

**Lions Club International
District 27-C2
Cabinet Meeting
October 24,2010
Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel**

The October 24,2010 Cabinet meeting of Lions District 27-C2 was called to order by District Governor Bob Moen at 2:00p.m. at the Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel Conference Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

VDG Leon Christiansen led the cabinet in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PDG Jim Boettcher led the group in prayer and song, God bless America.

In his opening remarks, DG Bob noted a proposal in the works to increase International dues. He also reminded members of the Power of Peace Essay contest for visually impaired youth ages 11-13. Entries need to be into DG Bob by February 15, 2011. He also commented on nine motorcyclists from Fond du Lac that conducted a Ride for Pride visit to the camp raising a \$1,500 donation.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute has changed its dates from the fall to January 27-30,2011 at Stevens Point. PID Ken Schwols from Colorado will be our guest at this year's convention-Expo on April 15-16,2011 and PID Wayne Heiman will be the host. District pins are going like wildfire. We need to seek out candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor and bids for hosting the 2013 district convention before our April event.

Communications

We received a thank you note from WLF for our \$120 donation for candy passed out at the Wisconsin State Fair. DG Bob received an email From DG Barry Boline asking for contacts of clubs that own their own community parks, We received a thank you letter from the American Diabetes Association for our \$3156.10 donation from our diabetes fund. The Wisconsin Lions Camp sent a thank you letter for our \$3156.10 donation, also from our diabetes fund.. We received a bill from Lake Superior Explorer Inc. of Ashland for a one year renewal of web hosting. Motion ...B Schonberg/D Knott ... To pay the \$163.16 bill.... carried. It was later noted that this amount is an annual expense covered in our budget under technology.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8,2010 cabinet meeting....D Ashby/J Lee.... carried.

Treasurer's Report

Lion Don Pirk provided a Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet covering July 1 through October 24, 2010. He added a fixed assets entry to the balance sheet to include the recent

purchase of a new Dell Computer, printer and necessary software totaling \$1,056.97. We received \$181.00 in today's donation basket to go towards the luncheon expense today. The \$3000 borrowed from the children's vision screening account last year to begin adult glaucoma screening program will be transferred back to children's vision screening fund. Motion.... Boettcher/ Schonberg.... to transfer the \$250 in the WLF Adopt a Hearing Aid Fund into our 27-C2 Hearing Fund.... Carried. PDG Edwin Linnemann will be contacting with information on how to get hold of PDG Bill Davidson to transfer Xerophthalmia Funds to the state level.. Motion....D Christianson/Helwig.... To send the \$1,250 in our hearing fund to WLF so it can be used for our district's hearing fund needs... Carried. Motion to accept the treasurer's report.... D Knott/ D Christianson.... Carried.

District Reports

Merlo Report

PDG bob Schoenberg reported that PDG John Schwab shared a lot of information on changes coming down from International, including a name change for the team, at today's earlier Merlow Meeting. PDG Schwab will become the advisor for the new GMT/GLT. The committee decided to continue the officer leadership training sessions again next spring. Lion Schonberg offered his help at the club, zone and region levels. He stressed the importance of keeping our club meetings fun.

WLF

WLF Director Greg Tobisch announced that the Wisconsin Lions license plates will be available December 1,2010. The addresses for check donations are posted on the website. WLF will be restructuring into separate entities, each a 501(c)(3), as a means of streamlining efficiency and to help protect the liability interests of each entity, Lion Greg sent an email and also provided a handout on how Wisconsin Lion's Pride records gifts and pledges, and how disbursement figures are calculated from the interest earnings. The Lion's Pride Campaign total as of October 15, 2010 is at \$5,691,095.WLF Director Dennis Christianson announced that our district sent 42 campers to lions camp last year. We had 7 clubs in 27-C2 that did not contribute to Lions Camp last year.Lion Dennis commended Affiliate District President Betty Watkins as the district lioness clubs achieved 100% donations to WLF. WLF is again asking for members of each club to serve as an Associate Member to WLF to act as a contact for WLF mailings and information. Thirteen clubs in our district have sent in Associate Members names so far. The remodeling of the roof on the Memorial Building at the camp was finished up a week ago and looks really good. Applications for next summer's camping season will be sent out on January 3, 2011. The three fund entities referred to by Director Greg includes Birch-Sturm, the Lion's Pride Fund and WLF.

LCIF

LCIF Coordinator PDG Dennis Knott reviewed information he received at the USA/Canada forum in September. In the 2009-2010 year, 54% of the clubs in the USA made donations to LCIF. Worldwide donations to LCIF last year were \$33 million & of this , USA donations totaled \$5.6 million. LCIF grants last year amounted to \$24.35 million and of this \$1.86 million was

awarded in the USA. PDG Dennis noted that his email address has changed to djknott@frontier.com

Eye Bank

PDG Stan Carlson conveyed thanks from the Ogema Lions Clubs to members of the Lake Tomahawk and Medford clubs that helped with vision screening on the 25th. He reported that the eye bank is doing well through support of donations and gifts. He announced that 471 families were involved with tissue donations, 937 corneas were recovered, 654 transplants have been performed so far this year. There are consistently between 1400 and 1500 people waiting for corneal transplants. Lion Stan also urged all to sign up on the donor registry website: yesiwillwisconsin.com and then communicate to your family that these are your wishes. The eye bank mortgage is down to \$67,300. The facility recently passed an FDA survey with flying colors. They are open for visitors. This is Stan's last year on the board. He has found a replacement.

Vision Screening

Lions Dennis and Mary Jane provided a handout reporting 5 adult vision screenings in the southern area with approximate 65% referral rate to eye professionals. Lion Greg Tobisch reported 3 adult screenings in the northern area with 50% referral rate. They reported over 800 children have been screened. The Tomahawk and Medford clubs have been working with their district school nurses to do the screening. He received a call from District B-1 for information as they are hoping to start adult vision screening in their district.

Diabetes

Lions Bonnie and PDG Don have been working with clubs including Merrill and Park Falls on diabetes awareness and screening. They attended a Diabetic Seminar in Superior and Rosholt. Our recent donation to the camp diabetes fund made us eligible for half diamond on the garden wall at the camp and a plaque.

Hearing/Curling: no report

Xerophthalmia no report

Mission to Mexico

Lion Tom Hyland reported the recent death of Lion Elmer Beste, a great supporter and worker for Mission to Mexico. He explained the project is doing really good financially and in donations of supplies. A list of the most desired supplies is available. Right now missions to northern Mexico are on hold for a while until some questionable situations get straightened out.

Affiliate District President

Lioness Betty Watkins reported that membership is strong. They do lose members but have been able to gain more than they lose. The number of hours donated by their members is outstanding. Clubs have been submitting articles to the Wisconsin Lion.

Credentials: no report

Long term planning: no report

Constitution & By-Laws

PDG Chuck Franz and his committee of five have had a couple of meetings already and another scheduled to work on the constitution&by-laws. The policies are finished and ready for approval. Proposed revisions to the constitution & by- laws need to be presented and voted on at the district convention. IPDG Shirley Lemke added they have had two meetings so far and have another scheduled for November 4th in Tomahawk. Besides comparing several older versions of the district policies, they are also looking at the present policy manual of District D-1 as a comparison.

Public Relations

Lion Don Fredricksen reminded us that he and Lion Ricky are seeking articles that address the basic who, what, where and why issues with clear crisp pictures. They encourage working with the local media. Make contact with them to ask what they expect and what are their standards.

2010-2011 District Convention

Lion Larry Krull presented the convention committee's plans and preparations for the April event. Meal prices presented are Friday night fish fry \$16; Saturday lunch \$13; Governor's Banquet, prime rib \$20 or chicken breast\$15. Rooms are available at \$68 at the LDF Casino & Hotel. MotionCarlson/Ader.... to approve these prices.... Carried.The cabinet assured Lion Larry that policy allows the host club to conduct raffles/or cash raffles at the event. It was decided to hold the Service of Remembrance at 5:00 PM on Friday evening. Other details and specifics will be communicated as they are determined. Lion Roger Weber added that goals have been agreed upon and project assignments have been established. It will again be an expo style convention.They have discussed and are still taking suggestions for a theme. A lengthy discussion was held concerning promotion of the convention. Lion Ricky will be asked to promote the event for several months before April in The Wisconsin Lion. The district budget of \$1,000 for the convention is already allocated to expenses other than promotion. Of the \$8.00 registration fee, \$5.00 goes to the host club and \$3.00 goes to the district. Promotional avenues stressed were personal contact encouraging convention attendance and using region and zone chairmen to promote the convention to the clubs. Any cabinet member could be invited to club meetings to promote the event. Many clubs have convention funds to help convention attendees with some of the expense incurred by attending. Percentage wise our district has one of the highest rates of attendance, but we would like to see greater participation by club members.

Peace Poster

Lion Judeen Knott reminded cabinet members that club Peace Posters winners must be in to DG Bob by November 15, 2010.

Youth Exchange/Leo club

PDG Harry Helwig reported that last year we had 3 exchange students visit our district and all went well. We are assessed \$1700.00 each year for youth exchange so we need club donations to this account. Youth exchange students make fantastic speakers for your clubs. The Rhinelander Leo Club now has 24 members. They could use a digital camera if anyone has an extra one to donate to them.

Pins

Lion Mike Lorbetske announced that pin sales are going well. District raffle tickets will be made up and distributed.

Bowling/Historian

PDG Edward Weise Jr. announced that the 60th Annual Lions State Bowling Tournament will be held in Shawano this year. Opening ceremonies will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2011. The event will be split between two establishments. Registration forms will be printed in The Wisconsin Lion and sent to each club. Our history book has been brought up to date. It has been suggested that we try to put it on the web and /or make several copies that can be circulated among the clubs.

Tailtwister

Lion Bill Larson collected \$175 from ticket sales. of this, \$90 went to the treasurer and the rest will be distributed after the meeting.

Leader Dog

IPDG Shirley Lemke reported for Lion Dave Lemke that over 50% of our district's clubs gave to Leader Dog and the total for our district was \$19,313. The state of Wisconsin, MD-27, ranks 2nd in the top fifteen supporters of Leader Dog. Note that a donation of \$250 gets your club a dog bone shaped patch for your banner.

Region Chair

Lion Greg Tobisch stressed the importance of good communications between local clubs and the Cabinet and region & zone chairs to head off many problems that could develop. Lion Roger Weber encouraged getting changes for the district directory reported in a timely manner.

Zone Chair

Zone chair Lion Ted Benson reports that in his zone five of six clubs will be talking to their fire chief about getting fire fighting supplies to send to Mission to Mexico. Zone chair Leon Christiansen has sent out invitations to their zone meeting on October 30 in Tomahawk.

New Business

Motion....Krull/D Ashby To waive the convention registration fee for district governors, the council Chair and their spouses....Carried. Lion Judeen offered thanks to the Lioness and Lions from our district for the donations of quilt squares and afghans. The Children's Protective Agency in Milwaukee was given 155 quilts at the USA/Canada Forum.

Motion to Adjourn....Boettcher/D Ashby....Carried. 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Vic Schiszik

Cabinet Secretary