



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Sunday, August 6th, 2017
Eagles Clubhouse
515 N Park Avenue
Fond du lac, WI 54935**

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

1. **Called to order** @ 1:25 pm – DG Fred Gebhart
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Tom Berendes
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn. The songs were “Happy Birthday Lions” and “God bless America”
4. **Welcome** and Introduction of new Lions Cabinet Members & Special Guests by DG Fred Gebhart
5. **Installation of Cabinet Members** by PID Wayne Heiman . PID Heiman talked about “The Power of WE” from our Lions International President and other Words of Wisdom. All cabinet members were properly installed. PID Heiman also talked about the Yellowstone Trail. There are plans for a 1917 Oakland auto to tour the Yellowstone Trail in Wisconsin to help celebrate LIONS Centennial. Information will be sent to the Lions Clubs on the trail to help celebrate.
6. **Roll Call** was taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach with special recognition for new cabinet members. 31 cabinet members in attendance.
7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 2, 2017 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Mary Jo Abler to accept as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Approval of State District Meeting Minutes** from May 6, 2017 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by 1st VDG Dave Lee to accept as printed. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Approval of August 6, 2017 Agenda** made by PDG Gary Silah, 2nd by Lion Gary Roehrig. **MOTION CARRIED**
10. **2016-2017 Financial Statement** reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion by PDG Jerry Post, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the report. **MOTION CARRIED**
11. **2017-2018 Budget** reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. IPDG Tom Berendes questioned if we should have more funds in the budget for training. Unfortunately, due to limited membership the funds are not available for this year’s budget. IPDG Tom asked if we can have a dues increase to help fund training. Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned there are procedures to be followed and voted on. Any changes would affect future budgets. Discussion pursued, district dues have not been raised for years. IPDG Tom mentioned we need more money in the budget for training of upcoming Lions and to get more Lions to step forward. He recommends that we should increase the district dues by \$1.50, this money could be designated for training. PDG Ken Rohde agrees we should make a change from \$4.50 to \$6.00. PDG Jerry Post, Constitutions and bylaws chair will draw up a proposal for the cabinet approval, so that this can be voted on at the district convention. Cabinet members will be sent the proposal for YES or NO vote, then, we will move forward. Lion Pat Knier recommends we show the current dues breakdown and why we need an increase. Motion made by

Lion Bonnie Strelow to have PDG Jerry Post write up a proposal to increase dues effect 2018 budget year by \$1.50, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by IPDG Tom Berendes, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork to accept the 2017/2018 budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Tail Twister Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone no phones, fines will be levied. The next cabinet meeting will be a MISS MATCH theme and also you must wear your pin. Reminder about the 3 minute rule. Your report can NOT last longer than 3 minutes. Clicker notice at 2 minutes, after 3 minutes a fine will be imposed. Anything longer can be preapproved by DG Fred.

13. Communications: DG Fred Gebhart and Lion Dave Holschbach. Letter received from PDG Vern Pautz thanking the Lions of 27B1 for the privilege of being on the cabinet for over 40 years. Many changes over the years. Membership and lost clubs were a big setback. We had a very good year collecting \$29,915 in funds for LCI.

District 27B2 will be sponsoring a bus to Leader Dog October 13 & 14th. More info later.

14. Old Business:

A. Camp tables : PDG Ken Wallander, Lion Gary Roehrig and DG Fred with other fellow Lions completed 16 picnic tables and then another 12 additional for Lions Camp. Thank you to the clubs that contributed funds.

15. New Business:

B. **2017-18 Cabinet Meeting Dates** – Friday November 10 at Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, Sunday February 11th & Sunday April 15th Eagles Club Fond du Lac. Pre cabinet meetings will start at 11:30 at the Eagles Club.

C. **Audit Financial Books** for 2016-2017. PDG Gary Colton has agreed to perform an audit on the district books for the year ending June 30, 2017. Update at the cabinet meeting in November.

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

A. **1st[†] Vice District Governor** Lion David Lee is looking forward to this year. He has benefitted by some good training and hopes everyone else will take advantage of what is out there. Commendations to DG Fred from the Appleton Noon Lions for an exceptional induction of officers and a new member. He has been very fortunate to work with IPDG Tom and DG Fred.

B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion Mike DeBaere first council meeting is coming up. He is looking forward to this year.

C. **Constitution and Bylaws** - PDG Jerry Post reported a change was suggested on the by-law for the convention criteria, he is waiting for more information, also suggestions for voting procedure.

Leader Dog – PDG Jerry Post reported there will be an upcoming trip to Leader Dog for the incoming Vice District Governors. They are now training dogs to help blind people with diabetes.

Newspaper Editor PDG Jerry Post has some great articles coming in. We do great things and should tell everyone about it. This is **'YOUR NEWSPAPER** not the editor's. Please send articles!! DG Fred wants more information about Vision Screening and what the clubs are doing. Trivia information will be a fill in.

District Convention – PDG Jerry Post - **100 years equals Miles of Smiles.** We are doing great. Seminars are nurses on vision screening, mother donating son's organs, WLF, Lions Pride, restoring Hope transplant house and a prisoner raising a puppy for Leader Dog.

D. **GMT** – Lion Dennis Schwartz Ask that the Zone Chairman invite him for membership.

GLT – Lion Ken Rivers is just getting oriented at his new position. PDG Merle Strelow is helping him with the transition.

E. **WLF** – IPDG Tom Berendes is still in training for WLF. He has a lot to learn. Lion Wendy Hartmann reminded the next event at Lions Camp is SMORES HUSTLE. IPDG Tom and Lion Wendy's 1st board meeting is coming up shortly.

- F. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Cindy Rank did not submit a report.
- G. **Affiliate Liaison** Lion/Lioness PDG Meg Post reported the loss of 3 Lioness clubs in the district. Currently there are 10 clubs and 187 members.
- H. **LCIF** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler has been working with clubs that have credits pending with LCIF. Many clubs are not aware of their funds being held. Contact Lion Mary Jo with any questions. She will monitor the activity. 60% of the clubs donated in 2016 year. Our district goal is \$ 29,700 in donations.
- I. **QUEST** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported New Holstein Elementary is using Quest, they are combining it with other programs. Mishicot also has teachers trained.
LEO chair Lion Mary Jo reported the New Holstein and Winnebago East Shore Lions are working together on a club. Lion Gary Roehrig is working with them. There were questions from the Kiwanis as to why the school systems did not support the Key Club. Bottom Line ...the LIONS provide the leadership and supervision. The school district does not have to supply employees.
- J. **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada has the current district pin available for \$ 3.00. DG Fred also has his governor pin available.
Peace Poster kits are now available according to Lion Laurie Sasada. Entries must be received before or district convention. This year's theme is "**Future of Peace**"
- K. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** chair PDG Gary Colton submitted this report, USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees. This is the largest Lions training event in the world. He hopes those looking for further their leadership roles in our district attend this forum.
- L. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reported the PRIDE Shoot was successful. On the 8th, there was a Harley Friendship ride to Lions camp. These are not LIONS ! They were impressed with our camp and what we do.
- M. **Youth Exchange** /Youth Outreach chair Lion Bonnie Strelow reported Youth Exchange camp end on Sunday August 6th. There were 53 youths from 25 countries. The campers had a group project of making blankets for the needy. Lion Bonnie distributed them to cabinet members who know of groups that can use them. Youth exchange will continue to use Camp Vista, Lions Camp cannot, according to by laws, guarantee a week for use.
- N. **Special Olympics** chair PDG Ken Wallander reported at the April vision screening in Oshkosh that 209 were screened, 191 prescription goggles and 5 recommendations. There were 18 Lions and 5 Lioness volunteers. Next Special Olympics in Oshkosh will be April 7th, more later.
- O. **Peace Poster** – see above
- P. **Environment** chair Lion Rose Berendes reminds everyone that the environment is one of the centennial challenges. RECYCLE – REUSE
MY LCI chair Lion Rose also reported that all clubs are doing great and co-operating. For 10 months we had 100%. Call her for any help that your club may need. This job takes persistence.
- Q. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** rep Lion Bonnie Strelow has the display available at any time. Recently it was used in New Holstein and Sheboygan. The new Centennial Challenge for 2017/2018 does include diabetes.
- R. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann had 9 applications, 2 denials, 2 approved and 4 pending for hearing aids. Remember this is a donation and donation slips can be given for salvage value.
- S. **Eyeglass Recycling** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann reported 295,308 eyeglasses were collected during the statewide challenge.
- T. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** has purchased land for a new building with building to start September 2017 and be completed in 1 year per Lion Phil Weber. We still need donations from Lions

Clubs to help fund the family donor program. Thank you to all the transporters. Zone Chairman, get his business card to distribute to your clubs.

