

MINUTES
WISCONSIN LIONS MD-27
2008-09 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2008
RAMADA HOTEL, STEVENS POINT, WI

1. The meeting was called to order by CC Natynski at 7:35 AM

Those present were:

D. Schwanz, A1

G. Bilke, B1

J. Wessel, C1

J. Jenson, D1

K. Schmid, E2

J. Tomaszewski, A2

G. Coenen, B2

B. Schonberg, C2

M. Kelley, D2

F. Nutter, E2

VDG's

C. Marquardt, A1

K. Luebke, C1

R. Daluge, D1

R. Stanley, E1

W. Schmitt, A2

P. Pflieger, B2

S. Lemke, C2

K. Friske, D2

C. LeCleur-Meyer, E2

Art Marson, ID

Wayne Heiman, IPID

Ron Duffe, PID

Tom Clausen, PDG, President, WLF

Evett Hartvig, WLF

Stan Carlson, PDG, President, LEBW

Jerry Rabbach, Community Relations, LEBW

Dewey Carl, PCC, Lions Pride Campaign

Geri Schlender, WLF Lions Pride Campaign

Dean Haas, PCC, MERLO

John Schwab, PDG, MERLO

Dave Siewert, PDG, MERLO

Gary Stewart, IPDG, A1

Barry Boline

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VCC Schmid
 - a. The song was led by DG Schwanz
 - b. The prayer was led by DG Wessel

3. Introductions of those present were made by CC Natynski. He expressed, on behalf of all present, condolences to Jo Marson on the passing of her mother. Motion #90 was made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Schwanz to donate \$100 to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation in memory of the mother of Jo Marson. Approved 10-0

4. Motion #91 by DG Kelly/DG Coenen to approve the agenda as printed. Approved 10-0

5. The following corrections were made to the minutes of July 19, 2008:
 - A. page 1 – DG Schmid is from E1, not E2
 - b. page 3, #9 – DG Schmid's wife's name is Judi
 - c. page 5, #11(d) – Emerging Lions Institute participant eligibility is for those with less than 8 years of membership, not 5.
 - d. page 6, #16(c) – vote should be 10-0
 - e. page 7, #16(i) – IPDG Rev. Sam Kochel is MD LCIF Chair, not PDG Eldon Vrieze
 - f. page 9, #30(a) – Policy A-12 should “add” instead of “strike” the phrase ‘but, without the tie
 - g. page 11, #21(d) – Motion #86 should have the amount for meals expenses for the state convention coordinator at \$320, not \$220.

- Motion #92 made by DG Schwanz/DG Tomaszewski to approve minutes of July 19, 2008 meeting as corrected. Approved 10-0

6. Council Secretaries report – none

7. Correspondence – There was a request for the Council to make the state directory available on CD.

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8. USA/Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Dave Sievert

73 Lions from the state of Wisconsin attended the Forum in Saskatoon. Total attendance was over 2,000. He expressed thanks to all those who helped with the 2010 Forum booth. He shared some of the highlights of the Forum. Over 600 pre-registered for the 2009 Memphis Forum. We will need to help with the task of pre-registration at Memphis for the 2010 Forum in Milwaukee. A pin was designed and approved but was not available at the time. It will be made available at district conventions. It will be part of a series.

9. Report on legal matters – Lion Barry Boline

A discussion was held on the advantages and/or disadvantages of having the state convention governed by a 501(c) (3) designation by the IRS. The major problem is that the monies raised by such a corporation cannot be forwarded to any other entity. Motion #93 by DG Jenson/DG Bilke to not pursue 501(C) (3) status for the state convention at this time. Approved 10-0

A proposed convention coordinator agreement was given to PDG Mills for his review.

10. WLF Report – PDG Tom Clausen

Highlights of written report:

The number of campers was down by 55 from last year due to dropping one week of visually impaired adults. This time was used for staff training. The 2009 camp schedule was adopted. The audit was completed and copies were sent out. The golf outing raised over \$13,000 for the WLF. The sports raffle raised \$65,000 for the Foundation and the clubs who participated. The Board voted to hold the raffle next year with consideration of cash for the grand prize. The annual Open House was held on September 13 with over 600 in attendance. Next year it will be held on September 19th. There are still concerns about moving the open house from Sunday to Saturday and from summer to fall. The campers are not in camp on Sundays and there is a desire to present the camp in operation. October 11th the camp will host a Handicap Hunt. The Eyeglass Recycling Center has received

glasses from the Lions of Nebraska, South Dakota due to the efforts of PID Ron Duffie. Glasses have also been received from the Lions of Minnesota. The Fall Work Day is October 25. The Annual Deer Hide Collection began with the bow hunting season on September 13. Last year's collection brought in \$61,000. Information is located on the website. Handing our candy at the State Fair was fairly successful; however, some districts were not represented. The New Berlin Lions presented a check for \$2,611. PDG Clausen asked the Council of Governors to do 3 things in regards to the Pride campaign: 1. consider a personal pledge to the campaign. 2. encourage the clubs to give annual donations to the Foundation. 3. to go on record in support of the continuation of the Pride Campaign.

11. Pride Campaign – PCC Dewey Carl

A significant gift of \$360,000 and deferred gift of \$1m received in September. The Jail and Bail netted \$6815; one-half went to the Pride Campaign, one-half to the Foundation. The Ambassadors received training on August 14-16 with a new presentation for 2008-2009. Motion #94 made by DG Jenson/DG Schmid to endorse the continuation of the Lions Pride Campaign. Approved 10-0.

12. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – PDG Stan Carlson

They have moved into the new building. A presentation was made on the proposed capital campaign to raise up to \$1.35 million dollars. The proposed campaign would finish when the money was raised. Motion #95 made by DG Bilke/DG Schwanz to give approval to the LEBW to proceed with its capital campaign. Approved 10-0.

13. MERLO

Retention/Orientation – PDG Dave Sievert

The goal for retention is 92%. Last year we were at 91.4%. This year to present we are at 90.2%. No study has been one to see if the trend is extraordinary. We need to encourage clubs to invite prospective new members not only to meetings but to projects, Lions Camps, etc.

13. MERLO Leadership – PCC Dean Haas

VDG training continues on Friday nights before council meetings. The Leadership training scheduled for Feb. 27-Mar. 1 will be held at the Royale Inn in Stevens Point. Training for the 2nd VDG has not been determined. Motion #96 made by DG Jenson/DG Kelly to ask the Resolutions/By-Law committee to work on incorporating the position of 2nd VDG into the Constitution/By-Laws. Approved 10-0. Motion #97 made by DG Jenson/DG Schonberg to ask the Policy Committee to work on policies concerning the position of 2nd VDG. Approved 10-0

Membership – PDG John Schwab

Membership is down 145 as of 9/30. Districts B1 and E2 have a positive growth so far. Applications for the MERLO leadership are due by December 15th so the council can take action at its January meeting. The Emerging Lions class will be held December 11-14 at the Royale Inn in Stevens Point. 4 applications have been received so far. They would like to have 20. The first half of the grant money from International has been received. Motion #98 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Jenson to allow the MERLO team to use the club mailing list for the Emerging Lions workshop. Approved 10-0. They are working with the Global Membership Team in regards to training in the state. It would follow the Extension Workshop format. TTT training will be held on October 25. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held on January 24th in Stevens Point. The cost is \$20. The VDG's will choose its chairman at the February 28th council meeting. They would like to open the application up to any PDG instead of only those from the past 5 years. Motion #99 made by DG Coenen/DG Bilke to change policy to allow any PDG to be eligible for council chair. Approved 8-2. Motion #100 made by DG Jenson/DG Coenen to eliminate the dates from policy A.6.1. Defeated 4-4 with 2 abstentions.

14. ALERT Program – PDG John Schwab

District 27D2 has plans for assistance to those affected by flooding. Texas and Louisiana have not asked for assistance at this time. We are still missing coordinators from A1, B1, C1, and D1.

15. State Office Secretary – DG Nutter

Motion #101 made by DG Jenson/DG Wessel to go into closed session. Approved 10-0

Motion #102 made by DG Kelly/DG Schonberg to return to open session. Approved 10-0

Motion #103 made by DG Nutter/DG Bilke that the Wisconsin Lions purchase single person health benefits for the secretary in the state office, Mary Wiza. The insurance should include a \$3500 deductible and be purchased through Humana. Monthly cost will not exceed \$450/month in the present year and maintained by the state office at the purchased service level until the secretary either leaves employment or retires. Approved 6-4

Motion #104 made by DG Jenson/DG Schwanz to place a copy of the secretary's evaluation in the personnel file. Approved 10-0

16. Treasurer's Report – DG Jenson

All expenses are in line to budgeted amounts. The expenses for the newspaper are high due to the payment of tax on the postage charged by the printer. Motion #105 made by DG Kelly/DG Schwanz to file the treasurer's report. Approved 10-0

IPDG Gary Stewart presented the annual audit. NO problems were noted. Motion #106 made by DG Jenson/DG Schwanz to file the audit. Approved 10-0.

17. State Convention Coordinator – PDG Wilson Mills

Motion #107 made by DG Coenen/DG Bilke to keep the 2010 State Convention at the Ramada Hotel in Stevens Point. Approved 10-0

Motion #108 made by DG Jenson/DG Tomaszewski to approve the theme "Celebrating Everyday Heroes" for the 2009 convention. Approved 10-0

Motion #109 made by DG Schwanz/DG Bilke to approve the "Toot Your Horn" section of the convention (for clubs to promote their projects). Approved 10-0

Motion #110 made by DG Jenson/DG Bilke to approve the concept of a youth program with a fee of \$30 per day, per child. There is a minimum number that will be needed for the program. The program will provide daycare from 9-4 and from 7-9 on Friday and Saturday. The service will include supervised child care, snack in the morning, lunch, snack in the afternoon, craft supplies, mini golf, make your own sundae, and snack in the evening. Approved 10-0.

Motion #111 made by DG Schmid/DG Nutter to approve offering two tours. One would be an all-day tour featuring the Mid-Continent Railway Museum, the Circus World Museum, and the Wisconsin Dells Ducks. Cost would be \$49.50 for adults, \$36.50 for children. The other would be an afternoon tour on the Wisconsin Dells Ducks. This tour would be \$20.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Approved 10-0

Motion #112 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Kelly to authorize PID Ross Thorfinnson to speak at the Friday luncheon. Approved 9-0.

Motion #113 made by DG Bilke/DG Schmid to put 3 lottery numbers in the convention book with prizes awarded. Approved 5-4

Motion #114 made by DG Nutter/DG Bilke to approve the Fairwater Lions Club to run the golf outing without sharing in the profits. The registration fee will be \$90. Approved 8-1

Motion #115 made by DG Jenson/DG Schonberg to ask the convention committee to revisit the costs of meals based on dropping the desserts from the luncheons and looking at the breakfast prices. Approved 9-0

Motion #116 made by DG Jenson/DG Tomaszewski to accept the compensation guidelines for volunteers at the convention as follows: 4 hours=hanger for convention pin, 8 hours=paid registration, 12 hours=payment for Friday lunch, 16 hours=payment for Saturday lunch, 20+hours=payment for Saturday banquet (If you serve 8 hours you would get hanger and paid registration, etc.) Volunteers will be expected to register and pay all appropriate fees and then request a refund after they have completed their service. Approved 9-0

Motion #117 made by DG Schmid/DG Jenson to approve an additional \$2 added to registration after April 1, 2009. Approved 9-0.

The committee opened a checking account at US Bank. The committee costs will come from the state budget. The convention costs will come from this account.

18. Mission to Mexico – PID Ron Duffie

There are 4 missions scheduled with a possibility of a 5th one for Honduras. At their October annual meeting they passed a motion to bill each district cabinet \$250 to offset eyeglass trailer expenses from their MTM funds. One of the problems they are encountering is that they have no way of transporting donated items other than glasses, school supplies, and medical supplies on their trips. They are looking at purchasing a new trailer from district MTM funds.

19. State Newspaper – DG Coenen

A new publishing contract is up for bids.

20. International Directors Report – ID Art Marson

He offered gratitude to those who are everyday heroes. Motion #117 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Schwanz to endorse Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong for position of 2nd International Vice-President. He shared the various awards available and deadlines for applications. Recent activities in “Challenge to Change” include the brand enhancement program, presence on YouTube, the position of 2nd Vice District Governor, and the Global Membership team. The International Convention will be held on July 6-10, 2009 in Minneapolis. The Wisconsin hotel is the Doubletree Park Place. Early registration ends December 31, 2008. The international show will feature the Beach Boys. A list of the speakers for the district conventions was handed out.

21. Youth Camp and Exchange – Lion Ray Tweedale

2008 Camp had 64 youth representing 26 countries and Wisconsin attending. The Youth Exchange program processed 87 applications from 30 countries. 12 youth from Wisconsin went to 5 countries. One meeting has been held for district coordinators. Job one is to get all districts involved.

The next three meetings will be geared to education of chairs in procedures and policies. The committee will be developing and improving existing documentation for seamless transitions between current and future chairs. One suggestion for the districts is to appoint co-chairs to this position. Another would be to have the affiliate clubs appoint a separate chair.

22. Diabetes Focus Group – Lion Gibbons

Goals for 2008-2009 were set by the group at their July meeting:

- a. 10% of clubs in each District awarded Diabetes Banner patch
- b. Strides Walk held in each district
- c. Healthy Halloween Project follow through, present info at Forum
- d. DFG display booth at International Convention in Minneapolis
- e. DG's to present Diabetes Awareness Award to cabinet chairs, one club in each district New Horizons in Diabetes Education aware.
- f. Develop a DVD on complications with diabetes and kidneys
- g. Have all district diabetes chairs print article in state newspaper including a healthy diabetic recipe
- h. update the DFG Functional areas of responsibility
ensure November Diabetes Month project of posting Diabetes Risk Test banner.

23. Policy Manual – DG Schwanz

No action was taken on policies F-10 and F-11. Motion #118 made by DG Kelly/DG Schmid to amend policy A-4 as follows:

Strike the last sentence in the fourth paragraph beginning "A male spouse. . ." Strike the words "white slacks and shoes shall be worn" in the fifth paragraph. The first sentence of the sixth paragraph should read "An optional 'casual uniform' chosen by the incoming concil, will consist of a golf-style shirt with collar and appropriate slacks and shoes." Approved 8-1. Motion #119 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Wessel to amend policy A-12 as follows: Strike the entire first paragraph. Strike the words "if desired" in the first sentence of the second paragraph. Strike the words 'State of' in the second sentence of the second paragraph. Add the word "but" before "without the tie" in the last sentence of the second paragraph. Approved 9-0

24. Long Range Planning Committee – PDG Jordan Chadwick
PID Wayne Heiman was appointed to the committee. No action was taken on the committee's report.
25. Affiliate Report – PDG Chuck Post
He has contacted Lioness Arletta Trejo who is the chair of the advisory committee. She had nothing to report. He is in the process of receiving materials from the previous state chair.
26. Other committee reports
 - a. Merchandise – DG Wessel
Motion #120 made by DG Schwanz/DG Tomaszewski to go with a different style of state polo shirt due to unavailability of previous style.
Approved 8-0.
 - b. Bowling
Motion #121 made by DG Wessel/DG Tomaszewski to approve the registration form for the state bowling tournament. Approved 8-0. The audit for the committee needs to be filed.
27. Other business
 - a. Award deadlines are as follows:
 - Presidential and Leadership - November 20
 - Helmer Lecy – December 15
 - President appreciation for district conventions
 - Peace Poster – November 30
 - b. names are needed for Leadership training school in February.
28. Comments by guests
PID Heiman – compliments on actions taken to date, take advantage of opportunities to advance Lionism
PDG Schwab – great job, looking forward to next year
PCC Haas – thank you, VDG great group to work with
PID Duffie
 - a. Don't put limits on Pride campaign, essential for survival of Camp

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b. GMT program to help clubs with extension. Encourage all districts to participate.

c. brought up a solicitation that had not been approved by the council from an individual in D2. DG Kelly is aware of the situation and is taking action.

d. Check to see if any clubs are having problems with the IRS in light of new reporting forms. Lions Clubs in Illinois are being audited.

CC Natynski – PDG have been asked to update state Protocol manual, reminder to fill out end-of-convention report, DG will receive “report card” from International rep at convention.

29. Motion #122 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Coenen to receive and file reports. Approved 7-0

30. The next meeting will be January 9-10, 2009 in Madison

31. Motion #123 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Schmid to adjourn.
Approved 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

DG Rev. Jonathan A. Wessel
Secretary