



## Minutes

District 27-B1 Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday, May 2, 2010  
C.J.'s @ the Wayside, Ripon, WI

1. Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m. – DG Leonard Quinn
2. Pledge of Allegiance – PDG Ken Wallander
3. Prayer – by Lion Dave Holschbach; Song – by PDG Vic Voigt
4. Introduction of Guests – DG Leonard Quinn – ladies introduced themselves
5. Approval of Agenda & Opening Remarks – DG Leonard Quinn
6. Roll Call – PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer – 34 cabinet members and 1 district honorary member were present. Lion Dean Haas introduced Lion Jim McGee from Appleton Evening Lions.
7. Approval of Cabinet Minutes from January 31, 2010 motion made by PDG Victor Voigt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Bill Wessing. M.C.
8. Treasurer's Report – presented by CST/PDG Gary Colton. Motion to accept by Lion Helen Mork, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Gary Silah. M.C.
9. Tail Twister – Lion Irv Korth reminded members to keep reports to 3 minutes.
10. Communications – DG Leonard Quinn and PDG Gary Colton
  - A letter from Manitowoc Crane requesting support for their American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Motion by VDGE Merle Strelow to donate \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dennis Schwartz. M.C.
  - A letter from Union Grove Lions Club requesting sponsorship of camp counselor kits. Motion by PDG Steve Pautz to donate \$200/1-kit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dave Holschbach. M.C.
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business:
  - A. Cabinet Reimbursement Form –complete and turn in to CST Gary Colton today
13. Committee Reports
  - A. Constitution/Bylaws/Protocol – IPDG Gary Bilke – not present
  - B. MERLO – PDG Ed Filemyr, Chairman – phone message to CST Gary Colton stated PDG Ed's regrets that he wouldn't be attending the meeting. He also said that the committee had met 5 times with Oostburg but they would not be forming a Lions club.
    1. Membership – Lion Dennis Schwartz is busy giving programs on membership.
    2. Extension – Lion Bill Hilbert – not present

3. **Retention** – Lion August Grahl – no response from Oostburg; no further report

4. **Leadership** – DGE Jerry Post reported that officer training was held in Wautoma and Fond du Lac. Attendance increased at both sites with positive feedback from both. Lion Dave Holschbach will be Leadership chairman next year.

5. **Orientation** – Lion August Grahl

C. **WLF** – PDG Steve Pautz reported that WLF will be having tours/a steak fry and dance at the camp Friday during state convention. Friday morning is the final WLF meeting. The camp is looking for male counselors. July 17<sup>th</sup> is the Birch-Sturm golf outing. There will be no chicken dinner at the open house on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. in Sept. Instead there will be brat and burger stands. PDG Steve congratulated Lion Irv Korth for stepping forward to be a WLF director. PDG Victor Voigt requested a round of applause for Steve Pautz to thank him for his work on the foundation.

D. **Affiliate President** – Lioness Ella Stanelle reported that with 13 of the 14 Lioness clubs reporting, the Lioness gave \$7,306.60 to WLF; \$1,325 to Lions Eye Bank; \$2,320 to Leader Dog; \$2,704.60 to Lions projects; and \$29,139.44 to community giving. And 21,368 hrs. of community service.

E. **Affiliate Liaison** – Lion Meg Post stated the Lioness are strong and doing well in our district. Lion Meg and DGE Jerry have joined the Sherwood Lioness.

F. **Alert Program** – Lion Harvey Hansen / Lion Mary Jo Abler reported ALERT is going slowly. She has been working with FDL County Emergency Gov't Director. There seems to be a need for preparedness in time of an emergency, so she is putting together an informational handout that has the Lions logo on it. She is also making an outline of what we would like to do and how to do it. Lion Mary Jo and Lion Harvey are willing to speak at zone/club meetings about ALERT.

G. **LCIF** – PDG Vern Pautz reported that District 27-B1 donated \$6,275 to Haiti. Overall, the clubs in the district have contributed over \$25,000 to LCIF. MD-27 has received \$539,920 from LCIF over the past years.

H. **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** – PDG Gary Colton reminded everyone that the Forum is Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee. Sign up sheets for registration and volunteers are available through Gary or online. There is a 3 set series of pins available. The 3<sup>rd</sup> one is available at the Forum. There is also a Harley Davidson Sportster raffle being held. Drawing on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Hilton in Milwaukee. Lion Dean added that there's only 2,000 tickets printed. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for early bird registration. DGE Jerry encouraged people to attend. DG Len reported that District 27-B1 will have a presenter at the Forum – himself!!

I. **Lions Pride** – PDG Herb Schneider reported that as of Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> 1,025 individuals have donated to Pride. 276 clubs have pledged \$775,500. Of that 27-B2 pledged \$241,000 and B1 – a little over \$100,000. B1 needs 33 more clubs to make pledges in order to reach 100%. PDG Herb challenged every club to make a donation.

J. **Youth Exchange** – Lion Sandy King's written report read by CST Gary stated that there are only a couple youths left to place with Host Families. They still need some male counselors, age 18 and up. Contact Sandy if you want to help at camp the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

K. **Special Olympics** – PDG Orv Kittel reported that 262 athletes went through the Special Olympics vision screening. 241 glasses were distributed to the athletes. There were 84 volunteers. Everything went very smoothly. PDG Orv thanked everyone who contributed in any way to the program. DG Len added that State MERLO chairman, PDG John Schwab has met with the parents of the Special Olympic athletes, who were very impressed with our Lions organization. The parents and athletes are considering forming a Speciality Lions club of their own.

L. **Leo Chairman** – PDG Ken Wallander stated that the Neshkoro Leos will be taking

pictures at the camp this year. They are trying to find a sponsor for the calendars if they are to continue.

M. Peace Poster – Lion Dawn Christensen asked zone chairmen to encourage the clubs in their zones to run a peace poster contest this year.

N. Diabetes/LEHP/Sight Conservation – Lion Al Sabel stated that MD-27 is matching \$10,000 with the MD of Washington State to enter a \$20,000 float in international parade in Seattle. Lion Al and others, felt this money could be spent in a better way, such as at our camp. The ADA camp for diabetic kids will be held Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Right now ADA rents the camp for these kids.

O. Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling – CST Gary Colton read a report from PDG Paul Tadych stating that as of 4/16/10 the Lions clubs of 27-B1 have donated \$9,080.00 to the Hearing Program. Right now there are only 7 people on the waiting list. Thanks to everyone involved in helping. DG Len added that the number has since been cut to 5 people waiting.

P. Eye Bank of WI – CST Gary read a written report from PDG Tom King letting us know that Elizabeth Koenig has been selected as our new Executive Director to replace Dave Butters starting mid-April.

Q. Mission to Mexico – Lion Ralph Schneider encouraged everyone to continue to collect glasses. Single vision and reader glasses are desperately needed. DGE Jerry suggested clubs holding contests in schools/communities to collect glasses.

R. Leader Dog/District Raffle – PDG Vic Voigt reported that Leader Dog is looking for funds like other programs. 30 clubs have not donated to date. Please donate something. No raffle report at this time.

S. State Lions Convention – Lion Merl Strelow reported that there has been some complications with the raffle ticket prizes and with a signed golf contract. These are being worked out by the committee. They also have 200 lunch coolers to sell. There was a motion made by VDGE Merle Strelow to sponsor a \$100 golf hole for DG Len Quinn and one for DGE Jerry Post; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Steve Pautz. M.C.

T. District Convention – PDG Steve Pautz / PDG Gary Colton reported that the district Convention will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Nov. at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. The first planning meeting will be held in June for those who want to be on the committee. DGE Jerry reported that the programs are set.

U. District and State Bowling – Lion Bill Hilbert – no report

V. IT – PDG Tom Clausen – no report. DG Len said 3 of his fellow Governors commented that B1's website is the easiest to move through and one of the most informational in the state.

W. Public Relations – Lion Mary Jo Abler asked members to keep action photos coming in and take them close up. Melvin Jones/Birch-Sturm/Knight of Sight awards are in the back of the paper in the classified section. Try to type reports sent in. Send pictures via email. Not photocopies. She would also like one article/year from chairpeople. Lion Mary Jo is still working on compiling a list of speakers for meetings.

X. Pin Chairman – Lion Harvey Hansen reported there are no new pins at this time, and this will be Lion Harvey's last official meeting as our pin chairman.

Y. District Bucket Raffle – Lion Craig Hansen asked zone chairmen and club members to please donate prizes to the district bucket raffle. The more prizes the better the raffle income.

Z. Historian – PDG Richard Christianson said some clubs have asked him for a copy of their charter needed to apply for a raffle license. This is something he doesn't have. A copy of the club charter can be obtained from International. All clubs should be aware of their charter location.

AA. Elections & Nominations – Lion Ralph Schneider reported that we need a Vice-District Governor candidate (2), and a District Bowling Club. Papers need to be filed 30 days before district convention.

BB. Youth Outreach – no chair

CC. Advisory/Long Range Planning – Lion Mike De Baere had no report.

#### 14. Zone Chairmen Reports:

1. Region 1 Zone 1 - Lion Fred Gebhart reported that all of the clubs will be active through the summer. New members: Brillion-2; Stockbridge-1; Sherwood Lioness-2. Eye transports: Hilbert-14; Sherwood-8. Hilbert awarded a Birch-Sturm. Raffles at zone meetings raised \$588 and a wood block was purchased for the honor wall at the camp in honor of PDG Clarence Weller.

2. Region 1 Zone 2 - Lion Dave Holschbach had his last zone meeting the end of March and had a camper and her mother talk to the members. PDG Victor Voigt spoke on behalf of Leader Dog and PDG Steve Pautz gave his farewell to the zone.

3. Region 1 Zone 3 - Lion Statte Hayward's final zone meeting is coming up and will be hosted by the Two Rivers Lioness. Four awards will be presented. The clubs are busy with the following projects: Newton - Bingo; Manitowoc - brat & fish fry; St. Nazianz - Fun Night (made \$13,000); Valders - Community Picnic; Collins - district bowling.

4. Region 2 Zone 1 - Lion Dennis Schwartz reported that Lion Mike Helmke from the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Dept. will be the new zone chairman next year.

5. Region 2 Zone 2 - Lion Jack Johnson reported that his clubs have picked up 9 new members in the Waldo club. Lion Jack is unsure of the status of the Adell club at this time. Amsterdam added 3 new members. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Cascade.

6. Region 2 Zone 3 - Lion Richard Schaefer held his last meeting on 4/12. PDG Paul Tadych, PDG Ken Wallander and Lion Mary Jo Abler were presenters. Membership is low. Lion Bill Stubbe was given the Knight of Sight Fellowship. PDG Herb Schneider will present for PRIDE at the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

7. Region 3 Zone 1 - Lion Warren Nelson said all of his clubs are busy with activities. Membership is holding steady. Larsen-Winchester had 1,059 people attend their pancake breakfast. May 18<sup>th</sup> is the next zone meeting.

8. Region 3 Zone 2 - Lion Gary Silah held the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in FDL, hosted by the FDL Lioness. Lion Mary Jo Abler presented on ALERT. DGE Jerry Post, WLF director Tom Clausen, and USA/Canada representative PDG Gary Colton also spoke. Club membership is good except for Dundee-Long Lake club that might be disbanding due to lack of members and participation. DGE Jerry and ZC Gary will attend their May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss options. They may join with another club. Oakfield club will host the fall meeting.

9. Region 4 Zone 1 - Lion Merl Strelow announced that Lion Dawn Christensen will be the new zone chair. Their last meeting was in Omro with 48 people in attendance. Lion Merl reported that all-9 clubs are self-contained and doing well. Ripon Lions & Lioness, Brandon and Fairwater Lions gave a Birch-Sturm to Brandon Meats. Fairwater Lions gave the Knight of Sight Fellowship to Pam Lahey.

10. Region 4 Zone 2 - Lion Marvin Henke held his last zone meeting in Neshkoro with 64 members in attendance. VDG Jerry and Meg were presenters. Membership is up in the zone. Berlin Club is holding a horse pull on 6/12 to raise money to purchase a Trekker for a member who is blind. Green Lake will host the next meeting. PDG Herb Schneider will be the speaker.

11. Region 5 Zone 1 - Lion Helen Mork held her last zone meeting on 3/29 with PDG Jerry Rabbach as her speaker. The new zone chairman is Lion Karl Rasmussen from Oxford. Packwaukee has 7 new members. Westfield has been active in donating to PRIDE and the camp. The Oxford Lions, Lioness and Montello Lions have been very active.

12. Region 5 Zone 2 - Lion Sherman Hamilton held his last zone meeting on 4/7 with WLF Director, PDG Tom Clausen as the speaker. A Melvin Jones Fellow recipient was selected and will be presented at the 6/1 zone meeting at Silvercryst. There will be a section in the local paper for Lions Week, highlighting all the clubs in the zone.

15. Other Business – DG Len Quinn reminded everyone that PU-101's are due now and send them to DGE Jerry Post.

A. Funds Approval for 2010-2011 cabinet – A motion was made by PDG Victor Voigt to approve the transfer of \$1,000 starter funds to an account for the 2010 - 2011 cabinet; 2<sup>nd</sup> by ZC Gary Silah. M.C.

B. DGE Jerry Post – Information regarding 2010-2011 Lionistic Year – DGE Jerry extended a very special Thank You to everyone who made the year a GREAT one for he and Meg. He stated that his goals will be very similar to DG Quinn's. He recalled two instances when DG Quinn was speechless. The first was when 11 Lions from St. Nazianz's pulled up with a limousine, to take DG Quinn to his club meeting and presented him with a Founder's Award. The second was 4 days later when they took him to convention and presented him with a Breeze. DGE Jerry elaborated on how he and Meg have become very good friends with Ginger. They presented Ginger with a tag that reads: I am no more, no less than a left hand full of Lions love.

C. DG Len Quinn – Closing comments – DG Len thanked all of his cabinet members and all of the Past District Governors for their time, service and advice this year. He gave special recognition to Kay and Ginger, for without them his term as DG wouldn't have happened. DG Len said he has witnessed many miracles and has cried more this year than he ever has in his life. He told those present, you do those miracles everyday of every year. Thank you!

D. Camperships – A motion was made by PDG Vern Pautz to give 2 - \$600 Camperships to sponsor 2 children to go to camp. The \$1,200 to be taken out of the excess funds in the district treasury; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Marv Henke. M.C.

16. Adjournment – DG Len Quinn adjourned the meeting with this reminder: “The only Happiness that you get to keep is the happiness that you give away.”

*Respectfully submitted, PDG Gary Colton, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer*