

NEW MEXICO LIONS EYE FOUNDATION
Minutes
OFFICERS & TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President PDG Tom Himrod at 9:05 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Juan Lucero. The Lions Prayer was recited by all.

Present: President PDG Tom Himrod, Secretary Bernie Holzapfel, DG 40N Chuck Easton, DG 40S Kitty Callender, MDCC Jeff Kriz, Juan Lucero, Bryson McCool, Heidi Martinez, Phil Marvel, PID Ray Marley, PID Gordon Post, Melissa Washburn, George Mulholland, Gemma Ferguson.

Absent: Treasurer PDG Ruben Vigil, John Miller, Chuck Galusha.

Based on motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by Melissa Washburn, the minutes of the May 2, 2008 meeting were approved as written. President Tom Himrod requested that the minutes of the current meeting show all Officers and Trustees as an attachment.

President Tom Himrod welcomed all and, during the absence of Treasurer Ruben Vigil, gave a brief financial report. Since some figures are still missing from the previous Treasurer, it is difficult to give an exact report. However, it is estimated that there will be a negative balance of \$251.00 in the Operating Account as of September 23. The Reserve Account at H&R Block shows a current balance of \$108,225.50. Based on motion made by PID Ray Marley, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Reserve Account to the Operating Account was approved.

Committee Reports

Scheduling & Screening: No report. MDCC Jeff Kriz mentioned that the cost of screening has increased from \$3.00/person to \$10.00/person as a result of higher gasoline and repair expenses. The possibility of not approving any screenings unless clubs can guarantee a minimum of 30 patients was discussed. However, no decision was made.

NM Lions Eye Van: Juan Lucero stated that we need more drivers.

Fund Raising: While operating costs for the eye van have increased substantially (see aboves), donations from clubs in MD-40 have declined. PID Gordon Post suggested that a letter be sent to all clubs asking for their immediate and urgent donations to the Eye Foundation. Clubs should also be reminded that it is their obligation to provide the driver of the eye van with food and lodging (where required).

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Operation KidSight: Bryson McCool gave a brief status review. During the past twelve months 4,500 children have been screened. About 6% of those screened have been referred for further examination and treatment. We currently have eight cameras in New Mexico as a result of funds raised by individual clubs and a donation of \$8,000.00 from the New Mexico Lions Eye Bank.

The New Mexico Legislature passed a law requiring that every child in New Mexico up to third grade receive an eye screening. Regulations have not been promulgated as yet. Lion Bill Waugh of the Taos club is on the State Board overseeing this project.

New Business

MDCC Jeff Kriz discussed the possibility of cooperating with the University of New Mexico to expand their eye clinic and eye research program. He stated that if we help UNM in raising \$3.5 million we will have the right to name the new facility and would be entitled to have an office in the building. He stated that there will be no financial commitment on the part of the clubs or districts. Rather the New Mexico Lions would assist the UNM Fund Raising Office in identifying potential donors in their communities. Of course, if clubs or individuals want to make voluntary donations, this would be acceptable. He requested that the Eye Foundation pass a non-binding resolution in support of this concept. After discussion and based on motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by MDCC Jeff Kriz, the resolution was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting as adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Bernhard "Bernie" Holzapfel
Secretary