



District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes  
Sunday, January 4, 2015  
Maribel Lions Park & Community Center  
County Rd Z between I-43 and Maribel Road

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1. **Call to order** @ 1:00 P.M. – DG Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by PGD Meg Post
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Diane Henke – God Bless America
4. **Welcome & Introduction** special guests by DG Gary Silah. Introduction of VGE Lion Tom Berendes from Oxford Lions. Lion Tom explained how he has been active in another district and was planning to move forward. He currently is the President of the Oxford Lions Club and was highly recommended and will do a tremendous job.
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach was conducted and 21 of 37 cabinet members present along with 3 guests.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 3, 2014 motion was made by Lion Gary Roehrig and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Fred Gebhart. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Approval of Agenda** made by Lion Phil Weber and second by PDG Gary Colton.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
8. **2014-2015 Financial Statement** - Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach.were reviewed. There are 3 separate reports, the first the actual cabinet budget. We currently are ahead of the budget however we have more expenses in the second half. The second report is the current balances of the Non Budget Programs. Lion Dave reminded the cabinet chairs of funds in their accounts to be used. The third report was the financial report for the District Conference recently completed. The convention showed a loss of \$ 2,400, after adding the profit from the district raffle, the loss was only \$900. We did have to pay for name badges this year for \$115 and the meals were priced at our cost to try keep the cost down for Lions Members. With no increase in prices, there were various meals which were complimentary and had to be absorbed by the district. Proceeds from the Casino Night and the Bucket Raffle were voted to be donated. Lion Dave recommended next year not to vote to donate any of the proceeds until the final report is compiled, to see if there is any profit. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Len Quinn to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone of the 3 minute rule, unless approved prior by DG Gary.. She will also be collecting fines for the camp. Currently she is at \$377 of a budget of \$500.....LOOK OUT
10. **Communications:** DG Gary Silah and Lion Dave Holschbach have not received any.

## 11. Old Business:

**A:** 2014 financial audit update by DG Gary. Most of the information has been forwarded to PDG Gary Colton. DG Gary is missing some bank statements and will get them ordered.

**B.** Greenbush-Glenbeulah Lions Club status. The club is definitely handing in their charter. DG Gary met with the club, however it was too late. Their reasoning was, it is too hard to get new members. Most members will be transferring to other clubs. The paperwork is in progress to surrender their charter. We wish we could have responded sooner to prevent this. We need to be sure everyone is aware of any problems with clubs.

## 12. New Business:

**A.** Baby Greysen update by Lion Wendy Hartmann. She could not be present since her son was returning to the marines in San Diego. She did send a report. We did it, we set a goal and it was accomplished. Baby Greysen has his hearing aid thanks to Lions and Lioness of District 27 B1. We set a goal of \$8,000 for the BAHA hearing aid, where Childrens Hospital heard the family's insurance would not cover the cost and the LIONS were raising funds, they discounted the price to \$5,957. A check was received on December 15 and the hearing aid was ordered immediately. The Lions of District 27B1 have raised \$13,245.87, the remaining funds will be put in the district's hearing fund to be used for hearing aids.. Lion Wendy met with the family and told them of the GOOD NEWS, words cannot describe their emotions. Lion Wendy did have this to say **"THANK YOU so much for making this possible! You made a huge difference in this baby's life! District 27 B-1..you have done a great thing here, you have changed a life for the better! God Bless you all!"** The Lioness will be sponsoring Baby Greysen's family at next year's District Conference.

**B.** Conference financial was covered by Lion Dave in the District Financial statement section above. PDG Tom Clausen asked if we should show any excess conference funds carryover on the financial statement. DG Gary Silah has been asked by VDG Marv Henke to chair the conference committee for next year. PDG Merle Strelow asked the convention committee to possibly consider having our cabinet meeting on Friday night to save money for room rental and breakfast. He thought more may show up. PDG Tom Clausen also put out the idea of having the cabinet meeting Saturday morning prior to the Conference General Session and open it up to all Lions to see what the District Cabinet is all about and possibly stimulate for involvement. This is something that VDG Marv will have to consider, since this will be in his term. All these ideas will be considered for next year. Lion Dave recommended that maybe the cabinet should vote at the April meeting for this format, timeframe would have to be strictly enforced. This information than can be given to zone chairman to let everyone know.

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

**A.** Vice District Governor Lion Marv Henke asked if anyone would be interested in the Stone Cellar of Appleton hosting the cabinet meeting after the District Conference. VDG Marv should set his own schedule and try to keep the meetings centralized.

a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Tom Berendes thanked everyone and had nothing more to add.

**B.** Constitution/Bylaws chair IPDG Dawn Christensen sent a note that the committee will meet to formulate recommendation for corrections and updates at the next cabinet meeting. PDG Jerry Post mentioned that the cabinet needs to have a policy for Zone Chairman elections, and this must be decided now since elections are coming up soon. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post that the District Cabinet set a policy that Zone Chairman can be elected by the zone clubs, if the zone does not elect a zone chairman, one can be selected by the District Governor. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow.

**MOTION CARRIED** Lion Phil Weber would also like to see the cabinet set a policy for the district's selection for the WI Eyebank representative to be reviewed by LEBW.

**C.** GLT/GMT Chair Lion Marv Henke met with PCC Dean Haas and PDG Merle to layout plans for VDG Marv's upcoming year.

1. GMT Lion Mike Helmke was not present, PDG Merle reported that he trained and tested 12 Lion members to be Guiding Lions for the district. This is a 3 year term, would like to see all Zone Chairman trained to help clubs with their problems and develop new clubs. They will

also work on developing facts and qualifications for anyone wanting to be a District Governor.

2. GLT PDG Merle Strelow is working on Officer Training. Plan is to switch to more handouts for clubs and focus on what is expected of them. We need New OFFICERS

**D.** WLF Lion Fred Gebhart reported deer hides are still being collected. Registration forms for next years campers have been sent out. The Kids Raffle tickets were distributed. Club Program Associates need to be updated. Vision screening and camera grant from LCI is still in progress. Appleton Noon Lions have a camera and Lion Fred will learn more from them. We are hoping for 6 cameras to cover the district. When we receive them, it will be posted on the District Website and a schedule for use determined.

**E.** Affiliate President Lioness Cindy Rank sent her report. Their membership is at 238 and made approximately \$3,000 in donations in November and December. All of the Lioness clubs are very active through the holidays. PDG Jerry Post added that Lions International wants the Lioness to remain as LIONESS. They are working on more acknowledgement and recognition for LIONESS CLUBS.

**F.** Affiliate Liaison Lion Gerald Schmidt had nothing additional to report.

**G.** LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz sent the following. The Gates Foundation is again matching funds for the measles program through LCIF

**H.** QUEST chair PDG Vern Pautz is working on a program for establishing trainers for the QUEST program, district money is available. The local program in Mishicot has generated more members for their club.

**I.** USA/ Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton has brochures for the 2015 forum. It will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan September 17-18-19.

**J.** Lions Pride representative Lion Myra Schneider not present.

**K.** Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach chair Lion Sandy King not present. Lion Bonnie Strelow did report that the International students are currently applying and now is the time to get the best selection if you are interested in hosting a student. Host families are needed.

**L.** Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone that OPENING EYES will again be in Oshkosh on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. He needs 50 volunteers. He will email the information and volunteer form to all clubs.

**M.** Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth was not present and had no report.

**N.** Peace Poster Lion Sandy King theme for 2015 is 'SHARE PEACE' Peace poster kits go on sale in January.

**O.** Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation chair Lion Bonnie Strelow had nothing new to report, she is available to speak at zone meeting. New Diabetes display is on order.

**P.** Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chair Lion Wendy Hartmann did give an update in the new business section. She has had 5 new applications this quarter, 2 denials and 3 pending.

**Q.** Lions Eye Bank of WI representative Lion Phil Weber reported LEBW had open house in December, well attended and will be an annual event. He is scheduled to speak at some upcoming zone meetings. Transporting of eyes has gone up in volume. LEBW still needs your donations. The search for an Executive Director and Tech director continues.

**R.** Missions of Wisconsin representative Lion Fred Gebhart has their state meeting coming up in January. The Haiti mission was for vision only. There is a mission to Nicaragua scheduled for the end of February with 32 attending.

**S.** Leader Dog Lion BJ Blahnik was not present. PDG Len Quinn reported on his behalf. Leader Dog is doing FANTASTIC!! The Kennel Project is very close to meeting it's goal. They are training more dogs for social atmosphere and are servicing more people. The Kennel Program is a 5 year pledge. Our district received 6-7 dogs last year. PDG Jerry and PDG Meg are our district Kennel Project experts.

**T.** District Raffle chair Lion Mike De Baere's report was included in conference financial.

**U.** State Lions Convention rep PDG Merle Strelow had no new information. WI State Convention housing information has been sent out.

V. District Convention chair IPDG Dawn Christensen was not present. See Above

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

X. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen has added the district bowling at Eldorado to the website.

The state IT committee is looking at software to manage the mailing of the monthly Lions Newspaper to send only requested issues to save costs. Very expensive to send now. The district now has an advisor who can access and change club information, along with training president and secretary on the internet usage, he is DG Gary Silah.

Y. Newspaper Editor Lion Mike De Baere reminded everyone that deadline for articles is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the next month publication. Needs more club action photos.

Z. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann had nothing new to report.

AA. District Bucket Raffle Lion Mike DeBaere, see conference report above.

BB. Historian PDG Tom Clausen had nothing new to report.

CC. Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik was not present.

DD. Advisory/Long Range Planning chair PDG Tom King was not present.

#### 14. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart clubs have all finished their holiday projects. Next zone meeting will be 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in February. His speaker will be a doctor who is going on the Haiti Mission. February 7<sup>th</sup> the Cub Club will be having a Vision Screening.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Joe Barth, not present, no report.

3. Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Jeannette Junk's zone is involved in fund raisers and selling a lot of tickets. Manitowoc Lions is trying a new fund raiser on January 25<sup>th</sup> "Bowling Blind" All the clubs were involved with Christmas at Camp Snawa and potentially may pick up new members.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke, not present, no report.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider was not present by sent the following information. Her clubs remain active and are planning their spring fund raisers. Her next zone meeting will be Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cascade Lions Hall.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehring is working hard partnering with the FFA and St Peter's Lions Club for a Food Pantry in their area. Response has been tremendous and a very cooperative effort. They never knew there was a need for this in the community !!

7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Otto Cox has a zone meeting on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>. Leader Dog rep Lion BJ Blahnik and WI Eyebank rep Lion Phil Weber are speakers. He was curious if any Lions had an update on the Shopko Eye Program. Lion Phil Weber know some members who are affiliated with Shopko and thinks they are still working on the program.

8. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers, not present, no report.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Kay Quinn reported the Ripon Lions hosted the Zone Christmas get together, about 50 people attended. All her clubs are small so there are no major activities. Omro started a Food Pantry and it is going GOOD. They saw a need in the community and responded.. Her next zone meeting will have the theme '**BLINDNESS**'

10. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Greg Bielski, not present, no report

11. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Helen Mork's Westfield and Oxford clubs are doing great. Lion Phill Weber from LEBW was her speaker last zone meeting and is looking for someone for her next.

12. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Jeff Reabe's clubs are making donations. Officer and membership reporting is up to date. He is having some political problems in the zone, cabinet members will help to solve the problem.

#### 15. Other Business-DG Gary Silah

A. PDG Jerry Post reported there is a winning club for the Baby Greysen Fundraiser for limo, etc. when the date is determined he will let the cabinet know so they can also participate.

- B. PDG Gary Colton added that District 27B2 will be hosting a bus to go to the USA/Canada forum in September, more information to follow
  - C. Next Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm CJ's Ripon
16. Motion for Adjournment by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post @ 2:50 pm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.....LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, CST**