

District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes

Sunday, Feb 10, 2019
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2. **Call to order** by DG Dave Lee
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Fred Gebhart
4. **Prayer** led by Lion Rose Berendes and Song led by DG Dave
5. **Welcome** by DG Dave (25 Cabinet Members), plus 3 - Lion Irv Korth & spouse Dee, also Poy Sippi Lion Club Service Chair Joe Czekalski as guest of Lion Shirley Geoffrey, and DG Partner in Service Lion Sue.
6. **Roll Call** – Lion Rose Berendes
7. **Approval of the Agenda** – 1 Lion Helen, 2 Lion Rose, motion passed.
8. **Approval of the District Cabinet Meeting Minutes** from November 09, 2018 – 1 PDG Merle Strelow, 2- PDG Tom Berendes, motion passed
9. **Approval of District Convention Meeting Minutes** from November 10, 2018 – 1 Lion Shirley Geoffrey, 2 Lion Ellen Cheney. Motion passed.
10. **Presentation of the 2018 – 2019 Financial Statement** (they were emailed to the cabinet) .Accepted.
11. **Tail Twister** – Lion Helen Mork reminded all of the fines exceeding the 3 minute rule.
12. **Communications:** DG Dave Lee
13. **Old Business -**
 - A. Reviewed the convention financial statement which showed a profit of \$3,443.74 and there were very positive comments about the visiting ID Don Noland and spouse Lion Betty, as well as the awesome speakers, Friday entertainment and the great service project.. There was a little discussion about what to do with our convention profit. Motion to table until April Cabinet meeting ... 1 Lion BJ Blahnik, 2 Lion Helen Mork. Motion passed .
14. **New Business -**
 - A. **Raffle & Gaming regulations** – Prior to our meeting we had a great presentation by **Randy Bansley**, Gaming Commission Auditor with the State of Wisconsin Office of Charitable Gaming. Power point Handouts were available. And he gave us his phone# 608-270-2536. We can call with any questions and he can help us determine if we are running a legal game and protect our charitable status.
 - B. **District Governor** – mileage
 - C. **DG Dave** – shared pictures and information about **GAGA pits**. There is one at our Wisconsin Lions Camp and building one of these might be a good addition to our parks and if we add our club name and Lions logo, it would be visible marketing for Lions.
15. **Committee Reports -**
 - A. **1VDG Lion Mike DeBaere** – said he would be leaving shortly for DGE Training in St Charles, IL which started this week. It runs from Feb 12 through Feb 14. He was hoping to learn a lot so he will be ready to lead or district. Also noted that the 1st Cabinet meeting for 2019 – 2020 Lions year will be Aug 4, 2019 in Fond du Lac
 - B. **2VDG Lion Tom Wendt** – had his 1st training meeting for 2VDG on Jan 11 during COG meeting.

C. **GAT**

1. **GLT – Lion Ken Rivers** – had nothing to report
2. **GMT – PDG Merle Strelow & IPDG Fred Gebhardt** - There was discussion about 2019 officer training, We need GOOD internet service, about 30 person seating area and would like club input on locations. Suggesting 3 trainings similar to last year with one on each side of Lake Winnebago plus one centralized. Lion Merle is still available to speak at meetings and discuss membership concerns. There was also discussion about openings for the Wisconsin Lions Leadership Institute (WLLI) formerly called Communicate Like A Leader (CLAC). Motion to encourage 1st time presidents to attend – 1 PDG Merle Strelow, 2 2VDGE Tom Wendt , motioned passed. But note it is open to any Lion if slots are still open.
3. **GST -E– Lion Ellen Cheney** reported she scheduled visits at 3 of 4 as yet unvisited Zones. She has been reminding clubs of the importance of reporting and has furnished Service Chair ebooks. 16 (41%) of the 39 clubs in 27-B1 East have designated secretaries or service chairs. 35 of 39 clubs have reported at least one hands-on service (90%). 2 clubs have reported nothing and 2 clubs have reported only fundraisers. A lot of clubs make their donations toward end of year. She is keeping clubs informed of webinars and other lions info via email and is also promoting club activities by sharing posts to our District facebook page.
4. **GST-W – Lion Bonnie Strelow** - visiting clubs & zones, encouraging hands on activity, We are getting 100 % membership reporting and approximately 70 % of clubs are reporting some activity on a monthly basis, but not necessarily hands on..

D. **Zone Chairman Reports:**

1. **Zone 1 – IPDG Fred Gebhardt** - Clubs are active serving in there communities, **Reedsville** has a Sweet Heart dance coming up on 2/17, Stockbridge is planning a Bags tournament. Some clubs are doing Vision Screening.
2. **Zone 2 – Lion Al Knaugh – the zone** recently dispersed funds raised selling tickets at the county fair to the Salvation Army and to InCourage (a domestic violence/abuse shelter). **Francis Creek Lions** – had a wreath sale, has a Rose sale going on, is planning its Crick Crossing run/walk. They recently sponsored students to the Badger State Games. **Manitowoc Lions** held its annual Blind Bowling event with funds raised going to the local park for replacement of Lions head water fountain. They vision screened preschool thru high school. **Maribel Lions** had a food & bake sale, distributed Hams and gifts to elderly and home bound. They also upgraded their park facilities. **Newton Lions** held a Poker raffle with funds going for a CPR mannequin for 1st responders and a Jaws Unit for their fire dept. **Two Rivers Lioness** planning an Ham & egg Breakfast and selling Chocolates. Also vision screened 3 & 4 yr olds. **Valders Lions** has a Fish Boil coming up. **Whitelaw Lions** are in the middle of a Rose sale and recently gave out a couple of scholarships to Valders & Reedsville high school students.
3. **Zone 3 -Lion BJ Blahnik** – Clubs doing well with membership close to even. A few of the services: **Sheboygan Evening Lions** partnered with Habitat for Humanity and helped cleanup the community in the Rock the Block event.

Sheboygan Community Lions are making blankets for a local shelter. **Howards Grove Lions** are volunteering at a blood center. **Sheboygan Noon** held a meal for the hungry through the Salvation Army. Plymouth will be switching Zones in July.

4. **Zone 4 – Lion Madonna Schneider – Adell Lions** nothing to report. **Amsterdam Lions** held their bus tour for Pine Haven Retirement Home residents. Also doing vision screening. And getting ready to have a flower sale. **Cascade Lions** are getting ready for their Soup O Rama on March 3. And they report adding 5 new members!**Random Lake Lions** report a net growth of 2 members! **Waldo Lions** preparing for their annual Pork Chop dinner on 4/27 and they have added 2 new members.
5. **Zone 5 – Lion Don Mitchell** – no report.
6. **Zone 6- Lion Dale Counihan** – no report.
7. **Zone 7 – 2VDG Lion Tom Wendt** – had a joint zone meeting with Zone 8
8. **Zone 8 – Lion Peggy Zickert** – had a guest speaker from Options for Independent Living at a joint zone meeting for zones 7 & 8 to learned about assisted help for people in their communities. **Rosendale Lions & Van Dyne Lions** have been working on membership and both report +1 positive growth. All clubs were busy during the holidays and are planning spring and summer activities.
9. **Zone 9 – Lion Dave Brinkman – Berlin Lions** are +2 membership. They have been vision screening. Made donation to improve their Senior Center. Made a donation for coats for kids through Boys & Girls Club that resulted in 18 coats. Held a cheese fundraiser. Collected eyeglasses and awarded scholarships to 7 students. **Fairwater Lions** have been vision screening, circulating posters for diabetes awareness, provided a holiday meal for 60 people age 65+. Gave out a 1st semester scholarship and have a Membership event planned. **Green Lake Lions** are holding at 8 members, They made a donation to their high school National Honor Society. Had 1 member attend our B1 district convention and 3 members at our zone meeting. **Kingston Lions** donated funds for a security system for their local library as well as other items and labor. Removed military flags from the Kingston Cemetery for the winter. Provided funds for transportation for local residents needing to travel to doctor appointments. Sponsored students to Badger State. Collected 350 deer hides for camp. Planning their cash bash and Pork Chop BBQ dinner fundraisers. **Markesan Lions** report a +4 membership and received a Membership Satisfaction award from Lions Clubs International. 2 Lions attended our District Convention and Zone Chair Dave provided “sugar free” candy at his campaign table, the attending lions participated in our convention service project for the homeless and Strides walk. Donations were made at Christmas to the food pantry, clothing items for kids, scholarships, sponsored a student to Badger State. Volunteered building a house through Habitat for Humanity. And had a soft sell membership drive at their annual Farmers Night gathering. **Neshkoro Lions** membership is steady at net

zero. They collected 275 deer hides for camp. They were bell ringing for Salvation Army. Members continue to keep recycling at home. And they made a nice donation to Waushara Co Sheriff's Department for their K-9 unit. **Princeton Lions** membership is in a little decline at -4. They raised some funds doing traffic control at the local craft fair and donated some funds to the "Shopping for Kids" program. They have published and distributed a Princeton Lions Brochure at the Chamber office and other locations to promote interest in Lions activity and membership.

10. **Zone 10 – Lion Carl Rasmussen** – It is Fisheree season. **Westfield Lions** held a Fisheree and they purchased a audio meter for the school district for screening hearing, **Montello Lions** also held a Fisheree fundraiser. They were busy with eye tissue transporting and they have a member who volunteers weekly at the food bank. **Oxford Lions** had a fall raffle fundraiser, vision screened the school district through grade 6. Held a vision screening at the VFW Breakfast with Santa. Oxford also did eye tissue transporting for the month of December. And they have a Fisheree with raffles coming up on Feb 16. **Endeavor Lions** - no report.
 11. **Zone 11 – Lion Dave Przekurat – Coloma Lions** have been busy with a Fisheree with radar run, A raffle with two hundred \$50 tickets sold. They made donations to their food pantry and a month of eye tissue transporting. **Hancock Lions** held a fisheree and a Big Buck Raffle. They did eye tissue transporting and donated Christmas food baskets for the needy. **Plainfield Lions** did vision screening, built a Walking Trail in Veterans Park, held a Christmas Shop for school kids. Hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser. **PoySippi Lions** made & sold pizzas and had a 9 tap tournament. They also collected deer hides for camp. They helped 26 families through their donation to the local food pantry. **Redgranite Lions** have hosted free family movie nights. They also have weekly BINGO. They are hosting the next Zone meeting on March 19. **Wild Rose Lions** served over 260 at their free Community Christmas Pancake Breakfast with Santa and tip monies received were donated to a family with a child coping with cancer. They also hosted a Lunch with Santa for special needs kids of Waushara County. They held a gun raffle. Run BINGO on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. They added 6 new members!
- E. **Constitution and Bylaws – PDG Jerry Post** absent – sent report Under District Policy. Motion to change voting on convention site location from 1 to 2 years. 1 Lion BJ, 2 Lion Helen Mork. Motion passed.
- F. **WLF – PDG Lion Tom Berendes** – Lions Pride Endowment Fund turned over a check for \$146,273.78 to our Wisconsin Lions Foundation this year. WLF requested \$125,000 from accrued interest & dividends from Birch-Sturm Memorial Fund. Camp for Kids raffle tickets are out for distribution to the clubs; drawing will be at the WLF office on Sep 13, 2019 at 1pm. WLF donations are currently at 57% of last years totals. Friends and Honors Garden expansion should be completed this spring. Landscaping & pollinator garden should be complete in 2 or 3 years. Challenge course phase one is complete. 2nd and 3rd phases will start next year pending approval

at State Convention. Off season camp rental bookings for 2018 were \$192,131.45. There are already signed contracts for \$105,000 for 2019 rentals. There is some logging going on this year as a followup to some previous thinning. There are deceased pines that need removal.

- G. **LCIF – Lion Mary Jo Abler** thanked cabinet members for making personal donations. There were donation cards available to take and share. There is info going out monthly to the LCIF club chairs. She suggested Zone chairs follow up to see if the info is being shared in the clubs. There is a new like to Melvin Jones Fellowship application on line. Ask Mary Jo if there are questions about available credits. As of January 31 of 67 clubs have donated to LCIF. There are 7 clubs that have not donated in over 7 years. There are 3 clubs that donated last, that had not donated in the previous 6 years.
- H. **Lions Pride – Lion Myra Schneider** – Annual Pride Sporting Clay Shoot – set for June 8 Millford Hills Hunt Club in Johnson Creek.
- I. **ADP Lioness Barb Leichtfuss** absent -sent report – Lioness membership -Adell 9, Fond du lac 14, Larsen-Winchester 16, Oxford 24, Reedsville 6, Ripon 14, Two Rivers 18, Van Dyne 45. Total 146. There is a meeting 2/19 to determine how to proceed with disbanding Fox Valley Lioness. Dues are unpaid and no response to emails.
- J. **Affiliate Liason – PDG Meg Post** absent -sent report -Status of Wisconsin Lioness per COG January meeting, COG voted to disband the State level Lioness Advisory Board as of June 20, 2019 to be in compliance with LCI prohibiting Lioness beyond the club level since 1991. It is up to each District to determine how to handle District Lioness organization. Local Lioness with a sponsoring club is not affected. COG designated Lion/Lioness Greg Clark the MD Affiliate liason to handle questions related to Wisconsin Lioness Program.
- K. **QUEST – Lion Mary Jo Abler** – good program, but little tracking of who is using it. Seems there is no contact from LCI with the schools are they purchase it. Emails going out to ask for assistance in determining who is using it. Mary Jo suggested clubs should be involved in financing and communicating with their schools that are use the program.
- L. **LEO – Lion Gary Roehrig** - Unsuccessful attempts to make contacts with the Reedsville LEO club which has no Lions guidance. Husky Hands and Hearts LEO Club is the only one affiliated with Lions. New Holstein & Winnebago Eastshore are co-sponsoring. They have 19 members from jr high through sophomores. Some of their activities are eyeglass collections, cookie bake and delivery to nursing homes. Christmas toy (300) collection for Children Hospital. They have a project to collect 500#s of plastic bags and receive a Buddy Bench through manufacturer of Trex. They have plans to prepare & delivery meals to Ronald McDonald House.
- M. **Leader Dog. - PDG Jerry Post.** sent report. Leader Dog was contacted about training career change dogs for the TSA at no cost to Leader Dog. The Posts and Lion BJ are planning the VDG visit to Leader Dog for August.
- N. **USA/CANADA Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton** – It is in the works for Spokane in September.
- O. **Pin Chair – Lion Laurie Sasada** – absent, said sent a report to Cabinet Sec/Treas Dave.
- P. **Peace Poster – Lion Laurie Sasada** - absent – no report at meeting.
- Q. **Diabetes Awareness & Action – Lion Bonnie Strelow** - Focus group meetings will be incorporated into WLF board meetings Emails sent to clubs about Diabetes Alert Day resources to help clubs educate the community. Lion Bonnie available to speak or help set up diabetes projects.

