



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes  
Sunday, August 4th 2019  
Eagles Club  
515 N Park Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
920-921-2705**

**CHAT FORUM Meeting - 11:30 am  
Lunch & Social 12:00-1:00 pm  
Cabinet Meeting to Start at 1:00 pm**

**Questions? Reply to this email: [dajach@yahoo.com](mailto:dajach@yahoo.com) or call 920-684-0115**

- 1. Call to order @ 12:50 pm** by District Governor Michael De Baere
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Dave Lee
- 3. Song -America the Beautiful** led by Song and Prayer Leader & Chaplain Lion Meg Post
- 4. Welcome** - Introduction of Lions Cabinet Members & Special Guests – DG Michael De Baere
- 5. Installation of Cabinet Members** by PDG Eric Holthaus, WI State GMT Chairman. Thank you for the honor of installing all cabinet members.
- 6. Roll Call** performed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach 24 of 31 cabinet members in attendance. Special Guest Lion Tracy Wolfe, President of Sheboygan Community Lions.
- 7. Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 14, 2019, emailed to cabinet members. Correction made by Lion BJ Blahnik, he is not Leader Dog rep for Northern Illinois and due to his current position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, he is no longer the Leader Dog rep. PDG Jerry Post has assumed this position. Motion by Lion Ken Rivers to accept the minutes with the above correction noted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion BJ Blahnik. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8. Approval of State District Meeting Minutes** from May 18, 2019 motion made by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 9. Approval of August 4, 2019 Agenda** made by PDG Gary Colton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Don Mitchell. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. 2018-2019 Financial Statement** for yearend June 30, 2019 explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 2018-2019 year had excess funds of \$ 3,020 due in part to the successful district convention. All expenses stayed in line with receipts. District membership was less than budgeted resulting in less revenue for the year. Motion by PDG Jerry Post to accept the year-end financial statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Ellen Cheney. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 11. 2019-2020 Budget** explained by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. This year's budget is based on membership of 1950, year-end 2019 membership was 1941. A balanced budget of \$49,500 was presented. Motion by Lion Don Counihan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Helen Mork to accept the 2019-2020 budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 12. Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork explained the 3 minute rule for reports and fines to be accessed.
- 13. Communications:** DG Michael De Baere and Lion Dave Holschbach received NONE

#### **14. Old Business:**

A. District Convention Profit for 2019 was \$ 2,300. IPDG Dave Lee explained that Brett Carroll died July 12<sup>th</sup>. He was the first in the world to undergo CAR-T cell immunotherapy. He died due to the effects of previous chemotherapy. IPDG Dave Lee made a motion to disburse \$2,500 from 2019 profit for the following: \$1,000 for a Melvin Jones in honor of Brett Carroll for childhood cancer, \$700 to the vision account to help defer the cost of future insurance for the spot cameras and \$800 to be used by DG Mike to cover non-reimbursed expenses to attend other district conventions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Jerry Post. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **15. New Business:**

**A. 2018-19 Cabinet Meeting Dates** – they will be held at the Eagles Club in Fond du Lac, except for the November cabinet meeting at our district convention, which will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>. The other dates are: Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Audit Financial Books** for 2018-2019 will be performed by PDG Gary Colton.

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

A. **1st Vice District Governor** Lion Tom Wendt has been continuing his training. There are numerous meeting to attend. He is looking forward to next year and the return of current cabinet members.

B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion BJ Blahnik has started on his training. He has been appointed state chairman for Hunger and also policy and procedures committee.

C. **GLT** chair Lion Ken Rivers has nothing new to report. Please feel free to contact him.

**GMT** chair PDG Fred Gebhart commented that Membership has always been a problem. We need to get 100% of all Lions involved, not just GMT and Zone Chairman. Promotion and Publicity are important. Invite your community to your events. PDG Eric Holthaus, WI GMT Chair mentioned grants are available for clubs to help promote membership.

**GST** chair Lion Ellen Cheney, not a lot new. Last year she visited all zone meetings and has been promoting Lions program donations. 78-85 % clubs donate, she also reminds all clubs to update their activities on MY LION. Progress report on goals for LCI for 2019-2020 will be updated soon. She has been emailing clubs with helpful information. Lion Bonnie Strelow has been promoting MYLION and service projects.

#### **17. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

1.Zone 1 PDG Fred Gebhart first meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup>. He is proud of his clubs and what they have all done. They are all busy with summer activities. Coming up will be their participation in county fairs and vision screening.

2.Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh last zone meeting was the social on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The zone awarded a Melvin Jones to Lion Eugene Rabas from Maribel Lions, a charter member for 54 years and also perfect attendance. The zone will be selling tickets for the Manitowoc County fair for their zone fundraiser. Profits to be used for a zone Melvin Jones and K-9 for vests. All clubs are active with community projects.

3.Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik's clubs are all working on summer activities. Plymouth Lions club is now in Zone 4. He is working on joint meetings with Zone 4. All clubs doing well.

4.Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider did not have a report.

5.Zone 5 Lion Don Mitchell's first zone meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. All his clubs are involved in summer community activities.

6.Zone 6 Lion Dale Counihan informed everyone that Lion Larry Fredericks passed away. August 20<sup>th</sup> they will have vision training and screening. Next meeting will be in Neenah on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

7.Zone 7 Lion Tom Wendt is looking for someone to step up as zone chairman. He has been holding combined meetings with Zone 8, Lion Peggy Zickert. All clubs are active with summer activities. The Van Dyne Lions will be touring Lions camp.

8.Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert did not have a report.

9.Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman membership has increased by 5. Great Job ! He has informed all of his clubs to contact DG Michael for his club visit. He has put out feelers for Zone 9 zone

chairman. August 20<sup>th</sup> the Green Lake club is holding a membership fund raiser drive. Clubs are having difficulty with MYLION. He has been working with Lion Rose.

10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen submitted a report. His zone meetings have been poorly attended. Some of the clubs have summer activities, however weather has been a factor in some.

11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat's clubs are all busy with summer activities. Blood drive, highway cleanup, playground maintenance and vision screening are some of the popular club activities. Next zone meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup>.

E. **WLF** chair PDG Tom Berendes reported on the upcoming events at WI Lions Camp and Foundation. PDG Tom's 3 year term as WLF is coming to an end and he is NOT seeking re-election. **IMPORTANT the district needs to find someone to run for WLF director.** Notice must be filed 30 days prior to the District Convention in November.

D. **Constitution and Bylaws** chair PDG Jerry Post has no new updates. The question has been asked if the District Governor's term could be 2 years, NO – not possible due to LCI rules.

Newspaper Editor PDG Jerry reminded all club and attendees that there is a 2 month lead time for articles. He needs more clubs to send in information. Wild Rose Lions have submitted articles.....GREAT JOB !!!

Leader Dog – the bus trip to Leader Dog will be shortly. When Leader Dog gives out less dogs, more money is then put into technology and vice a versa. There are 56 active Leader Dog teams in Wisconsin. There were 13 new Leader Dog teams in Wisconsin this year. Lions clubs assisted 44 new clients this year. Lion BJ Blahnik also added that Leader Dog School is a leader in technology. His first dog opened the WORLD to him. His first dog recently passed away at the age of 15. MOMENT of SILENCE was observed.

E. **LCIF** Chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported District 27 B1 came up short of their goal for 2019. 47 clubs did donate, there are some donations just recently received, which will be reported for 2020. She is available for zone and club meetings to promote donations to LCIF. If you have any problems or questions about Melvin Jones and donations, give her a call.

F. **QUEST** – Lion Mary Jo Abler needs clubs to approach schools about funds available by the Lions for Quest training. We need to get back into the schools.

G. **Lions Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider encourages clubs to donate. Also check the information in the monthly Messenger and Pride's blog.

J. **LEO chair** Lion Gary Roehrig reported the New Holstein Leo club is very active. The Reedsville Leo club is still active with NO Lion leadership. He is trying to make contact with the club and their leader. Ripon has shown interest. The Leo club has been collecting plastic and sending it to TREX. TREX makes benches out of the plastic and resells them. Check with Lion Gary for more information.

**K. Leader Dog** - PDG Jerry Post see agenda D

L. **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada has this year's district pins available for a cost of \$3.00. She does need to know VDE Tom's theme to start promoting next year's pin design at the convention.

N. **Peace Poster** chair Lion Laurie Sasada has peace poster kits available for this year. Designs need to be submitted for voting at the district convention.

P. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** chair position is currently available. Lion Bonnie Strelow will temporarily fill in. We need to get our diabetes boards in circulation and out in the public view. She will email clubs to let them know they are available.

Q. **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow reported camp has been completed for this year. 5 kids from 27-B1 attended. Host families are needed. There were 55 campers from 20 countries represented.

R. **Special Olympics** chair Lion Samantha Rivers was welcomed as a new member on the cabinet. She has a special needs son and that is why she is involved in Special Olympics.

S. **Environment chair** Lion Rose Berendes is working on a monarch raising project. Plant a Tree is the Wisconsin Lions project for this year.

T **MY LCI** Lion Rose Berendes reported MY LCI is working, they have finally corrected some of the problems. Please start to use MY LION, every Lion has access to this, create your account and you can see what is going on. There are still some problems, so just keep trying to get in.

U. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** – Lion Wendy Hartmann did not have a report.

V. **Eyeglass Recycling** – Lion Wendy Hartmann did not have a report.

W. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** –Lion Charlie Keifenheim did not have any updates. More transporters are needed.

X. **Vision Screening** Chair PDG Fred Gebhart says there are some changes at the foundation, vision meetings are now a part of the Site & Hearing. He is getting prepped for the upcoming school year. Lions clubs are getting the schools involved. GREAT He will have more information on the camera warranty insurance at a later date.

Y. **Missions of Wisconsin** chair Lion Pat Knier sent a report. At the time of our cabinet meeting, the state Missions group is also meeting. Future missions pending are to Haiti, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. The mission to the Pine Ridge Indians saw varied degrees of success not only in eyeglasses and sight aid but also gardening and household supplies. PDG Fred also went on the reservation mission.

Z. **District Convention** was updated by DG Michael. Lunch and Dinner meals have been set. Speakers are being arranged, featuring Puppy Dog trainers, Lions camp camper and also MY LION.

**District Raffle** Lion Dave Brinkman has the convention packets ready for the zone chairman to deliver to their clubs. The packet includes the District Raffle tickets, 50-50 raffle information and a flyer for bucket raffle donations and the convention registration form.

**District Bucket Raffle** – Lion Dave Brinkman included in the convention packet.

**District and State Bowling** – Lion Bill Hilbert - no report.

AA. **Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Irv Korth reported we are in need of a candidate for the 2nd Vice District Governor. Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the district convention. Contact DG Michael or Lion Irv.

BB. **State Lions Convention** chair PDG Ken Rhode did not have any update.

CC. **Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post see agenda D

DD. **IT & Publicity** chair PDG Tom Clausen reported no change to the website, we will remain with the same company. Numerous forms are available on MD27B1 website. PLEASE use the website. The district directory is in progress.

EE. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen reported there is a lot of information on the website since the start of District 27-B1 with pictures, minutes of each year. Club history is also available.

**18. Other Business:** DG Michael is in charge of the Lions Merchandise for Wisconsin.

Lion BJ reported there is no site for the district bowling, no interest. It may be time to consider other tournaments, Bean Bag-Cornhole ?? Motion by PDG Jerry Post to consider having a Beanbag tournament for the district, 2nd by PDG Fred Gebhart. MOTION CARRIED.

PDG Jerry Post mentioned we could put an ad in the WISCONSIN LIONS to see if any club is interested in running a district tournament.

Lion Helen Mork asked cabinet members to bring a member or someone from the zone to our next cabinet meeting since it will be at the district convention on Friday night.

PDG Tom Clausen reported the district golf outing is Friday, August 8th and there are only 3-4 foursomes. Room is still available, just show up.

**19.** Next Meeting is at District Convention at the Radisson in Fond du Lac Friday, November 8, 6pm  
**Adjournment** Motion made at 3:15 by Lion Gary Roehrig, 2nd by Lion Don Mitchell. MOTION CARRIED.