



District 27 B-1 Third Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Sunday February 10, 2008
Fairwater Lions Clubhouse
Fairwater, WI

1. **Called to Order** @ 12:35 p.m. by District Governor Vern Pautz
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by PDG Orv Kittel
3. **Prayer** was made by PDG Steve Pautz
4. **Introduction of guests** by VDG Gary Bilke. VDG Gary introduced members of Fairwater Lions Club who were helping serve the cabinet.
- 4a **Election results** of the Special Meeting were that Lion Leonard Quinn was elected Vice District Governor for 2008-2009. Lion Leonard thanked everyone for their support. He has seen life and Lionism from both sides, in light and darkness. Thank you for all we have done for him.
Lion Warren has put in a lot of hard work and will try again. You must always think **POSITIVE**. Thank you for the support and the opportunity.
5. **Approval of Agenda as sent motion** was made by Lion Bill Wessing and second by PDG Orv Kittel. **CARRIED** DG Vern thanked everyone for making it to the meeting and braving the weather. It will be an enjoyable day.
6. **Roll Call** was taken by Lion Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
7. **Approval of Cabinet Minutes from November 11, 2007 as sent motion** was made by PDG Steve Pautz with a second by Lion Sherm Hamilton. **CARRIED**
8. **Treasurers report** presented by Lion Dave Holschbach. Lion Dave explained the starred accounts were from the district convention. The convention committee was thanked for a good job and producing profit of \$ 1862.39. DG Vern brought up for discussion to have \$1000.00 set aside in the current year for pre convention expenses (seed money), this would make it easier for the convention committee to start earlier and promote sooner. **Motion was made by PDG Tom Clausen to add a line item "2008 Convention" to the Treasurers report, second by PDG Vic Voigt. CARRIED Motion was made by PDG Steve Pautz to accept the Treasurers report adding a line item for \$1000 for 2008 pre convention expenses, second by Lion Bill Wessing CARRIED**
9. **Tail Twister** Lion Irv Korth turned in \$ 7.94 from last Cabinet meeting and fined DG Vern and Lion Dave for some discrepancies in times. There will be more fines today, he needs to meet his budget.
10. No **Communications** received by either DG Vern Pautz or Lion Dave Holschbach

11. **Old Business:** NONE

12. **New Business:**

A. The **next cabinet meeting** will be on April 6th at 12:30 p.m. This will be the last cabinet meeting of DG Vern's year and pictures will be taken. It will be held at the Maribel Lions Community Center.

B. Lion Marv Henke has been in contact with a band interested in playing at the district convention. PDG Steve Pautz will followup with him. Lion Marv also reported his cataract surgery went along smoothly. It was one of the worst that the doctors have seen. He now has better vision than he every had.

13. **Committee Reports** (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal)

A. **Constitution & Bylaws** - PDG Tom reports that he now has the constitution and bylaws on the website. He asked if everyone is up to date and should we reprint. DG Vern says it is ok. Copies will be available at the next cabinet meeting.

B. **VDG & MERLO** - VDG Gary Bilke asks "What are we doing today, The old way or a better plan ?" He plans to use Lions Clubs for his meeting and tentatively has 3 meetings scheduled. Give back to the Lions and show them what we do.

"Challenge to Change" MERLO has not met yet.

1. **Membership** - PDG Tom King & Lion Dennis Schwartz No report
2. **Extension** - PDG Orv Kittel is still trying to get a new club. Don't overlook any possible member. Lion Bill Hilbert also added, we know its not easy to get members, all clubs are struggling...Remember **" JUST ASK !"**

3. **Retention** - VDG Gary Bilke - Our retention report is excellent. 93.8% retention, this is the best in the world, with this rate growth should be easy. PDG Del Peterson could not be in attendance but asked that all Zone Chairman be sure that the clubs are completing the **LION MEMBER EXIT INTERVIEW**, this should be forwarded to the District Governor. This report helps to determine problems within clubs and possible ways to not lose members.

4. **Leadership** - IPDG Ken Wallander & PDG Gary Colton PDG Gary reports that this year there will be 2 District Officer Training sessions to choose from. Saturday April 19th at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac from 9:00a.m. to noon or Thursday April 24th at CAP Services in Wautoma from 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m. These will also be listed in the WI Lions Newspaper. It may be possible to include special training session for Zone Chairman at either of these.

5. **Orientation** - PDG Del Peterson did not have any update.

6. **Women's Membership/Lion Liaison** - Lion Renee Seiler submitted the following. Lioness are ringing bells and serving communities with their many activities. Membership is stable and the enthusiasm seems great ! Women's membership for the Lions is **NOT** growing as it could. Lions clubs don't forget to ask the gals.

C. **Affiliate President** - Lioness Betty Warren was not present.

D. **LCIF** - IPDG Ken Wallander was on the current Mission to Mexico but did submit the following. Sight First II has a new total of \$135 million as of the end of January. We will for sure reach \$150 million but have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$200 million. Zone chairman remind your clubs of our goal and to invite him to your zone meetings.

E. **USA/Canada Forum** - PDG Dean Haas reported that it will be September 18-20 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

F. WLF - PDG Tom Clausen updated everyone on the WLF. There were 1500 campers this past year. WLF needs financial support. It takes 1.7 m to run our foundation. Make your general donation foremost, other programs are great but the camp should be first. WLF will be redoing their budgets due to shortfalls. Health lodge is installing smoke alarms. District 27 B1 sent the 2nd largest group of campers. Clubs should send enough to cover the cost of campers from their area. WLF still runs "Youth Service Appreciation Awards" Lion Mary Jo asked for an article to explain where funds and donations actually go. PDG Steve Pautz will submit.

PDG Steve Pautz reported that *March 25th is "Lions Diabetes Alert Day"*, he has information. Diabetes is growing quickly. *Workday at camp will be Saturday April 26th*. It is a great honor for 27 B1 to have PDG Tom Clausen as incoming WLF President.

G. Services for Children & Children's Vision Screening by Lion Betty Clausen and PDG Paul Tadych were not present for a report.

H. Quest & Youth Outreach - Lion Shirley Peterson was not present due to death of sister, but she is working on another grant.

I. Youth Exchange - Lion George Edwards reported that Camp Dundee had 58 campers last year. Any donations are greatly appreciated, as with Lions Camp it is always a struggle. Feel free to invite Lion George to your meetings. They have had excellent students, this year there will be two outgoing. PDG Steve Pautz made a ***motion to send our annual \$1700 to Youth Exchange*** for camp support, the second was by PDG Gary Colton. **CARRIED**

J. Special Olympics - PDG Orv Kittel has the date set for Saturday April 5th in Oshkosh. He will need about 50 volunteers. PDG Tom Clausen will put it on the website and Lion Mary Jo will e-mail the form to all the clubs.

K. Leo Chairman Lion Bill Harris reminded everyone that District 27 B1 is not strong on Leo Clubs. Please help distribute the 2008 Lions calendar to schools and others. They have sold about 50% of the 10,000. They will work on 2009 preorders. DG Vern remarked that the distribution was faulty this year. VDG Gary would like clarification as to where the money and paperwork goes. The Leos are working on their own foundation. They will need to annually get permission from WLF to proceed with the project. PDG Dean Haas commented that the Lions calendar is a great marketing and promotion piece.

L. Peace Poster chair PDG Dave Petrie was not present, however Lion Peggy Zickert mentioned that the district winner's parent is an Eldorado Lion.

M. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation chair Lion Al Sabel reiterated that March 25th is Diabetes Alert Day. We should be proud that District 27 B1 is first in the state for funds raised. Clarification was made as where the funds in our Diabetes Account should go. ***A motion was made*** by Lion George Edwards and second by PDG Gary Colton that ***the \$700 in the Diabetes account be sent to WLF*** to help defray the costs for material for diabetes. **CARRIED** ***A motion was also made*** by DPG Gary Colton that the ***\$ 65.46 in the LEHP account also be sent to WLF*** since this program has been disbanded, the second was by Lion Bill Harris. **CARRIED**

N. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling chairman Lion Howard Sippel reports that the council of governors is recommending that WLF would control the program or it may be dropped. PDG Tom Clausen reports that all monies should be sent to WLF. Presently they have money for audiologist but no money to purchase hearing aids. It is a good program if it can self fund itself. Lion Howard says it is very worthwhile. Discussion to follow, if all monies were paid in, who controls, who pays in, how much, do they only get credit for their donation and everything after is the district responsibility?? No agreement to transfer funds could be met, continue now as we have in the past by paying audiologist's fees. **TABLE DISCUSSION TO NEXT MEETING**

O. Lions Eye Bank of WI did not have a report by either PDG Tom King or PDG Orv Doede as they were not present.

P. Environmental chair Lion Bill Wessing asked if the district wanted to participate in LCIF environmental picture contest. It was the **consensus of the cabinet to proceed**. Lion Bill will get information out to the clubs.

Q. Mission to Mexico PDG Bob Showers, IPDG Ken Wallander and Lion Pat Knier are currently returning from the latest mission per Lion Ralph Schneider. We are in need of eyeglasses.

R. Leader Dog representative PDG Vic Voigt reports donations are behind, it cost \$38,000 a dog, our district only had 60% participation. PDG Vic does have a new DVD and they are rejuvenating the brick program. Montello and Appleton are receiving dogs.

Puppy Dog Co-Chairman Lion Leonard Quinn reports that the puppy program is growing. Puppy trainers are available for speakers.

Motion by PDG Steve Pautz and second by VDG Gary to have PDG Vic **proceed with a 2008 District Raffle**. Motion **CARRIED**

S. District Convention co chair Lion Steve Pautz reports that the 2007 convention made money. The 2008 convention will be on November 7th and 8th at Fox Hills Resort in Mishicot. Look for new ideas and new programs. The room rate will be \$ 65.00. Think about if we should have a theme night.

T. District Bowling chair Lion Bill Hilbert attended the opening of the State Bowling tournament. Our district tournament had 24 teams this year. Bring others, please participate, **Make it Fun !**

U. IT/Newsletter PDG Tom Clausen has the website looking good and adding things everyday.

V. Public Relations Lion Mary Jo Abler needs articles ! Chairman please send her articles about your program. Double check that all members receive the WI Lions Newspaper. Send pictures of the activities not the check presentation or award presentations.

W. Photographer Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present, however **the next cabinet meeting will be PHOTO DAY**. All cabinet members are expected to be in suit and tie, dress or business suit.

X. Pin Chairman Lion Harvey Hansen did send an e-mail since he was frying eggs for the Two Rivers Lioness Club. Lion Harvey wants to know if he should proceed with designing a convention pin for the 2008 year. He will coordinate the design with DG Vern. **Motion made** by Lion Irv Korth and second by PDG Vic that Lion Harvey should **proceed with design and pin ordering for 2008 District Convention**. **CARRIED** Lion Harvey also has quantities of L O S still available from previous conventions. District pins are plenty, Zone chairman get orders from your clubs, let Harvey know. District pins are only \$2.00 each.

Y. District Bucket Raffle chairman Lion Craig Hansen was not present.

Z. Historian PDG Orv Doede was not present.

AA. Elections & Nominations chairman Lion Ralph Schneider reminds everyone that anyone interested in running for any position must have their nomination papers in 30 days prior to the District Convention.

BB. Advisory/Long Range Planning co chair PDG Herb Schneider is recovering from back surgery. The committee of PDG Herb, PDG Steve Groene and PDG Tom King submitted the following report. The Long Range Plan would be to re-examine the structure and responsibilities of the Cabinet as a whole.

The reasons are :

- 1) Our costs to operate increase each year.
- 2) Conventions have been making changes to be more interesting, but attendance has not improved.
- 3) District is stagnant, losing clubs not gaining.
- 4) Membership dwindling, we can't get a handle on what to do to turn it around.

It seems that what is needed is a rejuvenation of what we have to move forward. Therefore we feel the way to start is two fold – more indoctrination of who we are and what we do and to review each Cabinet job description from DG down to new and old members of each Lions club. Give them your thoughts and hopefully our District can start bringing Life back to Lionism in District 27 B1.

“ NO ONE CAN DO MUCH ALONE, BUT WITH THE STRUCTURE WE HAVE, WE CAN INVOLVE MANY AND MAKE THE JOB POSSIBLE.”

14. Zone Chairman Reports

A. Region 1 Zone 1 chairman Lion Jim Klundt was not present.

B. Region 1 Zone 2 Lion Dave Holschbach's zone meeting was hosted by Maribel Lions. His speaker was Lion Mary Jo Abler our District Public Relations and also Virginia Parlato a local newspaper representative. The message was get your name out in the public and this is how. His zone is +4 for membership. He also discussed the filling the zone chairman position for next year with all of the clubs, since he will be Cabinet Secretary for Governor elect Gary.

C. Region 1 Zone 3-Lion Jerry Post zone meeting was in Collins. The next meeting they will be making their donations from the proceeds of working at the Manitowoc County Fair. This year they will be hosting a booth at the fair to promote LIONS, any information is appreciated.

D. Region 2 Zone 1 chairman Lion Dennis Schwartz was not present.

E. Region 2 Zone 2 chairman PDG Fred Holtz was not present.

F. Region 2 Zone 3 Lion Richard Schaefer's zone meeting was hosted by Green Glen Lions. VDG Gary, Lion Howard Sippel, Lion Al Sabel and Lion Mary Jo Abler were in attendance, so a lot of information was presented. Next meeting April 14th hosted by St. Peters Lions.

G. Region 3 Zone 1 chairman Lion Jim Christman was not present.

H. Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Gary Silah's zone meeting was held on January 21 in Campbellsport. Despite the blizzard, 23 Lions attended, 4 of the 5 clubs were represented. PDG Bob Showers gave a presentation on Mission to Mexico. The final zone meeting will be early May.

I. Region 4 Zone 1 Lion Peggy Zickert's zone meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm. It has been rescheduled for February 21st. 3 of the clubs are working on Adopt a Soldier program.

J. Region 4 Zone 2 Lion Marv Henke's zone meeting was hosted by the Kingston Lions and PDG Vic was speaker on Leader Dog. His next meeting will be hosted by Neshkoro Lions and PDG Tom Clausen will be the speaker.

K. Region 5 Zone 1 chairman Lion Helen Mork was not present.

L. Region 5 Zone 2 Lion Sherm Hamilton's next zone meeting is March 19th at Wild Rose. At that time they will select a Melvin Jones.

15. Other Business-DG Vern Pautz

As a wrap to the meeting, DG Vern comment that Wisconsin is doing very good in membership. The next Cabinet meeting will be April 6th at 12:30 p.m. at the Maribel Lions Community Center. Lion Warren Nelson informed everyone that Larson-Winchester Lions are approaching their 500th wheelchair ramp. **GREAT JOB.** Tail Twister Lion Irv also mentioned that due to this meeting lasting longer than anticipated, **reports will be limited to 3 minutes with a 2 minute discussion allowed.** Anyone needing more time, should as in advance. Fines will be levied. The next meeting is also our Picture meeting. Men should wear at least a tie, women a skirt or similar attire. Fines will be levied.

16. Motion to adjourn by Lion Sherm Hamilton with a second by Lion Marv Henke at 3:50 p.m. **CARRIED**

Monies collected today: Tail Twister \$ 38.50 Meal Donation \$46.00

Respectfully submitted by Dave Holschbach, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer