

District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes Sunday, July 24, 2016 Fairwater Lions Clubhouse

***Lion Rose Berendes took notes in the absence of Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Dave Holschbach**

1. Call to order @ 1:00pm by DG Tom Berendes
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by DG Tom Berendes
3. Song & Prayer led by Song Leader & Chaplain Lion Kay Quinn
4. DG Tom Welcomed All and Introduced special guests IPID Karla Harris and (IP Chief Rooster) Lion Clarence. Lion Bonnie Strelow introduced Lions Youth Exchange Student Vibiana Cesari from Italy and Kim Litzen from Belgium. Thank you to Strelow and Sasada families for hosting these two students for B1.

5. **Introduction & Installation of Cabinet Members** conducted by IPID Lion Karla Harris of South Milwaukee Lions. Lion Karla hung a big bunch of large keys around DG Tom's neck symbolizing all the many responsibilities that come with being district governor. A key went quickly to our Tail Twister Lion Helen Mork in hopes that the recognition might serve as a little protection against a fine too. Lion Karla said some DG's keep the keys. DG Tom responded that he wanted to share them. Lion Karla then went through all the other cabinet positions and DG Tom gave away keys, as these keys are really "Keys to Success" and DG Tom acknowledged that he needs lots of help. Lion Karla thanked Lion Rose for having sponsored a new member not to B1 but Lion Karla's club in A-1 showing how we are all responsible for growing membership, not just the membership chairperson, and we can grow membership beyond our own club. We're all Lions!

IPID Karla Harris presented Progressive Melvin Jones plaque to PDG Lion Meg Post from (8 anonymous clubs), but Lion Clarence Harris got to do the pinning. Lion Meg expressed her sincere appreciation.

6. **Roll Call** – sheet was passed for all present to sign. Total of 37 persons present.

7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from April 2016. Motion by PDG Tom Clausen and 2nd by PDG Merle Strelow. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from **meeting at Lions State Convention** on May 21, 2016. Motion by PDG Gary Colton and 2nd by PDG Lenny Quinn. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **Approval of Revised Agenda** - motion by Lion BJ Blahnik and 2nd by Lion Ellen Cheney.

10. **2015-2016 Financial Statement** prepared by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Operating and Non Budget Funds year end statements were distributed. Year End June 30, 2016 ended with a profit of \$1000.....even though dues and membership down, we decreased our spending in proportion.... Biggest drop in cabinet dinners expense. Motion to accept by PID Merle Strelow and 2nd by Lion BJ Blahnik. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PDG Gary Colton agreed to do audit for 2015-2016 books and provide report at next cabinet meeting.

11. **2016-2017 Budget** prepared by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. **MOTION** by PDG Merle Strelow and 2nd by Lion Gary Roehrig. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **Tail Twister** – Lion Helen Mork – 3 minute rule for report unless prior approval from District Governor. \$1.00 per minute for any excess time. Camp supplies should be brought to each meeting - always need band aids. Tail Twister will provide a list of suggested supplies prior to next cabinet meeting. Noted that the budgeted goal of \$550 is an increase of \$50 to the Tail Twister goal over the previous years goal. Distribution of those funds to be determined at year end.

13. **Communications** – DG Tom and IPID Karla Harris told the group about International President Bob Corlew coming to Wisconsin with the shrink wrapped Lions Bus at the end of his NorthEast tour on the bus on September 30th. Also a used eyeglass collection challenge to fill our trailer with used eyeglasses will be kicked off while he is here. Our WLF trailer will be getting a new shrink wrap too. The challenge to see which district can collect the most used eyeglasses will go from Sept 30,2016 to State Convention May 6, 2017. DG Tom mentioned needing a semi to get our glasses to Kenosha for the kick-off while someone seemed to

already be planning on A1 having bragging rights. An opportunity to have International President Bob Corlew induct new members while he is here is also in the works. And note that IP Bob Corlew will be at our State Convention in LaCrosse the first weekend of May. Details on all things related to IP Bob Corlew visits to be made available as known via emails, face book and the September paper/magazine.etc.

