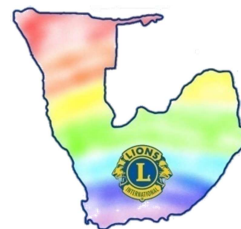




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Service Knows No Boundaries

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY SIXTHth MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD ON
SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2020 AT 09.00 VIA VIRTUAL MEDIA**

ATTENDANCE:

Per the attached list of registrations

APOLOGIES AND MESSAGES OF GOODWILL:

PCC Aubrey Herbstein, PCC Roger Skudder, PDG Derek Edwards, PDG Lance Maytham, PDG Sue Charles, MDC Karin Preston

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

CC Jacqui Hocking called the 56th Multiple District 410 "Service Knows No Boundaries" Virtual Convention to order at 13.00.

2.0 INVOCATION

DG Alistair Tuckett pronounced the Invocation.

3.0 NATIONAL ANTHEMS

The national anthems of the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Namibia and the Kingdom of Eswatini were recognised by DG Bennie Smith.

4.0 THE LIONS CODE OF THE ETHICS

The Lions Code of Ethics was read by PDG Paula Lang.

5.0 NECROLOGY

PCC CLIFF HOCKING

A moments silence was observed in honour of the following members who passed to Higher Service since we last met:

District 410E

Coenraad Maritz (Amanzimtoti); David Featherstone (Benoni Host); Annatjie Bonthuyzen (Centurion); Rosemary Sibanda (Cowies Hill); Paul Padayachee (Durban Host); Geoff Downs (Henley on Klip); Lesley Waring (Hilton); Lion President Norman Chapman (Howick Umngeni); Edward Lemmer (Komga); Joe Sack (Krugersdorp); Ernest Valster (Nelspruit); Pat Nicholson (Nelspruit); Martie Fortina (Northcliff); Past District Governor Stanley Foley (Pinetown); Robert Bing (Port Shepstone); Marius Du Plessis (Port Shepstone); Mike Rodda (Port Shepstone); Past District Governor David Baskett (Roodepoort Host); Johan Grobblor (Scottburgh); Mark Brauteseth (Shelly Beach); Past District Governor Max Frank (Uitenhage)

District 410W

Johan Van Wyk (Bredasdorp); Ivan Lewin (Helderberg); Tim Gerneke (Hout Bay); Dennis Adams (Kirstenbosch); Cecil Milne (Knysna); Ricardo Saralina (Kuil River); Hubert Fargher (Malgas); Past International Director Julian Musikanth (Newlands); Arasco Lombard (Robertson); Brian Roy (Sea Point); Johnny Heimann (Windhoek); Siegfried Leimkuhler (Windhoek)

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF the 55th MD410 CONVENTION

CS BEAULIEU MARÉ

- 6.1 PDG Pierre Theron noted one amendment needed to the minutes namely page 6, clause 18, line 5 of the Brightsight report – spelling error should be "Spot" and not "Slot machine".
- 6.2 The minutes of the 55th MD410 Convention held in Misty Hills on 27th April 2019 were adopted (proposed PCC Viv Grater; seconded DG Alistair Tuckett) with the amendment noted above.
- 6.3 There were no matters arising that will not be covered in the Agenda.

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7.0 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

CC JACQUI HOCKING

In some ways time has gone by really quickly from when I stood in front of you all at Misty Hills on 27 April 2019 having taken my oath of office to serve this Multiple District 410. Having said that, I would never, ever have dreamt in my wildest dreams that so much would happen in just over a year.

At that point, we knew as a MD410 Council of Governors that we were moving into a new chapter in the history of our Multiple District and would be navigating some uncharted waters. However, none of us realised then the full extent and magnitude of what we would face, particularly during the second half of this year.

Whilst we as a Multiple District have sadly not shown membership growth as will be reported by the District Governors, in fact as at 23 June 2020 we stand at 2074 against the opening balance on 1 July 2019 of 2301, having dropped 508 members and added 281, giving us a nett loss of 227 members. 2 clubs are currently in status quo and 8 clubs were cancelled. In some instances, the drops were necessary as sometimes in order to grow we need to weed out the dead wood. Obviously, this whole pandemic has also made it extremely difficult for some Clubs and we just need to keep focused as members and look to the future and put plans in place for life post COVID-19.

I can say though that I'm extremely proud of the Clubs within our Multiple District 410 for the ongoing and exemplary service they have continued to do throughout these uncertain and crazy times. Hunger Relief has been a shining example to LCI and I was asked by PID Manoj Shah, GAT Area Leader for Constitutional Area 8 to convey his personal thanks to each and every member of the Clubs within Multiple District 410 for the ongoing service. Please let us be mindful that not all Clubs were able to go out into their communities, but nonetheless have cooked meals for delivery by other organisation which they partnered with, made face masks, knitted blankets, knitted beanies, scarves for the elderly and babies, etc. The list is endless and the wonderful new ideas that have also been forthcoming has been nothing short of amazing.

I will not be elaborating on each portfolio as the District Governors have filed their reports and should they wish to add anything will do so, likewise with the Multiple District Portfolio Chairman.

If I could please ask the delegates in attendance that should you wish to raise a question that you kindly do so via the "chat" link and PDG Kim van Wyk, who is controlling this Virtual Convention from a technological point of view, will advise me of said question and we will direct it, where necessary.

I also humbly request each and every one of us to be respectful and constructive when deliberating and thank you for your attendance. It is a first in this MD to have a virtual convention, which whilst possibly not ideal, it is still great to see all the names and to close off the 2019/2020 fiscal year on a high.

8. DISTRICT GOVERNORS REPORTS

8.1 DISTRICT 410W

DG BENNIE SMITH

In addition to the report tabled, DG Bennie thanked the members from 410W for their attendance.

Some scheduled Indabas needed to be cancelled due to COVID-19, but those in Namibia and Stilbaai went ahead and provided an excellent platform for discussions amongst the Lions who attended. Thanks to CCE Herman for facilitating.

The 410W Voucher Project was established to assist members in need due to COVID-19. These are given out every second week. Thus far, 76 vouchers to the value of R19 000.00 have been allocated. A barometer has been set up and clubs are contributing to assist fellow members. R5 975.85 will be carried forward to use next year.

GMT - The District started the year with 1 136 members and is currently 1 055 which is a net loss of 81 members.

GLT - Congratulations to PDG Paula for her work and welcome to the Charter members of the Lions Club of Otavi, Namibia. Congratulations to all who were involved.

DG Bennie pointed out a typing error in his report. The Club that is closing is Brackenfell and not Durbanville which is a strong club. The President of Brackenfell will remain as a member in order to keep the Club Charter active and the hope is to get new members who will revive the club. The remaining members as well as the Leos have been transferred into other clubs.

GST : To date 2 512 service projects have been carried out with 432 072 people served. A huge thank you to every Lion who contributed to this and made this figure possible.

LCIF - US\$ 9 094.15 has been donated to LCIF by Clubs in 410W, which is amazing in these tough economic times.

At the start of the year, the analogy of an oil tanker was used. It takes a long time to turn a tanker around and there were unchartered and rough seas at times. DG Bennie thanked each and every member for staying on board and reported that the ship is now safely in the harbour. He added that is amazing to realise that Lions do not get paid for the service they render but do so out of love.

DG Bennie expressed condolences to Lion Heather and the Lee family on the passing of Lion Darrol and thanked them for all they have done for the Lions Club of Good Hope.

The new partnerships that have been formed during the year have been so important during the year.

DG Bennie closed by thanking CC Jacqui, DG Alistair, PCC Viv for their support during the year and wished the Incoming Council all the best for the year ahead.

8.2 DISTRICT 410E

DG ALISTAIR TUCKETT

In addition to the report tabled, DG Alistair said that the current situation has shown that Lions are incredibly resilient and resourceful. During the year there have been a lot of lows but also some amazing highs.

During the year, 10 Clubs were closed and another has been put into status quo. Administration of Clubs has been one of the biggest challenges during the year with many clubs not submitting activity reports; WMMR's and PU101 reports on time. There is still one club outstanding with a PU101 and DG Alistair still aims to have 100% submission of reports by the end of the year.

Membership started at 1 165 and is currently 1 000 members with a net loss of 165. The membership goals for the year were not achieved, but there is now a strong base to grow on. Of the 257 members lost, 81 were lost as a result of the closure of Clubs.

The highlight of the year is the service that Lions are providing. Lions in District 410E have reported that 319524 people were served during the year through 2813 service activities. 65 684 Lions hours have been given to make sure our communities have been served and a difference has been made. He is very proud of all the Lions and their service. The rough breakdown of people served in the 5 pillars of service is:- Hunger 190 000; Sight 24 000; Environment 11 000; Diabetes 4000; Childhood cancer 1 500 and 86 000 in other categories.

LCIF – DG Alistair expressed his pride in the contributions amounting to \$9 229.35 that has been raised by clubs and donated to LCIF.

Overall, there have been disappointments but there have been huge successes. Lions have with passion, respect and integrity supported each other and through the prism of Lions, together have served more.

DG Alistair thanked the Council, Cabinet, all 410E Lions, his club the Roodepoort Clearwater Cyber Lions Club as well as his family for their support during the year.

9.0 COUNCIL TREASURER REPORT

PCC VIV GRATER

9.1 Audited Accounts for the 2019 Final Countdown Convention

Accepted by the virtual voting procedure.

9.2 Audited financial Statement Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2019

Accepted by the virtual voting procedure with two amendments required: -

- 1) Balance sheet item marked '*MD410 Loan*' should read '*MD410 Lions Operation Brightsight*' and;
- 2) The item under the Convention Fund marked as '*The Wilderness Convention*' should read '*The Final Countdown Convention*'.

These amendments do not affect the figures presented.

9.3 Interim accounts for the period ended 31 March 2020

Accepted by the virtual voting procedure.

9.4 MD 410 Budget 2020/2021

Accepted by the virtual voting procedure.

PCC Viv advised that the saving through holding some of the Council Meetings in a virtual format will be affected by the loss of income from the reduction in membership. The full extent of the impact will only be known after the end of the year.

9.5 Louis Volks Award

The Council of Governors has requested that an information document on both the Louis Volks awards and the Samantha Bunce Funds be circulated so that all Lions are aware of them. This will be done for circulation to the clubs by the District Governors.

9.6 PCC Viv advised that financials for previous District 410C have been received.

2nd VDG Sydney van Heerden of LC Wilro Park questioned errors in the narrative of the audited financial statements ended 30 June 2019. CC Jacqui confirmed that these had been pointed out to the Auditors and will be corrected.

10.0 SAMANTHA BUNCE FUND**PCC VIV GRATER**

This Fund was established in the previous District D to provide financial assistance to members with critical diseases. The fund is a diminishing one with no income. As at the end of March 2020, the fund had assisted beneficiaries to the value of R329 234.50 and the current balance is R510 576.56. It is expected that the fund will be depleted by the end of the next financial year and as such taking on any new beneficiaries is extremely unlikely. The fund will continue to assist the current incumbents until such time as funds are depleted.

11.0 MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION**PCC CLIFF HOCKING**

PCC Cliff confirmed that the total number of potential votes in the MD if all clubs had registered and attended the Convention was 212. The number of registered voting delegates was 116, however only 66 votes were returned.

All motions for resolution were proposed by the Council of Governors and voting on the resolutions was done via an email system. All motions as put were adopted as follows:

C1. By Law 3 – Committees – Section 3 (j) – Operations and Compliance Committee

Adopted unanimously with 66 votes to 0

C2. Article 9 – Sub-committees (pertaining to LCI MD410 Operation Brightsight Constitution)

Adopted unanimously with 66 votes to 0

O1. Establishment of an Africa Constitutional Area Secretariat in Benin.

Adopted by majority vote of 61 for and 5 against

O2. Multiple District Dues

Adopted unanimously with 66 votes to 0

O3. Multiple District Convention Fund

A counter proposal received regarding the amount to be levied was received from a club holding 2 votes by way of a note on the voting sheet. The resolution put was around the amounts to be levied and so those two votes were counted as votes against.

Adopted by a majority vote of 64 to 2

O4. MD International Candidates Campaign Fund

A counter proposal received regarding the amount to be levied was received from a club holding 2 votes by way of a note on the voting sheet. The resolution put was around the amounts to be levied and so those two votes were counted as votes against.

Adopted by a majority vote of 64 to 2

O5. International Convention Fund

A counter proposal received regarding the amount to be levied was received from a club holding 2 votes by way of a note on the voting sheet. The resolution put was around the amounts to be levied and so those two votes were counted as votes against.

Adopted by a majority vote of 64 to 2

O6. MD Lions Alert Fund

Adopted unanimously with 66 votes to 0

It was noted that a resolution for the counter proposal to do away with the MD Convention Fund; the MD International Candidates Campaign Fund and the International Convention Funds would need to be submitted to the 2021 Convention.

CC Jacqui will advise the Africa Committee of the result for the Establishment of an Africa Constitutional Area Secretariat in Benin.

The meeting adjourned as the Council of Governors for Multiple District 410 and reconvened as the Governing Board of Lions Brightsight

12.0 LIONS BRIGHTSIGHT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**PDG PIERRE THERON****12.1 Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2019**

Unanimously approved by a majority vote of 66 to 0

12.1 Interim Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2020

Unanimously approved by a majority vote of 66 to 0

PDG Pierre reported that despite the current situation, Lions Brightsight have been able to maintain a high rate of completed scripts during the year. During the 2018-2019 year a total of 1873 scripts were processed and to date 1772 scripts have been processed for the current year. This is especially pleasing taking into account that the facility was closed for over a month. The breakdown of the scripts provided is District 410W – 307; District 410E – 1047 and the clinic facility – 418.

This shows that there is great opportunity in District 410W for more involvement and support to the MD project and he appealed to the Lions in 410W to do so. The committee is working on a number of options to assist clubs to get involved

The top 5 clubs throughout the Multiple District are as follows:

- 5th place – Lions Club of Klerksdorp (120 scripts)
- 4th Place – Lions Club of Knysna (124 scripts)
- 3rd place – Lions Club of Uniondale (129 scripts)
- 2nd Place – Lions Club of Vereeniging (167 scripts)
- 1st place – Lions Club of Henley on Klip (273 scripts)

All clubs were thanked for their support of the past year.

PDG Pierre thanked the committee members for their work over the year and announced that the committee will remain in place for the coming year. He is certain that the coming year will see the advantage of all the hard work already done to improve the facility. PDG Pierre also thanked the office staff, namely Kirsty Mackenzie and Angie Tshabalala, for their work at the coal face of the operation.

Thanks were extended to Medequip (Pty) Ltd for their outstanding and generous donation of labour to service the equipment as well as a donation of a new optometric chair and stand and 1350 masks which are being used for patients at the clinic. The value of this donation is R146 000.00

***The meeting adjourned as the Governing Board of Lions Brightsight and
reconvened as the Council of Governors for Multiple District 410***

13.0 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

13.1 GMT / LEOs

PDG IAN KING

Per the report tabled, the results for membership growth are below budget and short of the target goals set for the year. The year has been tough but the District Governors have done an amazing job of managing the amalgamation of the Districts. The 531 members lost were mainly as a result of the consolidation of Clubs combined with the financial situation caused by the COVID19 pandemic. On the positive side, 285 new members were inducted and now have a platform to serve. There are still 2055 dedicated Lions in the Multiple District.

The need for increased Zone and Region involvement at club level is apparent as its one of the areas where enthusiasm is generated.

A complaint was submitted to the Council of Governors that the Leos are being left out of communications. PDG Ian reminded the sponsoring clubs that it is their responsibility to ensure their Leos are informed and taken care of. Both Districts have been requested to appoint Leo District Chairs.

13.2 GLT

PDG PAULA LANG

Nothing to add to report tabled. The District Chairs Lion Sharon Cottle and Lion Lindie van Wyk were thanked for their work during the year.

CC Jacqui advised that the RLLI has been carried forward by LCI and will take place prior to the 2021 Convention. She appealed to all Lions to consider attending this.