- R. **Youth Exchange – Lion Bonnie Strelow** reported that apps coming in, The Strelow's and Berendes' are each hosting again this year. . BJ expressed interest. The stayed on budget last year due to dedicated volunteers. Our District contribution of support can be sent to treasurer Tena Peterson. Lion Bonnie is available to speak to clubs.
- S. **SPECIAL OLYMPICS – IPDG Fred Gebhart** - Vision Screening athletes/ April 6 & 7 UW-Oshkosh.
- T. **Environment – Lion Rose Berendes** – There will be a 40 min seminar at State Convention in 10 minute segments. (Bees, Butterflies, Trees and Recycling). Lion Rose will cover Butterflies. Also, PDG Tom will be building a Monarch rearing enclosure to be raffled at the environmental table. We will be taking on a State project to plant trees and encourage every club to plant one and hopefully every Wisconsin Lion for a total of about 17,550 trees!
- U. **MYLCI/MYLION – Lion Rose Berendes** – MYLCI - Clubs are doing great on membership reporting, need to increase or activity reporting to meet meet 80% monthly activity reporting goal set by our MD GST. All leaders need to encourage the clubs to report. MYLION- will be the method of reporting activity July 1, 2019. I still find a lot of issues. LCI is sending a rep to do a presentation on MYLION at our State Convention, as I was uncomfortable trying to do a presentation that I don't fully understand how it will work for many of our clubs.
- V. **Hearing and Preservation Awareness and Action – Lion Wendy Hartmann** – absent do to family needs – No applications at this time.
- W. **Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Wendy Hartmann** – absent - nothing to update
- X. **Lions Eye Bank of WI – Lion Charlie Keifenheim** – moved into the new building in December. Donors were 965 for 2018 compared to 1269 for 2017. Financial outcome better this year. LEBW will be participating in a shared model for cornea recovery across Advocate Aurora Health Systems starting March 1, 2019. LEBW will alternate cornea recovery on a month by month basis with Versiti, formerly BCW/WDN/WTB. LEBW is investigating a potential new tissue outlet with RTI Surgical Services and One World Vision Alliance. LEBW interim executive director Stacey Troha promoted to full time Executive Director.
- Y. **Vision Screening – IPDG Fred Gebhart** – lots of clubs vision screening. Discussion on cost of new cameras, also we need to look at the warranty insurance for our devices as it has gone up to \$1425 for a five year warranty per device.
- Z. **Missions of Wisconsin – Lion Pat Knier – Mission planned for El Salvador** in March, had to be rescheduled for April 7-14. Let Tom Bredesen, Project Director, know as soon as possible if participating.
- AA. **Lions Mission to Wanblee, SD** – November 26 thru Nov 30th is set for home maintenance projects in that community. Additionally, looking to vision screen children at k-12 school and conduct a diabetes screening at same time. Lion Bob & Mary Epps, formerly of Deforest, operate the Families Working Together Foundation and provide humanitarian services to the reservation. The have a large warehouse with dorms for about 40 volunteers. Let Lion Pat know if you are available to participate and need more info. And May 19 thru 25 there might be a **Eye Glass Mission to South Dakota**, checking with SD Lions State Secretary & LCI to see if there are obstacles to this mission.

- BB. **District Convention – PDG Jerry Post** – report sent stating he turned convention info over to DGE Mike DeBaere for his use as he will not be the convention chair next year. PDG Jerry also wanted to thank the District for their trust and cooperation for his years as convention chair
 - CC. **District Raffle – VDGE Mike DeBaere** – Looking for someone to take this over, he will be a bit busy next year.
 - DD. **District Bucket Raffle – Lion Shirley Geoffrey** – noted another successful year, good donations from clubs and a profit of \$1150.
 - EE. **District & State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert** absent – sent report. No real interest in District bowling. There was some discussion about District Golf outing and maybe District Bags. District
 - FF. **Elections & Nominations – Lion BJ Blahnik** – Lion Irv Korth assisted with elections at convention due to a conflict of interest. Lion BJ apologized for the way election results were read at the banquet dinner with tally counts. He and Lion Irv will work better together so this does not happen again. Motion to change voting on District Convention site location from 1 to 2 years to allow more opportunities for other locations to enter bidding process. 1 Lion BJ Blahnik, 2 Lion Irv Korth. Motion passed.
 - GG. **State Lions Convention – PDG Ken Rohde** – absent, no report. Convention at Chula Vista May 17-19, 2019. There are registration forms in the MD website and in the Wisconsin Lion.
 - HH. **Newspaper Editor – PDG Jerry Post** – absent – report stated he needs more articles.
 - II. **IT & Publicity – Lion Tom Clausen** – He along with State IT Chair Lee Vrieze have petitioned Council of Governors to move or State Website to a new vendor, Cost will be about the same around \$170, but easier to use and better viewed via smart phones. We should consider doing same with our District webpage. Tom is offering his \$150 Chairman reimbursement to help pay for the site which allows him to host other sites as well. Going to single site would allow others to administer and make ownership the district's and administered by district officers. There would be no interruption if Tom was unavailable.
 - JJ. **Historian – Lion Tom Clausen** – Everything up to date and published on the district's website. Could use some improvement in the History of the clubs. Is this important?
 - KK. **Advisory/Long Range Planning – PDG Gary Silah** – absent – no report.
16. **Other Business – DG Dave Lee**
17. **Next Meeting is at Grand Meridian – Appleton April 14, 2019**
- A. Meeting adjourned wishing safe travel in the snow storm!