

**Minutes (will be approved Nov. 12)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting 27-B1**  
**Sunday, August 20, 2006**  
**Ripon, WI**

- Call to Order: 1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by DG Ken Wallander.
- Pledge: 2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Gary Colton.
- Prayer & Song: 3. Prayer and song were led by Chaplain/Song Leader “Pat”Knier.
- Introductions: 4. Introduction of Cabinet Members and guests, Special guests were ID Wayne Heiman and wife, Cheryl. Roll Call was taken with 43 members present.
- Opening Remarks: 5. District Governor Ken Wallander and Char enjoyed the Lions International Convention in Boston. International President Jimmy Ross has goals set to try to invigorate growth within existing clubs and new clubs. IP Ross has a special emphasis on Youth, as they are our next leaders in Lionism.
- Approval of Agenda 6. DG Ken Wallander added several changes to the agenda.
- Installation: 7. ID Wayne Heiman installed the Cabinet Members for the 2006-07 year. IPDG Gary Colton was presented with a plaque from the Wisconsin Lions for his services as District Governor in 2005-06.
- Tail Twister: 8. Lion Irv Korth reminded members of the “3 minute” rule and no talking when another Lion has the floor.
- Cabinet Minutes: 9. Motion by PDG Ken Rhode, second by PDG Robert Showers to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2006 Cabinet Meeting. Motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report: 10. Past CST Lion Gary Silah reported that the treasurer’s books are in the process of being audited. Motion by PDG Vic Voigt, second by PDG Orv Kittel to accept the report and precess of audit as given. Motion carried.
- Communications: 11. A letter of gratitude was received from the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin for the \$80 contribution from the District Convention tail twister money .
- New Business: 12A. Motion by PDG Steve Pautz, second by Lion Gary Silah to accept the 2006-07 budget as proposed. Motion carried.
- 12B. District Convention meals and registration information is being worked as reported by IPDG Gary Colton. Convention registration will be published in the September newsletter. Friday evening will be an open buffet for all

Lions and Guests. Motion by PDG Tom King, second by Lion Tim Martin to have IPDG Gary Colton select a convention committee to take care of the details. Motion carried. PDG Steve Pautz recommended that convention plans and registration should be submitted to members much earlier than September to increase attendance and interest. PDG Tom Clausen also recommended that the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee check into Policy changes for the convention. Motion by Lion Ralph Schneider, second by PDG Tom King that IPDG Gary Colton select a Convention Committee to plan and coordinate conventions on a continuing committee. Motion carried. (PDG Steve Pautz is the Cabinet District Convention Coordinator)

**Committee Reports:**

**Constitution/By-Laws:** 13a. PDG Clayton Sengbush will work on the changes needed due to the Family Dues Amendment–this will be a District Cabinet vote only. PDG Tom Clausen will be publishing the District Policy Handbook on the District Website.

**VDG/MERLO:** 13b. VDG Vernon Pautz refreshed our memory as to what a membership application form looked like. Also to remind us to use them. Any questions call PDG Vern–“Join in the fun of being a Lion!”

**Extension:** PDG Orv Kittel reported that he is working on establishing 2 clubs.

**Retention/Orientation** PDG Del Peterson reported that only 55% of the surveys were returned. Only 15 of the clubs reported having an Orientation Chairperson. Nine clubs intend to start having one. Proper orientation leads to better retention!

**Leadership Dev, Chr. And LCIF :** IPDG Gary Colton reminded Zone Chairmen that he wants to be invited to all the Zones for a meeting. IPDG Gary reported that he sent application letters to clubs to submit candidates for Melvin Jones Fellows to be awarded at the District Convention.

**Affiliate President:** 13c. Lioness Tracy Arellano reported that a main goal will be to pack Grooming Bags at the District Convention. These will be sent with Missions to Mexico. Other projects are still being planned.

**USA/Canada Forum:** 13d PDG Robert Showers has applications for interested members for the Forum in Columbus Ohio in September. Members are encouraged to participate in this informative and enjoyable event. PDG Dean Haas reported the Appleton Clubs have room for 2 in their caravan.

**WLF:** 13e. PDG Tom Clausen reported on the successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration-reports of the weekend can be found online. Sports Raffle tickets deadline is drawing near–so sell those tickets! Extra monies are needed because of increasing operating costs and a decline of income from the Lions Clubs.

3 Lion Dave Wood congratulated PDG Tom Clausen on being elected Secretary of the Foundation. Lion Dave Wood, as chairman of property committee, thanked the Lions for

the passing of Resolution #9. Groundbreaking for the Health Facility will take place as soon as about \$600,000 is raised. A letter of request for funds is being sent to all Lions Clubs. Fall Work Day at the camps is October 28, 2006.

**Children's Vision Screening:** 13f. PDG Paul Tadych frustratingly reported that he has not been receiving information needed. He will forward any information when he receives it.

**QUEST:** 13g. Lion Shirley Peterson reported that a workshop is tentatively being scheduled for late October. More money (about \$3,000) is needed to operate this workshop. A Lions Quest program will be presented at the Mid-Winter Conference to be held at Lions Camp—January 27, 2007. Let's get each club to put Quest in their annual budget!

**Youth Exchange:** 13h. Lion Sandy King informed us there were 70 Exchange "students" from 39 countries that participated in the week long camp at Dundee. We need more Host Families in the District. Thinking about having an exchangee—check for information, pictures and biographies on-line

**Peace Poster:** 13i. Lion Terri Harmsen expects to see lots of posters for competition at the District Convention! Remember to READ the RULES and each group that enters needs a kit. The theme is "Celebrate Peace."

**Diabetes/Sight:** 13j. Lion Al Sabel reported that there is a little over \$7,000 to use to educate and inform people about diabetes and its complications. Feel free to contact Lion Al at 920.922.6711 if you need a program or information.

**Hearing/Speech/Eyeglasses:** 13k. IPDG Gary Colton presented Lion Howard Sippel with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation for all the dedicated work Lion Howard does. Lion Howard reports that confusion still reigns as to how and whom are going to disperse funds and aids—but for now the District is operating as usual. Lion Howard is handling the applications. This year we have had 38 requests for hearing aids. 13 have received one so far and 5 more are approved and being processed.

**Special Olympics :** 13l. PDG Orv Kittel informed us that the Special Olympics at Oshkosh will be held Saturday, April 7, 2007. Mark your calendars and plan to volunteer!

**Lions Eye Bank of WI:** 13m. PDG Tom King reported as a newly elected board member of the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, saying that things are running smoothly. Eyes still need to be transported by volunteers. PDG Orv Doede reported that 17 trips were made to the Eye Bank this month. Lion Orv will be looking for some local transporters in different areas.

**Mission to Mexico:** 13n. PDG Robert Showers informed us that the first Mission will be starting on October 3, 2006 and two more scheduled—one in January 2007 and the other in February, 2007. There is room for volunteers!

**Leader Dog:** 13o. PDG Vic Voigt reported that 13 Leader Dogs were placed in Wisconsin this past year. 27-B1 did not have 100% club participation—so Zone Chairmen—a challenge to accomplish that goal this year! Collection in the District was \$19,533—that does not cover the cost of training 13 Leader Dogs!!

**District Raffle:** 13p. Tickets and money have started coming in for the District Raffle. PDG Vic would prefer clubs to send in tickets and money before the Convention to avoid confusion and panic!

**Bucket Raffle:** 13q. This raffle is extra money for District Projects—please get your clubs to do some serious prize donations! Try to bring the prizes on Friday of the convention.

**Services for Children:** 13r. Lion Betty Clausen said that there is a need for a variety of services —Please check with your schools and churches to see where Lions can be of assistance.

**District Bowling:** 13s. A State Bowling meeting was held in Marshfield and was attended by Lion William Hilbert. He also reported that there were 210 teams entered in the State Bowling Tournament hosted by the Sheboygan Lions. Lion Hilbert expressed some concerns about the Lions Bowling Policies that need updating and changes. PDG Tom King moved we table this to later on the agenda.

**ITT:** 13t. PDG Tom Clausen thinks that the MM reporting is improving as to the number of secretary's using the internet. The District website is updated daily. The District Policy manual will be entered, along with Cabinet meeting minutes.

**Public Relations:** 13u. Lion Cora Lawson again reminded us that 27-B1 is featured in the October State magazine—Deadline for articles submitted is September 1, 2006 . They can be sent to Lion Cora or to the Editor. Think ahead for May and Wisconsin Lions Week!

**Advisory/Long-Range Planning:** 13v. A monumental task of job descriptions for all the Cabinet positions is being compiled as PDG Herb Schneider reported. Also policy recommendations regarding VDG and Conventions are in the stages of revision.

**Pin Chairman:** 13w. Lion Harvey Hansen inquired as to what policy is there for the extra or excess inventory of pins. (Seems to be a problem to send them to Mexico.) The District has been keeping pins for 5 years. Motion by PDG Tom Clausen, second by Howard Sippel to sell all past District Convention pins for \$5 each. Motion failed. Motion by Lion William Hilbert, second by Lion Betty Clausen to sell any old pin for \$2 each. Motion carried. Lion Harvey Hansen will create a policy for the Cabinet to consider.

**Historian:** 13x. PDG Orv Doede requests a table at the District Convention and also relayed the fact that the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin will need a table.

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#### **14. Zone Chairman Reports:**

- A. Region 1 Zone 1: Lion Jim Klundt reported that summer activities went well and he will plan a Zone Meeting shortly.
- B. Region 1 Zone 2: Lion Dave Holschbach reported his first Zone Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at Seven Lakes Golf Course.
- C. Region 1 Zone 3: Lion Jerry Post will have his first Zone Meeting on September 18, 2006. ZC Jerry is also doing a zone newsletter.
- D. Region 2 Zone 1: no report
- E. Region 1 Zone 2: Lion August Grahl has all 3 dates set for his Zone Meetings with the first one on September 9, 2006.
- F. Region 2 Zone 3: Lion Richard Schaefer has his first Zone meeting planned.
- G. Region 3 Zone 1: Lion Jim Christman is planning his first zone meeting and his goal is to make Zone Meetings fun again!
- H. Region 3 Zone 1: Lion Gary Silah scheduled the Zone Meeting for September 18, 2006 and will have Lion Dave Wood be the guest speaker. Lion Gary sadly reported the closing of the Fond du Lac Noon Lions Club—but will enjoy having Lion Orv Doede’s expertise!
- I. Region 4 Zone 1: Lion Stanley Harmsen reported that activities are moving along.
- J. Region 4 Zone 2: Lion Marvin Henke, duly elected to help “Bud”Nitzke, has planned the the Zone Meeting for September 28, 2006.
- K. Region 5 Zone 1: Lion Tim Martin reported that the Lions had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.
- L. Region 5 Zone 2: No report

**15: Other Business:**

- A. Motion by Lion Irv Korth, second by Lion Shirley Peterson to include WDF (Wisconsin Deaf/Blind Families) as one of our District sponsored projects. Motion carried.  
( You will be able to hear them share their experiences at the District Convention)
- B. Motion by PDG Tom King, second by PDG Ken Rhode to approve the necessary Bowling Policy changes as submitted by Lion William Hilbert. Motion carried.
- C. PDG Tom King is the Sight First rep for the District and presented each of the Zone Chairman with a educational packet for them to read, study, and share with the clubs.
- 6 D. September 16, 2006—a Walk for a Cure for Diabetes. Contact Lion William Hilbert.
- E. PDG Herb Schneider reported that there is a training program for the Wisconsin Lions Pride Campaign—more people from the District should be trained and involved.

F. PDG Tom Clausen reminded members that VDG and WLF Director nomination papers are needed 3 days before the end of October. Election is coming up at the District Convention!

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Fines were duly levied. Lion Irv collected \$53.55.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Renee Seiler, CST