

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 27-C2  
CABINET MEETING  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel

The August 2, 2009 Cabinet Meeting of District 27-C2 was called to order by District Governor Shirley Lemke at 2:00 P.M. at the Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel Conference Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

DG Shirley Lemke introduced guest PID Jerry Radlinger and his wife Betty.

VDG Robert Moen led the cabinet in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PDG Jim Boettcher led the group in prayer and song.

DG Shirley asked each member present to introduce themselves, state their home-club, and their position on the cabinet.

PID Jerry Radlinger officially installed each cabinet member present into their respective offices according to their position on the cabinet.

In her opening remarks, DG Shirley thanked the Lions for opportunity to attend the International Convention in Minneapolis. She conveyed the theme of new Lions International President Eberhard Wirfs, "Move to Grow" not only in membership but also in new projects. The Wisconsin Lions Directory and Constitution and By-Laws for 2009-2010 are now available on-line at [md27directory.org](http://md27directory.org). Paper copies can be ordered from the State Office in Stevens Point for \$10.00 each, plus shipping and handling. Please send any corrections or changes to the directory to DG Shirley by e-mail. Motion that the 100% Club Secretary Awards can be handled through the Zone Chairmen.....Knott/Schonberg.....carried. A Senior Lions Leadership Institute will be held at LCI Headquarters Nov. 12-15, 2009. It was suggested this may be an opportunity for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Leon Christiansen.

In his 2008-2009 wrap-up, IPDG Bob Schonberg presented International awards to Lions Bill Kriegel and John Ader and to Lions Renee Kolberg and Rickie Kelly.

#### Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the May 31, 2009 Cabinet Meeting as mailed and emailed.....Carlson/Knott.....carried.

#### Audit Report

PDG Jim Boettcher presented the results of the audit meeting of July 24, 2009 at the home of Bill Kriegel. Motion to approve the audit report.....Ashby/Ader.....approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Cabinet Treasurer Dean Klemm presented the balance sheet from the audit meeting of July 24 with a discussion of funds received thus far for the Adult Glaucoma Screening Project. This report will be put on file for audit.

### District Budget for 2009-2010

A lengthy discussion was held over the proposed budget for 2009-2010. Items added to the expenses included \$500.00 for the new position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Youth Exchange of \$1700 since this is an assessed amount to our district. There were no pin sales income turned in from 2008-2009 so this year's income will include sales from last year plus sales of 2009-2010. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Bob Moen informed the cabinet he will not be able to attend the USA/Canada Forum so these funds of \$600.00 will not be used.

The budget committee proposed an increase in district dues from \$4.50 to \$6.00 with the option of offering family membership rates left up to the decision of this cabinet. Motion to adopt the dues increase to \$6.00, along with the Family Membership Plan Incentive ....Boettcher/Schonberg.....carried.....2 opposed.

Motion to set the effective date for the district dues increase to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the budget year.....Helwig/D Hirtz.....carried.....1 opposed.

Motion to approve proposed budget with aforementioned changes.....Ashby/S Larson.....carried.

Motion to change our depository to Mid-Wisconsin Bank of Medford with excess funds to be deposited into an interest bearing account as deemed appropriate by the treasurer.....D Hirtz/B Larson.....carried.

### **District Reports:**

#### Merlo Report:

The Merlo Team presented their "Three Year Merlo Plan – 2009-2012" handout. The five areas addressed by the plan included Membership Goals, Extension, Relation, Leadership, and Orientation Goals. The membership goal for our district is to have a positive 20 members at the end of the 2009-2010 year. PDG Gene Smith will be sending out a questionnaire to the Zone and Region Chairmen to be taken to the club level.

#### WLF

WLF Directors Dennis Christianson and Greg Tobisch offered thanks to PDG Don Ashby for his years of service as WLF Director. Director Christianson, Lion Falasky of Medford and PDG Ed Weise will be manning the Lion's Booth at the State Fair on our district's assigned day of Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

MOTION ....Knott/Weise.... to approve expenditure of approximately \$120 for candy to be handed out at the fair booth. CARRIED.

Lions Camp Open House is scheduled for September 19, 2009.

## LCIF

LCIF Coordinator PDG Dennis Knott offered to come to any of the clubs to speak on LCIF fund raisers and results of Campaign Sight First II.

## Eye Bank

PDG Stan Carlson spoke on last week's dedication of the new Eye Bank Building. DG Shirley will be the new Council Representative to the Wisconsin Eye Bank. The Eye Bank presented a \$5,000 gift to the WLF by purchasing a diamond in the Honors Garden. Over 800 people received corneal transplants this year. Thanks to all clubs that support the Eye Bank. District 27-C2 is about 1/3 of the way in our \$25,000 goal for the room at the Eye Bank.

## Diabetes

Diabetes Co-Chair Bonnie Ashby hopes to establish a contact person in each club to relay new information or new teaching aids to on Diabetes Awareness. The two weeks of diabetes campers are full. DVD's are available to the clubs. Co-Chair Don working on a Strides Walk at our district convention.

## Hearing

Hearing Chairman Larry Ray has 5 applications for hearing aids. The cost for our hearing aids is currently \$275, but some of the doctors are not using our hearing aids so prices vary.

## Xerophthalmia

Some checks are sent to Lion Jean and others are sent in directly. So far \$8,000 has been received to be forwarded on.

## Mission to Mexico

Lion Tom offered thanks to all that have called, sent cards, and offered prayers for Lion Bud. The next mission to Mexico trip is planned for the end of September, beginning of October. Still could use ambulances and small buses. Spring, fall, and summer clothes are always welcome. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, hospital beds, motel soaps and shampoo bottles, stuffed animals, kids plastic chairs and toys for orphanages are all appreciated.

## Affiliate District President

President Betty Watkins reports a current total membership of 442. Income, as the economy, is down so they may have to evaluate their budget. She encourages all to visit the camp on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Info and Technology

Lion Bill Kriegel reports working on further website development and will have more information at the next meeting.

## Leader Dog

Lion Dave Lemke reports Leader Dog is going strong in Michigan and as usual is in need of funds for operations. He will be touring the facility in late August and have more information following that.

### Public Relations

Lion Rickie Kelly reports our newsletter is filling up much faster since DG Shirley has begun submitting articles. She asked that we remind our clubs that it is a newspaper policy not to publish pictures of installations, so they need not even submit them. Lion Don Frederickson, public relations photo chairperson, asks for photographs with good contrast that are light enough to reproduce.

### Constitution & By-Laws

PDG Chuck Franz advises we need to update our Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual and get more copies made. Policy Manual changes can be approved by our cabinet. Constitution & By-Laws updates need to be addressed to the clubs so they can be voted on by delegates to the District Convention.

### Credentials

Chairman Lion Julene Mueller reports finding that a number of clubs were not up to date on payments of their dues. She asked that the Region and Zone Chairmen take back to the clubs, that the clubs must be up to date on dues payments for delegates to be certified to vote at the convention.

### 2009-2010 District Convention

PDG Stan Carlson reported the Convention Committee will be meeting immediately following this meeting. They will be working on space limitations, meal prices and programs, including the reception for our international guest Dana Biggs.

### District Web Master

Lion Renee Kolberg will be putting a link on the district website to the Constitution & By-Laws. Clubs may send information on their fund raising events to Lion Renee and she will post them on the district website.

### Peace Poster / Environmental Photo

Chairperson Lion Judeen Knott announced that this year's Peace Poster Contest theme is "The Power of Peace". Clubs must submit winning posters to DG Shirley by November 15, 2009. There are five categories in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest. The deadline for this contest is in early January.

### Youth Exchange / Leo Club Development

PDG Harry Helwig reports 26 members in our current Leo Club. There are possibilities of developing Leo Clubs in two other areas in our district in the near future. Under Youth Exchange PDG Harry reports 4 students are coming to spend a month with host families. One student spent 4 weeks in Germany. As stated earlier, each district is assessed \$1700 for Youth Exchange. Lion Harry thanked the cabinet for including this in the annual budget.

### Vision Screening

Co-Chairs Mary Jane and Dennis Hirtz announced that 2730 children in 27C2 received Lions vision screening in 2008-2009. Any clubs that need certification or recertification for

children's vision screening, can obtain this from Tami Radwill from Prevent Blindness of Wisconsin on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in Minocqua.

Over \$13,500 has been received towards the purchase of 3 FDT glaucoma screening machines which includes \$3,000 from the 27C2 cabinet. The total cost of the three machines purchased through Prevent Blindness of Wisconsin is \$14,220. WLF Director and Co-Chair of Vision Screening, Greg Tobisch suggested that extra funds raised be used to obtain signage promoting the efforts of our Lions and Lioness Clubs. The Hurley Lioness Club raised \$700 for DG Shirley through a 50/50 raffle. DG Shirley passed this on to the Adult Glaucoma Screening Program.

#### Eye Bank Awards

PDG Carlson, eye bank representative, presented awards to IPDG Bob Schonberg and past ADP Mary Jane Hirtz for meeting last year's goals. He presented a Knight of Sight Fellowship award to IPDG Bob Schonberg.

#### Pins

We have 150-200 of the 2008-2009 District Pins left. These will continue to be sold this year. Pins should be designed and ordered a year in advance. Region Chairman Lion Roger Weber suggested asking club members, through Region and Zone Chairmen, for District Pin designs. These pin design submissions would be needed by the next cabinet meeting on October 18.

#### Bowling

PDG Ed Weise, Jr reported that 2010 State Bowling will be held in Port Washington. The committee is having a meeting in September.

DG Shirley has dropped the position of Cabinet Historian due to unavailability of past information. If anyone locates the previous historical information, please bring to the next cabinet meeting. PDG Ed Linnemann has agreed to take over as historian.

WLF Director Dennis Christianson asked that each club send its donations directly to the camp for more accurate recording of WLF donations. It was suggested that the cabinet put together a list of addresses for donations, to be sent to each club and posted on the website. MOTION... Rickie Kelly/Sandy Larson... to encourage each club to send donations directly to the recipient and then send a list of their donations to the district for recognition at district convention. CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn ...Lee/Kriegel... carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Vic Schiszik  
Cabinet Secretary