U. **Missions of Wisconsin** chair Lion Pat Knier thanked District 27 B1 for their donation of the fire truck and 8,000 glasses recently sent to Mexico. Annual Missions of Wisconsin meeting will be in 2 weeks. Next trip planned to Nicaragua.

V. **Vision Screening** chair 1st VDG David Lee reported the Appleton Noon Lions are working with Ascension Health this year to get all the schools in Appleton screened, they will work with the Lions and have a goal of 11,000. Our district will be ahead of the other districts. DG Fred reported that Wisconsin's goal is to have 100,000 screened. There currently are 6 cameras in the district.

W. **Leader Dog** reported earlier above

X. **District Convention** reported earlier above

District Raffle chair 2nd VDG Mike DeBaere information will be coming shortly to the clubs See you at the convention. SELL- SELL- SELL

District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Shirley Geoffroy hopes to do better than last year. Better location and she will have help from the Manitowoc and Two Rivers Lions.

District and State Bowling rep Lion Bill Hilbert had no report.

Y. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned we will have the following to vote at this year's convention, District Bowling site, convention site, WI Eye Bank director and 2nd vice district governor. The nomination procedure is good, however the election and voting procedure need some changes in the future. Lion BJ will do a survey and get input.

Z. **State Lions Convention** will be in Oconomowoc the first weekend in May per PDG Ken Rhode. Wisconsin will celebrate 100 years of Lions in 2022.

AA. **Newspaper Editor** report was given earlier, see above

BB. **IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen reported the district website is up to date. A lot of clubs have websites. E-clubhouse.org is a free website and very easy to use. The state directory will be out shortly.

CC. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen is up to date with information.

DD. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** chair PDG Gary Silah did not have any state meeting last year. Any ideas from the district or the upcoming officers?

Lion BJ Blahnik reported that Blind Sailing with SEAS has met their \$30,000 goal, the simulator has been ordered. SEAS has been working regionally. More to come at later cabinet meeting.

17. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Zone 1 Lion Phil Weber has 3 meetings scheduled for the upcoming year. Reedsville and Wayside Morrison Lions clubs were added to his zone. To help simplify the driving, all his meetings will be held at the Cobblestone in Brillion in October, February and April. He is working on setting his speaker list.

2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanugh zone chair had 4 new clubs added to his zone, Francis Creek, Maribel, Mishicot and Whitelaw. At their June social, they presented 2 Knight of Sight awards to a Two Rivers Lion and Lioness. A Melvin Jones will be added at the September meeting. Their zone projects include taking tickets at the Manitowoc County Fair, dictionaries for 3 graders, Hope House (a shelter for women and children) and the Haven (a shelter for men). Upcoming meetings in September, November, March and June.

3. Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik is still getting setup after taking over for Lion Ellen Cheney. Cleveland Lions will host his September meeting. All clubs are very active and Vision Screening will be the zone project for 2017/2018. The Sheboygan Community Lions club has been chartered and

has set September 9th as charter night at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Their first meeting was in July with 20 members. Lion Ellen Cheney did submit a report with a wrap-up for her years as zone chairman. She is mentoring Lion BJ

4. Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider was not present and had no report.

5. Zone 5 rep Lion Gary Roehrig clubs are all busy with summer activities. There is a prospective LEO club starting in the New Holstein school system with currently 10 members. Startup planned for September.

6. Zone 6 Lion Tom Barnes was not present and had no report.

7. Zone 7 OPEN

8. Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert is returning as zone chairman and working on her schedule for the upcoming year. She recently had Brandon and Ripon and Ripon Lioness join the zone.

9. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman first zone meeting will be at Fairwater Lions. He is working on his zone schedule. Clubs have added Facebook pages.

10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present and had no report.

11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat reported his clubs are very active with fundraisers. Many have scholarships and participate in vision screening. His next meeting will be in Wautoma.

18. Other Business - DG Fred Gebhart

A: IPDG Tom Berendes updated everyone on the LCI \$100,000 grant request from the "Dare to Dream" handicapped playground from the Plymouth Lions. It has been approved, ground has been broken. The LIONS logo will be a part of the project.

Lion PDG Tom Clausen is currently the State IT chair and Lion Mary Jo Abler is the State Quest chair. GOOD LUCK on your new position.

Next Meeting is at District Convention at Manitowoc Friday November 10, 6-7PM

19. Adjournment – Motion made by Lion Helen Mork and 2nd by Lion Gary Roehrig to adjourn at 4:10 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

SEE YOU IN MANITOWOC AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION NOVEMBER 10 & 11