

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DISTRICT 2E-1 LIONS TISSUE AND EYE BANK, INC. Thirty-Third Annual Meeting – April 28, 2007 Graham, Texas

The thirty-third Annual Meeting of the District 2E-1 Lions Tissue and Eye Bank, Inc. was held Saturday April 28, 2007 at the American Legion Building, Graham, Texas in conjunction with the 2007 District 2E-1 Lions Convention.

President Allen Lamb called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Past District Governor Gary Sult led the invocation.

Lions Tissue and Eye Bank officers and directors were introduced by President Lamb. Lamb noted that he had not started the term, but was elevated due to the untimely death of President George Goforth. He noted that his widow had passed away this past week.

President Lamb called attention to the second page of the pass-out, noting that the District By-Laws require clubs to be in good standing to be eligible to vote on corporation business. The clubs shown high-lighted have not paid dues and are considered to be not in good standing, not eligible to vote. He stated that it is not too late to pay dues for this year ending June 30, 2007.

Lamb noted that our By-Laws permit the Board of Directors to make interim appointments to the Board of Directors when vacancies occur. During the December 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board appointed Lion Michael Franklin of the Mineral Wells Club to replace Lion George Goforth after his untimely death. Since our Board meeting in December 2006, a vacancy has occurred in Zone 3-B elected last year.

Lion Rob Durham of Woodson has indicated that if elected he would fill this vacancy through the remaining one year of that term. Although not elected his name appears adjacent to Zone 3-B.

The floor is open for other nominations at this time.

There being none, will you elect Lion Rob Durham to be Director of Zone 3-B? Lion Rob Durham was unanimously elected to serve as Director of Zone 3-B.

President Lamb in his remarks noted the meetings of the Quad District Group at Transplant Services in Dallas were very productive and the interaction between the Districts were helpful to all who attended.

Minutes of the thirty-second Annual Meeting held in Stephenville on April 29, 2006 were approved as printed and distributed.

Executive Director Wheeler reported that he had received a communication from our Medical Director, Dr. Miller Richert indicating that he could not attend the Convention and he wished to convey his warmest regards to everyone from 2E-1 in attendance. Dr. Richert noted that he continues to have a great working relationship with Transplant Services Center in Dallas. Since the first of the year we have performed three corneal transplants in Abilene. We have two additional procedures scheduled to be done in the next 2-3 weeks. One patient is awaiting clearance from her family physician because of a urinary tract infection or she would already have had surgery.

Wheeler distributed a packet which included copies of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held April 29, 2006, in Stephenville; 100% Participation of Clubs for the current year and the two previous years; Statement of Purpose of the District 2E-1 Lions Tissue and Eye Bank; Grant Guidelines; Amendments to the By-Laws of the District 2E-1 Lions Tissue and Eye Bank; a list of Charter Members and clubs currently eligible for long term patches; financial statement for July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007; White Cane Day participation; Letter from Transplant Services Center concerning our statistics; letter from UT Southwestern Medical Center acknowledging our contribution to Transplant Services Center; copy of the invitation to the Celebration of New Years Through Transplantation Medicine held in Wichita Falls January 7, 2007; statistics for cornea and tissue retrieval and distribution for the year by Transplant Services Center. He reviewed the information in the packet, pointing out that all but 17 of the clubs in the district had made their 100% contributions this year and the fact that we were importing more corneas than we were retrieving.

Wheeler read the Purposes of the organization and emphasized the value of the Grant Program and encouraged Lions Clubs to take advantage of this opportunity.

Wheeler reviewed the proposed amendments to the Tissue and Eye Bank By-Laws noting that the Board of Directors had studied the need for changes, properly advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and recommend adoption by the District. He described briefly the intent of each amendment noting that members missing more than four regular scheduled meetings will be replaced after review by the Board of Directors. The notice of regular scheduled meetings of the Board is amended from three days to ten days and the definition of a quorum is described as members present at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board.

Wheeler requested the President call a vote on these amendments noting that the Board of Directors had recommended approval. The motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adopt the amendments that will be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Wheeler called attention to the financial report which showed an opening balance in the checking account of \$12,577.30, receipts of \$1,319.28 and disbursements of \$8,984.11 for a closing balance of \$4,912.47; plus a current market value of \$38,529.51 in the investment account for a total of \$43,441.98 in current assets of the Tissue and Eye Bank. He noted that this was approximately \$5,000.00 less than this same time last year. He also noted that the White Cane receipts since July 1, 2006 were not included in the totals. All clubs participating in March have not responded.

President Lamb called for a motion to accept the Financial Report. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the Financial Report.

Wheeler mentioned that Transplant Services in Dallas, with which we are affiliated, had reported that in District 2E-1 there were 16 donors in 2006 who gave 15 eye donations, 3 skin donations, 4 bone donations, and 2 heart for valve donations. From the eye donations in the district, 25 corneas were used for transplants, while 47 corneas were received from Transplant Services for transplants to recipients living in the district.

Drew Timmons, RN, CTBS Transplant Outreach Representative, of Transplant Services Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas presented a slide show on donation activities. He thanked us for giving him time on our program and noted that it was always a pleasure to visit in and working with this District and being in Graham. He noted that he was completing his 14th year in transplantation and tissue donation, seven of which has been with Transplant Services Center in Dallas.

In the four district service area last year Transplant Services Center had 492 total donors, out of this total there were 454 eyes, 136 skin, 155 bone, 49 heart valves, 17 vein and 4 cartilage donors. These numbers represent the entire coverage area. Last year over this same period we distributed over 8,000 bone grafts to hospitals throughout the four districts that we work with, we supplied 967 corneas for transplantation, You will note on the chart that we had to import 283 corneas from other Eye Banks throughout the country to meet our local needs. We are fortunate to have an alliance with other Eye Banks that can furnish corneas when they are needed. In the same token we can export also. There is a constant flow in and out for corneas. We are a constant importer of corneas. As Mr. Wheeler has said, there is a tremendous need for donation in our own area.

We have provided 363 sclera grafts and 317 square feet of skin. A fair amount of the skin has been going to the Brooks Medical Center in San Antonio. Our primary user is the Parkland Burn Center with skin going to burn centers throughout the nation as well as internationally.

I will not spend a lot of time on these charts as Mr. Wheeler has already discussed them. I will say, however, again, there is a tremendous need. He again reviewed the statistics for the District adding that there were 176 musculoskeletal grafts performed in your District

This is where we work together to inform the public and also inform the hospitals. The vast majority of our recovery occur in the hospitals after a death in the hospital and when they know it is a concern to the community, they become a little more supportive.

A quick review of our activities that we do with the contributions that you provide. We work with the hospitals to develop policies and procedures when notifying us when a death occurs. We are supportive of families when making that decision about donation. Any time we have a donor we follow up with the hospital and the individual staff members that were involved to learn how the process went with them as we want to make the process as smooth as possible. Again, we want the process to be as smooth as possible as we work with the families

together. We do professional education and public education as well and of course the Lions Clubs. He invited clubs to call on him for programs.

Each year we honor our donor and transplantation families the week before Thanksgiving and urge you to attend one of these programs. They occur the Sunday before Thanksgiving each year. Please try to attend because the Lions are needed to assist in conducting the program. It is a program telling what we are about. It is also one of those things you walk away from understanding what we are about. It is a powerful and moving experience. I'll be honest with you, it is one of the hardest things that I help put together each year. It is also one of the most rewarding. When we see the donor families come together with the recipients meeting us, it is a very emotional time for me because this is a chance I get to meet some of the families I work with face to face. As most of you know, most of our contacts with these families are over the telephone. This is the chance that I have to put voices with faces of people.

Timmons reviewed some of the donors and recipients shown on the presentation, noting that eloquent speeches often occur during the programs. The participants are supported by family contingents. Mr. Wheeler has already described the New Years Celebration in Wichita Falls, a similar program to the Thanksgiving Program. Again, it is a tremendous program and it is conducted for your District. If you get a chance, please try to attend the next one. Posters with photographs of the donors were used in lieu of audio visual material that proved to be very successful. We were surprised when the program ended that the donor families came to the front and requested the posters to take home. We had intended to use them in educational programs but granted the requests.

The Quad District Board, official name, The Texas Vision and Transplantation Alliance meet twice a year. It is a way for all four Districts to meet and share ideas and a way to have a voice in what we do. It is very meaningful for us to work with Lions because you are our connection to the community. From the piney woods of East Texas to the big sky country of West Texas to inter cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Lions are there providing vision and eyeglass support for people in need. We are a small part of what you do, and we realize that, but we also realize that when we touch lives of both the donor side and the recipient side, that's one of the things that we do by working together to frame those two families together.

Thank you so much for your contributions to make that happen. Thank you so much for your time and your word in sharing this message in your community. Thank you.

President Lamb thanked Timmons for his report and noted that it was always great to hear the report from Transplant Services Center relating the story concerning the efforts of two Transplant Services employees driving a van with a load of skin to Washington D.C. without a stop during the 9/11 crises when all aircraft had been grounded. We as Lions can be proud that we participate in these memorable activities.

President Allen Lamb called for nominations for zone directors to represent the six "A" Zones, whose terms expire in odd-number years. Executive Director Wheeler noted that the incumbent directors had been contacted and all had agreed to serve for another term if elected.. MOTION was made by Doris Kendrick , with a second by Gary Sult, that all current Zone "A" directors be re-elected for a two year term. Motion carried. The following directors were elected to serve for 2007-2009.

Zone 1A – John Van Dunk
Zone 2A – Beatt Campbell
Zone 3A – Sam Conway
Zone 4A – Les Maxwell
Zone 5A – Carol Felts
Zone 6A – Dorothy Woods

President Lamb presented a resolution that had been submitted by the Board of Directors recognizing Past Council Chair, Past District Governor Ervin D. Hiler for his many years of service to the District 2E-1 Lions Tissue and Eye Bank.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Additionally, a framed certificate from Transplant Services Center was presented to Hiler who was not present.

Wheeler recognized the four Charter Clubs of the organization which had maintained their annual 100% contributions for thirty-four years – Abilene Elmwood West, Abilene Evening, Abilene Founder, and Mineral Wells Noon. He noted that original charter clubs which had not maintained their contributions could make them up by contributing any amount which they had missed.

Certificates for 100% Participation were distributed to clubs which had made their 100% contributions for 2006-07 and banner patches were presented for those with multiples of five years of continuous 100% participation.

President Lamb asked that all members of the Board of Directors meet briefly immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers for 2007-08.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
James H. Wheeler, Jr.
Acting Secretary