



## CABINET MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Fourth Cabinet Meeting

Sunday May 1, 2011

Butte des Morts Lions Clubhouse, Butte des Morts, WI

Meeting 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1. **Called to Order** @ 1:00 pm. by DG Jerry Post
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Lion Dave Holschbach
3. **Prayer and Song** led by PDG Vic Voigt.

DG Jerry made a special presentation to Lion Helen Mork on behalf of Lion Meg and himself. At the last cabinet meeting, it was approved to purchase a NEW Tailtwister LION. DG Jerry and Lion Meg donated the new LION. DG Jerry will discuss later what he would like to do with the budgeted Governor's Appreciation Awards. He and Meg paid for the gifts this year personally.

4. **Any guests** or spouses were introduced by their partner and DG Jerry also recognized all PDG in attendance.

5. **Agenda approval** motion made by PDG Vic Voigt with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Gary Silah.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Opening Remarks BY DG Jerry Post- "His time is now ending" This year has been "AMAZING" "Everyone has differences" Our pin unites us all as 1. We will always be there.

6. **Roll Call** taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer 27 cabinet members attended and 7 guests along with Butte des Morts Lions.

7. **Cabinet Minutes approval** from January 30, 2011 motion made by DGE Merle Strelow with 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vern Pautz.

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Treasurer's report** was reviewed by Lion Dave Holschbach. The report covers 10 months, we anticipate revenue to be down by about \$2000 however expenses will also be down the same amount and we should have a balanced budget at year end. He reminded everyone to submit their reimbursement form for the year. The chairs for the UNDESIGNATED FUNDS were given a recap of the clubs that donated, he asked the chairs to send THANK YOU.... Motion made by PDG Bob Showers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reported she has surpassed her budget for the year and will ease off on fines at the meeting. THANK YOU LIONS! The old LION has been cased and will be auctioned off at the district convention in October for 1 year bragging rights. Rules and funds designation will be covered at DGE Merle's first cabinet meeting.

10. **Communications**: DG Jerry Post: Affiliate District 27 B1 will have their Lioness Spring Banquet on Sunday June 12 at Van Dyne Lions Park. 4 pm Cocktails, 5 pm Dinner. \$11.00 All cabinet members are invited. More information contact Lioness Marge Werner, 920-688-2475. Also Aurora Medical in Oshkosh has Donor Appreciation Luncheon on May 17<sup>th</sup>. See Lion Dave for more information if interested.

11. **Old Business:**

**A. Zone Restructure** – Lion Gary Silah reported the status was sent to Long Range Planning. Lion Mike De Baere of Long Range Planning reported that there is good camaraderie between clubs, to make a change would not be good. The zone with 9 clubs all want to remain as ONE. The committee recommendation is to not do any restructuring. PDG Herb Schneider reported that International recommends 5 clubs to a zone. DG Jerry reported that the Constitution says what is best for the district. Lion Marv Henke also reported that his zone has great camaraderie and recommends no change. **NO CHANGE TO HAPPEN AT THIS TIME.**

12. **New Business:**

**A. State Convention**-Lion Mike Hartmann reported they need more golf and raffle prizes. Everything is proceeding as planned. Have a good time at the convention. Lion Mary Jo asked if the committee could look at registration price. DG Jerry responded that this is dictated by Lions International. Please make sure the credential form is returned to state and delegate cards are signed.

**B. Birch Sturm** – Looking at the financial statement there is an excess of funds in the Birch Sturm account. A committee composed of DGE Merle Strelow, Lion Irv Korth, PDG Gary Colton, PDG Bob Showers and Lion Eugene Hardell will decide who to award a District Birch Sturm to in the future.

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

**A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol** chair Lion Meg Post reported there are 13 resolutions to be voted on at the state convention. The majority of them are housecleaning, moving from Multi District to District. Resolution #10 does not exist, #11, 12 & 13 already exist. **The council of governors recommend accepting all resolutions.** We need to simplify things.

