



District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes
Friday, November 13th, 2020
SALON B-C - Blue Harbor Resort – Sheboygan

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1. **Call to order @ 6:05 pm** by DG Tom Wendt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Michael De Baere
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Barb Leichtfuss and Lion Jim Patt
4. **Welcome** - DG Tom Wendt. Thanks for being here. Good turnout. Stay Healthy. Unfortunately,

ID Michaels Banks called two days prior to apologize that he could not make the trip. He will join us virtually during the convention. PID Art Marson is the host PID and will fill in for ID Banks. PID Marson commented that Masks and Hearing do not work together. PID Marson has his roots in Fond du lac and always like to return home.

5. **Installation of Cabinet Members** was performed by PID Art Marson of the La Crosse Lions. It is a TOUGH year, and more EFFORT will be needed. We have a great cabinet so District 27 B1 will survive. DG Tom's year has not started as planned. PID Marson declared the Cabinet has been officially installed.

6. **Roll Call** was taken by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 22 members in attendance and PDGs Marv Henke Dawn Christensen.

7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from August 9, 2020 motion made by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Dale Counihan. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Approval of Agenda for Cabinet Meeting on November 13th, 2020** motion by IPDG Michael De Baere, 2nd by VDG BJ Balhnik. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. **2020-2021 Financial Statement** through October 31, 2020 dispersed by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Greg Kubichka to accept as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

10. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork was unable to attend. IPDG Michael De Baere filled in for her. Lion Helen does a great job! Let's support her. Report rules the same as always – 3-minute rule.

11. Old Business:

A. Audit Financial Books for 2019-2020 was performed by PDG Gary Colton. PDG Colton submitted a letter to DG Tom, that he has examined the books compared to bank statements. In his opinion, the reports are free of any material misstatement. The financial position of District 27-B1 are in conformity with good bookkeeping practices. Motion by VDG BJ Blahnik, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept the financial reports as of 6/30/2020. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Financial Expense – TBD -Website Cost – PDG Tom Clausen commented that he has changed website provider and has been paying the fees for the District Website out of his cabinet reimbursement. He would like to be reimbursed \$ 200 for the Website expense. Lion Dave Holschbach

reported that this year's current budget does allow for \$300 TBD due to the USA Forum being virtual. Motion made by IPDG Michael De Baere, 2nd by PDG Ken Rohde to reimburse PDG Tom up to \$ 200 for the cost involved for our district website. **MOTION CARRIED** DG Tom thanked PDG Tom for a great job with our Website & IT.

C. Covid-19 LCI Grant of \$ 10,000 has been disbursed by IPDG Michael De Baere. There were 4 recipients for PPE. He explained the process and rules involved. THANK YOU and CONGRATS to IPDG Michael for taking control and finalizing the grant. There are a lot of hoops go through. Lion Mary Jo Abler commented this is proof that we DO GET SOMETHING BACK for donations to LCIF. That's why we should donate.

D. Eye Bank representative term for District 27-B1 has changed. PDG Jerry Post needs to change the term to be a 3-year term starting 7/1/21, this means we would have a 1-year term from 7/1/20 to 6/30/21. Motion made by PDG Jerry Post to have the District Eye Bank Representative term be 3 years commencing on 7/1/21, 2nd by VDG BJ Blahnik. **MOTION CARRIED** Lion Charlie Kiefenheim is more than willing to do the 1-year term to fill the gap.

New Business:

LCI Grant for Marshfield Clinic - Lion Sri update - DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION

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

A. **1st Vice District Governor** Lion BJ Blahnik has had a lot of changes for training. Many of them have been changed to virtual. The Leader Dog tour was changed to virtual. He has been working with DG Tom and learning many things.

B. **2nd Vice District Governor** Lion Dave Brinkman has also had many training classes changed to virtual. He does have a class scheduled for Wisconsin Rapids.

C. **GLT Chair** Lion Ken Rivers did not have a report.

GMT & NAMI Chair PDG Fred Gebhart reported that MEMBERSHIP is an ongoing effort. They too have gone to virtual meetings. We need to have all the members' support.

GST Chair Lion Ellen Cheney did submit a report. Since July she has updated her email list, forwarded information about services and training and encouraged clubs to report their activities and do what is realistically safe and possible to continue service. She has been working with Lion Rose Berendes for the west side of the lake and update her email and information to include those clubs. With the COVID situation, she has not been available for zone meetings. She is available remotely.

D. **WLF** – PDG Fred Gebhart & Lion Wendy Hartmann PDG Fred did note that WLF is brainstorming and adding Diabetes for 2 weeks on the camp schedule. Financially we can do this. Remaining report **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION.**

E. **Constitution and Bylaws** Chair PDG Jerry Post mentioned earlier about the change in term of service for Eye Bank representation. Lion Charlie Kiefenheim has agreed to stay on for the additional 1 year. Since District Bowling has shown little interest, a district Bean Bag tournament will take its place. They will follow the rules of the District Bowling policy as close as possible. A policy will be developed after the event. Sheboygan Noon Lions has agreed to host this year.

F. **Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post - Send articles and pictures.

G. **Leader Dog** - PDG Jerry Post - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

H. **LCIF Chair** Lion Mary Jo Abler reported donations are very low. Few clubs have sent donations. We need to still encourage donations even in these tough times. Campaign 100 has been extended for 1 year. See her display table with information.

- I. **Lions Pride** – Lion Myra Schneider - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- J. **LEO** - Lion Gary Roehrig Not present – no report
- K. **Pin Chairman** – Lion Laurie Sasada - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- L. **Peace Poster** – Lion Laurie Sasada - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- M. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** Chair IPDG Michael De Baere had no report.
- N. **Childhood Cancer** Chair PDG Dave Lee reported on the LCI Grant for the Marshfield Clinic “LIONS HEALING SPACE” cost \$ 60,000 would like all clubs to donate \$100 for our district share. He is available for club and zone visits.
- O. **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** Chair Lion Bonnie Strelow was not present by submitted a report. The camp will NOT be accepting international student groups this year. They are checking out their options. Not sure if youths will be able to get a visa to enter and leave. There is no need to pay our annual district Youth Exchange Fee.
- P. **Special Olympics** Chair Lion Samantha Rivers had no updates at this time.
- Q. **Environment** Chair Lion Rose Berendes was not present but did submit a report. There have been 21 Environmental projects so far this year. Environmental projects are one of the areas that lends well to social distancing, so clubs can still have an activity, i.e., park and roadside cleanup, tree planting and craft products to donate or sell. The 3 R’s – RECYCLE, RESTORE, REUSE. Be sure to record your club activities on MYLION and share it.
- R. **MY LCI** Chair Lion Rose Berendes reported the clubs are doing well reporting membership online, we are holding at 99-100%. **MYLION** reporting however, we have a way to go, but are making progress. She printed out “QUICK Guide to Activity Reporting” and are available on Mary Jo Abler’s LCI display table. 33 of our 63 clubs have reported 299 activities to date. Encourage members to create their LION account and log in to see their club activity in case something is missed. Lions now have a ZOOM style meeting site called CONNECT, access it through your Lion Account. Its FREE and can have 75 people. TEST it and let her know what you think. She is always available for any questions.
- S. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann reported applications have been SLOW.....only 4. Medicaid does cover hearing aids.
- T. **Eyeglass Recycling** Chair Lion Wendy Hartmann reported the WLF van is at the convention for eyeglass collection. She will also take them when she goes to WLF in early December.
- U. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** – Lion Charlie Keifenheim - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- V. **Vision Screening** Chair PDG Fred Gebhart has had some vision screenings. Not as many as they would like. So far, they have done 1,876 students with 117 referrals. Valders just did 228 and Mishicot 559 screenings. Lions screeners are always there to HELP, the schools know who to call. With the COVID-19 access into schools is very limited for Lions and even the students. PDG Dave Lee reported the Appleton Schools are on hold. They have been working with Ascension and also Optical outlets for glasses.
- W. **Missions of Wisconsin** via Lion Pat Knier are asking for donations to the WI Lions Missions backpack program for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The reservation is currently on lockdown. WI Missions is sitting on the sidelines wondering when they can get back to serving those in need. The backpack program is the only current project, all other missions are on hold. Any donations, feel free to contact Lion Pat.
- X. **District Convention** – PDG Jerry Post - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
District Bean Bag Tournament - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
District Raffle – Lion Dave Brinkman - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
District Bucket Raffle – Lion Dave Brinkman - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**
- Y. **Elections & Nominations** – Lion Irv Korth - **DEFERRED TO GENERAL SESSION**

