

Regular



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Official minutes of the 12th Regular Meeting of the Curacao Lions Club

The Regular Meeting of the Curacao Lions Club, held on March 18, 2010 at Fort Nassau. Vice-President FL Humphrey Genaro called the meeting to order at 12.30 hrs. p.m. All present were requested to rise and face the flags to pay tribute by singing the Curacao anthem.

Attendance, as shown on the Attendance Record.

Total members	: 81
Attendance	: 25
Excuses	: 5
Percentage	: 37%

1. Opening

FL Vice-Pres welcomes all present, especially the Club's guest and speaker Mr. Jerson Harrigan who will speak about "Economia Social, E forsa pa nos komunidat".

2. Curaçao Anthem / Tribute to the Flags

All rise to pay tribute to the flags.

3. Moment of Grace

A moment of silence is held.

A minute of silence is held for the deceased FL Francis O'Connor.

FL Karel takes the opportunity to pledge to the Membership, and also to the Board, that someone, maybe the Secretary or another member, writes a short story about the activities of FL Francis O'Connor in the CLC, because Francis was a very remarkable Lion, named Mr. Bon Bisinja; the godfather of one of the Club's most important fundraising activities.

FL Francis has been Secretary for more than six years; no other member did this after him. It is suggested to make a short story about Francis' Lionistic life for the newspapers, however the Club shouldn't wait too long to place this in remembrance.

FL Humphrey will pass this request to the Board for execution.

FL Peter introduces his guest, a good friend, Mr. Jeroen Eijkhorn.

Mr. Eijkhorn returned four years ago to Curacao and is currently working at HBN Law.

FL Humphrey and the members welcome Mr. Eijkhorn to the Club's lunch-meeting.

4. Thought of the day

Een vlinder heeft geen maanden te leven; toch heeft hij altijd tijd genoeg.

-- One of the favorites of FL Robert Huizen --

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved as presented.

On FL Gibi question FL Peter informs that the extra wine served is on the occasion of the relocation of their offices at the Schouwburgweg # 3.

The members congratulate FL Peter.

6. Raffle

FL Robbert assists with the raffle. A bag, won by FL Gibi at the ZM in Bonaire will be raffled. Members are requested to pay Nafls. 3.00.

Nr. 9 is called; the bottle of wine – and again the bag - are for FL Gibi.

Proceeds: Nafls. 75.00.

7. a. Corrections minutes last Regular Meeting

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FL George remarks: the sentence should read: FL George agrees with the recruitment of new members, but retention is also important, etc. etc.

b. Matters arising from these minutes.

None

The minutes stand as corrected.

8. Announcements and Correspondence

- FL Humphrey invites FL Nico to give an update on the Zone Meeting held in Bonaire.

- FL Nico informs that the meeting was very fruitful, interesting topics were highlighted and discussed.

On Friday a very well presented social meeting at Fort Oranje was held. The food was excellent, so was the bachata-dancing.

On Saturday morning during the Interclub Meeting the following topics were discussed:

- the performance of the Clubs;
- the Noche de Gala the CLC to be co-hosting during the convention in San Cristobal, especially how to arrive there safely, the costs involved etc.
- the Escuela Permanente starting March 18th to March 22nd, with the participation of FL's Stephen and Dino, where Lionistic courses will be given. FL Nico will travel on Saturday to Aruba to join in the teaching;
- the upcoming projects of the Clubs for the upcoming Lionistic year;
- the membership of the Clubs;
- the upcoming Zone Meeting; ALC announced the incoming Zone Chairman, FL Franki Kuperi, who will take over from FL Stephen.

FL Stephen received compliments for a tremendous job done; his presentation during the Zone Meetings, representing CLC in Venezuela and the contact CLC has been giving to other Clubs. CLC can be very proud of FL Stephen.

- The meeting was closed in the evening with a social gathering at Magazina di Rey. All tried to do everything in their possibility, even dancing Limbo. The Clubs were involved and had a fantastic time with the BLC.
- It was decided, pending approval of the ALC, to change the sequence of the meetings. The first upcoming Zone Meeting will be held in Curacao, then in Aruba and the last meeting in Bonaire. This change is to accommodate the ALC, with their yearly scheduled raffle of their house in November.

FL Nico invites FL's who attended the Zone Meeting in Bonaire to add their comments. On FL Tom question with regard to the convention and the event to be held in San Cristobal FL Nico answers that the Board decided to co-host the Noche de Gala. FL Nico will travel to Venezuela from April 8th to April 9th, to attend a meeting with the Consejo de Gobernadores to finalize all pending details of the convention in San Cristobal.

The most important issue is the security of FL's to reach San Cristobal (cost-wise). Currently, the easiest and more secure way to FL Nico's opinion is the alternative to travel to Colombia with Avianca and further continue with busses to San Cristobal, instead of travelling to Venezuela. Good prices will be dealt and all efforts will be done to travel with a large delegation to San Cristobal.

FL Karel remarks if it wouldn't be more convenient to postpone the Noche de Gala and have others host this part for the reason that it will be very doubtful how many members will be attending the San Cristobal convention. FL Nico states that the CLC already made commitments. Better is to promote the event and to encourage more members to attend. In the past all was arranged two months in advance, exactly as is the case now.

Extensive discussions follow on the convention and the Noche de Gala in San Cristobal. The opinion is that the promotion and/or the security are not the main issues; but the costs involved; the three-day visit to Venezuela, costing Nafls. 1500 seems quite expensive. Cheaper prices must be discussed and/or a conversation of the Daily Board with the Governors of San Cristobal to see if changes are possible, because there might be a chance, that this event is co-hosted without the participation of a large group of FL's. It is suggested to reconsider before continuing if only two or three members will be attending. FL Nico remarks that before the CLC committed, the Board approved a certain amount to co-host the Noche de Gala. Afterward the approval was confirmed to Venezuela. It is too late to cancel / change plans; doing so will leave a very bad impression. The question is, who is going to take-over at this time. After returning from Cabimas, the decision was taken to co-host the Noche de Gala.

- FL George reminds that it was decided that FL Nico would:
1. shop for good ticket-prices for the most secure travelling to Venezuela;
 2. check all further details with regard to convenient and safe hotels and
 3. report to the membership.
- FL Nico remarks that his views are on two different things:
1. the Noche de Gala the CLC committed to already, and was approved by the Board, and
 2. how to promote the travelling to Venezuela.

The costs involved for the Noche de Gala are approximately US\$ 1300.
In the past the Club dealt with higher expenditures for trips to Venezuela.

FL Donny comes back on the ZM held in Bonaire, asking how the Clubs are doing with regard to their membership

FL Nico answers that all three clubs experienced a very small increase.

The CLC lost two FL's this year, who passed away; this loss was compensated with two new members.

The total Zone has increased with four members.

In Venezuela they are increasing rapidly in E-1 but still not reaching the maximum.

The total of the District is about 980.

FL Humphrey thanks FL Nico for his report.

FL Humphrey further

- thanks FL Robert for the minutes of the Interclub Meeting and Zone Meeting
- informs of the e-mail sent with regard to the convocation for the Nomination Meeting to be held on March 25th, during the lunch meeting
- informs of a letter of condolences received from El Consejo de Gobernadores, E-1 and from the Governor of District E for the passing away of FL Francis O'Connor.

9. Speaker: Mr. Jerson Harrigan

FL Robert introduces the speaker for this Regular Meeting, Mr. Jerson Harrigan.

Although approached on a short term with only two days to prepare, Mr. Harrigan accepted the Club's invitation. The speech will be held in Papiamentu.

FL Harrigan studied HRM in Groningen, Holland, mainly organization and especially changes in organizations. Mr. Harrigan is also very much involved in credit union and quite specialized in the financial sector. His topic: Economia Social, is a quite new topic.

The members welcome Mr. Harrigan.

Mr. Harrigan explains that in most communities, not only in Curacao, this topic often gets different interpretation of what it is not and also that a lot of confusion exists on this subject.

Mr. Harrigan gives an interesting speech, elaborating on the definitions of this subject, which is also named Economia Solidario, mainly elaborating on the local definition.

Mr. Harrigan gives an interesting presentation. Afterwards members asked questions.

FL Pres thanks Mr. Harrigan on behalf of the CLC for his presentation, handing over the Club's certificate of appreciation.

10. Report Tail Twister

The acting Tail Twister, FL Michael, fines members for several issues.

Total of fines: Nafls. 20.00.

11. Free word

FL Clifton briefly reports on a meeting of the Nomination Committee with regard to the best possible candidates available for the Board 2010-2011.

The next process is to call some of the members to check the interest in running for any office. Members themselves can also call FL's Clifton, George or Stephen.

Next week the slate will be presented to the membership.

FL Gibi noticed changes going on in the ALC. During the ZM in Bonaire a female member participated. It seems that the ALC installed their first female member. This was never before.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 13.30 hrs p.m.