

# Land of Lincoln PETS Minutes

February 12, 2017

Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham, IL

**Attendance:** Laura Carie, Wayne Gerlock, Larry Howell, Jill Pietrusinski, Bryce Adam, Judith Bush, Arlene Pennie, Dale Basham, Sue Wright, Kevin Yonce, Dave Matthews, Jeff Thornton, Shari Sherman, Tim Lee, Mel Weith, & Ron Shettler.

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Laura Carie called the meeting to order at 12:00.

**Minutes :** The minutes of the November 13 meeting were approved with the correction of spelling of names. (Joe Hagedorn, Lukie Ulery & Dan Laird.)

**Finances:** Wayne announced that we currently have \$43,953.72 and will have additional funds coming in from attendees from other districts, AG's, etc.

**Vendors:** Vendors scheduled to attend are Russell Hampton and National Awards4U.

**Registration:** Registration numbers are very low at this time so everyone please encourage clubs to register.

**Train the Trainer:** Each district needs to decide who from their district is going to go to the Train the Trainer session. These people need to have experience with DAC. The committee is called DAC Resource Group. The session will be covering all the new things coming up. Ed Foster from DAC will be here Friday afternoon. DAC training will be 9:30 – 11:45 and 1:45 – 5:30.

**Speakers:** Thaddeus Rex will be coming in on Friday and leaving on Saturday. Ed Hardesty & Greg Yank will be arriving together on Saturday and leaving on Sunday. Big Rich will be arriving on Saturday evening at Champaign airport and leaving on Sunday. District 6490 will arrange for his travel from Champaign to Effingham. Larry P will check with Greg Franks to get his travel schedule.

The hotel (Patty) will arrange for a gift basket to be placed in each of the speaker rooms.

**Facilitators:** Facilitators have free registration. Jill will check with Tom Ripperda to see if he will meet with the facilitators for training from 5:00 to 6:30 on Friday evening. Facilitators need to have the information that they are presenting on from RI sent to them.

**Friday Schedule:** AG Training 10:00 – 5:00  
DGEs bring items to be stuffed in bags by 2:00.  
DGEs also bring banners by 2:00. Jill will bring the 4-Way Test Banner and a large theme banner for the podium.  
Stuffing of Bags – 3:00 (The bags will then be placed in the rooms for the first district breakout to be distributed by the DGEs.)  
Facilitators Training – 5:00 – 6:30  
Committee meeting – 5:00 – 6:30  
Dinner – 6:30

**PEN Training:** Jeff Thornton reported that PEN training is 11:00- 5:00 on Saturday and 10:30 – 11:15 on Sunday. Jeff and the DGNs will be facilitating.

**AG Training:** Dave reported that he is looking for someone to do an inspirational message to get people fired up at the beginning of the day. They will then have a panel discussion with AGs. He is looking for experienced AGs to be on the panel. He wants to use Ed Foster for part of the afternoon. My Rotary, and using Public Relations materials in RI will also be covered. A package of resource materials will be given to them. Wayne will order AG Manuals to distribute.

**District Session Breakouts:** DGE will plan their own district sessions.  
(2 on Sat. & 2 on Sun.)

**Program:** Mel will put together the agenda and take care of having the program printed. Joe Mikulecky will be the MC. DGEs will introduce the speakers.  
(Bryce – Thaddeous; Judy – Greg F.; Jill – Greg Y.; Larry – Big Rich; Tim Lee – Ed)  
Bios were distributed to the DGEs.

Larry P will do the Welcome and Closing. Laura will take care of reserved table signage.

Videos will be used instead of Rotary Moments this year. Mel will take care of those.

There will be one pledge and one 4-Way Test each day. Judy and Bryce will each find one person to lead the Pledge. Jill and Larry will each find one person to lead the 4-Way Test.

Each DGE needs to bring a computer and projector for their district breakout room.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 17 at 5:00.

*Arlene Pennie, Secretary*