



District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Sunday, November 16, 2014
Best Western Premier – 1 N Main St – Oshkosh, WI 54901
Winnebago Room

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1. **Call to order @ 8:30 A.M.** by DG Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Dawn Christensen
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Diane Henke

4. **Welcome by DG Gary & Introduction** of ID Ed Farrington. ID Ed had a GREAT weekend. He will remember this weekend forever. THANK YOU He excused himself and Lion Elaine, they have to catch a flight back home.

5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach. 31 cabinet members present
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 3, 2014 motion made by Lion Sandy King, 2nd by Lion Mike Helmke. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Approval of Agenda** with an addition of New Business motion made by PDG Ken Rhode, 2nd by PDG Tom King. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. **2014-2015 Financial Statement** issued by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach through the month of October. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Tom Clausen to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork collected \$ 317.00 including the cabinet meeting. Lion Helen reviewed the 3 minute rule. Any extension of time must be approved by DG Gary without penalty. \$1 per minute penalty over 3 minutes. Questions from cabinet will not deduct from time of report. DG Gary congratulated Lion Helen on an excellent job this weekend.

13. **NO Communications** received by DG Gary Silah or Lion Dave Holschbach.

13. **Old Business:**
 - A: 2014 financial audit is not completed yet. DG Gary has partially sent the information to PDG Gary Colton for review. He will correct this and get everything needed to him. He made a sincere apology to everyone for his error. Lion Marv thanked DG Gary for stepping forward and admitting the error.

14. **New Business:**
 - A. 2014 convention wrap up & comments were given by conference chair IPDG Dawn Christensen. There were 251 registered, 218 for lunch and 69 for dinner. Having the seminars in one room back to back was a great idea and had many favorable comments. We should consider a 10 minute break between each session. Also consider if doing another casino night to give everyone attending a free chip voucher, one chip leads to buying more or at least trying the games Casino night very successful. We should also try to get the Lion and Lioness meetings combined so all can enjoy the business meeting. PDG Len asked if we should consider having the cabinet meeting on Friday evening like some other districts do. Discussion followed as to what others do,

what would fit into everyone's schedule, would this decrease in Saturday night banquet. This decision should be left for the District Governor to decide. IPDG Dawn and her committee did a great job, Thank you for their work. Motion made by Lion Ken Rivers, 2nd by PDG Jerry Post to donate the \$600 from Casino night to the Baby Greysen Fund. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor & 2nd Vice DG elect were done during the conference. WLF Lion Fred Gebhart was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. There were 39 votes for a write in candidate Lion Tom Berendes of Oxford Lions. PDG Merle met him during the first break. Lion Tom came from District D2, he is retired and moved to Oxford and immediately became the club president. Lion Sandy King know Lion Tom and will be a very good district governor, he had plans to move forward in D2. He is more than qualified. Being a write in, he has been elected, there is no need to hold a special cabinet appointment.

C. The district has additional funds available to award a Birch Sturm. Committee members IPDG Dawn Christensen, PDG Merle Strelow and PGD Tom King will determine a deserving recipient.

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

A. Vice District Governor Elect Lion Marv Henke thanked everyone for voting him to be the next District Governor. Things are beginning to come back in line.

B. 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Lion Fred Gebhart would like to see some guidelines and forms for the position. Thank you for your support.

C. Constitution/Bylaws chair IPDG Dawn Christensen mentioned the constitution and bylaws are totally out of date. She needs a committee to help clean it up. She will chair the committee along with other Past District Governors to make corrections and recommendations. DG Gary and VDGE Marv will help. Also need a policy for Zone Chairman selection and election.

D. GLT/GMT – Chair DG elect Lion Marv Henke has a meeting coming up with PCC Dean Haas and GLT PDG Merle Strelow.

1. GMT chair Lion Mike Helmke asked if everyone has seen the Healthcare Assessment report that is issued by LCI.. District 27B1 currently is down 6 in membership and some clubs are behind in reporting monthly membership. Zone chairs please followup with your clubs.

2. GLT chair PDG Merle Strelow asked that all secretaries report their club membership on time, some clubs are lagging.

E. WLF representative Lion Fred Gebhart talked about vision screening which is 1 of 6 state projects. WLF is working on a LCI grant to purchase vision cameras. It was decided that District 27 B1 would need 6 cameras. They are talking about getting the "SPOT" camera which is the most versatile. PDG Tom King had nothing additional.

F. Affiliate President Lioness Cindy Rank gave an update of their conference meeting. She announced the 1st and 2nd place pin designs. Lion/Lioness Jerry Post was elected Affiliate President and Lioness Bonnie was elected Vice President. Lioness agreed to give the proceeds from their Bucket Raffle to the BABY GREYSEN FUND. There currently are 238 Lioness in the district.. Lioness Cindy learned a lot and thanked everyone for their support.

G. Affiliate Liaison Lion Gerald Schmidt had no report.

H. LCIF chair PDG Vern Pautz thanked everyone that donated during the parade of checks, there was \$1,400 collected.

I. QUEST chair PDG Vern Pautz said in house training is available and very inexpensive. There are 2 teachers who are fully trained on QUEST and would be willing to train others. The QUEST program does take time but is very beneficial. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post, 2nd by PDG Merle Strelow to designate \$1000 in funds for training and supplies. **MOTION CARRIED** Anyone interested or want more information contact PDG Vern Pautz.

J. USA/ Canada Leadership Forum chair PDG Gary Colton reported that next year's forum will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This has very valuable seminars. It will be held September 17-19, 2015. District 27B2 is planning on sending a bus. More information to follow at the January cabinet meeting.

K. Lions Pride representative Lion Myra Schneider thanked District 27B1 for 100% participation. It is more than just club support.

L. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach Lion Sandy King did her report at the District Conference, nothing additional to add. She would like to see more host families.

M. Special Olympics chair PDG Ken Wallander was not present. He did send the following report, the Special Olympics Opening Eyes in Oshkosh will be on Saturday April 11, 2015. He will be sending more info to the clubs next year as volunteers are appreciated. He also mentioned that he is on the list for DEER HIDE Collection for Lions Camp. Spread the word !!

N. Leo Chairman Lion Joe Barth was not present and did not submit a report.

O. Peace Poster chair Lion Sandy King recapped the 3 winners. 1st Elkhart Lake Lions, 2nd Brandon Lions and 3rd Rosendale Lions.

P. Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation chair Lion Bonnie Strelow sent a report. Since our last meeting, the Lions have provided diabetes information at the Green Lake County Fair, CHN Diabetes Fair, zone meetings in Two Rivers and Pickett. Please call if you would like her to attend a zone meeting, club meeting or health fair in your area. They will be getting a new tri-board for diabetes display for \$500 from the current funds in the account.

Q. Pin Chairman Lion Wendy Hartmann reported there were 5 submissions for voting. The winning entry was the eyeglasses submitted by Lion Wendy. She did have pin sales at the conference in the amount of \$ 345.00

R. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chair Lion Wendy Hartmann has 6 pending applications for hearing aids. She again talked about the BABY GREYSEN FUND and has a flyer for promotion to collect funds. The KING Foundation will match funds collected, **THANK YOU** PDG Tom Clausen will be sure to get the information on the district website. The address to send donations is :BABY GREYSEN FUND c/o Lion Wendy Hartmann, 17023 Cty Rd F, Kiel, WI 53042 Lion Mike De Baere, our district newspaper editor will make sure the article gets in the WI Lions Newspaper.

S. Lions Eye Bank of WI chair Lion Phil Weber mentioned the district has a goal of \$18,000. Lions Eye Bank is currently searching for a new Executive Director and Technology Director. The current Executive Director term ends July 1, 2015. Special appreciation to the dispatchers and transporters.

T. Missions of Wisconsin representative Lion Fred Gebhart announced that the district's assessment was raised to \$500 and has been paid. Currently there is a mission in Haiti. Lions are still working with Mexico to continue the program.

U. Leader Dog chair Lion BJ Blahnik reported the Canine Development Program is in full swing. The campaign is for a 5 year pledge. The program is doing very well. Thank you for being a speaker at the conference seminar.

V. District Raffle chair Lion Mike De Baere reported a total of \$3200 was collected for the district raffle. Winning tickets were drawn at the Governor's banquet on Saturday.

W. State Lions Convention representative PDG Merle Strelow reminded everyone to watch the WI Lions Newspaper for updates and information.

X. District Convention chair IPDG Dawn Christensen reported about this year's conference in the New Business portion of the agenda.

Y. District and State Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert was not present. Lion Mike Helmke mentioned to see conference program for dates and information.

Z. IT chair PDG Tom Clausen reported there are 38 clubs with websites and e-clubhouse.com sites. The district now has a new website address. E-mail address and links are on the website, along with the constitution and policies for review. Currently Hilbert Lions and Wautoma Lions do not have any information in the district directory. LCI has not appointed a district IT representative who can access the directory and make changes as needed. Our designated representative is DG Gary Silah. Any changes needed can be sent to him.

AA. Newspaper Editor Lion Mike De Baere asks that clubs submit ACTION photos for publication not just awards presentations. He will be submitting an article immediately to WI

Lions Newspaper about the BABY GREYSEN FUND.

BB. District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Mike DeBaere collected \$965.00. Lion Mike De Baere made a motion that District 27B1 donate these funds to BABY GREYSEN FUND, 2nd made by PDG Tom King. **MOTION CARRIED**

CC. Historian PDG Tom Clausen has history all up to date and on the website.

DD. Elections & Nominations chair Lion BJ Blahnik explained there were a few hiccups but all went well. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Ken Rhode to destroy the ballots. **MOTION CARRIED**

EE. Advisory/Long Range Planning chair PDG Tom King has no current projects.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart reported all the clubs are busy and active. Zone project this year may be more picnic tables.
2. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Joe Barth not present and no report.
3. Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Jeannette Junk, not present and not report.
4. Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke zone hosted the Blind Sailor Race and had great support from throughout the state. AWESOME Support!! Lion BJ Blahnik mentioned the partnership between Blind Sailors Organization and LCI was great. 25 clubs in the state support this project. Special THANK YOU to PDG Ken Rhode who was there every day !
5. Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider reported all her clubs are doing alright. They all have had successful fundraisers over the past few months.
6. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Gary Roehring reported membership in his zone is a PLUS, however they may be losing a club, Green Glen Lions have voted to disband and transfer to other clubs. The Cub program has been very successful and is really going well with new members.
7. Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Otto Cox's zone has been active in the Senior Expo. Zone meetings have been going well. Next meeting January 7th.
8. Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Ken Rivers membership has stayed even. His clubs are active in collecting deer hides. Senior meals program is ongoing. All his clubs have been sharing labor to help each other with projects.
9. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Kay Quinn tried Pot Luck for meals at the zone. She did get more Lions to show. Her first zone meeting had "Youth" as a theme. Next meeting will have "Blind" as a theme. She has 5 small clubs and is experiencing growth problems.
10. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Greg Bielski will the DGE Marv Henke as speaker for the December meeting, the Kingston Lioness will be host.
11. Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Helen Mork has set December 9th for her next zone meeting. Westfield Lions have become very active in the district and have been spending their money. 500 meals were served. They have been getting new members with 4 pending. All clubs are active.
12. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Jeff Reabe is +2 in membership. Their zone has had 1 member who is outstanding for fundraisers, the club is going to present him with a Melvin Jones Award. 2 of his clubs are having problems with MYLCI, he is helping them out. Zone attendance is good, pushing clubs to pay for members to attend.
PDG Tom King reminded zone chairs to ask clubs to donate to WLF.
PDG Ken Rhode asked to donate tail twister collection to go towards BABY GREYSEN Fund, however this money is designated for the district operating fund.
DGE Marv Henke reminded everyone that November is Veterans Month.

16. Other Business-DG Gary Silah

A. Green Glen Lions Club has gone from 21 members to currently 13. They have decided to cancel their charter. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, we are not sure what can be done, since the decision has been made. If they drop their charter, they must spend all their money first or LCI will take it all. Their members are willing to transfer to others clubs. Update at the January Cabinet Meeting.

B. DG Gary presented PDG Merle Strelow with a special award from LCI for being a Guiding Lion. CONGRATS.....

C. IPDG Dawn Christensen asked permission to take the district banner and update it. It is 8 years behind for District Governors. GRANTED

D. Next Meeting January 4th 1:00 pm Maribel Community Center

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 am by PDG Merle Strelow, 2nd by PDG Ken Rhode

HAPPY HOLIDAYS