



## **District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes Saturday February 13, 2016**

**Van Dyne Lions Clubhouse  
700 E Lone Elm Avenue  
Van Dyne, Wisconsin**

1. **Call to order @ 1:00 pm** by DG Marv Henke
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Gary Silah
3. **Song led by PDG Vic Voigt - AMERICA**
4. **Prayer** led by Lion/Lioness Diane Henke
5. **Welcome** DG Marv Henke. It's a beautiful day, Welcome to our third cabinet meeting. DG Marv introduced the new Zone Chairman for Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Tom Henke. **NO RELATION !**
6. **Roll Call** taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach 25 cabinet members and 3 guests
7. **Approval of District Convention Minutes** from November 14, 2015 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from November 14, 2015 motion made by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Helmke. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Approval of Agenda** motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ellen Cheney **CARRIED**
10. **2015-2016 Financial Statement** presented by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. We are on schedule with the budget, membership revenue will be down due to drops in membership, expenses should remain in line. Reminder to program chairs, to check the budget funds for their program. Discussion about Youth Exchange camp fee, annual donation of \$ 1700. Motion made by Lion David Lee to accept the financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by IPDG Gary Silah. **MOTION CARRIED**
11. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone of the 3 minute limit, penalty after this time unless prior approval from DG Marv.
12. **Communications:** DG Marv Henke and Lion Dave Holschbach- none received.
13. **Old Business:**
  - A. 2015 District Convention Financial was distributed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. We showed a profit from the conference of \$ 1036 compared to a loss in 2014 of (\$2265). Great job in controlling expenses and not making commitments for the donations from money received. IPDG Gary was able to get additional discount for rooms. Potential changes for Casino Night if we do it again in 2016. Motion to accept report by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**
14. **New Business:**
  - A. **Centennial Membership Packets :** Lions International has a new Centennial Membership packets available at no cost with special pins.
  - B. **Sailing Education Assoc of Sheboygan- (SEAS)** update report was given by Lion BJ Blahnik. Lions are becoming a major sponsor for SEAS throughout the country. They

are working to expand a program at Lions Camp. They are in need of District 27B1 support and to recognize SEAS as an acceptable donation entity. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by IPDG Gary Silah to support SEAS and Lion BJ Blahnik in his efforts for blind sailing. Next step is to approach the Council of Governors meeting in March.

C. Lion Shirley Geoffroy of Poy Sippi Lions discussed a donation request she had received for financial assistance to cover the \$4000 deductible for a woman whose daughter is in need of eye surgery. She is asking for the Cabinet approval to solicit funds from the district Lions clubs. Motion by PDG Tom Clausen , 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post, that Lion Shirley and the Poy Sippi Lions may solicit funds to help her cover her deductible. Hand vote taken, by a slim margin **MOTION CARRIED**. Individual clubs will deal directly with Poy Sippi Lions, it is their clubs decision. Suggested they try other sources also for donations.

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

A. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor** Lion Tom Berendes is setting up his committees for next year. He is reviewing the current committees and chairs. He will be contacting YOU to continue. He is in need of a convention committee chairs.

B. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor** Lion Fred Gebhart attended the "Communicate Like a Leader" training in January and also the Council of Governors meetings.

C. **Constitution & Bylaws** were covered at the district conference by PDG Jerry Post. He will send the updated information to PDG Tom Clausen to add to the district website.

D. **GLT/GMT Chair** - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Berendes

1. **GMT** chair Lion Mike Helmke has been sending information to all the clubs along with the monthly Club Health Assessment. The districts goal is to add 120. Lion Mike is available to talk to all clubs or zone meetings.

2. **GLT** chair PDG Merle Strelow has sent the Lions Leadership handbook to all clubs. We need to be more aggressive on our EXIT Interviews and stop losing members. Need to talk to clubs, have club questionnaires. 1<sup>st</sup> VGD Tom Berendes added that we can add to the GLT committee, zone chairman are also members of the GLT and need to help. We need to get into the Millennium babies train of thought.....ASK Look outside the box, reconsider how you run your Lions Club. Lion Matt mentioned that Millennials want to work for a CAUSE not meetings.

