

DISTRICT 35-O MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2013
Hosted by the Rockledge Lions Club

The first 35-O District Meeting for 2013-2014 was called to order at 10:00 am by Lion Kevin Jarvis, President of the Rockledge Lions Club. The meeting was held at the Rockledge Country Club. Lion Gil Francis, PDG gave the Invocation. Lion Linda Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Tom Bullock led the Lion's Toast.

Lion Kevin recognized our distinguished guests – International Director (ID) Stacey Jones and PID Neil Spencer. Lion Kevin then introduced Rockledge Mayor Tom Price who shared some thoughts on the “greatest city on the east coast”. Lion Kevin then introduced 2nd VDG Jacquie Tripp, who in turn introduced our District Governor, Al Becker. 1stVDG Carolyn Lloyd was at Leader Dogs in Michigan.

DG Al welcomed all to the first District Meeting and spoke on International President Barry Palmer's Theme: Follow Your Dream. DG Al shared his dreams for our district for this year: to have three new clubs and a 25% increase in membership. DG Al announced a membership contest in which he will award one club in our district \$100 for the largest membership growth during his year as our governor. Your club is automatically entered, no forms to submit, just recruit new members while keeping your current members. Contest runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. DG Al reminded us to “JUST ASK” and to find out why members are leaving.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2013 as written. The motion was made by Lion Neil Spencer, PID and seconded by Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG.

A motion was passed to approve the attached budget for 2013-2014 as presented by District Treasurer, Lion Dana Comeau. The motion was made by Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG and seconded by Lion Prudy Rodriguez.

A motion was passed to approve the attached financial report as presented by District Treasurer, Lion Dana Comeau, subject to audit. The motion was made by Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG and seconded by Lion Prudy Rodriguez.

A motion was passed to approve the attached 2012-2013 financial Audit Report as prepared by Lion Joe Hauser. The motion was made by Lion Wayne Geary and seconded by Lion Jackie De Graff.

The following awards were presented at this meeting:

Lion Doris Turlo, PDG received the International President's District Governor Certificate of Appreciation.

Lion Jackie De Graff received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for transporting dignitaries during the Tampa USA/Canada Forum.

Lion Maggie Narvaez received a Life Membership in the MD35 Diabetes Foundation for her help in translating the manuals and forms.

Lion Larry Feldhusen reported on the Global Leadership Team (GLT) activities. Lion Larry informed us that the Club Excellence Process (CEP) was now available in a shorter format and there are many benefits for clubs who go through the process.

DG Al Becker handed out "How Are Your Ratings?" Survey forms to the club presidents. DG Al plans to discuss the results at each club visitation.

Lion Norma Callahan, IPDG reported on the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Diabetes Awareness activities. Lion Norma reminded those who complete the on-line certified Guiding Lion Course, that they must get the signature of the District Governor before they can be certified by LCI. Lion Norma reminded us of the upcoming workshop on September 14th in Orlando and the Diabetes Screener Training dates and costs.

Lion Lois Q. Malecky, PDG reported on LCIF. Lion Lois shared the goal of our MD35 Chairperson, Lion Doris Hollins, PDG: to have one Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) in each club. In our district there are donations that have been made, but the MJF is yet to be designated. It amounts to \$68,000 or 68 MJFs.

Lion Ted Erion reported on the Florida Lions Foundation For The Blind. Each of our four Districts has one or more Drive Directors with a fund raising goal of \$55,000 for a total of \$220,000. In our last fiscal year (May 2012-April 2013) our clubs donated \$190,400 or 87% of the goal. District 35-O met their fund raising goal last year of \$55,000. At the same time the Foundation provided assistance totaling \$419,467 for a record 274 cases. The Drive Directors for District 35-O are Lion Lois Q Malecky, PDG; Lion Shel Reichard, PDG and Lion Ivan Richmond. Since the start of this fiscal year on May 1, 2013 there were a total of 56 cases approved for eye surgeries and the number of eye surgeries from District O was 11. To get a case approved, contact one of the District O Project Chairs: Lion Rocky Siracusa, PCC; Lion Richard Schwartz, and Lion Anne Greer, PDG. Each case must be submitted to the Department of Blind Services prior to requesting Foundation assistance.

