



**District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Sunday, January 5th, 2010
Eagles Club
515 N Park Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
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**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 or call 920-684-0115

- 1. Call to order @ 1:00 pm** by DG Mike DeBaere
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Gary Silah , IPDG Dave Lee was unable to attend due to health problems, keep him in your prayers.
- 3. Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Meg Post Song was "AMERICA"
- 4. Welcome by** DG Mike DeBaere. He recently had a confrontation with a deer and the deer won! Doing fine, just a little sore.
- 5. Roll Call by** Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 21 cabinet members present, guests were Lion Victoria Blahnik, Lion Monica DeBaere, Lion Diane Henke, Lion Roxanne Wendt.
- 6. Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from November 8th, 2019 – emailed. Motion to accept PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Dale Counihan. MOTION CARRIED
- 7. Approval of District Convention Minutes** from November 9th, 2019 – emailed Motion to accept PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Helen Mork. MOTION CARRIED
- 8. Approval of January 5th, 2020 Agenda-** Lion BJ Blahnik asked to have a correction made changing District Bowling to now be District Bean Bag Tournament. SO NOTED. Motion by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the amended agenda with the above change made, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde. MOTION CARRIED
- 9. 2019-2020 Financial Statement** reviewed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. We currently are ½ way through our Lions year and running ahead on budget due to successful district convention. Motion by Lion Dale Counihan, 2nd by Lion Al Kanaugh to accept as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
- 10. Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork – Standard 3 minute report, warnings given at 2 minute mark, subject to fines after 3 minutes.
- 11. Communications:** DG Mike DeBaere and Lion Dave Holschbach NONE RECEIVED
- 12. Old Business:**
 - A. District Convention Wrap up & Financial** DG Michael DeBaere & Lion Dave Holschbach. DG Michael Thank You to the committee for a WELL DONE & PROFITABLE convention. Lion Dave Holschbach reviewed the financial report for the convention. Receipts of \$13,035 Expense of \$ 9,742 netting a profit of \$ 3,292. Bucket raffle was \$ 600 more than anticipated, meal pricing was profitable. Motion by Lion Helen Mork, 2nd by Lion Dave Brinkman to accept the convention report. MOTION CARRIED
- 13. New Business:**
 - A. March** cabinet meeting will start at 1:00 pm March 27th due to a prior commitment by the Eagles Club that day. There will be no prior discussion meeting. DG Michael will be in Hayward the previous night and should arrive on time.
- 14. Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal per report)

A. 1st Vice District Governor Lion Tom Wendt has been learning a lot. He has been in St. Charles for 4 days. 1st Vice District Governor Tom's convention in 2020 will be at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, zone chairs let your clubs know. It will be on November 13 & 14, more updates in the future, it will have a JUNGLE theme. He is in the process of setting up his cabinet. Thank you to the Eye Bank transporters, without them it would have cost another \$255,000 to operate the Eye Bank.

B. 2nd Vice District Governor Lion BJ Blahnik has also been attending a lot of training. The WLLI (Wisconsin Lions Leadership Institute) needs 20 attendees, 5 from our district at Stevens Point on February 8 & 9th. The district has training funds available. Contact Lion BJ. There is also an Advance Lions Leadership in Tomah on April 10 & 11th.

C. GLT chair Lion Ken Rivers had no updates. He has been attending zone meetings.

GMT chair PDG Fred Gebhart reminds everyone that MEMBERSHIP is important. ASK and bring a friend to your Lions functions. SHOW OFF what we do.

GST chair Lion Ellen Cheney has some zone meetings coming up. Communications is done primarily through email and she uses Facebook to share club activities. She will continue to keep service activities and reporting at the forefront of her communications. Lion Bonnie Strelow reported that on the west side of the lake, some clubs are doing a wonderful job of recording services, and others have not reported anything. She is available to help any clubs with recording their services. Also contact Lion Rose Berendes if help is needed.

15. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Zone 1 PDG Fred Gebhart reported all the Christmas activities are done. 5 clubs participated in the Christmas Lights program. A lot of the clubs made donations for food pantries and also for Thanksgiving dinners. Clubs are now planning their summer activities. Reedsville Lions club currently is at STATUS QUO. He will check on what is going on with the club.

2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh clubs also have completed their Christmas projects. Manitowoc Lions are sponsoring "BOWLING BLIND" on January 26th. This is their 6th year, it's a GREAT & FUN event. All clubs are working on spring and summer activities, rose sale, fryouts. Next zone January 14th in Kellnersville.

3. Zone 3 Lion BJ Blahnik had a joint meeting with Lion Madonna Schneider Zone 4. Plymouth Lions Club is now accepting deer hides. Zone Chair Madonna has done a wonderful job organizing the zone meeting. Lion BJ recommends that Zone 3 & 4 combine to be 13 clubs. DG Michael DeBaere and 1st Vice DG Tom will work on that.

4. Zone 4 Lion Madonna Schneider....see notes above.

5. Zone 5 Lion Don Mitchell was not present and had no report.

6. Zone 6 Lion Dale Counihan reported the Menasha Lions club has folded and he also has one club that lost 10 members. PDG Fred has been working with them on vision screening. His clubs have been having discussions about Administrative and General funds. He plans to do an email blast about LCI guidelines. BE CREATIVE.....

7. Zone 7 Lion Tom Wendt has been working with Lion Peggy on combined zone meetings. He also recommends the combining of Zone 7 & 8.

8. Zone 8 Lion Peggy Zickert see notes above.

9. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman reported on the membership numbers of each club. He has a net drop of 2. One club had lost 10 members. 9 members became Spot camera certified. All clubs were active with holiday community fundraisers and support.

10. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present but sent the following. He has various clubs preparing for their fisheries jamborees. Clubs have had discussions about LIONS liability insurance.

11. Zone 11 Lion Dave Przekurat was not present but sent the following information. All the clubs are active in community projects, Christmas baskets, food pantry donations, breakfast with Santa and eye tissue transports.

D. WLF rep Lion Wendy Hartmann reported camp registration starts January online. The challenge course is now in Phase 2. General maintenance is now being done at the camp. 28,737 kids have been screened

with about 10% referral. January 10th is deer hide cutoff. The Program Associate has been discontinued. 1,660 hearing aids have been recycled and given to Starkey. Diabetes will be sending out new materials. A logo change for WLF is in progress.

E. Constitution and Bylaws chair PDG Jerry Post presented a Voting Procedure Policy since none has existed. **PURPOSE:** Have rules in Policy to make it easier for the convention election chair or any new election chair to conduct the elections at District Convention. **WHEREAS** no policy currently exists for the convention chair to help in holding district election. The District elections shall be held in accordance with Roberts Rule of Order outlined in the District Elections Procedures from Lions Clubs International Constitutions and By-laws. Lion BJ Blahnik asked to have the Policy amended to include the election of an Eye Bank representative. Change so noted. Motion by Lion BJ Blahnik, 2nd by Lion Tom Wendt to accept the Voting Procedure Policy to include Eye Bank representative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. LCIF chair Lion Mary Jo Abler reported that as of January 1st, our district has over \$24,000 in donations, 30 clubs have donated and our donations are up from last year. She has reports for the zone chairs showing their clubs and donations and their history of donations. She is available for zone meetings to explain what LCI is and what they do for us and your community. Our district has 773 Melvin Jones, 24 new ones awarded in 2019.

G. Lions Pride Lion Myra Schneider did not have a report however Lion BJ Blahnik did report that \$78,000 from interest was given to WLF. They have restructured their goals, goal now is \$ 10M, currently at 8.8M.

H. QUEST chair Lion Mary Jo Abler had no updates and recommends disbanding the QUEST program or get a teacher to lead and pursue the program.

I. LEO report from Lion Gary Roehrig was about the New Holstein club which is doing well and just concluded a successful toy drive for Children's Hospital. They have collected enough plastic for another Trex bench. The club was informed by Piggly Wiggly that they will no longer be able to collect plastic and bale it for transportation. Anyone interested in starting a LEO club, contact Lion Gary.

J. Leader Dog chair PDG Jerry Post reported there are possibly 2 new Leader dogs in our district. Jasmine is a 14 year-old who went blind from an infection that burst. The other is a 45 year-old woman who had a brain tumor removed. There are 2 or 3 new puppy raisers in our district.

K. Pin Chairman Lion Laurie Sasada was not present and did not have a report. DG Michael has state and district pins available.

L. Peace Poster – Lion Laurie Sasada not present and did not have a report. The peace poster submitted by Elkhart Lake Lions, won the State Peace Poster contest and will be submitted to International competition.

M. Diabetes Awareness & Action update was given by DG Michael. There is a new book published for kids about the signs of diabetes. There are 90 books available for the district. Money was received to purchase the books.

N. Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach Lion Bonnie Strelow reported that the exchange kids will soon be applying. Host families will be needed to house kids for 2 to 5 weeks. Let her know if interested.

O. Special Olympics chair Lion Samantha Rivers reported the Special Olympics will again be held in Oshkosh on April 4th. 40 volunteers are needed from 8:30-5:30, we will use 3 cameras.

P. Environment – Lion Rose Berendes

Q MY LCI - Lion Rose Berendes

R. Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action rep Lion Wendy Hartmann has had 3 approvals since July 1, 2 self pay and 1 currently pending

S. Eyeglass Recycling rep Lion Wendy Hartmann had no current update.

T. Lions Eye Bank of WI –Lion Charlie Keifenheim

U. Vision Screening chair PDG Fred Gebhart reported since 2015 100,000 kids have been screened. Appleton Noon Lions are very active and have done 44,200. PDG Fred has talked to Ascension about purchasing a SPOT camera. He is still pursuing the Oshkosh school systems which in only doing the book program. He continues to do training classes for anyone interested. WLF has combined the diabetes and vision meetings as one, not

working out, no time to properly discuss what is working and what needs to change. Not doing justice to either program. Camera warranty cost \$1,425 and the warranty renewals will be approaching. Acuity has coverage for damage, he is still working on options. DG Fred mentions the main problem will be batteries to be replaced. Lion BJ Blahnik made a motion to not renew the warranty on the 7 cameras when they expire, we will purchase batteries as needed from our reserve account for vision, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann. MOTION CARRIED

V. Missions of Wisconsin Lion Pat Knier submitted a report. The last mission was to Pine Ridge, SD on October 25-November 1st. They helped about 800 people with vision needs. The response to the meal program "Families Working Together" has been tremendous. Possible return mission in May. There is a joint mission with Minnesota Lions mid February to Guatemala.

W. District Convention chair PDG Gary Silah thanked everyone for their hard effort to have a successful convention. Information has been passed along to Lion Tom for planning of next year's convention.

District Raffle chair Lion Dave Brinkman sales were down due to no mailing of tickets or monies.

District Bucket Raffle chair Lion Dave Brinkman said the success of this year's raffle was due to the proximity of the raffle room to all of the meetings and activities.

District and State Bowling has now been changed to a District Bean Bag Tournament. PDG Fred Gebhart has the date set for April 5th at 11:00am at the Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan. 4 people to a team, 16 team brackets, need 25 volunteers, proceeds will be 50% to host club and 50% to the district.

X Elections & Nominations Lion Irv Korth thanked the constitutions committee for getting a policy in effect. This makes the job easier for anyone going forward.

Y. State Lions Convention chair PDG Ken Rohde says it will be a good convention the end of April in Stevens Point. 2021-2022 will be Wisconsin Lions centennial year. There are plans to have a parade in Green Bay that year. 1st Vice District Governor Tom Wendt will have a centennial budget to work with in preparation.

Z. Newspaper Editor PDG Jerry Post needs more articles and pictures. Thank you to Lion Al Depies for pictures and articles about the LEOS.

AA. IT & Publicity PDG Tom Clausen has 7 clubs not linked electronically. The state website has had changes due to privacy laws. There is a new office manager at the state office. The MD27 Directory page, has a new password. Contact DG Mike or Tom. Club officers are not included online due to privacy laws.

BB. Historian PDG Tom Clausen has the webpage and information all up to date.

16. Other Business:

DG Mike DeBaere report IPDG Dave Lee is undergoing radiation treatments. Keep him in your prayers. The Shopko Vision Program is still in effect with the Shopko Optical stores. Applications for the WLLI (Communicate like a Leader) training is available and funds are available in our Training reserve account.

Most districts have been not filling in their allotted space in the newspaper. Keep sending your articles and pictures to PDG Jerry Post. The newspaper will be printed 6 times a year starting July 2020.

Lion BJ Blahnik commented that the deadline for registration for the Regional Lions Leadership training is February 7th.

Lion Helen Mork collected \$59.00 and at next meeting wear a hat or cap or be FINED!

PDG Fred Gebhart will pursue the STATUS QUO on the Reedsville Lions Club.

DG Michael DeBaere awarded 2 NEW VOICE awards. The first to PDG Fred Gebhart and the 2nd to Lion Roxanne Wendt.

17. Next Meeting is at Eagles Club in Fond du Lac on Sunday March 29th at 1 PM start due to previous function at the Eagles Club before our meeting

18. Adjournment - Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Ken Rivers to adjourn at 3:40 PM

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer