



District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 7, 2011
Leahy's Rustic Inn Washington Street, Fairwater

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1. **Call to order** @ 1:00 P.M. – DG Merle Strelow
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Jerry Post
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Kay Quinn
4. **Introduction** of Guests by DG Merle Strelow. Special Guest ID Mark Hintzmann and wife Jayne who will do the cabinet members installations. All cabinet members introduced themselves and their spouse or guests.

5. Installation of Cabinet Members was done by ID Mark Hintzmann. The theme was "FAMILY". This was ID Mark's first cabinet installation since taking his new position. The Zone Chairman is the Old Kids of the family who show a lot of enthusiasm. PDG Jerry Post is the Great Grandfather. He helps the younger members understand how things operate and keeps them in line. The District Chairman is the Aunts and Uncles who help the head of the household. The Tail Twister is the Crazy Aunt who you pay to stay away! She is the life of the party. The Sergeant at Arms is the Armed Service Personnel who goes by the book and keeps everyone in line. 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors are the Eldest Daughters who assist the family and watch over the entire family. The Affiliate President is Grandma who takes care of the ladies and works with the head of the household. IPDG Jerry and all other PDGs work with the Head of Household and set the example. District Governor Merle is the Head of Household; he is responsible for watching over all the children, aunts and uncles, grandparents and any other relation. IPDG Jerry is the grandfather to all and turned over his gavel to DG Merle to follow in his footsteps. Everyone fully understood their roles in District 27B1 Family and accepted their position and was duly installed.

ID Mark presented IPDG Jerry Post with a plaque from Wisconsin Lions for his year of service. IPDG Jerry thanked him and replied that DG Merle does not need any **LUCK** for 2011-2012, **District 27B1 FAMILY is his luck**. ID Mark forgot to install 1 more member of the cabinet. Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach is MOM. Everyone comes to her for advice, problems, she helps to keep the DG, and all family members informed and keep things organized.

Lions Eye Bank of WI President PDG Tom King made a special **KNIGHT of SIGHT Award**. This is the highest award presented by WI Lions Eyebank, it was given to a long term cabinet member who has served multi positions throughout the years, he has served as WLF Representative and also as WLF President, he currently is District 27B1 IT chair. This award was given to PDG Tom Clausen. PDG Tom thanked everyone for their support throughout the years." **IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE !** " DG Merle thanked all members of District 27B1 for their contributions to the WLF, our district had 100% participation last year, let's do it again.

6. Approval of Agenda motion was made by Lion Sandy King, 2nd by PDG Ed Filemyr, **MOTION CARRIED** DG Merle did not have any opening remarks, and he has complete faith in all of his family members.

7. Roll Call was taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach as members introduced themselves earlier. 31 Cabinet members present.

Approval of Cabinet Minutes from May 1, 2011 motion was made by PDG Gary Colton, 2nd was made by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Approval of Business Meeting minutes from State Convention May 21, 2011 was made by Lion Gary Silah, 2nd by WLF Rep Lion Irv Korth. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. Final Treasurers Report for Lion year 2010-2011 was reviewed by Cabinet Sec/Treas Dave Holschbach. Membership was down which caused the revenue to be less, however the expenses for dues was also down proportionately. Receipts for the year were \$ 52,233.55 down \$1,501. **A BIG THANK YOU** to PDG Jerry for adsorbing some costs to keep the budget in the **BLACK!!!!** Motion by PDG Tom King, 2nd by PDG Vern Pautz to accept the final 2010-2011 financial.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Tail Twister Lion Helen Mork reminded all members that there is a 3 minute rule for your report, the fine will be \$1.00 per minute over with a maximum of \$5.00. She has no intentions of offending anyone, and will not enforce the rule if you would be offended. Her intentions are to make it **FUN !!**. Lion Helen will begin to walk toward the speaker as the time gets close.

11. Communications received by Cabinet Sec/Treasurer Dave Holschbach from WLF Lions Pride thanking District 27B1 for the cabinet donation of \$85.00 from the auction held at the WI Lions state convention.

12. Old Business: IPDG Jerry reviewed the rules for the district auction at the convention of the District Lion. These rules will be given to the zone chairman to distribute.

13. New Business – Zone Realignment_DG Merle reported there were extensive discussions at the International Convention about the size of zones. All clubs have been notified about the changes, there was a total unbalance in 2 zones. DG Merle will keep in contact with the clubs to make the transition smooth.

100% Presidents Awards no longer will be on an International level. DG Merle and IPG Jerry Post will work on a program for our district to honor Presidents, Secretary and Treasurers form the past year. Please notify IPDG Jerry if your president, secretary or treasurer from last year deserves special recognition.

Four Special International Presidents awards will be given out at the District Convention in October, along with 2 Birch Sturm awards. If you know of a Lion deserving this special award let DG Merle know, give him detailed information as to why they deserve.

Photos are needed for the necrology service at the district convention to give proper honor to those who have passed away.

2011-2012 Budget was presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. The total budget amount has decreased due to declining membership; however, we will incur additional expense for Peace Poster contest and reimbursement for 2nd Vice District Governor which were approved in the previous year. Motion to accept the budget as presented by PDG Ed Filemyer, 2nd by Lion Irv Korth. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

A. Vice District Governor Lion Meg Post welcomed everyone to a NEW year, we are one big family, one happy family. She plans to attend at least 1 zone meeting for each zone. Let her know what you would like her to talk about. Lion Meg is here to help.

B. 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Dawn Christensen would like to try to attend the zone meetings. She will be there to assist DG Merle and 1st Vice Meg. Since the meetings in Seattle, she now has some special job functions this year.

C. Constitution/Bylaws chair IPDG Jerry Post reported there will only be minor changes this year to be voted on at the convention. IPDG Jerry also reported on some interest Lion statistics and Lion history and has more to tell but you need to invite him to speak. He is also available to give out any special club awards.

D. GLT/GMT chair Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present for a report

1. **GMT** chair PDG Ed Filemyr reminded everyone MERLOW is OUT ! GMT/GLT is IN.... All clubs should have a membership chairman.

2. **GLT** chair Lion Dave Holschbach reported this is a new position and is still getting organized. There is a retreat planned for Saturday Aug 27th at Lions camp to establish district goals and plans

E. WLF rep Lion Irv Korth reported 1,395 campers this year. WLF will have their first meeting in 2 weeks. September 17th is open house. Lion Fred Gebhart reported on two experiences that he had with Lions and special needs.

F. Affiliate President Lioness Sue Robinson is now on her second term. There are 272 Lioness. All the clubs are gearing up for another year and will be active at the district convention. She will be busy visiting all 13 clubs.

G. Affiliate Liaison rep PDG Len Quinn reported the Fond du Lac Lioness club will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on August 27th. Everyone is welcome.

H. LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz reported that LCIF does lots of good things, grants, disaster relief, youth programs. Be sure to designate your donations for Melvin Jones award for your club. The overseas clubs are more youth oriented. Get youths involved in your club activities. It's good for ALL.

Quest is all about youth and helping the kids to do better academically and socially. If any schools are interested in quest training, contact him, as a district we have \$7000+ available to train. Quest grants are also available for promotional seminar. PDG Herb Schneider asked how many schools presently do the QUEST training.....**NONE !!** Lion Mary Jo Abler asked should the district do a mailing to help the program? Many school systems are experiencing budget cuts.

I. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton reported this year the forum is in Alaska and will be September 22-24. There are fantastic seminars. Checkout their website.

J. Lions Pride PDG Herb Schneider thanked the cabinet for 100% district participation. Get the word out about PRIDE ! He is available anytime for zone meetings.

K. Youth Exchange chair Lion Sandy King had 42 families hosting 60 kids from 25 countries. Excellent year, no incidents, they need host families. Some of the youths returned home and became LIONS.

L. Special Olympics chair Lion Mike De Baere had nothing to report.

M. Leo Chairman PDG Ken Wallander had no report and was attending Mission to Mexico meeting in Shell Lake.

N. Peace Poster chair Lion Dawn Christensen theme for the peace poster is "Children Know Peace." Time is running short for entries, clubs are showing interest.

O. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation chair Lion Gary Silah has not received any update from the state office. Lion Kay Quinn has given him a lot of information. He will do an e-mail campaign. Wisconsin and Washington Lions combined at the International Convention with their float and won the competition.

P. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling Lion Wendy Hartmann has approved 6 hearing aids and 3 approved for repairs. Each hearing aid cost approximately \$600. There are none pending due to funding. DG Merle asks each club to earmark \$300 for the hearing fund program in District 27 B1.

Q. Lions Eye Bank of WI President PDG Tom King reported the mortgage has been burned. Now progressing on tissue cutting technology. Their golf outing is coming up soon. He asked all transporters to stand and get recognition and thanks for all they do. Search is continuing to find a new Executive Director.

R. Mission to Mexico co-chair Lion Ralph Schneider reported only one mission last year. Today they are discussing the plans for the upcoming year. Mexico is not pushing for the program at this time due to political unrest there. Wisconsin may look at going to Honduras. Keep collecting eyeglasses, they are needed. PDG Bob Showers is currently on dialysis.

S. Leader Dog chair Lion Jim McGee did send in a report. District 27 B1 donated \$13,855 as of 4/6 to Leader Dog, there are 12 people with active leader dogs in the district. Please feel free to contact Lion Jim by e-mail or phone with questions or to be a speaker. Thank you for

considering Leader Dog in your donations. PDG Len Quinn also added that Wisconsin is #3 in donations in the nation. They now have a voice activated GPS which is now being distributed to all Leader Dogs.

T. Canine Companions chair Lion Sara Filemyr reported that Canine Companions works with dogs for people with wheelchair, nursing homes who need that extra help to be independent. She has been getting inquiries and is available to speak at any time.

U. District Raffle chair Lion Mike De Baere is new to this position. He has distributed 3,500 tickets which is due at the district convention. All the tickets have been given to the zone chairman for distribution. He also included information about ads for the convention booklet and registration forms for the district convention.

V. State Lions Convention chair Lion Chuck Teske is new to the cabinet and will work with DG Merle. He is waiting to get more information from the state office.

W. District Convention chair PDG Gary Colton – “Believe – Lions Make a Difference” Friday Night’s hospitality theme will be “27B1 Helping Hands of the World” There will not be a band this year, just CD’s playing. We plan to rent a hospitality room for snacks during the hospitality. The first 20 new members that register will have **FREE** registration. The September WI Lion newspaper will have all the information along with the packets given to the zone chairman.

X. District and State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present.

Y. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen has been handling the directory. Contact him for directory changes. Latest revision was July 30th.

Z. Newspaper chair Lion Bonnie Strelow reminded everyone to send clear photos, action photos. Keep sending articles, she does have enough for September.

AA. Public Relations chair Lion Mary Jo Ablner distributed a speakers list. She is available to talk about local PR. Use what is available, put out stickers to promote your club and activities. Send Lion Mary Jo any e-mail addresses for your local media contacts. Zone chairman be sure to let PDG Tom Clausen know about your meetings, so he can put them on the district web page. **PROMOTE LIONS**

BB. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann asked for a vote to determine which pin design for the district convention pin, photo shot or die struck. She quoted prices. The best price she got was from fellow Lion Rich Koch. Motion made by PDG Len Quinn with 2nd by Lion Helen Mork to go with the die struck pin with a rubber backing for \$1.45 each. **MOTION CARRIED** The convention pin will cost \$1.55 with the old sub view design. IPDG Jerry thanked Lion Wendy for taking over the pin position from Lion Harvey Hansen.

CC. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Craig Hansen was not present.

DD. Historian chair PDG Richard Christianson was not present.

EE. Elections & Nominations chair Lion Ralph Schneider has not received any nomination forms for 2nd vice district governor or bids for the 2012 district convention. DG Merle will work on the nomination forms for potential candidates and get the applications in. They must be filed 30 days prior to the convention.

FF. Youth Outreach – get active in youth community projects.

GG. Advisory/Long Range Planning co chair PDG Tom King has had nothing given to them to discuss and come up with recommendations.

15. Zone Chairmen Reports: DG Merle will be finding NEW zone chairmen for the future.

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** Lion Fred Gebhart reported all clubs active with community projects. His zones have 23 visual machines owned by clubs and are available to be loaned out. February 2nd he has a presentation on the visual machines.

2. **Region 1 Zone 2** Lion Dave Holschbach reported Wayside-Morrison Lions will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on September 12th and Francis Creek Lions are planning their 50th anniversary. Membership is at 148 down 3 for the year. During the summer months 4 clubs do not meet but are active in fundraisers then. Francis Creek Lions are planning on having a bus to Lions Camp Open House on Sept 17th. His next zone meeting will be September 28th hosted by the Reedsville Lioness.

3. **Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Mike Hartmann’s zone will be selling tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair for a fundraiser. St Nazianz Lions will be celebrating 60 years. His zone made \$ 7,000 by

hosting the 2012 State Lions Convention. September 19th will be his zone meeting at Butch's in St Nazianz and the speaker will be on the "Hearing Loop"

4. **Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Mike Helmke did submit the following report. His first zone meeting will be on Monday September 19th in Plymouth and plans to have DG Merle as the speaker on his vision for the district.

5. **Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Madonna Schneider has her first meeting on August 20th. She is new to the position and Learning as She Goes.....

6. **Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Larry Dikeman is also new and did not have much update at this time. He has been to clubs to install new members. His zone meeting will be at the Cabaret in St Cloud on September 12th and will have Lion Wendy speak about the hearing program.

7. **Region 3 Zone 1** Lion Eugene Hardell clubs have been active. Appleton Noon Lions will be hosting the Senior Expo in November. They are working on a text to Braille machine for a blind man. Clubs have been active in scholarships, rose sale and other fund raisers. The plan to give out a Melvin Jones and Birch Sturm from the zone. Lion Sandy King will be guest speaker.

8. **Region 3 Zone 2** Lion Gary Silah has had 3 club transfers into his zone due to the new realignment. His clubs have been hibernating during the summer. First zone meeting will be September 19th at the UW Fond du lac campus with guest speaker IPDG Jerry Post. This will be the first zone meeting with the 3 new clubs.

9. **Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Dawn Christensen's zone was on the other end of the realignment and lost 118 members. Fairwater Lions will be the host for her late September, early October meeting.

10. **Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Jim Zamzow is replacing Lion Marv Henke. Club teaming has been very successful for fund raising projects. His zone meeting will be September 21st hosted by Markesan Lions.

11. **Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Carl Rasmussen's clubs have been active in golf outings, raffles, bingo brat and burger fry outs. His first zone meeting will be August 30th.

12. **Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Jim Fritz's wife is very sick. DG Merle will be finding a replacement for him.

16. Other Business – 50/50 drawing was won by PDG Vern Pautz. Lion Wendy Hartmann needs pin designs for the 2012-2013 district to vote at the convention. Pins are available from Lion Wendy for \$ 2.00 **Motion** made by PDG Vern Pautz, 2nd by PDG Tom King to go with the black & white version of the submarine for this years convention pin. **MOTION CARRIED**

Birch Sturm committee met to discuss 2 Birch Sturm Awards to be given out at the district convention in October.

Next cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday morning October 30th after the district convention. DG Merle asked if it was better to have a Friday pm meeting. Consensus was **NO** we would lose money, Saturday banquet would drop, convention numbers would decrease and the hotel would lose business.

Tail Twister collected \$ 43.00 to start the year's budget.

PDG Vern Pautz questioned if the district historian is keeping information up to date, since we have not received any updates ?? PDG Orv Doede did an excellent job and we don't want to lose the information.

17. Motion to adjourn made by Lion Mike Hartmann, 2nd by Lion Madonna Schneider to adjourn at 4:00 pm **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted.....Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer