



## **MD 27-B1 District Cabinet Minutes**

**Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**Location: Eagles Club, 515 N Park Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935**

**Virtual: NO**

Call to Order by District Governor Greg Kubichka at 1:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance by IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

Prayer by Chaplain Myra Schneider (read by Ella Stanelle)

Motion by Paul Baroun, seconded by Scott Scovronski to Approve Agenda; passed

Guest Introduction by DG Greg (no guests)

Roll Call by Cabinet Secretary PDG Gary Silah, attendance sheet passed around to sign

Tail Twister report by Terry Erbstoesser

I am looking forward to this new position and hope to come up with some fun ideas to promote camaraderie and hopefully earn some money for our club without focusing too much on fines. If you have any suggestions I would love to hear from you!

Communications by DG Greg (no communications)

Secretary's Report by CS PDG Gary

Detailed Secretary's report was submitted to cabinet members. No corrections were submitted.

Correspondence by DG Greg & CS PDG Gary (no correspondence received)

Treasurer's Report by Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jerry Post

Details of the audit report from last year were shown, with no matters of concern reported. The budget for the current year was finalized. A motion by Scott Scovronski, seconded by Pat Shikoski to accept; passed. Jerry also mentioned that the auditors the District is using has done this for us for many years, without charge. He is going to send them a thank-you letter.

Old Business:

a. Convention Site Downpayment Funds by PDG Jerry, IPDG Dave PDG Meg

As most sites are now demanding a deposit to reserve for convention, Treasurer Jerry recommends that we move \$1,000 to a special account to have ready for this annual expense. Motion by Tom Wendt, seconded by Scott Scovronski, to do so; passed.

b. New Holstein Lions grant by Mary Jo Abler

The New Holstein Lions Club is seeking District approval for going after a LCI grant for a children's park, complete with ADA approved equipment and a shelter with a concrete floor. Motion by Dave Holschbach, seconded by John Stephen; passed. Additional support of a \$5,000 community grant was motioned by Mary Jo Abler and seconded by Gary Roehrig; passed.

New Business:

a. Policy Change – Solicitations by 1VDG Dave Holschbach

The current policy for soliciting funds for the district is out of date. I would like to see changes made to the current policy.

(NOTE: proposed changes are highlighted in yellow)

The following organizations, groups and committees are approved to solicit funds District-wide in 27- B1.

27-B1 Diabetes

27-B1 Emergency Fund

27-B1 Lions Raffles

Childhood Cancer  
Hearing Committee

Hearing Dog

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence

Restoring Hope Transplant House

Wisconsin Lions Foundation – annual donation

Wisconsin Lions Pediatric Eye Clinic

Wisconsin Lions Pride

Wisconsin Missions

Youth Exchange

Youth Outreach – Quest

The current policy does not coincide with the district donation list and the accounts in our district restricted funds accounts. I would like to propose to change the highlighted current and add the following to the policy:

Change :

Hearing Committee to be: 27 B1 Hearing

Youth Exchange to be Youth Exchange & Outreach -Quest

Add:

27 B1 Memorial Fund

27 B1 Vision Screening

27 B1 Birch Sturm Fellowship, Ray Hempel Fellowship

Fox Valley Medical Equipment Loan Locker

Eliminate :

Youth Outreach – Quest

Motion by Dave Holschbach, seconded by Bonnie Hughes to accept the changes as proposed; passed.

b. Policy Change – District Bank bidding by 1VDG Dave Holschbach

I would like to propose a change in the current policy for bidding on the District Bank.

(NOTE: proposed changes are highlighted in yellow)

Bank will be auctioned in June every year by the current District Governor.

Highest bidder by individual, club or clubs will hold possession for one year.

Bank cannot be stolen or hidden from winning bidder.

If bank is taken, person or club that took bank will pay the sum of the highest bidder and not be allowed to bid the following year.

No other District shall be allowed to bid on bank.

Name and year will be displayed on plaque.

Money to be donated to any or all 27-B1 authorized projects.

