



## **District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes** **Sunday, March 7, 2021** **Van Dyne Lions Park**

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1. **Call to order @ 1:02 pm** by DG Tom Wendt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Michael De Baere
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Barb Leichtfuss. We are all looking forward to Spring, so the song was "Tip Toe through the Tulips"
4. **Welcome** by DG Tom. Thank you to Lion Barb and the Van Dyne Lions for hosting the cabinet meeting. This is our final cabinet meeting for the year.  
**"THANK YOU FOR BEING ON HIS CABINET"**
5. **Roll Call** taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 27 Lions members attending.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from January 3, 2021 motion to accept as emailed by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Greg Kubichka. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Approval of March 7, 2021 Agenda** as emailed, motion made by Lion Gary Roehrig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **2020-2021 Financial Statement** sent by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion to accept financial report by Lion Greg Kubichka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dale Counihan. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork reminded everyone about the 3-minute rules. Fines will be enforced. Green was the color and many avoided fines. Purple is the color for next meeting.
10. **Communications:** DG Tom Wendt and Lion Dave Holschbach. A Thank You letter received from WI Lions Mission chair Lion Bill Taubman for the district donation of \$1,000 to the Pine Ridge Reservation backpack meal program. WI Lions Bowling tournament is in full swing in Merrill. Last weekend DG Tom bowled with the COG to open the tournament. Lots of Fun, some openings available. Not so good bowling. Van Dyne Lions had a team. The Leadership Forum will know in 2 weeks if it will be virtual or on site.
11. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Training:** DG Tom talked to the other District Governors to see what they have been doing. Lot of them hold it during or after their conventions. He is working with cabinet members to possibly have something in Fond du Lac (central location). Lion Mary Jo Abler asked if there was a way to have a virtual training and if it could be monitored somehow. Consider mandatory training for officers to achieve 100% awards. DG Ken says things have changed and it needs to be updated. DGE Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned we need to Focus on

an incentive, such as reimbursement for mileage. There is money available in the training budget. Lion Rose Berendes mentioned we need Internet access and get members to sign up for their own MY LION account. DG Tom guarantees we will do something, but he is not sure what enticement to use. REMINDER club nominations are coming up. Club Excellence Awards form can be gotten online. We had 3 clubs last year. DG Fred Gebhart and Lion Gary Roehrig use zone meetings for training, maybe the first one of the year and bring your laptop. DGE BJ is looking for training at the district convention on Sunday.

WI Lions Leadership is offering an Evening of Inspiration and also Guiding Lion training. PDG Tom Berendes mentions that a GUIDING LION helps to mentor a club per the club request to make sure they are operating properly by Lion guidelines whether successful or not.

**B. Healing Space – Marshfield Clinic** LCI Grant update by PDG Dave Lee, the challenge was successful. Lion Dr. Vri exceeded the \$25,000 request matched by LCI. The Lions Healing Space will be completed in 2021. Excess funds collected will be set aside in the Childhood Fund to be dispersed by the COG. District 27-B1 raised over \$6,100. 23 clubs donated \$100 and 9 others gave more, for a total of 31 clubs contributing.

**C. Covid-19 Grant finalization** updated by IPDG Michael De Baere. It seems there was one page with a signature missing. IPDG Michael has resent all the information on Thursday March 4th. Motion by Lion Dave Holschbach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DGE BJ Blahnik for the cabinet to accept and approve the disbursement of the LCI Grant funds and sign off on the grant as now completed. **MOTION CARRIED** IPDG Michael commented that if he had known COVID 19 would last so long, he would have asked for a larger grant.

## **12. New Business:**

**A. Reading Machine:** DG Tom borrowed a reading machine from the Plymouth Lions Club who recently purchased 40 machines. PDG Dave Lee demonstrated the machine. The district would like to see more clubs involved, possibly a district project?? They cost approximately \$1,000 if buying in volume. A follow up email will be sent to clubs.

**B. 2021 District Pin** design proof was presented by Lion Laurie Sasada. Motion by PDG Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dale to accept pin design proof. The pin cost will be \$1.95 each based on an order of 200. We sell for \$3.00. Motion by DGE BJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Greg to approve an order of 200. **MOTION CARRIED** Should take about 3-4 weeks.

**C. District Annual LCI Donation Policy** presented by PDG Jerry Post. Being that no policy exists for a district annual donation, he composed the following:

**1) As monies collected from the tail twister are currently designated to various entities, a minimum of \$100 will be set aside for a yearly donation with the option of the District Governor along with his or her cabinet to donate more if desired.**

**2) If there is an excess of District funds left at the end of the year, an amount may be added to that figure with the discretion of the District Governor and his or her cabinet.**

**3. All monies donated will be donated to an LCI entity that will accumulate to \$1000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship to be awarded by the District.**

Motion by DGE BJ and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Gary Silah to accept the policy as read.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **13. Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes verbal per report))

A. **District Governor Elect** Lion BJ Blahnik is currently working on his cabinet. He has had meetings with his convention committee. He is working on ongoing training.

B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion Dave Brinkman has had virtual and onsite training. There has been a lack of communication with members due to Covid 19, we need to improve on that, are there members not in contact with their clubs and other members? He questioned "Why don't we have Region Chairs?" Answer from cabinet members, hard enough to fill Zone Chair and other Cabinet positions now!

C. **GLT** chair Lion Ken Rivers was not present, NO REPORT sent. The incoming State GLT coordinator will be PDG Jeri Schlender. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Dave B asked if we have a district service project? DG Tom had one at the last convention and VDGE BJ will be having a food drive at the convention.

**GMT/ NAMI** Chair PDG Fred Gebhart says membership is the **LIFELINE** of Lions. Our district currently is -12. Gain membership through **SERVICE. ASK** a friend when doing your fund raisers. NAMI will be having a name change for better recognition and better communication and education.

**GST** chair Lion Ellen Cheney was not present but sent the following. Since January she has focused on forwarding information about service and training opportunities to clubs. She has completed her spreadsheet to now include East and West clubs, presidents, secretaries, and service coordinators. Special **THANK YOU** to Lion Rose Berendes for handling the west clubs while she was updating her spreadsheets. She has been attending monthly GST meeting virtually. At the January meeting it was noted STUFF the BUS is a MD27 project. With the likelihood school being in person next year, the need is even greater for school supplies. Zone Chairs try to organize an event and let others know.

D. **WLF** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann updated us on Lions Camp. There will be 460 openings this year. Lions Camp will also be running diabetes for 2 weeks this year. WLF has applied for a LCI Grant of \$197,000 for establishing the diabetes program. The statewide deer hide collection was successful with 18,000. There will be NO visitor days this year. PDG Fred also added that Shopko is again offering vision certificates. Camp workday is planned for April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

E **Constitution and Bylaws** chair PDG Jerry Post commented that 8 years ago he started writing changes, there have been many to the constitution. It has been a PLEASURE to serve on the cabinet these last few years. **Thank you** to all of the PDG's he served for. He will continue to be on MD27 Bylaws and constitutions committee.

F. **LCIF** rep Lion Mary Jo Abler reminded members that we recently completed our COVID-19 LCI grant. Funds **DO** come back to us. Campaign 100 is the fundraiser currently being done and encourages individual to make donations. They will be holding a Tell-a-Thon on April 11<sup>th</sup> with a goal for every Lion member to donate \$20. If all in our district did this, we would have \$36,740. Our district is behind in our donations. DG Tom thanked Lion Mary Jo for a GREAT JOB done!!

G. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reminded everyone that PRIDE has their annual PRIDE SHOOT in June and volunteers are needed.

H. **LEO** chair Lion Gary Roehrig reported the Husky Hands of Heart Leo Club has 20 members. Due to Covid-19, Lions have not been able to visit them. They anticipate 12-14 new members but will be losing 9 seniors. They have been active in plastic collection but are in need of volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. The Leo Club will be donating a bench for the 100 Centennial at the WI State Lions Convention. Reedsville Leo Club seems to be functioning. IPDG Michael had received a \$500 donation from LCIF for a success story he submitted on behalf of the Leo Club. Lion Mary Jo questioned where the money was applied. Lion Dave H. confirmed the money was deposited into our training funds. He feels it is deserving to give the money to the Leo Club since the article was about their success and since fundraisers are temporarily suspended. Motion by PDG Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dale to give the \$500 donation to the Leo Club. **MOTION CARRIED**

I. **Leader Dog** PDG Meg Post reported Leader Dog did start to hold training classes in October. Their last zoom meeting was 2 weeks ago. They have been restrained by the COVID Protocol. Virtual contact has been successful. Currently they cannot have any volunteers. They are hoping in March to proceed with more training.

J. **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada also added that there are about 60 pins left from the current year. She has some available from previous years and will send an email with photo and quantity.

K. **Peace Poster** theme for the current year is 'WE ARE ALL CONNECTED' per Lion Laurie Sasada. Peace Poster kits are available until October.

L. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** chair IPDG Michael De Baere is available for zone meetings and will talk about sugar content in various things.

M. **Youth Cancer** rep PDG Dave Lee reported earlier in New Business.

N. **Youth Exchange** /Youth Outreach – Lion Bonnie Strelow was not present, NO REPORT sent. Youth Exchange Camp has been cancelled for this year.

O. **Special Olympics** – Lion Samantha Rivers was not present, NO REPORT sent.

P. **Environment** chair Lion Rose Berendes reported our district has 35 environment projects completed by 18 clubs.....**SO Plant a TREE ! Enter as Environment Project!**

Q. **MY LCI** update by Lion Rose Berendes has 2 clubs not reporting membership. Activities can include donations, fund raisers and meetings. A lot of clubs are not reporting any kind of activity, potentially 4 club members have the capability to log on and report. 40 clubs have reported at least 1 activity. **GOOD GOING !**

R. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann has received 6 applications with 3 being approved and 5 have been ordered YTD.

S. **Eyeglass Recycling** staff is on furlough per Lion Wendy Hartmann. From July to January, Lions have collected 298,870 glasses. Walmart recently has started collection eyeglasses they send to 4 recycling centers. She will try to find out where these 4 sites are.

T. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** Rep. Lion Chuck Keifenheim, was not present but sent report. LEBW is always in need of donations. The facility remains closed. The Eye Tissue Transport Meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 am, or May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am or May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm. Information to follow.

U. **Vision Screening** PDG Fred Gebhart has screened only 780 with 82 referrals due to schools not being open or limited access. Eslers Foundation is a source for free glasses and lenses; however, provider must be in their network.

V. **Missions of Wisconsin** rep Lion Pat Knier reported the only current activity is the Pine Ridge Backpack Program. **Thank You** to the district for the donation.

W. **District Convention** for 2021 will be November 12-14 at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. DGE BJ Blahnik's committee has had on going meetings.

**District Bean Bag** Chair Lion Dick Karl of Sheboygan Noon Lions unfortunately had to report the CANCELLATION of the tournament. Only 7 teams registered, we will consider again for next year. PDG Fred commented that there may need to be a policy change. We may plan to have a demo at the district convention. There has been concern about the handling of the bean bags due to COVID. Thank you for your support. Lion Dave H will send an email to clubs to cancel.

X. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Irv Korth reminded Zone Chairs to mention there will be open nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 1 WLF and Eye Bank representatives at this year's convention.

Y. **State Lions Convention** is still on in Green Bay May 14 & 15, however there will be a 400 limit for attendance per PDG Ken. Lion Wendy also reported there will be a Strides Walk and Scavenger Hunt at the State Lions convention.

Z. **Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post's final year. We all know it is hard to put your story and thoughts in your mind on paper. **BUT TRY**. Articles were always appreciated. PDG Jerry used PDG Fred as an example to talk about the life cycle of a LEADER DOG puppy. 1<sup>st</sup> exposure to Lions to growing up and being a LION Leader. **STOP BEING CHICKEN** and become **LION LEADER DOGS** and **TELL YOUR STORY !**  
DG Tom: Thank You Jerry for your many years of support to the cabinet.

AA. **IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen reported 26 clubs do **NOT** have a website. Why have a website? There are people out there that need your help or would like to join. Having a website is like having the YELLOW PAGES of long ago, great source of information. LCI will provide a **FREE WEBSITE**. If not a website, consider a Facebook page. 46 clubs have one. We can't grow unless someone knows about us. Publicity is the KEY.

BB. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen sent this report. The History page on the district website is up to date. Thank you to PDG Orv Doede for getting the groundwork for the history of clubs. Send PDG Tom C your club anniversary information. 17 clubs have no history on file. Send any information to PDG Tom C and he will update your club history.

#### **14. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

1. Zone 1 Lion Greg Kubichka reported that DG Tom attended his meeting. Clubs are participating in drive thru fundraisers. Clubs have been partnering with other clubs for activities. They participated in the Christmas Lights. Sherwood Lions have done 24 wheelchair ramps.

2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh clubs are starting up on their projects and meeting in a safe way. Due to COVID the next zone meeting will be June 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by Mishicot. Clubs are participating in rose sales, fry outs at community rummage sales and summer ball parks. Zone project cancelled in 2020 hope to sell tickets for County Fair in August 2021.

3. Zone 3 & 4 Lion Dick Karl had a zone meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 clubs attended. Speaker was Niki Zorhab from Big Brothers Big Sisters. PDG David Lee and Lion Wendy Hartmann attended. Clubs are doing limited activities and making plans for future fund raisers. Plymouth Lions purchased 40 reading machines. Next zone meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>.

4. Zone 5 Lion Pat Knier has taken over for Lion Don Mitchell. They held a

Zoom zone meeting. New Holstein Lions have been very active. Clubs participated in the light show for Christmas. Many clubs will be awarding scholarships.

5. Zone 6 Lion Dale Counihan's zone has not had a meeting. Some clubs have taken "A Better Safe than Sorry" attitude. Larsen Winchester has built 10 new ramps, but other activities suspended. Various clubs participating in Rose Sale. Neenah continues their plastic bag recycling. Clubs hope to resume fund raisers and activities in spring.

6. Zone 7 & 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss has been checking club's websites and Facebook pages to see what they have been doing. Activities are being planned with modifications. Next zone meeting March 31. Pickett has 6 new members.

7. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman reported membership is down by 9 in the zone. All clubs are now meeting but in smaller numbers. Covid vaccinations should make a difference in the numbers. Clubs continue with eyeglass collection, scholarships, Fisherees and making face masks for school kids.

8. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present, however PDG Tom Berendes gave an update. Clubs have held successful Fisherees. Oxford will participate in the fireworks. Various clubs involved in community parks projects.

9. Zone 11 Lion Vince Treague was not present. Clubs have been meeting. Some participate in indoor rummage sales. DG Tom **thanked Lion Vince** for stepping up and filling the zone position even though he belongs in another zone. **HE IS A GREAT LION.**

#### 15. Other Business:

VDGE BJ would like to get club historical articles for the centennial celebration at the WI State Lions convention.

PDG Fred will be stepping up as editor for the district and would like to start receiving articles for the 2021-2022 year.

Cabinet Appreciation by DG Tom Wendt: **WE DID WELL** Thank you to the cabinet for assistance and answers to his questions. **KEEP YOUR MEMBERS INVOLVED** ..... give a phone call, see how they are doing. Special **THANK YOU** to Lion Roxanne for her support and keeping DG Tom on schedule. It's been a **GOOD** year even though there were limitations. DG Tom is available at any time.

Thank you to the Van Dyne Lions for their support. Cabinet Gifts are backordered. DG Tom will be awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a deserving Lion.

**Adjournment by DG Tom Wendt** at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Dave Holschbach, 27B1 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

**THANK YOU TO ALL CABINET MEMBERS for YOUR SUPPORT on another SUCCESSFUL YEAR.....Lion Dave**

**Next Meeting District Wrap up @ WI State Lion May 14<sup>th</sup> - Green Bay**