

Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 13, 2005

Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

Called to order by Governor Gary Colton at 9 a.m.,

Motion by Tom Clausen, seconded by Ken Wallander, to accept the agenda as published—passed.

Tail Twister Irv Korth collected \$314 at the convention. Motion by Irv, seconded by Vic Voigt, to distribute the collection as follows: \$160 to Camp, \$80 to Lions Eye Bank, and \$74 to leader dog—passed. Motion by Irv, seconded by Vic, to have the District match the funds from the treasury; after discussion, the motion was defeated.

Motion by Renee Seiler, seconded by Sandy Muche, to accept the Treasurer's report at printed—passed.

Communications—an invitation to the Ripon Lions Club's 50th Anniversary was read.

Lion Richard Christianson gave a report on the convention—332 total registered, 230 Lions, 55 Lioness and 47 guests. The facility worked very smoothly; any time someone needed something, the hotel was right there to help. Motion to congratulate the Convention Committee passed.

For the elections, 128 delegates voted. Ken Wallander was voted in as District Governor for 2006-2007; Random Lake defeated Butte Des Mortis for District Bowling; and a Peace Poster from Elkhart Lake was selected for submission to the State Convention.

In Old Business, there was the matter of the establishment of a policy for soliciting funds. PDG Clayton submitted a written policy listing those activities that would continually solicit funding from the District Clubs. Motion by PDG Steve Groene, seconded by VDG Ken Wallander, to accept the policy as submitted (with spelling corrections); passed. Motion by Lion Sara Filmyr, seconded by PDG Tom Clausen, to add the Canine Companions for Independence to the list—passed.

Constitution Committee—PDG Clayton Sengbush reported that there are discrepancies between the Constitution and the Bylaws, caused by conflicting resolutions that have passed over the years, which need to be resolved. The committee is addressing them and will have a series of resolutions prepared that will take care of all the problems.

(At this point, there was a brief interruption in the proceedings, while a missing Lions Tail Twister Bank was returned to its rightful owner following a series of fines.)

MERLO—VDG Ken had set up training for the teams on October 19th; it was very successful, and the teams are getting to the clubs.

Mission 30 – no report.

Membership – a CD has been created on the importance of Lions. Monitoring membership has been complicated by the new website and reporting system; it does not contain a system to receive the Exit Interviews previously requested from the clubs, so we are not getting information as to why members are leaving.

Extension – the committee worked Marian College in Fond du Lac recently, and received five applications.

Orientation - a questionnaire was sent to the clubs in the District, but at this point only 29 clubs out of the 77 have responded.

Women's Membership – it was important to note that 25% of the convention attendance were Women Lions or Lioness.

WLF – Lion Dave Wood expressed thanks to all who participated in the Parade of Checks; also, the Trading Post reported the highest sales of any convention to date.

Affiliate President – Lioness Sandy Muche thanked the Lioness, whose skirt twister collected well over \$200 during the convention. Also, the bucket raffle collected \$740, which will be given to the District Hearing fund. Sandy, through the Lioness, asked to add eyeglasses and speech to the donation. Motion by PDG Tom Clausen, seconded by Lion Craig Hansen, to allow them to do it—passed. Sandy also mentioned that the Sears Optical Center in Fond du Lac offered a service to repair metal frames for eyeglasses. She wasn't aware if any other Sears store was offering this, or if they would take on a large quantity from the District.

Affiliate Liaison - PDG Ed Filmyr reported that a joint newsletter has been established with the Van Dyne Lions and Lioness clubs. It was something that other cities with both active groups should consider.

Canine Companion – Lion Sara Filmyr gave out a telephone number (920-994-9824) to receive a video on the training of the companion animals.

Diabetes/LEHP/Sight – Lion Robert Kuehl is working on a program for the clubs.

District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert reported on this year's District Bowling in Markesan, which unfortunately had one of the weekends on the same weekend as the Convention. He said it was some missed communication between the committee and the host clubs, and steps have been taken to make sure it doesn't happen again. The State Bowling Tournament will be in Sheboygan.

Hearing/Speech/Eyeglasses – Lion Howard Sippel submitted a written report of the requests that have been handled to date.

Historian – PDG Orv Doede had a table set up, showing some of the material that has been collected over the years, and memorabilia of cabinets gone by.

IT / newsletter – no report.

LCIF – IPDG Richard Christianson is soliciting funds to handle the major disasters that have occurred this year. The checks should be recorded to get the club to a Melvin Jones where applicable.

Leader Dog – PDG Vic Voigt reported \$7,060 collected in the Parade of Checks, the lowest total in four years.

LEO – Lion Kim Hardie reported that as of now, there are only four Leo clubs active; we need more.

Mission to Mexico – PDG Bob Showers reported that they are working on a new date, late in February, for the next trip. Lion Ralph won't be participating in the February run.

Peace Poster – Lion Terry Harmsen reported that Beth Merten won the Peace Poster contest at the convention. Beth's poster was submitted through the Elkhart Lake Lions Club. Terry also pointed out that an excellent poster has been disqualified from the voting, because of a rules violation. Terry requested that clubs be reminded to pay careful attention to the rules outlined in the information packet they receive. Posters that don't follow all the rules cannot be submitted to the State Convention. New packets for next year's poster will be available after the first of the year. It's best to get them early, and get them to the schools while the current classes are in session.

Pin – Lion Harvey Hanson reported \$374 in pin sales at the convention. He says that there are a lot of old, unsold pins piling up. It was mentioned that, in previous years, they have been taken down with the Mission to Mexico runs and distributed there, where they are well received.

Public Relations – Lion Cora Lawson requests that, if anyone wants to submit something, get it to Cora as soon as possible. Also, next year Wisconsin Week will be next May; we should get as many articles ready for that as we can.

Services for Children – Lion Betty Clausen reported work in three major areas;
1—Food, clothing, books—donations sought

2—Vision and hearing screening—now is a good time to work programs

3—Literacy—First Books is a great program for this area

Sight First II – Lion Tom King reported on the program just starting by International.

The Zone Chairmen will be provided with information to get to clubs.

Special Olympics – PDG Orv Kittel reported that the event will be, as always, the first Saturday in April (April 1st this year). Details will be provided for the Governor’s newsletter.

USA/Canada Forum – PDG Bob Showers reported that brochures are being prepared, and should be ready for our next meeting.

Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King reported that John is taking over from George Edwards.

Lions Quest – Lion Shirley Peterson reported that 92 teachers were trained in the past year and half—they’re reaching a lot of kids.

Advisory/Long Range – no report

Eye Bank – PDG Orv Doede reported that the Lions Eye Bank was under new management, and many new procedures have been implemented. Donations are up about 50%, with a budget around \$1,800,000.

Zone Reports

R1Z1 – Lion Jim Klundt reported their first meeting was September 29th—all clubs in the zone were represented.

R1Z2 – Lion Dave Holschbach reported their first meeting was in September, with one of the best turnouts ever with 40+ members. The next meeting will be in mid January.

R1Z3 – Lion Craig Hansen reported that the next meeting will be on November 21st in Manitowoc. They are going over timing and location for a Diabetes training.

R2Z1 – Lion Ralph Schneider reported that they are trying to keep the Sheboygan Hispanic club going.

R2Z2 – Lion August Grahl reported their first meeting was in September. All clubs are active with fundraisers. Next meeting will be on January 24th.

R2Z3 – Lion Richard Schaefer reported that their first meeting in September featured VDG Ken doing a MERLO presentation. They did have a heated discussion on the merits of Hurricane Katrina donations. The next meeting will be January 9th.

R3Z1 – no report

R3Z2 – Lion Ramona Abhold reported that the next meeting will be December 5th.

R4Z1 – Lion Stanley Harmsen reported that their last meeting was September 29th, with 48 members attending. The next one will be January 26th in Brandon.

R4Z2 – no report

R5Z1 – Lion Jim Hardie reported that the zone is working on a Christmas with Santa program on December 10th, and a zone social on March 27th, Leonard Quinn and Mickey will speak.

R5Z2 – Lion Sherman Hamilton reported a meeting at the end of August with 119 in attendance. The Poysippi club has folded, due to lack of community support. Seven members of the club may transfer or branch in December.

No other business

Adjourned.