Will count as annual donation.

Must be paid by May 31st of the current year, to be entered in the Annual Report.

Since we currently also have Len Quinn hat auction done at the convention, I would like to see the district bank as a 11 month project for all clubs not just those who attend the district convention. Change to be effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of upcoming Lions year.

Each club would be responsible for reporting by May 31 the amounts donated to the approved list of funds solicitors listed in the District Policy Manual – Authorized Soliciting Funds.

The district secretary/treasurer will be responsible to send the form to each club and a reminder in May for the final report. To prevent one club from controlling the bank, each club can only possess for a maximum of 2 consecutive years.

The wording to be changed on the policy is highlighted and should be as follows:

Bank will be awarded in June by current District Governor

Highest Club dollar donations will possess the bank for the upcoming Lion year.

Money to be donated to any or all MD 27 B1 Lions projects as noted in the District 27 B1

Policy Manual - Authorization of soliciting funds

Clubs must submit their annual report by May 31<sup>st</sup> for consideration

Add: A club is not allowed to receive the bank after 2 consecutive years of possession for one year.

Motion by Gary Roehrig, seconded by Tom Wendt to accept the new policy. Following discussion, this motion was rescinded. A new proposal by 1st VDG Dave will be submitted prior to the January cabinet meeting.

## Committee Reports:

### IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

Testing is complete on the new Portal; fixes are being worked on. It is scheduled to go live in January, 2024. Keep using the current system for all activity reports. All that information will be moved to the new system when it is online.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Dave Holschbach

I will be completing my second scheduled FVDG training at the Council of Governors meeting on Friday September 29th. The focus for this meeting is on Governor Orientation and Effective Listening and Communication. Looking forward to more training and understanding of procedures and policies. Great group of upcoming governors. We have been having a monthly zoom to get to know each other and planning for next year. A lot more training than last year.

I am currently serving on the state budget and finance committee and keeping our state on budget. Next year I plan to be the Treasurer for the Council of Governors along with being the representative for Pride.

My data base for club officers has been updated. I enjoyed meeting a lot of clubs last year and look forward to meeting the others. I have attended 3 zone meetings and introduced myself to the clubs attending this year already. More to Come.

All FVDGs are invited to Leader Dog for a weekend of touring, training and demonstration. There was Hands On for white cane training and we also got a chance to walk blindfolded with a leader dog. Saturday evening dinner was "Dining in the Dark" which is what we plan for our District Convention in November. VERY INTERESTING and educational. CC BJ Blahnik was the featured speaker for the evening. He truly gives an inspirational speech, at one moment you're crying and the next your laughing.

I am actively involved with the upcoming convention taking care of the 1st timers questionnaire and making sure that everyone has a display table.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Roxanne Wendt

What 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's are doing.

2nd Vice Governor Lessons Learning Center

- Second Vice District Governor Orientation
- Communication Skills for District Governor

• Instruction Presenters: FDI Steve Pogue, FDI Don Drew, LCIP Connie LeClair Meyer First Hour:

Success Through Teamwork and Program Overview Second Hour: Communication Skills and Impromptu Speaking Skills September 29th: Marshfield Wisconsin 1st Vice Governor Lessons LEARN Pre-Assignments:

- Complete Quiz: 21 questions District Governor Orientation
- Complete Quiz: 10 questions "Are You a Good Listener?" Instructors FDI JoAnn Marson and LCIP Connie LeClair Meyer First Hour: District Governor Orientation Second Hour: Effective Listening September 29th: Marshfield Wisconsin 2nd Vice Governor Lessons Learning Center Pre-Assignments

• Meeting Management • Robert's Rules of Order LCI: second vice governor online training Search

• Complete Workbook Instructors Presenters: FDI Stacy Nesseth, FDI Adam Crowson, LCIP Evett Hartvig

Information found at lionsclubs.org Second Vice Governor Training First Hour: Meeting Management through Robert's Rules of Order 1. 9-Slide Presentation: Meeting Management 2. Robert's Rule of Order Activity Second Hour: Second Vice District Governor Online Training Workbook Review 1. Review Assignment #1 & #2 Group Discussion 2. Review Assignment #3 Small Group Discussion Wisconsin Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Is now receiving applications for January 19,20, and 21 institute

Reminder: The 2024 International Convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia June 21st – 25th . You can register online at 106th Lions Clubs International Convention (mcisemi.com). Registration now through January 12th, 2024, is \$190 per person January 13th – June 16th \$265 per person Registration on site June 17th – June 25th \$340 per person

I also attended the USA-Canada forum in Reno, where I met Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill.

Upcoming International Convention is June 21-26 in Melbourne, Australia; 2026 State Bowling will be held in Sheboygan..

### GLT chair PDG Tom Wendt

There are currently plans being prepared for another train session/workshop in the spring.

### District Convention Chair PDG Tom Wendt

Currently we have 38 paid registrations for the November convention; 31 for lunch and 28 for banquet.

### Diabetes Chair PDG Mike DeBaere

A very interesting challenge for all the cabinet members, trying to guess the sugar content of fast food sandwiches currently being marketed.

## Elections and Nominations PDG Gary Colton

I have received Nomination forms for District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. The Nominations Committee has approved these Candidates and I have forwarded the necessary forms to the Wisconsin State Office and to our District Governor Greg for election at our District Convention.

We will also be voting for either the Raddison in Fond du Lac or the Best Western Premier Oshkosh for Hotel choices for our 2025 District Convention Site along with this year's District Pin and Peace Poster.

## Environment Chair Bonnie Hughes

Again this year at our District Convention I am asking for all clubs in our district to bring in their plastic bags for a chance to win a district bench. For up to 50 pounds you will get 1 ticket. You bring in 100 pounds for 2 tickets 300 pounds 6 tickets etc. I will have a larger enclosed trailer to store them.

This year the State Multiple District is encouraging all District Environmental Chairmen to promote "Home Composting" to their district clubs. So at the Convention I will be having a lot of information on "How To" go about Composting and "How To" build different types of containers to use.

Encourage your clubs to save all their plastic bags and please bring them to the convention!

## Hunger Chair Patricia Shikoski

I recently initiated a monthly good drive with my club in Van Dyne....everyone has been asked to bring goods to our monthly meeting and I will get any items collected to our local surrounding food pantries.

We will also be accepting food donations at the convention.

## Information/Public Relations/Historian PDG Tom Clausen

Last meeting I recommended that we pay the \$528 bill for the district's website for the next 3 years. This 3 year payment allows for a reduced price rather than paying yearly. I find it hard to believe that someone thought we should look into finding a cheaper vendor. The main reason for paying the fee is to get storage, a secure website and a website that can be worked on by anyone with Internet access and the proper credentials. This fee is only \$176 per year. If that was submitted, it probably wouldn't be looked at twice. When you think that it only costs each Lion 10 cents per year for access to all district information and especially all of the history for their club and the district, you probably couldn't find a better bargain. If that history was stored the old way, it would be sitting in someone's garage in boxes collecting dust and mold. Would anyone take the effort to seek it out? This cost is less than 1/6th the price of a stamp per Lion. I say you can't get a better way to communicate with the Lions of 27-B1. I was at a state convention and someone came up to me and said our website "sets the standard for district websites." Something I take pride in.

State website:

There are 2 pages on the state website that are password protected due to privacy concerns (publishing names, phone numbers, address and email addresses). The password for the directory - committees and council minutes is MD27serves. Feel free to disseminate this password to all Lions. The password is meant to prevent public browsers from viewing those pages.

(Tom had, just the night before, received a President's Award for his work as the B1 website administrator from International Director Lee Vrieze).

## LCIF Coordinator PDG B.J. Blahnik

DG Lion Greg has been offering the Individual Donor form for LCIF and currently has roughly 60 individuals who have donated to LCIF. DG Lion Greg will continue to bring this with him to his club visits.

I have been working with Fairwater Club regarding a Club Community Impact Grant. The club has been approved for a \$1050 club grant towards Sleep in Heavenly Peace which makes beds for children who do not have a bed.

Additionally, Fairwater has some MJF credits available and they are determining if they are going to use them before their club closes or if they will be transferring them to the District.

There is a State LCIF Competition called "Pie in the Face" which is being used to raise money for LCIF. Every \$10 personal donation will get a vote to choose who they want to have a pie thrown in their face. I am the representative for B1. The final results will be on display at the State Convention. I know many of you would love to throw something at me so let's raise some money for LCIF and all of you can get your wish. More to come on this and I am asking to be invited to your Zone Meetings to discuss.

B1 has two Model Clubs who have completed their Campaign 100 commitment. The District will be celebrating those clubs during this year. We will announce their club names after the plaques are presented.

Please remember to keep LCIF as a partner for donations. The LCIF bank is the Lions Bank and it helps change the world every day. Thank you for your donations.

## Leader Dog Chair Ella Stanelle

Donations from the Clubs as of September 14, 2023: \$1200.00

I have spoken to Debbi Delice regarding convention; we will be setting up a vendors' table and Debbi will be giving a talk during the luncheon on Saturday.

## Leo Chair Gary Roehrig

Leo Club Recruitment Initiative: "Lunch With a Lion"

Goal: Local-Begin Dialogue for formation of a Leo club by a 27 B-1 Lions Club. District- Chartering additional Leo Clubs in District

Plan: Contact School Administration with Plan and gain acceptance. Existing Lions Club in community sets up a "Lunch with a Lion" event at school where there is interest in formation of a Leo Club.

Club members interested in actively supporting a new Leo Club would sit down with prospective Leo Club students for their regularly scheduled lunch period to provide information and answer questions about a Leo Club.

-Club might offer to pay for the lunch to incentivize attendance. Lions members would wear appropriate Lions apparel to identify the Lions brand. This could be a one or two day event.

Bullet points to convey to prospective Leos:

- Lions are largest service organization in world
- Lion projects that directly affect youth
- Educational scholarships
- Vision Screening
- Childhood Cancer initiative
- Accessible Playground projects in area
- Lions Camp

Follow up: Get names and address of students and parents interested in joining a Leo Club. Contact with parents to explain the Leo Club to them and get their approval. If sufficient numbers are developed, Club meets with school administrators to discuss logistics of a Leo Club in their system.

Proceed with developing a list of advisors from sponsoring Club to guide and advise new Leo Club during its formation, certification and organization. These advisors must be committed to nurture the new Leo Club in its infancy.

## Newspaper Editor Marilyn Shady

Thanks to all those who have submitted articles.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: [vandynelionsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:vandynelionsnews@yahoo.com)

## Peace Poster/Pin Chair Laurie Sasada

We have lots of pins for sale. They will be at the convention.

## Pediatric Cancer Chair PDG Dave Lee

(This report is patterned closely to the report for the Sept 30 Council of Governors meeting)

The Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund Initiative was launched in mid-August following the approval by the Council of Governors in early August. Emails were sent to all Wisconsin Lions from the State Office announcing the Fund Initiative and providing details. Also, an article with a similar message appeared in the latest edition of the Wisconsin Lion.

- There have been a number a questions received from various Lions and these have been responded to in a timely fashion.
- The district childhood cancer chairs had a Zoom communication meeting recently and we plan to meet monthly for the foreseeable future.
- The contributions to date are encouraging. I will plan to provide specifics briefly at the upcoming cabinet meeting.
- We are meeting with representatives of potential childhood cancer support organizations to learn more about them and are working toward developing a group to recommend to the COG that would cover every county in Wisconsin for potential support to families of need dealing with childhood cancer.
- On the Zoom call we also discussed February 15<sup>th</sup> being International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day and welcomed ideas for giving Wisconsin Lions a chance to visibly show they care for kids and families dealing with childhood cancer. We welcome ideas from anyone.
- I am interested in having speaking time at district conventions along with the district childhood cancer chairs for brief encouraging messaging.

A motion by Jerry Post, seconded by Pat Shikoski, for the District to donate \$500 to the Childhood Cancer; passed.

## District Raffle Chair John Stephen

Anyone that wants to turn in their District Raffle tickets can turn them in to me that day and if anyone wants more tickets I will have extra tickets with me.

## Restoring Hope Transplant House Chair Barb Leichtfuss

Director Cindy Herbst reports a very busy year at RHTH. This August they cared for 63 more people than the previous August in 2022. For a variety of reasons, people have been more affected by depression related to not only their illnesses, but also the economic impact it is having on their lives. She has also noticed that their coping skills are less. They are not going to their doctors as often as they should due to co-pays, etc.

She also mentioned that surprisingly, many Lions she is in contact with don't feel they have a "personal" connection with RHTH, which affects their attitudes towards supporting RHTH. They are unaware of people in their immediate areas that have been or are being treated there. They are always surprised when the statistics are shared with them.

That being said, she is asking that Lions Clubs please put together information about local support options in their communities that are available for when patients and their families return home. They are in need of any help available to ease their worries and pinched budgets.

Examples are: Local food pantries, dialysis centers, free household help such as shoveling snow, cleaning, etc., resale stores for clothing and other household goods. What are local churches able to help with? She will then share the appropriate information with them.

I would be glad to have clubs forward me the information and I will make sure Cindy gets it in an organized format. [babbzee52@gmail.com](mailto:babbzee52@gmail.com) or Lion Barb Leichtfuss, 158 Old Knapp Road, Van Dyne WI 54979

Please continue to support RHTH financially, groceries, etc. as you have been. They are very appreciative! The need is there!

## Special Olympics Chair PDG Fred Gebhart

The annual fundraiser this year will be put on with assistance from the Wisconsin State Patrol and individual Truckers.

## Vision Chair PDG Fred Gebhart

Lots of screenings lately, with a higher than average number of referrals.

There are training manuals now that cover far more of the details than the previous ones.

Our District numbers are way up, and many are way down, mostly because some other districts do not report as thoroughly as they should

## Youth Exchange Chair Patricia Shikoski

The program needs more volunteers; the number of requests has jumped.

### 2023 YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

WELCOME!	FIRST DAY!	FUN BEGINS!		TOUR DAY	GUEST/GAME DAY	DISCO DAY	LAST DAY		
Sun 8/13/23	Mon 8/14/23	Tues. 8/15/23		Wed 8/16/23	Thurs. 8/17/23	Fri 8/18/23	Sat 8/19/23		
Counselor Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Sleep Late!		
Counselor Set-up	Kitchen: Teams 3&4	Kitchen: Teams 4&5	8:30 AM	Open Lock Up	Kitchen: Teams 5&1	Kitchen: Teams 1&2	Breakfast + Lunch = Brunch		
	Weather Safety Swimming Rules - Nurse Info	NICARAGUA	9:00 AM	Buses Leave for Madison @ 8:45	BELGIUM	TURKEY			
	Blanket Service Project	AUSTRIA	9:30 AM		MONGOLIA	DENMARK			
		Craft barn tour Ice Breaker Games	SPAIN	10:00 AM	Lions Eye Bank Tour	Counselor Activity!		Craft Barn (closes @ 4pm) Free Time	
Counselor Lunch	Lunch/Team Name	Lunch	12:00 PM	Shopping & Lunch on State Street	Lunch	West Allis Cookout	Kitchen: Volunteers		
Counselors greet early arrivals	Kitchen: Teams 5&1	Kitchen: Teams 1&2	12:30 PM		Group Photo at Capital @ 2:30 Tour of State Capital @ 3:00	Kitchen: Teams 2&3	GERMANY	World Chats Current Events	
Registration Camp Book Photo	USA	World Chats/ Current Events	1:00 PM	Un-Olympic Games		Counselors' Choice	ROMANIA	Free Time & Talent Show Practice	
Camper Setup Swim Tests Table Talks Beach Closed	FINLAND	Design Team Posters	1:30 PM		Photos w/ DGs		Craft Barn Closes @ 4pm		Talent Show
	FRANCE		2:00 PM					Load Buses	
	Canoe Races	Water/Field Games	2:30 PM						
Beach Open for Free Time After	Water/Field Games	3:00 PM	Marshall Lions Picnic	Dinner	Fish Fry-Birthday	Post Camp Skit			
Dinner-Lock up		Dinner		3:30 PM	Bus Back to Camp	Kitchen: Teams 4&5	Kitchen: Counselors	Solstice Gifts	
Dinner	Dinner	4:00 PM	Free Time	Leader Dog Presentation		Free Time Talent Show Practice	Camp Video		
Kitchen: Teams 1&2	Kitchen: Teams 2&3	4:30 PM		Free Time	THE NETHERLANDS	Disco @ Club Vista	Camp Books		
Flag Ceremony	Native American Presentation	5:00 PM	Free Time		TUNISIA				
Lions Intro/Skit		ITALY		5:30 PM	Free Time	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet		
Counselor Intro/Skit	ISRAEL	6:00 PM	Free Time	Cabins Quiet				Cabins Quiet	
Talent Show Info	HUNGARY	6:30 PM			Free Time	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet		
Solstice Info	Craft Barn Free Time	7:00 PM	Free Time	Cabins Quiet				Cabins Quiet	
Free Time	Craft Barn Free Time	7:30 PM			Free Time	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet		
Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet	8:00 PM	Free Time	Cabins Quiet				Cabins Quiet	
		8:30 PM			Free Time	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet		
		9:00 PM	Free Time	Cabins Quiet				Cabins Quiet	
		9:30 PM			Free Time	Cabins Quiet	Cabins Quiet		
		10:00 PM	Free Time	Cabins Quiet				Cabins Quiet	

Departure Day
Sun 08/20/23
1. Pack suitcases
2. Bring suitcases outside
3. Sweep floors
4. Remove name tags
5. Take out trash
***Breakfast***
Say your farewells!
Campers Depart @ ~10am
Lost & Found Table Outside
Clothes & towels left at camp cannot be returned!
Head Counselors:
Continually rotate through cabins to be sure campers pack up and exit cabins before breakfast!!

## Wisconsin Lions Mission Pat Knier

### GUATEMALA

The first mission will be to Guatemala and that is a combination of Wisconsin and Minnesota Lions. We have been working with Minnesota Lions for the past 3-4 years helping them get a mission program up and running. This mission is being co-chaired by Gary Donaldson from Wisconsin and Dan Goetz from Minnesota and half the workers from each state. We will be working with/training the MN Lions so that next year they can assume a larger role and perhaps move forward on their own after that. This is a great way to increase Lions service to people in need! The dates of this mission are Feb. 3-10-2024.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The second mission will be back to the Dominican Republic 2/28-3/7-2024. Tom Bredesen will lead this mission. Last year was our first time in DR and under Tom's leadership it was a very successful and enjoyable mission. There is room for (and need for) 5-7 more people on this trip.

WLM has decided that all people going on their first mission should have gone through a basic training program before they go and it is our responsibility to make that training available. Though we don't have details for such a training program worked out yet we will be doing one in November or December this year and we expect all new people, and experienced ones as well if they wish, to participate.

### OTHER THINGS!

During the past several months WLM has taken two trailer loads of household items to the flood victims of eastern Kentucky. This was done in cooperation with the local Lions in those cities. We also have made two trips to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota with furniture and more for the people there. We took the Lions trailer to Omaha, NE, to Ames, IA and to Olewain, IA to pick up used eyeglasses from those states. These glasses were brought back to our recycling center as a way of supporting that important Lions program. How many glasses did we pick up is not known exactly, but a 34 foot long trailer piled 3+ feet deep with glasses is a lot of glasses

### Pine Ridge South Dakota Reservation

There is another eyeglass mission trip planned in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for October 2024. We tried to put something together for this year, but after some communication delays didn't allow us to put something together that soon, it was decided to wait until next year to get all the details ironed out.

WLF Director/Eye Glass Recycling PDG Fred Gebhart

WLF - Fred

Camper Weeks		Females	Males	Total	Cancels	No Shows
BVIA	June 4-8	61	44	105	13	0
BVI Youth	June 11-15	24	25	49	3	0
EP		15	9	24	2	0
IDAYA	June 18-22	47	46	93	10	0
IDA 1	June 25-29	54	58	112	13	1
IDA 2	July 2-6	32	35	67	9	0
DB 1	July 9-13	65	36	101	1	0
DB 2	July 16-20	45	40	85	10	0
DHH 1	July 23-27	44	50	94	7	0
DHH 2	July 30-August 3	48	38	86	7	0
DHHA	August 14-18	23	18	41	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>458</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1</b>

**Camper total is 857**

Applications were available January 30, 2023

BVIA = Adults who are Blind or Visually Impaired

BVI Youth = Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired

EP = Youth with Epilepsy

IDA = Youth with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

IDAYA = Young Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

DB = Youth who have Diabetes

DHH = Youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

DHHA = Adults who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

WLF Director/Pride/Hearing aids/Birch Sturm Dick Karl

Hearing

Hearing Aide applications through 7/25/23 were 16 for all of MD 27 Districts > 5 – Approved; 2 – Self Pay; 2 – Denied; 5 – Pending; 2 Returned for more Information. I have processed One Hearing Aid Application. Hearing aide credits from Starke - \$21,738.67. A meeting is set for Oct.12<sup>th</sup> for all MD District Hearing Chairs to go over the application process and come up with some ways to make it more efficient.

Birch-Sturm Memorial

No Report

Lions Pride Endowment Fund

No Report

WLF Board Meeting

Meeting and induction of members by ID Lee Vrieze held on 8/26 Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Have attended 2 club meetings & participated in the MD27 B1 Workshop in July.

BY THE NUMBERS (As of 7/25)

Birch Sturm Golf Outing >145 Golfers \$30458.99 (+\$400 Over 2022)

Hustle Smor & Mor >\$22,555 (2022 >\$8,292 & 2021 >\$9,385)

Campers >857

Visitors Day >154 in 8 Days

Combined Visitors Days & Private Tours >393

Constitution & Bylaws PDG Jerry Post

No report

Policies and Procedures IPDG/District Administrator Dave Brinkman

No report

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 1 Chair Peggy Loose

No report

Zone 2 Chair Paul Baroun

Next Zone meeting November 20, 2023

Zone 3 Chair Kenneth Brandt

No report



## Zone 4 Chair

No report

## Zone 5 Chair Mary Jo Ablor

Membership is the next 3-year goal, to have all clubs in a plus for membership. We have 253 zone members; can we raise that to 265 by next year?

Make sure to use social media and local media to promote your club and its activities.

We have a sound zone where all clubs support their communities, most clubs are doing a great job of supporting Lions projects at both the State and International level.

Please use the District Calendar to promote your fund raisers in the hope of attracting area Lions to support your events.

Next Zone meeting Oct 26, Millhome Supper Club, Kiel at 6 PM Dinner meeting to follow about 6:30

## Zone 6 Chair Sue Lee

Before the meeting there was a tour of the Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Loan Locker which opened in August. Lion Carol Jansen gave an update on the locker. It has had a successful start with 145 people served with high end items - total used value \$153,000. This does not include single use items.

1VDG Dave spoke of IP Dr. Patti Hill and her theme of Changing the World. He talked about the importance of summing up the little things that we do to help people. He reminded us to spread the word about what we do and keep our own members aware of our history. He stressed the importance of reporting service to LCI and getting the word out on social media. 1VDG Dave talked about the District Convention in Fond du Lac and reminded clubs to get their raffle tickets sold. The theme is Making a Difference and there will be firefighter demos with the jaws of life and fire extinguishers. Saturday banquet will be a dinner in the dark. 1VDG Dave's theme next year will be Always There for You.

