

District 2-S2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2019
Cy-Fair Lions Clubhouse, Bane Park, 9440 West Little York

Attendees

Lion Terry Alderman	Lion Deborah Marshall
Lion Savannah Ardoin	PDG Charles "Chuck" Martin
DG Tony Austin	Lion Bob Martin
PCC Pat Brennan	Lion Heather McConnell
Lion Ladoris Cates	Lion Duane Meyer
Lion Nancy Chesbro	Lion Karen Moore
Lion Sara Coots	Lion Paul Moore
1 st VDG Bonita Davis	PDG Chris Moorman
Lion Stedman Douglas	Lion Rebecca Noone
PDG Arthur Drouin	PDG Jim Noone
2 nd VDG Lisa Free-Martin	PDG Rick Reynolds
Lion Albert Gerhardt	Lion Marla Reynolds
Lion Lucy Gonzales	PDG Eddie Risha
Lion Leisa Hackett	Lion Diana Risha
Lion Paul Hancock	Lion Larry Smith
Lion Kenneth Harrison	Lion Erin Stapleton
Lion Lynn Harrison	Lion John "Tank" Tankersley
Lion Neil Lander	Lion Jeannie White
Lion Donald Landers	Lion Paul Yackley
Lion Barbara Leboff	

Call to Order - DG Tony Austin called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Pledges and Invocation -

The group stood for the pledges to the US and Texas flags.

Lion Leisa Hackett led the Invocation.

Song - Lion Ladoris Cates led everyone in singing God Bless America.

Remarks by District Governor -

2nd VDG Bonita Davis introduced District Governor Tony Austin. DG Tony Austin gave some opening remarks. He reminded everyone that Lions are great people. No matter where you go, you'll find a friend in a Lion. Lion Ladoris Cates asked how the Quest program was doing.

DG Tony said that the Quest program has been revitalized by LCIF. The Quest program teaches kids how to make good decisions and gets kids to recognize their place in their communities. 1st VDG Bonita Davis is trying to get a project going but it requires buy-

in from school districts. DG Tony did a quick review of how our organization works. The International convention is held to give members insight into the business of the organization. Members get to vote at the International convention to help determine what the organization does.

****Attach copy of DG Tony's PPT**

DG Tony gave a PowerPoint presentation on 2S2 Connect (presentation attached to these minutes). He also reviewed the makeup of the International Board and Constitutional Areas. District 2S2 is in Constitutional area 1a. There are 16 districts and 26,000 lions in Texas. District 2S2 has 56 clubs and 1605 members.

DG Tony played a short video for everyone on the power of giving. We give people the power of giving as Lions which allows them to help in their communities. As Lions, we should always be looking for ways

to help people. We should be telling neighbors and friends about our organization. We need to be better about promoting all the projects that our district's clubs are doing. Lions are wonderful people! Experience with Lions club will help them grow personally. Go to a meeting and you'll hear something you didn't expect that may benefit you or your community. Get out there!

DG Tony encouraged everyone to connect with the invisible lions, the ones who don't have email and don't come to meetings. If those invisible members don't attend meetings, then they don't know what the clubs are doing. Try sending snail mail postcards and thank them for being a lion. Our district had a net loss of about 30 members last year.

DG Tony handed out office badges to the cabinet members and Zone chairs. When forming his cabinet, he wanted some new people. DG Tony thanked PDG Karl Johnson & Jane Johnson for all the changes made last year. DG Tony is following on with those changes. The October cabinet meeting will be held at a west side venue to be determined by Lion Nancy Chesbro. The third cabinet meeting of the year will be held in Baytown. The final meeting of this year will be held near Liberty. DG Tony thanked 1st VDG Bonita Davis and 2nd VDG Lisa Free-Martin for their hard work. He also thanked everyone for attending the cabinet meeting.

Establishment of Quorum - A quorum was established by Cabinet Secretary Lion Heather McConnell.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes -

Last year's Cabinet Secretary, Lion Lynn Harrison asked the group to approve the minutes of 4th meeting of last year which posted on the 2S2 website. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Financial Update (2018-2019 end of year financials and 2019-2020 budget attached)

PDG Chuck Martin will present the year end financials because Lion Paul Moore had bypass surgery recently. The financials for last fiscal year are posted on the district website. At the end of June 2019, the district had \$125,719.57, split between the Administrative and Humanitarian Relief Fund accounts. The \$2,000 outstanding loan to the 501(c)3 account that district founded to pay for Goal Ball equipment has now been repaid. The district had net income of \$1,830 in the Administrative account. The fund balances match what is in the bank. The remaining funds were positive for year as recorded in the financial statements. At the end of the fiscal year, the Waller and FILAM clubs had not paid their 2nd half dues. The FILAM and Houston Veterans clubs had not paid their 100% contribution dues. A donation was made to cover those unpaid dues. PDG Chuck suggested that the zone chairs to reach out to nonpaying clubs to get them to pay. PDG Chuck also reported that the Alief club was going to disband but the club secretary did not complete the membership transfer to the Brenham club.

The district is budgeted to have an income of \$18,000 in the Administrative account. We are also projected to spend \$27,000 from the Administrative account. Overall, we are OK for this year despite this deficit because we had funds left over from a previous administration. In the previous fiscal year, we projected a \$6,000 loss but that loss did not actually happen. The district cannot carry on with a deficit budget for multiple years.

PDG Chuck Martin then made a motion to approve budget as posted on the district website. PDG Rick Reynolds seconded the motion.

There was a question about what makes up administrative account. PDG Chuck said that Administrative account is made up of the dues and 100% contributions collected from all the clubs in the district.

This year's budget was approved unanimously.

Bank Resolution -

District Treasurer Donald Landers read the updated bank resolution to the group (copy attached). The bank now requires a signed resolution and a copy of the meeting minutes in order to make changes to the bank signatories. The motion to accept the bank resolution passed unanimously.

Parade of Checks - The Cut & Shoot club brought checks for both the semi-annual club dues and their 100% contribution.

1st VDG Bonita Davis report

VDG Bonita has a proposal for district fundraiser. She would like to a small 2-day trail ride in the Spring of 2020. If all goes well, we could then expand to a larger trail ride in 2021. She has already spoken to the Hardin, Royal Oaks and Ames Almighty clubs and they have agreed to participate. She is requesting approval for a new fund to be opened before she proceeds with further planning.

Those who want to attend the trail ride on either Friday night or Saturday night would pay \$20 per ticket per night. Tickets can also be purchased before the event for \$30 for both nights. The actual trail ride will be held on Saturday. There will be wagons for people who don't have horses. Fundraising would be gin in September of 2019. VDG Bonita already has pricing and approval for the venue and performer. Other funds will come from vendors who will follow trail ride. Vendor fees start at \$350. Vendors could also do vision or diabetes screenings, events for kids, etc. If all goes well, the district could have a larger trail ride in 2020-

2021. The 160 Riders group spends about \$13,000 on their trail rides and bring in about \$33,000 in revenue. Our first trail ride would be smaller. The funds raised from the trail ride would go into the "Promote 2S2" fund. This is a charity account. Lion Ladoris asked if alcohol would be served and would we need liability insurance from Lions International. VDG Bonita says the answer is yes to both. It is common to have security at these events and we will have liability coverage.

The group unanimously approved the motion to create a new fund for the trail ride. DG Tony congratulated VDG Bonita for thinking outside the box.

1st VDG Bonita also gave an update on reviving the Quest program. Lion Elkins from West Virginia is hoping to bring new life to the Quest program. Lion Elkins recently invited VDG Bonita to revive the Quest program in our district. VDG Bonita has already talked to 2 school districts and received approval. She proposes to use the Hardin & Goose Creek ISDs as a trial run for this year with a \$1500 grant. If all goes well, we can then expand to other school districts next year. Lion Ladoris Cates suggested that we make our proposals to the school boards when they are setting their budgets, otherwise they won't listen. VDG Bonita lives in small town so she was able to get approval from Hardin & Goose Creek.

2nd VDG Lisa Free-Martin (report attached)

Break

Zone Chair updates

Zone T1 Chair Lucy Gonzales (The Woodlands, Houston Aldine, Houston Fil-Am, Houston Founder, Houston Greenspoint, Houston Heights, Houston Ladies, Houston Midwest, Houston Millenium, Houston Royal Oaks, Houston Sports, Houston Spring Branch and Houston Veterans)

Lucy thanked all those who made her Zone Chair this year. She wants to make a difference. Lion Lucy has only been a lion for 2 years. She has already contacted everyone in her zone, and they are still deciding on day to have a meeting. She is working with one of her clubs that is currently in the red.

Zone E2 Chair Marla Reynolds (Alief, Conroe Noon, Cut and Shoot, Houston Cy-Fair, Huntsville, Klein, Klein Phoenix, Magnolia, Montgomery, Montgomery Lake Conroe, Panorama, South Montgomery County, Tomball, Willis) (report attached) Lion Marla composed letter to send today to secretaries and presidents of her clubs. She is inviting all the clubs in her zone to the Cut & Shoot Club's new member orientation. Lion Marla and PDG Rick will be having an event at their house for members in their zone. Lion Al Gerhardt asked Lion Marla to also include treasurers in her emails to the presidents and secretaries of the clubs in her zone.

Zone X3 Chair Dr. Anthony Price (Anahuac, Barbers Hill, Baytown, Deer Park, Houston Hobby, Houston Southwest, Nassau Bay, Pasadena)– not present, no report

Zone A4 Chair Nancy Chesbro (Brookshire-Pattison, Cinco Ranch, Hempstead, Houston Memorial, Houston Northwest, Katy, Prairie View A&M, Houston Westbury, Waller)
Lion Nancy has contacted all the clubs in her zone. She is planning to coordinate with other zone chairs as well.

Zone S5 Chair Neil Lander (Ames, Cleveland, Crosby, Dayton Noon, Hardin, Huffman, Humble, Humble Noon, Kingwood, Liberty, Twin City) Lion Neil is using a similar rating system to the one Lisa Free-Martin used to assess the health of the clubs in his zone. The healthy clubs are green, less healthy clubs are amber and clubs that need improvement are red. Neil will visit all the clubs in his zone, but he is focusing on the red and amber clubs.

Global Action Team -

DG Tony briefly discussed the Global Action Team. The GLT supports the three pillars of our organization: membership, leadership and service. The district has chairs over each of these three areas and their reports follow.

PDG Chris Moorman – Leadership (report attached)

PDG Jim Noone – Membership

PDG Jim encouraged everyone to be in contact with every member of their clubs. If we do not communicate with members, we are at greater risk of losing them. PDG Jim encouraged the group to have club members bring friends or neighbors to meetings with them. If clubs want to increase membership, they're going to have to work at it.

Lion Becky Noone – Service

Lion Becky would like to see all clubs having at least one service activity per quarter, even if it's small. The first Goal Ball event August 10th and practice begins in September. Information will be posted on social media sites. There will be a tournament in Dallas in October and another in Waco in May. There may be a Houston tournament at some point in the future. Lion Becky hopes to contact all clubs in district at some point this year. DG Tony hopes that Goal Ball will give Lions a lot of publicity.

Leos

DG Tony gave an update on the Leos since Lion Bert Baker was not in attendance.

Two Leo chairs will be attending our cabinet meetings in the future. We have about 500 Leos in our district. The Leos are working on a project called Give to Save. The program is raising funds to help feed people in Vietnam. Leos are helping raise \$15,000.00 to provide 41,000 pounds of rice to Vietnam. A Leo is taking the first \$15,000 the Leos have raised to Vietnam right now. The funds were raised through Go Fund Me. Lion Bert will give us an update at our next cabinet meeting. PDG Chuck Martin noted that the funds that were raised for this project did not come through district books. More information on the funds raised will be provided at the next cabinet meeting.

Lion Nancy announced that the Katy Leo Club is in the middle of a book drive. They are working with Barbara Bush literacy foundation and the Great Minds Library. They are collecting books for pre-elementary through high school age children to send to Nigeria. They already have 25 boxes of books collected in 3 weeks.

Texas Lions Camp Update

1st VDG Lisa Free- Martin

We had 1139 campers this year attend the physical disabilities & diabetes sessions. 65 campers attended Camp David (burn survivors). 248 campers attended Camp Discovery (kids with pediatric cancer). 66 campers attended Camp Neuron (kids with epilepsy).

The camp served a total of 1518 campers this year.

There was an incident during week 8 where a lot of campers and counselors became ill. The last time this happened was 2004. Fortunately, the camp is well prepared for events like this. The staff was

sterilizing the camp as we speak to get everything ready for session 9. For those clubs that sponsored a session 8 camper, VDG Lisa encouraged members to reach out to those parents. We need to let them know what a great job the camp staff did to take care of the kids. The camp staff was well prepared, and they did a great job taking care of all the kids who were sick.

PDG Rick Reynolds - VDG Lisa-Free Martin was the best camp director we've had in years!

PDG Rick reminded everyone that the Bob Dowden dinner is coming up on October 5th, 2019 at the Marriott North Hotel - rooms are available for \$85. They are hoping to raise \$50,000 at the dinner. The entertainment will be a diamond heist mystery dinner. PDG Rick would like for every club to buy a table sponsorship (8 top). The cost per camper to go to camp is \$1,880. Corporate sponsorships are also available. PDG Rick would like to find a way to roll the corporate funds raised into the 501(c)3 account so contributions will be tax deductible. PDG Chuck mentioned that corporate sponsors can make checks out to the foundation and then the foundation can transfer the funds to the camp. Table sponsorships are \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. The \$1000 sponsorship includes 8 seats at table.

PDG Rick let everyone know he brought the donation board. For each dollar contributed, the contributor gets to put their name in a drawing for a Jack Weich fellowship. PDG Rick also said that the University of Houston recently held a special-needs seminar. PDG Rick attended and gave information about Texas Lion Camp. Most of the attendees asked if the camp had any events for kids with autism. As of now, Texas Lions Camp does not have any sessions for children with autism. The camp can handle 1,800-2,000 kids per year. This year, we only had 1,518 kids enrolled so we have capacity to help more kids. PDG Rick is still doing presentations for the clubs. PDG Karl Johnson will be taking VDG Lisa's place as Lions Camp Director this year. PDG Rick can also do presentations to school nurses to help increase awareness and hopefully get more campers.

