



MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022

Location: Eagles Club 515 N. Park Ave., Fond du Lac

If Questions: Reply to this email – dajach@yahoo.com or call – 920.684.0115

Lunch & Social: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Meeting (In-person & Virtual): 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Agenda:

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order** by DG Lion BJ Blahnik @ 1:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt
- 3) **Prayer** given by Chaplin Lion Myra Schneider. Moment of silence in remembrance of PDG Howard Heimke who was District Governor from 1967-1968.
- 4) **Approval of Agenda**, there are two additional items to be added at the end of the meeting as Other Business per DG Lion BJ Blahnik. They are the Western Kentucky disaster and the Afghanistan refugee resettlement. Motion made by IPDG Tom Wendt, 2nd by Lion Fred Gebhart to accept the agenda with the 2 additional items. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) **Welcome & Introduction** of Guest by DG Lion BJ Blahnik.. There were some PDG as guest today, they were PDGs Ken Rohde, Marv Henke and Jerry Post along with the PDGs that are on the cabinet.
- 6) **Role Call** was completed by CST Lion Dave Holschbach. There were 15 cabinet members present along with 5 more on virtual and 4 guests.
- 7) **Honors & Recognition** were presented by IPDG Tom Wendt. There were 15 Guiding Lions certified on November 14th and were presented their certificates.
- 8) **Tail Twister** Lion Wendy Williams was excused, however if DG Lion BJ thinks you need to be fined, you will be!
- 9) **Secretary's Report** by CST Lion Dave Holschbach
 - a. **Motion for approval of October 3, 2021 Cabinet Minutes** which was Emailed October 7th was made by Lion Dick Karl, 2nd by Lion Laurie Sasada. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - b. **Correspondences:** DG Lion BJ is waiting for the paperwork for the 2020-2021 Club Excellence Awards.
- 10) **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed by CST Lion Dave Holschbach through December 31, 2021. The 2nd half dues billing has gone out to the clubs. He is anticipating about \$250 more revenue from the district convention for ads. sent **REPORT # A1 & A2**
- 11) **Old Business**
 - a. Lion Laurie Sasada asked for more clarification about the SPIRIT AWARD. There is no set form to fill out, any correspondence to zone chairman is acceptable. DG Lion BG walked through the rules and format. Due by the end of February.
- 12) **New Business**
 - a. **LCIF Community Grant** status by Lion Vince Treague for the Holyland Food project, did not have any updates. Lion Gary Roehrig had thought they had received the grant, they will check further and report later.

b. **Status Update on ABCM Playground** by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. Officially on January 27th the grant will be approved. The grant is for \$50,000 and the district will have to match that amount for the rubber surfacing. The district will now begin solicitation. So far, we have commitments of \$ 25,000 from a private donor Jay Christopher, \$ 5,000 from the Town of Sheboygan Lions and \$ 2,500 from the Sheboygan Evening Lions. DG Lion BJ is asking clubs to donate \$400, we have received \$700 so far. We will begin to let the clubs know what is needed and also have an article in the WI Lions magazine. He hopes to have the money by the end of April and the project completed by July. This is a district project which a lot of people use this not only for Sheboygan residents.

c. **Future District Cabinet Meetings** updated by DG Lion BJ Blahnik

i. Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Reach Forward & Virtual Option

ii. Saturday May 7, 2022 – State Convention @ Grand Geneva (No Virtual Option)

time and place to be determined.

13)**First Vice District Governor Reports** – DGE Lion David Brinkman

a. **FVDG Update** was sent. He is under the weather today. Sent **REPORT # B1**

b. **Committee Reports**

i. **Pediatric Cancer** by PDG Lion Dave Lee. He is happy to be back on the cabinet. The Marshfield Clinic Healing Space should be completed later this year. Lion Sri has been working on potentially having a 501C Lions Cancer Foundation. Cancer now is one of the 5 causes we support. An Ad Hoc committee was created with DG Lion BJ as the chair.

ii. **Leader Dog** chair PDG Lion Meg Post reported that as of December 31, there have been 56 dogs placed. Town hall meetings were held. There currently are 11,247 bricks and the district has donated \$6,860, we are still #1 in donations, but others are creeping up. Information will be coming out in the future months about the months of April and May where there will be a donation match from a club in Texas. So please have your clubs donate. Leader Dog now has their own podcasts. Lot of information on their website. Leader dog bricks cost \$250 for ½ and \$500 for a full brick. DG Lion BJ commented that the success ratio for new puppies is very low and has talked to the trainers due to the change in current life situations. They are changing their training to be more successful. He also commented that the auctioned cowboy hat at the convention will be enclosed and planned as a Founders Tribute Award and auctioned annually with proceeds to go to Leader Dog in memory of PDG Len Quinn, similar to the District Lions Bank. More info to follow.

iii. **LEO's** chair Lion Gary Roehrig reported that we currently have one Leo Club- New Holstein. They held a membership drive which potentially generated 15-18 new members from the junior high school. They have been very active in projects. Kiel Lions are potentially working on a new club in their area. If anyone is interested in starting a Leo Club contact Lion Gary. DG Lion BJ also thanked the Leo club for their contribution at the WI Lions state convention and their contribution for the centennial celebration.

iv. **Youth Exchange** chair Lion Ben Wiley was not present, however DG Lion BJ reported there will be no camp this year. There may only be 12-15 students due to stricter COVID rules. Let Lion BJ know if you would like to host a student. New MD 27 state chair.

v. **Pride** chair Lion Myra Schneider reported the webpage has been updated. Continue to support PRIDE.

vi. **Restoring Hope Transplant House** update by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. They are at capacity. Construction has not started, on hold due to price fluctuations. Omicron variance has caused additional changes in transplants.

vii. **Birch/Sturm** chair Lion Victoria Blahnik had no updates.

viii. **IT/Historical** PDG Lion Tom Clausen sent report. Zone chairs should encourage clubs to use Internet, Facebook and e-clubhouse. Send PDG Tom any club history to add to the district webpage. Be sure to let him know of any fundraisers to add to the calendar. LCI is pushing to

have all club members to have an account on lionsclub.org. Club secretaries should update email addresses for members so they receive all the information from International. PDG Tom will update the resolutions approved at the convention.

ix. District Raffle report sent by Lion John Stephen. **REPORT # C1** CST Dave reported that prices were \$5 instead of \$2 which generated \$6,150. Concerns were that all clubs were given the same amount, should larger clubs be given more, price structure and no response from some. We did have more clubs participate compared to previous years. PDG Jerry concerned that we CANNOT force a club to purchase the tickets or we potentially could lose our license. The profits are used to help cover the cost of running the district.

14) Second Vice District Governor Reports – FVDGE Lion Greg Kubichka

a. **SVDG Update**, we did reach our goal of clubs entering activities and membership, 75% reporting. This makes a big difference, if a club is struggling, he is there to help.

b. **Global Service Team (GST) Committee Reports**

i. **Environment** – Lion Roxanne Wendt sent **REPORT # D1** She thanked every club for participating in the mileage challenge. Surpassed her goal. DG Lion BJ commended her on a GREAT idea. ID Ken was impressed with the idea.

ii. **Vision/Special Olympics** chair Lion Fred Gebhart reported the vision screeners have done 21,504 with 2,709 referrals. **Thank You Screeners**. PDG Fred is a certified vision screener trainer. Prevent Blindness is going to charge Lion members to be trained. We have the Plus Optic and Spot cameras in our district. WI Lions want to be more independent for training. He has not received any update on Special Olympics in April. He will keep us informed. DG Lion BJ asked if we could hold a certified screener training during our district officer training in May. VDGs Dave and Greg are going to become certified trainers. Smaller groups are easier to train, can do one on one, he won't send out a screener with out training. More to come.

iii. **Diabetes** chair Lion Vince Treague will be sending out information on diabetes awareness. March is diabetes awareness month. He is available for speaking. iv.