PDG Dave Lee talked of the launching of the Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund initiative. Clubs are being asked to donate \$100 or more beginning in September which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The funds are intended to provide financial help to families of need across the state who are dealing with childhood cancer. He is encouraged by the initial response.

### **Clubs shared activities since the last Zone Meeting -**

Appleton Noon update by Pres. Sue Jungen - Medical Loan Locker, continued vision screening, Senior Expo planning for 9/20/23 event, highway cleanup, meal packaging at Loaves and Fishes, eyeglass collection; plastic collecting, Octoberfest bracelet sales, dictionaries for third graders, candy and coffee sales

Neenah update by Lion Vince Treague - Current activities include brat sales, dictionaries for third graders, vision screening, homeless shelter volunteering; will be doing bell ringing. They continue to struggle with membership.

Butte des Morts update by Lion Irv Korth - Carpfest in August was a big success, highway cleanup was done, Halloween and Christmas parties are planned for the children

Larsen-Winchester update Pres. Jim Olson - ramp building (1379 to date), Medical Loan locker, Pancake Breakfast, Trex benches, highway cleanup, basketball court completed, funding a pavilion near bb court, scholarships for med fields and the trades. L-W also gave a shout out to BDM for a great Carpfest.

Appleton Evening update by Lion Jim Christman - they have a goal to outdo the service they did last year; brat sales, eyeglass collection, dictionaries, added a new service of helping to serve lunch and share the meal with veterans at Vets and Friends;

### **The Takeaway on Service -**

All clubs presented full service activity schedules. Even the smaller clubs remain active but could use new members to help. Appleton Evening has only 9 members but has added a new activity. I congratulated Larsen-Winchester on the coverage they received in the LCI magazine and urged those in attendance to check it out if they hadn't seen it yet. Lion Jim Christman from Appleton Evening commented that a number of years ago L-W had a 7 page article in the magazine - "something unheard of".

**Some New Ideas** - every year in the fall Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis around the country join for Community Celebration. They plan and carry out a one day service event. Something to look into. Another thing to look into is the Lions state wide personal composting project idea.

**Concerns** - Many attendees said they did not receive the Wisconsin Lion by email

**Handouts** - What is Service, Why Report Service, 100 Service Ideas

**Next Zone Meeting** - tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2023 with Neenah Lions hosting

## Zone 7 Chair Josh Blatz

No report

## Zone 8 Chair Scott Scovronski

Had a zone meeting on Wednesday, October 4th. Five out of six clubs participated.

## Zone 9 Chair Laurie Sasada

No report

## Zone 10 Chair Bill Fletcher

No report

## Zone 11 Chair Pat Karasck

September 2023 Zone Meeting had great attendance. Acknowledgement of past Zone Chair and welcome from incoming Zone Chair.

For the remainder of 2023 the focus will be to complete My Lion and LCI training for the individual clubs to facilitate MMR compliance. Visits have already been completed for half the clubs.

Reinforce the importance of having social media and on-line presence as well as all the clubs in the Zone linked to each other. Usage of District Calendar to promote clubs and activities.

Expand knowledge of reportable activities and how to implement them.

New ideas are coming from the individual clubs regarding community activities and fund raising. Most are working with other service groups in their communities to increase manpower.

Hancock Lions had a long-term member pass away.

Next Zone Meeting scheduled for January 2024,

## Other Business:

### Comments and Questions (everyone)

The District will be providing everything for the Friday Hospitality at the convention.

Please remember to support the Eagles Friday night Fish Fry; they do a lot for us for the cabinet and other meetings.

Next Meeting November 10, 2023, at the Radisson Fond du Lac (District Convention)

Meeting Adjourned (approximately 5 p.m.)