



## STATE CONVENTION DISTRICT MINUTES

District 27 B-1 Meeting

Saturday May 16, 2015

Wisconsin State Lions Convention

Geneva Room 7 - Abbey - Fontana, WI

1. **Call to Order @ 10:00 a.m.** by District Governor Gary Silah
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** by DG Gary Silah. It has been a great convention so far. DG Gary said it has been a very tumultuous year, but interesting. It was hard to step in without ANY training. To thank those who helped him make it through, he presented the INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS Leadership awards at the luncheon to IPDG Dawn Christensen and PDG Meg Post. THANK YOU all for the support given to help him make it through the year.
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Voting Resolutions** were explained by IPDG Dawn Christensen. #1 wants to allow the State Convention committee to be able to select other weeks for the State Convention in the future. #2 Would like to make the state constitution agree with International so that the Council Chair can be a current or past district governor.
  - B. **District Policy** would like to have a policy written whereby the Lioness of District 27B1 will provide a seminar at the annual district convention/conference. The district policy must also be updated to recognize a zone chairman can either be elected or selected by the District Governor.
  - C. **WLF Representative** Fred Gebhart gave a status of district "SPOT" camera grants, procedures & fees. The grant has been written and accepted. Final decision should be received by the end of June. District 27 B1 would like to purchase 5 cameras at a cost of \$17,600 with the grant money. WLF would cover the insurance needed. Clubs can make donations to help pay for them. We will be setting a policy in the future when the purchase is completed along with training. Motion made by PDG Merle Strelow that the district treasurer create a District Vision Screening Account as a non-designated fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Lon Biedenbender from Random Lake Lions. A priority policy will have to be established. Call for motion. MOTION CARRIED. It will be in good hands with Lion Fred.

**D. Other District business:**

**Lioness** VP Jerry Post updated everyone about the Lioness. There are 13 clubs and have had 12 new members. Lioness throughout the state have contributed over 6,700 hours of service with donations in excess of \$350,000.

**Officer training** chair PDG Merle Strelow was disappointed, there was poor turnout and a lot of last minute cancellations. He is contemplating having the training next year the end of March or early April. There were good trainers to help. THANK YOU PDG MERLE.

**Youth Exchange** Bonnie Strelow mentioned they need 1 more host family for a 17 year old from Mexico. It is a lot of fun to host a family.

PDG Gary Colton, District Chair for the **USA/Canada forum** mentioned you can go online to register. There will be a bus trip for \$175.00, contact him for details.

Cabinet Secretary Dave Holschbach reminded everyone that copies of the cabinet **minutes, convention minutes** and state minutes are available on the District 27B1 website.

5. **Comments from DGE Marv Henke**, he thanked those he has contacted to be on his cabinet for next year. He agrees with PDG Merle Strelow that there should be officer training earlier than has been in the past. DG Gary mentioned the district will be in good hands with DGE Marv. DGE Marv's theme will be "**FOLLOW YOUR PATH**"
6. **Special presentation** to DG Gary Silah by Lion Bob Newton from the Sheboygan Falls Lions for his year of service to District 27B1.
7. **Other Open comments from the floor** – VDGE Tom Berendes commented that it will be an interesting year coming up. We will need to keep clubs in line and up to date on what is happening.
8. **Lion Fred Gebhart** also asked that zone chairman get their schedule for the upcoming to DGE Marv as soon as possible. PDG Merle Strelow will be holding a zone chairman training in the future.
9. **PDG Meg Post mentioned that the Valdres Lions club** along with Lion BJ Blahnik held a community Leader Dog presentation. 60-65 people attended. GREAT JOB ! That following Monday, one of those in attendance added Leader Dog to their estate !

10. **DG Gary** said it has been quite a year, he did his best. It was a wonderful and rewarding year, he became a much better leader with everyone's help. He is proud of his accomplishments. **THANK YOU EVERYONE !**
11. **Motion by PDG Tom Clausen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Merle Strelow that District 27 B1 go on record to THANK DG Gary for stepping forward. MOTION CARRIED**
12. **PDG Tom Clausen, district IT chair** reminded all secretaries to get their member information up to date, address, email, phone etc. DG Gary Silah is District 27 B1 MyLCI representative and can help any club get their information up to date. Big Push next year to get more current.
13. **Motion at 11:10 am to Adjournment** by PDG Jerry Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Irv Korth to adjourn. **MOTION DID NOT CARRY !**
14. **PDG Merle asked that clubs share duties** with the new and old members for better harmony and future leaders.
15. **Motion at 11:13 am to Adjournment** by Lion Lon Bienenbender of Random Lake Lions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Helmke, Sheboygan Evening Lions **MOTION CARRIED**
16. Voting Certification- 40 Lions, 37 voted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.....Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer