

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 2-S2
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1ST CABINET MEETING – 2010-2011
China Bear Restaurant
I-45 North
Wednesday, July 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Lion Wes Carr of the Conroe Lions Club. The invocation was given by PID Don Buckalew of the Conroe Lions Club and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Lion Debi Harrell, of the Conroe Noon Lions Club. Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Lion Eddie Risha of the Conroe Noon Lions Club. The opening song, **God Bless America** was led by Lion Ladoris Cates.

The Roll was taken by Cabinet Secretary Lion Lynn Harrison. There was a quorum present. We had 53 cabinet members in attendance, Simple majority of those in attendance equaled 27, 2/3rd majority of those in attendance equaled 36. The total Cabinet is 65 members; we had 7 PDGs in attendance for a total of 72. Therefore 2/3rd majority of the entire Cabinet at this meeting would equal 49. With 53 members in attendance we have a Quorum and more than 2/3rd of the entire Cabinet.

The following Lions were present:

Governor. Glen Starr	Kayla Hughes
First VDG Richard "Rick" Reynolds	G.W. Jordan
Second VDG Paul Eads	Christine Jordan
Terry Alderman	Becky Judah
Tony Austin	Terry Landers
PDG Margaret Badeaux	PDG Ronald Landers
PDG Bert Baker	George Malone
Judy Ball	Max Martensen
PCC Joseph Bocklage	IPDG Charles Martin
Gina Brown	Chris Moorman
PDG Melba Buado	Keith Nielsen
CC Barron Cagle	Ben Ongoco
Wes Carr	Arlita Pang
Dorothy Casey	Eddie Risha
Bud Casey	Mark Roth
Ladoris Cates	Steve Simmons
Judy Champion	Larry Smith
Ron Chene	Noah Speer
Tim Cox	Sam Thomas
Stedman Douglas	Greg Turner
PDG Art Drouin	Albert Wong
Willie Mae Eads	
Debra Harrell	

Lynn Harrison

PCC Pat Brennan
PID Don Buckalew
PDG George Connor
PDG Eddie Munger
PDG Otice Parker
PDG Jash Patel
PDG Tony Wenzel

Other Lions/Guests Present:

Tommie Brennan, Conroe Noon
Romito Buado, Houston Midwest
Betty Ezell, Houston Spring Branch
John Finney, Huntsville
Ken Harrison, Klein
Hermie Johansson, Houston Midwest
Evelyn Landers, Houston Spring Branch
Arlette Lamas, Houston Millennium
Tammy Nielson, Pasadena
Sandy Martin, Houston Cy-Fair

Britney Ma
Archie Or
Marivic Pu
Marla Re
Max Ra
Patti Starr,
Andy Trevi
Alice Wen
Archie Z

First VDG Rick Reynolds introduced DG Glen Starr. VDG advised the District Governor Glen puts every bit of energy in everything he does and that is what he will do for District 2-S2 this year. Please welcome our District Governor Glen Starr. DG Glen wanted to share some of the things that were learned while at the International convention in Sydney Australia. (There was a power point presentation but Lion Terry could not get the audio portion to work.) DG Glen advised it was an honor to attend the convention and be a part of that process.

The theme this year from International President, Sidney Lee Scruggs, III from Vass, North Carolina, is "A Beacon of Hope". IP Sidney has developed four community service initiatives that he is asking Lions to be involved in. We all know that one important thing we do as Lions is Community Service projects.

They are: in August - Engaging our Youth, work with our Leos, work with all youth, this is in line with the United Nations concerted effort toward engaging our Youth.

In October – Sharing the Vision, projects with the visually impaired.

In December/January – Relieving the Hunger – around the holidays, do something to alleviate hunger in our communities.

In April – Protecting our Planet, make a focused effort to doing something good for our environment.

DG Glen encourages you to go to the International website and review this information, take it back to your clubs and engage in these four service initiatives and exhibit community service.

Let's review the goals I have for our teams and ourselves as we lead the District this year.

Membership, Growth and Retention this is a requirement to complete community service. One of our goals is to increase members in the District this year.

We are following two good years with membership increases and we need to continue this year. VDG Rick will talk more about the goals later in the meeting.

We are hoping to grow by 250 new members in current clubs and form 4 new clubs. We are aware of the challenges but the MERL team is there to help where

needed. Retention is something that every single one of you are a part of. When someone joins a Lions club, retention starts that day in your respective capacity in this cabinet you are an integral part of Retention. Every single day when you are doing your job, remember part of your job is retaining membership.

DG Glen advised he has identified 4 areas where we should be able to start new Lions Clubs. He has seven locations but will start with 4.

DG Glen hopes our cabinet meetings are more streamlined and have more attendance being on a Wednesday night. We are giving you back 4 Saturdays during the Lions year. Lion Debi Harrell will tell us more about our convention later in the meeting. We are hoping to get a professional motivational speaker to come in to light our fires and set our Mid Winter Lions Leadership Conference open to the public. Allow the public to come in and offer our conference to others so they can learn about Lion-ism.

District Convention dates are set, April 29 – 30, 2011. The theme is “Dancing with the Stars”. You are the Stars of the district.

Our focus this year will be in the area of Public Relations. Lions from the Pasadena Lions Club have great ideas on Public Relations. Lions have a great history. We are recognized around the world so marketing our organization should be very easy. We have talked about this for a couple of years. You will see in the budget where I have made some arrangements to go out and use some of the money we have available. Hopefully utilize some advertising in the form of paid advertising, in the form of free advertising. May be we can get some billboards. We had some last year that LCI put up. We can get some more and focus on our marketing efforts. When we go into an area and start up a new Lions Club, I want to be able to go in there and market ourselves and Lions Clubs organization. Let’s show the communities who we are and what we do.

You should have received your directories tonight. You can see the list of the 100% charities this year. I have left out a couple of charities this year that have been listed in previous years. One of the charities not listed this year is the Humanitarian Relief Fund; we made some arrangements to alter by-laws of the HFR Constitution and that was accepted by the cabinet at the last cabinet meeting. I am also not funding our Sight Conservation Fund, due to it be being under utilized for a number of years. Those charities have plenty of money for the level of utilization experienced in the past few years. Instead of continuing to build up those funds when there is enough monies I have chosen to put those funds that are overfunded and fund an area of our district that is underserved, that is the Youth Scholarships. I have asked this year for our District to fund the scholarships we provided to the youth. I have made arrangement for that to happen with \$3 being directed to our Opportunities for Youth. There will still be district fees and the Contest chair will still ask for monies from your club. But this will help make sure there is enough money there.

Goals we have are to have more fun along the way. Laugh and pursue our jobs with professionalism and enthusiasm. I appreciate you all being here, I appreciate your choice to serve in the cabinet this year. I am going to appreciate all the hard work I know you will be doing this year.

After his opening remarks, DG Glen recognized his Cabinet and announced them officially installed. He then recognized his appointees who he wanted to be part of his

Cabinet. Then he asked for a motion to extend voting privileges to all those present that are appointees of the Governor but are not a part of the Committee Chairmen recognized by International. The motion was made by Lion Mark Roth and seconded by Debra Harrell. The motion carried.

DG Glen reminded everyone that these positions are to be taken seriously. You cannot be seen here looking pretty. Work needs to be done and you are expected to do your jobs. DG Glen asked all cabinet members to let him know if something happens during the year and they cannot continue in their position.

DG Glen thanked all cabinet members their willingness to serve remind everyone that your are to lead in a proactive, professional manner and remember our purpose here as a cabinet is to improve the welfare of our Lions and assist them in their goals to delivery their communities service so everything we do should always be in the best interest of our whole membership and as a chairperson each one of you are to recruit other Lions to come help you.

Through you, VDG Rick, VDG Paul and I can accomplish objectives of our association that we are charged with. Our cabinet meetings are for conducting business for the District. We need to be productive and efficient of our time. There was an agenda and financial statement that was emailed to you with the notification of the cabinet meetings that you could have clicked on. Let's keep in mind that our cabinet meetings are not committee meetings, it's not a place for you to announce your clubs fund raising events. So the business that comes before our cabinet will hopefully been thoroughly discussed and reviewed by your committees so when you come to the cabinet you can deliver a report. We welcome your reports, we need your reports. Some of your positions require a report be given at the cabinet meetings.

DG Glen confirmed with Cabinet Secretary that we have a quorum for tonight's meeting. Yes we did. We have a number of visitors in attendance tonight and DG Glen thanked them for attending.

We have minutes from our previous meeting. Cabinet member from last year received those minutes via email. For the members that did not get a copy of the minutes we have some copies that can be handed out. Motion to accept the minutes as written by Lion Betty Ezell, PDG Art Drouin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, if there are no corrections they stand as approved as presented.

The Governor then called for the Closing Financial Reports for the 2009-2010 Club Year from Treasurer Lion Paul Eads. VDG Paul advised the financial report has been sent to the CPA for the audit. As you see on the budget for this year, the funds have been brought over for this year.

DG Glen advised that when we get the audit back from the CPA we will review the report at the next cabinet meeting.

DG Glen you have distributed a budget for this year to help us utilize the funds that have been collected and will be collected to accomplish the goals we talked about.

DG Glen called Treasurer Lion Larry if you will come forward and talk about our proposed budget for this year.

Lion Larry advised that the budget has been passed out; it is in line with what we have done in the past.

Lion Mark Roth asked about line item for gifts and awards. He asked what can be purchased for \$2,500. DG Glen advised that was budgeted for gifts and awards that have been given in previous years. This past year donations was made to the Texas Lions Camp for service of cabinet members. That will likely be continued.

In the proposed budget that was handed out you will see a chart of monies received for different funds. You will see that we have plans to utilize some of the surplus that we have in these funds. One of the items what you will see in this budget is moving \$5,000 from the administration fund to the convention fund. DG Glen is asking for approval to do this so the monies will be available if needed in hiring a professional speaker for the District Convention. The planned reduction in funds is approximately 1/3 for the surplus of funds that we have in an effort to raise awareness through publicity efforts.

A motion was made by IPDG Chuck Martin to accept the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 year, 2nd by Lion Ron Chene, motion passed.

PDG George Conner wanted to confirm that there was a quorum in attendance. 2/3 of the cabinet must approve the budget. DG Glen advised the motion carried unanimously and the requirement that 2/3rd of the entire Cabinet approve the budget was met.

DG Glen advised we approve for our District funds the bank accounts. We are not expecting any changes to our three accounts. Checking and Humanitarian Relief Fund Money Market to J. P. Morgan Chase, and Disaster Relief Fund to First National Bank of Texas and Administrative Money Market to J. P. Morgan Chase and Capital One. A motion was made to continue the bank accounts where they are currently located CC Barron Cagle and PDG Art Drouin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Motion passed.

DG Glen advised we need to approve the company we have our Surety bond through. We will use as we have done the past company CNA Surety, issued under Western Surety. 1st motion: by PDG Ronald Landers. Seconded: by Lion Chris Moorman. Motion passed.

DG Glen asked PDG Ronald Landers to come to front: PDG Ronald has served as the Districts Treasurer and Bookkeeper for many years. DG Glen presented an award to PDG Ronald for all his dedication and service to the District past and future. One other person in our cabinet that has served numerous years and is unable to continue doing a job that she truly loves, Lion Gloria Stansky is unable to continue serving as Youth Exchange Chair. She is not in attendance but if she was I would present her with a token of appreciation. She will be recognized at the next district meeting that she is able to attend.

DG Glen has separated all the committees and put them under Team Leaders: DG Glen, 1VDG Rick, and 2VDG Paul.

The following committee reports were presented:

Team District Governor Glen Starr:

Immediate Past District Governor – Chuck Martin last year we were up 27 members, we formed two new clubs but we lost two clubs.

Cabinet Secretary – Lynn Harrison

Ass't Cabinet Secretary – L. C. "Polo" LaCoste, Sr

Cabinet Treasurer – Larry Smith

Ass't Treasurer & Bookkeeper – Noah Speer

District Governor Glen asked the Zone Chairperson to go over the District Calendar with the clubs when they make contact.

Zone L-1 – Chairperson – **Lion Kayla Hughes** – Coldspring Area, Huntsville, Riverside Area, Sam Houston State University, Walker County – **No Report**

Zone L-2 – Chairperson – **Lion Max Martensen** – Conroe Noon, Conroe Evening, Cut and Shoot Family, Montgomery, Panorama, Willis – **No Report**

Zone L-3 – Chairperson – **Lion Ron Chene** – Klein, Magnolia, South Montgomery County, The Woodlands, Tomball – **No Report**

Zone I-1 – Chairperson – **Lion Ben Torrence** – Brookshire-Pattison, Hempstead, Katy, Waller – **No Report**

Zone I-2 – Chairperson – **Lion Arlita Pang** – Houston Fil-Am, Houston Memorial, Houston Midwest, Houston Millennium, Houston Spring Branch – **No Report**

Zone I-3 – Chairperson – **Lion Josier Nisnisan** – Alief, Alief Noon, Houston Beltway, Houston Chinese American, Houston Royal Oaks – **No Report**

Zone O-1 – Chairperson – **Lion Bud Casey** – Houston Cy-Fair, Houston Downtown, Houston Heights, Houston Northwest, Houston Oak Forest – **No Report**

Zone O-2 – Chairperson – **Lion Judy Champion** – Houston Aldine, Houston Greenspoint, Spring Old Town - **written report turned in**

Zone N-1 – Chairperson – **Lion Marie Nisnisan** – Bellaire, Houston Baptist University, Houston Southwest, Houston Sports, Houston Westbury – **No Report**

Zone N-2 – Chairperson – **Lion George Malone** – Deer Park, Houston East End, Houston Hobby Airport, Houston NASA Area, Houston Space City, LaPorte, Pasadena

- No Report

Zone S-1 – Chairperson – Lion (open position) – Cleveland, Humble, Humble Noon, Twin City – **No Report**

Zone S-2 – Chairperson – Lion Greg Turner – Dayton Noon (community project building a fence), Hardin (community project building a wheelchair ramp, Huffman (community project – putting out 200 flags for fallen soldiers), Liberty (Ice cream social and recruiting event) - **written report turned in**

Zone S-3 – Chairperson – Lion Gayle Woodall – Anahuac, Barbers Hill, Baytown, Channelview, Crosby – **No Report**

Texas Lions Camp – Lion Mark Roth - **Written report turned in** – during the past Lions year he gave 87 presentation, Presentation have already started for this Lions year. He will do a presentation at the Texas School Nurses Association Conference. He will participate on the Endowment Committee for the Texas Lions Camp. If Lion Mark did not make a club meeting last year, he plans on visiting this year.

Lion Chris Moorman – is now certified to give presentation on the Texas Lions Camp, he will start contacting clubs.

Lions Eye Bank of Texas – Lion Larry Graves – **No Report**

PCC Joe Bocklage – He has a wonderful program and will be contacting clubs to schedule presentation. Last year there were 1080 cornea transplants thru the Eye Bank.

The Lighthouse of Houston – Lion Tony Austin – the Lighthouse is looking at purchasing joining properties. If they purchase this property they will have a complete block and it will be a huge campus. The BOD is trying to decide what all they will do with the campus if it gets that large.

Lion Albert Wong – they are taking about expanding the campus, housing for students.

ALERT - Ron Chene – ALERT is a new program through International that started last year. Lion Ron has a letter that will be going out to all the Lions Club has each club will have to assign an ALERT chairperson. This will be the contact person for any disasters or emergencies in our area.

Honorary - PID & PDG'S - are here to help DG Glen complete this goals for the year, if you need some help, ASK.

Information Technology & Webmaster – Lion Terry Landers – If you have questions email,

Constitution/By-Law's – PDG Ronald Landers – all changes are being updated on the website. Will being some amendments to the next cabinet meeting

Convention Chair – Lion Debi Harrell – District Convention is schedule for April 29th - 30th, 2011. Hilton North Houston, in the Greenspoint area, Formerly the Windham.
Convention Co-Chair – Lion Cathy Bleakley

Directory – PDG Ronald Landers – Directories are being handed out – if you have a correction, please let us know so we can update the website, if you have an email address please make sure that Lion Terry of PDG Ron have it on file.

Hall of Fame – District - PDG James Stewart – no report

Historian – Lion Becky Judah – was asked to write a history of the District and clubs. I would like to receive a history of each Lions Club in the District. Please have someone in your club type up the History and forward the information to me.
All Past District Governors, please write a ½ page history of what happened in the District during your Term as Governor.

Legal Counsel – PDG Bill Hughes – no report -

Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation – PDG Art Drouin – is in the process of putting goals together for this year. Zone Chairs I will be contacting you, I would like to be on your agenda for your Zone Meetings.

Lion Tamer - Lion Terry Landers – No report

Newsletter – Lion Terry Landers – looking to sell ads – Newsletters went out by emails, will be mailing out 114 hard copies – if you have an email it would save the District money not to have to mail a newsletter out. Please make sure your email is updated with the District.

Opportunities for Youth – Lion Steve Simmons – a date has been set for the Youth contest, it will be the last Saturday in February, February 26th, 2011. We have an opportunity to form a Lions campus club with TSU. This year the Youth Contact winners are going to the State Convention so we are in need of lots of money. We will be asking for clubs to make donation this year.

Peace Poster Contest – Lion Gina Brown – no report

PSC President – Lion Winnie Mae Eads – August 4th PSC training for club presidents, secretaries and treasurers and Sept 1st PSC speaker will be Mattress Mack – Jim McIngvale
PSC Secretary – Lion Minette Chiu - no report

Public Relations & Lions Information – Lion Keith Nielsen – excited about the direction the Governor wants to go in, objects, increase awareness, improve public relations, reaching out and increasing membership. We will be using billboards,

newspapers and news media, facebook and other social networking sights. I will be available to attend clubs. Lions Day at the Capital in January.

Tail Twisters – Lions Eddie Risha, Wayne Mack, Steve Simmons – Lion Eddie made a motion to have all monies collected during the District meetings by the Tail Twisters be sent to the Texas Lions Camp, 2nd by PDG Chuck all approved.

Texas Lions Foundation – PDG Margaret Badeaux – fund a museum and office building on property at the Texas Lions camp. More information will be received at the meeting in August.

Trading pins – Lion Judy Ball – Governors Pins are available they are \$2.00. The State Pins are not in yet but will have them soon. At every meeting there will be old pins available for \$1.00

Team 1st Vice District Governor Rick Reynolds: The MERL Team will be contacting all clubs to see if they need help with recruitments and finding new members for your current clubs.

Campus Clubs - (open Position) – No report - looking for volunteers, a good place is Lone Star College.

Humanitarian Relief Fund – Lions Ann Maxwell, Terry Landers, Wes Carr – report given by 1st VDG Rick, approved 3 requests for funds this year. We have to follow the guidelines. Please get with your clubs and put in for request. The guidelines are on the district website. Working on a Mission Statement.

Hearing & Speech Action and work with the Deaf – Lion Terry Alderman – no report

Leader Dogs for the Blind – Danny Kainer – They are sending a client to Leader Dog School – it is Lion Richard Zambrano, chairperson for LPCCI.

Leo Clubs – Lion Eme Nisnisan - **Written report turned in** – she has a program on “How to start of Leo Club”. Walker County LC is working on starting a Leo’s club out of the YMCA, which will involve several schools. Houston Royal Oaks Leos will have an orientation and Leadership Training. If you club is interested in starting a Leos club, please get with Lion Eme for assistance.

Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI) – Lion Richard Zambrano – no report

Lions World Services for the Blind (LWSB) – PDG Harry Goetzman – no report

Long-range Planning – 1st VDG Rick Reynolds, 2nd VDG Paul Eads, Lion Eddie Risha – no report

MERL TEAM – Goal of DG Glen, 4 new clubs with 25 members each total of 100 Lions and 250 new members in existing clubs.

Membership – Lion Sam Thomas – give me an opportunity to come to your club and find new members.

Extension – PDG Art Drouin - **Written report turned in** – We need guiding Lions, we need Lions to hold workshops, training in keeping current members

Retention – PDG Bert Baker - Hooked on Lionism is the Theme this year, 800 plus years of lion service in this room. Beacon of Hope will be following us area this year. We need to give our communities Beacon of Hope and Hooked on Lionism.

Leadership – Lion Mark Roth - **Written report turned** - Invest in Others- Leadership skills. Need to help current Lions Club and Members with skills to make their Lions club the best it can be and to grow. Zone Chairs, please get with me so I can attending one of your Zone meetings.

Taping for the Blind – Lion Bill Tarver – No report

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum & Lions Int’l Convention – Lion Mary Ann Larkin – USA/Canada Forum is in October,

Team 2nd Vice District Governor Paul Eads: How to identify clubs that need assistance. Will be contacting each club too see if they are a weak, average or strong club.

Aeros Autos Fundraiser – PDG Barron Cagle – August 7th presentation to the Texas Lions Camp for \$16,200.00 from Aeros and Autos. Next year’s date is Saturday, May 7th, 2011. The Lions Clubs will be completely responsible for 4 sections of Aeros and Autos. We are also being asked to participate with Wings over Houston.

Camper Bus Transportation – PDG Margaret Badeaux – campers where down this year, about 60 kids in the three sessions. Had lots of volunteer, over 30 Lions got to ride and help with the kids and visit the camp.

Cultural & community Activities – Lion Josier Nisnisan - **Written report turned in** – Houston Royal Oaks LC is working in the community on a back to school program and help distribute school supplies. The fundraiser for this project is a trip to Coushatta.

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Christine Jordan – report was given by Lion GW Jordan – LCI putting together programs for the clubs and start sending emails to clubs and club members of information received from International, She is also wanting to work on scheduling some health fairs.

Environmental – Lion Stedman Douglas – **Written report turned in**- encouraging each club to participate in a Revolving Environmental Award Competition. This award will recognize the merit for outstanding clubs that have projects that support the Theme “Preserving and Sustaining the Environment”. Work with the clubs to work with their communities in Environmental Awareness.

Eye-glass Collection – Lion Tim Cox – no report

Family and Women’s Membership Development – Lion Dorothy Casey – no report

Float – Lion Bob Otto – no report

International Understanding & Cooperation – Lion Ben Ongoco – no written report – happy to be working on this committee. Need to learn more about the position and having partners-Lions clubs in other counties working together. If your club is interesting in working with Lions Club in other parts of the world please get with me.

Lions Quest – Lion Tony Austin – working on implementing Lions Quest with the Texas School Board in Austin. Working on having the Lions Quest in Humble ISD by the end of the school year.

Lions Services for Children – PDG Melba Buado – Goals for the year, to visit every club in the District, to inform them of LCI Services for Children’s programs, to motivate and help support and guide every club on projects to serve children in your areas.

Pianist – Lion Wade Burleson – no report

Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind – Lion Dr. Ralph Herring - DG Glen has requested information on Possibility of 2-S2 assist in sending children to a sporting competition for visually impaired sponsored by 2X-1. Will be getting more information.

Song Leader – Lion Ladoris Cates – no report

Youth Camp& Exchange – Lion G. W. Jordan – will have a hard time filling the shoes for Lion Gloria. Look forward to working with Lion Gloria and 1VDG Rick on the program on Youth Exchange and keep the kids coming to our District in the future.

This concluded the oral Committee Reports for this Cabinet Meeting.

Written Committee Reports were filed by the following: **2nd VDG Paul turned in a summary for his committees reports – MERL Team Extension chairperson, MERL Team Leadership Chairperson, Leos Chairperson, Zone S-2 chairperson, Zone O-2 Chairperson, Environmental Chairperson, Texas Lions Camp Director, Cultural & Community Activities Chairperson.** They will be filed as a part of these minutes.

DG Glen wants to thank each of you for taking on these positions and remember if you have question or issues please call so they can be solved.

RESOLUTIONS: None presented

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Lion Betty Ezell has information on the Television Show, ABC Extreme Home Makeover will be in Houston the week of July 25th to July 31st. They are looking for volunteers to help build this home. The home location and family have not been announced yet. It will be in the Houston Area. Please go on line and sign up to volunteer www.houstonfirst.org/extreme. If you do sign up, where you would list your company, please list Lions International -District 2-S2. Please make sure to list this so Lions to get credit for the community work. They work 24 hrs around the clock during the week. I am hoping Lions will get out there and help do this community work.

The meeting was adjourned 8:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Lynn Harrison
Cabinet Secretary
District 2-S2