



## **27-B1 District Cabinet Minutes**

**Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023**

**Location: Eagles Club 515 N Park Avenue Fond du Lac, WI 54935**

**Call to Order** by DG Greg Kubichka, 1:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

**Prayer** by Chaplain Myra Schneider

Motion to Approve Agenda by John Stephen, seconded by Dick Karls--passed

**Roll Call** by CS PDG Gary Silah; sign-up sheet passed around, with request to confirm Cabinet member information; no guests

**Installation of 2023-2024 District Cabinet** by PDG Meg Post

**Tail Twister Terry Erbstoesser; no report**

### **Communications**

Thank you from Eye Bank for B1 donations for the year

Thank you from Veterans Services for donations

**Secretary's Report** by CS PDG Gary Silah

Approval of District Caucus minutes as appeared on District Website; motion by PDG B.J. Blahnik, seconded by PDG Tom Wendt, passed

**Treasurer's Report** by CT PDG Jerry Post

Cabinet treasurer PDG Jerry Post recommended that \$1,000 out of the \$11,633.64 held in reserve funding be set aside for the yearly amount to reserve the hotel for each convention. This recommendation was accepted. A permanent policy for this will be written up by IPDG Dave Brinkman for cabinet approval when ready.

### **District Financial Reports**

Approval of the 2023-2024 District Budget: Motion by John Stephen, seconded by Scott Scovronski, to approve as submitted; passed.

Approval of the 2023 Convention Budget; motion by Scott Scovronski, seconded by John Stephen, to approve as submitted; passed.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Fox Valley Med Locker Update**

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker is a non-profit organization.

We offer access to medical equipment without charge to residents of the Fox Valley communities.

What is a medical equipment loan locker? It is a collection of new and used medical equipment and supplies housed in one place that can be loaned out at no charge to those who have a need.

How does it work? People simply show up during the hours the loan locker is open and check out the equipment they need for as long as they need it. It is a loan. There is no charge and minimal paperwork is involved. When they no longer need the equipment, they return it to the locker.

Donations are always welcomed and are used to help replace worn equipment and fund our operation and community projects. Donations must be dropped off at the locker during normal operating hours; there are no provisions for pickups at this time.

Supporting the Fox Valley Medical Equipment Loan Locker (FVLML), named in memory of MJ Tassoul, a long time Lion and former Valley business owner, are the following clubs:

Appleton Noon, Appleton Evening, Freedom Greenville Men's, Greenville Women's, Heart of the

Valley Kaukauna, Neenah, Sherwood. With guidance and assistance from the Larson Winchester Lions Medical Locker

The FVLML is led by a Board of Directors and Elected Officers. The Board of Directors is comprised of 1 delegate from each of the participating clubs.

**LOCATION AND OPERATING HOURS:**

The FVLML is located at 312 W. Northland Ave. in Appleton WI., and is staffed by all participating clubs and any other interested parties that want to participate. The FVLML operating hours are: Wednesdays - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**RIBBON CUTTING:** Wednesday, August 9th

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Motion by PDG B.J. Blahnik, seconded by John Stephen, to add the Medical Locker to the approved District Solitations lists; passed.

**Magnifying Reader Request** through the Oshkosh School District

Questions were raised concerning the District Approval of this request and how it is being handled.

A motion by PDG B.J. Blahnik, seconded by Myra Schneider, to support the project, soliciting funding from the District clubs, with the District administering the funding, combining the funding coming in from other sources to reach the total of \$4,250 necessary. Following discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

A new motion by PDG B.J., seconded by Myra, for the project to be administered by the District, to include provisions concerning the amount paid by the recipients insurance company and other sources, combined with what is collected from District clubs, with any remaining portion to be placed in the general funding for the district--passed.

**New Business:**

**District Goals** by DG Greg Kubichka

GST: 100% reporting Lion and Leo Clubs; 5% increase in reporting of service project, from 2,116 total in 2022-23; District project during quarters 2 & 4; increased vision screening by 5%

GLT: Training officers and zone chairs; add missing zone chairs, start meetings with clubs; one-on-one calls to any zone chairs missing cabinet meetings; more club training offered at zone meetings; 100% club officer training; GMT, GST, GMT making 100% monthly meetings or having someone in their place

GMT: Start new Lions clubs in Oshkosh and Green Lake, and LEO Clubs in Chilton, Markesan and Van Dyne; 2% growth in District by 4th quarter, current number 1,877, goal 1,915; Zone meetings to focus on future projects to help advertise for new members; 100% club visits; retention focus on problems before they come up, talk about existing survey items of why members leave.

LCIF: Individual donations 100% increase, current 115 goal 230 by 4th quarter; List LCIF grants from last 3 years to State and District to show clubs where LCIF money is being locally utilized; help list how to use grants, focus on small grants at club level; talk about larger grants like tornado assistance and park projects; talk about WLF donations and how the Lions community support the camp and camp projects.

**Expectations of cabinet chairs** by DG Greg Kubichka

The stipends for each cabinet position vary greatly, instead of the single amounts paid to every position done in the past represents the expectations and requirements of each position.

The duties and responsibilities for each will be spelled out throughout the year.

**Facebook Pages for Clubs** by DG Greg Kubichka

We are being told by International that a Facebook presence is very beneficial to individual clubs. We are encouraging each club to put up a Facebook page and keep it up-to-date

to promote your club activities and fundraisers. If you need any help putting one together, contact IT chair PDG Tom Clausen.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **District Administrator** by IPDG Dave Brinkman

Working on training on the new Lions Portal for clubs to make sure they file their monthly reports. Reminding Zone Chairs that part of their responsibilities is to monitor clubs doing their monthly reporting, and informing IPDG Dave of any having difficulties.

### **1st Vice District Governor** Dave Holschbach

My first scheduled FVDG training will be at the upcoming Council of Governors meeting on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Looking forward to more training and understanding of procedures and policies. Great group of upcoming governors.

I am currently serving on the state budget and finance committee and keeping our state on budget.

Held the first of two officer workshops on July 15<sup>th</sup> in St Nazianz. Update at the cabinet meeting. I was responsible for the secretary and treasurer PowerPoint and training. Updated it numerous times!

The more you work on something the more changes you make.

Currently working on updating my data bases for club officers. I enjoyed meeting a lot of clubs last year and look forward to meeting the others.

Working on getting the approved solicitation for donations policy to correspond to the donation list on our website.

Planning on making a policy change in relation to the district bank for next year.

### **2nd Vice District Governor** by Roxanne Wendt

Assisted with Club Officer Installation with PDG Tom Wendt; did my first solo officer installation for Neshkoro Lions; attended Council of Governors meeting; am a committee member for B1 convention in Fond du Lac in November.

Participating in Workshops for B1 in St Nazianz and Ripon.

Participating in USA/Canada forum in September and ALLI training in January.

Starting plans for 2025 B1 convention, possibly at the Oshkosh Best Western Convention Center.

Attended the Council of Governor's meeting in Marshfield. Among the things discussed is a new award in honor of Helen Keller at the Camp. A brick will cost \$100, and each District is encouraged to have their own, in addition to any individuals who want to participate.

Motion by Bonnie Hughes, seconded by John Stephen, to purchase a brick for 27-B1; passed.

### **GLT** by PDG Tom Wendt

Continuing monthly GLT zoom meetings with State GLT Coordinator and fellow District GLT chairs.

Attended Faculty Development Institute last April

Was evaluated and for FDI certification

Coordinated first B1 Lions workshop with approximately 30 attendees; finalizing second workshop in Ripon

Attending the USA/Canada forum in September

Am bringing ALLIE training back to Wisconsin shortly

### **GST** by IPDG Dave Brinkman

DISTRICT PROJECTS: Trex Plastic Challenge; Adopt A Highway; Deer Antlers; Food Drive

### **GMT** by IPDG Dave Brinkman

Our focus for the new year will be:

RETENTION: How to we keep our members? NEW MEMBERS: How do we get new members?

NEW CLUBS: How/where do we start a new club?

### **District Convention** by PDG Tom Wendt

We have had several meeting to get organized; the forms for registration and table reservations are available on the website.. We are very excited about the speakers and presentations scheduled for the convention.

## **District Diabetes** by PDG Mike DeBaere

No report

## **District Elections and Nominations** by PDG Gary Colton

Elections — at this year's District Conventions we will be electing a District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor for 2024-2025. We will be voting on a Peace Poster, a District pin and a Convention site for 2025.  
Nominations — Nomination Forms are needed for District Governor. Earlier today I received nomination papers for 1st Vice District Governor and I am happy to report that I have received nomination papers for a 2nd Vice District Governor. More than one is acceptable. Competition is a good thing.  
If any questions or assistance, let me know?

## **District Environment** by Bonnie Hughes

Last fall I requested all Clubs to help with ROADSIDE CLEANUP. The only clubs to respond was my own club and Brandon Lions. I felt not all clubs were informed about this project because a lot of zones hadn't met yet and not all club presidents go to our web page to find out what is happening in our district. Therefore I suggested we redo this in the month of April for Spring Cleanup. We had better results with reports for  
Van Dyne - 75 miles  
Appleton Noon-16. miles  
Winnebago East Shore - 70 miles  
A total of 161 miles

I would have loved to have heard from more clubs but 161 miles of CLEAN ROADS is Great! Winnebago East (cleaver!) I didn't hear back who won though? But 70 miles were cleaned!

I hope every club is collecting PLASTIC BAGS to be brought to our District Convention again this year. Last year we were able to give away two benches. Van Dyne And Elkhart lake clubs won the benches. This year again there will be a raffle with one ticket for up to 50# and for every 50# you will receive additional tickets so if you bring 200# you will get 4 tickets etc. we need 500# to get one bench and we are allowed two benches per year. So start collecting and bring them to our convention in November the drawing will be done at the noon lunch!

## **District Hunger** by Patricia Shikoski

I have nothing to report for hunger but have a plan in mind to get our club involved.....we meet tomorrow night.

## **Information/Public Relations/Historian** by PDG Tom Clausen

The website and domain will be coming due in December. The cost is \$536.55 for the next 3 years, 2024, 25 and 26.

There are a few clubs that do not have an Internet presence. We should encourage them to get out there so people can contact them in case they are in need or want to join. It also helps publicize their events, both in promoting their club and getting people to participate in their fundraising activities. It just takes someone dedicated enough to do it.

The history we have is all published on our district's website. Clubs can add to their club history page by sending me information. Forget who I am or how to get a hold of me? Use the contact page on the district's website. Our website is located in the district's pages of the Wisconsin Lion.

New officers will be on our mailing list later this summer as soon as I can get access to the International website and have a few hours to input the information into our mailing database.

## **District MyLCI/My Lion** by IPDG Dave Brinkman

The new portal should be up and running by the week of September 11. We are working on a training program for it, and it is vitally important that we have it ready.

## **District LCIF Coordinator** by PDG B.J. Blahnik

Thanks to Mary Jo for the excellent work she did for the District last year. Numbers are not completed yet, but it appears the District did very well for the year, with 60 of the 64 clubs contributing.

## **District Leader Dog** by Ella Stanelle

As of this meeting, the final numbers have not been reported but as of June 14<sup>th</sup>, B1 has donated \$33,239. Once again B1 is number one in the state in donations. Leader Dog thanks all of you for your generosity.

I will have a more detailed end of year report for the October cabinet meeting.

As of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Leader Dog has served 96 clients and 106 Orientation and Mobility clients.

Leader Dog added a new program called Youth Orientation & Mobility. Youth O&M will provide Orientation and Mobility (white cane) instruction for 16- or 17-year-olds. Additionally, the program provides education for an adult supporter (such as a family member) to learn more about blindness, the skills their loved one uses, and how to help with O&M goals. Participants in this program stay in a local hotel and participate in the traditional training environments. All travel, meals, and hotel expenses are covered by Leader Dog. This program is one week and is scheduled based on the availability of the participants.

Within the Guide Dog Program, Leader Dog has expanded the DeafBlind program\* to include adaptive services. The Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training program offers individualized service models for people with vision loss and additional needs. The Leader Dog team specializes in direct instruction using spoken English or American Sign Language with individuals who are DeafBlind, have mobility issues, and/or have cognitive impairments. The team emphasizes the individual and focuses on adapting instructional techniques to meet the specific needs of each student. A variety of training options are offered including home delivery, class (3 weeks), or flex. They also offer a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio for students based on everyone's needs.

Examples of clients who will be served in the Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training include clients with vision loss and cerebral palsy, clients who are on the Autism Spectrum, clients who have a learning disability and struggle with group instruction, clients who have a traumatic brain injury and struggle with memory and cognition, clients who are totally deaf and totally blind and uses tactile American Sign Language, clients who have balance difficulties. *\*Please note that we have standardized the term DeafBlind in accordance with the Helen Keller National Center, other national organizations as well as the DeafBlind community.*

### **District Leo Liaison by Gary Roehrig**

Kiel is looking at a second LEO club for the high school (the current one is in the Middle School, and the students are looking to continue) and Chilton is looking to build a club.

If any club is interested in forming a LEO club in their community, let us know and we'll give you any assistance you need. The first step is to find an interested faculty member of the school, preferable a Lion, to build from there.

### **District Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin by Charlie Keifenheim**

No report.

### **District Newspaper Editor by Marilyn Shady**

A reminder that we are always looking for material to put in; please get your articles in as soon as possible.

### **District Peace Poster/Pin by Laurie Sasada**

October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to purchase your Peace Poster kits. I have created a handout so Zone Chairs can take and give to their clubs. (there are some printed copies available). The 2023-2024 contest theme is "DARE TO DREAM"

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines: Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.

## **District Pediatric Cancer by PDG Dave Lee**

A message for the District Children's Cancer Chairs for Wisconsin Lions:

Hi to all 2022-2023 MD27 District Children's Cancer Chairs. Thank you for your ongoing efforts in support of minimizing the effects of childhood cancer – add to that all that you do as a Lion and in meeting the other numerous demands, challenges, and opportunities that life throws our way. I hope that you will all be back in this same capacity for 2023-2024. If not, please let me know who might be taking over in your district.

As an introduction, I've been a Lion since 2011 after a career in the paper industry followed by about five years with a paper museum. Sue and I have lived in Appleton all our lives – we have five grown children and twelve grandchildren. Sue and I lead our Appleton Noon Lions club's Spot vision screening program with about 13,000 screenings per year. Sue is currently a zone chair and I am a PDG and outgoing treasurer/incoming secretary for the Wisconsin Lions Past District Governors group. When it comes to cancer, Sue had stage 3 colon cancer over 20 years ago; one of our daughters had stage 1 colon cancer in her 20s and is currently undergoing treatment for lymphoma in her late 40s. About three years ago I started treatment for an aggressive form of prostate cancer. I don't pretend to own cancer with our own family's experience – cancer is so insipient that unfortunately we all have such stories to share. Likely why each of us have stepped up in the past as District Children's cancer chairs.

As you all know, our respected Lion Dr. SRI stepped down early this year as MD27 State Children's Cancer Chair due to other demands. Fortunately, Lion SRI has stayed on as A2 District Children's Cancer Chair. (Applause for SRI!) I was asked to take over for Lion SRI and after considerable thought I agreed to do so.

Recently I submitted a conceptual overview for a suggested approach for dealing with childhood cancer for this coming year. Council Chair elect BJ discussed this with the incoming District Governors and apparently there was unanimous enthusiasm for the proposal. I've been asked to submit an action plan prior to the Council of Governors July meeting. I am optimistic that it will be supported by the Council of Governors and that we will be able to launch the program statewide shortly afterwards.

There are three basic goals in the proposed action plan:

- 1) the first concerns accruing a fund -- asking every Lions club in Wisconsin to contribute \$100 for state childhood cancer during the month of September, which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. With an expected positive response, we should be able to raise \$50,000 or more for a childhood cancer fund. The districts may also wish to contribute.
- 2) the second concerns the process of deciding how the funds should be allocated – my proposal suggests that we identify and evaluate existing entities that support families with childhood cancer in Wisconsin, working to have a geographical and population equity throughout Wisconsin. There are organizations that support families of need with cash and/or gift cards to offset their travel expenses for treatments. There are also several day camps that offer opportunities for cancer-stricken children, siblings, and families. So, while the intended funding thrust is simple in concept, it will take some effort to get to an allocation point. I think that this approach offers the benefit of greatly simplifying and reducing our logistics for helping various families – these other entities have those capabilities.
- 3) the third goal is to have an on-going dialogue among the District Children's Cancer Chairs for sharing ideas and opportunities for possible service projects and volunteering at the club, multi-club, district, and district-teaming levels. Of course, part of the equation here is to match a need with a product or service.

The action plan steps are laid out around these three basic goals. The District Children's Cancer Chairs can be a great help in the success of all three of these goals and the action plan. I hope that we can help to successfully create a Wisconsin Lions culture for being the difference for families of need with childhood cancer. The proposed action plan for 2023-2024 doesn't include a focus for funding equipment in one or more of Wisconsin's childhood cancer treatment centers. Focus opportunities might present themselves in the coming years, but for now our intended focus is direct relief from the financial and psychological stresses for families dealing with childhood cancer.

The proposed 'ask' this year is for \$100 from each Wisconsin Lions club. Certainly, clubs can choose to do more, but this modest 'ask' doesn't force allocation choices for clubs between this new focus versus those other worthy Lions support areas. Also, hopefully the 'ask' amount is such that virtually every Lions club in Wisconsin can participate. Seeking a little to do a lot.

This coming year should be interesting. Hopefully, also a year having a beneficial impact on those families dealing with childhood cancer. Thank you for your help.

### **District Raffle by John Stephen**

If anyone wants to bring me their club's ticket stubs and money that would be great. If anyone needs more tickets or needs the tickets picked up please let me know. Due to the early distribution of the packets, 10 clubs have already turned their tickets in.

### **Restoring Hope Transplant House by Barb Leichtfuss**

They are doing a lot of remodeling and landscaping to improve the House, so it's more important than ever that clubs contribute if they choose.

### **District Special Olympics by PDG Fred Gebhart**

The summer activities are progressing nicely. Of course, more financial assistance would be very helpful.

### **District Vision by PDG Fred Gebhart**

They have been doing a lot of vision screening during the county fair season. Total count as of now is 31,164.

### **District Youth Exchange by Patricia Shikoski**

Messages are coming fast and furious because camp starts in August. Lots of last minute details to figure out. I am planning to attend the whole week.

### **Wisconsin Lions Mission by Pat Knier**

A trailer filled with beds and mattresses, as well as gardening materials, were sent over to the Indian Reservation we have been assisting. The trailer then returned with a load of eyeglasses from the surrounding areas for recycling.

Summer meeting and Picnic: August 27 is the date, starting at 9:49 a.m., at the Lakeview Park/Lions Playground, 810 North St., Beaver Dam.

A detailed report of current missions and financials was provided to Cabinet members.

### **WLF Director/Eye Glass Recycling by PDG Fred Gebhart**

We have been working with Keith at the recycling center to make more eyeglasses available for the Missions this year.

### **WLF Director/Pride/Hearing /Birch Sturm by Dick Karl**

#### **WLF BOARD MEETING**

Orientation was held on June 21 & 28 for new and present Board members. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Lions Camp Tail Gate Party (open house) held on Friday 5/12, prior to the State convention was a great success. A few out of state license plates were observed in the parking lot.

#### **HEARING**

A total of 47 Hearing Aides were purchased in 2022 - 2023 by the MD 27 Districts. I have processed 9 Hearing Aid Applications. 2 were denied, one for financial reasons and the other for non-residency.

Have attended 7 club meetings & 3 zone meetings (13 clubs). I have passed out a letter of introduction, recycle containers, and fliers on the recycling hearing aids. Put together a trifold poster board with info for display at B1 District Convention and Club & Zone meetings.

#### **LIONS PRIDE ENDOWMENT FUND**

Volunteered at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Pride Sporting Clay Shoot June 10, 2023 at Milford Hills, Johnson Creek. Great turn out of shooters- 135 and profited \$30,000 +. Many, many items were raffled. Could have used more volunteers (keep in mind for next year) There were 7 members past and present from WLF volunteering.

### **Constitution & Bylaws by PDG Jerry Post**

No report

### **Policies and Procedures by IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman**

Possible reimbursement for Sec-Treas for attendance at MD 27 convention

No policy exists for MD 27 Secretary and Treasurer reimbursement whereas they are required to attend a training for ballot preparation, hand out of ballots and counting ballots after voting.

Resolve One, combination of or all of the following guidelines may be used with the exception of beverages.  
Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer shall receive equal reimbursement.  
Reimbursements shall be in accordance with Lions Clubs International General Expense reimbursement Policy.

Paid registration

Milage @.50 a mile

Hotel @ \$100 a night

Meals @\$25 a meal up to a maximum of \$75

Claims need to be submitted within 30 days for the approval to the District Governor

Motion by John Stephen, seconded by Bonnie Hughes, to accept the recommendation. Upon discussion, it was determined that this should be completed by modifying the Compensations Budget for the Secretary and Treasurer, to include appropriate reimbursements for the Convention. The motion was withdrawn.

### **Zone Chair Reports:**

#### **Zone 1 Chair** by Peggy Loose

No report

#### **Zone 2 Chair** by Paul Baroun

Little to report at this time; most clubs do not have meetings until August. Sending out email on club projects.

#### **Zone 3 Chair** by Kenneth Brandt

No report

#### **Zone 4 Chair** (not currently filled; still looking for a chair)

#### **Zone 5 Chair** by Mary Jo Ablor

First zone meeting August 10th at Anchor Lanes

#### **Zone 6 Chair** by Sue Lee

No report

#### **Zone 7 Chair** by Josh Blatz

No report

#### **Zone 8 Chair** by Scott Scovronski

Installed my first group of officers for a club. Van Dyne is currently working on Smalltown Days event.

#### **Zone 9 Chair** by Laurie Sasada

No report

#### **Zone 10 Chair** by Bill Fletcher

No report

#### **Zone 11 Chair** by Pat Karasck

Working on getting every zone club an electronic presence. First meeting September 11th. I'm looking at things that have never been done before.

### **Other Business:**

State Bowling will be in March or April next year, at River City Lanes in Waterford

There were bags of school supplies distributed at yesterday's Council of Governors meeting; everyone, please take at least one and make sure they get to where they are needed.

An award was presented to IPDG Dave for a job well done as 2022-2023 District Governor.

We will be attempting a service project at the Convention; we will be putting together bags of hygiene products to distribute to homeless shelters and other locations in need of them. If anyone can get donations of little tubes of appropriate items, please let us know and bring them to the Convention in Fond du Lac.

**Next Meeting** Sunday, October 8th, 2023, at the Eagles Club Fond du Lac

### **Tail Twister collection**

Motion by PDG Tom Wendt, seconded by PDG B.J. Blanick, for adjournment. **Meeting Adjourned** at 4:52 p.m.