



MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Fourth Cabinet Meeting

Sunday April 19, 2009

Wild Rose Lions Clubhouse – Wild Rose, WI 54984

1. Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m. by DG Gary Bilke
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Vern Pautz
Prayer led by Lion Bill Wessing.
LION SPIRIT song led by PDG Vic Voigt.
3. Opening Remarks by DG Gary Bilke, thanking everyone for coming and also thank you to Wild Rose Lions Club for hosting the cabinet meeting. **Motion** by Lion Richard Schaefer with a 2nd by Lion Gary Silah to approve the agenda sent to cabinet members. **MOTION CARRIED**
4. Roll Call was taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, there were 29 members in attendance.
5. Correction to minutes from January 18, 2009 by PDG Paul Tadych. Any credits received for used hearing aids are **NOT** credited to the District 27 B1 hearing account. The credits received are applied to the general funds for WLF. WLF President PDG Tom Clausen verified that any credits are applied to the general funds operation to help pay for Megan and administrative costs. **Motion** made by PDG Vic Voigt to accept the minutes from January 18th as printed to include the above correction, 2nd by Lion George Edwards. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. Treasurer's report was reviewed by Lion Dave Holschbach. The report shows our income and expenses through $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. We anticipate about \$2000 more in income and \$ 13,000 more in expenses to net excess funds of about \$1500 at yearend. **Motion** made by Lion Merle Strelow with the 2nd by PFG Ed Filemyr to accept the Treasurers report as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. Tail Twister Lion Irv Korth was not present.
8. Communications: Lion Dave Holschbach received the following:
 - A) Thank you- WI Lions Eye Bank for donation from Tail Twister funds at District conven.
 - B) Letter from Lion Dan Goldsworthy of the Union Grove Lions, asking for sponsorship of a Counselor Appreciation Package for the incoming camp counselors. This will be the last year that the Union Grove Lions are do this.
 - C) Letter from fellow Lion cabinet member Craig Hanson asking for a donation to American Cancer Society for Relay for Life to be held in Two Rivers. **Motion** by Lion Jerry Post that the cabinet approve a donation to American Cancer Society for Relay for Life in the amount of \$ 200, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED** **Motion** by Lion Helen Mork that the cabinet approve a \$ 200 donation to the Union Grove Lions Club to be used for one Counselor Appreciation package, 2nd by Lion Jerry Post. A show of hands was taken with the ayes being the majority. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - D) A letter from the Deaf and Blind Children Youth program requesting a donation to help defray the cost to use Lions Camp. They are a private entity using the camp during RCC week. It was decided that this is something for future consideration by the Council of Governors.
 - E) Our hearing program account at WLF is about \$ 5,100. Donations have been able to cover what has been approved.
 - F) YTD Leader Dog donations are about \$ 8,800 from District 27 B1

9. Old Business: NONE

10. New Business:

A. Cabinet Reimbursement forms were sent to all member of the cabinet, Lion Dave reminded everyone to return them. **NO FORM, NO CHECK** Forms are available.

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

A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol chair PDG Clayton Sengbush distributed copies of 2 additional resolutions that will be voted on at the state Lions convention. Resolution 4 is requesting a change in the fiscal year for Wisconsin Lions Foundation. They would like to change to a calendar year, this would help to operate the WLF efficiently. Currently the year ends during the camper season, so part of the season is in one year and the rest in the next year. By going to a December 31st yearend, inventories and operations can properly close the year and be accountable for their budgets. Resolution 5 is to upgrade MD 27 Policy manual to conform to the International Convention Committee. Since PDG Clayton will not be available at the state district meeting, DG Gary will discuss all resolutions at the district meeting on Saturday..

B. MERLO- Chairman PDG Steve Groene

1. **Membership** chair PDG Steve Groene was not able to attend due to work but did send the following report. Membership seminars were held with 24 Lions and 2 Lioness attended which represented 16 Lion clubs and 1 Lioness club. Thank you to PDG Herb Schneider, Lion Dennis Schwartz and PDG Del Peterson for their help.

2. **Extension** chair PDG Orv Kittel had no new information.

3. **Retention** chair PDG Del Peterson was not in attendance.

4. **Leadership** chair PDG Gary Colton has 2 Officer Training seminars planned. April 30th in Wautoma and May 2nd in Fond du lac. Response has not been as expected. Zone chairman please check with your clubs. We need to show more interest, what do we have to do to get them to come ?? In response from the cabinet members, we need to tell people what you will be training them on so they know that it is not the same information year after year.

5. **Orientation** chair PDG Del Peterson was not in attendance.

6. **Women's Membership/Lion Liaison** had no update.

C. Affiliate President Lioness Kay Zornow reported that the Wild Rose Lioness club is getting stronger. Membership is about the same. The Lioness banquet will be June 14th at High Cliff hosted by the Sherwood Lioness. Fond du lac Lioness helped out for Youth Exchange and Special Olympics.

D. LCIF chair IPDG Vern Pautz asked to keep donations coming for your Melvin Jones awards. There is a new form on the Lions website. IPDG Vern was disappointed that no Lions club applied for any disaster funds.

E. USA/Canada Forum chair PDG Bob Showers was not in attendance. This years USA/Canada forum will be in Memphis, TN on September 24 -26th.

F. WLF President PDG Tom Clausen reported that the camping season is approaching, all but the visual impaired and hard of hearing weeks are full. He anticipates that the income should be enough to take care of the expenses. Not sure about the 2010 season because of the current economy. They have made changes for next year to include 2 months of layoffs. PDG Tom will check in with clubs that have not donated. The endowment funds are producing better than most accounts. There are 223 clubs now participating in Lions Pride. Please Donate!!

G. Lions Pride chair PDG Herb Schneider reported B1 is 2nd in donations but only ½ the clubs are involved. Currently at \$ 4.5 million to help future foundation operations. Get more clubs involved. How do we convince people to come to meetings ?? How do we motivate the membership ??

H. Quest & Youth Outreach Lion Shirley Peterson was not present.

I. Youth Exchange co chair Lion George Edwards says it is the busy time of the year. 17-18 families are needed for hosts. You can go to the website and see who needs a home. 4 students are going from Dist 27 B1, Elkhart Lake Lions are sponsoring 2. Lion George asked for a donation to help in the cost of these students. Lion Jerry Post made **a motion** to donate \$ 500 per non sponsored student, the 2nd was made by PDG Vic Voigt. **MOTION CARRIED**

J. Special Olympics chair PDG Orv Kittel thanked everyone for their support for the April 2nd Special Olympics in Oshkosh. He had more than 50 volunteers. 300+ were checked. Lions and Lioness stayed longer than needed.

K. Leo chairs Lion Bill Harris & PDG Ken Wallander did not have a report.

L. Peace Poster chair Lion Dawn Christensen asked everyone to order 1-3 peace poster kits. She is always there to help

M. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation chair Lion Al Sabel reminded everyone that March was Diabetes Awareness month but you can promote awareness at anytime.

N. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chair PDG Paul Tadych suggests bringing a Lion to cabinet meeting so they can learn about all of the programs we have to offer. It has been a great year, however there are a lot of people in need. PDG Paul has approved 21 hearing aids and denied 4. We need to let the clubs know about who is getting them and get their support for the program. Zone chairman remind your clubs to collect glasses and hearing aids.

O. Lions Eye Bank of WI representative PDG Tom King was not present.

P. Mission to Mexico chair PDG Bob Showers was not present.

Q. Leader Dog/District Raffle chair PDG Vic Voigt reminded the cabinet that this is the 70th anniversary for Leader Dog and they are in need of money. 50% of the clubs have donated so far. Leader Dog has made cuts to help save money but they will NOT stop giving dogs. 265 dogs have been given away.

R. Disadvantages Children update was given by PDG Ed Filemyr. Children of military families do qualify. Help in your area and make contacts, interact with the people.

S. State Lions Convention chair Lion Merl Strelow reported that golf outing is down 50%, hole sponsorships are still available and there are GREAT rates for golfing. Go online and read the newspaper for more information. Volunteers are given credit against their registration.

T. District Convention facilities chair PDG Gary Colton has received estimates for the convention from Oshkosh Convention Center and City Center Hotel. He is setting up his committees now and is looking for volunteers. \$75 room rate for November 12-14th.

U. District Bowling update was given by Lion Bill Wessing. There were 32 teams which was down from last year. District 27 B1 sent 2 teams to the state bowling tournament.

V. Public Relations Lion Mary Jo Abler asked for more articles. How about ..Special Olympics, Peace Poster, Leader Dog sending an article. She needs more. Remember to send 2 month in advance for publication. Encourage everyone to list their e-mails to help saving on mailing and it is much quicker. Any chair person should write an article.

W. Pin chairman Lion Harvey Hansen pin season is just getting started.

X. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Craig Hansen thanked everyone for the past year it was very successful. Just a reminder that individuals can also donate.

Y. Historian PDG Tom Koch was not present.

Z. Elections & Nominations chair Lion Ralph Schneider could not attend, but did send this reminder. Anyone considering running for bowling, governor, WLF and any of the other positions to get their forms to 1) Incoming District Governor 2) State Secretary and 3) Lion Ralph Schneider. Make sure to get the peace poster kits.

AA. Advisory/Long Range Planning chair Lion Michael De Baere no update.

15. Zone Chairman Reports

A. Region 1 Zone 1-Lion Fred Gebhart's clubs are all active in presenting scholarship awards. He updated the cabinet on what each club is doing. Stockbridge will again be sending a crew to Lions camp for workday. All the clubs are working more with their community.

B. Region 1 Zone 2-Lion Dave Holschbach has had 2 zone meetings since the last cabinet. He had Gunther Skaletz a prisoner of war in the German and Russian camp, who escaped from Europe and also a representative from Aurora Healthcare who spoke about cancer awareness, since April is cancer awareness month. Membership is + 9 in the zone. He is coordinating with zone 2 & zone 3 for a full page ad in the local newspaper to promote Lions Week May 10th at no cost to the Lions clubs. All clubs are very active and planning for their summer fundraisers and membership drives. VDG Len had asked Lion Dave to remain as zone chairman and he accepted.

C. Region 1 Zone 3-Lion Jerry Post's last zone meeting will be June 15th before he moves on to being Vice District Governor. The zone will again host a booth at the Manitowoc County fair in August. The zone will present their 1st Birch Sturm at the meeting. He had 6 speakers at the last meeting and they all coordinated together.

D. Region 2 Zone 1-Lion Dennis Schwartz was not in attendance.

- E. **Region 2 Zone 2-PDG Fred Holtz** was not in attendance.
- F. **Region 2 Zone 3-Lion Richard Schaefer's** last zone meeting had PDG Ken Wallander and PDG WLF President Tom Clausen as speakers. His zone is also promoting Lions Week in their local newspaper and has also sponsored a hole at the State Golf outing.
- G. **Region 3 Zone 1-Lion Jim Christman** was not in attendance.
- H. **Region 3 Zone 2-Lion Gary Silah's** zone meeting was held February 9th in Eden, attended by 4 of 6 clubs. DG Gary gave a presentation along with Lion Mary Jo Abler talking about submitting articles for the Lions Newspaper. His zone is also promoting Lions week in the local newspaper. His next meeting will be in May.
- I. **Region 4 Zone 1-Lion Peggy Zickert** This zone had 2 people running for next year's zone chairman and elected Lion Merle Strelow.
- J. **Region 4 Zone 2-Lion Marv Henke's** last meeting was hosted by Neshkoro on March 9th. WLF President PDG Tom Clausen was given a check for Deerhides for camp. Speaker was VDG Len Quinn. His zone held elections for zone chairman and Ginger was nominated but no other nominations. Lion Marv was re-elected. Green Lake Lions is in trouble and **NEEDS HELP**. Their members are 65+ and down to 12. Lion Marv is trying to get a Leo club started in that area, the kids keep helping wherever needed. Lion Marv already has his next year zone schedule completed.
- K. **Region 5 Zone 1-Lion Helen Mork** was again re-elected to zone chairman, but does have a potential for the year after. VDG Len was her speaker at the last meeting. Her zone decided to donate to Lions Camp instead of a Melvin Jones this year.
- L. **Region 5 Zone 2-Lion Sherm Hamilton** had Lion Jerry Rabich from WI Lions Eye Bank as his speaker. Hancock Lions are now transporters and Plainfield Lions are looking to be active also. His last zone meeting will be hosted by Wild Rose Lions. The zone will present a Melvin Jones to a Coloma Lion at their club meeting. All clubs are presenting scholarships and working on summer fundraisers.

16. Other Business-DG Gary Bilke

- A. VDG Len Quinn thanked Lion Dave for a job well done as Secretary/Treasurer. He has asked PDG Gary Colton to be his Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. PDG Gary Colton **requested an approval** of Fond du lac Credit Union as the district depository account and a startup fund transfer of \$1000 for 2009-2010 cabinet, 2nd by Lion Marv Henke. **MOTION CARRIED**
- C. DG Gary presented IPDG Vern Pautz with International Award for Leadership in recognition of improved membership during his term. IPDG Vern Pautz was also presented a Birch Sturm Fellowship. IPDG Vern thanked the cabinet for the award, but asked them to please consider when presenting a Birch Sturm, if the outgoing governor wants an award or a donation made in their name.
- D. DG Gary is 95% sure that the **Harrisville Lions club may soon drop out**. They currently are in good standing and have not handed in their charter. We are still trying to save.
- E. A special congratulations to Pickett Lions Club, they began the year with a membership of 18 and have added 21 new members this year. They created a membership chair who selected his committee. Each committee member then selected their own team and created a contest to see who can get the most members. Winner gets a STEAK DINNER and the losers get BEANS. Create a competitive but FUN atmosphere. Lion Marv Henke also mentioned that the Pickett Lions are a great club to work with and a great supporting community.
- F. Cabinet photos were taken during the break in the agenda. Orders and prepayments were taken by Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave. 8x10 \$12 5x7 \$8

17. Adjournment-DG Gary Bilke 4:15 p.m.

Motion by IPDG Vern Pautz to adjourn, 2nd by PDG Clayton Sengbush. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted

Dave Holschbach
District 27 B1 Cabinet-Secretary