



District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting Sunday, August 5, 2012



Call to order at 1:00 P.M. – DG Meg Post

Pledge of Allegiance – IPDG Merle Strelow

Song & Prayer – Lion Bonnie Strelow

Introduction of Guests – DG Meg

Past International Director Wayne Heiman

Myra Schneider (spouse of PDG Herb) and Lion Joanne Hansen (spouse of Lion Harvey)

Installation of Cabinet Members – PID Wayne Heiman

Approval of Agenda & Opening Remarks – DG Meg

Presentation of a special award to Immediate Past District Governor Merle Strelow, in recognition of his year having a +8 in membership, the only governor in our multiple district to have done so.

For the “Listen to Your Heart” theme on the District Governor’s pin, past district governor and District Governor Spouse Jerry Post presented District Governor Meg with a stethoscope.

Governor Meg thanked all cabinet members for accepting their positions in the cabinet.

Gov Meg’s one big goal is to make sure that all clubs are current on their reports to LCI. She asked that all zone chairs keep an eye on your clubs’ WMMRs and accounts with International; contact them if they are behind, and see if they need assistance.

Gov. Meg also recognized Cabinet Tail Twister Helen Mork, who herself raised over \$600 at the State Convention in Green Bay in May.

Motion by PDG Jerry, seconded by Lion Mike, to approve the agenda--passed.

Roll Call – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Gary Silah

A roster of Cabinet officers was passed around, and each Cabinet member made sure their information was correct. The directory will be updated using this information.

Approval of Cabinet Minutes and District Caucus from May 19, 2012-PCST Dave Holschbach

The minutes were distributed; motion by PDG Merle Strelow, seconded by PDG Gary Colton, to accept as distributed; passed.

Review of yearend 2012 – PCST Dave

Attached - made a profit of \$12.07. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, seconded by PDG Vern Pautz to accept the review as presented; passed.

Treasurers Report – Sec-Treas Gary

New budget (attached) balanced despite International’s cutting of the budget by about \$300

Motion by Lion Dave, seconded by Lion Dick, to approve the budget as submitted--passed.

Tail Twister – Lion Helen Mork

Budget was increased; all cabinet members are to wear RED to the meeting; if you fail to bring your agenda, you will be charged to get a new copy. Each presentation is allowed a maximum of 3 minutes--you will be fined over that, and you will be cut off at the 4 minute mark.

Communications – DG Meg Post and Cabinet Sec/Treasurer Gary

No communications as of yet

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Regional Lions Leadership (used to be emerging Lions leadership); zone chairs get this one out at the first zone meeting

Committee Reports

Vice District Governor – Lion Dawn Christensen

I'm asking all zone chairs to invite me to your zone meetings; if you need help with anything, let me know

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Jim Zamzow

Has done a lot of officers and new member installations; available as need for zone, club meetings.

Constitution/Bylaws/Convention Policy – PDG Jerry Post

District Conference policy presented to the cabinet--motion by PDG Jerry, Lion Wendy to accept the new policy--passed.

GMT – Lion Mike Helmke

Attended the leadership training in Fond du Lac--Lion Mike is running for State Assembly, so he may be limited in time until fall--if you need assistance, contact PDG Jerry or Gov Meg

GLT – Lion Dave Holschbach

Officers Training in Fond du Lac was funded by LCI for the zone chair training; \$183 was provided. There was GLT and GMT training at State Convention. Lots of new ideas to work with. There will be hands-on training for reporting to LCI at the District Convention. The activities report is also now online.

WLF –Lion Irv Korth

Irv is having some health issues; he will NOT run for a second term on the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

WLF-Lion Fred Gebhart

Kids Raffle tickets back in by August 15th; 18th is the drawing.
Wednesday visits by Lions Clubs have been very well attended
Motorcycle Group donated \$4,500 this year. The Birch-Sturm Golf Outing raised over \$23,000.

Deer hide collection coming up; raised \$70,000 last year.
Zone Chairmen Mike Helmke and Zone Chairman Fred Gebhart both had 100% participation for the foundation last year.

Affiliate President – Lioness Diane Schmidt

Not much to report, as most Lioness clubs don't meet in the summer. The Lioness were down in membership in 27-B1 by about 25 members, so there's lots of work to do.

Affiliate Liaison – Lion Gerry Schmidt

Welcomes the challenge of the new job--would like to hear from Lions clubs with neighboring Lioness clubs, on how they work together

LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz

Lions measles program raised \$5.2 million out of its \$10 million goal. Our district donated \$20,185, down from previous years.

There are clubs that have Melvin Jones funds accumulated; contact PDG Vern, and he'll provide you with the information for your club.

President Tam's plan for 1,000,000 trees to be planted; we ended up with 13,000,000 trees for the year.

USA/ Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton

Tampa Bay, FL this year; information available in Lions newsletter.

Lions Pride – PDG Herb Schneider

The goal of the 5-year program of \$25,000,000 was NOT met; it was decided to continue working until we achieve the goal. "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King

I am unable to attend this year's first Cabinet Meeting because Tom and I are taking our Youth Exchange girl to the airport today. OK, Helen, start timing my report. (Gary...read fast)

This year Wisconsin hosted 58 youths from 25 countries. 55 youths (38 girls/17 boys) attended Camp Vista last week. Our group of kids this year was exceptional, and this makes our job easier. Each year they form a FACEBOOK page for their group so they can stay in touch after they go home.

During camp one girl went to the hospital with a dislocated kneecap, but it popped back into place when they moved her from the gurney to a table, so she was fine. No other "incidents". Our 14 counselors were also exceptional this year. Three counselors came from the Madison Campus Lions Club! They are also "volunteers".

Our district hosted 3 youths this year. PDG Merle and Bonnie hosted a boy from Denmark, Tom and I hosted a girl from Switzerland, and one of Del Peterson's former host families in Elkhart Lake hosted a girl from Italy. Our District also had one outgoing youth, a girl also from the same

family in Elkhart Lake went to Italy. This is a “direct exchange” when two families exchange youths.

It is always difficult for a Youth Exchange Chairman to place Youths throughout a large district like ours, so I asked PDG Merle if he would consider being a co-chair with me in B1. He told me he would love to help me place kids in our district. So I would like DG Meg to add him as a YE Co-Chair for our district. Merle and Bonnie came to camp three times last week, and they are very interested in helping place more kids next year. In all the years Youth Exchange has been operating in Wisconsin, Districts A1 and C1 host over 75% of the placements. I think Merle and I can develop our district starting next year.

Merle can now tell you the goals we would like to reach for 2013

Special Olympics – Lion Mike De Baere

Event is April of 2013; the last one was Stevens Point in the second week in June. They put it inside this year, as it always rained in previous years. It was very hot, but they managed very well and it had the most athletes participating ever. Hopes to see more Lions come up next year to ours and to the Point.

Leo Chairman – Lion Joe Barth

Were successful in starting a Leos chapter this year; easy sell to the kids because it's a good chance to help the community and it looks good on a resume. Two new inquiries being worked on now.

Peace Poster – Lion Sandy King

No report submitted, but she sent the rules for Governor Meg to distribute to anyone who wants one; also, they will be published in the September newspaper.

Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation – Lion Gary Silah

Not a lot to report right now, but I am working on a new presentation that will involve some multimedia, so if anyone needs a speaker (after about 10/1) let me know.

Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Wendy Hartmann

(Thanks to Lion Wendy for the great job she has done these past few years, when she took over from PDG Paul Tadych after he unexpectedly passed)

Short of funds at this time; for the first time, we have a waiting list.

36 applications last year, 21 approvals, 11 denials, and 4 who received assistance from other sources. This year, 4 applications; 2 pending awaiting further information, 1 denied, 1 approved but on a waiting list. Down \$275 so far, not including 4 hearing aids currently in process.

31 District clubs have donated to the hearing fund; many more are needed. Remember, Helen Keller was deaf as well as blind; if she approached the Lions today, she would ask us to be Knights of the Deaf as well. Zone chairmen please talk to your clubs; and make sure when then donate, the check is made out to WLF Hearing Program, with 27-B1 Hearing Aid Fund in the MEMO blank.

Gov. Meg will check on whether there is a DVD on this program available from International for presentation to clubs.

Lions Eye Bank of WI – PDG Tom King

This year we welcomed our new Executive Director, Art O’Neal, on board. Art comes with an extensive eye banking, organ and tissue background. He has been a great asset to our already excellent staff, this year.

Our achievements this year have been exceptional. All Lions should be proud in knowing that at the end of each day we have contributed, mostly in Wisconsin, as well as nationally and Internationally, the “gift of sight” to at least three people. Great job to all.

I must thank the Lions transporters, as without you, we could not possibly do what we do so efficiently. We are the envy of other states. The fact that we not only bring tissue in for processing but also distribute to hospitals and clinics all with volunteer Lion transporters make us unique and very special. Thank you.

I have had a great time this year as your President. I was able to make all of your conventions and met many old friends as well as making new ones.

It was also a great pleasure to work with such dedicated staff at your LEBW. Thanks again for the opportunity and ”Happy Trails.”

Mission to Mexico –Lion Ralph Schneider

Needs eyeglasses--keep the flow coming, also the hospital and school supplies donations. There are trips going, just not to Mexico right now.

Leader Dog - Lion Jim McGee

No report (on vacation)

Leader Dog - PDG Len Quinn

Every club in the District donated last year. Budget for Lions Leader Dog has a \$2,000,000 budget, and we did \$2,116,000.

The deaf-blind program is expanding; more dogs are being trained to handle both. The mobility program, as well, is working. It takes about a year to 16 months to complete.

Wisconsin received 7 dogs last year.

Captain Plus program provides GPS for each Leader Dog student; but Captain Plus has stopped making them. Leader Dog purchased their entire stock, and are trying to find a new supplier.

District Raffle – Lion Mike De Baere

1500 tickets need to be sold, so sell, sell, sell. Drawing at District Conference Banquet on Saturday night.

State Lions Convention – IPDG Merle Strelow

At Middleton, information and registration in the newspaper.

District Convention – PDG Vern Pautz

New members - PDG Jerry and DG Meg will pay their registration, and all Leos are also free. The last page of the booklet is sold. We are attracting younger people by offering activities for the kids. There will be a buffet style luncheon, and a regular banquet dinner. No Friday fish fry, although one is available at the hotel. The room release date is 10/10, and of course condos are available as well.

Hospitality theme this year is “Education is our Future”, so bring a book or a school supply to the hospitality room; the zone chairs will distribute them to schools in the area.

There will be no convention pin this year, but we are making a 27-B1 script pin, which will be on sale at the convention.

District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert

Great tournament last year in Berlin. A 300 game (first in the history of the tournament), 30 teams, 120 bowlers. The state tournament this year in Medford had 112 teams, 1,500 bowlers. Both were fun events--plan on participating next year.

IT – PDG Tom Clausen

WMMR - 5 clubs did not fill out the PU-101 form on line as of July 1. I tried to contact them in an attempt to have 100% filled out electronically.

Websites - the formation of websites has slowed to a crawl. Perhaps a publicity campaign should be started to see if any new members would like to keep their club's presence on the web. Lions Clubs International is endorsing the new e-clubhouse.org which is a free hosting site for clubs and districts. The beauty of this site is that it is template driven and one only needs to fill in the blocks with text and pictures. It is about as easy as editing a Word document.

Mailchimp - I have been sending emails to officers via a mail service. I don't know if the reports are accurate or not, but when I look at the report on the email which was sent, just over half of the emails get opened. If this is true, we still haven't progressed where we can depend on electronic means of communication.

Public Relations – Lion Mary Jo Abler

Zone chairs, and all those who were given District Conference packets today, please make sure they get to the clubs ASAP. Remind the clubs of the importance of the information in them. This information is no longer mailed, as the state doesn't allow raffle tickets to go out in the mail. Return money and tickets can be mailed, but make sure it arrives before the conference; better yet, bring it along when you come.

I am always available to help clubs get more publicity in their local media, whether it be writing articles or finding places to get your information out to the public. There are many ways to get the word out. Let people know what Lions do for the community; they will be more willing to support your fundraisers and will also consider membership.

Pin Chairman – Lion Wendy Hartmann

New 2013 district pin available for \$3; zone chairs can buy them and sell them at your meetings. There is no convention pin this year; is that a permanent thing? (Don't know yet).

There is an ad concerning the district pin design; we're looking for new designers to come forward and submit a design; there's a \$25 prize for the winning design.

District Bucket Raffle – Lion Jamie Christensen

Has all the materials ready; zone chairs please remind the clubs to provide a prize for the raffle.

Historian – PDG Tom Clausen

I am in the process of getting all the history information that I have in electronic format and placing on our district's website. This way, everyone can have access right from their keyboard should they need to know something. There is a History link on the left side of the district's home page.

Club history - I have added a matrix for each club and have scanned in all hard copies of anniversaries and such into PDF files for each club. If there is a link on a club's name, their file is populated with whatever I had. Clubs can opt to have more of their history placed in this file by sending me the hard copy or by email.

Awards - I have been working with the state office for the leadership awards and have received up to date names of recipients. I just received a copy of the Melvin Jones Fellowships from PDG Pautz and will get those brought up to date later this month.

The Eye Bank and has not fulfilled my request as of yet, but that is the report that most desperately needs updating for the Knight of Sight. I'll keep on them.

The Birch-Sturm awards are up to date.

The next project is to get all the cabinet information scanned in. I need all the materials from the 2011 convention in Manitowoc to start that folder. It appears that I have to get everything back to 2008 when Orv Doede stopped being the Historian.

Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider

Paperwork must be submitted by October 9th; we are looking for a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate, and a Foundation Director to replace Lion Irv. Also, a bowling and convention site.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

Region 1 Zone 1-Lion Fred Gebhart

Clubs have been busy this summer.

Region 1 Zone 2-Lion Dave Holschbach

I have a replacement zone chair, Joe Bartz, I am helping train. We will work together this year, and then it will be all his.

Meetings all tentatively scheduled; October in Maribel, February in Francis Creek, and April in Mishicot.

Membership started off with 145 members last year, and ended at 150.

Region 1 Zone 3-Lion Mike Hartmann

Most of the clubs are off for the summer, but some activities going forward. 1st zone meeting will be September 17th at Mr. Lueck's in Valders.

Region 2 Zone 1-Lion Mike Helmke

Seven clubs in the zone have been very busy with festivals and other events. Next zone meeting will be September 17th at Cleveland.

Region 2 Zone 2-Lion Madonna Schneider

Most clubs off for the summer. 1st zone meeting will be October 29th

Region 2 Zone 3-Lion Larry Dikeman

Clubs have been very busy this summer. Zone is up 6 members since January. 1st meeting is September 10th at Kiel; 1st Vice District Governor Dawn will be the featured speaker.

Region 3 Zone 1-Lion Larry Fredrick

Absent -no report

Region 3 Zone 2-Lion Gary Silah

For our first zone meeting, we are going to combine with new zone chair Mike DeBaere to help get him started. My plan is to let him do most of the zone work, and I am so intrigued with the Diabetes Chair's new multimedia presentation that I'll bring it in as a speaker. It will be late September or early October, probably hosted by the Oakfield Lions Club.

Region 3 Zone 3-Lion Harvey Hansen

(was thanked by the District Governor for stepping up into the position)

Not much to report, I'm working to gather the clubs for the first meeting shortly.

Region 4 Zone 1-Lion Mike De Baere

Also a new zone chair, VDG Dawn and SecTreas Gary will be helping me to get acclimated. The first meeting will be jointly with Gary's zone, the second will be just my zone, probably in Ripon, and the third may be combined with Lion Harvey's zone, and the forth, who knows?

Region 4 Zone 2-Lion Charles Teske

6 clubs in the zone, very active. Green Lake will possibly host the 1st zone meeting in September.

Region 5 Zone 1-Lion Carl Rasmussen

All clubs are active at this time; 1st zone meeting will be August 28th at Oxford.

Region 5 Zone 2-Lion Jeff Reabe

absent - no report

Quest – PDG Vern Pautz

Very good program; 60 countries, 500 educators in 30 languages; 12,000,000 young people have gone through the program. In schools with the program, they have found a 69% increase in resiliency, 47% increase in problem-solving skills, 14% increase in grade point averages, I have helped establish a program in Heartland, WI. A1 & A2 Lions have a grant and it's going to be attended by students from Mishicot in B1. I am requesting that \$900-1100 be released to the program to send two teachers and myself to a 1-day training workshop. The money is to cover registration, training kits, transportation and food. We could organize our own workshop here in the district, but the cost would be at least \$2,700. Motion by IPDG Merle, seconded by PDG Len Quinn, that \$1,100 be released, with more money made available if needed (PDG Vern didn't believe it would be needed)--passed.

Other Business:

Cabinet photos – yes or no?

Vote to have one--also, we need someone to take it at the April meeting; if we cannot find one for a reasonable price, then we won't.

MARKESAN LIONS gave us 11/30, 12/1, 12/2, 12/7, 12/8 and 12/9 for District Bowling. They were chosen because Markesan is a little far out in the district, and the weather is likely to be better than in January. It was mentioned that November and December has never been very popular, and bowling chair Bill Hilbert volunteered to talk to them about it.

WE ARE WORKING ON A NEW CLUB IN THE DISTRICT--Poysippi is working on a new one. We'll keep you posted.

WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET for the District Governors expenses. The council is working on the newspaper, and what that will cost, but we need to keep a careful record of everything that is spent on stationery, mailings etc and then compare it to the old ones, and put it on the January agenda for discussion. Motion by PDG Herb, seconded by IPDG Merle, to do this analysis--passed.

LCIF MEASELS PROJECT has been in trouble for awhile; motion by PDG Vern, seconded by IPDG Merle, to donate the tail twister money collected today (\$36.75) and the reimbursement for the zone chair training (\$183)--posted to the 27-B1 fund toward a district Melvin Jones--passed.

JUST A REMINDER that PDG Tom Clausen is planning to do the slideshow for the Necrology service at District--remind all clubs to get the photos into Tom about 2 weeks before the conference,

SPECIAL THANKS to 2VDG Jim Zamzow and Lion Chuck Teske for cleaning the District's flags and holders after they were damaged in a flood, and making waterproof containers for them so it doesn't happen again.

Also, thanks to Past International Director Wayne Heiman for installing our cabinet today.

Next Meeting Sunday, November 11th in Mishicot.

Motion by Lion Mary Jo, seconded by PDG Herb to Adjourn--passed