



- **MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes from Sunday March 6, 2022**
- Location: Reach Forward 1901 S. 8th St. Sheboygan, WI 53081
- If Questions: Reply to this email – dajach@yahoo.com or call – 920.684.0115
- ****Note: No Open Discussion, Cabinet Meeting Only****

Agenda:

- 1) **Meeting** called to Order by DG Lion BJ Blahnik @ 1:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt
- 3) **Prayer** given by Chaplin Lion Myra Schneider
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** motion made by Lion Vince Treague, 2nd by Lion John Stephen. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) Welcome & Introduction of Guests by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. Guest was Lion Sue Lee, President of Appleton Noon Lions. Last meeting before state convention. WELCOME
- 6) **Roll Call** by CST Lion Dave Holschbach. No Virtual attendees. 20 cabinet attendees, 2 guests and 4 excused.
- 7) **Honors & Recognition** by DG Lion BJ Blahnik.
 - a. **Club Excellence Award** for 2020-2021 There are 4 clubs that received the award, Brandon, Manitowoc, Town of Sheboygan and Van Dyne Lions. **CONGRATULATIONS** DGE Dave Brinkman, CST Dave Holschbach, Lion Wendy Williams and Lion Barb Leichtfuss accepted on behalf of the clubs. Lion DG Lion BJ reviewed what is required and thinks we should have more clubs qualified.
 - b. **Lions Spirit Award** has 6 of the 8 districts submitted an entry. Still time to enter. Executive team of DG Lion BJ, DGE Dave, FVDGE Greg, IPDG Tom and CST Dave will review and decide the recipient at WI State Convention. This is the first time we have attempted this and has gone over quite well.
- 8) **Tail Twister** Meeting Rules given by Lion Wendy Williams. Rules remain the same, 3-minute report with fines for overage. Fine for anyone not wearing GREEN for St Patrick. She had an Easter egg per table to be auctioned to the highest bidder at each table and also a cake to be given to the correct answer for the question for the day.
- 9) **Secretary's Report** – CST Lion Dave Holschbach
 - a. **Approval of January 23, 2022 Cabinet Minutes** emailed February 1, 2022. **(See copies)** Motion made by Lion John Stephen, 2nd by Lion Pat Knier to accept the minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - b. **Correspondences** was the delegate cards for voting at the WI Lions Convention were received. They will be sent to all clubs shortly so they can discuss and make their decision and return by April 24th.
- 10) **Treasurer's Report** by CST Lion Dave Holschbach through February 28, 2022 **Emailed 3/2 (SEE copies)**

Receipts for the year have been received no anticipation of any additional. Main items to spend yet are the year end reimbursement for the chairs, they will be sent out in April. DGE Dave asked about the meals, originally 3 budgeted, there will be 4 due to virtual meeting changed to physical attendance. Also had question about district's election of 2-year term on long range planning. Motion to accept the financial statement through February 2022 as presented made by IPDG Lion Tom Wendy, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 11) **Old Business** - Nothing brought forward
- 12) **New Business**
 - a. **LCIF Community Grant** for the Holyland Food Pantry has been approved per Lion Vince Treague. DG Lion BJ has received the letter of approval. Working with St. Peter and Winnebago East Shore for finalization. DGE Dave added that grant move thru very quickly. Grant was received one day and the next day it was approved. No limitation on the number of community grants. We had \$11,000 available this year and \$8,000 still remains. Amount is based on 15% of district contributions to LCIF. The balance does carry over to next year. DGE Dave will look at some projects for next year.

b. **ABCM Playground grant** is moving forward per DG Lion BJ Blahnik. The district needs to get an additional \$ 12,500. DG Lion BJ is asking all of the clubs to donate \$400 and other to promote. Hope to have completed by May 15th, must have money by the end of June. Donations to date are \$2,600 from 8 clubs the district.

c. **Future District Cabinet Meetings** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik

i. Saturday May 7, 2022 at State Convention @ Grand Geneva (No Virtual Option)

13) **First Vice District Governor Reports** – DGE Lion David Brinkman

a. **FVDG Update** **Report sent previously** DGE Dave relayed his DENNIS STORY. Dennis is a 84 year old Lion who was having problems with MYLCI reporting. Within 1 hour he understood what to do and had no problem. Leo clubs do count in club reporting. Thank you to zone chairs for the job you are doing, he has seen much progress this year. Still have some clubs not reporting.

b. **Committee Reports**

i. **Pediatric Cancer** chair PDG Lion Dave Lee has proposed an Ad Hoc committee to review the potential of forming a Childhood Cancer Foundation. DG Lion BJ submitted the request to the COG and all positive results. Foundation would allow tax deductible donations.

ii. **Leader Dog** - PDG Meg Post **Report sent previously** Nothing additional.

iii. **LEO's** chair Lion Gary Roehrig, not present and no report received.

iv. **Youth Exchange** chair Lion Ben Wiley not present and no report received.

v. **Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider Nothing to report at this time.

vi. **Restoring Hope Transplant House** does have guests in the house per DG Lion BJ Blahnik. They must adhere to strict rules for operating or would have to shut down entirely. PDG Dave Lee asked if the COG would consider having WI Eye Bank and Hope House include financial statements in their reports.

vii. **Birch/Sturm** chair Lion Victoria Blahnik mentioned we will need to add a board member.

viii. **IT/Historical** – PDG Lion Tom Clausen **Report sent previously** DGE Dave asked that clubs use the district calendar more. About 80% of the clubs do not use this. 1VDGE Greg also mentioned that you can download the app and have immediate access to the calendar.

ix. **District Raffle** – Lion John Stephen **Report sent previously** Nothing additional

14) **Second Vice District Governor Reports** – FVDGE Lion Greg Kubichka.

a. **SVDG Update** Everyone doing an AWESOME job reporting, over 80% participation. **Great Job DGE Dave !** Zone chairman get your dates reported to PDG Tom to add to the calendar. DG Lion BJ reported the national average is only 46%, DGE Dave thinks we can do better. We are here to help the clubs. Any club member can be the Club Administrator to assist the president.

b. **Global Service Team (GST)** Nothing to report

c. **Committee Reports**

i. **Environment** – Lion Roxanne Wendt **Report sent previously** She did add that at the state convention they will be giving out trees and flowers seed that are butterfly friendly.

ii. **Vision/Special Olympics** – Lion Fred Gebhart **Report sent – Enclosed copy** PDG Fred added that there will NOT be any Special Olympics in Oshkosh this year, therefore no vision screening. Vision screening has completed the bulk of screening in the schools. The program is growing, numbers are beginning to come in. Our district did half of the state total. He handed out some statistics. He can only do so much, but other Lions have taken the challenge. Our district has taken vision screening to another level. Some clubs have received special recognition. They are now looking at virtual reality vision aids. THANKS to all of the vision screeners.

iii. **Diabetes** chair Lion Vince Treague had no more specific information. He is available for speaking and meeting. Lion Vince & PDG Fred have the diabetes display boards.

iv. **Hunger** – Lion Katie Karls Nothing to report

v. **Hearing/Eyeglasses** update by WLF Director Lion Wendy Hartmann. Application for hearing aids is way down and only had 1 approval. From July to January Lions have collected 575,323 pairs of glasses. 86,139 pairs have been sent to 22 missions. WLF's trailer for collecting eyeglasses is in need of repairs or replacement. DG Lion BJ has a contact for new trailer.

vi. **Wisconsin Lions Missions** – Lion Pat Knier **Report sent – Enclosed copy** Most activities have been shut down. Working on eyeglass mission to Pine Ridge reservation. They did a mission for the Afghan

refugees. Zone 5 is collection items for tornado area in Kentucky and will be taking a trailer down the end of April. PDG Meg mention that Zone 2 has additional funds. They need of clothing and appliances for their temporary trailers.

15) **Break** Lion Wendy did the table egg auction. CST Dave had the correct answer and was rewarded the cake.

16) District Governor Reports

a. DG Updates

Council of Governors (COG) Meeting update by DG Lion BJ. It was a very good meeting. There was some policy verbiage changes made. There will be some resolutions on the state ballot to be voted on. DGE Dave also commented that there are more constitution and bylaws that are outdated and will be changed in the upcoming year.

b. Committee Reports

- i. **LCIF Coordinator** – Lion Vince Treague **Report sent previously** He reminded zone chairs to please encourage clubs to donate to LCIF. DGE Dave reported 25 of 63 have donated. DG Lion BJ reported that LCIF has created an area for refugee and relocation donations.
- ii. **GMT/GMA** – PDG Fred Gebhart had no update. DGE Dave talked about Exit Interviews, he uses reverse engineering. Wisconsin stress RETENTION first, International stresses New Clubs, New Members and Retention. He plans to use Guiding Lions more to help increase membership and stop exits. DG Lion BJ was elect state GMT chair for next year.
- iii. **Newspaper Editor/PR** – Lion Mike Roberts **Report sent previously** Nothing additional
- iv. **Constitution & Bylaws/Policies & Procedures** – PDG Lion Gary Silah **Nothing New to report**
State committee is working on changes to present for next year.
- v. **District Convention** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik **Nothing New to report**
- vi. **Elections & Nominations** – Lion Mike Helmke **Responded – Nothing new to report**
- vii. **MyLCI/MyLion/Reporting** – DGE Lion David Brinkman **Report sent previously**
- viii. **Wisconsin Lions Foundation –WLF Director** Lion Wendy reported over 10,250 deer hides were collected and there are more, proceeds used for campers. Camper applications are now open. There is a lot of information available for diabetes awareness. WLF has a new Logo to include the Lions logo. PDG Fred added the cost to send a camper is now \$1000. PDG Fred talked about the Eyeglass bill in senate and house of representatives. Lion Paul Tittl is an elected house representative and has been working on a bill in support of Lions being able to reuse eyeglasses for missions in Wisconsin. The bill currently has passed both houses and awaiting Governor Evers signature. PDG Fred would like to have Lions present when he signs the bill. PDG Fred questioned if the district could purchase a Melvin Jones for Lion Paul Tittl from the Vision Fund for his services to get this bill passed. CST Dave and PDG Jerry Post reminded everyone that those funds are specifically for vision screening costs. DG Lion BJ agree those funds are only for vision screening, however there are some discretionary funds available in our current budget to be used. CST Dave confirmed there are and room in the budget and will be no problem for the district to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship. We can also use anything above \$100 from the tail twister, those funds can be used for anything we desire. Motion made by FVDGE Greg, 2nd by Lion John Stephen to use district funds that are available to award Lion Paul Tittl a Melvin Jones on behalf of the district for services for the vision program. Questions of whether to give, Birch Sturm, Knight of Sight or other award. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Vince will work on the paperwork to get it by the state convention. Lion Wendy H also added that WLF has received a donation of 15 solar panels and installation as a training program for local students. There will be more added in the future, Total Donation. Lion Dick Karl mentioned the initial savings would be \$800 and increase savings as time goes on.
- ix. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** – LEBW Director Lion Chuck Keifenheim **Nothing New to report**
- x. **Pins/Peace Poster** – Lion Laurie Sasada **Responded – Nothing new to report** CST Dave mentioned there has been request for more of **27B1** pin. PDG Jerry & PDG Meg would like to donate the cost, no cost to the district. They will handle everything, after their cost profit will be given to the district. Requesting cabinet approval. Motion by PDG Fred, 2nd by Lion Roxanne that we allow PDG Meg & Jerry to go ahead with the pins.
MOTION CARRIED Thank you Meg & Jerry !
- xi. **GLT** – IPDG Lion Tom Wendt

1. Trainings

Officer Training will be April 24, 2022 at the Eagles in Fond du lac. DGE Dave reviewed the schedule. It is 10:00 am – 12:00 pm President and Vice President, working lunch at 12:00-1:00 pm for MyLCI/MyLion, 1:00-3:00 pm Treasurer/Secretary & Club Administrator. Zone Chairs will meet in a separate room.

2. **USA/Canada Forum** September 15-17 in Calgary Canada \$285 registration

3. **State Convention** Room rate good until April 1st, filling rapidly. May 5-8th in Lake Geneva. Website being updated due to error in food prices. State convention will honor those that prepaid Rooms going quickly.

4. **International Convention** in Montreal June 24-28th, go online for information. FD Institute-Faculty Development has programs also PCC Geri Schlender was reelected GLT chair state. IPDG Tom is disappointed that only 4 clubs filed for Club Excellence, not hard to qualify, will try to target clubs and remind them they qualify next year.

xii. District/State Events

1. **District Bowling** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik Nothing to report

2. **State Bowling** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik is currently going on. District Governors lost.

3. **District Bean Bag Tournament** has been cancelled per Lion Dick Karl.

4. **State Curling** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik Nothing to report

xiii. **District Long Range Planning** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik Nothing new to report.

17) Zone Chair Reports

a. **Zone 1** – Lion Wes Grube not present no report sent.

b. **Zone 2** – Lion Al Kanaugh **Report sent previously**

c. **Zone 34** – Lion Dick Karl **Report sent previously** He had 4 candidates that he submitted for the Spirit Award. Zone meeting is on the calendar. Stacy from LEBW is speaker.

d. **Zone 5** – Lion Pat Knier **Report sent – Enclosed copy** His clubs have been very active.

e. **Zone 6** – Lion Dale Counihan **Report sent previously**

f. **Zone 78** – Lion Barb Leichtfuss **Report sent previously** Lion Barb added next zone meeting April 11th. To help retain new members in her club, they plan to issue an annual calendar that lists all of their meetings and activity dates to keep them informed. Also give them the new member printout.

g. **Zone 910** – Lion Laurie Sasada **Report sent previously**

h. **Zone 11** – Lion Vince Treague **Report sent previously** Lion Vince's next meeting will be April 12th. He continues to hold President meetings separately. Clubs have been inter working with each other.

18) Other Business

WLF director Fred stated at the state convention, there will be 3 resolutions for upcoming WLF projects over \$100,000 needing Lions approval. Also, approval to change the limits for spending approvals to be over \$150,000.

Officer elections from clubs are due April 15th and due by May 15th to LCI. There will be a 2nd officer training in July for those elected after the first training.

April 7th there will be a "Train the Trainer" for training Lions to be Vision Camera Trainers.

FVDGE Greg mentioned that LCI has \$500 available annually to the district for any club to "Write a Story" 350 words about any service project. Only 1 district has submitted. We can do this every year.

Lion Myra reported Sheboygan Evening Lions 100th anniversary dinner will be April 23th at the Sheboygan Yacht Club, cutoff April 10th.

Lion Sue Lee confirmed Appleton Noon Lions 100th anniversary will be May 22nd at the Grand Meridian in Appleton. She personally handed out invites.

Lion Wendy Hartmann (with 2 Ns) has been on the cabinet for 12 years, her term ends as WLF director. Thank You everyone, it has been **FUN!** Learned a lot over the years. **STANDING OVATION**

Tail Twister Wendy submitted \$69 from the meeting.

DG Lion BJ Thanked Lion Vickie for use of the facility and staff setting up.

19) Motion to adjourn at 3:35 by IPDG Tom Wendt, 2nd by Lion John Stephen. **MOTION CARRIED**