Lion Terry Murtha reported that since 1939, Lions have been the backbone of Leader Dogs for the Blind. In addition to financial support, Lions have brought thousands of people who are visually impaired through their doors. To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We serve" perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of enhancing the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. Lion Terry reminded us of the "Basket of Cheer" drawing to be held after this meeting is closed.

Lion Mary Pezzo reported that she has collection cans for "loose change" for the Conklin Center. Lion Mary encouraged clubs to take the cans back to their clubs.

The District Secretary announced the attendance to be 150 Lions and 2 Boy Scouts with 35 clubs represented and ten first timers.

ID Stacey Jones inducted 3 new members: two new members for the Rockledge Lions and one new member for the Osceola Latin American Lions.

District Tail Twister, Lion Linda Hood organized a hula hoop competition before we broke for lunch. Lion Jackie De Graff won first place and new Lion Jason Morse took second place.

Lion Estelle Clark, MD35 Chairperson, reported on the USA/Canada forum. Lion Estelle also reminded our PDGs to apply for the Pilot Award.

Lion Robert Kelly, Executive Director reported on the Conklin Center. Tickets are available to win a 1960 Harley in their annual Bike Week drawing. Lion Robert was almost speechless when Lions Ron Van Gelderen and Anne Ireland presented him with a check for \$10,000 from the Orange Blossom Gardens Lions.

Lion Dot Meyers, PDP reported on the District 35-O Hearing Foundation. Lion Dot told us a heartfelt story of a 10 year old client that was helped with hearing aids.

Lion Sam Loper, President, reported on the District 35-O Project Right To Sight. Lion Sam told us of the need of sponsors for their Lions Community Eye Clinic (LCEC) on Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando. Each case is \$25 and donations must be earmarked for "LCEC-for eye exams".

Lion Mary Yochum reported for Lions Alert and Lion Kevin Jarvis reported on the District Peace Poster Contest. The deadline to submit posters to Lion Kevin is November 15 and he urged us to make sure the official contest rules are followed.

Lion Joe Hauser reported on the District Active Club Contest. The first deadline for the monthly entries is September 5th. Last year's winners were: Group A 1st Place Rockledge Lions; 2nd Place Kissimmee Lions. Group B 1st Place Viera Lions; 2nd Place Satellite Beach Lions.

Lion Dr. Lynn Hawkins reported on the Reading Action Program, Youth/Quest. She spoke of many different programs clubs are doing. Lion Lynn noted it is easier to get accepted into charter schools and day care facilities and she sang us a song.

The District Treasurer reported a total of \$27,675 in donations to the entities distributed as follows: Conklin Center \$13,050; MD-35 Diabetes Awareness \$2,450; Florida Lions Foundation \$2,100; Southeastern Guide Dogs \$1,725; 35-O Hearing Fund \$1,625; 35-O Right to Sight \$1,200; Florida Diabetes Camp \$1,100; LCIF \$950; Lions Eye Institute \$725; FL Dog Guides FTD \$625; 35-O Braille Project \$500; North Florida Eye Foundation \$500; SEGD Paws for Patriots \$500; Youth Exchange Scholarship Fund \$375; FL Lions Eye Bank \$250. The following Lions Clubs made donations: Beverly Hills, Cypress Gardens, Orange Blossom Gardens, Palm Bay Happy, Palm Bay Progressive, Rockledge & Viera.

The meeting was turned back over to Lion Kevin Jarvis, who then adjourned the meeting at 1:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Mary Ann Bullock
Secretary, District 35-O

ATTACHMENTS (3): 2013-3014 District Budget, District Financial Report as of August 12, 2013; Financial Audit Report for 2012-2013.

**Florida Lions District 35-O
2013-2014 Budget**

District 35-O Administrative Account	Bal 6-30-13
	\$ 3,463
Administrative Income	Budget
Awards	\$ 100
District & MD-35 Dues (1514@\$29 + Adds)	\$ 45,600
GLT/GMT from MD-35	\$ 1,900
Miscellaneous	\$ 400
Tail Twister	\$ 500
Total Administrative Income	\$ 48,500
Administrative Expenses	
Audit	\$ 100
Awards (including Crusader & Pilot)	\$ 600
District Governors Pins	\$ 600
District Name Badges	\$ 160
MD-35 Dues (1514@\$21 + Adds)	\$ 33,400
Misc	\$ 190
Office Supplies, copies, forms, postage	\$ 100
Reimbursement - Cabinet Secretary	\$ 500
Reimbursement - Cabinet Treasurer	\$ 500
Reimbursement - DG	\$ 3,500
Reimbursement - District GMT/GLT & Training	\$ 3,800
Reimbursement - RC & ZC (14 @ \$125)	\$ 1,750
Reimbursement - Sunshine	\$ 200
Reimbursement - VDG (2 @ \$1,500)	\$ 3,000
Secretary/Treasurer bond	\$ 100
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 48,500

District 35-O Restricted Account	Bal 6-30-13
District 35-O Disaster Relief Account	\$ 3,778
Admin Contingency Fund	\$ 2,000
Total Restricted Account	\$ 5,778

Total Received from 2012-13 \$ 9,241

Florida Lions District 35-O Financial Statement

District 35-O Administrative Account	Starting Balance	Budget
	7/1/2013	
	\$ 3,463.04	\$ 3,463

Administrative Income	7/1 - 8/12	Budget
Awards	\$ 20.25	\$ 100
District & MD-35 Dues (1514@\$29 + Adds)	\$ 16,224.95	\$ 45,600
GLT/GMT from MD-35		\$ 1,900
Miscellaneous	\$ 275.00	\$ 400
Tail Twister		\$ 500
Total Administrative Income	\$ 16,520.20	\$ 48,500
Administrative Expenses	7/1 - 8/12	Budget
Audit		\$ 100
Awards (including Crusader & Pilot)		\$ 600
District Governors Pins	\$ 600.00	\$ 600
District Name Badges		\$ 160
MD-35 Dues (1514@\$21 + Adds)		\$ 33,400
Misc		\$ 190
Office Supplies, copies, forms, postage		\$ 100
Reimbursement - Cabinet Secretary		\$ 500
Reimbursement - Cabinet Treasurer		\$ 500
Reimbursement - DG	\$ 1,366.40	\$ 3,500
Reimbursement - District GMT/GLT & Training		\$ 3,800
Reimbursement - RC & ZC (14 @ \$125)		\$ 1,750
Reimbursement - Sunshine		\$ 200
Reimbursement - VDG (2 @ \$1,500)		\$ 3,000
Secretary/Treasurer bond	\$ 101.00	\$ 100
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 2,067.40	\$ 48,500
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$ 14,452.80	

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Admin Contingency Fund Balance	7/1 - 8/12	Budget
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Current Administrative Balance	\$ 19,915.84	

District 35-O Activities Account	Starting Balance	Budget
	7/1/2013	
	\$ 3,778.00	\$ 3,778

Disaster Relief Balance	7/1 - 8/12	Budget
	\$ 3,778.00	\$ 3,778.00
Disaster Relief Income	\$ -	\$ -
Disaster Relief Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Net Disaster Relief	\$ 3,778.00	\$ 3,778.00

Notes: 1. Misc. income includes OCP dues of \$275 from 2012-13.

2. District 35-O currently owes MD-35 \$16,651.25 for the first dues billing.

According to the June 30, 2013 CenterState Bank statement, the District's books are now in balance.

BANK BALANCE	\$9,441.04
Outstanding Check 101	<u>- 200.00</u>
Check Register Balance	\$9,241.04

Outstanding check #101 was cashed after the 6/30/2013 bank statement.

Cabinet Administrative Account

Working Balance	\$3,463.04
Reserve	2,000.00
Disaster Relief	<u>3,778.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,241.04

Problem experienced during the audit: There were no check numbers on the Quicken check register.

Recommendations:

1. Provide copies of monthly bank-statement reconciliations.
2. Implement voucher system for any payments not made from an invoice or generating a receipt like Zone Chair stipend.
3. More in-depth monthly reports reflecting income and disbursements.
4. Distribution of District Audit per the Constitution and By-Laws is not possible as the MD Convention and last District meeting for that fiscal year dates have passed before the audit period ends June 30.



Joseph Hauser