

**Lions International District 27-B1
4th Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 6, 2007
Silver Valley Banquet Hall
Manitowoc, Wisconsin**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by District Governor Ken Wallander.

2. Pledge: Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Gary Colton.

3. Prayer & Song: Prayer and song were led by Chaplain/Songleader Deacon Lion Pat Knier. “God Bless America” and Happy Birthday were sung (Lion Al Sabel and Lion Gary Bilke) Thanks Deacon Lion Pat for your inspirational thoughts and meaningful songs!

4. Introductions: Special guests (besides the partners in Lionism) were the International Director Candidates: PDG Art Marston and Lion Joan, and PDG Dave Seivert and Lion Corrine. It was at this time these candidates conveyed their desires and commitments to become an International Director. All Cabinet Members introduced themselves and their partners. There were 33 Cabinet Members present.

5. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by PDG Ken Rhode and second by Lion Dave Holschbach to accept the agenda as printed and stated. Motion carried.

Opening Remarks: District Governor Ken Wallander informed the Cabinet of the new Mission Statement for Lions of Wisconsin. The statement—“Reaching, Touching, Improving Lives,” as published on the cover of the May Wisconsin Lions Magazine will be the new theme. DG Ken is on this committee. DG Ken expressed a special “Thank You” to all the Cabinet Members for their year of service. Special Thanks to outgoing Cabinet Members Lion August Grahl and Deacon Lion Pat Knier for their years of service.

DG Ken and Lion George Edwards are looking for a 26’ enclosed box truck to transport hospital beds and equipment from Indiana for the new Health Lodge at Lions Camp.

DG Ken Wallander’s Cabinet Appreciation Gift, he presented, will be a brick for the Wall of Honor at Lions Camp in Honor of the 27-B1 Cabinet of 2006-07. Thank You DG Ken for a job well done! We appreciate it!!

6. Tail Twister Rules: Lion Irv Korth reminded the Lions that if they Roar out of turn they will be fined—That is if they are talking when others are talking!

8. Cabinet Minutes: Motion by PDG Ed Filemyr, second by PDG Ken Rhode to accept the minutes of the 3rd Cabinet Meeting as printed and circulated. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer’s Report Motion by Lion Dennis Schwartz, second by PDG Orv Kittel to accept the treasurer’s reports as printed. Motion carried.

10. Old Business: Discussion of Family Dues at the District Level took place. Motion by PDG Herb Schneider, second by Lion Dennis Schwartz to table the District Family Dues discussion until the next Cabinet meeting. Motion carried.

11. New Business: Leos Calendar project is being implemented by the Neshkoro Leos. They will begin taking pictures of activities and group involvement at Wisconsin Lions Camp this season and will promptly begin to compile them for the calendars. Clubs will be notified when they are ready. The Council of Governors will be helping with the distribution. Initial financing will be done through Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the District will be billed accordingly.

12. Committee Reports:

A. Constitution/By-laws/Protocol: PDG Clayton Sengbusch asked for suggestions for Policy regarding the new format for Chairpersons for the District Convention. Should there be 3 volunteers or should it be one or 3 appointed by the District governor?? Motion by PDG Fred Holtz, second by PDG Steve Pautz that the VDG should appoint a convention chairperson. PDG Clayton will work on the policy change, which will be sent out to Cabinet Members to review before the August Cabinet Meeting.

B. VDG & MERLO---VDG Vern Pautz called on the team members for their reports.

1. Leadership Development: IPDG Gary Colton was pleased with the format of the Officers Workshop held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Moraine Park Technical College. Forty Five Lion and Lioness officers were in attendance. There was good participation and interaction.

2. Membership—no report

3. Extension: PDG Orv Kittel is exploring the Winneconne area for new club potentials.

4. Retention—PDG Del Peterson will have updated packets for the Zone Chairman for next year.

5. Orientation—no report

6. Women's Membership: Lion Renee Seiler reported that the number of female Lions is down in our District. Remember that Women are one of your best possibilities for **Membership growth!!**

C. Affiliate President: Lioness Tracy Arellano reminded us of the Lioness Spring Banquet to be hosted by the Van Dyne Lioness. The theme is "Lioness are the Pearls of Volunteering." Sunday, June 3, 2007—4 p.m. cocktails and 5:00 p.m. Dinner. It is at the Van Dyne Lions Park. They will also have installation of their new District Officers.

D. Affiliate Liaison: PDG Ed Filemyr reviewed the impact of the Van Dyne Lioness and the \$300,000. they have donated to Lions and the community since they began. There are 16 Lioness Clubs in our District—Zone Chairpersons—remember to include them!

E. LCIF: IPDG Gary Colton is pleased that more Lions Clubs have purchased Melvin Jones Fellows. This is due, in part, to making the clubs aware of the monies they had in the LCIF fund. Clubs will again be contacted. Designated and Undesignated funds will be forwarded to LCIF and the District will no longer retain any of these funds. Oakbrook keeps very detailed reports.

F. USA/Canada Forum: VDG Vern Pautz supplied registration brochures about the forum. There will be several Lions from the District attending.

G. WLF: PDG Tom Clausen's biggest plea or challenge is to get 100% OF THE Lions Clubs to give an annual donation to Wisconsin Lions Foundation!! The Health Lodge is built and ready to be furnished for this camping season. There will be a WLF meeting at the State Convention. The Birch-Sturm Golf Outing is planned. A reminder that the Open House will be September 15, 2007.

H. Canine Companion: Lion Sara Filemyr reported that she has a 12 minute video to use in a presentation to the Lions Clubs. She presented a seminar at the C-2 District Convention and had a person with a Canine Companion and a Canine Companion puppy in training as guests.

I. Campaign Sight First II: PDG Paul Tadych highly recommends that upon entering into the final year of this International Campaign, we must encourage clubs to budget monies for this project. One presentation was made and several clubs have been contacted with information. To date, there have been 7 clubs in our District who have responded with a total of \$10,000 donated. We have a long way to go and only 1 year to do it in.

Children's Vision Screening: PDG Paul Tadych reports he has given one talk at an April Zone Meeting and hopes to get some action from the presentation.

Ia. Wisconsin Lions Pride Campaign: PDG Herb Schneider reports that Regions 1 & 2 have a long way to go. Lions have to get involved if they want others to get involved. The District and Zones have to get involved. Discussion and bantering of possible ideas took place. A motion was made and defeated to have a raffle at the District Convention with a high value prize. Discussion led nowhere!

J. Quest/Youth Outreach: Lion Shirley Peterson finally got the bill from International for the last workshop.

K. Youth Exchange: Lion George Edwards has a list of Exchange Students that are available for placement for this season. He is willing to talk to any Club or Zone in regards to the Youth Exchange program. We should have more Youth going out from the District. The camp at Dundee will be July 22-29th so any one is invited to come and visit!

L. LEO'S: No report—but DG Ken stated there will be a continued push from International for Youth Projects.

M. Peace Poster Contest: No Report—Order your information from Lions International Now!

N. Diabetes/LEHP: Lion Al Sabel reported that the new Health Lodge is just beautiful! Lion Al had attended a Diabetes meeting at the camp. He advised the Zone Chairmen to get all clubs to have a Diabetes Chairperson. There is much information and programs to share and to educate the Public about Diabetes.

O. Hearing: Lion Howard Sippel reported that applications are being processed. Hearing monies will be transferred to Wisconsin Lions Foundation at the next Cabinet Meeting. Funds will still need to be collected, but the District will not have to be in charge of the funds.

P. Special Olympics: PDG Orv Kittel reported that the unofficial count of screenings was between 300 and 325—the final count not being reported as of now. This was at the Spring Olympics at Oshkosh on Saturday, March 31,2007. Several Lions and Lioness helped from our District—Thank You!!

Q. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin: PDG Orv Doede told us that the remodeling and renovation project were completed. The annual meeting will be in July. Clubs should continue to financially support the Eye Bank. Remember there is the Knight for Sight Award that clubs can purchase. The District is averaging 25 transports a month—very often with more than one container.

R. Mission to Mexico: Lion Ralph Schneider reported that the last Mission to Mexico was in February. Three vehicles were donated and 2800 persons were tested and serviced with glasses. Our District usually sponsors 2 trips—one in October and one in February. We have \$113. in our account—can we afford to have 2 trips? Most districts have one Mission.

S. Leader Dog: PDG Vic Voigt was pleased to report that 6 Leader Dogs have been placed in Wisconsin. Three dogs are replacements and three dogs are new guides. Leader Dog Mikey is to be retired and Lion Leonard Quin will be with a new Leader Dog.

District Raffle Tickets are ready and available for the clubs!!

T. Bucket Raffle: Lion Craig Hansen urges the Zone Chairmen to remind the clubs to donate an article for the Bucket Raffle—we only had 35 prizes donated last year. The fewer number of prizes—the lower our profit!!

U. Services for Children: Lion Betty Clausen reported—no change.

V. District Bowling: No report

V/a. District and State Convention: IPDG Gary Colton stated that the District Convention will be at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton this November. The room cost will be \$85. IPDG Gary and PDG Steve Pautz will be meeting in June to finalize arrangements with Paper Valley.

PDG Steve Pautz gave a plug for the upcoming State Convention. May 18th and 19th should find all Lions from Wisconsin at the Olympic Resort for the convention. There will be 2 High-Powered speakers and the newer format of different seminars.

W. IT/Newsletter: PDG Tom Clausen reported no change.

X. Public Relations: Lion Harvey Hansen had handouts for the Zone Chairmen to share—CD'S—DVD'S and such to share for publicity!! Also a reminder to Publicize and Promote May—Lions Month and especially Lions Week this coming week.

Y. Advisory/LongRange Planning: This turned into a committee of one and PDG Herb Schneider got it done—That is the Job Description manual for Cabinet Assignments—Now everyone will know exactly what to do!!

Z. Pin Chairman: Lion Harvey Hanson has one set of District Dogs left==plus a few strays! Lion Harvey asked for input as to how many sets of LIONS Convention pins should be set aside for special presentations. Motion by VDG Vern Pautz , second by PDG Tom Clausen that 10 sets should be set aside. Motion carried.

AA. Photographer: Lion Dennis Schwartz told us that the Cabinet Photo would be taken outside after the Cabinet Meeting. Photos Orders are available for \$10 each.

BB. Environment:--No report

CC. Historian—Nothing new!

12. Zone Chairman Report:

A. Region 1 Zone 1: Lion Jim Klundt held his last Zone Meeting with 21 attending and all but one club in the Zone attending. The main task was organizing the Lions Awareness Booth for the County Fair.

B. Region 1 Zone 2: Lion Dave Holschbach presided over the 3rd Zone Meeting—hosted by the Wayside-Morrison Club. Speaker was Lion Dan Natzke telling of his Mission in Santo Domingo. Membership is down by 6. Lions Week will be publicized in a newspaper publication with all the Lions Club in the Zone represented.

C. Region 1 Zone 3: Lion Jerry Post tries to increase membership with fun and camaraderie!

The Zone Social will be the next activity—hosted by the Manitowoc Lions. He has a new agenda for next year. Lion Jerry also announced that he will be a candidate for Vice District Governor!

D. Region 2 Zone 1: Lion Dennis Schwartz is impressed with the many activities of the Clubs—winds and wheels and selling roses, etc. Membership is up.

E. Region 2 Zone 2: Lion August Grahl, reporting for the last time, has his last Zone Meeting on April 24th, with PDG Paul Tadych giving an inspiring presentation on Children’s Vision Screening.

F. Region 2 Zone 3: Lion Richard Schaefer had Lion Al Sabel report for him that his Zone is Plus 1 in membership. The last Zone Meeting was April 9th with 40 attending.

G. Region 3 Zone 1: Lion Jim Christman reports that his Zone is full of Enthusiasm! DG Ken Wallander was a “victim” at his last Zone Meeting. (see picture at md27b1.org) Lion Jim usually plays a game to prove a point. Each new President and other officers from each club were given questions to give in an oral report such as—what are your goals as president next year and so on!

H. Region Zone 2: Lion Gary Silah will be having his Zone Meeting on May 21st. The Oakfield Lions will be hosting.

I. Region 4 Zone 1—no report

J. Region 4 Zone 2: Lion Marv Henke had a Zone Meeting on March 12th with WLF Director Lion Dave Wood as the guest speaker. The club and area have a special project for a young boy with many serious medical problems. Any Lions Club can send the donation to Lion Marv.

K. Region 5 Zone 1: No report

L. Region 5 Zone 2: Lion Sherman Hamilton had the Zone Meeting at Wild Rose and they also presented their annual Zone Melvin Jones Fellow. Tomah Lions have a Charter Night so that will also be a Zone Social.

13, Other Business:

PDG Fred Holtz commented that “Lions showed me the way,” and he was glad to be of service again as Zone Chairman of Region 2 Zone 2—for next year.

VDG Vern Pautz stated that the next Cabinet Meeting will be Sunday, August 5, 2007 at CJ’S in Ripon—beginning at 1 p.m. He also suggested that maybe Cabinet Meetings could be arranged for Saturdays and some could be held in Lion-owned buildings.

14. Adjournment: Motion by PDG Vic Voigt, second by IPDG Gary Colton to adjourn the 4th Cabinet Meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Renee Seiler,
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer