

# District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes

**Sunday, April 2nd, 2017  
Van Dyne Lions Clubhouse**

**Lunch & Social 12:30-1:30 pm  
Cabinet Meeting to Start at 1:30 pm**

**Questions? Reply to this email:** dajach@yahoo.com or call 920-684-0115

1. **Call to order @ 1:20 pm** – DGE Fred Gebhart
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Marv Henke
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn - **“America the Beautiful”**
4. **Roll Call** – Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach - 28 of 38 cabinet members present. Introduction of incoming Zone Chairman Lions Al Kanaugh and Dave Brinkman.
5. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Shirley Geoffroy. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Approval of April 2, 2017 Agenda** – Request by Lion BJ Blahnik to add SEAS and New Club update to the agenda. Motion made by PDG Tom Clausen to approve the agenda to include 2 additions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **2016-2017 Financial Statement** –Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach distributed financials through 3/31/17. With 3 months remaining, we anticipate only \$1000 more in revenue however we will have \$ 11,000 in expenses. Lion Dave anticipates we would either breakeven or minimum loss. Total revenue will be less than budget due to membership goal not met, this is where the money comes from. He has been monitoring the expense and reductions have been made to keep the budget in line. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde to accept the report . **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Tail Twister** – Lion Helen Mork – 3 minute rule in effect. Cabinet Members fined for not having a dog or purple.
9. **Communications:** NONE received by DG Tom Berendes or Lion Dave Holschbach  
Appreciation gifts from DG Tom Berendes distributed before meeting start.
10. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Convention contract Policy change** discussed by PDG Jerry Post. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion BJ Blahnik to make verbage changes to District 27 B1 policy to change the word “CONFERENCE” to be “CONVENTION” **MOTION CARRIED** Currently there is no policy for Convention Contract Signing Authorization which caused problems for the past convention in Green Lake. PDG Jerry Post recommends the best interest of the district is for 2 of the three following cabinet members be authorized to sign the contract for the upcoming convention, DGE, Convention Chair or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. These members would be responsible for the current Lions year financial budget. Questions and discussion followed. Call for vote by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**
  - B. **WLF Rep Voting:** Lion BJ Blahnik opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacant 3 year position for WLF representative for the upcoming Lion year. PDG Merle Strelow nominated DG Tom Berendes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. DG Tom has agreed to accept. Lion BJ made a call to the floor 3 times for any other nominations. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Wallander to close nominations. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion BJ asked for a call to vote for the HARDSHIP nomination. Motion by Lion Wendy Hartmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post to accept nomination. **MOTION CARRIED**

## 11. New Business:

**A. WI State Lions Convention**-PDG Merle Strelow reminded everyone the WI Lions State convention will be May 5 & 6 in LaCrosse. He read the schedule and agenda which can be found online. Lion Dave will be mailing out the credential and delegate cards for voting this week.

**B. Reimbursement Form**-Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave sent the form out with the cabinet invite. He does have extra copies along. Please return the form with your intentions.

**C. SEAS** – Lion BJ Blahnik gave an update on the grant application. \$15,000 has been raised and the simulator has been ordered. Upon receipt of the simulator, a trailer will be ordered based on the weight and dimension so that it can be portable. On Father's Day weekend, Sheboygan will host a Blind Sailors weekend, Saturday will be LIONS Appreciation Day.

**D. New Club update**–Sheboygan Community Lions Club. 24 new charter members, hoping for 30. They will be meeting with GMT Lion Mike Helmke to review the paperwork. CONGRATULATIONS

**E. Opening Funds:** Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Wendy Hartmann to approve transfer of \$1000 to DGE Fred Gebhart's bank account for 2016-2017. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**A. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor** – Lion Fred Gebhart reported that Lion Mike Helmke will be ending his term as GMT. Lion Dennis Schwartz has agreed to accept the position. Also PDG Merle Strelow will be ending his term and Lion Ken Rivers has accepted the term.

**GMT** Lion Mike Helmke reported he has had constant communication with clubs. There is a lot of information available on the internet. According to the last health assessment our district membership is down 29, this affects our district revenue as Lion Dave Holschbach mentioned earlier. THANK YOU from Lion Mike for allowing him to SERVE.

