

**Minutes of the 2nd Cabinet meeting,  
Fox Hills Mishicot  
November 11, 2012**

Call to Order at 9:00 a.m. by District Governor Meg Post

Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Merle Strelow

Prayer led by Lion Bonnie Strelow

Approval of the Agenda; motion by Dave Holschbach, seconded by PDG Tom Clausen— passed.

Opening Remarks (DG Meg Post) Excellent conference; IPDG Merle had evaluations, which were almost entirely favorable (luncheon took a little longer than they wanted).

Roll Call - Lion Gary Silah, CST; sign-up sheet sent around

Approval of Cabinet Minutes from August 5, 2012; motion by Lion Ralph Schneider, seconded by IPDG Merle--passed

Treasurers report (CST Gary Silah) distributed; most of the Conference expenses were reflected, but not all. A conference final will be out shortly.

Tail Twister (Lion Helen Mork) \$274 from Conference; next meeting, wear two different

Communications (DG Meg and CST Gary) a thank-you note from the family of Arnold Poltrock, for the plant the District sent.

Old Business: None

New Business: Convention Results

Peace poster; 84 delegates voted, only 64 for the peace poster; should we have the peace posters in the voting room; how about the pin design? PDG Herb thought it would substantially delay voting if the delegates were studying them in the voting room. Since they were on the wall when the line was going in, they should have had time to look at them.

This is something to look at for next time.

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

Vice District Governor (DGE Dawn Christensen): it was a great conference and a great weekend.

1st Vice District Governor Elect (Lion Jim Zamzow): thanks for voting for me, and I am available for any club or zone meeting.

Constitution/Bylaws/Convention Policy (PDG Jerry Post): no report

GLT/GMT

GMT – (Lion Mike Helmke): work in progress, have been communicating with camp and with International.

GLT – (Lion Dave Holschbach): annual get-together in August, updated training and planning. New training is available, there is interest from the clubs. Both seminars were well received during the conference, and some zone meetings will be attended. Next officers training is being prepared

Special Olympics (Lion Mike DeBaere): Special Olympics April 6<sup>th</sup> at Oshkosh; looking for help with the vision screening

WLF –

(Lion Irv Korth): most of the reports were given at the Business Session of the Conference, so there's nothing to add

(Lion Fred Gebhart): 17 people participated in Camp cleanup; did all the work on the lakefront, gearing up for 2013 camping season. New diabetes DVD on diagnostics for children. October is the food drive with the Boy Scouts.

Affiliate President (Lioness Diane Schmidt): enjoyed the conference, quite an experience. Lioness had nine clubs, about 50 members. They voted on the pin design for next year. Some new members for the first quarter, but they lost some, too. Next Affiliate cabinet meeting is January 9th.

Affiliate Liaison (Lion Gerry Schmidt): written report, things going well, visiting the clubs with President Diane. Right now I haven't heard about any problems with the clubs.

QUEST (PDG Vern Pautz): 27-A1 and 27-A2 received a \$25,000 grant for the training, and they helped us out considerably. I would suggest anyone involved with their local school system check into the program; our future lies with the youth.

DG Meg asked if the tail twisting funds received at the conference be sent to LCIF Disaster Relief fund; motion by IPDG Merle, seconded by PDG Ken Rohde; suggested that we put a total of \$1,000 for a Melvin Jones. Will be passed at the January meeting, when the entire amount from the conference will be known. PDG Vern mentioned that there are \$1,300 in funds available right now. It was mentioned that there is an Emergency Fund available as well, but we should keep that within the district. passed.

USA/ Canada Leadership Forum (PDG Gary Colton): no report

Lions Pride (PDG Herb Schneider): no report

Youth Exchange (Lion Sandy King): \$1,700 supposed to go to the state for Youth Exchange; we should have it now.

Special Olympics (PDG Ken Wallander): Mike did most of the presentation already; would like an opportunity to do presentations for clubs/zones

Leo Chairman (Lion Joe Barth): Reedsville Leos began with the school year, planning new projects and activities. The start of the school year had the Neshkoro Leos asking to decertify due to lack of membership, caused by the closing of the elementary school in the community. Some interest has been expressed by Oshkosh and Elkhart Lake Lions clubs, who are interested in forming new Leos Clubs; he is working with them.

Peace Poster (Lion Sandy King): top three vote-getters for the peace poster were paid from the conference; Lion Sandy will take care of getting the checks to the winners.

Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation (Lion Gary Silah): one presentation this fall, can do it for any zone or club that would like it.

Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling (Lion Wendy Hartmann): 14 applications currently, 5 approvals, 5 denials, 3 pending (one was from Madison and was directed to the appropriate district). We received \$4,411 from Parade of Checks, and the King Foundation has agreed to match that amount.

Lions Eye Bank of WI (Phil Weber): directors meeting 10/25, planning on zone visits; let him know.

Mission to Mexico (Lion Ralph Schneider): now called Wisconsin Lions Missions, report was presented yesterday. One trip planned this spring; be sure to keep collecting eyeglasses.

Leader Dog (Lion Jim McGee): 100% for the district, although there were 4-5 clubs that were covered by an anonymous donation. We raised about \$26,000 last year; my goal is to have the district provide enough to purchase a dog (about \$38,000). Attended the Appleton Noon Lions Senior Health Expo, over 600 people attended. Next year I will be contacting the Diabetes Chair, the Service Dog chair, and the Eye Bank chair. They would benefit by attending. Also attended a Low Vision fair in Appleton, first year for the event and 50 people were present; much interest in the programs. Donations yesterday totaled \$4,800.

District Raffle (Lion Mike DeBaere); profit of about \$1,500

State Lions Convention (IPDG Merle Strelow): In Middleton, first or second week in May. Information will be going out to the clubs shortly.

District Convention (PDG Vern Pautz): apology extended for having to share with the two weddings; it did work out, though.

District and State Bowling (Lion Bill Hilbert, absent; DG Meg): it was reported that Markesan has requested not to host this year's district bowling, due to the current state of their organization following the unexpected loss of their president. The brand new Poy Sippi club has stepped forward to take over the event.

Information Technology (PDG Tom Clausen): Lion Dave Holschbach gave an excellent presentation for the Conference on the report submissions through the computer. The goal is to get 100% of the PL-101s done on the computer, so the directory is automatically updated. Many clubs are also using E-Clubhouse.Org to create a web presence for themselves. Zone chairs, check your zone clubs in the directory; if the club is listed, with no officers underneath, it means that the club has not submitted their officers through the online PL-101.

Public Relations (Lion Mary Jo Abler): she will help clubs to get their information to the Lions newspaper and local media; just let her know. Zone chairs please make sure your meeting information is being provided to the Lions newspaper, as well as the District webpage.

Pin Chairman (Lion Wendy Hartmann): design #4 was the winner this weekend (submitted by Lion Harvey Hansen). \$25 prize to Harvey. Pin will be completed before July 1st, so they are ready for the start of the Lions year.

District Bucket Raffle (Lion Jamie Christensen, presented by 1st VDG Dawn): 37 prizes this year, and it raised \$1,055 (\$55 over the budgeted amount). Many thanks to all the members who assisted in running the room.

50/50 Raffle sales (Lion Mike Hartmann, by Lion Wendy): Friday night raffles, \$454 sold, \$227 to winners, \$227 to District; Saturday, \$780 sold, \$390 each.

Historian (PDG Tom Clausen): Tom is not Orv Doede, who stored everything in boxes; Tom is converting it to digital (has already converted four large boxes of information) and is placing it on the District website, where it is available to any club who needs it. He has also converted over 19 years of District Governor files, including cabinet meeting minutes, newsletters, photos and cabinet member rosters.

Elections & Nominations (Lion Ralph Schneider): we need a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate. Also, 2013 District Conference will be November 8th and 9th at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. DG Meg reminded the zone chairs to notify the DG, 1st and 2nd Vice Governors when the zone meeting is scheduled. They need to attend the meetings, so let them know when the schedule is finalized. Also, be sure to submit reports following the zone meeting, so the Governor knows what's going on in the zones.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

Region 1, Zone 1 (Lion Fred Gebhart): all clubs got through their recent events, all doing well in membership. Goal was five years as zone chair, and this is the fifth year, so he will be stepping down. Next meeting will be February 5th.

Region 1, Zone 2 (Lion Dave Holschbach): 1st meeting was in October; Dist Gov Meg was present, as well as PDG Len Quinn as the guest speaker. Membership was about one down, but then they picked up 5 new members at Whitelaw. Next meeting will be in February (will lock up the date with host club Francis Creek).

Region 1, Zone 3 (Lion Mike Hartmann, presented by Lion Wendy): Lion Mike is taking the International Director and his wife back to the airport, so he doesn't get fined for missing. They had a zone project this year; they ordered dictionaries, and distributed them to the schools in the zone. Next meeting is December 17th.

Region 2, Zone 1 (Lion Mike Helmke): 1st meeting was Sept 17th at Cleveland. 50 Lions attended. Military Families counselor was the guest speaker. Next meeting will be January 21st at Plymouth. A representative from the Sheboygan County Literacy Council will be the guest speaker.

Region 2, Zone 2 (Lion Madonna Schneider): most clubs doing well, but one is struggling at present, dropped an alarming number of members lately. Next meeting is January 29th at Cascade; last one wasn't well attended, but the clubs who were there had a great discussion.

Region 2, Zone 3 (Lion Larry Dikeman): All clubs busy with fundraisers and other events; 4 new members sworn in. Next zone meeting is January 14th at Elkhart Lake.

Region 3, Zone 1 (Lion Larry Fredrick): The September meeting was hosted by the Larsen Winchester club, 100% participation from the clubs; discussion was primarily about the problems the clubs were having. Next meeting Jan. 16th at Neenah; plans to address the Information Technology situation, working with the secretaries on training.

Region 3, Zone 2 (Lion Gary Silah): 1st zone meeting 9/18, not well attended. Next will be 2/19 at Eden. Membership is stable, hopefully we'll see some growth soon.

Region 3, Zone 3 (Lion Harvey Hansen): 1 meeting already, plan a second within the next two weeks. Otherwise, everything going well.

Region 4, Zone 1 (Lion Mike De Baere): last meeting September with Lion Gary Silah's zone in September; next one January 29th at Fairwater (hosted by Brandon), speaker Vern Pautz on Quest; and on April 30th I will be joining ZC Harvey Hanson for the last one hosted by Ripon.

Region 4, Zone 2 (Lion Charles Teske): 1st meeting was in September in Berlin. All clubs very active.

Region 5, Zone 1 (Lion Carl Rasmussen): Was under the impression that Westfield had their PL-101 situation all taken care of; changes do take about 2-3 weeks to update. Packwaukee hasn't been very active due to the health of PDG Bob Showers; the rest of the clubs have been very busy. Will be scheduling the next zone meeting shortly.

Motion by PDG Jerry, seconded by Sandy King, to send a plant to PDG Bob and Jeri Showers; passed.

Region 5, Zone 2 (Lion Jeff Reabe): 1st zone meeting was Tuesday, 11/6; there was an extensive training session on the computer report entry. Clubs are fairly stable, but had a discussion about bringing in new members. The concept of devising a project that would attract attention in the local community could be a good way to grow. Next meeting will be in January or February, perhaps in Coloma.

#### Other Business

PDG Jerry Post asked that clubs get their Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers submitted for 100% awards. This year, there were 25; our goal should be 125 or more.

Zone Chairs, take school supplies back to your zones

Tail Twister reported \$402 for the weekend; \$130 came from the generosity of the cabinet.

A discussion on how we get more clubs to come to the Conference was started. Several ideas were presented, and will be passed on to the planning committee for next year. Governor Meg suggested that Zone Chairs bring it up with their zones; see why they aren't attending, and if they have suggestions on what would bring them to the Conference.

Next meeting January 6, 2013 in New Holstein

Adjournment- motion by IPDG Merle, seconded by Sandy; passed.