services.

This Committee shall promote the use of the Sid L. Scruggs, III Beacon of Hope Fellowship to provide funding to support campers attending Camp Dogwood Summer Program for the visually impaired.

This Committee shall also promote the use of the North Carolina Lions Ambassador to provide funding for current NCLF programs and services.

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Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 9: CLINICAL EYE RESEARCH

This Committee will be responsible for overseeing the eye research projects that have been voted on and approved by the Lions of North Carolina. The committee members will coordinate their respective district fund raising projects for eye research. They will be responsible for having a close working relationship with agencies that are involved with eye research and in particular the ones that the Lions are supporting. Through programs and education, they will encourage the continued support of eye research throughout the State of North Carolina.

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Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 10: VOLUNTEERS

This Committee shall promote the use of volunteers to reduce the operating expense of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. Duties shall include seeking and preparing a list of potential volunteers and

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determining and coordinating work projects with the cooperation of the Properties Committee and the North Carolina Lions Foundation Staff. This committee should present programs and encourage clubs to provide volunteers.

Committee members shall be appointed for a period of three years.

Section 11: NOMINATIONS

The North Carolina Lions State Council's Nominating Committee will function as the Nominating Committee for the North Carolina Lions Foundation.

Section 12: NCLF LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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This Committee is an advisory body that focuses on developing strategies and plans for the future of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. The committee will be functioning to maintain the plan and evaluate upside/downside events affecting Lions internally to Lions Clubs International and/or in the environmental/political arena in NC or nationally. The Long Range Plan typically will be looking at a 5-7 year goal. This will be an ongoing committee serving NCLF by reviewing and/or revising all aspects of the plan, facilities, fundraising, programs and services and leadership training of all individuals involved.

The 2024-2025 year will keep the current committee with Districts 31- L and 31- I being replaced with one each in 2025-2026, Districts 31-O and 31N being replaced with one each in 2026-2027. District 31-S being replaced with one in 2027-2028. Committee members shall be appointed for a period of three years.

Section 13: SEE THE 21ST CENTURY MOBILE SCREENING UNIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This Committee shall be responsible for the oversight and review of the activities of the 21st Century Mobile Screening Unit Program. The duties of the See The 21st Century Screening Unit Program Committee shall include but are not limited to promotion of use of the Mobile Screening Unit and the KidSight USA Vans by Lions Clubs, changes and/or additions to services provided by the MSU/KMSU and review of the operations manuals for both units.

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See the 21st Century Mobile Screening and The KidSight USA Screening duties and responsibilities are also to provide educational programs, enhance awareness of Diabetic Eye Disease and Glaucoma among those at

risk and encourage people to seek comprehensive eye exams.
Committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Section 14: **NCLF LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

This Committee shall design, organize, promote and conduct leadership development seminars and workshops. It shall promote the development of leadership in the Districts and Clubs. It shall assist the District Chairs in establishing effective and centralized leadership operations within the state.

Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation of all Lions within the state.

Communicate regularly with NCLF District chairs to ensure they are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.

Provide ongoing motivation to and monitors progress of NCLF District chairs to achieve leadership development goals.

Organize and facilitate instructor-led and/or web-based training in coordination with the NCLF District Chairs.

Identify potential and new leaders to participate in service and leadership development opportunities.

Review and update training information for NCLF program and services.

Provide leadership training for officers, directors and committees
Committee members shall be appointed for a period of three years.

ARTICLE III

AMENDMENTS

This policy may be amended at any official North Carolina Lions Foundation, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting by a majority vote of all voting members, provided the proposed Amendment: 1. Has been approved by the NCLF Executive Committee; and 2. Has been mailed, faxed, e-mailed or by any other appropriate technology for communication, to each member of the Board of Directors at least (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.