



**District 27-B1 Business Meeting  
Saturday May 19, 2012  
State Convention – KI Convention Center Green Bay, WI**

**CALL to ORDER** @ 7:50 am by District Governor Merle Strelow

Thank you for attending this year's convention. Lion Helen Mork our district tail twister will be collecting fines from any Lion who does not have a sticker. She will collect both for our district and also as state tail twister. Past International President Sid Scuggs III will join our meeting at approximately 8:00 am.

- 1) Pledge – Immediate Past District Governor Jerry Post
- 2) Song – Lion Bonnie Strelow

**ROLL CALL** - 47 Lions members in attendance, including 27 cabinet members & 2 honorary district governors.

**COMMENTS** : Opening comments from DG Merle. There will be no clubs promoting bowling, only 1 nomination. It has been a very good year. Membership for the district currently is up 15 since the start of the year. We need younger members! District 27-B1 has 1 great accomplishment this year. The tele-loop in the dining room at Lions Camp was completely paid for by donations from District 27-B1.

**COMMENTS from FLOOR** : **District Governor Elect Meg Post** talked about the 2012-2013 district convention to be held at Fox Hills Resort – Mishicot on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A preliminary sheet with the convention information was handed out.

**1st VD Governor Elect Dawn Christensen** is available to all zone and club meetings, to install officers and anything else. She is looking forward to giving 100% for the upcoming year.

**PIP Sid Scuggs III** entered the room to make some special presentations. He thanked everyone for their support of all of the Lions programs. PIP Scuggs presented the following awards:

Immediate Past District Governor Jerry Post in acknowledgement of his past year as District Governor.

Past District Governor Vern Pautz in recognition for being the LCI coordinator for the past three years for District 27 B1.

District Secretary Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his years of service to District 27-B1, he is a well deserving Lion.

PIP Scuggs thanked everyone for their donations which make the awards possible, Please continue to make donations. He was given a standing ovation upon departure.

**2nd Vice District Governor Elect** Jim Zamzow thanked everyone for a great job they have done this year. He is looking forward to his term and will be available at all times. He loves being a LION.

**Lion Gary Silah** called DG Merle and Lion Bonnie forward for a special presentation. PDG Tom King presented them with a Knight of Sight award on behalf of the WI Lions Eye Bank for their support and leadership of District 27-B1. Both DG Merle and Lion Bonnie were named, Lion Bonnie has been his companion and help support all of the programs. DG Merle commented it has been a wonderful year

**PDG Vern Pautz** reminded everyone that Bill and Linda Gates Foundation will match donations to LCI until the end of June, two for one donations for the measles epidemic program. This can be used as a donation for a Melvin Jones. Please send your donations. 1992 was the last time that District 27-B1 collected for any major disaster, money is available.

**WLF Representative Lion Irv Korth** reported that over 100 trees were destroyed at Lions Camp this past spring. The camp is working on cleanup with the logging company. There will be a further update at the Lions Foundation meeting later Saturday.

**WLF Representative Lion Fred Gebhart** reported that Deer Hides for Camp now was at \$70,100, an increase from last year. The license plate program has a temporary legal snag for legal wording. Lions Camp is ready for the season. Lions Camp is being paid by the loggers for the removal of the trees.

**IPDG Jerry Post** had no update on bylaws or constitutions. Next year there may be some changes to be discussed.

**PDG Tom King** on behalf of Wisconsin Eye Bank reported that they are doing well. He will be updated on Saturday. The LEBW annual golf outing is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Lion Ralph Schneider** chair of the district's nominations reminded anyone interest in a district officer positions to file their nomination early, also pertains to bowling and convention site.

**DG Merle** updated the medical conditions of fellow Lions. PDG Tom Clausen has some medical problems at the moment and could not attend. He is doing better. PDG Bob Showers is still on dialysis and not doing the best. PDG Len Quinn has had some heart problems and has been told he works too hard and needs to slow down.

**Lion Ed Manke representing the Menomonie Lions** asked for our vote for the 2014 State Bowling Tournament. There are 20 lanes that have been updated and 4 hotels within walking distance of the lanes. He also presented a gift of chocolates to the district.

**Lion Wendy Hartmann, district hearing representative** reported the tele-loop is in at Lions Camp Dining Hall. She is excited for the first deaf camp and will spread the word about the success of the tele-loop. Lions camp will continue to collect for more loops.

**Lion Mary Jo Abler, district PR** reminded everyone that this week is **LIONS WEEK**. Try to promote Lions and all we do. If you need any help or contacts, get in touch with her, she is available for any help you need.

**PDG Herb Schneider** reported there will be no Missions to Mexico this year due to the unrest politically. However we still need glasses and hearing aids, keep collecting. Even though there are no missions they are still very active and will try to ship glasses out. They are continuing to look at other potential places for missions.

**Lion Sandy King, district Youth exchange chair** needs homes for 6 more youth coming for the Youth Exchange program. Please contact Lion Sandy.

**Lion Wendy Hartmann, district pin chair** reported that there will not be a district convention pin this year, they just don't sell. The district pin approved at the district convention will go into production so that they will be ready for purchase in July, the beginning of another year. She has ordered 300 pins. PDG Herb Schneider reminded everyone that the State Pin Traders are at the convention and have some great displays. It is a great opportunity to start or add to a collection.

**Lion Dave Holschbach, GLT coordinator** again thanked everyone for the special Melvin Jones award he received. He was surprised again and speechless. He will continue to be there to help where needed even though his term will be ending as Cabinet Secretary Treasurer and also he will be co-zone chairman. He did report there was a great response to the officer training, Saturday there were 65 Lions and 35 on Tuesday. Online training was great.

**DGE Meg** introduced Lion Mike Helmke as a new member to her cabinet. Lion Mike will be assuming the GMT coordinator position. The directory is just about done. MMR reports are coming in very good.

**CLOSING COMMENTS** : DG Merle hoped that everyone learned something at this convention. The Hyatt and KI had great facilities. Thank you to all of the cabinet members for a prosperous and successful year. He hopes everyone enjoyed serving. At the conclusion of the meeting, he has an appreciation gift for all of the cabinet members.

**Lion Helen Mork, district Tail Twister** did meet her quota for this year's budget.

## **A standing ovation was given to DG Merle Strelow !!!!!**

Motion to adjourn by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Madonna Schneider MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am by DG Merle.

Lion Dave Holschbach has certified 52 Lions to vote on behalf of District 27-B1. Actual voted was 34 Lions.

**Respectfully submitted.....CST Lion Dave Holschbach**