



District 27-B1 First Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 2, 2009
Maria House, St. Nazianz, WI

1. **Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m.** by DG Len Quinn
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Ken Wallender
3. **Prayer and Song** – Prayer led by Lion Bill Wessing; Song led by PDG Vic Voigt
4. **Introduction of Cabinet and Guests** – DG Len Quinn introduced PID Wayne Heiman and then cabinet members introduced themselves and their guest.
5. **Agenda Approval – Motion** made by PDG Ed Filemyr and second by PDG Orv Kittle to accept the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Roll Call** taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, PDG Gary Colton. There were 38 cabinet members in attendance. Also, 2 District Honorary members were present.
7. **Tailtwister/Time Keeper** Lion Irv Korth reminded everyone to keep his or her report to 3 minutes. Those exceeding the time limit would be fined.
8. **Cabinet Meeting minutes – Motion** made by PDG Bob Showers to accept the minutes from April 19, 2009 as printed. Second by Lion Dennis Schwartz. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Communications** – Lion Dave Holschbach received a Thank You from Relay for Life for Supporting Lion Craig Hansen and a Thank You from the counselor who received the Appreciation package we purchased.
10. **Induction of Cabinet Members** – PID Wayne Heiman installed the cabinet members for 2009-2010. He introduced the International President's theme "Move to Grow" and challenged all members to have a vision of their position to move forward in carrying out their responsibilities.
11. **2008-2009 Financial Report** – Lion Dave Holschbach distributed the treasurer's report for the yearend June 30, 2009. Lion Dave read a letter from CPA Lion Mark Rabas stating that he found the books in good order. Bank reconciliation and income statements were accurate. Copies of checks and deposits were provided. **Motion** by Lion Gary Silah and 2nd by PDG Tom King to accept the report as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
12. **Old Business** – None reported

13. New Business:

A. **Proposed 2009-2010 Financial Report** – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, PDG Gary Colton distributed the proposed district budget. After review, a **motion** was made by PDG Victor Voigt to accept the budget as presented, 2nd by Lion Merl Strelow. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. **Cabinet Meetings Schedule** – DG Len Quinn stated the second cabinet meeting will be held following the district convention on Sunday, 11/15/09; the third meeting will be held on 1/31/10 at the Van Dyne Lions Park; and the fourth meeting will be held on 5/2/10, location to be announced.

14. Committee Reports:

A. **Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** – IPDG Gary Bilke was unable to attend

B. **MERLO** – Chairman PDG Ed Filemyr reported the theme for MERLO this year is “Move to Grow” the MERLO team had it’s first meeting with the following reports:

1. **Membership** – Lion Dennis Schwartz said his theme is “Show Your Colors”. This can be done by putting displays in store windows or making a CD about what your Lions Club is involved in.

2. **Extension** – Lion William Hilbert stated that the MERLO team had a good first meeting with all members pulling together to move forward. Lion Bill requested that clubs call or email him and give him the opportunity to help clubs grow.

3. **Retention** – Lion Augie Grahl just recently learned that he will be Retention and Orientation chairman. He will review this information and will take it from there.

4. **Leadership** – VDG Jerry Post indicated that the officer- training sessions would be held again in May. He also plans on having mini-seminars for zone meetings.

5. **Orientation** – see #3 above

C. **WLF** – PDG Tom Clausen had as his #1 goal this year that every club in the district would donate to the WLF – summer camp program. He was proud to announce that donations had increased, however he didn’t meet his goal. The good numbers Tom announced were donations to the State were up \$46,000. Also, we were the #1 givers to Diabetes in the Multiple District. Other donation numbers are available through Tom. Overall, donations from District B-1 for all the WLF projects were up just about \$18,000.

PDG Steve Pautz announced some important dates coming up. August 8th is 27-B1’s, WLF day at the State Fair. Also, Sept. 19th is open house at the camp. There will be tours of the camp and a chicken dinner. WLF will be present at our district convention as well. PDG Steve reported that WLF just finished their Cash for Kids fundraiser with 3 of the top prizes going to Lions Clubs. In closing Steve asked all of the cabinet members to recognize the great job Tom Clausen did as WLF President last year with a standing ovation.

D. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Ella Stanelle reported that B1 has 14 Lioness clubs with 293 members. The Lioness clubs donated \$7,310 to WLF last year. As she visits the clubs this year, Ella wants to stress 2 things: Continued Lioness support for WLF and her Theme: “Pulling together the old and new members”. She reminded members that the Lioness have a website – www.wisconsinlioness.org

E. **Affiliate Liaison** – Lion Meg Post needs to meet with Lioness Ella and will get more information for her report at the next meeting.

F. **Alert Program** – Lion Mary Jo Abler gave a description of Alert as an Emergency Response Group that would work under the umbrella of the County Emergency Government

Directors, such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul or other volunteer units. We would work together with these groups when a disaster occurs. However, a Lions Alert committee member or other designated Lions member would control any spending of Lions money. Lion members would wear their vests to be recognized as Lion volunteers. After some discussion, it was decided that Alert has already been approved as a district program and that funding is available from the Emergency Fund. Therefore, there is money available for Mary Jo to use for mailings and to purchase flyers. PDG Herb Schneider rescinded a previous motion to approve the program since it had already been approved last year. Mary Jo is requesting support from the zone chairpersons and all the district clubs for this project. The Alert committee would like an Alert chairperson elected in each club to assist in organizing volunteers in times of an emergency. Any requests for a grant from international in time of an emergency should be immediately forwarded to VDG Jerry Post.

G. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight – Lion Allen Sabel reported that they will be getting started on their Halloween project soon. Also, if you are sending a check for hearing make it payable to WLF - Hearing and send it to PDG Gary Colton. If you are writing a check to the American Diabetes Assoc., send it directly to them.

H. District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert reported that district bowling this year will be in Collins, January 2010 and state bowling will be in Port Washington, 2/6/10 – 4/25/10. The site selection committee is in the process of looking at possible sites for 2011.

I. District Bucket Raffle – Lion Craig Hansen announced that last year was a record year for prizes donated and funds raised. This year he is challenging zones/clubs to beat 50 prizes and \$1,230.

J. District Convention – PDG Steve Pautz reported that the convention Committee has met and preliminary plans are in place. The theme for the weekend is “Celebrate What’s Right – Lionism”. Friday night’s hospitality theme is “Friday the 13th – Fright Night”. Registration forms are online and will be in the state newspaper. Next meeting is Aug. 18th. All are welcome. A written report is on file.

K. Elections and Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider stressed that all candidates must have their paperwork in 30 days before the start of convention. Lion Irv Korth announced he is running for WLF Director.

L. Hearing/Speech/Eyeglasses – PDG Paul Tadych informed us that 31 individuals have received hearing aids this past year. PDG Gary Colton said that he has received \$2,000 in checks so far to send to WLF. A written report is on file.

M. Historian – PDG Richard Christianson was unable to attend.

N. IT – PDG Tom Clausen can get websites started for all clubs. All district convention forms are on the district website – MD27B1.ORG
The district constitution and historian information is on the website.

O. LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz stated that our district donated \$22,334.75 to LCIF, which was the lowest donation amount in the multiple. He announced to the zone chairpersons the names of all the clubs that have undesignated money in LCIF that could be used towards a Melvin Jones. Also, in order to receive funds from LCIF during a disaster there must be a designated person in charge. Possibly the Alert program can help with this in the future.

P. Leader Dog/District Raffle – PDG Victor Voigt hasn’t received a final yearend report from Leader Dog yet, however there are 16 clubs from our district that did not donate to

Leader Dog last year. He announced to the zone chairs that he has materials and a CD available to use for a presentation at their zone meetings.

Q. Leo Chairman – PDG Ken Wallender stated that the calendar project would continue for one more year. Calendars can be picked up through Ken and he would appreciate everyone's support.

R. Lions Pride – PDG Herb Schneider announced a new Pride ambassador, Lion Charlie Kolb from the Cleveland Lions Club. Pride is in need of an ambassador to represent the west side of the lake. Lions Pride currently has \$4,800,000.

S. Mission to Mexico – PDG Bob Showers reported the mission in February delivered 2,600 eyeglasses. The next mission leaves Oct. 17th from Beloit. Four missions go to Mexico each year. The cost varies depending on the destination location.

T. Peace Poster – Lion Dawn Christensen sent a report to be read at the meeting. Peace Poster Kits can still be ordered. This year's theme is The Power of Peace. For assistance contact Lion Dawn. A written report is on file.

U. Pin Chairman – Lion Harvey Hansen said that district and convention pins are in the works. Old pins are also available for purchase.

V. Public Relations – Lion Mary Jo Abler encouraged cabinet chairs to send her articles for the paper. Also, she would like each club to have a PR person who would get articles to her to promote their clubs.

W. Special Olympics – PDG Orv Kittel thanked everyone who helped with the Special Olympics last year. The anticipated dates for next year's event are 4/2, & 4/3 of 2010. He will give the zone chairs copies of the applications to volunteer.

X. State Convention – Lion Merl Strelow reported that they received a lot of positive feedback from attendees. Most of the negative feedback was in regards to the food. Chula Vista was hard to work with and Merl is looking forward to Stevens Point next year. Costs will be less expensive, however there will be some traveling involved.

Y. USA/Canada Forum – PDG Bob Showers announced that the Forum will be held Sept. 24th – 26th in Memphis. Brochures are available. PDG Gary Colton added that he has applications or you can apply online. The committee is looking for support since the Forum will be held in Milwaukee in 2010. PDG Gary also has the first of a series of 3 pins available for \$3.

Z. Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King joined the historical tour of St. Nazianz and therefore gave her written report to PDG Gary Colton to read. The Camp had 52 campers from 22 countries. Guests included Lioness from A-1 and several district Governors. Lion Don Timpel and Dusty Dog gave the Leader Dog presentation. Donations from many Lions clubs throughout WI helped keep costs down. Each camper took home a Memory Book and a DVD of camp activities and formed a group on Facebook. Camp will be the week of July 18th in Dundee next year. Interested volunteers should contact Sandy. Written report on file

AA. Youth Outreach/Lions Quest – A new chairperson is needed. Lion Shirley Peterson is willing to work with anyone interested.

BB. WI Lions Eye Bank – PDG Tom King stated their annual meeting was held on 7/28 and they had the dedication of their new building. They are holding a fund raiser to raise \$1.2 million to pay for the building. PID Peter Cerniglia is the new president, PCC Terry Peters is VP and Tom is 2nd VP.

CC. Advisory/Long Range Planning – PDG Tom King, PDG Ed Filemyr, Lion Michael DeBaere, nothing to report at this time

15. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** – Lion Fred Gebhart announced that all of his clubs are busy with various activities this summer. Eight of the clubs are involved with the fair and hosting a booth to promote various Lions projects.
2. **Region 1 Zone 2** – Lion Dave Holschbach's 1st zone meeting will be held on 9/29 and hosted by Wayside-Morrison. Most of his clubs are less active in the summer.
3. **Region 1 Zone 3** – Lion Statte Hayward is a new zone chair this year. He announced many activities and fundraisers going on with his clubs. Also, various awards and donations that have been made.
4. **Region 2 Zone 1** – Lion Dennis Schwartz has 19 new members in his zone with a total of 298. All of his clubs are up in membership and are involved in many activities.
5. **Region 2 Zone 2** – Lion Jack Johnson is returning this year as zone chair and is getting reacquainted with his clubs.
6. **Region 2 Zone 3** – Lion Richard Schaefer's 1st zone meeting will be held On 9/14 and will be sponsored by Winnebago East Shore Club. He has requested Lion Dennis Schwartz to be their guest speaker to discuss membership.
7. **Region 3 Zone 1** – Lion Warren Nelson announced that he is the new zone chair this year and has nothing to report at this time.
8. **Region 3 Zone 2** – Lion Gary Silah had his last zone meeting May 18th in Fond du Lac with 4 of 5 clubs, 25 members attending. His first zone meeting for this year will be in October with Dundee Long Lake hosting.
Written report on file
9. **Region 4 Zone 1** – Lion Merl Strelow is the new zone chair and reported his clubs have been very helpful in updating him. His clubs are quite active and doing well.
10. **Region 4 Zone 2** – Lion Marv Henke's 1st meeting will be held on 9/19 at Berlin with DG Len Quinn as his guest speaker. Lion Marv has 9 clubs and is actively involved with all of them.
11. **Region 5 Zone 1** - Lion Helen Mork had to leave. No report.
12. **Region 5 Zone 2** – Lion Sherman Hamilton's 1st meeting will be held at the Research Station on 8/31 with DG Len Quinn and VDG Jerry Post as guests. All clubs are active with some new members inducted.

16. Other Business

PDG Vern Pautz announced he has a bid from Fox Hills for the 2010 Convention
PDG Ed Filemyr has a DVD on service dogs for people in wheel chairs that can be used as a presentation for club or zone meetings.

Adjournment – Motion by Lion Merl Strelow, 2nd by Lion Dave Holschbach to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted, PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer