



MINUTES

District 27 B-1 First Cabinet Meeting
Sunday August 3, 2008
Butte des Morts Lions Club House
Butte des Morts, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 1:00 p.m. by DG Gary Bilke
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Lion Irv Korth
3. **Prayer** by Lion Irv Korth. **Song** was God Bless America.
4. **Cabinet Members** introduced themselves and their guest.
5. **DG Gary Bilke** opened the meeting stating that he plans to have the cabinet meetings at Lion's Clubhouses this year. Lion Sandy King our Youth Exchange co chair introduced a special guest, Tushing from Mongolia who attended this year's Youth Exchange camp. He thanked everyone for supporting the camp and having him come to America. It is a great experience.
6. **Roll call** was taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
7. **Induction** : DG Gary introduced PID Wayne Heiman who inducted the incoming cabinet. PID Wayne thanked everyone for their support of Campaign Sight II, our goal was met. Your contributions help everyone be a HERO. This year's theme is "**MIRACLES THOUROUGH SERVICE**". Be an everyday **HERO** ! Committee chairs are responsible to all Lions and the District Governor to run their committee efficiently. Zone chairs are to carryout correspondence to all their Lions and relay information back and forth to the cabinet and all Lions. Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach is to record and distribute the minutes of the meetings. He is also responsible for controlling the districts funds. Immediate Past Governor Vern Pautz will help in leadership and be of assistance to District Governor Gary. He will continue to demonstrate diplomacy. District Governor Gary Bilke was duly elected by the Lions of District 27 B1. They are confident of his leadership. He will act with the Council of Governors and follow the Lions International rules. All cabinet members should work together and support each other. The Lions of District 27 B1 are counting on the cabinet to work for them and their betterment. All cabinet members did accept their responsibilities and were duly sworn in by PID Wayne Heiman.

8. A motion by PDG Ed Filemyer, and 2nd by PDG Tom King to **accept the cabinet minutes** from the last cabinet meeting on April 6, 2008.
MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Tail Twister/Time Keeper** Lion Irv Korth reminded everyone that they are allowed 3 minutes for their report unless permission is granted earlier. Any overage is subject to a fine based on your overage. DG Gary can waive this at his option.

10. **Treasurer's report for yearend June 30, 2008** was distributed by Lion Dave Holschbach. Lion Dave read a letter from CPA Lion Mark Rabas stating that he found the books in good order. Bank reconciliations and income statements were accurate. Copies of checks and deposits were provided. Motion by IPDG Vern Pautz with a 2nd by PDG Tom King to accept the report as printed. PDG Clayton Sengbush questioned if the financial should be printed in the newspaper. The cabinet consensus was **NO**, they can contact Sec/Treas Dave or any other cabinet member. **MOTION CARRIED**

11. **Communications** received by Sec/Treas Dave from LIONS PRIDE thanking the 2007-2008 cabinet for forgoing a gift from the DG Vern and sending a donation on our behalf. The Eye Bank Golf Outing will be on August 25th. DG Gary received correspondence from WI Eye Bank informing us that Dist 27 B1 surpassed the \$15,000 level for donations and IPDG Vern will receive special recognition from them. LCIF has dvd's available for reduced prices, check online. Also LCIF has Leo grants available, this information was given to Leo co-chair PDG Ken Wallander.

12. **Old Business:**

A. **Birch Sturm Excess Funds Policy.** PDG Clayton Sengbush presented the proposed policy for excess funds collected for Birch Sturm. PDG Paul Tadych confirmed that the cabinet has complete control of the monies and would review recommendations from the committee. Motion by PDG Tom King, 2nd by PDG Paul Tadych to accept the policy as presented. There had been previous confusion of the process. PDG Steve Pautz said that at yearend he would recommend excess funds be sent to WLF to hold on our behalf for future Birch Sturm awards. **MOTION CARRIED**

13. New Business:

A. Proposed 2008-2009 District Budget DG Gary reviewed his changes for the budget. He is anticipating only 1 person to attend the USA/Canada forum. This money can also be used by VDG Leonard Quinn for the state convention. The expense for membership and orientation have been combined as MERLO. The District Governor Appreciation Awards expense has been renamed District Awards. PDG Dave Petrie is chairman for District Awards. This amount will be used for various awards, Melvin Jones, president, secretary, treasurer, deserving Lions. This will be good for the morale of all LIONS and hopefully stir more interest in the District Convention. The \$900 for Bucket Raffle was questioned, since there is no expense for this. The amount allocated for Bucket raffle will become part of District Awards now totaling \$2100. Motion by Lion Ralph Schneider to accept the budget with the change of \$900 for Bucket Raffle becoming part of District Awards now totaling \$2100, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Cabinet Meetings Schedule – the next cabinet meeting will be Sunday morning November 9th after the District Convention at Fox Hills in Mishicot.

C. Multi District Constitution-DG Gary would like to see Multi District 27 conform to the Lions International rules that a Zone Chairman can be elected or appointed. The Council of Governors has asked that Dist 27 B1 make a recommendation to that effect. DG Gary's reasoning to go forward, is that the clubs can now become involved in the future, since a Zone Chairman can later become a Vice District Governor and the District Governor does not build his own regime. PDG Steve Pautz made the following motion : "I propose that District 27 B1 endorse a change that the Multi-District conforms to the International rules stating that a Zone Chairman can be elected or appointed." PDG Clayton Sengbush questioned when would this election be held, the term, vacancies, and control over the voting and credentials? **The motion was put to a hand vote with the AYES having it.** PDG Clayton will present this to the state By-Laws committee from District 27 B1, he will have information for next cabinet meeting.

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

A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol-PDG Clayton Sengbush information was covered previously.

B. MERLO Chairman Steve Groene will be having a meeting with the MERLO committee within the next few weeks.

1. **Membership** PDG Steve Groene or Lion Dennis Schwartz having nothing to report at this time
2. **Extension** PDG Orv Kittel is still trying to get 2 new clubs.
3. **Retention & Orientation** PDG Del Peterson needs help in trying to get information from LCIF as to where all the LCIF monies go.
4. **Leadership** PDG Gary Colton is planning to again hold 2 officer training in spring. Last years attendance was 32 at Fond du Lac and 11 at Wautoma. More information after the MERLO meeting. He could use more support for membership.
5. Vice District Governor Leonard Quinn has been reassigned from the MERLO committee and is now the **Lioness Liaison.**

Past Historian PDG Orv Doede gave a history lesson on new International Director Art Marson. ID Art was originally from the Fond du lac Lions club. Please support him this year.

C. Affiliate President Lioness Kay Zornow reports there are now 14 Lioness clubs and they will be electing a Birch Sturm shortly.

D. LCIF representative IPDG Vern Pautz reports that there is disaster relief money available just get in contact with DG Gary to get it flowing for help. DG Gary is our ALERT cabinet member who would co-ordinate tragedies.

E. USA/Canada Forum chair PDG Bob Showers was not present.

F. WLF representative PDG Steve Pautz congratulated PDG Tom Clausen on being the WLF President this year. Camping is in full swing. Saturday was 27 B1 day at WI State Fair for Lion exposure. September 13th is open house at LIONS camp, and October 25th is work day at camp.

WLF representative PDG Tom Clausen reported that 1500 campers and parents were going to the Green Bay Packer scrimmage and that 40 campers were asked to be the tunnel escorts. This week is the second week of diabetes. The 1st annual Pride Shoot was successful in June and another successful Birch Sturm golf outing in July. Club donations are down and it is his special goal to contact those clubs that are not donating. The Pride Campaign needs Ambassadors, needs clubs and individuals to join the campaign.

G. Lions Pride chair PDG Herb Schneider sent a message that there was not much to report. They have a meeting in September. Please remember to use the Pride canisters for donations. Every little bit helps.

H. Quest & Youth Outreach chair Lion Shirley Peterson says that WI is high on the Quest presentation workshop list. Possible training in early October or late spring, need 12 for training.

I. Youth Exchange Lion Sandy King just completed camp. The Dundee Long Lake Lions had 5 volunteers. They need host families. This year there were 64 campers from 25 countries.

J. Special Olympics PDG Orv Kittel reported that next years dates are April 4th for setup and April 5th for Olympics. 50 volunteers are needed.

K. Leo Co-Chair PDG Ken Wallander thanked everyone for their contributions to Campaign Sight First II. This year there will be 6000-7000 calendars. B1 has 17 clubs taking calendars. This is "ADVERTISING WHAT WE DO !" Lots of kids pictures.

L. Peace Poster Lion Dawn Christensen was not present.

M. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation chair Lion Al Sabel reported that the Diabetes weeks at camp were full. November is Diabetes Month. Zone chairman check with clubs to see if they have Diabetes chairs. Our district is ahead of others for donations.

N. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chairman has been changed to PDG Paul Tadych. PDG Tom Clausen updated everyone on the new WLF policy in regards to "THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS" The old way was that the district paid for audiologists and WLF paid for hearing aids. The new way is that the district must contribute to WLF Hearing account. If there is money in your district hearing account you will get hearing aids, NO MONEY, NO HEARING AIDS ! The new fees will include audiologists, hearing aids and handling costs, average cost \$ 625-\$675. **Motion** by Lion Ralph Schneider, 2nd by Lion Sandy King that District 27 B1 **transfer the funds to WLF designated for the Hearing Program** to continue the program. To be discussed again at November Cabinet meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** PDG Tom Clausen also mentioned that the eyeglass program is not beneficial either. WLF can not charge Lions a fee for eyeglasses per the International rules.

O. Lions Eye Bank of WI chair PDG Tom King report that the Eye Bank is in their new office. They will be holding a capital campaign funds drive. IPDG Vern Pautz will be receiving the "KNIGHT OF SIGHT" award for raising \$15,000+ from the district.

P. Mission to Mexico's Lion Ralph Schneider reported there will be a trip in October and February 2009.

Q. Leader Dog/District Raffle PDG Vic Voigt was unable to attend.

R. State Convention Representative Lion Merl Strelow reported that the 2009 state convention will be at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

S. District Convention coordinator PDG Steve Pautz said that all the programs are set for November 7 & 8 at Fox Hills in Mishicot. The registration form will be printed in the monthly LION newspaper and will also do a massive e-mail for registration. Theme for the weekend will be "DIABETES AWARENESS" Make your reservations, Friday's hospitality theme will be determined. Volunteers would be appreciated. **Motion** by Lion Helen Mork, 2nd by Lion Al Sabel that the registration fee be \$8.00 **MOTION CARRIED**

T. District Bowling Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, no report.

U. IT/Newsletter PDG Tom Clausen had nothing to report at this time.

V. Public Relations Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that there has been good articles, keep them coming. Try to use e-mail to help cut the cost and save space.

W. Pin Chairman Lion Harvey Hansen is working on developing a convention pin.

X. District Bucket Raffle per Lion Harvey Hansen, please bring items.

Y. Historian update was done by PDG Orv Doede. PDG Orv has been historian since 1986. PDG Orv will be leaving us and moving to Stevens Point. He will be greatly missed. PDG Tom Koch will succeed him and has all of Orv's information.

Z. Elections & Nominations Lion Ralph Schneider reminded anyone thinking of running for an office must have their paperwork completed by October 7th.

AA. Advisory/Long Range Planning Lion Michael De Baere was not present, no report.

15. Zone Chairman Reports

- A. **Region 1 Zone 1** chairman Lion Fred Gebhart is new to the cabinet. All clubs are active with golf outings, fryouts, etc. He has his meeting schedule laid out for the year. His zone will again have a booth at the Calumet County Fair, this is great exposure for the LIONS.
- B. **Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach has agreed to step back up since there was no other replacement. No report at this time.
- C. **Region 1 Zone 3** chairman Lion Jerry Post first zone meeting will be September 15th hosted by the Manitowoc Lions. His zone elected their first Melvin Jones and it was given to Lioness Joann Hansen. They plan on giving a Birch Sturm this year. For the first time, they will be hosting a booth at the Manitowoc County Fair.
- D. **Region 2 Zone 1** chairman Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present.
- E. **Region 2 Zone 2** chair PDG Fred Holtz has his 4 zone meeting set. All clubs are working on their own projects. Everyone assumes that everyone knows what LIONS do, they don't, work in your own backyard, gain membership at home.
- F. **Region 2 Zone 3** chair Lion Richard Schaefer next zone meeting is at the Millhome in Kiel. His zone gained 2 last year and will be having a bus to open house at camp leaving from St. Cloud.
- G. **Region 3 Zone 1** chair Lion Jim Christman thanked the cabinet for having our meeting at one of his clubs. Next zone meeting will be October 1st hosted by Appleton Noon Lions. All clubs are doing what they should be doing.
- H. **Region 3 Zone 2** chair Lion Gary Silah sent in his report. Most of his clubs are in hibernation for the summer. His first zone meeting will be in early September, in addition to a cabinet meeting report, they will have a representative from Lions Eye Bank reporting on the new dispatching system for our area following the departure of PDG Orv.
- I. **Region 4 Zone 1** chair Lion Peggy Zickert was not here.
- J. **Region 4 Zone 2** chair Lion Marvin Henke has his first meeting in September. He has been busy installing officers and 2 new members. All clubs are good.
- K. **Region 5 Zone 1** chair Helen Mork reported that all clubs are good.
- L. **Region 5 Zone 2** chair Lion Sherman Hamilton first zone meeting will be August 25th at the Research Station. All clubs are busy. Wild Rose Lions are taking their meeting to Lions camp this week.

16. Other Business by DG Gary Bilke

- A. **Next meeting** will be Sunday morning November 9th after the District Convention
- B. **Parting comments from IPDG Vern Pautz** were some special appreciation awards. Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach was given a patch and pin for his term. He has gone Above and Beyond in his position to make the year run successfully for the cabinet. Lion Mary Jo Abler, our Public Relations chair, was commended for her dedication and for making it a smooth transition from a district newsletter to the state newspaper. Lion Howie Sippel was given an International Appreciation for his time and effort as District 27 B1 Hearing representative. Lion Al Sabel was given an International Appreciation for his time and effort chairing the District 27 B1 Diabetes program. District 27 B1 has one of the best Retention Percentages in the US. Remember don't get rid of your old Lions who can no longer serve, have your club think about paying their dues in recognition of their service to you and your community. They were what kept the club alive.
- C. **In closing, DG Gary Bilke** presented IPDG Vern Pautz with a plaque. The plaque read " IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION TO LIONISM " from the Lions of Wisconsin.

17. Motion to adjourn at 4:58 pm from PDG Orv Kittel and 2nd from PDG Steve Groene.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by : Lion Dave Holschbach, Sec/Treasurer

SEE YOU AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION ON NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH