District 24-L, Zone M Meeting Minutes

The Zone M meeting was held on October 13, 2026 @ 6:30PM. The meeting was hosted by the Broadway Lions Club and was held at the Town & Country Restaurant where the Broadway Lions meet.

The meeting started off with Lion Jennifer Knick leading the pledge of allegiance, and Lion John Knepper had the invocation. I introduced the attending club members as special guests. They got to go first through our meal line.

The clubs in attendance were the Baseye – Bryce Mountain Lions Club with four of their members attending. The Broadway Lions Club had approximately 28-30 members in attendance. Harrisonburg Lions did not have anyone present, due the passing of 2 members who were vitally important to their club. New Market Lion did not have anyone in attendance.

The Broadway Lions talked about some upcoming events and past projects that were recently completed. We got started with the Zone Meeting at approximately 7:40PM. We finished the Zone Meeting and adjourned at 8:30PM.

Lion Rebecca Harrigal was asked to speak on Mental Health at the Zone Meeting. I also discussed what it means to be a Certified Mental Health First Aid person. I asked the clubs to watch out for friends, family, co-worker, etc. concerning how they are sounding, moods shifts, withdrawing from everyone, etc. I let them know that as a Mental Health First Aid person, they are there at the beginning, but they will not be there once they turn things over to the on-call specialist and the person calling for the help agrees they want you back in to assist in someway such as taking the employee to see a Licensed Therapist / Psychologist in the nearby area. I have forwarded emails to each club for their community service board resource guide to aid in finding a number for many different services as well as county programs that help or aid with Mental Illness. I purchased 200 of these poker chips to hand out to my clubs to use as a reminder.



As soon as I receive the poker chips, I will get them out to the clubs for each member.

Club Health Assessment:

Baseye – Bryce Mountain Lions – Started the new year with 59 members, no addition to membership, 2 have dropped, and current Membership is at 57.

Broadway Lions – Started the new year with 50 members, added 6 new members, 2 members dropped, and current Membership is at 54.

Harrisonburg Lions Club – Started the new year with 43 members, no additions to membership, 2 members dropped, and current membership is at 41.

New Market Lions Club – Started the new year with 7 members, no additions to membership, no members dropped, and current membership is at 7.

All clubs are in good standing with their dues and fees. **New Market Lions** are the only club to have donated money to LCIF.

I handed out the sheets for the Kindness Matters Service Award, State Excellence Achievement Award, 100% Treasurer's Award, and the 100% Secretaries Award.

I again stressed that all the clubs need to report membership changes, service projects, etc. as soon as they can to keep all Club records up to date.

I mentioned to everyone that DG Chuck Schwab wants to have several Lions in our area to aid with the Special Olympics event being held at Bridgewater College on November 1st. We will be checking Vision, Hearing, and assisted where needed at the events.

I reminded the members about the Winter Conference scheduled for January 30th at Winchester Moose Lodge.

I also reminded the members about the State Convention scheduled for May 27th thru May 30th in Harrisonburg, VA and held at the Madison Hotel. I stressed that this upcoming State Convention was a great way to meet other Lions, and to network with them. I told them that they could learn a great deal with some of the classes and trainings that are done at the Convention. I also pointed out that this is as close as a State Convention will get to our area, so please attend and support DG Chuck.

Lastly, I Thanked each club for their donated basket gifts that were used to raise money to pay for our PID speaker's meals and hotel stay. Per DG Chuck, the money raised covered our PID guest speaker's costs.

Thanks,

Frederick Shobe

Zone M Chairperson