



District 27 B-1 Fourth Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 6, 2008
Maribel Lions Clubhouse
Maribel, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 12:20 p.m. by DG Vern Pautz
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Ken Wallander
3. **Prayer** by PDG Dave Petrie and Song led by PDG Steve Pautz
4. Introduction of host club, Maribel Lions by DG Vern Pautz
5. **Approval of Agenda as presented motion** was made by PDG Fred Holtz with a second by Lion Harvey Hansen. **MOTION CARRIED**
DG Vern Pautz commented that it has been a rough winter weather-wise. Travel was difficult at times, but we made it. Let's have a great meeting.
6. **Roll Call** was taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, with 34 Lions present.
A moment of silence for Beverly Carl wife of PCC/PDG Dewey Carl who passed away on March 31, 2008.
7. **A motion was made by Lion Marv Henke to approve the Cabinet Minutes** from February 10, 2008, which were sent out prior, the second was made by Lion Irv Korth. **CARRIED**
8. **Treasurer's report** was reviewed by Lion Dave Holschbach. It is projected that the revenue will be in line with what was budgeted and that we have trimmed some expenses, therefore we should end the year with a surplus to carry forward to VDG Gary Bilke's year.
Motion by PDG Vic Voigt to accept the report as presented, second by Irv Korth. **CARRIED**
IPDG Ken Wallander questioned why there were 2 Birch Sturm awards this year. One was given to him and the other was given out at the District Convention to Lion Fred Gebhart. Wasn't this money designated only for the outgoing DG? Chairman PDG Gary Colton stated that there are no rules or restrictions in the by-laws governing how any excess funds should be used. PDG Gary's committee of 4 met and determined who the award should go to. Should we make a policy? Lion Renee Seiler stated that the letter that goes out to the clubs asking for donations, should state that any excess received will be used to purchase additional Birch Sturm awards on behalf of District 27 B1. **PDG Orv Doede made a motion to write a policy to address the distribution of funds for the Birch Sturm and recommended that a resolution be drafted by the By-Laws committee** and voted on at the next cabinet meeting. PDG Clayton Sengbusch will draft for next cabinet meeting. Second by PDG Vic Voigt. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Irv Korth stated he will strictly enforce the 3 minute limit per report and also collect \$1.00 for anyone not in a suit for the cabinet picture.
10. **Communication** was received from the Neshkoro Lioness Club inviting all Cabinet and Lions to the annual Lioness Spring Banquet to be held on Sunday June 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Building at the intersection of Hwy 21 and 22 in Wautoma. The cost will be \$15.00
11. **Old Business:**
A: Hearing Program Funds – defer to committee report

12. New Business:

A. DG Vern Pautz asked that everyone return their Cabinet Reimbursement form. He recommends a donation to LIONS PRIDE if you are undecided. Everyone is welcome to donate their reimbursement back to any of the District programs.

B. The Wisconsin Lions State Convention will be held on May 15-17 in La Crosse. Approximately 15 Cabinet members will be attending.

C. Is the district interested in having a Golf Tournament prior to the district convention? These are the comments: Good time to try one since it will be held at Fox Hills. Are any clubs interested in running it, should we have it more centrally located? Sherwood Lions do hold an outing the first Monday in August, it is a lot of work, they are not always sold out. Other clubs also hold outings. The Mishicot Lions are planning to have a golf outing in September and would like the cabinet approval. **Motion made by VDG Gary Bilke to allow Mishicot Lions to solicit from clubs and promote as a district golf outing.** Second by PDG Paul Tadych **CARRIED**

13. Committee Reports (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less)

A. **Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** Chairmen PDG Clayton Sengbusch reported that there are 3 resolutions at the state convention.

1) Starting with the 2009 state convention, the Council of Governors and a 13 member committee will be in charge. This will dissolve the current convention site committee. It will be a 3 year term. VDG Gary has appointed Lion Meryl Strehlow of Fairwater Lions to this committee.

2) International Lions Foundation is creating a Student Membership status whose dues will be half of the normal fees.

3) Voting certification time will be changed to 2:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. Copies of the resolutions will be published and also distributed at the District Business Meeting held at the State Convention.

B. VDG & MERLO Chairman VDG Gary Bilke

1. Membership Lion Dennis Schwartz had no new information.

2. Extension PDG Orv Kittel had nothing new, still trying to get clubs.

3. Retention PDG Del Peterson had no update.

4. Leadership PDG Gary Colton reports that there are 2 officer training sessions this year. Information has been sent to clubs. April 19th in Fond du Lac and April 24th in Wautoma.

5. Orientation PDG Del Peterson had no update.

6. Women's Membership and Lion Liaison chair Lion Renee Seiler reports that as of January there are 296 women Lions in District 27 B1 and 240,000 internationally. Promote women to join!

C. **Affiliate President Lioness** Betty Warrens invited all Cabinet members and Lions Clubs to the Annual Affiliate Spring Banquet on June 22, hosted by Neshkoro Lioness Club at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the War Memorial Building on Hwy 21 & 22 in Wautoma.

D. **LCIF** IPDG Ken Wallander reported that Sight First has reached \$157.9 million and is pushing for \$ 200 million by year end.

E. **USA/Canada Forum** representative PDG Bob Showers reminded everyone that this year the forum is in Saskatoon, Canada and a passport is needed. 2010 will be in Milwaukee and volunteers are needed. Great Living Experience. See the brochure.

F. **WLF representative** PDG Tom Clausen is in Oregon attending seminars on being a FOUNDATION PRESIDENT.

PDG Steve Pautz went home ill, however left the following report. Since the last cabinet meeting, he made 3 club visits and 1 WLF Board of Directors meeting. He was surprised that as of March 30th, **25 clubs have yet to make their annual donation**, and 6 clubs donations did not even equal last years contribution. This will hurt the WLF in maintaining services as WLF experiences inflation in expenses, like everyone else. WLF camp is in need of male counselors, if anyone knows someone, let PDG Tom or PDG Steve know. The Birch Sturm golf outing will be held on the 3rd Saturday of July at Glacier Wood Golf Course. Open House will be Saturday September 13th at Lions Camp.

DG Vern commented that donations from our district are down \$ 39,000. We cannot continue at this pace. Thank God for the Deer Hide Program which contributed \$62,000. Keep hammering your clubs to donate.

G. Services for Children & Children's Vision Screening chairman PDG Paul Tadych reported nothing new. He recommends that there not be a committee chair for the vision screening. Also Thanked DG Vern for allowing him to serve and a great year. Ripon Lions did hold a vision screening.

H. Quest & Youth Outreach chair Lion Shirley Peterson reported a successful program for District 27B1. The Core 4 grant is on hold. Our district has sufficient funds. Lion Shirley has been asked to run the state Quest program and has declined, she is happy with controlling our district and not advancing, it would be too much work.

I. Youth Exchange Lion George Edwards or Sandy King did not have a report.

J. Special Olympics chair PDG Orv Kittel just completed the vision screening in Oshkosh for the Special Olympics. There were 40 volunteers of which 21 were Lions. Also the ROTC helped. 262 applicants. Next year it will be on April 4th.

K. Leo Chairman Lion Bill Harris was not present. However, IPDG Ken reported that the 2008 Leo calendar program was in the **RED**. They are currently working on the 2009 calendar. All clubs will be sent a notice that the 2009 calendar will only be done by pre-order and payment in advance. They will ship no later than October 31, 2008 and sell for \$3.00. This is not a money maker, it is a Public Relations tool to get the word out about Lions Camp. Any excess money will be donated to WLF.

L. Peace Poster chairman PDG Dave Petrie reminds everyone to participate in next years program.

M. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation chairman Lion Al Sabel could not attend. PDG Del Peterson reported that there now is a potential cure for Diabetes. It should get approval in 2009. It deals with the liver from pigs which are raised in 100% sanitary conditions. The project is called "SPRING POINT PROJECT" in Minneapolis.

N. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chairman Lion Howard Sippel reports that the hearing program at WLF is in dire need of funds. WLF has taken \$15,000 from camp funds to maintain the program. 26 clubs have not made donations. Our district is not collecting enough to cover the costs of hearing aids given out in our district. Each district should make contributions for the hearing aids to WLF and also maintain district funds to pay for the audiologist fees. Presently club donations to the district have only covered the cost of audiologists. WLF admits they have too many projects going on. **Round of applause** for Lion Howie for the **GREAT** job he has done with the hearing program.

O. Lions Eye Bank of WI representative PDG Tom King was not present. PDG Orv Doede did comment that they now have a new facility and the transport teams are very active. Any donations made are for research and education. Vast improvements have been made.

P. Environmental Lion Bill Wessing was bowling at the state Lions Bowling.

Q. Mission to Mexico co chair PDG Bob Showers returned from a mission to Tampico in February. There were 26 workers and 2529 people were given glasses. The next scheduled mission will be October 18-29 in Metamor. Due to tight funds, WLF wants to charge the Mission to Mexico program for eyeglasses. Mission to Mexico will raise the funds to pay for this.

R. Leader Dog representative PDG Vic Voigt reports the same problem everyone else has, donations not what they should be or have been. 2 years now have not been 100% participation. District raffle tickets are printed and will be distributed to clubs individually.

Puppy Dog Co-Chairman Lion Leonard Quinn needs puppy raisers. Anyone interested contact Lion Lenny Quinn. Leader Dog program has too many dog and needs to place them with needy people.

S. District Convention PDG Steve Pautz Coordinator reports nothing has really occurred since the last meeting. A first mailing of information will go out in late May reminding them of the convention dates. The convention will be held on November 7 & 8th at Fox Hills in Mishicot with a room rate of \$ 65.00. Please send program ideas to PDG Steve.

T. District Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert is at the state Lions tournament.

U. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen did not have a report

V. Public Relations Lion Mary Jo Abler reports that she needs more articles. The newspaper is going along fine. 6 week lead time. Needs more e-mail addresses for better correspondence with everyone. Chairpersons send reports.

W. Photographer Lion Dennis Schwartz \$10.00 per picture. He donates the money back to the foundation.

X. Pin Chairman Lion Harvey Hansen has the 2008/2009 district pin in progress. Lion Harvey turned in \$62 for sales from pins. He still has a few **L-I-O-N-S** to complete the sets. The Two Rivers Lions Club has donated 5-6 prizes for the Sports Raffle.

Y. District Bucket Raffle Lion Craig Hansen asks that all clubs bring a donation to the convention to be raffled off.

Z. Historian PDG Orv Doede had nothing new to report.

AA. Elections & Nominations Lion Ralph Schneider reminded everyone that nominations must be in 30 days prior to the district convention.

BB. Advisory/Long Range Planning chairman PDG Herb Schneider was bowling at the state Lions tournament. He did send this reminder for incoming chairman, **READ AND FOLLOW your Job Description**, if you are not sure, get a copy from VDG Gary Bilke. This way everyone will know what their job **really** is and if they are properly doing their job.

CC. Zone Chairman Reports

A. **Region 1 Zone 1** Chairman Lion Jim Klundt reported his last meeting was March 25th at Hilbert. Speaker was DG Vern Pautz and Lion Mary Jo Ablor. The next date has not been set yet.

B. **Region 1 Zone 2** Chairman Lion Dave Holschbach asked for a round of applause for the Maribel Lions Club members and their new Community Center. His next meeting will be April 23rd hosted by the Francis Creek Lions. Membership for the year is at 143 which is + 4. He is now finalizing the LIONS WEEK newspaper insert for Zone 2 & 3.

C. **Region 1 Zone 3** Chairman Lion Jerry Post reports that the zone will again be ticket takers for the Manitowoc County Fair. At the last zone meeting they made donations to Sight First, First Responders and Sisters of St. Joes. The next zone meeting will be June 16th at which they will award a Melvin Jones.

D. **Region 2 Zone 1** Chairman Lion Dennis Schwartz reports membership is UP, activities are UP. Encourage clubs to display in open windows, **Promote Yourselves**. Lion Dennis is available to talk membership to anyone. Get new young members!

E. **Region 2 Zone 2** Chairman PDG Fred Holtz has 3 clubs going full blast and 2 so-so. Clubs are working better together. PDG Fred thanked everyone for their support this past year.

F. **Region 2 Zone 3** Chairman Lion Richard Schaefer was at a family function and his club's annual steak fry. Lion Richard reports that all clubs are busy with activities. Zone membership is a plus 2, 3 clubs gained a total of 7 new members. His next zone meeting will be April 14th. Speakers will be PDG Vic Voigt and IPDG Ken Wallander. Lion Mary Jo is setting up and insert in the Tempo Shopper during Lions Week.

G. **Region 3 Zone 1** Chairman Lion Jim Christman meeting hosted by the Neenah Lions was **FUN and LIVELY**. Jerry Rabbach from The Eye Bank was the speaker. Lion Jim was tired of the same reports from clubs and hands out questions for them to answer. It surprising how little some people know and become embarrassed. Next meeting will be April 23rd hosted by the Fox Valley Lioness.

H. **Region 3 Zone 2** Chairman Lion Gary Silah reports that the Fond du lac Lioness Club will be hosting his meeting on April 21st and speaker will be Lion Leonard Quinn.

I. **Region 4 Zone 1** Chairman Lion Peggy Zickert last meeting was February 21st hosted by Van Dyne Lioness. DG Vern Pautz, VDG Gary Bilke and PDG Tom Clausen were all in attendance. Her speaker was from the Healthcare field. Next meeting April 24th hosted by Fairwater Lions Club.

J. **Region 4 Zone 2** Chairman Lion Marv Henke had all clubs attend his zone meeting on March 10th hosted by Neskoro Lions. PDG Tom Clausen was guest speaker.

CONGRATS to Lion Marv for his contributions to the Deerhide program.

K. **Region 5 Zone 1** Chairman Lion Helen Mork's February zone meeting was hosted by Packwaukee Lions and their zone social will also be hosted by Packwaukee. PDG Bob Showers and Lion Betty Warren spoke about their past Mission to Mexico.

L. **Region 5 Zone 2** Chairman Lion Sherm Hamilton last zone meeting was hosted by Wild Rose and PDG Tom Clausen gave a presentation on Lions Camp and the lack of funds.

At the June 8th meeting a Melvin Jones will be given to a member of the Wild Rose Lions. Lion Sherm recommend.....**LOOK at your Projects, CHANGE is GOOD.** Don't be afraid to drop something even if you've been doing it a long time, it may not be as successful as you thought.

15. **Other Business-DG Vern Pautz**

It's been a challenging year. Thank you to the Zone Chairman for the good job they did this year for District 27 B1. Also Thank You to Cabinet Secretary Dave Holschbach for a fine job in his first year.

A. **Governor's Cabinet Members Appreciation Gifts** just are not worth it now days. DG Vern Pautz asked the Cabinet their thoughts on the Governor's Appreciation gifts and where they would like the money donated. Lion Dennis Schwartz feels that this should be the District Governor's decision. Lion Renee also agrees. It was the consensus of the Cabinet that this is his choice. He recommends a donation to LIONS PRIDE. The endowment is a gift that keeps on giving

B. VDG Gary Bilke will retain Lion Dave Holschbach to be Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for 2008-2009. He has agreed to have the funds remain at Shipbuilders Credit Union. **Motion by Lion Gary Silah** and second by Lion Jim Christman **to have the accounts remain at Shipbuilders Credit Union for the year 2008-2009. MOTION CARRIED**

C. **CLOSING COMMENTS :**

Next year we should consider revamping the criteria for the 100 % Treasurer and Secretary awards. These awards cost about \$ 12.00 each. Lion Rene Seiler suggested that if a club wants to give out the award, they can purchase the pin themselves. Lion Mary Jo Abler agrees and commented that clubs just give this out as a formality and it is to the same person year after year. Next year's notice should include this information.

Lion Marv Henke cautioned clubs to be careful on their selection for Melvin Jones awards. The awarded one to someone who had a **BAD ATTITUDE – “What do I want this for? Be sure to award it to someone who would appreciate it!”**

Lion Leonard Quinn Thanked everyone for their support. He is excited about the incoming year. **Negative talk does not raise money....need POSITIVE talk to get POSITIVE RESULTS AND MONEY ! Change your attitudes and add ENTHUSIASM.**

DG Vern Pautz told everyone to keep up their PR and stay **POSITIVE !** He will continue to promote downsizing our district, our size is a downfall to service all of the clubs properly. **THANK YOU** for attending.

Lion Irv Korth told everyone they owe the tail twister, we all contributed to being over. He also thanked DG Vern for a great year. **CABINET MEMBERS GAVE DG VERN A STANDING OVATION !**

Motion by PDG Fred Holtz with a second by Lion Mary Jo Abler to adjourn at 3:35 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted.....Lion Dave Holschbach Secretary/Treasurer