Z. **State Lions Convention** chair PDG Ken Rhode reported WI Lions state convention is still scheduled for May in Green Bay.

AA. **IT & Publicity** Chair PDG Tom Clausen reported the district directory no longer exists due to the privacy laws. District Governors, Lions organizations and state committees are still listed on the page.

AB. **Historian** PDG Tom Clausen reported the website is up to date.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Zone 1 Lion Greg Kubichka reported they have done 18 ramps. 7 Lions clubs and 10 other community groups are participating in the DRIVE THRU Holiday Lights show.

2. Zone 2 Lion Al Kanaugh had Maribel Lions host his 1st zone meeting. Francis Creek made over \$4,500 donated to local groups. Manitowoc has suspended meetings due to COVID but still collecting eyeglasses. Mishicot has done vision screening. Newton, Whitelaw, Francis Creek and Mishicot have done scholarships. Clubs working on Christmas Wreaths, Toy and Food collection, Lions Giving Tree and Christmas decorations. Zone is in need of a Zone Chairman. Only meeting scheduled is the Zone Social.

3. Zone 3 & 4 Lion Dick Karl reported many clubs had to cancel their fund raisers but are still operating. Plymouth is actively collecting deer hides and Sheboygan Noon and Town of Sheboygan have purchased \$1,200 gift cards for Salvation Army CARDS FOR KIDS. Next zone meeting is January 4th.

4. Zone 5 Lion Don Mitchell NO REPORT

5. Zone 6 Lion Dale Counihan's clubs have not been meeting. There has been some club zoom meetings. Larsen-Winchester has new hours for their medical warehouse. He is working on his next zone meeting.

6. Zone 7 & 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss is experiencing the same challenges as the other zones with club meetings. Some clubs are meeting, others zoom meetings and others not at all. PDG Dave Lee was zone speaker on the Childhood Cancer Challenge. Next 2 zone meetings are set. Eldorado, Pickett and Van Dyne have done Drive Thru activities.

7. Zone 9 Lion Dave Brinkman zone has lost 3 members. A lot of things are up in the air like other clubs. Clubs are still actively trying to do fund raisers, a lot of Drive Thru activities.

8. Zone 10 Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present, no report.

9. Zone 11 open – Lion Vincent Treague from Neenah Lions has offered to accept.

13. Other Business - Communications: DG Tom Wendt & Lion Dave Holschbach.

Thank You notes received from Agnesian Health Care Foundation and Brewster Village for Lions LCI Grant donation for PPE. VERY MUCH NEEDED

IPDG Michael De Baere made a special award presentation to Lion Mary Jo Abler for the International Chairperson Medal for her work with LCIF.

PDG David Lee of the Appleton Noon Lions mentioned that the City of Appleton is honoring Appleton Noon Lions ex-President Lion Ronald C Dunlap for his community support by renaming one of its schools in his honor. Well-deserved member of the community. Donations are being accepted, contact him.

Lion Dale Counihan reported the Larsen-Winchester Lioness will be disbanded by 12/31/20. Another chance for clubs to pick up membership.

14. Next Meeting - Sunday January 3rd - Van Dyne Lions Park. DG Tom mentions the last 5 weeks have been very trying, getting to clubs and getting ready for this convention. Five of his other District

Governors are at our convention. Thank you to PID Art and Lion Jo Marson for being hosts.

15. Adjournment – Motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2nd by Lion Roxanne Wendt to adjourn the cabinet meeting at 7:10 pm. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted Lion Dave Holschbach, District 27 B1 Secretary/Treasurer