14. Old Business:

Blind Sailing: Lion BJ Blahnik reported dates of 9/19 to 25 Sheboygan. Best night to attend 9/23 – open to public with food, live band and fireworks (Womens World Cup and World Championship of Blind Match racing.) and Lion BJ is on USA Team 2. Need donations of lunch meat from a business and also donations of cookies (No nuts & No chocolate). Per Lion BJ – update -Sailing Simulator \$5000 of \$30000 needed has been collected so far. A \$2.00 per member challenge will be starting to get \$2 times 18000 state lions for a net \$36,000. BJ said the Sailing Simulator is portable and adaptive not just for blind and as Sheboygan is not claiming as a legacy project, it is okay for a MD27 State Legacy. PDG Merle Strelow announced \$101 from Fairwater to kick -off the member challenge.

QUEST Funds- Youth Outreach – Vision Screening. Transfer of some funds from Quest Account to Vision Screening for balance needed toward purchase of another camera (about \$2000). Motion by PDG Vern Pautz and 2nd by PDG Tom Clausen. **MOTION CARRIED.**

15. New Business:

2016-2017 Cabinet Meeting Dates – November 11 & 12, 2016 at District Convention at Green Lake; February 12, 2017 at 1:30 at Grand Meridian, Appleton – lunch available at 12:30pm. April 2, 2017 at 1:30 at Van Dyne Lions Club House – lunch available at 12:30pm

Duly Noted: brief discussion that having a training or committee meeting prior to the lunch may present a problem for those traveling a greater distance as it may also interfere with church schedules.

(A Final Cabinet meeting will be at State Convention in LaCrosse)

Audit of Financial Books - PDG Gary Colton agreed to do audit books and provide report at next cabinet meeting.

Birch Sturm funds – We currently have \$1700 available toward Birch Sturm Fellowships. We traditionally give an award to IPDG and to a deserving lion. Discussion to add Ray Hempel Fellowship as an option to Birch Sturm Fellowship. Motion by PDG Merle Strelow and 2nd by PDG Gary Silah. **MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Committee Reports: (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less for oral reports)

- A. 1st Vice District Governor Fred Gebhart - busy with 1st District Governor training; will be going to Leader Dog in August; Working on dates for his year of Cabinet meetings to centrally located in Fon Du Lac.
- B. 2nd Vice District Governor David Lee – no report (excused for busy with family time).
- C. **GMT** Lion Mike Helmke - absent – DG Tom reported 1975 members as of 7/1/2016. Membership as of 7/23/2016 AM dropped 8 and added 14 this month for a net gain of 6 so far. DG Tom challenged each club to be a net 3 for the year (a plus 210 total)/ or more realistically about 190 net goal for the district.
- D. **GLT** -PDG Merle Strelow – Good response to the Handbooks, He and Lion Bonnie are going to USA/Canada Forum. He plans to buy another case of books. DG Tom mentioned - 5 clubs showing as missing officers.
- E. **WLF** – 1st VDG Fred Gebhart - B1 very well represented at Birch Sturm Golf Outing – warm but a

- good time. Great to see B1 out there on the sponsor signs. Note: used hearing aid batteries are not usable, but they do want good batteries. 1stVDG Fred turned over role to Lion Wendy Hartmann – she reported orientation was on June 4 and she was put on Hearing & Sight committee and she is excited about that.
- F. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Bonnie Goeser reported they finished the year 2015 -2016 with 13 Lioness clubs (240 members), 3523.8 service hours; \$29,410 Donations.
 - G. **Affiliate Liaison** - PDG Lion/Lioness Meg Post - 1st Affiliate Cabinet meeting coming up in August. And she had heard Neshkoro Lioness were folding. DG Tom mentioned that he had already inducted some of them into Neshkoro Lions.
 - H. **LCIF** – PDG Vern Pautz ---13 Melvin Jones Fellows for 2015-2016; 64 Clubs donated \$56,089 to LCIF and these funds are available for more MJFs;
 - I. **QUEST** – PDG Vern Pautz - Requested a Lion interested in helping/learning & getting clearance to read and receive info on LCIF – Quest– LEO Program. He is wanting someone to be trained as a back him up. Working on New Holstein Lions to install K-5 program (QUEST).
 - J. **LEO** – PDG Vern Pautz - Possible grant request for QUEST & LEOS - \$1000. Noted LEOS will eventually be future Lions. Need contact for Reedsville Leos – only Leo club in the district. Zone is missing a Zone chair.
 - K. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum-** PDG Gary Colton - It is in September in Omaha, NE said it was still a good value even though we are past the discount date. 40th anniversary for the forum. Called for a show of hands of those planning to attend. B1 looks to be well represented. Info available online.
 - L. **1. Centennial Celebration** – PDG Ken Rohde (absent) / Gary Silah assisting – 40 of 70 clubs made the Centennial Challenge of completing a project in each of the 4 service areas. LCI says many more clubs have what they need but are just not reporting correctly. Gary will come and speak at meetings and help get more reporting. DG Tom had Centennial Service Award Certificates for the clubs to be given out by the zone chairs. DG Tom told about the Centennial Banner that was there for all to sign and he will be bringing it to all clubs during the year so that it is full of all signatures by the time it is carried in the International Centennial Parade next June.

2. Lions Pride – Lion Myra Schneider – Encourage clubs to continue donations to Pride. The Lions Pride endowment fund is the part of WLF created to guarantee that the camp will continue into the future. Pride has been around about 8-10 yrs. Ray Hempel award was created about 4yrs.
 - M. **Youth Exchange/Youth Outreach** – Lion Bonnie Strelow – about 50 – 55 exchange students this year. Youth Exchange Camp is at Dundee, WI. 7/31 -8/7/2016. DG's visiting on Thursday Aug 4. We have a goal to have 5 students in our district. There are about 50 – 55 exchange students this year. PDG Lenny Quinn will be a speaker.
 - N. **Special Olympics** – PDG Ken Wallendar – Opening Eyes in Oshkosh 4/8/2017 and Stevens Point on 6/9/2017
 - O. **Peace Poster** – Lion Laurie Sasada – Kits are available for order deadline to purchase Oct 1st., theme is “A Celebration of Peace” - open to ages 11, 12, 13 years.
 - P. **Environment** – Lion Rose Berendes – Noted only 25 of our 70 clubs reported an activity under the Centennial Challenge “ Protecting the Environment”. Suggested going online to LCIF to see examples of many kinds of activities that fit this category. Every kind of recycling including rummage sales, clothing drives, roadside cleanups, park beautification. Milkweed plantings to save the Monarchs etc.
 - Q. **Diabetes Awareness & Action**– Lion Bonnie Strelow –we have a district Diabetes Awareness board and there are DVD's and lots info available to clubs. There will be a Strides Walk at our district convention in Green Lake.

- R. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action**- Lion Wendy Hartmann – prefaced that when she reported on WLF, she forgot to mention Hustle for S'more on Aug 19 and the Centennial Ride on Sept 10. Gave authority to Lion Wendy to use her discretion to make exceptions to policy regarding frequency for recipients to receive a second hearing aid based on need when inside the regular 5yr period. This came about because a client lost hearing in second ear within 5yrs. Motion by Lion Helen Mork and 2nd by PDG Ken Wallendar. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- S. **Eyeglass Recycling** – Lion Wendy Hartmann - The center doesn't know how many glasses come from what district.
- T. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** – Lion Phil Weber sent report – he attended Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin's Annual Meeting at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Over 80 people were present for an interesting and informational presentation. Each quarter the Eye Bank surpasses past performances; as more eye tissue is recovered, and more corneas are placed by surgeons. We are meeting the goals of LEBW, "Providing the Gift of Sight" through cornea transplants. 27B1 met our District Governor goal, and IPDG Marv Henke received the Knight of Sight Award, and IPADP Jerry Post received the Gift of Sight Award. Thank you to all Lion, Lioness, and Leo Clubs of our district for helping to meet this goal. Please help DG Tom Berendes and ADP Bonnie Goeser to meet this year's goal. Also thank you to all the Dispatchers & Transporters for their commitment in supporting our Eye Bank. He needs to attend a meeting of every zone. Please invite him to address your zone.
- U. **Missions of Wisconsin** – PDG Merle Strelow a committee to get some property that was collected out of storage and onto the missions and there is quite a bit of money in the account.– There are missions to Nicaragua. 1VDG Fred mentioned that February 2017 – El Salvador & San Salvador There is a meeting in Beaver Dam on Aug 29 at 9:45.
- V. **Vision Screening** - 1st VDG Fred Gebhart – 9 Health care workers at class in May, Lutheran Church in Berlin donated the funds for Berlin Lions to have a new screening device. A 6th screening device in the works that will probably kept in Mishicot for Mishicot/Manitowoc/Two Rivers area. Class scheduled for Manitowoc Healthcare workers and school superintendents.
- W. **Leader Dog** - PDG Jerry Post - he was notified that they have reached the 13.5 million dollar goal and have additional funds donated by clubs for future development. PDG Lenny Quinn said about 45 to 60 days of renovation left. Free Tours are available now during the week, the lobby is so nice they have had to post sign asking visitors to limit there time in the lobby with pups to 15 minutes.
- X. **District Raffle** – Lion Mike DeBaere - raffle tickets will be going out to club secretaries with the convention packets, another reason to have correct addresses in directory so we don't waste postage.
- Y. **State Convention** – PDG Merle Strelow - LaCrosse - Nothing much to report Watch Newspaper for reservation and registration info.
- Z. **District Convention** – PDG Jerry Post - Nov 11 & 12 Heidel House, Green Lake – a lot is done already; convention meeting following this cabinet meeting – things are going well, we should be about 97% complete.
Constitution & By Laws -PDG Jerry Post - We will have new bylaws to take care of at convention. Meeting to discuss around Oct 1.
- AA. **District & State Bowling** - PDG Tom Clausen said go online to district27b1.org & wislions.org for information and last years results . Also you can go to Van Dyne Lions website http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/van_dyne and click on state bowling in the right hand column for state results & information.
- BB. **IT & Publicity** – PDG Tom Clausen – creating news articles, posting them to club web page (see <http://fonddulactions.org> as an example) Click on News in left column and there are over 10 yrs worth on articles. He emails them to the state newspaper too. Promoted the use of Facebook. Noted that you need to have someone who is dedicated and can be responsible to do postings on a very

regular basis.

- CC. **Historian** – PDG Tom Clausen- nothing to add .
- DD. **Newspaper Editor** – Lion Mary Jo Abler – first issue of the state newspaper in the new format had only minor problems on our district page. Matching articles to available print space was challenging. Good articles were received for the July/August release. Club news was requested from the club secretaries via email. Zone chairs are encouraged to promote news items from the clubs too. District chairpersons are requested to submit information/news related to their focus area. Any Lion (not just secretaries) can submit an article by emailing it to news27b1@yahoo.com. Note that current email addresses are required for members to receive notification of any Lions digital news.
- EE. **Pin Chair** – Lion Laurie Sasada – the new district pins are here and are being sold for \$2. Lion Laurie reminded us to ask more Lions to submit designs for next years pin.
- FF. **District Bucket Raffle** - Lion Shirley Geoffrey – We need more clubs to donate prizes. Value should be at least \$25.00.
- GG. **Elections & Nominations** – Lion BJ Blahnik - New Ruling from LCI for Elections states that a consistent mark needs to be used for marking ballots. Motion to use a **check mark** by PDG Merle Strelow and 2nd by Lion Helen Mork. **MOTION CARRIED.** Delegates will receive information and notices/reminders/examples prior to and date of voting so it is perfectly clear that you must vote using **only a check mark, not an X and not fill in.**
- HH. **Advisory/Long Range Planning** – PDG Gary Silah – reported that committee met in Plover on March 12. An attempt to bring an International Convention to Milwaukee was met with no interest by city of Milwaukee. They are putting together an advisory committee to look at the running of the State Office. There is discussion about combining some district conventions in the future. There is also discussion about dropping activities at State Convention on Thursday and extending on Sunday to accommodate younger members who are busy working during the week.

17. Zone Chairman Reports:

1. R1 Z1 – Lion Phil Weber – sent report – He is getting ready for his 1st year as a zone chairperson. 1st VDG Fred Gebhart is a huge help in preparing him to chair his zone. He has three zone meetings scheduled for the year. They are: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 The Granary, Sherwood with 6:00 pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner, meeting to follow.
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 Hickory Hills, Chilton with 6:00 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner, with meeting to follow.
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Brothers 2, Hilbert with 6:00 pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner, with meeting to follow.
He is looking for guest speakers, both Lions and local individuals. Please keep me informed.
2. R1 Z2 – No Zone Chair – no report
3. R1 Z3 – PDG Meg Post - 6 clubs & 1 Lioness club; membership 153 as of 6/30. Most clubs do not meet in summer, but busy with fundraisers. Zone Project is selling tickets at Manitowoc County Fair to fund various projects. 1st Zone meeting 9/19 at Machut's and Two Rivers Lioness are hosting.
4. R2 Z1 – Lion Ellen Cheney - 1st zone meeting is 9/26 at Village at 170 in Kohler 6pm social, 7pm mntg & program with Sheboygan Falls hosting.
Cleveland Lions Dairyland Fest 8/5 & 6 and \$2500 donation to Pride for a total of \$26,800.00;
Howards Grove – lots of service projects – vision screening, food pantry volunteering, provided escorts for elderly; worked at Salvation Army; participated in Cancer Walk; helped with blood drives.
Plymouth Lions – calendar raffle; fulfilling wish for a 1st grader who is going blind and wants to go to Statue of Liberty. Corn & grilled cheese sale at County fair over Labor Day.
Sheboygan Eve -scholarships; meal packing for “Feed My Starving Children”; can recycling; transports for kids to camp; service & support “Bookworm Gardens” & Beyond Children Museum;

school supply collections; support & service to Blind Match Sailing event 9/19-25.

Sheboygan Falls – preparing food for area company picnics; Co-sponsor with Kohler Police League for the Falls Oktoberfest 9/9-10;

Sheboygan Noon – brat fry fundraiser; road side cleanup; sold flowers for Mother's Day fund raising for scholarships; awarded 2 Lifetime Memberships at a Recognition Dinner. Hosted the Sheboygan A's Lions Night Picnic for the 3 Sheboygan clubs. Brat Day Parade 8/6. Lions Camp Celebration 8/21; "Ear to Hear" event at Lakeshore Lanes 8/27; Leading Lions support & service for "Blind Match Sailing" event. A Fall cash raffle.

Town of Sheboygan – held a brat fry 3/26; Big event was Town of Sheboygan LIONFEST 7/8 & 9 and they were surprised by attendance of our DG Tom & Lion Rose.

5. R2 Z2 – Lion Madonna Schneider – no report
6. R2 Z3 – Lion Gary Roehrig – all clubs very busy this summer; 1st Zone Meeting is 9/12 at Elkhart Lake
7. R3 Z1 – Lion James Christman – no report/ had to leave early; DG Tom noted he is a new chair and is getting the hang of it.
8. R3 Z2 – Lion Tom Henke – 4 clubs busy with summer activities. 9/1 Zone Meeting planned.
9. R3 Z3 – Lion Ken Rivers – 10/26 Zone Meeting planned for Rosendale. Another zone meeting scheduled for 1/31. **Eldorado** had a Pig Wrestle; **Rosendale** had a rose sale; **Van dyne** has a car show & Small town Days coming up August 21; **Pickett Lions** are having their "Lions Pride Endless Summer Ride" ending in a party, auction and raffle drawing on Aug 27. Also a golf outing in Oshkosh on 9/10.
10. R4 Z1 – Lion Bev Karst – no report
11. R4 Z2 – Lion Todd Henke – 6 Clubs & 1 Lioness . Neshkoro Lioness folding – last mntg was 7/15. Note 4 Lioness have already joined the Lions and more to come. Zone meeting set for Markesan 9/21. Neshkoro Horse Pull 9/3. Berlin Sportsman Banquet is 10/15.
12. R5 Z1 – Carl Rasmussen – just agreed to take zone chair position again. Lion Helen Mork chimed in that Endeavor just had successful Broiler Fest.
13. R5 Z2 – Lion Dave Przekurat – 89 people were at zone meeting with PDG Lenny Quinn as speaker.
Hancock – built a storage bldg in the Park. (We should check to see if this is Legacy Project).
Plainfield still working on Splash Pad. (a \$150,000 project).
PoySippi Days – successful. They did a vision screening. Mother of girl who we helped with costs of eye surgery worked hard at PoySippi Days to express gratitude.
Red Granite – holds Bingo on a regular schedule. And will host a zone meeting on Oct. 11.
Wautoma – 2 brat fry s. And August Fest is coming up.
Wild Rose – recent breakfast on the Pond for 200 – 250; **WR Lioness** selling food every other week at downtown craft event. And Wild Rose has BINGO regularly and a Pizza Sale coming up.
18. **Other Business** – DG Tom Berendes – talked about the newspaper format and emphasized that zone chairs should help by pushing secretaries and presidents to get all member emails entered so that members can be notified when the next digital format paper is posted online and ready for viewing. Next Cabinet meeting at convention. Note Mishicot wants to submit a bid to host a convention.
19. **Adjournment** – 4:45 Motion PDG Merle Strelow and 2nd Lion BJ Blahnik - **adjourned.**

*****Minutes were updated on 8/15/2016 to reflect reports from Lion Phil Weber for LEBW and zone report for R1 Z1

