



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes      Sunday, August 2, 2015**  
**Fairwater Lions Clubhouse**

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1. **Call to order @ 1:00 pm** by DG Marv Henke
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Gary Silah
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn
4. **Welcome** speech by District Governor Marv Henke. **"ANOTHER FINE MESS YOU GOT ME INTO!!!"** were DG Marv's opening comments. Welcome to a new year and a new cabinet. Introduction of PID Wayne Heiman.
5. **Roll Call** made by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Lions members asked to stand and also introduce any guest they may have. 38 cabinet members and spouses present.
6. **Installation of Cabinet Members** performed by PID Wayne Heiman of Manawa Lions Club. His focus was **"BRING DIGNITY TO OTHERS."** First to be installed were the Cabinet Chairs. There is a lot of information out there to help them perform their duties. All agree to do their job to the best of their ability and responded **"I WILL."** The zone chairmen were next. They are the chief administrators of their zones. They accepted the position with an **"I WILL."** Lion Dave Holschbach was inducted as this year's Cabinet Secretary and accepted with **"I WILL."** 1st Vice District Governor Tom Berendes and 2nd Vice District Governor Fred Gebhart are assistants to DG Marv and will step in when asked. They both accepted with **"I WILL."** Immediate Past District Governor Gary Silah was asked as IPDG to make the transition smooth. It is a NEW YEAR with a NEW District Governor. He accepted with **"I WILL."** District Governor Marv Henke is responsible to District 27B1 for proper leadership and guidance and to work with his fellow Council of Governors. He responded with **"I WILL."**

A special plaque was given to IPDG Gary Silah in appreciation of his leadership served as District Governor to District 27B1. PID Heiman asked the cabinet as a whole to work together for the betterment of LIONISM. Thank you PID Lion Wayne. DG Marv, we are a 'TEAM' , we will win or lose as a "TEAM." The job is halfway done. The International Director would like all Governors to start a new club. We already have 12 new members!

7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 26, 2015 motion was made by PDG Ken Rhode and 2nd by PDG Tom Kling. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from District meeting at Lions State Convention on May 16th motion was made by PDG Merle Strelow with 2nd by Lion Mike Helmke. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Approval of Agenda** motion was made by PDG Tom King and 2nd by Lion Helen Mork **MOTION CARRIED**
10. **2014-2015 Financial Statement** presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Operating and Non Budget Funds year end statements were distributed. Year end June 30, 2015 ended with a deficit of \$ (628.32). Cuts were made at year end to save money and reduce the deficit that was anticipated to be a loss of \$2,200 due the annual district conference loss of \$2,200.00. Lion Dave warned this year's conference committee to make a profit or break even, DO NOT commit money that you do not have. At year end donations can be made. Motion to accept 2014-2015 financial statements made by PDG Vern Pautz, 2nd by PDG Ken Rhode. **MOTION CARRIED** PDG Gary Colton has agreed to do the audit for 2014-2015 books.

- 11. 2015-2016 Budget** presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach-. DG Marv commented that he intends to pay his own for the USA Canada forum. PDG Merle Strelow mentioned that the 2nd vice should also go and we should allow some monies for that. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by IPDG Gary Silah to accept budget. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 12. Tail Twister** – Lion Helen Mork 3 minute rule for report unless prior approval from District Governor. \$1.00 per minute for any excess time. Camp supplies are always needed. Funds to be disbursed at year end.
- 13. Communications:** DG Marv Henke and Lion Dave Holschbach have NONE.
- 14. Old Business:**  
A: NONE
- 15. New Business:**  
A. 2015-2016 Cabinet Meeting Dates printout available. Next cabinet meeting at District Conference in Appleton on Saturday November 14th at 8:15 am. April meeting may be moved to Wild Rose.  
B. Centennial Committee Chair PDG Ken Rhode and IPDG Gary Silah. The committee met in July in preparation for the largest service project in history. Lions are working hard to make sure LCI's next 100 years are even better. Zone chairs keep promoting the Centennial Celebration. Next meeting in August.
- 16. Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)  
A. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Tom Berendes had nothing to report. He is here to serve DG Marv.  
B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Fred Gebhart thanked PDG Dean Haas for his help in officer training. Lion Fred will be attending USA-Canada forums.  
C. Constitution & Bylaws chair PDG Jerry Post needs to have resolutions for the constitution add to the District Conference voting agenda. They will need a 2/3 majority approval. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to have this added to the voting ballot. Copy of the resolution to bring the constitution in line with District practice was handed out. **MOTION CARRIED**  
D. The district policies manual has not been updated since 2006. There are a lot of verbal terms that need to be updated to include a 1st and 2nd vice district governor. PDG Tom Clausen will work on the corrections and make the changes. Paragraph 2 Letter J /K The Lioness will be responsible for 1 seminar at the district conference. PDG Merle thanked PDG Jerry for finally getting this straight!  
**THANK YOU !!!**  
E. GLT/GMT – Chair 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Berendes has not had a meeting yet.  
1. GMT chair Lion Mike Helmke has been corresponding with the Zone Chairs and sending the Health Assessments to them. We dropped 51 members last year. The GMT's goal is to promote self assessment and membership programs.  
2. GLT chair PDG Merle Strelow was not happy with the attendance for the spring officer training. He is always looking for Lions to STEP UP!  
F. WLF rep 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart reported the camp is in the last week of youth and 2 more weeks for adults. The camp did add more visitation days. PDG Tom King added WLF is working on some employee relations problems. Camp will continue to operate. PDG Tom will NOT run again for WLF representative. We will need to have nominations for this position at the District Conference. Nominations committee needs to pursue replacement. !!  
G. Affiliate President Lion/Lioness PDG Jerry Post reported the Lioness are 240 STRONG !! The Lioness are very supportive of the Lions projects. He is HAPPY to be a LION/LIONESS.  
H. Affiliate Liaison Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post reminded zone chairs that the Lioness clubs are not being invited to zone meetings, be sure to invite them. They are an important part of the district. Affiliate Lioness President should be a part of the cabinet chair budget for reimbursement going forward. Motion made by PDG Tom King, 2nd by Lion Mike Helmke that starting the 2016 budget year, \$75 should be allocated for cabinet reimbursement for the Lioness Affiliate President. **MOTION CARRIED.** Question by PDG Len Quinn, where is the money coming from ? Save money until the end of the year.  
I. LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz reported District 27B1 donations were only \$20,000 and the goal was \$24,000. This year's goal is \$25,000. Our donations come back 5 times better. There are grants available for the asking.  
J. QUEST program chair PDG Vern Pautz reminded everyone that this program is very

