

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 27-C2  
CABINET MEETING  
August 8, 2010  
Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel

The August 8, 2010 Cabinet Meeting of Lions District 27-C2 was called to order by District Governor Bob Moen at 2:00 p.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.

Each of the cabinet members present introduced themselves and stated their position on the cabinet.

Opening remarks by District Governor Bob Moen

In his opening remarks, DG Bob reminded us of International Lions President Skruggs' recommendation to promote new service activities over the next year recognizing August 12 as U.N. Youth Day, October 14 as World Sight Day, a project to fight hunger during the holiday season and an environmental project to coincide with earth day on April 22.

Audit Committee Report

PDG Jim Boettcher presented the Audit Report for 2009-2010 and proposed budget for 2010-2011 which were recommended by the Audit Committee that met on July 26, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. at IPDG Shirley Lemke's home in Medford. Motion .... Helwig/Linneman .... to accept the audit report as presented .... carried. After a discussion of the proposed budget, motion to approve as prepared by the Audit Committee .... Linnemann/Boettcher .... Carried. A suggestion was made to have a basket out for anyone wishing to make a contribution towards the cost of each cabinet meal.

Treasurer's Report

No report available. The funds were just recently transferred from last year's administration to this year's administration.

DG Bob presented IPDG Shirley Lemke with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding leadership and devoted service as district governor 2009-2010. IPDG Shirley offered her thanks to all that helped and supported her over the last year. Being district governor really opens your eyes to all the work done by Lions and Lioness for their communities. The officers training sessions in May were very successful with 91 registrants attending. Continuing from last year, the Constitution & Bylaws and Policy Revisions Committee will be meeting soon to work on needed updates. Although we still had a negative membership balance at the end of this year, with continued work on membership in the clubs and in conjunction with officer training it is hoped we can change these numbers around in the future.

### Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2010, Cabinet Meeting as emailed and posted on the district website .... Franz/Lee .... Carried.

### District Reports

DG Bob asked that all chairpersons try to keep their reports to 3 minutes or less (from now on)

### Merlow Report

Merlow Team Chair Bob Schonberg is in Nicaragua so there will not be a report today. However, the Merlow Team did meet prior to this meeting to discuss items that happened in the past. More information on changes to the Merlow structure and system will be coming from LCI.

### WLF

WLF Director Greg Tobisch reported our district will be represented at the State Fair one day again this year and will be handing out mints as in the past. This year's Camp Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2010. Events will include a Strides Walk for diabetes, a fun run, bike races and camp tours. WLF had a balanced budget this past year. We had 6 clubs in our district that did not contribute to the camp this year. \$53,439 was donated to the camp by the clubs of District 27 C2, down 7.59% from before. The WLF Associate Program is being reinstated to try to get better communication and relationship between the clubs and WLF.

### LCIF

PDG Dennis Knott provided a handout. Nineteen clubs chose not to donate to LCIF. DG Bob stated, we do encourage all clubs to donate to LCIF.

### Eye Bank

PDG Stan Carlson reported we met our goal by collecting \$18,341 in donations for C2. We still have approximately \$4100 to go on our capital campaign pledge but, should meet that soon. Elizabeth Koenig started as the new director in April. This will be Lion Stan's last year on the eye bank board so he will be looking for a replacement from our district. Anyone wishing to serve on the board should contact Lion Stan. He will explain the required qualifications and the process. PDG Stan presented the Gift of Sight Award to Lioness Affiliate District President Betty Watkins recognition of 100% donations from the Lioness Clubs in our district. We are one of the few districts that have 100% lions and 100% lioness participation.

### Vision Summary

Lion Dennis Hirtz reported that Adult Vision Screenings have been performed at 10 locations since April. Twelve more screenings have been scheduled. About 45% of those tested were referred to an eye care professional. Lion Greg and Nancy Tobisch have been covering the northern part of our district and Lions Dennis and Mary Jane Hirtz cover the southern portion of our district. They have had 2 Adult Vision Screening trainings with Prevent Blindness of Wisconsin. We now have 90 lions and lioness certified by Prevent Blindness to do adult vision screening. They have given presentations at both 27-C2 and 27-D2 district conventions. A south Milwaukee lions club has contacted Dennis as they are interested in starting a vision screening program in their area.

Lion Mary Jane Hirtz reported that there will be a training session Aug. 26, 2010, at Minocqua for Children's Vision Screening. Prevent Blindness will train for adult screening once a year and for children's screening once a year. Lion Mary Jane proposed that we put together two children's screening supply kits. One would be used in the northern part of the district and the other for the southern portion. Lion Dennis explained that we have two machines for adult vision screening. There is an extended warranty available at a cost of \$500 per machine per year. Prevent Blindness has had no problems with their machines in the past. Dennis proposed that we do not get the extended warranties based on the cost per year and the track record that Prevent Blindness has had with their machines. A committee was set up last April to study whether Glaucoma Screening and Children's Vision Screening should be combined into one Vision Screening account. Lion Greg Tobisch reported the feeling of the committee is the accounts should be kept separate since they serve different populations and clubs prefer to designate their donations. When donations are received for "Vision Screening" the treasurer will check with the donating club to see which account was intended. When Glaucoma Screening was set up, \$3,000 was transferred from Children's Vision Screening to the new Glaucoma Screening fund to help with start-up costs. The committee now recommends that this amount be returned to the Children's fund from the Glaucoma fund. Motion .... Lee/D.Ashby .... to transfer \$3,000 back to the Children's Screening fund .... carried. The cabinet also agreed to change the name of the Glaucoma fund to Adult Vision Screening.

#### Diabetes

Lion Bonnie explained we now have two complete sets of diabetic demonstration equipment, one for the northern area and one for the southern area. We currently have \$8,500 in the diabetes fund. There are a few outstanding bills, but, after they are deducted we are left with \$6,337. 63. Lion Bonnie proposed that we send half of this amount to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in Milwaukee which supports our diabetes camp each summer and the other half to WLF for the diabetes camp. Motion .... B. Ashby/Krug .... to approve these donations from the diabetes fund .... carried. PDG Don Ashby reported they recently set up at a health fair along with glaucoma screening that was attended by about 300 persons. The Strides Walk at the District Convention took in about \$750 and they plan another at next year's District Convention. Club officers are asked to promote the Strides Walk to their members. A Strides Walk will also be held at the camp open house in September.

#### Hearing

Lion Larry Ray reports that he has six applications down at the camp waiting to be acted upon and two more applications just received. We have money in the account, but, can always use more.

#### Xerophthalmia

PDG Ed Linnemann reported recently providing \$833 in braille books to the Lions Camp.

#### Mission to Mexico

Lion Tom Hyland announced Mission to Mexico is still going strong. They will be taking another trip to Mexico in two weeks with a full truck. Contributions of both supplies and money have been coming in very well. When questioned about possible violence or security, Tom explained that all volunteers are advised to use caution and stay in groups. Local police provide

escorts and local Lions Clubs advise the group on safer areas. State Coordinator PID Ron Duffe told the group that one shooting or mishap will end Mission to Mexico.

#### Affiliate District President

Lioness Betty Watkins reports that the Lioness Clubs are very busy and active with summer projects. Their numbers continue to grow with now 458 members.

#### Constitution and By-Laws

PDG Chuck Franz stressed the need to get our district's Constitution and By-Laws updated and distributed to the clubs. The State Committee will be meeting in September to update State Constitution and By-Laws. Our district committee will examine LCI and State Constitution updates and incorporate their changes along with our own updates in the near future. Our committee will hold a short meeting here immediately following this cabinet meeting.

#### Credentials/International Relations

Lion Julene Mueller gave election results at the State Convention in May. The 2013 State Convention will be held at the Marriott in Middleton. All of the proposed resolutions on the ballot passed.

#### District Convention

Lion Larry Krull announced that the convention committees are organized and ready to go. The convention pin has been designed and ordered. The contract with the Lake of the Torches Resort has been finalized. Room rates will be \$68. The marketing division of the Lake of the Torches is again covering the 18% tax and tip on meals.

#### Peace Poster

Lion Judeen Knott provided a handout explaining the peace poster kits need to be purchased from the LCI supplies department. The contest is open to youth ages 11 – 13. Winning posters from each club must be sent to the District Governor by November 15, 2010. Posters will be judged at the district and state levels before going to international.

#### Leo Club/Youth Exchange

The Rhinelander Leo Club has 21 active members. PDG Helwig reports they have been active with their own projects as well as helping the Rhinelander Lions Club with some of their activities. Under Youth Exchange our district hosted three foreign exchange students this summer, one in the Hurley area and two in Merrill. Please remind clubs that our district is asked to contribute \$1,700 per year to support Youth Exchange.

#### Pin Chair

Lion Mike Lorbetske announced that the new district pins are here and available for \$2 each. Cost was \$1.40 each. PDG Stan Carlson explained that he has the late Bernie Kuenne of the Medford club's extensive pin collection to be disposed of. Marsha Kuenne has asked Lion Stan to sell the collection and she will donate the proceeds to Lions projects of her choice. Anyone with any thoughts or suggestions on how to sell them, please contact Lion Stan. Lion Stan also explained the donor network. If you have decided to become an organ donor upon your death,

you may register this on the State Donor Registry. Type in the address: yesiwillwisconsin.com to sign on. Their goal is to 2 million Wisconsin residents.

#### Zone/Region Chair Updates

Lion Greg Tobisch explained that the attorneys from the Wisconsin DOT and LCI are working on details concerning the use of the Lion's logo on the Lion's license plate. They have until December 1, 2010, to work out the details. Lion Jim Lee reported that the Saxon-Gurney Club has disbanded. Members have joined other area clubs.

Motion .... Boettcher/Helwig .... to approve \$120 expense for mints to be given away at the State Fair booth .... carried.

DG Bob asked if there are any corrections on the District Directory, please let him know so he can get them corrected on the website. The directory is already available on line.

Our district is in need of a new computer for the treasurer. Lion Bill Kriegel has recommended purchasing a computer through a reputable organization or supplier to ensure a proper warranty and tech support when needed. He estimates a cost of \$1,000 - \$1,300 for the computer and necessary software. The Audit Committee has recommended taking the needed funds from our money market account that has grown over the past few years for this long term purchase rather than impacting anyone's annual budget. Motion .... Carlson/Linnemann .... to authorize up to \$1,300 for the purchase of a new computer and the needed software for the cabinet treasurer .... carried.

VDG Leon Christiansen made a motion to nominate Lion Donald Pirk for the position of Second Vice District Governor for the 2010-2011 year. Motion seconded by IPDG Shirley Lemke. When questions were raised about Lion Don's qualifications for the position, the cabinet members determined that Lion Don does meet the requirements to run for the position. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn .... Helwig/D. Ashby .... carried. 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lion Vic Schiszik  
Cabinet Secretary