

Cabinet Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2006

Called to order by Governor Gary in Fond du Lac at 1:01 p.m.

Roll call, CST Gary Silah

Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda, passed.

Corrections to the last Cabinet meeting minutes, the Lions Quest Report was given by VDG Ken instead of Steve.

Treasurers Report—questions raised on the past year's carryover, recommendation to have an independent audit done on the books. Motion by Vic Voigt, seconded by Vern Pautz to table the acceptance of the Treasurers Report until the State Convention meeting—passed. Motion by Ed Filmyr, seconded by Dave Wood to have an independent audit of the 2004-05 books—passed.

Old Business:

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: VDG Ken stated that the Lions Clubs International policy is for the Cabinet to appoint someone. Ken does have a potential candidate. PDG Steve Pautz nominated PDG Vern Pautz for the position of Vice District Governor, seconded by PDG Steve Groene. PDG Vern accepted the nomination. Motion passed.

The new Cabinet must name a bank for next year—it will be the Bank of Valders. Motion by PDG Steve Groene, seconded by PDG Paul Tadych to accept—passed. Lion Renee Seiler will be cabinet secretary-treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Ken Wallander, MERLO: District is down 57 members so far this year—we need people.

Ed Filmyr, Mission 30: Still no further information received from International or State. Ken asked at the District Governor's Training sessions and no one has received anything either.

VDG Ken announced the schedule for next year's Cabinet meetings. They will be:
August 20th, CJ's at the Wayside in Ripon
November 12th (Convention), Holiday Inn Manitowoc
February 18th, Columbus Club Appleton
April 1, Silver Valley Supper Club, Manitowoc
Also, Ken reminded us that Officer Training is May 6th at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac.

Dennis Schwartz, Membership—some gains being made.

Del Peterson, Orientation: Wisconsin Deaf-Blind Education Group would like some financial assistance. This is a group associated with the Helen Keller center in New York. There are approximately 300 individuals in Wisconsin that are deaf-blind and with other impairments. The WDE families attend our Lions Camp in August each year at a cost of approximately \$5,000. They are looking for assistance so they are able to attend the camp.

Extension, PDG Orv Kittel said that there is some interest in restarting the club in Poy Sippi. He is still working in the Winneconne area and there are two potential members from Marian College for the Fond du Lac Noon Club.

Dave Wood, Wisconsin Lions Foundation; Sports Raffle for Kids is going full steam, with 50% going to the clubs.

Spring Work Day at Camp will be April 29th.

Resolution #9 at the State Convention will involve the new Health Lodge for the Camp. This is a desperately needed facility. The design has been changed to include a full basement for use as an emergency storm shelter.

PDG Tom Clausen reported on the 50th Anniversary. There will be a \$100 a plate Gala Dinner on Friday, July 21st, at the Stevens Point Country Springs Hotel. Dancing will follow the dinner. A registration form is available on the website.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the annual Birch Sturm golf outing will be held at Iola. Hole sponsorships are available. Dinner will follow, and fireworks at Camp.

On Sunday, July 23rd, the open house at Camp. This may be the last mid-summer open house the Camp hosts because of insurance reasons. Starting in 2007 the open house will be held in September. 50th Anniversary pins are on sale for \$5 each.

A question was raised on the poster for the Sports Raffle. Budweiser is a very prominent sponsor on the poster, and there are those who are questioning if it is appropriate for a beer brewer being so dominant. Tom and Dave will take the concerns to the next Foundation meeting.

District Governor Gary reported on the Youth Service awards; so far, we have received seven entrants, First, Second and Third place winners need to be picked. Governor Gary, Dave Wood, PDG Tom Clausen and DGE Ken will pick the winners.

PDG Bob Showers, Mission to Mexico; A mission went down in February, and fitted 2,200 pair of glasses. New Laredo will be the site of the next mission; it's a more dangerous area, but it is much needed there.

Lion Pat Knier reported on the Renosa mission; 3,100 people assisted.

A semi is coming up from Zion, IL to transport a lot of the material in storage. It will cost \$500 to do this. Motion by PDG Bob Showers, seconded by Ken, to proceed; passed.

Lioness Sandy Muche, Affiliate Lioness Report; the board meeting is coming up in a few weeks. At the State Convention, they have set up a tour of the Overture Center and shopping in Madison.

Lion Sara Filmyr, Canine Companion; the war is increasing the need for companions. The hearing dogs are remarkable.

PDG Paul Tadych, Children's Vision Screening; The certification given for training in Fond du Lac two years ago is expiring. Paul is working on a new training session.

Lion Robert Kuehl, Diabetes; no report. VDG Ken reported on some upcoming diabetes screenings.

Governor Gary, State Bowling, the State bowling tournament is winding down with a full slate of bowlers for the last two weekends.

Lion Howard Sippel, Hearing Speech and Eyeglasses; the minutes of the last committee meeting were provided. He is still fighting to get the District recognized for their contribution as the largest provider of used hearing aids. WLF Director Tom reported that the Foundation is going to revisit the way funding works. Tom is putting together a plan for that meeting; if anyone has any suggestions, they would be greatly appreciated.

PDG Orv Doede, Historian; He is gathering newsletters, minutes, etc. for the Cabinet. He reported that he has received nine recent requests for information on various Cabinet members, which he provided.

IPDG Richard Christianson, LCIF; A lot of money is sitting at International. At the next District Convention, we have close to \$5,000 available to give some District Melvin Jones at the next District Convention. The clubs have about \$33,000 in club accounts available at International. A LCIF committee will be set up to gather a list of candidates for the District Melvin Jones Fellowships.

PDG Tom Clausen, IT/Newsletter; Twenty clubs in the District are having trouble getting their membership forms up-to-date. Tom can help them remotely from his computer. Also, he has created a website for Youth Exchange.

PDG Vic Voigt, Leader Dog; the president of the Green-Glen Club has now received a leader dog, and an individual in Random Lake will be receiving one shortly. Leader Dog funding from the clubs have been coming in slowly, and lower than in previous years. The district convention raffle tickets are available.

Lion Terri Harmsen, Peace Poster; A 13-year-old boy from Brazil was the winner of this year's contest. The new contest is now starting, with the theme "Celebrate Peace"

Lion Harvey Hanson, Pins; Not much new this time of year; the current year's district pin is still available. There are some older pins still available.

Lion Cora Lawson, Public Relations; The Neshkoro Lions Club had an excellent write-up in the International Lions Magazine. Very well done piece.

May is Lions Month so be sure to get your club information into the State Magazine and into your local newspapers. Also, District 27-B1 will be spotlighted in the September issue of the state magazine. The deadline for sending information is August 5th. Articles can be sent to Cora or directly to the magazine.

Lion Terri Harmsen reported that recently Cora received an "Outstanding Service Award" from Fond du Lac County for her hard work for the Lions. Lion Cora was given a round of applause.

Lion Betty Clausen, Services for Children has not received anything new from International. We do need to have clubs put together local vision screening projects.

Governor Gary, Campaign Sight First II; activation year is in progress. It will follow the same procedures as the original Campaign Sight First did in 1990, but it has been slower getting off the ground as far as information being received by the clubs.

PDG Orv Kittel, Special Olympics, Oshkosh, WI this coming Friday, April 7th, 10 a.m. is set-up. 7:30 a.m on Saturday, April 8th begins. He needs about fifty volunteers (he presently has about 32).

PDG Bob Showers, USA/Canada Forum; Brochures have just come out. It will be September 14-16 in Columbus, Ohio. Complete details are also available online. It will be the best training available again this year. The Appleton clubs are putting together a bus for transport this year.

Lion George Edwards, Youth Exchange; They've just completed a new website. Host families, as always, are desperately needed. He will be making presentations at upcoming zone meetings. Wisconsin has 18 students going out to other countries.

Lion Shirley Peterson, Youth Outreach/Quest; They are working on a major presentation for the state convention. On Friday, teachers from Kohler will be putting on a panel presentation on how they use the Lions Quest program in their school. There will be another presentation featuring a youth whose life was completely changed by Quest. On Saturday, a seminar will be held with presenters that are knowledgeable about the program.

Shirley also mentioned that in July, incoming International President Jimmy Ross is announcing that the youth of our communities should be our main focus, and encouraging all Lions to get active in youth programs. Our Quest program will become a very important part in the new year.

Governor Gary presented Shirley with a Certificate of Appreciation from International President, Ashok Mehta,

PDG Steve Groene, Lions Eye Bank, recognized Knights of Sight fellowship recipient PDG Orv Doede. Steve reported that during a recent inspection, our eye bank did not receive a single citation, unlike just about every other eye bank checked. He complimented everyone there for a great job. Steve also reminded everyone of Resolution 8, which will include the Lions Eye Bank as an approved organization in the Wisconsin Multiple District 27 constitution.

PDG Dave Petrie, Advisory Committee, Dave and Herb are working on job descriptions for every position on the Cabinet. They will be ready shortly. If any cabinet member has anything to submit on his or her particular post, please pass it on to them as soon as possible.

IPDG Richard Christianson, Convention; will be doing a walk-through for the rooms and facilities in June for the upcoming convention in Manitowoc. Governor Gary has signed a contract with the Paper Valley in Appleton for the 2007 convention.

ZONE REPORTS:

Lion Jim Klundt; R1Z1; Had a meeting this past Wednesday in Hilbert. All 7 clubs represented, including Lioness and Leo. Zone membership has unofficially increased by 6 members (four haven't been installed yet).

The Hilbert club has expressed interest in helping with eye transport. The Sherwood Lions are putting on a blood drive this spring; they will be recognized shortly by the International Red Cross for their efforts in this regard.

Lion Dave Holschbach, R1Z2; Next meeting will be April 10th in Mishicot. PDG Steve Groene will be there as guest speaker.

Lion Craig Hansen, R1Z3; last meeting was March 20th in Valders; about 30 people attended. They also did their first of two diabetes screening programs; the second will be in Reedsville. The next meeting will be June 19th in Collins.

Lion Ralph Schneider, R2Z1, no report.

Lion Augie Grahl, R2Z2; The Adell club just had another successful auction fundraiser. The next meeting will be April 25th at the Cascade clubhouse. The guest speaker will be Diabetes Chair Bob Kuehl.

Lion Richard Schaefer, R2Z3; The next meeting will be April 10th in Johnsburg. Lion Don Timpel will give a presentation on his leader dog, Dusty.

Lion Larry Frederick, R3Z1; Next meeting will be April 19th at the Columbus Club in Appleton.

Lion Ramona Abhold, R3Z2; Next meeting will be April 10th. District Governor Elect Ken will be looking for a zone chairman at that meeting.

Lion Stan Harmsen, R4Z1; They had 45 members at their last zone meeting in January. The next meeting will be April 24th at the Players Club in Ripon (Rosendale club host). His guest speaker will be none other than District Governor Gary.

Lion Bud Nitzke, R4Z2; no report

Lion Jim Hardie, R5Z1, no report.

Lion Sherman Hamilton, R5Z1; The next meeting will be April 20th in Wild Rose. They will be selecting the annual zone Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was made by PDG Paul Tadych, seconded by PDG Ed Filmyr to issue a check for \$1,000 so Governor Elect Ken can start the new treasury account—passed.

Lion Harvey Hansen, Pin Chairman, asked if the Cabinet would consider sending extra pins we have with the Youth Exchange students. There was no objection. Governor Gary reported selling eight of the old pins this year on his visitations.

Lion Renee Seiler, MERLO Womens membership; the District had 322 women in January, and 319 recorded at the end of February. There is still 21 clubs in the District with no women members.