

## **2020 MD32 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, June 6, 2020  
via ZOOM Virtual Platform

CC Paul Dove called the meeting to order at 10:04am. There were 74 participants in attendance. CCE Rhett Hair was the Parliamentarian. Virtual protocol was reviewed and established and VDGE Les Taylor was in charge of muting anyone that couldn't follow the protocol. Invocation was given by PCC David Dority. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DGE Judy Scott. PCC Eddie Marshall presented the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting at the Hilton in Spartanburg, SC on April 13, 2019. A motion was made to accept the minutes by IPDG LeJune Cantrell and seconded by PCC Charlene Frye and it passed unanimously. The current MD32 financial statement was presented as information and there were no questions. PCC Eddie also presented the MD32 Budget for 2020-2021. A motion to approve the budget was made by DG Marla Suckow and seconded by PDG Pat Friday and it was approved unanimously.

### **PID Remarks**

PID Gene Spiess mentioned that PIP Wayne Madden passed away. He was very impressed with the leadership of our state. Peace Poster deadline is the same and all things are going as planned. Many clubs have continued to hold meetings. WE must continue to hold hands and reach out to your friends and family. Nothing has been made official about the USA/Canada Forum. A decision should be made before August 1st.

PID Jay Patel stated that PIP Wayne Madden passed away. USA/Canada Forum is up in the air as far as if it will be continued or not. Storm Eye Institute is continuing to do surgeries and a new clinic is coming to Summerville. June 15th LCI will open on a limited schedule.

### **Council Chair Remarks**

CC Paul Dove presented a written report. State Convention cancellation was very different for us, but also for others including the International Convention. Thanked the Convention Committee for their efforts in planning our state convention. Appreciation to everyone that has been active in our state this year. Excited that both districts have established leadership for the next three years. Thanks to everyone that has been on the team this year. Grateful that our clubs have continued to serve their communities.

### **Council Chair Elect Update**

CCE Rhett Hair presented a written report. April 9-11, 2021 will be the 2021 State Convention in Spartanburg and Lion Bobbie Dove will be our convention chair. Convention theme will be the Roaring 20's. The International Speaker is going to be announced once we confirm it. First Council Meeting will be July 2, 2020 via Zoom. In September, we will be losing our deposit for the Medallion Center. Would we want to have a meeting at the Medallion Center to have a Council meeting, cabinet meeting, etc. It is \$1500 that we can use or lose. September 12th is a possible date.

### **District Governor Updates/Cabinet**

DG Marla Suckow (32C) presented a written report. Thanked everyone for being here today. A little cabinet business was updated first. 32C disaster relief grant from LCIF was accomplished. The grant will be closed out very soon. Thanks to VDGE Les Taylor for setting up the virtual meetings. MJF was presented to 2nd VDG Les Taylor on behalf of 32C. DG Marla has been sewing and donating masks. May 16th the LCIF Disaster Relief grant was given and we were able to provide a lot of food to the Estill/Nixville community after tornado damage. A final grant report was presented with a motion being made by PDG John Enright and seconded by VDGE Les Taylor. The final grant report was approved unanimously. DG Marla thanked all the SC Lions. She and Lion Mark will be returning to Wisconsin to be with

family and other Lions friends for a little while. Our motto is We Serve and now is the time to prove it. She encouraged everyone to help where it is needed and check on each other.

DG Stacey Beeler (32S) thanked DG Marla for your friendship and partner in the state this year. We are resilient. This year has been a challenge, but the Lions are still serving their communities. We have reinstated Cowpens LC. We have a LCIF Grant for Seneca for tornadoes. We are expecting the money for that to come in soon. Special thanks to DGE Judy Scott for your leadership, and passion for your community, our state, and our world. Thanks to Jim Barbare for your guidance this year. Thanks to everyone for your help this year. An LCIF Grant has been applied for as explained by DGE Judy Scott and the funds will need to come for the district treasury until funds can be obtained by LCIF. As of now, 32S will pay the bills for the grant until the funds from LCIF are received. A vote was made to accept the grant proposal with a motion by DGE Judy Scott and seconded by Lion Bobbie Dove. The final grant proposal/report was approved unanimously.

### **District Governors-Elect Updates**

DGE Judy Scott (32S) presented a written report. We have initiated the South Carolina Cyber Lions Club Branch with the collaboration with the Winnsboro Lions Club. There are 18 New Voices in the branch club and they are working on service projects. An LCIF Emergency grant has been applied for to provide boxed lunches to Environmental Services employees on the evening and night shifts at 6 hospitals in 32S. It is anticipated that 1218 meals will be served during the grant period.

DGE Bill Hahn (32C) presented a written report. We are not in business as usual. We are in a COVID pandemic and a FEAR pandemic. This has caused some challenges for Lions including meetings, services, etc. March 18th, DGE Bill formed the SC Lions Technology Task Force (SCTTF). We selected the Zoom platform. Constitutional Area I was provided the information for this to take place. We sent an email out via the Palmetto Lion. Then we pulled the ZCs in to call the club presidents. We needed to have Zoom facilitators. This meeting would not be here today if we hadn't started this. DGE Bill has attended several webinars to become effective and efficient at using Zoom. We reduced the number of zones in 32C to seven for next year. We are going to have a team management system in the upcoming year. We have started strategy meetings and have already had two in the last month. We are wanting to have a more hands-on approach to leadership, membership, and service for the coming year. We will have five training sessions on different dates and locations. The training will be in person and via Zoom. The Ambassador Program has been put on hold, but we have training coming up soon. August 8, 2020 in Newberry will be the next training and hope to train four new ambassadors.

### **MD GAT Coordinators Reports**

**GLT** - PCC Joe Pitts presented a written report. He recognized the team for the Leadership in the state. Encouraged each person to ask your incoming presidents to attend the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute August 21-23, 2020 in Columbia, SC. The webpage has a list of the upcoming training sessions coming up in MD32.

**GMT** - PCC Rick Pressly presented a written report. PCC Rick went over the membership numbers thus far in the 2019/2020 Lions year. He also went over the drops since we re-districted. We have an issue with retaining members. The focus needs to be on Service for Lions wanting to remain in the Lions club. We need to be more visible in our communities. Training, education and changing the mindset of our Lions is ESSENTIAL to growing our Membership. We must communicate more as a GAT in the MD in the upcoming year. There was a lot of discussion regarding the loss of membership.

**GST** - PCC Bob McCarthy presented a written report but was not online. Lion Cynthia Harrison, GST for 32C presented a report for 32C. She and her husband Lion Henry shared lots of interesting information. 40/61 clubs are reporting. We are still missing out on several clubs. Over half the clubs still have the same numbers as three months ago. Lion Henry Harrison stated that Information has to be taken from My LCI and My Lion.

#### **LCIF Update**

PCC Dianne Pitts presented a written report. This has been an amazing year for MD32. We have received \$150,000 LCIF grants this year. We had two grants submitted to LCIF and both were approved as of this week. One is for cameras, and the embossers for SCSDB. LCIF Campaign 100 will last until 2022. They would like for all chairpersons to remain as they have been in the district and multiple district for the next year. We have donated \$60,000-\$65,000 in the MD this year. There are a lot of MJFs that should be awarded soon. Final LCIF Matching Grant Report was presented by PCC Dianne. A motion to accept the final report was made by DG Marla Suckow and seconded by DG Stacey Beeler. The vote from the MD Council of Governors was unanimous to accept the final grant report.

#### **NAMI Update**

PCC David Lloyd presented a written report. The pilot program is now over. This is a North America program. The program has now been turned over to the GAT for implementation. 87% of the districts in North America have endorsed the NAMI program. We expect a lot of drops before the end of June. The membership fee has been waived for new members as of the beginning of the 2020/2021 Lions year. All GAT positions are now one-year positions now.

#### **Palmetto Lion Update**

Lion Hope MacBride presented a written report but was not present online. CC Paul Dove went over some of the information on the Palmetto Lion.

#### **Peace Poster Report**

Lion Rita Spiess presented a written report. There was some great information shared about creating more LEO clubs in connection with the Peace Poster Contest and also with the use of technology now that being needed.

#### **Youth Exchange Update**

IPCC Rick Pressly presented a written report. Effective March 24, 2020, the Youth Exchange Camp was cancelled for this year because of the COVID pandemic. The closing of the bank account and the account to be added to the MD Accounts soon. In 2020-2021, Lion Betsy Barber will be the Youth Exchange Chairperson. Lion Kathy Cline will replace PCC Rick Pressly on the YE Committee.

#### **Other Updates**

##### **Lions Vision Services**

Lion Winn Fitzgerald deferred her report to the Annual Meeting immediately following this annual meeting.

##### **Storm Eye Institute**

PID Jay Patel stated that the equipment that was purchased with the LCIF grant has been purchased and is being used. 1.4 Million dollars is being raised now for the renovation of the 4th floor.

##### **South Carolina School for the Deaf & Blind**

PCC Dianne Pitts stated that the grant for the embossers and another piece of equipment from LCIF has been approved and the equipment was being purchased.

### **"SC Lions Hall of Fame" Inductees**

CC Paul Dove announced the SC Lions Hall of Fame inductees for this Lions year. They are as follows: CC Paul Dove (Automatically); From 32C: Lion Paul Smith, Lion Linda Nitz, PDG Bob Cherinko, Lion Ellis Parsons, and Lion Carl Blake (Posthumously). From 32S: Lion Paul Ayers, Lion Robert "Bob" Constantine, Lion Kim Keener, Lion Jimmy Stephenson, Lion Richard Van Orden, and Lion Albert "Buz" Stebbins (Posthumously).

### **"SC Lion of the Year" Announcement**

IPCC Rick Pressly announced that **PCC David Dority** is the 2020 South Carolina Lion of the Year.

### **VCCE Selection Results**

CCE Rhett Hair announced that the VCCE will be PDG Pat Friday for the 2020/2021 Lions Year.

### **Announcements and Recognitions**

CC Paul Dove stated that we have a bright future for the next three years as we have great leadership. Thanks for participating in this meeting today. We Lead, We Love, We ROAR! State conventions pins will be sold for \$2.00 each without shipping. PDG Bob Walker also has LCIF 100 pins sets available for sale. Various club announcements were made. PCC Charlene Frye mentioned the passing of PIP Wayne Madden and how great a President that he was during her year as DG. Lions Frank and Dona Van Leer will be moving to Florida.

### **Closing**

CC Paul Dove passed the gavel to CCE Rhett Hair for the 2020-2021 Lions year. PCC Eddie Marshall gave a benediction and CCE Rhett Hair adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

**\*\*Written reports are attached to minutes in the permanent file.**

Respectfully submitted,

PCC Eddie Marshall, MD32  
Secretary/Treasurer