



Lions Clubs International  
**District 35L: 1st Cabinet Meeting**  
**DG Charlie Largen 2022-2023**

Weds, August 10, 2022  
Arlington Lions Clubhouse  
6523 Commerce St., Jax, FL 32211

Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order 7:09 pm** – President Damon Alston, Arlington Lions Club

**Cabinet Members' Entrance -**

**Invocation** –PDG Bobby Wright

**Pledge** – PCC Lou Jones

**Lions Toast** – PCC Lou Jones

**Welcome** – President Damon Alston

**Break for Dinner**

**Reconvene Meeting:**

**Roll Call:** Cabinet Secretary, Jo Ann Largen

**Introduction of Head Table:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tony Esposito

**PACE** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tony thanked Pace for their help and partnership with this event.

**Introduction of District Governor:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tony Esposito

**Welcome and Remarks** – District Governor Charlie Largen stated that leadership and cabinet members successfully did training classes. The Budget was reviewed and approved at the Pre-Cabinet meeting today.

**New Business:**

**PID Geoffrey Wade-Guest Speaker**-He discussed IP Brian Sheehan's message and Motto. "Together We Can" and "Together We Will." He is also doing a raffle for the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind.

**Financial Reports** – Finance Chair PDG Jerry Skufe went over the highlights of the 2021-2022 Final Financial Report. See the Minutes of the Pre-cabinet meeting for specifics. He also went over the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. See the Minutes of the Pre-cabinet meeting for specifics.

**Leadership Reports:**

**GLT Report:** PCC John Hart discussed his GLT Reports that were presented to the Cabinet. He stated that there were Club Officer training classes today with about 30 members in attendance. The GLT Team is:

PCC Stanley Rodgers  
PDG Jerry Skufe  
Lion George Niles  
DG Charlie Largen-ex-officio

He also stated that Lions Certification Instructor Training (Train the Trainers) program will be January 13-16, 2023, in Charlotte, NC.

There will be Zone & Region Chair Training in June 2023 in Tallahassee.

**GMT Report:** PDG Lou Jones gave his GMT Report. He has Membership information at a table in the front. We have the following membership numbers:

1205 at beginning of this year  
1240 now

Two new clubs are being formed in Lake Butler and Pace, FL. We would like to form six new Clubs and strengthen current Clubs. A Club can also sponsor a Branch Club. We also need Guiding Lions for new Clubs.

DG Charlie raised a new challenge. If \$1000 is donated to Lions Quest and given to Lion Blanche Day, he will dye his hair red.

**GST Coordinator:** DG Charlie stated that the GST Coordinator was not present.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tony Esposito:** He stated that he supports the efforts to grow our District and we need new Guiding Lions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gregory Seltzer:** He has been canvassing with PDG Lou Jones and Cabinet Administrator, Tony Stefanowicz, to grow and create new Clubs. He stated that Lions are too modest. He stated that we need to “Get on Board for Service” with DG Charlie and that knowledge is power.

**District Governor’s Message:**

DG Charlie thanked everyone for their help and attendance and for the great classes that were given today. He acknowledged and thanked his Cabinet. He thanked

PID Geoffrey Wade who is an Advisor to the Cabinet. DG Charlie stated that he has three goals:

Membership

Service?

Learning

He would like to attain an 8% Membership Growth, which equates to 96 new members. He would like to create six new Clubs. His long-range-goal is to add another District (1250 members).

Multiple District – We need members to keep growing. He likes IP Brian Sheehan’s motto of “Together We Can.”

He thanked the Arlington Lions Club, and stated that through their Bingo fundraising, they give back approximately \$300,000 to the community. They have the Arlington Eye and Hearing Clinic, a Baseball field, and have partnered with other Clubs including Jacksonville Beaches, Jacksonville RAW and Jacksonville River City. He stated that Clubs should do a project to help the community and that Service is important.

**Benediction:** President Damon Alston

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM**

Minutes submitted by Cabinet Secretary Jo Ann Largen