**GLT** PDG Merle Strelow thanked everyone for his past 3 years. We have been through a lot of changes. PDG Merle will help mentor Lion Ken for the first year.

**B. WLF** – Lion Wendy Hartmann reported the upcoming events for WLF. Pride Shoot, Birch Stum Golf Outing and Smores Walk-Run. DGE Fred Gebhart reported the Deer Hide collection netted \$ 76,000.

**C. Affiliate President** – Lioness Bonnie Goeser reported there are currently 12 Lioness clubs with 193 members. In February and March they contributed 334 hours and donated \$ 12,100. The Sherwood Lioness will be disbanding the end of June. Lioness banquet will be June 11<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Fond du Lac Lioness. Discussion about Lioness bridging and branching program. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Dave Lee said we have to understand the reality of the situation, this will not change. DGE Fred said THANK YOU to the LIONESS for the services provided.

**D. Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post also mentioned Sherwood Lioness disbanding. Other Lioness clubs are waiting for more information on the bridging program to decide on their future.

**E. LCIF** chair PDG Vern Pautz mentioned clubs in the district have contributed \$18,600 to LCIF. He mentioned any funds held by the OMRO Lions should be considered for a Melvin Jones to a past OMRO Lion.

**F. QUEST** update by PDG Vern Pautz, we currently have 3 school districts using the QUEST program. The program is doing very well in these schools. There is a lot of good information and the potential for future LIONS.

**G. Leo** Chairman Lion Vern Pautz hopes to develop more awareness of LEOs and what they are. PDG Vern Pautz will be retiring from the District Cabinet this year. **THANK YOU** for the time on the cabinet. He talked about the development of the LIONS over the years and how the electronic age has changed how things are done.

**H. USA/Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton-NO REPORT. See information about September forum in Portland Oregon in the WIS Lion newspaper. Lion BJ Blahnik is interested in going and would like to know if anyone else is attending.

**I. Centennial Celebration** – Lion Carla Harris has information about a bus from Milwaukee going to the Lions Centennial Parade in Chicago for the International Convention. The eyeglass collection trailer will be stopping in Sheboygan on Friday morning April 28<sup>th</sup> at Walgreens on 14<sup>th</sup> and Erie and a second stop in the afternoon in Appleton, site to be confirmed. 2<sup>nd</sup> VD Dave Lee also mention Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm will be the Appleton Flag Day parade. The Appleton Noon Lions will be having a float to help celebrate LIONS 100 year Centennial. Donations to defray the costs would be greatly appreciated. If interested contact him 920-739-7228

**J. Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider mentioned Lions Pride Shootout will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**K. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** is in need of host families per Lion Bonnie Strelow. The WIS Lions webpage has all the information and application. There are 27 countries represented with 30 kids from the age of 16-21. PICK a kid that you want. There is a list available with each kid's information and country. Youth Exchange is considering using Lions Camp for their annual outing the one week that is open.

**L. Special Olympics** chair PDG Ken Wallander reminded everyone that he needs volunteers for the Special Olympics on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosh. He currently has 20-25 volunteers but needs 50. They will be doing vision screening with the SPOT camera. He will also be helping at the State Special Olympics in June at Stevens Point.

**M. Peace Poster** kits are now available to order per Lion Laurie Sasada for \$ 11.95. She has been promoting this at zone meeting. This year's theme is "Future of PEACE"

**N. Environment** – Lion Rose Berendes has been attending club and zone meetings with DG Tom and urging clubs to meet the challenge of "Protecting the Environment" There are many no or low cost projects. They specifically are trying to promote the diminished and low population of butterflies and other pollinators.

**District LCI** update by Lion Rose Berendes-she has been keeping in contact with clubs to report their monthly MMR or enter it for them. 3 clubs out of 68 have not reported any club activities on MYLCI. In regards to the Centennial Challenge, 28 clubs have met the 4 challenges, 6 have met 3, 8 have met 3 and 9 have reported at least 1 challenge. Her goal is to have every club at least report 1 challenge. 51 of 68, but the year is not done.

**O. Diabetes Awareness & Action** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow has been very active speaking to club and zone meetings. Our district diabetes display board has been at various locations and is available to use, just contact her. Lion Bonnie asked if the district would be willing to donate to Juvenile Diabetes. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle to make a \$1000.00 donation from the district Diabetes account. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Bonnie will contact Lion Dave with the address.

**P. Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** –Lion Wendy Hartmann Since last meeting she has 2 approvals, 1 denial and 5 pending for various reasons.

**Q. Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann reminded everyone the Eyeglass Challenge will end May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**R. Lions Eye Bank of WI** chair Lion Phil Weber has been attending zone meetings and Knight of Sight awards. His term will end June 30, 2018. LEBW has a new website. Lion Charlie Keifenheim of St.Peters Lions is considering the position. Timeline for ground breaking of the new facility is spring this year and completion by yearend. Currently the district has donated ½ of the goal of \$18,000. LEBW will hold their annual golf outing to help pay for a corneal transplant.

**S. Missions of Wisconsin** chair PDG Merle Strelow reported the fire truck is now in Mexico. Lion Pat Knier of the Kiel Lions will assume the chair for Missions next year. He is very active in the program. THANKS for your support ! PDG Merle is working on more PR for the fire truck donation.

**T. Vision Screening** 1st VDG Fred Gebhart reported since September 15,490 students have been screened. There are 131 certified vision screening LIONS. Referrals and follow-ups are coming in. Lion Bonnie Strelow read a letter from Wild Rose Lions in thank you for their screening. The district currently owns 6 SPOT cameras, 5 of them have printers attached.

**U. Leader Dog** is PDG Jerry Post's HERO !! PDG Jerry talked how Leader Dogs have changed so many lives. This is his personal PASSION and makes a grown man cry.

**V. District Raffle** Lion Mike DeBaere no update at this time.

**W. State Lions Convention** update by PDG Merle Strelow was given earlier. Give him any glasses you may have. SEE YOU at the STATE LIONS CONVENTION.

**X. District Convention** update by PDG Jerry Post, the planning is moving along, a lot has been accomplished already. This year's theme " 100 YEARS EQUALS MILES of SMILES" DGE Fred plans to have this convention FUN and FELLOWSHIP. He plans to have NO Jackets. Everyone wears their vest, we are all equal.

**Y. District and State Bowling** – Lion Bill Hilbert NO REPORT

**Z. IT & Publicity** chair PDG Tom Clausen has the website up to date with history and minutes. Clubs also have links to their Facebook and Websites.

**AA. Historian** PDG Tom Clausen is all up to date.

**BB. Newspaper** Editor Lion Mary Jo Abler has had a frustrating year as editor. Articles are not coming in on time. There have been few submissions from clubs and no submissions from program chairs. We need to make more effort for members to read and keep them more informed of what is going on with the district and all LIONS. Please remind clubs to submit.

**CC. Pin** Chairman Lion Laurie Sasada 2017 pin design was in the minutes from the February Cabinet meeting. In 2016 we ordered 200 pins for \$1.95 each. She has a large quantity left. DG Tom Berendes did not have a governor's pin and has been using the district pin. Lion BJ Blahnik intends to purchase 50 pins this year for the new Sheboygan Club. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Wendy Hartmann to order 200 pins at \$1.95 **MOTION CARRIED**

**DD. District Bucket Raffle** Lion Shirley Geoffroy will be getting some help this year so she can enjoy the convention. Manitowoc and Two Rivers Lions will be asked to volunteer. Lion Shirley's goal is \$1000 this year.

**EE. Elections & Nominations** chair Lion BJ Blahnik held elections earlier. He threw out some FOOD for THOUGHT about the voting procedure. Is it possible to hold voting on the floor at the time of nomination ?? PROs and CONs were discussed. Any change would require a policy change. There should be a committee established to make any recommendations. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle to table discussion until a committee is established. **MOTION CARRIED**

**FF. Advisory/Long Range Planning** chair PDG Gary Silah has no updates.

### **13. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

1. Region 1 Zone 1 chair Lion Phil Weber has been setting his dates for the 2017-2018 year. Brillion has been doing vision screening and distributed 5 Shopko vouchers. Chilton and Hilbert have their Big Bucks Raffle. Chilton has donated \$25,000 to the Calumet Medical Center over the next 5 years. Sherwood Lions have built 6 wheelchair ramps and made annual donations. Sherwood Lioness had their bean bag tournament and donated over \$10,000 to local organizations. Stockbridge also had a bean bag tournament and donated \$5000 to the high school weight room and \$5000 to community ball park

2. Region 1 Zone 2 No Zone Chair – NO REPORT

3. Region 1 Zone 3 chair PDG Meg Post has 125 Lions and 25 Lioness. Zone meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 50 attended. Guest speaker was from Aurora Medical and spoke about Diabetes. Zone chairman elections held, Lion Al Kanaugh from Manitowoc Lions was elected and in attendance. WELCOME LION AL. At their June social, they will present a Melvin Jones. The zone project is selling tickets to the Manitowoc County Fair. The money earned is used to give dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Manitowoc Lions have completed over 1500 visions screenings and have 4000 more reserved. St. Nazianz Lions will celebrate 65 years on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Valders Lions held their annual Fish Boil with the fire department and plan to build a brat barn for the community organizations to use. Two Rivers Lions and Lioness worked together for the annual Smelt fry.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 chair Lion Ellen Cheney's clubs are all active. Lion BJ Blahnik organized a membership and open house. He presented his initiative of starting a COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB, with family and service as a focus to include a CUB club. Various Lions clubs had displays. She inducted 4 new members to the Plymouth Lions. Her next zone meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup> in Plymouth hosted by the Howards Grove Lions Club. Lion Bonnie Strelow will speak about the Youth Exchange Program. Sheboygan will host the Centennial Eyeglass Tour on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 chair Lion Madonna Schneider's clubs are doing well with upcoming functions. Amsterdam Lions are conducting a flower sale, Cascade Lions a Memorial Day brat fry. Random Lake Lions presented 4 - \$1000 scholarships. Waldo Lions will have a Pork Chop dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She is seeking a replacement zone chairman.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 chair Lion Gary Roehrig's clubs are all working hard. He reminded all zone chairman to have the host club make the meeting a club meeting so that more members attend.

7. Region 3 Zone 1 chair Lion James Christman was not present – NO REPORT

8. Region 3 Zone 2 chair Thomas Henke will be resigning at the end of this term. His third zone meeting was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lion Bonnie Strelow was their speaker about Diabetes. All his clubs are doing fine with their final fund raisers for the year coming up. Eden Lions have installed 3 new members and Oakfield two.

9. Region 3 Zone 3 chair Lion Ken Rivers was not present – NO REPORT

10. Region 4 Zone 1 chair Lion Bev Karst's clubs have been active with fund raisers and joint projects. Many have LEGACY projects in place. After contemplating folding, the Oshkosh Lions will continue for another year. Her last zone meeting for the year will be April 4<sup>th</sup> with Katrina First Responders.

11. Region 4 Zone 2 chairman Lion Todd Henke has 160 Lions and 16 Lioness. Berlin Lions have been active with vision screening, they have screened over 1000 children. Green Lake Lions had PDG Merle Strelow present 4 Melvin Jones Awards, their club has presented 21 Melvin Jones Awards. The other clubs are active in fund raisers. The zone held an election for a new zone chairman, Lion Dave Brinkman was elected and attended the cabinet meeting. WELCOME.

12. Region 5 Zone 1 chair Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present – NO REPORT

13. Region 5 Zone 2 chair Lion Dave Przekurat reported all the clubs are active in fund raisers and fisherees. Redgranite Lions has 3 new members and Wautoma has 2. Plainfield Lions are very active in their playground. His next zone meeting will be hosted by Plainfield Lions on April 10<sup>th</sup>. All the clubs are active in presenting scholarships.

**14. Other Business** - DGE Fred Gebhart

A: IPDG Marvin Henke will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone will be invited. Plenty of music and FUN !

B. Next Year's Cabinet Dates for meetings will be August 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the district convention in Manitowoc, February 11<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will be held in Fond du Lac at the Eagles Club at 12:30 pm, except for the November meeting at the District Convention. THANK YOU zone chairman for attending the early meeting.

C. Other – PDG Ken Rohde reminded all the LIONS that 2022 will be Wisconsin Lions 100 year anniversary and also THANK YOU to Lion BJ Blahnik for organizing the Lions Membership Drive in Sheboygan.

D. WLF Rep Lion Wendy Hartmann reminded everyone that the LIONS CAMP KIDS RAFFLE has been distributed.

**15. Adjournment** - DGE Fred Gebhart - approximately 4:10 pm