



## MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Third Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday January 18, 2009  
Van Dyne Lions Park – Van Dyne, WI 54979

1. **Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m.** by DG Gary Bilke
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by DG Gary Bilke
3. **Moment of Silence** for PDG Dave Petrie – **Prayer** led by PDG Ed Filemyr and **Song** led by PDG Vic Voigt  
DG Gary Bilke commented that District 27 B1 is doing great. The multi district 27 is down 248. District 27 B1 is #1 in retention in the world.
4. Motion for **approval of Agenda** by PDG Tom King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ed Filemyr  
**MOTION CARRIED**
5. **Roll Call** taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
6. Motion for **approval of Cabinet Minutes** from November 9, 2008 by PDG Clayton Sengbush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Orv Kittel. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Treasurer's report** distributed by Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion by Lion Meryl Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ralph Schneider to accept the report. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Tail Twister** Lion Irv Korth reminded everyone to keep their reports to 3 minutes or face a fine.
9. There was no **communications** received by DG Gary Bilke or Lion Dave Holschbach.

### 10. **Old Business:**

**A: District Constitution and bylaws** updated by PDG Clayton Sengbush. There will be 3 resolutions to be voted on at the state convention. These will be discussed at our District meeting at the state convention in May. Resolution 1 restates that there should be 1 cabinet meeting per quarter, Resolution 2 is the resolution District 27 B1 submitted for providing flexibility to fill cabinet positions and Resolution 3 to provide for delegates to vote for convention site.

There was no discussion about making a donation for Lions International Rose Bowl float. Some members did see the float.

**B. Secretary -Treasurer** Dave Holschbach did receive a report from Megan Warner of WLF in regards to District 27 B1 current account balance for the Hearing Program. Through December 18<sup>th</sup> there is a balance of \$4,067.61. We are currently holding \$ 2,610 in funds which will be forwarded upon an updated report. We anticipate having enough funds available to cover the costs of hearing aids needed for the current year. WLF does charge \$90-\$100 administrative fee. Hearing aid collections are down, we do receive credit for any hearing aids turned in.

**11. New Business:**

**A.** Lion Mary Jo Abler reported on the ALERT program. This program assists emergency government at the time of disaster. They can always use additional help, but must be trained. ALERT provides basic help where needed, and having people available. LCIF wants an ALERT chairman on the cabinet, which would be a multi-year position and need to be committed. This is a great PR for Lions. Inform all of your clubs.

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

**A.** Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol-PDG Clayton Sengbush's report was given previously.

**B. MERLO-** Chairman PDG Steve Groene

1. **Membership-**PDG Steve Groene did not have any update.  
2. **Extension-**PDG Orv Kittel will have a final report at next cabinet meeting. There is a potential for a new club. VDG Elect Jerry Post commented that there are 3 questions to ask. "Why did you choose Lions ?, Why this Lions Club ? and Why are you still a member ?" Remember make everyone "Feel like a Family, Have Fun !"

3. **Retention's** PDG Del Peterson gave out handouts for Zone Chairman to give to their clubs to survey which clubs have a retention chair person.

4. **Leadership chair** PDG Gary Colton is planning to have 2 locations again this year for Officer Training. There was good success last year. Tentative plans are for Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fond du lac again and April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 7<sup>th</sup> in Wautoma. Please plan to have your club officers attend.

PDG Steve Groene and his MERLO team are trying to implement the TTT program to get new fresh ideas. PDG Dean Haas reported that the Mid Winter Conference will be January 24<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point. Also the Leadership training will be February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, focusing on Public Speaking.

5. **Orientation chair** PDG Del Peterson is trying to get updated information from LCIF and will pass it on.

6. **Women's Membership & Lion Liaison chair** VDG Leonard Quinn was not present for a report.

**C. Affiliate President Lioness** Kay Zornow that they now have 291 members, this is down from previous years.

**D. LCIF chair** IPDG Vern Pautz is currently on vacation in Hawaii. **ALOHA**

**E. USA/Canada Forum chair** PDG Bob Showers has no new information at this time. PDG Gary Colton is treasurer for USA/Canada and our district representative for the forum to be held in Milwaukee in 2010.

**F. WLF President** PDG Tom Clausen reported that there were 125 volunteers for the fall cleanup. Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> will be workday at camp. WLF is starting a Counselor in Training program. Donations are needed. Mission to Mexico has been sending some donations, hearing aid collections are down. The deer hide program was not as productive this year. Camper applications have been sent to all clubs, be sure they get to the right people. The sports raffle will happen again next year after some revamping.

**G. Lions Pride chair** PDG Herb Schneider is on a Mission to Mexico trip.

**H. Quest & Youth Outreach** Lion Shirley Peterson did not have an update since last meeting.

**I. Youth Exchange chair** Lion George Edwards reports there are 3 outgoing students this year, Lion George is always looking for host families. A donation for a youth sponsorship was tabled at this time. Motion by PDG Gary Colton to send \$1700 for the support of the youth camp, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Wallander. **MOTION CARRIED**

**J. Special Olympics chair** PDG Orv Kittel is in need of 50 volunteers for Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> to help at the Special Olympics. Lions help has been dwindling over the past years, they will also need 2 autorefractors.

- K. Leo** Co-chair PDG Ken Wallander reported that the calendars had a better outcome than last year, he did not lose as much. They will try it one more year.
- L. Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen reminded everyone that the Peace Poster contest is not for schools only, it is designed for any type of organized youth group. Encourage your clubs to order one or more kits and run a contest. She would like to see double the quota this coming year. Last year there were 9. The theme for 2009 is "POWER OF PEACE"
- M. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation** representative Lion Al Sabel reminded everyone that Diabetes Alert Day is April 24<sup>th</sup>. All clubs were sent media information.
- N. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** chair PDG Paul Tadych was not present, however see earlier notes in regard to the hearing account at WLF.
- O. Lions Eye Bank of WI** representative PDG Tom King reminded everyone that the Eye Bank is doing a building fund campaign. Matching funds are available.
- P. Mission to Mexico** next caravan led by PDG Bob Showers will be February 20<sup>th</sup> for 11-12 days. Lion volunteers spend about \$1100 of their personal money to help on the trips.
- Q. Leader Dog** representative PDG Vic Voigt reminded everyone that this year is their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Any club that donates \$70 more than last year will receive a special club banner patch and each member a special pin. PDG Vic was very upset with the District raffle response prior to the convention. So upset that he wants to retire, various cabinet members told Vic to rethink this just because some clubs are not responsible enough. He will recontemplate retiring from the cabinet.
- R. Disadvantaged Children** chair Lion Sara Filemyr told us that this is not just limited to physical disabilities, this can also include monetary struggles and families with members overseas in service. Think of others be "A Hero at Home" More information is available at the website: [searsholding.com/communityrelations/hero](http://searsholding.com/communityrelations/hero)
- S. State Lions Convention** representative Lion Merl Strelow says the theme for this year is "TOOT your Horn" tell others your ideas and successes. This year's convention will be in Wisconsin Dells at Chula Vista on May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and will promote the family and activities for kids and wives. Lion Merl is in charge of the raffle and golf outing. He would like to see each club donate \$100 for a hole sponsorship.
- T. District Convention** facilities chair PDG Gary Colton thanked everyone for attending this year, there were 304 registrations. The advisory vote was for Oshkosh for 2009 and will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Park Plaza. PDG Gary is looking for volunteers.
- U. District Bowling** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.
- V. IT/Newsletter** chair PDG Tom Clausen reminded us there no longer is a newsletter and nothing new in IT.
- W. Public Relations** Lion Mary Jo Abler need articles. Chairpersons please write some also, we need some MERLO articles. Send your articles to the local newspaper also.
- X. Pin** Chairman Lion Harvey Hansen has pins available.
- Y. District Bucket Raffle** chair Lion Craig Hansen thanked everyone for a record setting year. Let's do it again next year.
- Z. Historian** PDG Tom Koch was not present.
- AA. Elections & Nominations** Lion Ralph Schneider had nothing, just start planning to run and file your paperwork.
- BB. Advisory/Long Range Planning** Lion Michael De Baere has a goal to double our district's numbers.
- CC. Canines for Independence** is not well known per chair PDG Ed Filemyr . These dogs help wheelchair bound people. PDG Ed is available for speaking.

## **12. Zone Chairman Reports**

**A. Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart reported that clubs are having joint meetings. Retention and family atmosphere helps clubs work together. Their survey also helped everyone to work together.

**B. Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach has his next meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> hosted by Reedsville Lions. His zone has helped the district be in the PLUS for membership, they are +4. All clubs are involved in holiday activities including nativity scenes, Xmas for the elderly, poinsettias etc.

**C. Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Jerry Post says his Lions are "1 CLUB" its not a zone, everyone works together. There were a lot of holiday activities and enjoying themselves. They are already planning for summer. Lion Jerry said "It is hard to say goodbye" as a zone chairman, he is moving up to VDG. Always looking for new ideas.

**D. Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present.

**E. Region 2 Zone 2** PDG Fred Holtz was not present.

**F. Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Richard Schaefer had his zone meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. PDG Ed Filemyer, PDG Del and Shirley Peterson and WLF President PDG Tom Clausen were in attendance where 5 new members were installed. All clubs are working together and membership is +1. Next meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at New Holstein.

**G. Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Jim Christman last meeting was January 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by Menasha Lions. DG Gary Bilke and WLF President PDG Tom Clause were present. They are emphasizing training, information and communication. April 1<sup>st</sup> ( that's no joke) will be the next meeting in Butte Morts. His zone chairman position is hotly contested.

**H. Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah last zone meeting was at Eden which has a +9 and Oakfield Lions also had a member return. They are working on a program to get Lions back. His February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will have DP Gary Bilke and WLF President PDG Tom Clausen as speakers.

**I. Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Peggy Zickert had 60 Lions at her meeting in Pickett. January 29<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting in Ripon with VDG Leonard Quinn as speaker. They have been getting a lot of new members.

**J. Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Marv Henke clubs are all involved in fundraisers. Don't let 1 person get you upset and want to make you quit. Kingston Lions hosted the November meeting with WLF President PDG Tom Clausen as speaker. Next meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> at Neshkoro and DG Gary Bilke will speak.

**K. Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Helen Mork's next meeting will be January 25<sup>th</sup> hosted by Packwaukee. All clubs are involved in holiday activities.

**L. Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Sherm Hamilton was not present.

## **13 . Other Business-DG Gary Bilke**

**A. Next meeting place** has not been determined yet. DG Gary is waiting to hear from a couple of the Lions clubs.

**This will be the yearend cabinet photo so wear a suit and tie and look PRETTY.**

Motion to adjourn by Lion Meryl Strelow with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Gary Silah at 4:00 PM

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer