

Meeting Minutes
District 27 B-1 Fourth Cabinet Meeting
Sunday April 28th
CJs at the Wayside, Ripon

Call to Order at 1 p.m.- DG Meg Post

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Clarence Harris

Prayer and Song led by Lion Bonnie Strelow

Introduction of Guests by DG Meg Post: Council Chair Lion Karla Harris from Dist 27-A1 and her spouse, partner in service and past HOG, Lion Clarence; Lion/Lioness Diane Henke, Char Wallender, Lion Joanne Hanson, Lion/Lioness Kay Quinn, new Zone Chairs Lion Gary Roehrig and Greg Bielski.

Motion by IPDG Merle, seconded by Lion Mike Hartman to approve the Agenda - passed.

Opening Remarks - DG Meg Post: this year went so fast, thanks to all the cooperation and hard work that all the cabinet did. Thank you. We are at a plus 11 for the district this year; thanks to zone chairs, who are getting the information to the clubs.

Roll Call by Lion Gary Silah, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer (sign-up sheet passed around)

Motion by Lion Helen Mork, seconded by Lion Wendy Hartmann to approve the Cabinet Minutes from January 6, 2013 - passed

Treasurers report by Lion Gary Silah, distributed to all present

Tail Twister

Lion Helen Mork reported that her final total was \$78 over the budgeted amount. Lion Helen thanked all the cabinet for all the help throughout the year. In return, DG Meg thanked Helen for her hard work; she does it so nicely, you don't feel bad about giving her money.

Communications: no communications were received.

Council Chair Karla Harris made a presentation concerning her candidacy for International Director. "It has been a great joy serving with Meg and Jerry, and taking our service on a local level to a different level with the Lions of Wisconsin. What is accomplished in this state inspired me to go on in leadership roles. We touched the lives of so many in this state, which is why I wanted to run for International Director. I want to let the rest of the Lions of the World know what is being done in Wisconsin."

Old Business:

We need a committee to choose two recipients for Melvin Jones fellows. The committee will consist of DG Meg, DG Elect Dawn Christensen, and IPDG Merle Strelow. A check needs to be issued for \$1,092 to cover the Melvin Jones fellowships. This amount, combined \$908, which is already paid into the Foundation by the district, to get the two fellowships.

Clubs are still missing from the directory; zone chairs have been pushing clubs to turn information in, but there are still some that do not report their officers as they are supposed to.

There are still club officers that do not want to give their email addresses; they need to create a special email address for Lions business, as we need an email address to communicate with them.

New Business: no new business.

Committee Reports

District Governor Elect Dawn Christensen thanked the cabinet for all the hard work and dedication throughout the year. Also special thanks to DG Meg for her inspiration as a leader. Speaking toward the future, Dawn requested the cabinet be on the lookout for future leaders for 27-B1.

2nd Vice District Governor Lion Jim Zamzow plans to retire later this year, and is looking for something to occupy his time. If any club needs help with fundraisers or other activities, let Jim know.

Newspaper PDG Jerry Post thanks everyone for their articles this past year. Gov Elect Dawn has asked Jerry to be the editor again this coming year. Gov Meg also reminded zone chairs to get photos of Melvin Jones/Birch Sturm presentations for the paper.

Constitution and Bylaws: PDG Jerry reported about four resolutions coming up for the State Convention. Most were basic housekeeping, but one was important as it adds Lioness representation and voting rights on the WLF board.

GMT – Lion Mike Helmke reported that they are moving ahead with the club excellence program, and all cabinet members should be on the lookout for clubs that would benefit from the program. There are several teleconferences scheduled for training.

GLT – Lion Dave Holschbach: PCC Dean Haas and GMT Lion Mike Helmke and myself have met to discuss how the GMT and GLT are working for our district. Progress is being made by both. We will continue to stress the CLUB EXCELLENCE Program and looking for FUTURE LEADERS. Throughout the past months I have given presentation to 5 zone meetings about GLT and officer training.

