



**District 27-B1 Business Meeting
May 21, 2011
State Convention – Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton WI**

CALL to ORDER @ 8:15 by District Governor Jerry Post

- 1) Pledge – District Governor Jerry Post
- 2) Song – PDG Vic Voigt
- 3) Invocation – 2nd Vice District Governor Meg Post

ROLL CALL - 79 Lions members in attendance, including 33 cabinet members.

COMMENTS : Opening comments for DG Jerry. Membership for the district is down by 47 Lions of which 29 are due to deaths. We have a lot to mourn, when a fellow Lion dies, a part of us leaves with him to a better place.

CORRESPONDENCE : WI Lions Council Chair PDG Augie Fortmann sent a letter to all clubs informing them of a partnership with American Red Cross. The First Annual Wisconsin Lions Red Cross Blood Challenge will be for the month of July. Help promote the Blood Challenge with club members, family members and friends who donate in July. In early August report to DG Jerry Post your results. The two top performing clubs in the district will be recognized.

GUESTS: #1 - PDG Jerry Wille from Dist 27-A2 stopped to promote the Olympia Resort for the 2014 State Lions Convention. Olympia has hosted previous years and looks forward to doing it again. Their rate will be \$ 95.00.

2 – Lion Joe Duesler representing District 27-D1 on Lake Wisconsin Lions and the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells also spoke to promote the 2014 State Lions Convention. Kalahari Resort has also hosted previous conventions. Their rate of \$ 99 will include passes to the indoor waterpark to help promote family activities.

COMMENTS from FLOOR: 1st VD Governor Merle Strelow talked about the 2011-2012 district convention to be held at Holiday Inn – Manitowoc on October 28th and 29th. At this years necrology they would like to include a photo of those who have died. He does have a rough draft copy of next year's directory. Please be sure to get e-mail address for your club, anything will do even if the President, Secretary or Treasurer does not have one. His cabinet will have 5 new zone chairmen. He is looking forward to new leaders and hopefully they will get more involved and advance.

2nd VD Governor Meg Post also mentioned that the 2011-2012 district convention is earlier than last year. If you have any ideas for theme or overall suggestions please give them to VDG Merle, 2nd VDG Meg or PDG Gary Colton, convention chair.

Lioness President Joyce Kurtz welcomed everyone, it is good to get together, enjoy the weekend and the good seminars.

IPDG Len Quinn reported that Ginger has Lyme disease but is getting better. He thanked all the clubs and zones for asking him to come to their meetings and talk about orientation. He hopes the program continues next year.

PDG Herb Schneider reported that as of the convention there are 14 clubs who have not made a contribution to PRIDE. Even clubs who have no money in the budget should think about a special fund raiser with the proceeds going to PRIDE. Any donation is appreciated. PRIDE was created to ensure there would be money to operate WI LIONS Camp in the future. Anything will help to start the motion and trigger a contribution again next year. VDG Merle will personally donate \$10 for each club, to help them to contribute. PDG Herb will get an update after the parade of check at the convention.

New WLF Representative Fred Gebhart was introduced. Lion Fred will be contacting zone chairmen to meet them and their clubs. He looks forward to a successful term.

DG Jerry informed the group that at his 1st cabinet meeting, we not only help our clubs but also other districts. 2nd VDG Meg talked about Chelsea, from District 27-B2, who is 20 year old with cerebral palsy and a bad hand who wants desperately to be independent. Lion Meg got the connections with Canine Companions for Independence and Chelsea will be getting a dog shortly to help her remain independent. DG Jerry also cited another example of helping other districts. One of the zones collected canned goods for their food pantries, so much was collected that they distributed the excess to another district food party. Lion Sara Filemyr has been added to VDG Merle's cabinet for next year as a representative for Canine Companions for Independence. Lion Sara has a display table at the exhibitor area. There will also be another Leader Dog coming to District 27 B-1.

PDG Tom King will be the incoming President for the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin. The current mortgage will be paid off however funds are still needed for the building campaign. District 27 B1 is privileged to have matching funds of \$500 available to earn a KNIGHT of SIGHT award. The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is doing well.

The above minutes will be added to District 27-B1 website. Auction was held by IPDG Len Quinn for 3 donations which netted \$85.00. It was decided to make a donation to PRIDE on behalf of District 27-B1

CLOSING COMMENTS: DG Jerry has a failing friend, Lion Rudy, who regrets that he never was at WI Lions Camp. May 12th DG Jerry had to go to camp and arranged for Rudy to go along. They were greeted by a counselor who gave them a full tour and answered all questions. That same evening Lion Rudy was given an award and a donation in his name to Lions camp for all his service to Lions and the world. Rudy has served in all branches of the military. Lion Rudy described his experience of LIONS camp.

The following is a quote from DG Jerry who got all choked up with emotion and tears and could not finish his speech. Lion Dave Holschbach read the following : “ **It has been my honor to be a part of WLF if only for a year. As I worked with the staff and directors it is my pleasure to tell you all, they will never, never, never let this magical land end for all the children with disabilities. And as in the ending song of the Mickey Mouse club, I will not sing it...Now it's time to say goodbye to all my family, M.I.C., see you real soon, K.E.Y., why because I like you. MOUSE God bless and thank you all for this great experience of being your District Governor. May you continue to make the IMPOSSIBLE ...POSSIBLE !**

A standing ovation was given to DG Jerry Post !!!!!

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 by DG Jerry.

Lion Dave Holschbach has certified 77 Lions to vote on behalf of District 27-B1. Actual voted was 60 Lions.

Respectfully submitted.....CST Lion Dave Holschbach