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**The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 27 - Wisconsin**

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WISCONSIN LIONS MD27
2010 – 2011 COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR’S SPECIAL MEETING
March 4, 2011
ECONO LODGE
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

1. The meeting was called to order by CC Lion Augie Fortmann at 7:00 P.M.

Those present were:

Council Chairman A. Fortmann	DG D. Habrat, C1	DG S. Jensen, E1
DG K. Harris, A1	DG R. Moen, C2	DG D. Fleming, E2
DG B. Boline, A2	DG G. Francis, D1	
DG G. Post, B1	DG D. Nelson, D2	
DG D. Polashek, B2		

Several others were in attendance including VDG’s, WLF Directors, and a number of others, although attendance was not recorded. Rather than go from memory, no names are listed here.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Harris

3. Prayer was given by DG Habrat

4. Opening Remarks were given by CC Augie Fortmann

He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the Council of Governors with the proposed restructuring of the Pride Endowment and the Birch-Sturm/Memorial Endowment Funds.

5. Background -- WLF President D. Kaiser

WLF President D. Kaiser gave a history of the progress to date on the discussion to move in this direction. He referenced a draft of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-laws for the Birch Sturm Memorial Fund and the Lions Pride Endowment Fund. He introduced Attorney Douglas A. Pessefall from Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., who had been working on the proposed restructuring into two separate 501(c)(3) organizations.

6. Rationale -- Attorney Douglas A. Pessefall

Attorney Pessefall outlined the need for different organizations because of the difference in purposes and board structures. He noted that there were to be changes in the draft documents including language related to reimbursement of expenses. He noted that the primary reason for moving in this direction was to insulate the assets in the two funds from tort and to provide a firewall to protect the Pride endowment. There were a number of questions from the Council about designated donations to Pride. There was some confusion about the purposes.

7. Recess at 8:05

The meeting recessed so that the VDG’s could convene in their training session.

8. Executive Session.

The Council of Governors met in executive session.

9. Reconvene in Open Session.

It was indicated that the DG's still had a number of questions about the proposal. **Motion #96** by DG Boline/DG Francis to table and postpone a vote on the proposed restructuring. 10-0 (carried) It was suggested that the DG's should put their questions in writing. **Motion #97** by DG Boline/DG Jensen to refer the questions to the policy committee where they would be summarized for presentation to the Foundation for clarification before the C.O.G. could make a decision on the proposed restructuring. 10-0 (carried)

Motion #98 to recess until 8:00 A.M. the following morning DG Boline/DG Jensen. 10-0 (carried)