13.3 GST

PCC CLIFF HOCKING

The Food Forward SA / Pick 'n Pay Mandela Day initiative has been cancelled this year due the COVID-19 situation, but we look forward to working with them in 2021.

The proposal on the creation of a Lions Awareness Day on 16 January 2021 was approved in principal by the Council of Governors and the Incoming Council and incoming GST co-ordinator will be addressing this and taking it forward.

The work done by clubs over the past few months in terms of food, clothing and looking after the communities has been astonishing. Thanks were extended to all Lions on behalf of Lions Clubs International.

13.4 NEW VOICES

PDG GEILA WILLS

Nothing to add to report tabled. Thanks were conveyed to the District Chairs PDG Tillie Nel and Lion Avril Hobbs as well as Lion Suzanne Murray for their efforts. PDG Geila added that although a lot has been accomplished, there is still much to achieve.

14. MULTIPLE DISTRICT CO-ORDINATOR REPORTS

14.1 YOUTH

LION KARIN PRESTON

Report was tabled.

CC Jacqui advised that the winners of the MD Essay and Peace Poster Contest have been communicated via email and prize moneys have been paid. Leandri du Toit (sponsored by Rustenburg LC) won the Peace Poster Contest and Rezaan America (sponsored by Gordons Bay LC) won the MD Essay contest.

CC Jacqui requested both clubs to convey the Council's heartfelt congratulations and thanks to both students for their participation and added that she was exceptionally proud of the entries that were submitted to International.

Unfortunately all Youth Exchange camps and hosting had to be suspended by all countries due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposal for a MD Youth Camp has been forwarded to the incoming Council for consideration during the next fiscal year.

14.2 ARCHIVE SECRETARY

PCC ROB FOWLER

Report tabled.

14.3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

PCC DENIS MEYER

Report tabled.

Sincere appreciation was extended to PDG Kim for assistance with the directory as well as setting up of all the webinars.

The District websites are a work in progress and changes are being made on a regular basis. PCC Denis encouraged all Lions to participate in all the social media groups as it is a perfect way of communicating especially during these difficult times.

14.4 LIONS ALERT

MDC NEVILLE V RENSBURG

MDC Neville thanked the District Co-ordinators and participating clubs for their support over the year. He appealed to all clubs to get involved with the Alert program during the coming and emphasised its importance, especially in light of the recent events.

14.5 LCIF / CAMPAIGN 100

PDG BERND GERHARD

The Campaign is now at the end of the 2nd year and has raised US\$153,895,868 which is 51.3% of target. Due to COVID-19 interruptions, Campaign 100 will be extended and will run for 4 years and not 3 as originally anticipated.

There has been a global slow-down of the support to the campaign as a lot of clubs are putting funds towards hunger alleviation etc.

Over \$200 000.00 for emergency grants have been received in Africa. 410W is currently in the process of applying for COVID-19 grant. It is not known if applications for the COVID-19 grants will be re-opened.

It is expected that Clubs will make donations to LCIF over the next couple of days with the traditional end of year purchase of Melvin Jones Fellowships.

PDG Bernd said it had been pleasing to note that MD410 were always one of the first to submit reports during the year and he thanked the Committee members, PDG Geila Wills and PDG Lynn Botha for their efforts.

14.6 CHRISTMAS CAKES

PDG NICK MARÉ

PDG Nick recorded his thanks to PCC Denis for his assistance with the online ordering system and accommodating all the changes made.

The figures listed in the report highlight that the project is definitely worthwhile and is one that needs to be savoured and protected. An average of R1.1 million being raised to serve our communities plus the ± R29k that goes towards Lions Brightsight. PDG Nick expressed his sincere hopes that the negativity surrounding the project will fall away, adding that a lot of the problems that occur could easily be resolved by following the procedures that have been put in place.

The incentive offered by the baker of a R5 per cake rebate for early payment to clubs admin account will assist the clubs as well as the baker who incurred losses by the fact that some clubs only settled their accounts in early April this year.

Thanks to the District Chairs, PDG Jeannie and L Garry for their hard work.

The resolution of the selling price to be increased to R125 per cake was adopted – 60 for and 5 votes against.

PDG Nick re-iterated that the selling price is a suggested retail price and clubs can discount the price if they so choose. However clubs are urged not to advertise this in any media, social or printed, as this causes untold difficulties for the other clubs in the Multiple District.

The requirements for the reporting of deficiencies and problems are on the order form. Following the procedures allows easy resolution of any issues.

The refunds for claims on defective cakes have not yet been paid by the baker as not all clubs, despite numerous requests, have provided bank details. The Council of Governors have advised that clubs who do not supply the details required by the end of the month, will forfeit the refund. The clubs that have supplied their information will receive their refunds in the first week of the new Lionistic year.

CC Jacqui commented that the personal abuse shown by certain clubs is certainly not commendable and encouraged all clubs to follow the process and procedures laid out when and if there are issues.

PCC Holger Sircoulomb thanked PDG Nick for arranging cakes to be delivered to Namibia at no extra charge and queried the import vat applicable to Namibia. PDG Nick responded that this will be discussed offline as there could be a possible solution.

ZC Charles Flanagan from Tokai Lions Club questioned the R5 rebate per cake being taken from Service account to the Admin account. PDG Nick explained that this amount is not coming from the public and is not part of the cake profit in any way. The incentive is offered by the baker who has set it up to encourage early payment by clubs. The rebate will only be payable if the account is settled on time.

15.0 CONVENTION REPORTS

15.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS

MDC VICKI VAN WYK

In addition to the tabled report, MDC Vicki thanked and congratulated Lion Trevor Hobbs and the convention 2020 team for the manner in which they handled the unprecedented situation.

15.2 MD410 CONVENTION 2020 STATUS REPORT

CC JACQUI HOCKING

CC Jacqui thanked PDG Kim for stepping up to the plate and making the Virtual Convention happen. CC Jacqui also expressed thanks to Lion Trevor and the committee for all the hard work and for dealing with all the uncertainty and shifting of "goal posts".

15.3 2021 MD410 CONVENTION

LION TREVOR HOBBS

Lion Trevor thanked the incoming Council and the Lions Club of East London Port Rex for allowing the 2021 convention to take place in Durban. There are ± 30 registrations that are still being held and if Lions would like these to be refunded they need to advise PDG Kim before the end of the month. It is anticipated that the expenses incurred will be covered from the interest on funds in the account.

The provisional dates for the 2021 convention are the weekend beginning Friday 30th April to Saturday 1st May 2021, with departure on Sunday 2nd May. The hotel will confirm both the dates and costs once they re-open. New registration forms will be sent out and Lions are requested to register as early as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made in terms of venue requirements. Provision has been made by the hotel for those members who will be fasting and observing Ramadan.

Lion Gert Grobler asked if it would be possible to have a joint virtual and in person Convention. CC Jacqui replied that this would need to be investigated as the voting procedure would need to be taken into account.

15.4 2022 MD410 CONVENTION

1ST VDGE LES HUMAN

The Blue Lagoon Hotel on the Nahoon River have confirmed that they will hold the following prices for 2022:-

- Convention registration of R1200 per person.
- Accommodation costs on a bed and breakfast basis will range from R900 for single to R750 per person for 2 people sharing and down to R550 per person for 6 people sharing.

CC Jacqui extended her thanks to the organising committee of Port Rex for being so understanding with the situation.

Following a question raised, 1st VDGE Les confirmed that the convention will be held in East London from 28th April 2022 to 30th April 2022 with the 1st May 2022 being a public holiday.

16.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ELECT 2021/2022

CC JACQUI HOCKING

In terms of Article 6, Section 1 of the Multiple District Constitution, nominations were called for by the Council Secretary from Past District Governors resident within Multiple District 410 who were willing to make themselves available. Following receipt of the nominations by the deadline date of 23rd March 2020 and in line with the Multiple District Constitution, a virtual meeting was held with the incumbent 2nd VDGE's being Leslie Human and Aiden Ewers on 6 April 2020 at 18.30.

It is therefore my pleasure to announce that the Council Chairman Elect for the fiscal year 2021/2022 is PDG Brian von der Decken from the Lions Club of King Williams Town. Please join me in congratulating PDG Brian. PDG Brian stated that he looks forward to serving the Multiple District in this position for the fiscal year 2021/2022.

17.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

CS BEAULIEU MARÉ

17.1 Communication - CS Beaulieu thanked and acknowledged the support given by Cabinet Secretaries Jonquille and Judy in distributing communications from the Multiple District to the clubs. She noted that when external communications are received there are often delays in these reaching the correct Lion or club as the information on the directories is in many instances outdated and thus appealed to all incoming club secretaries to ensure that the correct information is recorded on LCI.

17.2 On behalf of the Council of Governors, DG Alistair acknowledged the support and guidance that CC Jacqui has given both as Council Chairman and personally over the past year and advised CC Jacqui that a donation of

R2200.00 has been made to LCIF in her name. CC Jacqui thanked the MD410 Council for their support and for this generous “gift”.

18.0 PRESENTATIONS

CC JACQUI HOCKING

The following presentations were made: -

- The MD410 Environmental photo contest winner – Lion Meredith Wilter-Sturges of Lions Club of Midrand.
- A Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, sponsored by the Lions Club of Port Rex, was presented to PDG Pierre Theron for outstanding service over many years to Lions Brightsight as well as the Multiple District.
- International President’s Certificate of Appreciation were presented to Council Secretary Beaulieu Maré, Council Treasurer PCC Viv Grater; Lion Trevor Hobbs and PDG Kim Wyk.
- International President’s Leadership Awards were presented to District Governor Bennie Smith; District Governor Alistair Tuckett and the International Presidents Award to Past Council Chairman Cliff Hocking.
- The Floating Trophy for the Largest Delegation of registered delegates went to District 410W with 150 registrations.

19 WELCOME TO DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT

CC JACQUI HOCKING

CC Jacqui welcomed and congratulated District Governors Elect Pieter Nel (District 410W) and Jeff Smith (District 410E) saying that despite the numerous challenges they have already had to face, they have already shown great leadership and have plans in place to continue to build our Multiple District and to serve to the best of their ability.

20. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN 2020/2021

PCC MIKE NEWLANDS

PCC Mike presented CC Jacqui with an International Presidents Award for her inspired leadership during the year.

PCC Mike Newlands introduced Council Chairman Herman Smit to the Multiple District describing his Lionistic career and achievements.

21. VIRTUAL INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN 2020/2021

CC JACQUI HOCKING

CC Jacqui thanked CCE Herman for accepting the position and “virtually” handed him the Chain of Office.

22. ADDRESS BY CONCIL CHAIRMAN ELECT

CCE HERMAN SMIT

CCE Herman thanked his wife and his club for their support and congratulated all Lions who received recognition during the convention. During the coming year, the Council will have three main areas of focus, namely:- How we look after our members; How we determine the real need in our local communities and How we share our Lionistic knowledge and leadership to support our communities and our country. His theme for the year will be “Creating Positive Change By Serving Others”. The MD council consists of

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| Treasurer | PCC Viv Grater |
| Finance Chair | PDG Malcolm Johnston |
| Secretary | L Beaulieu Maré |
| Constitutions | PCC Cliff Hocking |
| Christmas Cakes | PDG Nick Maré |
| GLT | PDG Paula Lang |
| GMT / Leos | 1 st VDG Les Human |
| GST | 2ST VDG Aidan Ewers |
| LCIF | PDG Bernd Gerhard |
| Youth / Peace Poster / Youth Exchange | L Karin Preston |
| IT | PCC Denis Meyer |
| Standing Committee on Conventions | PCC Mike Newlands |
| Lions Alert | L Neville van Rensburg |
| MD 2021 Convention Convenor | L Trevor Hobbs |
| Lions Brightsight | PDG Pierre Theron |

23. CLOSURE

CC JACQUI HOCKING

CC Jacqui reminded all Lions of the quote “Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional”, adding that our ultimate objective as Lions is to “Serve”.

All business being concluded, CC Jacqui closed the 56th 'Service Knows No Boundaries' Virtual Convention at 16:17.

Signed at _____ on _____

Council Chairperson Jacqui Hocking

Council Secretary Beaulieu Maré