E. **WLF** rep 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart reported that camper registrations have been sent out for 2016. He has not gotten an update for the deer hide collection. It currently is a slow time at the Lions Camp.

F. **Affiliate President** Lion/Lioness PDG Jerry Post reported Lioness membership is + 3, 1005 hours of service. The Lioness will have a hospitality room at this years convention.

G. **Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post had no new information

H. **LCIF** – PDG Vern Pautz - not present, no report

I. **QUEST** – PDG Vern Pautz - not present, no report

J. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** will be in Omaha, Nebraska in September 2016. Registration forms will be out shortly per PDG Gary Colton.

K. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reminds everyone to check Lions Pride Blog, They are always there to help, have a caring attitude, loyal to WLF and LOVE your money.

L. **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** Lion Bonnie Strelow reported the exchanges are starting to come in, we have 2 being housed in the district and need more ! They are here from mid July to mid August. Youth camp is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

M. **Special Olympics** chair PDG Ken Wallander has no new updates, waiting to get more information. April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Opening Eyes in Oshkosh, no updates from them yet.

N. **Leo** Chairman –Lion Joe Barth - not present, no report

O. **Peace Poster** chair Lion Laurie Sasada - not present, no report

P. **Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation** chair IPDG Gary Silah had no new information, he is available for club or zone presentations.

Q. **Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann sent the following information. This quarter 2 approvals, 1 denial and 1 pending. The district received a share of the Starkey credit amounting to \$1500.00 Great job in collecting used hearing aids. Keep up the good work. Zone chairs she is available for speaking.

R. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** rep Lion Phil Weber reported the golf outing and annual meeting will now be held on separate dates. The Shopko Eye program will continue. The Shopko stores align themselves with local Lions Clubs. Each club receives 5 eye exams and glasses per year at no cost to the Lions. He plans to attend all zone meetings.

S. **Missions of Wisconsin** rep 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart reported there have been 3

missions this year, the last to Haiti. They have been using the SPOT camera for screening. Next schedule mission is to Nicaragua and El Salvador. Mission to Wisconsin is active and missions are coming back. IPDG Gary Silah mentioned there is money available from the district, do they need to purchase any equipment to take along? Presently there is no need for special funds. Money could be used to send vehicles to the missions. Lion Fred will contact Lion Pat Knier if there are any needs.

T. **Leader Dog** rep PDG Jerry Post reported that PDG Len Quinn has retired from Leader Dog. PDG Meg and PDG Jerry have stepped in for him. There will be 3 individuals who have received Leader Dogs this year and are working on a 4<sup>th</sup>. The kennel fund needs \$465,000 to meet its \$ 3 million goal. District 27B1 in #2 in donations.

U. **District Raffle** – Lion Shirley Geoffrey should be Lion Mike De Baere – no update since the district conference.

V. **State Lions Convention** chair PDG Merle Strelow reported the State Lions Registration form is in the WI Lions newspaper. It will be in Appleton at the Paper Valley Hotel on May 19 & 20. Golf tournament will be on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

W. **District Convention** chair IPDG Gary Silah reported the evaluations from the convention were overwhelming and positive. He will pass on minor comments to the new convention chair. He has enjoyed his years as convention chair and would like to thank the hard working committees of Lions and Lioness he has had.

X. **District and State Bowling** given by Lion Mike Helmke. Poy Sippi Lions are the host for the district bowling, there are available times for Saturday and Sunday, The state bowling will be hosted by Van Dyne Lions in Oshkosh starting the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February, there are still some slots available.

Y. **IT** chair PDG Tom Clausen has the same report as last month. No new websites. Club Secretaries get your members e-mails updated in MyLCI. Reminder to go online for Lions Webinars. Also when sending mass emails, it is best to BCC (blind carbon copy) others, do not list them in the TO line.

Z. **Newspaper Editor** report was given by IPDG Gary Silah for Lion Mike De Baere. March edition needs reports, deadline was last week. Other members voiced questions, they have been sending articles and have not seen them, where are they going ?

AA. **Pin** Chairman –Lion Laurie Sasada - not present, no report

BB. **District Bucket Raffle** Lion Shirley Geoffrey, enjoyed last year. There were 37 buckets from 28 clubs. Proceeds were \$894. She is willing to do it again for this year.

CC. **Alert** Chair – Lion Greg Bielski - not present, no report

DD. **Vision Screening Chair** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart thanked PDG Tom Clausen for his help with the vision screening page on our district's the website. Lions have screened 700+ with 500 referrals. The 4<sup>th</sup> camera will be ordered Monday. Thank you to the Leahy's for \$1200 donation. Kiel Lions are also planning to purchase one. Lion Fred has held 3 training classes. The district is busy with vision screenings. Check the district website to see when the cameras are available. The 3 cameras are currently housed in Plymouth, Butte des Morts Lions Clubhouse and with Lion Fred.

EE. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen has the website up to date. He does need to know about any Melvin Jones awards.

FF. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion BJ Blahnik asked to have the ballots from the district conference destroyed. Motion made by Lion Mike Helmke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde to destroy the ballots. **MOTION CARRIED** He would like to see a previous zone chairman list and also get testimonials from PDG on what it meant to be a District Governor and how their term went for future reference to those interested in becoming a District Governor. There are vacancies coming up that need nominations and he will start looking for qualified Lions.

GG. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Tom King - not present, no report. IPDG Gary Silah was asked to take over the state level. Committee meeting is scheduled for March. He will report at the next cabinet meeting.

## 16. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Fred Gebhart reported all clubs are busy and planning spring functions. Next zone meeting is March 1. The zone will have to elect a new zone chairman in April.

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

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

4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Ellen Cheney's zone has been busy and doing a lot of planning. Her club visits are done. Her last meeting speaker was from the Sheboygan Meals on Wheels in keeping with the International Relieving Hunger. Next zone meeting Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> in Sheboygan. The zone continues to use the SPOT camera. Plymouth Lions are very active with the vision screening. Her goals are increase MEMBERSHIP, promote FLEXIBILITY, and broaden use of club funds. The zone looks forward to working with International Blind Sailing again next September.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider was not present, but did send the following information. Her clubs remain healthy and active. Her next zone meeting is Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cascade Lions.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehrig - not present, no report

7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion David Lee had 25 people attend the last meeting even though it was BAD weather. The group was very SPIRITED ! Lions Mike Helmke and Phil Weber were speakers about membership and eye bank. He has put a challenge for the clubs to increase membership by 10%. Working on getting a progressive zone chairman program for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

8. Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Tom Henke stepped forward to fill the vacancy in November. His first zone meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for having him.

9. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers next meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at Pickett. Membership in the zone is down. Deer hide collection has been the best yet! Van Dyne Lions are hosting the WI State Bowling tournament. Clubs are active in fundraisers and raffles.

10. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Bev Karst-Come to Fairwater for the Brunch. Her next zone meeting will be hosted by the Ripon Lin & Lioness on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Speakers for the meeting will be PDG Merle Strelow with Leadership training and Lion Phil Weber with Lions Eye Bank.

11. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Greg Bielski was not present, however PDG Merle Strelow reported the clubs are doing well. Green Lake Lions are struggling. Nominations will be held for next years zone chairman.

12. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Helen Mork has resigned as zone chairman and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Tom Berendes has stepped in. Westfield Lions may have a potential zone chairman. VDG Tom will hold the next meeting and have nominations.

13. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Dave Przekurat has had some interesting time. Clubs have been involved in blood drives, fisherees, holiday dinners and various community activities. Next zone meeting will be at Coloma. Wild Rose Lions have been very busy. Scholarships will be presented soon.

#### 17. Other Business-DG Marv Henke

A: IPDG Gary Silah explained that the convention voting ballots were not destroyed after the elections due to our cabinet meeting being held prior to the voting. We need an official motion and vote to destroy.

B. DG Marv thanked everyone for attending and being on the cabinet. He appreciates all of the support he has received this year.

C. Next Cabinet meeting on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 pm at the Redgranite Lions Clubhouse.. Tailtwister Lion Helen needs more money, everyone stayed in their time allotment. Final amount collected \$ 41.00

D. Motion to adjourn at 3:50 PM by PDG Ken Rohde and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Helmke.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SEE YOU IN APRIL**