

## **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING JULY 31, 2005 - C J's, Ripon**

Called to order at 1:00 p.m. by District Governor Gary Colton.

Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Richard Christianson

Prayer and song led by Lion Pat Knier

Introduction of special guest International Director Wayne Heimann and his wife, Cheryl

Roll call of all cabinet members present (self-introductions)

Approval of agenda; motion by , 2nd by Ken Wallander, to approve as printed; passed.

Governor Gary talked about International President Ashok Mehta and his theme for the year, "Passion to Excel." Broken into five parts: Passion to lead; passion to grow; passion to perform; passion to serve; and passion to promote.

Minutes from the last cabinet meeting; motion by Tom King, 2nd by to approve; passed

One communication; thank-you for \$102.50 to Wisconsin Pediatric Eye Clinic from State convention auction.

Induction of cabinet members by International Director Wayne Heimann

Past cabinet secretary-treasurer Renee Seiler reported on the accounts for 2004-05. Governor Gary mentioned that there was some "tweaking" to do to get the books into the format used these last few years. In addition, PDG Clayton Sengbush has agreed to audit the 2004-05 books. Motion by PDG Vic Voigt, second by PDG Tom Clausen, to table the acceptance of the old treasurer's report until the final figures are available—passed.

No other old business to mention.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2005-2006 budget was submitted by Governor Gary; it is a balanced budget, with spending equal to income with no carryover. Two clubs did not pay dues last year; Town of Menasha and Sheboygan Hispanic. Town of Menasha lost their charter, and they will be billed from International until they turn it in. PDG Tom Clausen suggested that we call Oakbrook and see if we can work this out. Governor Gary will take care of that. Sheboygan Hispanic needs some help to continue; their zone chairman is working with them. There was an objection to cutting the Zone Chairman's payout. It was suggested by Renee Seiler that we remove the \$300 State Convention opening luncheon tickets, which wasn't used last year.

Motion by PDG Dave Petrie, second by PDG Steve Groene, to approve the budget as submitted; discussion about the Zone Chairman's change caused Steve to withdraw his second. Motion by PDG Tom Clausen, second by PDG Steve Groene to put back the full amount of \$150 to the zone chairmen, by removing the State Convention tickets amount passed. Motion by PDG Tom King, second by Dave Wood, to accept the budget as revised—passed.

Approval to deposit District funds—Governor Gary has set up accounts at Fond du Lac Credit Union with standard monthly statements. Motion by IPDG Richard Christianson, second by PDG Tom King, passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Radisson Paper Valley has been very cooperative—PDG Tom King reports that he still needs help with Convention Program advertising—is seeking assistance from one of the Appleton clubs to spearhead this; everything else is well under control. Room rates \$79/night. PDG Tom Clausen will make sure that the registration forms are in the next Governor's newsletter. Tom King will provide all information for the form.

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** PDG Clayton Sengbush congratulated Governor Gary for being selected Council of Governors Vice-Chairman.

MERLO: meeting last Tuesday with the zone chairmen went very well. PDG Ed and VDG Ken submitted a “great” MERLO plan for the district. We are urged to set a date for a meeting to ‘fine-tune’ the plan. In addition, the committee is working in Winneconne, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac to reinforce one club and start a new one.

WISCONSIN LIONS FOUNDATION: WLF Directors Dave Wood and Tom Clausen reported that the 9th week of summer camp is starting, two weeks of diabetes campers. Both of these sessions are completely full. There are spaces available in other sessions. There were about 1,600 campers this past season. They are looking into the possibility of a full-time nurse.

There are no personnel issues this year.

Next big venture; the health office. The current one is in an old cabin; it just barely meets requirements.

Lions Pride; we need this program to work, need those dollars for the camp.

Sports Raffle; progressing.

State Fair; looking for members to go to the state fair for a day, to work an information booth there.

Report on finances; camp took in \$1,378,000 and disbursements \$1,335,000, so we didn’t have to dip in to the foundation. But costs continue to climb, so stay on the clubs to keep the money coming in. Wish list still has items to fill.

We are celebrating our 50th year; there will be a 50th Anniversary celebration next year. There are 50th year shirts for \$40. Also, a new commemorative pin for \$5.

CHILDREN’S VISION SCREENING: PDG Paul Tadych said they are working on a September training session, hopefully in Fond du Lac.

DIABETES, LEHP & SIGHT: PDG Ken Wallander reported a large donation of string cheese from Sargento to the foundation. He had attended a diabetes focus meeting; they are working on a 3-5 year plan with emphasis education on the need for regular dilated eye exams. It can be an early indication of developing diabetes.

DISTRICT AND STATE BOWLING: Governor Gary presented the report for chairman Bill Hilbert; full speed ahead. Application blanks are ready, all other preparations are ahead of schedule.

DISTRICT BUCKET RAFFLE: Lion Craig Hansen reported that the materials are ready to get out to the clubs before the convention.

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS: No committee report; Governor Gary reported that we are looking for a **Vice District Governor** candidate.

HEARING, SPEECH, EYEGLASSES: Lion Howard Sippel reported lots of applications for the district to handle. In fact 27B1 was second for number turned into the state. 23 clubs donated used hearing aids from our district, and 5 Lioness clubs. A question was raised as to how the credit is taken for the hearing aid donations; is the district going to get it, or does the foundation? Basically, it brings down the cost of hearing aids to all districts. Lion Howard will check with the Foundation or the State as to specifics.

Lion Howard indicated that he will resign from this committee at the end of this year.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Lion Sandy King had three guests from the youth exchange program. They had 59 youth exchange students from 29 countries at Camp Dundee. They asked for assistance from the clubs close by for cleanup on the last morning of the event—it would help a lot. Also, funds are still needed from the clubs as well.

HISTORIAN: PDG Orv Doede is still looking for any historical information from clubs, district, past district governors, etc. We have several storage boxes full of information. If any club is having an anniversary, honoring a member, or whatever they might need, let Orv know; he will probably have some information to help.

IT / NEWSLETTER: PDG Tom Clausen has set up a lot of information on the website; let him know what your clubs are doing, and he’ll get it up on the site and the newsletter.

LCIF: IPDG Richard Christianson requested that clubs make sure that checks sent to the district be specified "DESIGNATED UNNAMED" so that it adds up toward the \$1,000 for a District Melvin Jones. The funds will be held up to three years for a single fellowship.

LEADER DOG / DISTRICT RAFFLE: PDG Vic Voigt is working on a leader dog for a lady from Neshkoro; he has two additional applications to work on. Our district has been 100% donations for leader dogs from the clubs; he wishes to compliment Sandy and Tom for their work; the zone chairmen must work with the district governor to ensure that we keep up the record.

Vic distributed the District Convention raffle tickets at the state convention. Again, zone chairmen, make sure your clubs return the tickets before the District drawing. The chairmen need to do a better job with coordinating the efforts.

MISSION TO MEXICO: PDG Bob Showers reports the next trip will be in October. October 9th is assembly; 10th will be departure, arrival on 14th. 15-18th for distribution.

USA-CANADA FORUM: September 21-24th in Peoria, IL. Excellent presentation, well worth attending. See District Governor Gary for application forms.

PEACE POSTER: Lion Terry Harmsen reporting. Theme is "PEACE WITHOUT BORDERS". The kits are now prepared and ready to get to the clubs. The clubs should order now to get them before school starts. Order blanks online, or call 800-710-7822.

PIN CHAIRMAN: no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Lion Cora Lawson reports District 27-B1 is to be spotlighted in the Wisconsin Lions magazine for September. Much information was already sent. The deadline is tonight. DG Gary reported that the State magazine will be going back to the 10 issue publication.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: PDG Orv Kittel reported that it will be, as always, the first weekend in April. Send information to him, either by email or regular. Help is still needed.

YOUTH OUTREACH / LIONS QUEST: Lion Shirley Peterson told that the Lions Pride will include Lions Quest in its program; there will be another workshop in October. The funds are still about \$250 short. The State is still looking for a multiple 27 Quest Chairman. Quest needs a statewide Core Four grant.

WISCONSIN LIONS EYE BANK: PDG Steve Groene reported many changes in Eye Bank personnel. Much tissue providing for other countries, need in USA has leveled off. The transportation system is working well within our district. If any club needs a seminar for their meetings, let them know. We do not have an ongoing policy for the district to solicit funds for Eye Bank, it needs to be done each year. There is also no ongoing for Leader Dog or Pediatric Eye Clinic. PDG Clayton Sengbush will draft a policy to bring before the Cabinet at the next meeting.

ADVISORY / LONG RANGE PLANNING: PDG Dave Petrie reported on a meeting at Rhinelander on moving the state office to camp; the recommendation was made, and sent to last year's Council of Governors. They had not acted on it. It would definitely save money. DG Gary reported that it was tabled by this year's council until next meeting.

The Pride Committee requests that the members let them know of anyone who would be willing to donate to Lions Pride; the committee will contact them, just let them know.

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

R1Z1: Lion Jim Klundt attended the special MERLO Meeting; it was very informative.

R1Z2: Lion Dave Holschbach reported that there was little activity in the summer; 1st zone meeting will be in September

R1Z3; Lion Craig Hansen held a meeting on June 20th with speakers from Madison and Walton Ridge; his next zone meeting will be on September 19th

R2Z1: no report

R2Z2: Lion August Grahl, 1st zone meeting will be on 9/27 with MERLO chairman.

R2Z3: Lion Richard Schaefer, a few things coming up, 1st meeting 9/12

R3Z1: no report

R3Z2: Lion Ramona Abhold reported no activity as yet.

R4Z1: Lion Stanley Harmsen reported his first meeting is 9/29, with VDG Ken Wallander as guest speaker

R4Z2: no report

R5Z1: no report

R5Z2: no report

Tail twister objected for being left off the agenda (he was item #7) and also noted that a member fell asleep during the meeting, and fell off his chair.

Governor Gary asked for a motion to adjourn at 4:15 p.m., passed.