**B. MERLOW** Chairman VDG Merle Strelow reported MERLOW no longer exists, it is now either GMC or GMT. Updates will be coming in the future.

1. **Membership** chair Lion Dennis Schwartz had no report

2. **Extension** chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.

3. **Retention** chair Lion August Grahl was not present.

4. **Leadership** chair Lion Dave Holschbach forwarded his time to VDG

Merle who ran the Wautoma Officer training. Lion Gary Silah did a wonderful job and DG Jerry got carried away. Good response in Wautoma. May 7<sup>th</sup> a second training in Fond du Lac. A lot of Lion members are not equipped with a computer. VDG Merle has access to purchase a computer for \$100. Thank you to Lion Dianne Henke for her help.

5. **Orientation** chair IPDG Len Quinn was not present. He and Lion Kay are in Houston promoting Lionism and Leader Dog, but sent a report. He has given 10 orientations and was impressed with the attendance but wishes there were more new members there. Many members told him this renewed their energy in Lionism, reminding them why we are Lions and how and why **“WE SERVE”**. He feels that orientation/retention should continue, however it should have a different presenter each year with a new message.

**“The only HAPPINESS you get to keep is the HAPPINESS you give away”**

6. **Women** chair Lion Meg Post had no new update, they are working on new programs. PDG Ed Filemyr District chair reported Lions International is working with women and family memberships with the same household address.

**C. WLF Representative** Lion Irv Korth reported on the following important dates. State Convention May 19-21, Lions Pride Shoot June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> opening of Lions camp for the summer season, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Birch Sturm golf outing, September 17<sup>th</sup> Open House. Please push for 100% club participation. WLF co-chair PDG Tom Clausen reminded everyone to consider a LIONS license plate. \$25 of the fees go to Lions Camp. Annual donations are behind, let's get 100%. This was PDG Tom's last cabinet report from the foundation after 6 years of numerous miles and expenses.

**D. Affiliate President** Lioness Joyce Kurtz commented that Lioness are eager to raise funds for all causes. Winnebago East Shore 3 remaining charter members talked about the changes over the years. 4 Lioness attended officer training in Wautoma last week, great discussions. Van Dyne Lioness will host the Lioness Spring Banquet on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Affiliate Liaison** Lion Meg Post commented the Lioness are great.

**F. Alert** Program chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported not much going on, need more help from the state to promote. DGE Merle also reported other governor elects are not getting any new information.

**G. LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz has a new e-mail address. LCIF has been providing funds for disasters for 40 years, be sure to ask, minimum of \$10,000 or more. Do not forget to make donations to be a Melvin Jones award. LCIF programs deal with communities.

**H. USA/Canada Leadership Forum** PDG Gary Colton “RUSH to ALASKA” This year’s forum will be in Alaska in September. He has forms for anyone interested. Good speakers and has been improving each year. Go online to <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/> for more information.

**I. Lions Pride** chair PDG Herb Schneider reported PRIDE has come a long way in 1 year for our district. Challenge to get to 100% club participation. 51% last year now up to 82% clubs involved. 6 zones in the district are at 100%. See Herb to find out what clubs have not contributed. There are 5 ambassadors available to speak. Clubs should do more. We are #2 in the state. “IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME”

**J. Quest** chair PDG Vern Pautz hopes to have a Quest training in spring, we have the funds to train teachers. Quest is the only program out there to train children, other programs are diminishing. PDG Vern is available for speaking. There has been interest in training. Quest is a district funded program run by LCI. Pin collectors- PDG Vern for pins to buy.

**K. Youth Exchange** Lion Sandy King not present and did not have a report.

**L. Special Olympics** Lion Mike De Baere reported on the April 9<sup>th</sup> vision screening in Oshkosh. 31 Lions volunteers, 227 athletes screened, 83 regular glasses, 108 sport frames with prescription and 69 sunglasses. There was only limited time for screening due to 3 races.

**M. Leo** Chairman chairs Lion Bill Harris and PDG Ken Wallander were not present, no report given.

**N. Peace Poster** chair Lion Dawn Christensen reminded everyone to get their order in for the peace poster kit. Theme “CHILDREN KNOW PEACE”

**O. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation** Lion Kay Quinn submitted a report. During the year she has given many talks to zones, Lions, Lioness and communities. Her talks have been focused on Diabetes 2, who is at risk, prevention, signs and symptoms. During the month of March she promoted all Lion’s programs on four Sundays. Many thanks to all the clubs that participated in Diabetes Alert Day. Being diabetes chair has renewed her in the spirit “Why I’m PROUD to be a Lion/Lioness”

**P. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycle** Lion Phil Weber could not attend due to pending surgery. Lion Wendy did report that she has given out 5 more hearing aids and has 6 pending. Please stay on top of the program with your donations.

**Q. Lions Eye Bank of WI** chair PDG Tom King not present did not have a report.

**R. Mission to Mexico** chair PDG Bob Showers had missions scheduled for February and October, however the February trip was voted down due to political unrest. The October mission may not materialize. B2 has 3 vehicles that need to be transported.

**S. Leader Dog/District Raffle** chair PDG Vic Voigt reported donations were down. Many clubs have made donations directly and PDG Vic has not been updated on their status. PDG Vic made a motion with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by VDG Merle to have the District Raffle again for the

2011-2012 year. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Mike DeBaere will go ahead and print tickets and run the District Raffle for 2011-2012.

**T. State Lions Convention** chair VGD Merle Strelow – See you There !

**U. District Convention** chair for 2010 PDG Gary Colton reported there were 315 attending the 2010 convention. 2011 convention will again be at Holiday Inn – Manitowoc on October 28 & 29. PDG Gary will contact committee members in June. We need to have a theme for the convention and also for Friday Hospitality night.

**V.** District & State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present, no report.

**W.** IT chair PDG Tom Clausen reported the website is up and running. e-clubhouse.com is available for club websites. PDG Tom will help set up club websites.

**X.** Public Relations chair Lion Mary Jo Abler thanked everyone for their articles last year. VDG Merle will continue with assigned articles per month. Encourage clubs to send articles and photos please use proper format. Zone chairman please let PDG Tom know about meeting so he can put them on the website also any fundraisers can have a short blurb in the newspaper. Please check that all clubs are sending correct and updated information for the directory to VDG Merle.

**Y.** Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann needs ideas for the 2011 District convention pin, submit your ideas. She has pins available for purchase.

**Z.** District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Craig Hansen not present, no report.

**AA.** Historian chair PDG Richard Christianson not present, no report.

**BB.** Elections & Nominations chair Lion Ralph Schneider reminded anyone interested in running for any positions, paperwork must be received 30 days prior to the district convention. He has forms available. No nominations have been received yet.

**CC.** Advisory/Long Range Planning Lion Michael De Baere reported a successful year. They accomplished all things asked for. PDG Ed Filemyr reported that Canine Companion program is working and he has applications. He is available for speaking. There currently is a push for dogs for Veterans.

## 14 Zone Chairman Reports

**A. Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart was not present but did submit the following. He had a zone meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> with 33 in attendance. Speakers were IPDG Len Quinn about orientation, Lion Kay Quinn and WLF PDG Tom Clausen about foundation, Pride restructuring and Lions camp. Special awards were given to Brillion Lion Larry Pagel for 71 years of Lionism who had perfect attendance for up until recent health problems and PDG Tom Clausen for his efforts not only for this zone but the district and state also. Club activities: Brillion Egg Hunt and ticket raffle. Chilton ticket raffle and CP telethon. Hilbert adopt a highway and raffle ticket, Sherwood Lions had the rose sale and golf outing, Sherwood Lioness had a geranium sale, and Stockbridge had bean bag tournament and spring workday at Lions camp. All clubs are active in eyeglass collection and County fair booth.

**B. Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach reported as of April 30<sup>th</sup> his zone is -3 in membership. Last zone meeting was in February where the speaker was on Vision Screening training. The zone plans on making a DVD on vision screening and training. Mishicot held 2 vision screenings with the elementary and middle schools. They caught 11 students with potential problems. Next zone meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup> in Reedsville. Guest speakers will be DG Jerry, VDG Merle and WLF PDG Tom and Lion Irv. 3 clubs were active in the spring Rose sale and Mishicot has a pancake and porkie breakfast on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lion Dave is again coordinating a full page ad in the local newspapers promoting Lions Week May 15-21<sup>st</sup>, it covers 3 zones.

**C. Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Mike Hartmann has all 7 clubs in his zone hosting the WI Lions state convention. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the zone social hosted by Two Rivers Lions. St Nazianz has their Fun night which nets about \$10,000. See you at the state convention.

**D. Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke could not attend but did submit the following report. He will be at the WI Lions state convention. His zone meetings have been well attended and has had great presentations. The zone is exploring a PR campaign and will have more information at their September meeting. Membership is up in several clubs including his club (Sheboygan Noon) with 3 new members.

**E. Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Jack Johnson last zone meeting was run by VDG Merle and had nice attendance. Lion Madonna Schneider was elected zone chairman, Lion Augie Grahl has agreed to mentor her.

**F. Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Richard Schaefer could not attend but did submit the following report. All clubs are active with projects and trying new things to get members. Winnebago East Shore celebrated 50 years and Kiel will be celebrating 45 years. A couple of the clubs helped out with Special Olympics. The clubs have planned summer projects and fund raisers. Lion Larry Dikeman will be the new zone chairman. His first zone meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at St Cloud. Lion Dick will work with Lion Larry. Lion Larry has attended various Lion trainings. **“Its been great being on the cabinet and working with these fine LIONS ! “**

**G. Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Eugene Hardell had a zone report in the last Lions newspaper. He asked for a clarification on 10% fundraiser to administration funds. The rule is **“By the Lions to the LIONS”** You must have a paper trail for all expenses reimbursed. Ask the member to submit an expense report for materials donated, cost must be normal reasonable cost that if purchased outside what you would have paid. Write a check to the Lion member, at that point the Lion member can endorse the check and ask that this be a donation to the Lions club administration fund. **FROM THE LIONS to THE LIONS.** He asked all of his clubs to consider an ad in the WI Lions state program. Clubs are all active with brat fry, geranium sale, cribbage tournament, carp fest and pancake breakfast. His zone has awarded 2 Melvin Jones and 1 Birch Sturm and \$1000 to the Japanese disaster.

**H. Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah last zone meeting was February 21<sup>st</sup>, 32 attendees representing 4 of the 5 clubs. All clubs are going well in membership and activities. At the last zone meeting he asked all the clubs to bring canned goods as part of the meal fee. 2 huge boxes were collected turned over to 2 food pantries. Final zone meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by Fond du Lac, guest speaker will be DG Jerry. His zone is also doing a full page ad to promote Lions Week. Lion Gary has been re-elected zone chairman for 2011.

**I. Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Dawn Christensen reported her clubs are doing well, membership is improving. Her last zone meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Eldorado had an audiologist speak. The Van Dyne Lioness will be hosting the Lioness Spring Banquet, all clubs involved in rose sale. Lion Dawn got re-elected as zone chairman and will also be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor next year.

**J. Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Marv Henke recently was informed he has gotten some years back as a Lion, dating back to 1978. His last zone meeting was March, hosted by Neshkoro. VDG Merle, WLF PDG Tom and IPDG Len spoke on orientation. The new zone chairman will be Lion Jim Zamzow from Berlin. He has meetings scheduled for Sept 21-Markesan, Nov 23-Kingston and March in Kingston. VDG Merle reported that Lion Jim is very interested in moving forward to be District Governor.

**K. Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Carl Rasmussen had his zone social on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. DG Jerry, VDG Merle and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Meg attended. May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the next zone meeting. All clubs are involved in summer activities and fundraisers.

**L. Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Sherm Hamilton's last zone meeting was March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Wild Rose with 42 in attendance. Lion Wendy Hartmann was guest speaker. VDG Merle conducted the zone election and Lion Jim Fritz from Wautoma was elected incoming zone chairman. His zone wants to thank WLF PDG Tom for always attending throughout the years. His zone is also doing a Lions Week ad. He has 2 clubs to swear in officers for 2011-2012 and the zone will be electing a Melvin Jones.

15. **Other Business**-DG Jerry Post

- A. **State Convention** was discussed previously.
- B. **Remaining Budget** - Lion Sec/Treas Dave has anticipated with receipts and expenses still remaining that our budget for the year should end even or possibly in the **BLACK**.
- C. **VDG Merle** plans to have Lion Dave Holschbach be the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for his term and intends to keep the district funds at Shipbuilders Credit Union. Motion by PDG Bob Showers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Vern Pautz authorizing \$1000 to be issued as opening funds. **MOTION CARRIED**
- D. **VDG Merle Strelow 2011-2012 cabinet dates** are August 7<sup>th</sup> at Fairwater Lions clubhouse, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Manitowoc Holiday Inn after the district convention, the 3<sup>rd</sup> to be hosted by Fond du Lac Lions and the 4<sup>th</sup> if possible after the State Lions Convention in May in Green Bay.
- E. **Governors Appreciation** gift was donated by DG Jerry and Lion Meg and distributed. DG Jerry intends to purchase either a Melvin Jones or Birch Sturm with the budget allotment of \$1000 since it has been approved and budgeted for.

**HE ASKS THAT ALL CABINET MEMBERS SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASON WHY A CABINET MEMBER OR OTHER LIONS IS DESERVING OF THE AWARD !!**

- F. **Excess funds** -Lion Dave mentioned that we have an excess funds carryover from previous years. PDG Gary Colton made a motion the district take 10% of the previous year's excess carry over and make a donation, with the stipulation that every year to review and decide where to donate the funds, the 2<sup>nd</sup> was by Lion Gary Silah. **MOTION CARRIED**  
Motion made by Lion Jack Johnson with the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Sherm Hamilton that this year's donation go to the District Hearing fund. **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. **Year End Thanks** from DG Jerry. He dreaded this day coming, the end of his term. So much has happened, so many doors have been opened. Other districts call 27 B1 for help, we know no boundaries. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor Meg talked about how a girl in 27B2 needed a dog to help her, we helped to get it rolling and now she has been approved for a Canine Companion sometime between May and August. DG Jerry thanks all of us, **"WE DO THE WORK, HE IS JUST THE AMBASSADOR"** This year is coming to an end way to FAST !

H. PDG Tom Clausen made a motion to go on record, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ed Filemyr that "CABINET OF DISTRICT 27B1 extends a **MIGHTY THANK YOU** to DG JERRY AND LION MEG" **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL** PDG Bob Showers also extended on behalf of the cabinet THANK YOU to PDG Tom Clausen for 6 years on the cabinet as WLF representative. Lion Helen Mork reported she collected an additional \$41.00 to more than surpass her budget for the year.

16. DG Jerry announced 1 more additional gift to the cabinet on behalf of Lion Meg and himself, ALL DRINKS COMPLIMENTARY until dinner.

Motion by Lion Gary Silah and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Tom Clausen to adjourn at 3:35 pm.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**SEE YOU AT WI LIONS STATE CONVENTION !**

Be sure to give your recommendation to DG Jerry .

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, CAB SEC/TREAS.