

Minutes of the 30th Annual District 27-B1 Convention November 12, 2005

Called to order by District Governor Gary Colton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Richard Christianson. Chaplain Pat Knier led us in singing "God Bless America", and followed with a prayer. Governor Gary introduced the dignitaries in attendance.

We were welcomed to the City of Appleton by Mayor Timothy M. Hanna. Lioness Affiliate President Sandy Mucbe welcomed us to the convention.

Past International Director Ed McCormick congratulated us on our singing and looked forward to an excellent convention.

The Council Secretary, DG Wilson Mills, gave the State report. Business affairs of the State are going very well. The new Council Chair has a great deal of responsibility for the State Office, and the District Governors on the Council have assumed many of the duties there. They have made available full financial reports, have appointed a member to control the Convention, and they have selected a new five-year series of pins. A Constitution and Bylaws committee will review our current papers, and interviews for a new State Secretary are being readied.

PDG Marty Osinski gave the Wisconsin Lions Foundation report. A finance committee is in place to keep careful track of the money; also, the new budget has been prepared, and next year's is already in the works. Problems such as nurse recruitment are being worked on. And our new camp director is one of the best we've ever had.

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin president Cedric Veum gave us the structure of the Eye Bank and how improvements are currently being made in the organization. One of those changes involved the fiscal year, which has been changed to correspond with the Lions fiscal year of July 1-June 30th.

PDG Jordan Chadwick gave a presentation on Campaign Sight First II. The new video from International was unveiled, and the various programs for donations were announced.

Mission to Mexico chair PDG Bob Showers gave a report to the group; what's involved in the missions, and the very satisfying work that is done. The next mission is well advanced in planning, and will take place in February.

Peace Poster Chair Terri Harmsen presented the instructions on submitting the posters, and explained why following the rules in the kits must be followed if the poster is to move on to the State Convention.

District Pin Chair Harvey Hansen showed the new District Pin and explained how it came about.

Past District Governor Clayton Sengbush gave a report from the Constitution and Bylaws committee. There are no resolutions to be presented at this convention.

Nominations Chair Ralph Schneider opened the floor for nominations; Ken Wallander was nominated and seconded for District Governor Elect; there were no nominations from the floor. There was no candidate for Vice District Governor; and nominations for bowling were submitted for Lake Butte des Mortis and Random Lake.

Parade of Checks: LCIF non-designated, \$1,135; District Hearing, \$1,500; Emergency fund, \$25; Lions Quest \$1,150; Mission to Mexico, \$675; LCIF Designated, \$2,284; Youth Exchange, \$425, Lions Eye Bank \$2,500, Pediatric Eye Clinic \$450, Diabetes \$4,860.

VDG Ken Wallander gave the new MERLO presentation; a plan was devised to increase the membership. The goal is a positive growth of one member per club in the district. PDG Dave Seifert stressed the importance of communication with your present and prospective members.

Lion Geri Schlender, coordinator of the Lions Pride Campaign, gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the new campaign designed to ensure the future of the Wisconsin Lions Camp and other WFL projects.

Lion Everett Hartvig, executive administrator, and Andrea Yenter, Camp Operations Manager, showed the new video on the Wisconsin Lions Camp and the exciting new plans for the future.

At the luncheon, Past International Director Ed McCormack gave an excellent presentation. A Foundation Birch-Sturm fellowship was presented to PDG Richard Christianson by WLF director Marty O'Schinski. Lions International President's Awards were presented to Dick Schaefer, Sherm Hamilton and Gary Silah.

Following the luncheon, excellent seminars were presented on the Lions Eye Bank, Rawhide Boys Ranch, and the Wisconsin Donor Network.

Voting consisted of 128 delegates casting votes.

At the Banquet, Leader Dog representative Leonard Quinn and his dog "Mikey" gave a stirring presentation. A Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship was presented to VDG Ken Wallander from the 2004 District Cabinet.

Voting results were announced; Ken Wallander will be District Governor Elect, Random Lake won the bowling, and a peace poster from Elkhart Lake was selected to go to State.