Hunger chair Lion Katie Karls had no report. v.

Hearing/Eyeglasses WLF Director Lion Wendy Hartmann was not present. PDG Fred mentioned that there currently is a bill in Senate to allow Lions to reuse glasses in Wisconsin, now they can only reuse them outside the US due to liability. vi. **Wisconsin Lions**

Missions Lion Pat Knier was not present and no report.

15) Break – 10 Minutes

16) District Governor Reports

a. **DG Updates**

i. **Council of Governors (COG) Meeting** was quick due to low attendance.

Everything seems to be going in order.

b. **Committee Reports**

i. **LCIF Coordinator** Lion Vince Treague had no update.

ii. **GMT/GMA** update by DG Lion BJ. At the opening session before the cabinet meeting the discussion was about a SWOT analysis of our district. More update on ideas at the March meeting. Membership is down 5.

iii. **Newspaper Editor/PR** Lion Mike Roberts will be stepping down next year to become a zone chairman. Sent **REPORT # E1** PDG Fred asked to commend Mike on a great job done filling our district page, other districts are struggling. Replacement has been found.

iv. **Constitution & Bylaws/Policies & Procedures** PDG Lion Gary Silah had nothing to report for the district. On the state level, any resolutions are due by February 28th.

v. **District Convention** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik

1. **Convention Minutes** emailed 12/1 by CST Lion Dave Holschbach, motion made by Lion Myra, 2nd by Lion John Stephen to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. **Convention financial Report** emailed by CST Lion Dave Holschbach sent **REPORT # F1** Lot more details given compared to past reports, more breakdown of registration and meals to help future convention committees. Surpassed revenue budget thanks to more raffle sales. Bottom line we made \$ 257.05 with an additional \$150 that just came in. Motion to accept financial report from the district convention by PDG Gary Silah, 2nd by PDG Marv Henke.

MOTION CARRIED Convention discussion followed. .DG Lion BJ had a great time and was planning this along time, it was everything he hoped for. There were some hiccups but were taken care of behind the scenes. Band on Friday was gift from DG Lion BJ, complaints about pricing, people had a lot of fun. Things to be learned.

vi. **Elections & Nominations** Lion Mike Helmke sent **REPORT # G1** CST Dave read his report for discussion. There is an opportunity to make some changes, what can and cannot be done. This was Lion Mike's first year and mistakes can be made as has been in the past. Very seldom do we have a close contested election. PDG Marv asked why one opponent campaigned and the other did not while voting was going on? DG Lion BJ not aware of that. PDG Jerry mentioned we have a Bylaws and Constitution, why do we have it if we do not follow it? Problems with voting process and convention policy. This will **NOT** happen in the future.

vii. **MyLCI/MyLion/Reporting** DGE Lion David Brinkman sent **REPORT H1** DG Lion BJ mention DGE Dave has put a lot of effort into keeping reporting upto date.

viii. **Wisconsin Lions Foundation** Director Lion Wendy Hartman not present. WLF Director PDG Lion Fred Gebhart mentioned the applications for counselors and campers has been sent out. They plan to have 120 campers per session. Deer hides are still coming in. At the state convention there will be a resolution for a loading dock, trails and shade area near lake for capital expenditures for the camp. The money is there, no solicitation needed, just approval to spend. Other projects planned but not needing a resolution is a new sidewalk & steps. 80 Shopko vouchers in our district. Discussion pursued about who gets them and how they are handled and other sources for people in need.

ix. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** Director Lion Chuck Keifenheim sent **REPORT # J1** Nothing additional to report.

x. **Pins/Peace Poster** update by Lion Laurie Sasada sent **REPORT L1** with 2 different company proofs to vote on. Price has increased however both companies quotes are the same. She recommended design # 2 which is the same company the state uses. Both are easy to work with. Motion by Lion Dick, 2nd by Lion Roxanne to go with design # 2. **MOTION CARRIED** Motion by Lion Laurie authorizing to purchase 200 at a cost of \$489.00, 2nd by IPDG Tom. **MOTION CARRIED** She will make sure they are here before PDGE Dave's term begins so he may distribute. CST Dave holds payment until the next year's budget. Peace Poster kits went on sale January 15th. Our district poster won at the state level and will go onto the National competition.

xi. **GLT** chair IPDG Lion Tom Wendt

1. Trainings

a. **Guiding Lion Training** – there are 11 new trained district Guiding Lions available to help.

b. **Officer Training** will be May 1, 2022, hope to have at Eagles Club in Fond du lac, adding vision screeners training. IPDG Tom also added that we only had 4 clubs that filed for Club Excellence Award, he was quite disappointed, he knows there are more and reviewed what the qualifications are. Wondering why more did not apply?

2. **USA/Canada Forum** will be in Calgary Canada on September 5-8th.

3. **State Convention** **REPORT # M1** Lake Geneva May 5-8th.

4. **International Convention** in Montreal, Canada.

xii. District/State Events

1. **District Bowling** rep DG Lion BJ Blahnik had nothing to report

2. **State Bowling** DG Lion BJ Blahnik starts February 26th

3. **District Bean Bag Tournament** update by Lion Dick Karl is scheduled for March 20th at 10:00 am at Lakeshore Lanes in Sheboygan. PDG Tom will post on website and remind zone chairs. This is the inaugural event.

4. **State Curling** rep DG Lion BJ Blahnik had no updates.

xiii. **District Long Range Planning** has not had a meeting since last cabinet per DG Lion BJ Blahnik, he plans to have one before our next cabinet meeting.

17)Zone Chair Reports

a. **Zone 1** – Lion Wes Grube PDG Fred reported that Lion Wes will have his first zone meeting on February 1st. **Welcome aboard Lion Wes** Appleton Noon Lions will celebrate their 100th anniversary on May 22nd.

b. **Zone 2** – Lion Al Kanaugh sent **REPORT # N1** There will be a new zone chair, Lion Staat Hayward from Manitowoc Lions. Lion Al zone meeting Thursday January 17th. Manitowoc Lions will celebrate their 100th anniversary on May 15th.

c. **Zone 34** – Lion Dick Karl sent **REPORT # P1** He reported there also will be a new zone chair, Lion Mike Roberts from Plymouth Lions. Sheboygan Evening Lions will celebrate their 100th on April 23rd at Sheboygan Yacht Club.

d. **Zone 5** – Lion Pat Knier not present, no report.

e. **Zone 6** – Lion Dale Counihan sent **REPORT # Q1**

f. **Zone 78** – Lion Barb Leichtfuss will have a zone meeting on January 31st hosted by the Pickett Lions. Clubs are all stable and asking them to submit candidates for Spirit Award.

g. **Zone 910** – Lion Laurie Sasada sent **REPORT # R1** next meeting March 10th hosted by the Princeton Lions.

h. **Zone 11** – Lion Vince Treague had his meeting last week and had Dr.Sri as speaker. He does have a potential zone chair for next year.

18)Other Business

a. **Kentucky Disaster relief** update from Lion Eye Bank of Wisconsin Director Lion Chuck Keifenheim. He has received a letter from DG Gary Logan District 43K asking for donations for the Mayfield Lions disaster. The number one request is for blood donations. Also direct donations or via LCI, mark it for disaster relief.. DG Lion BJ has seen the letter and verified this is legit. The Valdres Lions have coordinated a zone effort for relief and sent \$3750 prior to Christmas.

b. **Afghanistan Resettlement** information was received by DG Lion BJ. All districts were sent request to assist in resettlement. LCI is not requesting support, it is up to individual clubs to support. By mid-March they should have all 16,000 relocated. Any questions contact DG Lion BJ.

19)Meeting Adjournment - Motion made by IPDG Tom, 2nd by Lion Laurie at 3:15 pm to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Reach Forward & Virtual Option

Respectfully submitted CST Lion Dave Holschbach 1/31/2022