successful. It helps to train the youth to be successful in society. He is available for information and leads. Money is available.

K. USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be September 17-19th in Grand Rapids, Michigan. PDG Gary Colton has reported a GREAT response from cabinet members already signed up. Information is available or check out the website.

L. Lions Pride chair Lion Myra Schneider reported PRIDE is near the 6 million mark. This past year 100 campers were covered by the interest made on the endowment fund. There were 172 Ray Hemple awards given out. Installment program is available. 72% of the money is from individuals.

M. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach Lion Bonnie Strelow worked with Lion Sandy King at camp this year. There was a good response and weather was great. 66 campers from 22 countries. Host families are needed.

N. Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander needs 50 Lion volunteers for the Special Olympics to be held on Saturday April 9th in Oshkosh.

O. Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth, not present no report.

P. Peace Poster chair Lion Laurie Sasada did not have much to report. She is sending information to clubs to get their posters for the District Conference in November.

Q. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation chair IPDG Gary Silah thanked Lion Bonnie Strelow for doing a superb job the last few years. He is available for zone meetings.

R. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling Lion Wendy Hartmann sent the following report. 1 hearing aid accepted, 2 denied, 2 partial-payments and has 1 pending.

S. Lions Eye Bank of WI rep Lion Phil Weber, was not present but reported that donor recovery has increased by 33% From January to June they have placed 571 tissue for transplant and 201 for research. May and June have been record months for transporters. The Eye Bank has also established a Donor Family Support Program which follows the recipient and donor family for a year. We thank you and need your support.

T. Missions of Wisconsin rep 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart has a Missions meeting this coming Sunday. There will be a Haiti mission in November. Lion Fred did attend the missions meeting in July for the Haiti mission. They are creating better missions to Haiti.

U. Leader Dog chair PDG Jerry Post reported that Leader Dog is doing great. Kennel reconstruction is at 1.7 M of the 3.0 M goal. Make sure your donation checks get to the correct person. PDG Len Quinn reported there currently are 6 prisons that are helping the Leader Dog program.

V. District Raffle chair Lion Shirley Geoffroy will work with Lion Mike DeBaere to get the tickets distributed.

W. State Lions Convention chair PDG Merle Strelow had nothing to report. The 2016 convention will be in Appleton at the Paper Valley in May.

X. District Convention chair IPDG Gary Silah reported the 2015 District Convention will be Friday and Saturday November 13-14. The committee has met and the theme will be **"It Takes Teamwork."** They will meet with the facility in September to finalize meal prices and room assignments. Packets will be mailed directly to the clubs. Seminars will be: 1) Restoring Hope House, 2) WLF/Pride, 3) Baby Grayson, 4) Returning Camper and 5) Leader Dogs.

Y. District and State Bowling Lion Bill Hilbert, was not present, no report

Z. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen, was not present, He reported that zone chairmen should report meetings to him for inclusion on district website. If any clubs are not linked on our clubs page, let him know. Club secretaries need to have all member's data up to date in MyLCI to be included in the state directory. Lion IPDG Gary Silah will help any secretary with questions. Clubs without a website should go to e-clubhouse.org and get a free one. The electronic directories are available online on the state site wisconsinlions.org. Click on Members and the password is 2serve. Hard copies will be available at the state office for \$10 later in the year. Get all events on the district calendar which is located on the district's website.

AA. Newspaper Editor Lion Mike DeBaere reported changes will be made to save costs. There will only be 10 issues and are working on converting to electronic mail. Reminder that photos and articles must be in 45 days prior to publication. PID Heiman reported it cost \$92,000 annually.

BB. Pin Chairman Lion Laurie Sasada will be sending letters to all clubs for pin designs, anything will be accepted and she is open for suggestions. DG Marv has the new state Lions pin available for \$ 2.00

CC. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Shirley Geoffroy will have a flyer included in the conference packet.

DD. Alert Chair Lion Greg Blaskowski will work with LCI to get ideas and establish the Alert Program.

EE. Vision Screening Chair 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart reported 2 Vision cameras have been ordered at a cost of \$ 7,050.00 August 25th there will be a class for setup and hands on 9-12 at Altoona Supper Club. Contact your school systems to see what regulations they may require and if they are interested. These cameras will cover Calumet, Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties.

FF. Historian chair PDG Tom Clausen was not present. He reported that all materials are up to date and posted on the district's website. If any club wants their history preserved on the website, contact him.

GG. Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik was not present, no report.

HH. Advisory/Long Range Planning PDG Tom King no current projects.

## 7. Zone Chairmen Reports:

**DG Marv reminded zone chairs to set their dates and get the schedule to him!**

1. **Region 1 Zone 1** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart's clubs are busy with golf outings and summer activities. Vision screening will be done at the Calumet County Fair booth. It is great exposure.

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

3. **Region 1 Zone 3** Lion Jeannette Junk was not present, no report

4. **Region 2 Zone 1** Lion Ellen Cheney is just starting out as Zone Chairman. They have had great PR in the newspapers.

5. **Region 2 Zone 2** Lion Madonna Schneider was not present but did send a report. Her clubs are healthy and active. Many have taken a summer break. She will be starting club visits in September and holding Zone meetings on Sept 29th and February 23rd.

6. **Region 2 Zone 3** Lion Gary Roehrig was not present but did send a report. His clubs are in the summer mode. Many have completed spring and summer projects and are preparing for new projects in fall. Next zone meeting is September 17th at 7:00 pm at the Cabaret Supper Club in St Cloud. Clubs in his zone have been actively involved with the Spot Camera and are preparing for training. A recurring issue has been Dr. Henry an optometrist needs to have a resource person to communicate with for quick response to work with a club in a given area. She has made calls to Lions with **NO ANSWER!** He has contacted the zone chairman in areas where she needs assistance, **NO RETURN CALLS** Can some please help ?? Winnebago East Shore Lions are looking into the possibility of a LEO CLUB.

7. **Region 3 Zone 1** Lion David Lee, was not present but did send a report. His 1st zone meeting will be Wednesday October 21st at the Grand Meridian in Appleton. He has proposed January 6th and May 4th as additional zone dates. He is looking forward to working toward becoming an effective zone chairman and welcomes any advice.

8. **Region 3 Zone 2** No Zone Chair. DG Marv will work on getting a zone chairman. He does not want to see the clubs split and join other zones.

9. **Region 3 Zone 3** Lion Ken Rivers was not present, no report

10. **Region 4 Zone 1** Lion Bev Karst is contacting clubs about service projects. Her zone meeting dates are September 14 at Omro, January 5th with Oshkosh Lakeshore and April 28th with Ripon Lions/Lioness.

11. **Region 4 Zone 2** Lion Greg Bielske was not present. Zone meeting September 22nd at the Kingston House.

12. **Region 5 Zone 1** Lion Helen Mork has her 1st zone meeting on August 17th at the Endeavor Fire Department. Oxford Lions have new members and Montello is very active.

13. **Region 5 Zone 2** Lion Dave Przekurat, Coloma and Hancock are on summer hiatus. Wautoma has a duck race. All clubs busy with summer projects. Wild Rose Lions will host his zone meeting.

## 8. Other Business-DG Marv Henke

A: PDG Tom King and 1st VDG Tom Berendes presented PDG Clayton Sengbush with a Ray Hempel Award for his 60 years of service. A **SPECIAL** award for a **SPECIAL LION !!**

B. PDG Jerry Post mentioned that Lion BJ Blahnik is in the parade today representing Leader Dog and the LIONS.

C. I PDG Gary Silah presented Lion Helen Mork with a Guiding Lion Training Certificate.

D. PDG Dawn Christensen is leaving the District and heading up NORTH! She has had a great time in our district. **"It is bitter sweet leaving."** She has had many great memories from being a Lion, Zone chairman,. 2nd Vice, 1st Vice and District Governor. **THANK YOU TO ALL THE CABINET MEMBERS for her SUCCESS.** Standing ovation Given !!

9. Adjournment - DG Marv Henke - **"THIS IS OUR YEAR"**

**Motion to adjourn at 4:11 pm by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by IPDG Gary Silah MOTION CARRIED**