Lighthouse of Houston – Lion Marla Reynolds

The Lighthouse directors meeting was held last week. Lion Elaine Montgomery will be the new director. Hopefully Elaine will be doing some of the same things that Marla did as director.

Lions Eye Bank of Texas – Trustee Karen Moore

Lion Karen announced that Paul Hancock is new trustee to Lions Eye Bank.

HRF – 1st VDG Bonita Davis (no report)

Texas Lions Museum - PDG Eddie Risha

The Texas Lions Museum has found a building and work has been done on the building. Unfortunately, the museum did not get enough funding to hold the grand opening this year. The grand opening will be next August instead of this August. The museum would like to ask for \$200 from each club in order to complete the buildout. Several clubs have already made this donation. District 2S2 is in top 4 of those districts who have donated to the museum. The museum now has a curator. She needs cabinets to keep the items that have been collected from deteriorating. The cabinets cost \$3,000 each. PDG asked district 2S2 to sponsor one or two cabinets. PDG Eddie is happy to come to clubs and talk about the museum. He also has applications for ways clubs can help raise funds. Club can purchase a Past IP Ed Grindstaff fellowship for members for \$500. Lions can also purchase a life membership to the museum for \$100. The museum is a 501(c)3.

LCIF - Pat Brennan

Campaign 100 is now in its 2nd year. District 2S2 is among the top givers to LCIF. Over \$64,000 has been donated toward Campaign 100. Lion Pat will be sending out correspondence to all clubs very soon.

Marketing & Communications – Erin Stapleton

Lion Erin is taking over Paw Prints newsletter. He encouraged clubs to participate in activities together. The email address to have activities posted in the newsletter and on the website is newsletter@lions2s2.org.

Conventions & Conferences – 1st VDG Bonita Davis

VDG Bonita is currently assembling the District 2S2 2019-2020 convention committee.

The convention committee members will meet at Hardin's officer installation meeting on August 10th.

The mid-winter conference is set for January 27th at the Hilton Greenspoint. The state convention will be held in Longview, Texas near the end of June 2020.

USA Canada Forum – PDG Art Drouin

The next USA/Canada Forum will be held in Spokane, Washington. There are only a few Lions registered to attend from District 2S2.

Directories -

There are new requirements from LCIF in order to allow access to club directories. We now must have passwords to access the directories. The club directory password is 2s2clubs. The district directory password is 2s2district.

Lions University – Mark Roth & Chris Moorman are doctorates

Information Technology – Randy Matthews (not present)

New website, Tony reviewing beta tomorrow Hoping to roll out in a week or so

Constitution – PDG Ron Landers (no report)

Opportunities for Youth – Lion Sara Coots (report attached)

Peace Poster – Lion Barbara Leboff (report attached)

ALERT – Lion Leta Massey (not present)

Leader dogs – Lion Larry Smith

Lion Larry is happy to come to clubs and give a presentation about the leader dog program. He really wants to increase awareness of the program. The leader dog program was started in 1939. The program placed 288 dogs last year. There are over 16,500 people who have received dogs. It costs \$38,000 to sponsor a single dog but there is no cost to the person receiving the dog.

Diabetes – Emeé Nisnissan (not present) There will be a speaker at the August 7th P&S meeting on diabetes issues.

Vision – Paul Moore

Lion Paul is happy to come do presentations to clubs and teach how to do vision screenings. His goal is to do 6 classes this year, with at least 5 in each class. Lion Paul is also going to put a list together of those who have a machine and those who are certified to do the vision screenings.

PSC – Lucy Gonzales (had to leave) At the August P&S meeting, the theme is support our military. Lion Lucy asked everyone to dress in Red White & Blue or Camo. Lion Lucy is also now the President of the P&S meetings and still needs a secretary.

Hall of Fame Committee – PDG Eddie Risha (no report)

Historian – Lion John "Tank" Tankersly (no report)

Tail Twister – Lion John "Tank" Tankersly (no report)

Lion Tamer Ken Harrison was recognized for all his work.

Resolutions -There were no resolutions.

Old Business - There was no old business to discuss.

New Business - There was no further new business to discuss.

Closing Remarks -

DG Tony suggested that everyone invite people to come to your clubs to learn more about what district is doing. We are doing a lot of good things in our clubs and we need to be better about getting the word out. DG Tony thanked PDG Chuck and his team for use of the Cy-Fair Club's clubhouse and lunch. He also invited everyone to email or text him and let him know if we liked the format of this meeting.

Adjournment - DG Tony adjourned the meeting at 12:01pm.