



## District 27-B1 Cabinet Minutes Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 Van Dyne Lions Park

1. **Called to order @ 10:43 am** by DG Tom Wendt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Michael De Baere
3. **Song & Prayer** led by Lion Barb Leichtfuss, Song was "My Country tis of Thee"
4. **Welcome** - DG Tom Wendt Thanks for attending. We hope to try to get things back to normal. Thank you to Van Dyne Lions for hosting and providing lunch.
5. **Roll Call** by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. 20 cabinet members and 4 guests attending.
6. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes** from November 13, 2020 motion by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Greg Kubichka. **MOTION CARRIED**
7. **Approval of District Convention Minutes** from November 14, 2020 motion by PDG Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Al Kanaugh. **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Approval of January 3, 2021 Agenda** by Lion Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Irv Korth. **MOTION CARRIED**
9. **2020-2021 Financial Statement** through December reported by Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach. Year ½ done and 65% of revenue. Monies available for various non budgeted programs. Please use funds statement.
10. **Tail Twister** Lion Helen Mork was not present. IPDG Michael De Baere stepped up for her. Same 3-minute rules as previous meetings.
11. **Communications:** None received by DG Tom Wendt or Lion Dave Holschbach. DG Tom reminded everyone to be sure to forward emails to all due to the pandemic.
12. **Old Business:**
  - A. **District Convention Wrap up & Financial** - DG Tom Wendt & Lion Dave Holschbach. DG Tom thanked everyone for making an effort to attend. We consider it a success even under trying times and restrictions. Thank you to PDG Meg and PDG Jerry for running the convention. DG Tom had less to worry about! Additional convention booklets are available. Lion Dave H reviewed the financial statement for the convention showing a profit of approximately \$ 2,200.
  - B. **Convention Profit** – DG Tom commented that the profit was less than other years but also more than other years. Blue Harbor Resort did work with us to help cut costs. Lion Wendy Hartmann commented that the rooms and food were excellent, and Friday's entertainment was also EXCELLENT. Thank You PDG Marv and Lion Diane Henke. DG Tom made some recommendations on how he would like the profit spent. Motion by Lion Dick Karl to spend \$ 200 for Julies Dance (Saturday's entertainment), \$ 1,000 for the Childhood Cancer Challenge and \$ 1,000 for a future district Melvin Jones or Birch Sturm to be determined by DG Tom per DG Tom's recommendations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken. **MOTION CARRIED**  
Lion Mary Jo Abler commented that she would like to see the district make an annual commitment to

LCIF. Lion Dave H mentioned that based on the past, at year end the district could make a donation based on any profit for the current operating year. He would have a good idea by the end of May and can be addressed before year close. It is up to the incoming governor to determine if he wants a donation in his budget. PDG Jerry will write up a policy to be considered for district donations to LCIF. PDG Gary Silah asked, "Should the District consider a fund raiser and the proceeds for LCIF?"

- C. Healing Space – Marshfield Clinic LCI Grant** As noted above, the district will make a \$ 1,000 donation to the Childhood Cancer Challenge. Lion Dave H mentioned he is aware of about \$ 2,700 already received before this donation. District 27 B1 will surpass their portion. PDG Dave Lee was not present by sent the following information. Lion Dr. Sri said there has been encouraging progress. The total cost of the project has been reduced to \$ 40,000 of which MD27 must raise \$20,000. Currently we are more than ½ way. Any surplus that is raised will go into a fund specifically targeted for future childhood cancer needs. Continue to send donations.

### 13. New Business:

- A. Training** – DG Tom is looking at doing training for East & West clubs. He is in need of some training officers whether in person or via Zoom. Covid-19 has hampered a lot of training and personal contact. Lions Leadership Training is still unknown. Lion Mary Jo said we need some incentive or reason to go, maybe a requirement for 100% awards. Lion Dave H said there is plenty of monies available, part of every club's dues is for training. We as a district need to provide training, make it specific, organized and detailed and hold after clubs have submitted their new officers. Have trainers the clubs know and respect for their knowledge. DG Tom will follow up and check with the council for ideas. We all realize how hard it is to get officers for clubs.
- B. Zone Meetings** – Enforce setting up meetings. How do you get clubs to participate and attend? Zone Chairs make it interesting. **JUST DO IT !**
- C. Bean Bag Policy** was authored by PDG Fred Gebhart, explained by PDG Jerry Post-Cabinet Chair for Constitution and Bylaws. Discussion to create a policy for holding District Bean Bag tournament. Motion by Lion Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken to accept District Bean Bag Policy with any changes discussed. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

- A. A.1st Vice District Governor** Lion BJ Blahnik was not present but sent the following. He has been attending all trainings required. The DGE training has been changed to virtual. He will be contacting everyone on the cabinet to form his team for next year. There will be some changes. He is looking to have an exciting year.
- B. 2nd Vice District Governor** Lion Dave Brinkman's 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG training was switched to virtual. He does have a meeting in January. He has completed his Master's Degree.
- C. GLT** Lion Ken Rivers was not present and had no report.
- GMT** PDG Fred Gebhart reported there has been many issues with membership. THANK YOU to Van Dyne and Manitowoc Lions for converting Lioness to Lions. Hopefully with this conversion, membership will grow and be a PLUS!
- GST** Lion Ellen Cheney submitted the following: She has focused on forwarding information about service and training opportunities and encouraging clubs to continue to report service activities. She has maintained her Eastside emailing and working with Lion Rose Berendes for the Westside emailing. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has made her unable to attend zone meeting or cabinet meetings. She will continue to attend remote meetings.
- NAMI Chair** PGD Fred Gebhart reported a new name change otherwise nothing new.

- D. **WLF** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann mentioned the state Lions Conventions is still scheduled for Green Bay in May. WLF Rep PDG Fred mentioned the deer hide program ran into a hitch. The broker handling the sale of last years hides send them to China and Pakistan. He has not been paid due to the pandemic. He is willing to give WLF \$56,000. This years hide collection is up. Lions camp will limit attendance to 100 per week. The Diabetes program will have 2 weeks run by our camp staff.
- E. **Constitution and Bylaws** chair PDG Jerry Post reviewed the proper information need on a voting ballot per the constitution and by-laws under the Lions Clubs International constitution and by-laws which refers to Roberts Rules of Order.
- F. **LCIF** chair Lion Mary Jo Abler asked for better participation from clubs. Only 20 clubs have donated so far. Our district goal is \$356,500 and are about 31%. Any amount from clubs or individuals is appreciated. District 27B1 did receive a Covid-19 Emergency Grant which IPDG Mike did disburse.
- G. **Lions Pride** Lion Myra Schneider was not present and had nothing to report at this time.
- H. **LEO** - Lion Gary Roehrig was not present and had no report.
- I. **Leader Dog** chair PDG Jerry Post will remain MD27 chair for another year and also region chair for Leader Dog. He will work with the incoming cabinet representative and keep them informed. PDG Jerry made a presentation to DG Tom of a Leader Dog brick donation that he and Meg made in DG Toms's name.
- J. **Pin Chairman** Lion Laurie Sasada was not present and had no report. We need to sell or pins, need table at convention and DG Tom to sell at club visits.
- K. **Peace Poster** Lion Laurie Sasada was not present and had no report. Our district had the 2<sup>nd</sup> place poster in the state competition. There were 5 posters for voting at the convention.
- L. **Diabetes Awareness & Action** chair IPDG Michael De Baere has attended 2 zone meetings.
- M. **Youth Cancer** chair PDG Dave Lee reported earlier in Old Business about the Childhood Cancer Challenge for the Lions Healing Center.
- N. **Youth Exchange /Youth Outreach** chair Lion Bonnie Strelow was not present but sent the following: She has been attending Zoom meetings. Most countries are cancelling exchanges for this year. Wisconsin is not planning on holding camp this year. No camp donation this year. The zoom group meets several times during the year.
- O. **Special Olympics** – Lion Samantha Rivers was not present and had no report.
- P. **Environment** – Lion Rose Berendes was not present and had no report.
- Q. **MY LCI** - Lion Rose Berendes was not present and had no report. She continues to work with clubs on timely membership and activity reporting.
- R. **Hearing Preservation Awareness & Action** rep Lion Wendy Hartmann had no applications for hearing aids. Medicare and some Advantage programs cover some costs for hearing aids. So far 2643 hearing aids have been collected.
- S. **Eyeglass Recycling** chair Lion Wendy Hartmann reported WLF has received 267,190 eyeglasses from July 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup>, right on schedule with last year. Currently only 1 facility is reading the prescriptions for recycling.
- T. **Lions Eye Bank of WI** rep Lion Chuck Keifenheim handed out Thank you notes to clubs making donations. If anyone is aware of a transporters death, let them know, they will fly their flag at ½ staff in memory. Eye Transporter training is now going on.
- U. **Vision Screening** in 27B1 is still ahead of the other districts per PDG Fred Gebhart. 3450 have been screened so far this year. Continue to make contact with the schools and school nurses for screening even with Covid-19 changes.

**V. Missions of Wisconsin** trips out of the country have been shut down for 2021 per Lion Pat Knier. They have not been idle; they continue to work missions for food and eyeglass to the Pine Ridge Indian reservation. Last year Missions raised \$25,000 for the reservation backpack program. Motion made by PDG Meg Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Wendy Hartmann to make a \$1000.00 donation to the Lions Pine Ridge Backpack Program. **MOTION CARRIED**

**W. District Convention** chair PDG Jerry & PDG Meg Post had a challenging convention. No one reported any sickness, always worried about that. **WE DID IT !** Many thought we should cancel, but with \$20,000 penalty for cancelling and many emails and phone calls, the decision to proceed was made. In the end the convention was a success for all those in attendance. He hopes the virus is gone for next year and the committee can plan for a normal convention.

**District Raffle** chair Lion Dave Brinkman reported ticket sales down from last year but better than expecting with fund raisers cut back due to Covid-19.

**District Bucket Raffle** Chair Lion Dave Brinkman had 39 buckets. Thank you to all those clubs and Lions that donated.

**District Bean Bag Tournament** will be hosted by the Sheboygan Noon Lions on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Lion Dick Karl reported everything is ready to go.

**X. Elections & Nominations** chair Lion Irv Korth reminded zone chairs to mention positions available for nominations and get forms submitted.

**Y. State Lions Convention** chair PDG Ken Rhode reported the Lions State Convention will be at the Hyatt Regency in Green Bay in May. Still a GO !

**Z. Newspaper Editor** PDG Jerry Post has been getting articles from some clubs but also information from clubs Facebook.

**AA.IT & Publicity** PDG Tom Clausen has a new website provider. He was able to get a huge discount for a 3-year commitment. New URL for the district. **WILIONSB1.ORG** Any clubs need help or want websites get in contact with him.

**BB.Historian** PDG Tom Clausen mentioned this year is WI LIONS 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Fond du Lac and Manitowoc are 2 of the top oldest clubs in the state. PDG Tom will gladly update or add clubs HISTORY on the district website. Go to the website for info. Send him reminders of club activities for the district calendar.

#### **15. Zone Chairmen Reports:**

Zone 1 - Lion Greg Kubichka's clubs worked on Lights for Calumet, it was a HUGE success for the zone. He does have a zone meeting coming up.

Zone 2 - Lion Al Kanaugh's last meeting was in November hosted by Maribel Lions. Currently most clubs are not meeting, however they are working with their communities. Projects some of the clubs have done : Mini Libraries, Christmas wreath sale, Community lights display, annual donations, eyeglass collections, Holiday Giving Tree and Collection boxes, Thanksgiving meals, diabetes doorhangers, highway cleanup and vision screening when possible. March next zone meeting.

Zone 3 & 4 - Lion Dick Karl's clubs have participated in deer hide collection, food and gifts for the needy and supporting local community groups. Plymouth Lions raised \$7500 with a matching funds to purchase an additional 16 Reading Machines with their current 26. These will benefit the entire zone.

Zone 5 - Lion Don Mitchell was not present and had no report.

Zone 6 - Lion Dale Counihan was not present, however Lion Vince Teague of Neenah reported there have been various virtual club meetings. There will be a Rose Sale coming soon.

Zone - 7 & 8 Lion Barb Leichtfuss's clubs have been slowed down by the virus. Clubs are reporting and keeping their Facebook up to date. Clubs have focused on Santa visits, food pantry collections diabetes

awareness, Christmas lighting, deer hide collection and drive thru food sales.

Zone 9 - Lion Dave Brinkman's club's membership has decreased by 9. Activities they have been involved in are, Cheese-Sausage sales, goodie bags for elderly, face masks and lap blankets making, toys for kids, Fisherees and service reporting

Zone 10 - Lion Carl Rasmussen was not present and had no report.

Zone 11 - Lion Vince Treague has talked to his clubs and having board meetings. Wild Rose Lions have been very active. He is trying to do a virtual zone meeting. DG Tom thanked Lion Vince for stepping forward to be zone chairman even though he belongs to a club out of the zone.

**16. Other Business –**

DG Tom Wendt presented Brandon and Markesan Lions club with Club Excellence Award. Markesan has been 3 years in a row. THANK YOU..... \$ 63.00 collected by tail twister IPDG Michael.

Motion to adjourn at 1:10 pm by PDG Ken Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mary Jo Abler **MOTION CARRIED**

**Next Meeting on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> – Van Dyne Lions Park**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, District 27B1 Secretary/Treasurer