

3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2006

Knights of Columbus - Appleton

Agenda approved.

The tail twister fined the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for omitting the time and location of the cabinet meeting on the mailed agenda.

PDG Clayton Sengbush was not in attendance; he's recovering from an illness. The Cabinet decided to send a get-well card.

Corrections to minutes of the last cabinet meeting were brought up; referring to page 2, the report on Lions attendance at the convention, it was noted that 25% of the convention attendance were Women Lions – the words "or Lioness" are deleted.

Concerning Lioness President Sandy Muche's request, the Lioness would like to make additional pins "E" and a second "S" to spell LIONESS. After discussion, PDG Tom Clausen suggested that the second "S" could be ordered with the last one, and the "E" ordered for the following convention. The motion was accepted as amended. Lion Sandy will take the recommendation back to the Affiliate Cabinet.

The Treasurer's report was discussed, with some questions raised on individual items. The Secretary-Treasurer will address the items mentioned; motion and second to accept the report until the issues are addressed was passed.

Lions Quest report – PDG Steve Groene reported that Incoming International president Jimmy Ross proclaimed a "Year Of Youth" theme for Quest. This will be a big part of the State Convention; International Directors Peter Cerniglia and Phil Ingwell put together panel discussions on Friday, and a seminar on Saturday.

Communications: a thank-you from Wisconsin Lions Foundation for our donation from the Convention. Also, a reminder from PR Director Cora Lawson that May is Wisconsin Lions Month.

Old Business—Governor Gary reported that the 2004-05 audit is still awaiting certain information regarding reimbursements from last year. We will try to get this corrected before the April cabinet meeting. The amount is \$1,957.20.

New Business—Vice District Governor candidate was discussed. PDG Vic Voight nominated David Holschbach, who declined. Current VDG Ken Wallander is discussing this with a candidate (Ralph Schneider) who is participating in a primary election in the Sheboygan area on February 23rd. Should he lose that race, he would be interested in the Vice District Governor position. Another potential candidate, Tony Piencikowski, was mentioned.

Habitat for Humanity has approached Fond du Lac County Lions Clubs for assistance to meet a goal for matching funds for an International grant. None of the Fond du Lac clubs are large enough to take on this commitment, so it was suggested that it could be taken to the District. Motion by Vic Voight, seconded by Tom Clausen, to deny the request on the grounds that its benefits would be too limited an area for a District project—accepted.

Convention—Richard Christianson—it had been suggested that the convention should be moved to October, as in the past. However, the suggestion just died for lack of support. Next year's convention will be November 10-12, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in

Manitowoc. Richard also reported that the Paper Valley in Appleton is lobbying hard for a return in 2007. Also, it has been suggested that a permanent convention site would be a much stronger bargaining position.

State Convention at the Middleton Marriott on May 19-20th. Excellent seminars have been set up.

The 2007 State will be on Oconomowoc; the 2008 convention will be in La Crosse. 2009 is still being worked on, but a new facility is nearing completion in Stevens Point and may be perfect. We need a local group of clubs to coordinate the work,

MERLO—VDG Ken Wallander reported that we were down 30 members on the December MMs. This puts us 110 members below our goal for the year. The Poysippi club is finished as of February 8th. Most members are transferring to other clubs, but not all. Governor Gary asked that Zone Chairmen please invite Ken to an upcoming meeting. Officers training will be in Fond du Lac on May 6th, 9 a.m. to noon.

Ken also reported that his cabinet for 2006-07 is nearly complete.

Mission 30--PDG Ed Filmyr reported that he has received absolutely nothing on this program from International to date.

Extension—PDG Orv Kittel reported that he has been working with the Fond du Lac Noon Club on a possibility, but cannot take any action until May.

Orientation—PDG Del Peterson has reported receiving 25 questionnaires from the clubs. More should be arriving. Analysis has begun.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation—PDG Tom Clausen reported on the new video, on the Camp's 50th anniversary. Also, Youth Service Awards are due by March 16th. There is a \$300 first prize to the winning youth service project. It was mentioned that in the past, there have been local awards by the District to encourage participation. Motion by PDG Bob Showers, seconded by Lion Renee Seiler, to give a first and second local prize (total \$100), passed.

Diabetes Awareness day is March 28th; no budget to do any activities this year, however. Publicize as best as possible through the clubs.

The next major project for the Camp is the new Health Lodge, an estimated \$500-600,000 investment. There will be a resolution at the State Convention to begin this project.

Lioness Affiliate—no report.

Lioness Liaison—PDG ED Filmyr, just a reminder to Zone Chairmen to include the Lioness clubs in your zone meetings.

Canine Companion—Lion Sarah Filmyr asked all clubs to arrange for a program for their members on the benefits of a companion for handicapped individuals. Call (920) 994-9824 to get a program.

Children's Vision Screening—PDG Paul Tadych reported that the Sheboygan club did some screening recently. Last year 22,200 children were screened; 12,000 referrals were given. Paul reminded everyone that vision screening was one of the most inexpensive service programs a Lions club can do.

State Bowling—scheduled for next weekend; no report,

Hearing, Speech, Eyeglasses—Lion Howard Sippel reported 25 applications. 2 hearing aids were dispensed, with 7 more requests pending. 12 requests have been rejected. More used hearing aids are needed. Four districts are currently doing their own Adopt a Hearing Aid program. This has received a total of \$600 state-wide. The

question was raised if we wished to contribute as we are now (through the Foundation) or on our own? The general consensus was to table the question for now.

Diabetes—VDG Ken Wallander mentioned the focus group seeking a Core 4 grant with matching funds for diabetes education and training.

IT-Newsletter—no report.

LCIF—PDG Richard Christianson reported receiving four checks from clubs for designated Melvin Jones fellowships. He mentioned that more undesignated are needed from the clubs. The District does have funds accumulating.

Leader Dog—PDG Vic Voigt reported a new leader dog has been given to an individual in Random Lake, and another person in Eden is beginning the process. Motion by PDG Steve Groene, seconded by VDG Ken Wallander, to go ahead with plans for a District Raffle -passed. Tickets should be ready for the State Convention.

Mission to Mexico—PDG Bob Showers reported on preparations for 3 spring missions and 1 fall. Governor Gary mentioned that there are 100 Army cots that Fond du Lac County has in storage that they wish to give away. Bob stated that they can go to Mexico, if we can get them to him. Arrangements will be made.

Services to Children—Lion Betty Clausen reported that school districts were setting up Kindergarten roundups, and that clubs could coordinate children's vision screenings with them.

Pins—Lion Harvey Hansen reported that 100 additional sets were ordered.

Special Olympics—PDG Orv Kittel reported that the next one will be April 7th and 8th. He needs five heavy-duty members for setup, and 50 or so members to man positions during the event. Contact Orv either by email with name, address, gender, t-shirt size, times available to help, and phone number to okittel@charter.net.

USA-Canada Forum—PDG Bob Showers reported that the next forum will be in Columbus, Ohio in September.

Youth Exchange—Lion George Edwards reported that new host families are needed. If anyone is interested, or to arrange for a guest speaker for a club, contact George by phone at (920) 732-3599 or by email at edwards9@newusa1.net. A question was asked if there were any provisions for a scholarship for Youth Exchange. Yes, there is; we've done it before, if anyone asks. Motion by Del Peterson, seconded by Orv Kittel, to pay \$1,700 to Youth Exchange – passed.

Lions Eye Bank—PDG Steve Groene reported that the new setup is in the works, and that he'll have a much more detailed report for the next meeting.

Advisory/Long Range Planning—PDG Dave Petrie was asked by Governor Gary to prepare a written position description for cabinet positions to provide to new cabinet members. Also, details on the Governor/Vice Governor reimbursement plan.

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:

R1Z1—Lion Jim Klundt reported that his second meeting was December 7th, and that all his clubs were present and were holding their membership or growing. The Shorewood club has been doing eye transporting; they did twelve transports in November.

R1Z2—Lion Dave Holschbach reported that his second meeting was January 19th. WLF Director Tom Clausen was there, and the 48 members was their best turnout. The host club had their meeting on that night. Their next meeting will be in April.

R1Z3—no report.

R2Z1—Lion Ralph Schneider reported his next meeting will be February 20th.

R2Z2--Lion August Grahl reported his last meeting was January 24th. WLF director Tom Clausen attended, and the Wisconsin Donors Network give an excellent presentation. The zone is currently down four members, two by death.

R2Z3—Lion Richard Schaefer reported that his January 9th meeting featured Andrea from Lions Camp giving the new presentation. Membership is down slightly. Next meeting April 10th.

R3Z1—Lion Larry Frederick is incapacitated, Lion Irv reported that the next meeting will be February 15th.

R3Z2—Lion Ramona Abhold reported that at her January meeting, WLF Director Tom Clausen gave the new camp presentation; an excellent presentation on organ donation was given by Cindy Champeau Gaffney. Next meeting in April.

R4Z1—Lion Stanley Harmsen reported his next meeting will be January 30th.

R4Z2—Lion Bud Nitzke reported 42 people at a zone meeting during deer season; Andrea from Lions Camp and VDG Ken Wallander gave a MERLO presentation. Zone is a little above membership. Next meeting March 13th.

R5Z1—Lion Jim Hardie reported a meeting January 30th at Packwaukee. WLF Director Tom was there, too.

R5Z2—Lion Sherman Hamilton reported his second meeting a few weeks ago (also with WLF director Tom). Next meeting will be in the 3rd week in April, in Wild Rose.