

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting

Camp Dogwood
Sherrills Ford, NC

May 4, 2025
9:00 AM

Call to Order

Wayne Faber, President

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Faber.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lorraine Dixon, 2nd Vice President

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon.

Invocation

Allen Swaim, 1st Vice President

The Invocation was given by First Vice President Allen Swaim.

Opening Remarks

Wayne Faber, President

President Wayne Faber welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions

Wayne Faber, President

President Wayne Faber introduced our International Family in attendance – PID Harvey Whitley, PID Lacy Presnell and PID Gwen White.

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 Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin and second by District Governor Judy Keck. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call

Anne Metts, Secretary

Officers and Board Members present: President Steve McLaurin, President Wayne Faber, First Vice President Allen Swaim, Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon, Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Secretary Anne Metts, Council Chair George Suggs, Executive Director Carlton Metts, DG Dawson Hart, DGE Eileen Artavia, DG Mike Edwards, DGE Steve Cline, First VDGE Sandy Fraser-Thomas, DG Judy Keck, DGE Juanita Brown, First VDGE Bob Gwyn, DGE Gene Goetz, First VDGE Eddie Chase, DG Jim Tobolski, DGE Dwayne Turner, First VDGE Jody Proctor, At Large Board Directors C. Neil Alexander, Allen Reinhardt and Larry Gasperson.

Not Present: First VDGE Richard Wilcox, DG Ana Elliott

Quorum is present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Wayne Faber, President

PID Harvey Whitley was appointed to be Parliamentarian.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson

George Suggs, Council Chair

North Carolina Lions Council of Governors MD 31
Council Chair Report 05/03/25

The Council of Governors for the year 2024-25 have had an interesting year. They have been working on membership along with meeting all their clubs. Our membership across that state stands at 4,331. We are down 141 from the beginning of the year.

District L has 675 members in 45 clubs and are down 13 members as of today. According to the service reports they have served 105,660 people with 29% of the clubs reporting. LCIF donations \$2,783

District I have 863 Members in 45 clubs and are down 21 members as of today. According to the service reports they have served 42,790 people with 30% of the clubs reporting. LCIF donations \$12,792

District O has 1,021 members in 51 clubs and are down 44 members as of today. According to the service reports they have served 134,807 people with 57% of the clubs reporting. LCIF donations \$17,569

District N has 955 members in 52 clubs and are down 1 member as of today. According to the service reports they have served 108,934 people with 39% of the clubs reporting. LCIF donations \$12,218

District S has 817 members in 44 clubs and are down 62 members as of today. According to the service reports they have served 88,995 people with 41% of the clubs reporting. LCIF donations \$14,972

Total donations \$60,736 for the state so far. With a total of 242 clubs state wide. And by the way 4 of the governors have made contributions to LCIF.

We have had 3 grants this year from LCIF with 2 more applied for. District L and I received a grant for \$15,000 each for Hurricane relief. We have received a \$100,000 Grant from LCIF for Hurricane relief. So far, we have spent about \$32,000 of this on Building materials. \$877 on a washer and dryer and \$1500 for food. More receipts will be turned in this weekend. The foundation has applied for a Vision grant for \$25,000. Hope to hear something back on that real soon. Lion Gene Goetz DGE has applied for a childhood cancer grant. More on that soon. As you can see we have gotten a whole lot more than we have given.

Dear Governors,

North Carolina Lions Council of Governors MD 31, I just wanted to take a moment to say what an honor and joy it has been to serve alongside each of you this year. Getting to know you all has truly been a pleasure. You have accomplished so much together, and the Lions of MD31 are fortunate to have benefited from your dedicated leadership. As we enter the final stretch of the year with just eight weeks remaining, I encourage you to keep pushing toward the goals we've set. You've remained united and have inspired others to pursue their own dreams—what a powerful legacy to leave.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the August meeting due to an upcoming hip replacement, followed by shoulder surgery. However, please know that you will remain in my thoughts and close to my heart. I hope I've been able to make a difference for you, just as you all have for me. My goal was always to support you through a successful year, and I truly believe we've achieved that together. I wish

each of you continued success in all that lies ahead. I look forward to staying in touch and crossing paths again after July 1.

Yours in Lionism,
CC George Suggs

MOTION to accept the Council Chair's report was made by District Governor Mike Edwards and seconded by District Governor Judy Keck. Motion carried by voice vote.

Camp Director's Report

Tammy MacLean, Camp and Retreat Director

Camp Director Report

May 2025

The final countdown to Summer Camp 2025 is almost over. We are geared up and ready to kick off the summer activities.

Have you or your club ever considered sponsoring or donating to Bingo Night. Every Monday night during summer Bingo is the place to be. Each VIP has the opportunity to earn BINGO BUCKS, with their winning Bingo Card. Campers are then able to cash those BUCKS in for merchandise in the camp store. Just a few items to pick from are t-shirts, totes, backpacks, hats, accessibility items, games and much more.

Follow us on Facebook for updates weekly on everything exciting happening at Summer Camp. You can find our Facebook page at- <https://www.facebook.com/NCLICampDogwood>. Be sure to like and share all posts so other Lions and friends can see all the good things happening at Camp Dogwood.

NC Lions are back in action with eyeglass collection, and even better that there's a direct line to getting readers into the hands of those who really need them overseas. That's real impact.

**Great News from the NC Lions!
We're collecting eyeglasses again!**

What to Send:

- **Prescription eyeglasses (any frame style – all together)**
- **Separate out: Reading glasses & sunglasses**
- **Hearing aids (to help fund the Deaf Blind Retreat)**
- **Cell phones**

Do NOT Send:

- **Cases**
- **Cleaning cloths**
- **Batteries**
- **Contact lenses**

Let's make a difference together. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we focus on helping those in need—locally and globally.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tammy MacLean
Camp Director

MOTION to accept the Camp Dogwood Director's report was made by District Governor Dawson Hart and seconded by District Governor Elect Dwayne Turner. Motion carried by voice vote.

Executive Director's Report

Carlton Metts, Executive Director

Executive Director's Report
May 4, 2025

The North Carolina Lions Foundation has received over \$300,000 in disaster relief for Western North Carolina. At this time, there is \$150,000 +/- left to disburse. In order to receive funds, we are requiring Lions Clubs to disburse the funds and turn in receipts for funds spent. Please call us with any questions about receiving funds.

The Activities Report showed an increase in the Off Season Usage over last year in the amount of \$7,960.00 to date. Hearing Aids donated to date are at 308 . Canes shipped to date are at 218 and eyeglasses donated to date are at an increase over last year at 75,185 pairs.

Investment Reports are good and holding.

Fellowships and Partners showing Woolard Partner-in-Service 26 awarded YTD, Sid L Scruggs BOH showing 34 awarded YTD, Jack Stickley Fellowship awarded 2 YTD, and NCLF Ambassador awarded 7 YTD. We should start seeing an increase in awards with the end of year coming up in June.

MSU Report shows a total of 701 adults screened and 360 referred to an eye doctor. Adult screenings by district completed to date are 155. Children screened to date are 15,726 with 2,906 being referred to an eye doctor. A total of 167 screenings have been performed for children. Total hearing screenings to date are 601 with 276 being referred for further testing. There are 12 screenings remaining on the calendar year.

The VSP program is still on hold by LCI.

Use of Camp reported by Tammy MacLean

Contributions through April 28, 2025:

Brighter Visions - \$349,755

Camp Dogwood Raffle - \$64,974

Clinical Eye Research - \$26,359 (includes Flecher Foundation grant)

Memorials and Honorariums - \$18,874

Fellowships and Partners - \$15,300

MOTION to accept Executive Director's report was made by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and seconded by District Governor Jim Tobolski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Communications – None

2. Treasurer's Report –

NCLF Board Meeting 5/4/25

NCLF Treasurer Report 5/4/2025

PDG Curtis Erickson NCLF Treasurer

To NCLF Board: YTD numbers

Revenue:

Unrestricted Revenue:

Brighter Visions; \$349,754, -\$167,245, \$275,345 left

Camp; \$307,723, +\$1,557, \$93,276 left

Line 3285-Misc. Income; +\$9,537, Line 3205- Camper Fees; +\$31,268, Line 3210-use of camp -46,963, Line 11-use of Camp -Lions +\$18,002

Other; \$160,914, +\$52,131

Line 3304-Interest Investments; +\$144,674, Line 3310 -\$13,144, Lines 3315-16-17 -\$17,366,

Line 3348-Realized gains on sale +\$16,257, Line 3349-Unrealized Gains; -\$79,260

Total unrestricted revenue; \$818,392, -\$113,557, \$338,297 left

Restricted Revenue:

Total unrestricted revenue; \$443,083 +\$323,083

Line 3500 -16,313, Line 3510 +22,814, Line 3650-Other TR income +\$320,062

Permanently Restricted Revenue; \$40,500, -\$53,666, \$7,425 left

Total Revenue: \$1,265,526 +\$204,159, \$523,733 left

Expense:

Unrestricted Expense; \$1,127,482, +\$139,298

NCLF/Camp Dogwood Payroll +\$159,114, 141 use of camp Lions 18002, Line 4143-Misc.

Expense +\$35,107, Line 4314- Audit Fees +\$51,600, 4470 Depreciation expense +\$125,000

Restricted Expense; \$337,319, +\$230153

Line 4600- AC +5730, Line 4602-Fire safety +\$7281, Line 4614 Waste treatment +\$31343,
Line 4710 -Other TR expense +\$194960

Total Expense: \$1,464,802 + \$369,451

YTD/ -\$165,291

Balance sheet

Some of the expenses on budget will receive funds from balance sheet

End of Report

MOTION was made by District Governor Elect Eileen Artavia to accept Treasurer's Report and seconded by District Governor Elect Dwayne Turner. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Chair for the Investment Committee gave an update on the Stickley Endowment Fund. The Investment Committee recommends moving the Stickley Endowment Fund from First Citizens Bank to the Thrivent Investment Group.

MOTION was made to move the Stickley Endowment Fund from First Citizens Bank to the Thrivent Investment Group by First Vice District Governor Elect Jody Proctor and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee

To be presented at the General Membership Meeting: NCLF By-Laws Change

4. Report from Nominations Committee

May 2025 Report on Nominations

Candidates for NCLF positions provided notice of intent and verification of membership in good standing prior to April 15th, 2025. This election will be held at the 4th NCLF meeting on the weekend of May 3rd, 2025, at Camp Dogwood.

I am currently in receipt of nominating credentials for PDG Alan Swaim as President of NCLF, PDG Lorraine Dixon as 1st Vice President of NCLF and PDG Tim Williams for 2nd Vice President of NCLF. Lion Anne Metts for NCLF Secretary and PDG Curtis Erikson for NCLF Treasurer.

Candidates for State Council Chairperson for the 2027-2028 Council for current 2nd Vice District Governors should submit their resumes to the State Nominations Chair no later than Midnight on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025. Eligible candidates shall be District Governors or Past District Governors who are also members in good standing in their home Lions Club. 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 2025.

Candidates for 2026-2027 State Council Secretary/Treasurer should submit their resumes to the State Nominations chair by midnight on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025. The candidates will be interviewed and the election will be held during the second State Council Meeting in November 2025.

Candidates for 2026-2027 State Promotion Chairperson should submit their resumes to the State Nominations chair by midnight on Tuesday, 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 the 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.

Thank you for asking me to serve in this position for the last four years. It has been my honor to serve.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 04/28

5. Committee Reports

Clinical Eye Research Report

I would like to give PDG Lou Creel a big thank you, for all he does for Clinical Eye Research. Lou and his son can be seen at the Districts and the State Conventions, selling lion pins and other lion keepsakes treasures to help raise money for Clinical Eye Research.

So far they have made vendor sales totaling \$449.00 at the 2025 State Convention which brings the tote board up to \$173,719.39.

District Governors are starting to reach their goals for Clinical Eye Research.

I am still working on a Spring trip to one of the Clinical Eye Research Centers. Information about the trip will be sent to all Districts.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

CCE Chris Headley

See the 21st Century Vision Screening Programs Committee Statewide Chairperson Report, May 3, 2025

Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I'm pleased to provide this report on behalf of the Vision Screening Programs Committee. The vision screening data that I'm providing today will be from July through January.

- 1) **Screenings using the MSU** are lower than last year at this time. Since the MSU was pulled from service in 2020, due to Covid and budget restraints, the number of screenings per year has reduced from where we once were.
 - Since July 1, 2024, the MSU has been used to conduct **26** screenings of **701** adults and **208** children, during which we identified **388**, or **43%**, to be in need of complete eye examinations. In addition, **601** hearing screenings were provided, with 276 referrals.
 - There are currently **12** MSU screenings booked for April through June; therefore, the MSU will be used **38** times this year. During the 2023-2024 Lion's year, the MSU conducted **43** screenings, so the MSU is likely to be used more than that this year.

(2) Now to the **KidSight Program**. The following charts show the number of screenings and referrals through March 2025 as well as the number of clubs involved in KidSight screenings

STATEWIDE KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENINGS, JULY 2024 – MARCH 2025

District	Number Screened	Number Referred	Referral %
L	5899	753	13%
I	12461	1946	16%
O	9164	1424	16%
N	14758	2453	17%
S	3221	685	21%
TOTAL:	45503	7261	16%

During the same period last year there were 44,959 screened and 6,843 (15%) referred.

INVOLVED CLUBS – YEARLY COMPARISON

	2023-24	2024-25	
District	Clubs	Clubs	Change
L	18	12	-6
I	19	13	-6
O	16	18	2
N	12	17	5
S	8	10	2
Total:	73	70	-3

SCREENING EVENTS – YEARLY COMPARISON

	2023-24	2024-25	
District	Events	Events	Change
L	46	46	0
I	142	159	17
O	101	97	-4
N	58	127	69
S	42	44	2
Total:	389	473	84

4) KidSight Programs Accomplishments Since the February Report:

- We began the rollout of the new three-part KidSight Training Curriculum. The pilot class for the longest part of four hours was conducted March 1st primarily for District I clubs.
- The second class was conducted as a pre-conference session at the State Convention for 15 Lions from several districts.
- The third session was held on April 26 for 14 District O Lions.
- Lion Cathy Critz, Lake Norman LC, assumed the District I Vison Programs Chairperson position. Lion Gordon Gilomen, Canton LC, had to step out of the District Chair role for personal reasons. He will remain a KidSight Operator in the future.
- PDG/PCC Paul Bledsoe is assisting us in developing a KidSight Program marketing video, which we will roll out in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted by State Chair, Jon Snellings, May 3, 2025

Camp Dogwood Properties

Camp Dogwood Properties: 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 need to be reworked. The weeds have over taken this area. Good place for varmints. Also need gravel on the walking trail.

Rocks at the piers need to be applied to keep erosion down.

Steps going down to sewer need to be Built for safety issues. Also, it is being sound proofed this week. This will be a Josh labor only for there is enough material there to do the job.

Duplexes: All windows on the duplexes need replacing. The concrete needs reworking going from the duplexes to the newer walkways.

Other Buildings: The screens on the Lobby porch have been damaged by the storms and will need replacing. Also need to plan on replacing Udovich and Lineberger porch screens. Heavy duty screen has been back ordered.

Stickley bathrooms need to be remodeled. Recommend showers in all bathrooms.

Need water shut offs at Duplexes at White Building.

Need to enhance our WiFi systems.

Picnic Shelter spackling needs to be redone.

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 to see Future plans for the million-dollar plan. Budget and Finance approved \$15,000 to get this project done.

New items:

Need to look at installing electronic Gates at entrance for safety reasons. Asking for quotes.

Need to look at possibly a generator for Power outages again for safety reasons.

Center sidewalk at statues needs to be replaced.

Also, tree roots at Rec. Building are destroying the cement. Cement is lifting badly. Trees need to come down and roots removed so cement can be repaired.

Would like to suggest to the State that we look more into the state disaster plan and install a building to house items for the future use.

Putt-Putt area would be better with 18 holes.

The flooring in the Lodge needs to be replaced. Recommend that 50 Year Laminate to replace all carpet. The carpet is raising up in places causing a safety issue.

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

Udovich---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 05/04/25

PDG George Suggs Properties Chair



Public Information Chair Report – 5/4/25

Prepared by: PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Past President NCLF

Today's report focuses on our stability and continued success, our medium-sized nonprofit, like our NC Lions Foundation, with strong marketing awareness. How do we stand at this point with our growth efforts and success?

- 1- Strengthen Community Relationships...** Partner with other local organizations, schools, and faith-based groups, and businesses. Engage volunteers meaningfully—they often become donors or advocates.
- 2- Develop a Clear, Impactful Mission...** Ensure your mission is focused and communicated clearly to all stakeholders.
- 3- Maintain a strong online presence (website, social media, email newsletters).**
- 4- Embrace Strategic Marketing Planning...** Create a 3–5 year strategic plan with realistic goals.
- 5- Develop statewide events to create awareness and funds...** Create a donor story bank, promote monthly giving, host donor spotlights.

Corporate sponsorships, which partner with accessibility-focused tech companies (e.g., screen reader firms, low vision aid companies).

Events... Hold a "Dine in the Dark" or blindfolded walk to raise awareness and funds statewide.

- 6- Advocate for policy changes that hinder investment in marketing growth.**

We have seen tremendous giving for various physical property improvements, but we need to key into developing relationships with smaller nongovernment organizations that can use this facility. Expanding our awareness and appeal can only help us relieve the continued pressure for success in overcoming inflation pricing for goods and services needed for the property.

At this point, will we see an ever-increasing rise in Lions Club membership? Doubtful, so it is time to address this issue, as the lifeblood of revenue from Lions statewide keeps dwindling. How do we do this? We must expand our community engagement, which begins with every member of a local Lions Club. We all have to communicate better and speak with everyone we know about what we do as Lions and our successes.

You possess a toolbox of resources, including brochures, flyers, videos, layouts, and information sheets, to assist you in sharing your story within your community, town, or city.

In your search for communicating with local media, here is the link for contact information for the major media in your local area. This is a North Carolina Media Directory with a listing of major newspapers, radio, and TV. Just click the name and then you will see the contact information.

<https://www.einpresswire.com/world-media-directory/4/north-carolina>

A new NCLF/Brighter Visions Rack Card has been printed, so get your rack cards from the office. This handy pocket-size card defines our programs and services and briefly explains how the foundation began.

New and old files are available for download on **our NCLF Google Drive** site. Keep this address handy; it's great for club use.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MgqkCb194knkVLG1u9VUKYqG_lKiDo1G?usp=share_link

Right now, a new NC Lions Council of Governors marketing campaign continues. This campaign is a mix of connected TV, streaming, and digital marketing. The 4-month campaign is an awareness and definition of what being a Lion is all about. The campaign stresses the importance of not taking a lot of time out of a family schedule, but by being a Lion, members make a tremendous difference/impact in their community. We have reached over 2 million people with this campaign so far.

We have available a Lions Club Marketing Package that includes an information guide, printed material, videos, social media layouts, and more. This package will communicate our work as Lions Club members around the state in a unified approach.

Here is the link to the new **NC Lions Marketing 2025 Google Drive**

address: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rHNEb7YYSGkhqh9yG7PucxXC4VZ8hkYl>

Thank you, PDG Paul Bledsoe, PP NCLF / Public Information Chair

NC LIONS FOUNDATION SIGHT & HEARING CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY, 2025
GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR:

1. Arrange a tour of Miracles in Sight new facility in Winston- Salem
2. Encourage clubs to separate out reading and sunglasses in good condition in their donation boxes and dispense these at community events and/or offer these for free at public libraries, etc.
3. Raise awareness of our college scholarships for children of VIP's by sending information to high school counselors.

4. Increase public awareness of eye and hearing safety by preparing & sharing informational materials.
5. Encourage communication between all District Sight & Hearing Conservation Chairpersons.
6. Continue to work closely with the KidSight & MSU Committees

DISTRICT L:

Lion Connie Monday is active with KidSight screenings and community events in her area. Her niece, Macon, who is a student at NCSU, volunteered along with members of the Wake Forest Lions Club to provide free vision screenings and free reading glasses and sunglasses to participants of Grace Resource Ministries Health Fair in Raliegh in April 2025.

DISTRICT I:

Lion Cathy Critz is active in KidSight screenings and training programs. She actively works in her area to find funding and resources or people who need eye care but lack the money to afford eye care.

DISTRICT O:

No report received after several attempts to contact District Charman.

DISTRICT N:

No report as there is currently no District Chairperson for Sight & Hearing Conservation

DISTRICT S:

Wake Forest Lions Club continues to provide free vision screenings for children with the PlusOptix Vision Screener. We have a permanent display of free reading glasses at 2 local libraries and the North Wake Senior Center. At Wake Forest Fest, we gave away free sunglasses to children.

Fuquay-Varina Lions Club also held a community vision screening event recently.

Apex Lions Club participated in Apex Night Out and provided free vision screening and also held an educational meeting presented by Wake Med Health & Hospitals Audiology.

Raleigh Host Lions Club recently hosted a booth at the Foundation Fighting Blindness Triangle Vision Walk. They raised \$1250 to help fund research for retinal diseases. They also now have an eyeglasses donation box at NCSU due to the efforts of the Optometric students.

Manteo Lions Club continues to collect, and pack donated eyeglasses and to send adults & children needing vision help for exams and glasses to a local optometrist.

Wendell, Zebulon, Pilot Lions work together to provide vision screenings.

Warrenton Lions Club recently participated in a community event in Warrenton on April 19

Garner Lions Club provides free vision screenings and will participate in Community Day in June. They will host a BBQ Dinner on April 25.

North Raleigh Lions Club continues to help with vision screenings and help clients with eye exams eyeglasses. They recently had a information table and provided free KidSight Vision Screenings at the Muslin Community Resource Fair on April 19.

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Camp Dogwood Camp Spring Cleanup was scheduled 4/03-25—4/09—. 25.

I arrived 4/02-25, met with Tammy Maclean Camp Director and coordinated Volunteer projects.

NC Lions Districts L,I,O,S participated in Volunteer activities.

Total Volunteers-47; total volunteer hours—786; Total Clubs—21

Dist. L—3 Clubs

Dist. I—6 Clubs

Distr. O—7 Clubs

Dist. N—0 Clubs

Dist. S—4 Clubs

Projects completed:

Pressure washing: boat ramp to Stickley building -patios, sidewalks, porches. James Hood was team leader.

Carpentry, new roof on well house. Jody Proctor team leader.

Grounds maintenance: Weed eat; trim bushes/ hedges; trees in Central Court yard and boat / rear areas.

Mulch spread from front gate to boat ramp. Jody Proctor & Nathan Medlin Jr. team project leaders.

Planted 22 Dogwood trees along main access road. Steve Cline - project leader.

Started cleaning of front fence line.

22 pallets of eyeglasses sorted. Project leaders Dick & Janice Wilcox.

Majority of work projects completed, some minor projects.

Special thanks to project leaders; volunteers

Jody Proctor & Nathan Medlin arrived on 4/02 & departed 4/10-25. Tammy ended work on 4/07/25

Majority of projects completed.

Mike Hall NC Lions Volunteers Chair

Constitution & By-laws Report for May 4, 2025

The Constitution and By-laws Committee continues to review and accept questions and suggestions pertaining to the NC 31 Constitutions and By-laws as well as the NCLF Constitution, By-laws, and Policies.

We will be voting at the General Meeting for changes to the NCLF Policies Article IV, Section 4 and Article V, Section 4. These recommended changes were sent to the clubs at the proper time.

That concludes our report.

Dale Dupree, Chairperson

Reports accepted as given under Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon on this date May 4, 2025

Brighter Vision Report

Good morning,

Please accept my apology for not being able to attend the meeting. In my absence, I am providing the following summary:

1. Discussions with BV Chairs for updates and to encourage contacting those clubs that have not given, particularly those clubs that gave last year but nothing to date.
2. State Convention: (1) \$34 raised from those not dancing to YMCA; (2) Kendra took the lead on manning the table to sell Camp Dogwood tickets and tickets for the painting; and (3) TT Breakfast approximately \$2,300 raised.
3. District 31L – DG Dawson Hart named April 26 as a Brighter Vision Day of service and/or fundraisers.
4. Districts % of Goals:

L	34%
I	69%
O	68%
N	76%
S	80%

Overall – 57% of goal.

1. Will do my best to “push” as we only have 57 days left in this fiscal year. My personal goal is to have all clubs at least give something. I have also contacted two of our successful Lions fundraisers for ideas.

Thank you to all that have given or to those that will be giving on or before June 30. Please contact Carlton Metts or me if you have any questions or need one of us to meet you to pick up a check or cash. Whatever it takes!

Respectfully yours,

IPDG Susan Fernandez
Brighter Visions State Chair

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Camp Dogwood Report
NCLF Board of Directors
Camp Dogwood
Sherrills Ford, NC
May 4, 2025

Statistics as of April 24, 2025

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| • District L | \$ 5,690 | 18 of 46 clubs participating = 39% |
| • District I | \$ 11,055 | 22 of 45 clubs participating = 49% |
| • District O | \$15,001 | 29 of 51 clubs participating = 57% |

- District N \$14,957 19 of 52 clubs participating = 37%
- District S \$17,816 24 of 46 clubs participating = 52%
- *Total* \$64,774

\$64,774 is 51% of the total sales for 2023-2024. Statewide, 112 of 240 clubs or 47% have participated. There are 39 days remaining until the drawing on June 12.

Volunteer week was productive with 56 volunteers working 786.5 hours.

- District L had 3 volunteers representing 2 clubs reported 84 hours.
- District I had 11 volunteers representing 4 clubs reported 109.5 hours.
- District O had 19 volunteers representing 8 clubs reported 213 hours.
- District N reported no volunteer hours.
- District S reported 23 volunteers representing 5 clubs reported 380 hours.

Appreciation is extended to all those Lions and guests who contributed their time to maintain Camp Dogwood.

Lion Laraine Dupree, PDG
Lion Gene Goetz, DGE
Camp Dogwood Committee Chairs

Camp Dogwood Report (NCLF) May 4, 2025

We have raised \$64,774 as of April 24 with 46.6% of our clubs participating. At this time last year, we were at \$79,367 a difference of \$14,593. Last year the raffle raised \$128,515 It was a good year for us. Compared to last year our numbers are low but I'm proud that we have done this well considering the devastation to the West end of our state. DISTRICT TOTAL CLUBS MEMBERS L I O N S State TOTAL 46 45 50 50 47 688 883 1065 968 883 PARTICIPATING CLUBS AS OF 01-30-2025 12 17 4/24/2025 \$5,690 \$11,055 22 11 22 238 4487 PERCENT CLUBS PARTICIPATING 84 46.6% \$15,001 \$14,957 \$17,816 \$255 \$64,774 PARTICIPATING CLUBS AS OF 04-24-2025 17 22 29 19 24 111 Funds to support the camp are important but without our volunteerism the camp would not exist! Please consider helping during one of the VIP weeks. Believe me the return on your investment of time will be well worth it! Remember, the quality and quantity of services we offer to the visually impaired is directly related to our volunteer hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Gene Goetz District Governor Elect
Camp Dogwood State Co-Chairperson

Fellowships and Partners Report May 4, 2025

Good morning, everyone! I am reporting on our Fellowships and Partners contributions. The five district totals through April 28, 2025 are:

District L 0-NCLF Ambassador, 0-Jack Stickley Fellows, 5-WLW Partner in Service, 1-Sid L. Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$700.00.

District I 3-NCLF Ambassador, 1-Jack Stickley Fellows, 12-WLW at Partner-in-Service at different levels and 6-Sid L Scruggs BOH at the Lighthouse level for a total contribution of \$4,400.00.

District O 2-NCLF Ambassador, 0-Jack Stickley Fellows, 5-WLW Partner-in-Service and 12-Sid L Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$3,900.00.

District N 0-NCLF Ambassador, 1-Jack Stickley Fellows, 5 WLW Partner-in-Service at the Founder Level, and 5-Sid L Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$2,000.00.

District S 2-NCLF Ambassador, 0-Jack Stickley Fellows, 3-WLW Partner-in-Service at the Founder level and 15-Sid L Scruggs BOH for a total contribution of \$4,300.00.

In conclusion, year-to-date numbers are the following for each:

NCLF Ambassador	\$ 3,500.00
Jack Stickley Fellow	\$ 1,000.00
William L Woolard	\$ 3,000.00
Sid L Scruggs BOH	<u>\$ 7,800.00</u>
	\$ 15,300.00

In comparison to where we were at the year end of June 2024, 39.6% has been contributed thus far for the first 10 months of this fiscal year with \$3,700.00 collected this past quarter. We expect more activity towards the end of the year. It's time if you haven't already, plan your awards for your end-of-year celebrations. Honor your presidents, Lions of the year, a family member or a Lion that handles behind the scenes work on projects. Give recognition where recognition is due. Please feel free to contact me or any of the district chairs for additional information or to schedule a presentation at your club. Our information is listed in the new directory on page 18. This concludes my report.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Johnson
State Chairperson

Leadership & Development Committee Report

May 4, 2025

Greetings Fellow Lions,

The Leadership & Development Committee has been at work. We moving forward with developing training materials and getting ready for the new year. It is our goal to have all committee chairs and officers trained.

Dates will be coordinated with the Camp Dogwood Office and along with the District Governor Elects.

Respectfully Submitted,

IPDG Carlie Metts

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Leadership & Development Chair

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting 1.

**North Carolina Lions Foundation
May 4, 2025
Camp Dogwood
Board Meeting
Long Range Planning Committee Report**

The Long Range Planning Committee met by Zoom on Thursday May 1, 2025, with twelve of fourteen members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order and a prayer offered.

The LRP was reviewed in detail and confirmed the plan dates. Work plans are being developed for action steps to ensure progress to the completion dates.

There are fourteen Objectives in the Plan spread over the next 30 months to achieve the plan completion by December 2030. Three Objectives have been completed and seven additional started. We are well on track.

There was discussion on additional objectives around crisis management and coordination of outreach to NC. Good ideas were shared, and further discussion will take place at our meeting in the spring.

Questions?

Thank you very much.

C. Neal Alexander, Jr. PDG

Meeting 2.

**North Carolina Lions Foundation
May 4, 2025
Camp Dogwood
Board Meeting
Executive Director Ad-hoc Seach Committee**

The Executive Director Ad-Hoc Seach Committee met on Friday May 2nd with all the members present.

The committee members are Wayne Faber, Allen Swain, Lorraine Dixon, Steve McLaurin, Paul Bledsoe, Juanita Brown, Carlton Metts, and myself as Chair.

The committee has approved the final Job Description and Expectations for the position.

We reviewed the resumes that we have received to date and determined the next steps for each applicant.

We will be meeting later this month to review and approve the interview questions.

We also plan to begin interviewing candidates by the end of the month.

As a reminder, this is a confidential process, so please respect the committee members.

Questions?

C. Neal Alexander, Jr.
Chair

Meeting 3.

**North Carolina Lions Foundation
May 4, 2025
Camp Dogwood
Board Meeting
South Iredell Lions Club Ad-hoc Committee**

The South Iredell Lions Club ad-hoc committee met on Saturday, May 3rd here at Camp Dogwood.

Thirteen of the sixteen members of the committee were present at the meeting.

We reviewed our brainstorming and agreed to move forward with the following initial recommendation.

The committee recommends to the Board that “We move forward with planning for the upgrading of the dock at a preliminary estimate in the \$350,000 - \$400,000 range. This includes a thorough RFP to address Price, Quality, Timeline, Warranty, Insurance, Permitting, Disposal of materials, Safety and Environmental issues. We will strive to get three bids and evaluate on the information listed.”

The committee will continue to research and recommend other projects at our next meeting.

C. Neal Alexander, Jr.
Chair

MOTION was made by Treasurer Curtis Erickson that we move forward with the boat dock and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin. Motion carried by voice vote.

Pin Recycle Program—Over \$ 173,700.00!!

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

President Wayne, fellow Lions and guests. I am making this report for NCLF Past President Lou Creel. Since my last report in February for Lion Creel, I sold \$39.00 worth of pins at the District 31-L Convention on March 14-15th. Lion Creel had \$410.00 in sales at the North Carolina State Convention. Lion Creel continues to amaze me with his success with this program.

Again, all donations should be sent to Lion Creel! He continues to do a superb job with this program for our foundation.

Thanks, again, to everyone who has played a part in the outstanding success of this program, for our North Carolina Lions Foundation's 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: \$ 173,719.39 .

Thank You

Budget & Finance

Presentation of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was presented by Treasurer Curtis Erickson at the Budget Caucus on Saturday afternoon, May 3, 2025, for review.

Budget was presented at Board Meeting on Sunday, May 4, 2025 by Budget and Finance Chair Curtis Erickson.

MOTION to accept the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was made by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon and seconded by District Governor Elect Steve Cline. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Curtis Erickson requested a motion for Camp Dogwood to increase camper fees \$25 across the board and companion fee go to \$500.

MOTION was made to increase camper fees \$25 across the board and companion fees to \$500 by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon and seconded by District Governor Elect Steve Cline. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports accepted as given under First Vice President Allen Swaim on this date May 4, 2025

Other Business:

PDG Herb Justice, LCIF Chair held a 50/50 raffle this weekend for LCIF and raised a total of \$580.00. One-half will go to LCIF and one-half to the winner of the drawing. The winner of the \$290 cash prized was District Governor Jim Tobolski. Council Chair George Suggs received LCIF cups.

Our next Council and Board Meetings will be held on August 8-10, 2025 at Camp Dogwood.

Reservations can be made by calling the Camp Office at 828.478.2135 Ext. 230, Wendy White.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Anne Metts

Secretary