Officer training is quickly approaching. District 27 B1 will have officer training in Fond du lac on Saturday May 4th at 9:00 am or Tuesday May 7th at 6:30 pm. I am continuing to notify clubs to respond to me. As of April 20th I have heard from only about 20 clubs !! It is a great opportunity to discuss new ideas for new leaders.

Remember your PU 101 was due April 15th. Double check that your club secretary has recorded the new officers on line so the DGE Dawn knows who she will be working with next year.

WLF – Lion Fred Gebhart: The work is continuing on separating Pride, Birch-Sturm and the foundation into three distinct entities. They are also working on a full-time PR position, to take charge of all the fundraisers for the three segments. They collected a little over \$92,000 on the deer hide project this year, and they are expecting \$14,000 from the State of Wisconsin for Lions license plates, as soon as they get the bureaucratic mess straightened out. Camp season officially kicks off June 9th this year.

Affiliate President – Lioness Diane Schmidt: visited all the clubs in the District. The Lioness have been very busy, logging 1,787 service hours in the last quarter. In addition, they have picked up 13 new members. June 9th is the date of the Spring Banquet this year.

Affiliate Liaison – Lion Gerry Schmidt: no issues between the Lions and Lioness to report

LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz: wasn't able to make the meeting, but was wondering about the two Melvin Jones fellowships, which are all set.

USA/ Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City" this coming September 19-21st, Overland Park, Kansas. The forum's website contains all the information.

Lions Pride – PDG Herb Schneider: (given by DG Meg) Very proud of the progress of Lions Pride this year, particularly the launch of the new Ray Hempel fellowship. Director Fred confirmed that the first payment from Pride was sent to the camp.

Youth Exchange – Lion Bonnie Strelow: 4 host families this year, students from Mongolia, France and Finland

Special Olympics – PDG Ken Wallander: April 5, 2014 will be the Special Olympics date for Oshkosh next year. This year, 39 Lions assisted the program which hosted 174 athletes. Reminder that the Special Olympics in Stevens Point will be the last weekend in June.

Leo Chairman – Lion Joe Barth: no report

Peace Poster – DGE Dawn: gearing up for the upcoming convention. The theme this year will be "Our World / Our Future"

Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation – Lion Gary Silah: I did a presentation for a club in conjunction with Diabetes Awareness Day.

Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – Lion Wendy Hartmann: several speaking engagements since January; in addition, there have been 5 denials and 8 acceptances; at this point, there are no more pendings at the moment. Funds are currently OK. Important to keep collecting used hearing aids, \$15,000 came into the state through salvaged hearing aids.

Lions Eye Bank of WI – Phil Weber: attended the 4th board meeting for the year. Statistics: (through the 3rd quarter) Corneas recovered down 197, corneas placed down 26, but cornea transplant rates was up 10%. Fundraising revenues was down \$12,613. We are desperately seeking eye transporters, as well as eye bank donations.

Wisconsin Lions Missions – Lion Ralph Schneider: no missions scheduled right now, but continue the eyeglasses donations, they are badly needed.

Leader Dog - Lion Jim McGee: gave two presentations since last meeting; currently have 42 clubs having donated so far this year.

Quest – PDG Vern Pautz: New Holstein is currently at work on a teacher training program some time this summer or fall.

District Raffle – Lion Mike DeBaere: getting ready for next year; the packets will be ready for the zone chairs for the next cabinet meeting

State Lions Convention – IPDG Merle Strelow: way down on delegate forms received so far this year, very difficult to get the clubs to respond

District Convention – Lion Gary Silah: We had our first meeting April 11th, to finish the analysis of the 2012 convention, and proceeding to 2013.

District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert: no report

IT – PDG Tom Clausen: State IT committee is working on the newspaper, website and directory communications. Their plan is to have an opt-in or opt-out on the newspaper delivery shortly, and possibly making it available on the website. They are preparing more information to be available to the public as well.

Public Relations – Lion Mary Jo Abler: worked very hard to get the clubs to send in their stuff, but this position has been underutilized and will be discontinued next year,

Pin Chairman – Lion Wendy Hartmann: \$70 in new pin money since January. The District pin should be ready in July rather than wait for the convention, to get it to clubs early

District Bucket Raffle – DGE Dawn Christensen: no report

Historian – PDG Tom Clausen: Wisconsin Lions B1 is now on Facebook, with the ability to post notices and information directly onto the wall. All of the historical information is now posted on the District website. Gov Meg congratulated Tom for this accomplishment and thanked him for the months of effort necessary to accomplish this.

Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider: Make sure you get your papers in for candidacy for District next year; we're looking for a 2nd Vice District Governor candidate.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Fred Gebhart: Had a zone meeting in April, heard about many clubs' successful events.

Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Dave Holschbach: Lion Joe Barth has now taken over as zone chairman. Our zone met on April 30th at which time I gave full control to Lion Joe and I was allowed to be a participant. What a different feeling that is !!

I am again coordinating the Manitowoc County wide ad promoting LIONS WEEK and all of the Lions Clubs activities in the May 19th edition of the Herald Times Report /Lakeshore Chronicle.

Region 1 Zone 3 Lion Mike Hartmann: All clubs active and working hard. Zone social scheduled for June 17th.

Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Helmke: Zone is donating \$1,000 to get a brick on the Yellow Brick Road project in Sheboygan. Planning the next zone meeting for September.

Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Madonna Schneider: Most of the clubs are very active, but there have been some problems contacting the club in Adell. DG Meg would try to help.

Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Larry Dikeman: 45 members attended the last zone meeting, clubs gearing up for outdoor fundraisers, and they've picked up four new eye transporters. In addition, they have 1 new member, 3 accepted members, and 6 prospective members.

Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Larry Fredrick: no report

Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Gary Silah: Our last zone meeting was in Eden, with 23 Lions and Lioness representing all zone clubs attending. Lions Dave Holschbach and PDG Tom Clausen gave presentations on the websites and online report submitting, and District Governor Meg spoke as well.

Our next zone meeting will be Monday, May 6th at Campbellsport. An election for zone chair is scheduled, although I'm not hopeful. Our guest speakers will be WLF Director Lion Fred Gebhardt, and District Governor Elect Dawn will be attending as well.

Region 3 Zone 3 Lion Harvey Hansen: last zone meeting at Pickett, clubs doing very well. Last zone meeting will be 4/30 in Ripon.

Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Mike De Baere: Has a plan to get all the zone clubs to coordinate their fundraisers, to get them to help each other.

Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Marv Henke: last meeting was March 11th at Neshkork, 49 members attended. A new zone chairman, Greg Behlske, was elected.

Region 5 Zone 1 Lion Carl Rasmussen: clubs doing very well, except for Packwaukee. The zone honored Jeri Showers for her and Bob's contributions over the years.

Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Jeff Reabe: the zone has two Melvin Jones presentations coming up.

Other Business: Our district flag needs updating; Lion Helen is going to seek out the materials needed to get it updated.

Cabinet Photograph will be taken after adjournment.

Looking for new members, Lion Mike suggested we look at other growing cultures within our communities (Mung, etc.). We need more Guiding Lions; if anyone is interested in this, contact Meg.

Next meeting under Governor Dawn August 4th. Tail Twister Helen advises everyone to wear one red sock.

Motion by PDG Tom, seconded to IPDG Merle, to recognize the wonderful job done by Governor Meg this year--unanimously passed.

DG Meg Post expressed her thanks for all the help from the cabinet this year. "Start by doing what is necessary. Then do what is possible. Soon you will be doing the impossible."

Motion by Lion Larry, seconded by PDG Jerry to adjourn - passed.