

Past District Governors Organization

Meeting Minutes September 27, 2014

Shooter's, Plover, Wisconsin

1:30pm

Call to order – President PDG Dave Hempel @ 1:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance – PDG Dave Sievert

Prayer – PDG Sam Kochel

Attendance: 22 PDGS, 3 PIDs and 2 Guests

Secretary's Report – PDG Dwaine Habrat, The minutes of the May 17, 2014 meeting at the Kalahari Resort were previously distributed. Motion #1 by PDG Dennis Knott, second by PDG Jerry Wille, to approve as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –

Audit Report - PDG Dwaine Habrat presented the report of the annual audit which was done on July 26, 2014. The checking account balance on June 30, 2013 was \$9,439.08. Income for the year totaled \$2,465.40 and expenses totaled \$2,877.69 leaving a balance of \$9,026.79 on July 25, 2014. There are currently 101 Life Members and 20 regular members. After Life member pre-pay there is a balance of \$2,896.76. Members participating in the audit were PDGs Dan Gaeu, Dave Sievert, Dave Hempel, Dierk Van Cleef and Dwaine Habrat. Motion #2 by PID Mark Hintzmann, second by PDG Roger Weber to approve the report as presented. Motion Carried.

September 2014 Report – Treasurer Dierk Van Cleef reported the same balances as the audit report since there were no financial transactions prior to today's meeting.

Reports

International Activities – International Director Karla Harris

ID Karla Harris the current status of the Centennial Committee, Project Refresh, the need to seek out future leaders and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Director Harris reported that women represent 19% of Wisconsin's Lions total membership and women represent 26% of Lions Clubs international membership. Director Harris encouraged those present to look for new ways past district governors can serve in their districts.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation – President Lee Vrieze

The report in its entirety is presented in the Attachment section of these minutes.

Lions Pride - Lion Geri Schlender

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Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin - PDG Jerry Wille

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Wisconsin Lions Missions - PDG Jim Schiferl

A mini-mission is being planned to Haiti in November 2014. A mission trip to Nicaragua is planned for February 2015. The eyeglasses have already been shipped there.

District Conventions

Several past district governors presented information on the upcoming C1, B1 and B2 conventions.

Lions Clubs International Foundation - PID Wayne Heiman

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Council Chair - Council Chair Connie LeClair-Meyer

The 2014-15 Council of Governors are conducting Lions business in a very compassionate way. They have high goals and are trying to make a difference. The Council of Governors is addressing some changes.

Other - None

Old Business

Lifetime PDGO Membership Plaque

PDG Virgil Thompson is continuing work on updating the recognition plaques.

Lifetime PDGO Membership Cards

Discussion took place regarding the issuing of metal lifetime member cards. Numerous lifetime members have not received one. Motion #3 by PDG Jim Schiferl, second by PDG Walt Althaus to purchase lifetime metal membership cards. Motion carried. Any lifetime member not holding a metal card is asked to see PDG Virgil Thompson.

Protocol Book Revision - PID Art Marson

PID Art Marson reported that revisions were made to the Multiple District Protocol Book. Two hundred copies have been printed and are available through the state office at a cost of \$5.00 each. He also reported that the book is available on the state website.

New Members

PDGO President Dave Hempel asked the group their thoughts on sending a letter to all past district governors currently not members of the organization inviting them to attend a meeting and asking them to join. The letter should emphasize that the organization is becoming more relevant in our multiple. anyone having any additional items to include in the letter should see President Hempel.

New Business:

Award Presentation

The presentation will be made at the January 2015 meeting.

State Convention Planning

PID Art Marson discussed the possibility of moving the date of the upcoming La Crosse State Convention. Discussion took place regarding the role of the organization in the presentation of the seminars at the state convention. Council Chair Connie LeClair-Meyer will present the comments to the Council of Governors

PDG Initiatives - President Dave Hempel

President Hempel asked the membership to think about ways we may be effective in the multiple district.

Other items

Communicate Like a Leader Stipend

Council Chair Connie LeClair-Meyer asked the organization if they would consider a stipend to those districts who send attendees to the Communicate Like a Leader Program to be held in February 2015. After discussion, Motion #4 by Council Chair LeClair-Meyer, seconded by PDG Bob Faliveno, to pay up to \$100.00 (\$50.00 per person with a limit of 2 persons per district) per district for those districts participating. Motion Carried. PID Mark Hintzmann encouraged participation in the program.

Raffle

A raffle will be conducted at each future meeting starting in January 2015.

New Past District Governors Invitation

An invitation will be sent to the 2013014 council members who recently joined inviting them and their spouse/guest to the January meeting and dinner. Their dinner(s) will be paid by the organization.

Remarks

President eDave Hempel announced that our next meeting will be January 24th, 2015 at Shooters in Plover.

Adjournment

Motion #5 by Council Chair Connie LeClair-Meyer, second by PDG Bob Faliveno, to adjourn at 3:30pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by PDG Dwaine Habrat, Secretary

Note: The attendance sign-on sheet will be filed with the official minutes.

September 27, 2014 Meeting Attachments

Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc.

Report to Past District Governors Organization

Lee Vrieze, WLF Board President

September 27, 2014

Thank you again for your support of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the six Wisconsin Lions State projects the Foundation administers! The "Who's Who" List, outlining the number of campers served in 2014 is now up on the website. Off Season Rentals are underway, as well as preparation for next year's Camp.

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the new, 44-foot totem pole, erected at Wisconsin Lions Camp on May 31, 2014, was formally dedicated at the Wisconsin Lions Camp. The Carver, Lac du Flambeau Lions Club, D&B Trucking, and Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative were thanked and presented with appreciation plaques. Local news coverage can be viewed at

<http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/Lions-Club-Dedicates-New-Totem-Pole--275912711.html>.

The 2014 Camp for Kids Raffle Winners were drawn starting promptly at 11:30 a.m. on September 20th, as well. The winners are posted on the Wisconsin Lions Facebook page and website. Thank you to all who supported this fund raiser for the Camp and congratulations to all of the winners!

The first Board of Directors meeting was also held Saturday, September 20th. A number of topics were covered, including induction of the Board of Directors, preparation of the 2015 Budget, and an educational session presented by Prevent Blindness Wisconsin. Both the Sight and Hearing Committee and full Board of Directors voted to continue the partnership with Prevent Blindness Wisconsin for the Wisconsin Lions State Vision Screening Program and to query the Districts for interest in obtaining vision screening tools to determine the feasibility of pursuing a grant or grants. Significant news is that Prevent Blindness Wisconsin can provide photo screening training on non-Prevent Blindness certified tools, including the SPOT, now owned by Welch-Allyn, and has already provided a training session for the Appleton Noon Lions on the SPOT screening device. A certificate of completion can be provided for non-Prevent Blindness certified tools versus the full certification.

Lion Bill Schmitz has been appointed to fill the Director vacancy left by Lion Mike Quigley for District A2. We welcome Lion Bill back to the Foundation after previously serving as the Council of Governors representative to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

Eyeglass Recycling operations have temporarily slowed, awaiting some changes at the prisons where the prescription of the donated glasses is determined. We are hoping for quick resolution to the issues so that orders for glasses can be filled in a timely fashion.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and clubs have been requesting Door Hangers from the Office to distribute in their communities...over 11,000 have been ordered so far. The next Diabetes Focus Group meeting is scheduled for October 4th at the Lions Camp and they will be discussing the recently-held Midwest Health Expo in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, The Group will also be making plans for the upcoming year, including Diabetes Alert Day in March.

Thank you to all that helped with the 17th Annual Birch-Sturm Golf Outing. The net profit was \$26,210.04 and will be used for the Camp! Mark your calendars for July 18 of next year and join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

And yet another thank you to all who helped with the 2014 Wisconsin Lions Camp Fun Run, Walk and Ride. We raised \$7,774.66 for the Camp! There were 140 participants, and numerous others were there to cheer on family and friends.

The 2015 Budget will be a major focus for the December 6, 2014, Wisconsin Lions Foundation Board of Directors Meeting. Please contact your District's Wisconsin Lions Foundation Directors, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Office, or me, with any other topics you would like to be addressed by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Board of Directors.

Lions Pride Endowment Fund of WI, Inc. Report

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At the recent WLF Board meeting Lions Pride presented a check to the WLF from interest earned on donor directed donations. This year LPEF provided 60 children with special needs a unique camping experience. Along with additional funds for Diabetes, Eyeglass Recycling and even future needs.

The LPEF Board met on July 18, 2014, at the Lions Pride Office. Chairman Dewey welcomed DG Pat Sandness as the Council Representative for this Lionistic year and PDG Gary Stewart as the WLF Representative.

On the recommendation of the LPEF's Executive Committee, the LPEF Board nominated Lion Charlie Kolb to fill the position recently opened with the resignation of Lion Mike Lisle. The vote passed unanimously. Lion Charlie comes to us with an extensive banking background.

On the recommendation of the LPEF's Executive Committee to approve the nomination of PCC Sam Kochel to fill the vacated seat in the E Districts. The LPEF Board voted and the vote was unanimously. PCC Sam comes with a wealth of experience having served on a number of non-profit Boards, holding the treasurer position in many cases. He is a strong and ardent support of Lions Pride's goal and objectives.

The BMO Wealth Management Team was also at the Board meeting to give their quarterly report on our Portfolio and performance.

It was also reported at the board meeting that we have 117 Ray Hempel Fellowships and that number does include 5 Progressive Hempel Fellows.

The LPEF Annual Meeting was also held on July 18, 2014 in the WLF Board meeting and a tour of the camp was provided upon its completion. Several WLF Directors attended. The Annual Report was distributed to the members in attendance and copies were provided to the Council of Governors, the 1st VDGs and copies were mailed to all Lions Pride Donors who have made donations of \$15,000 or more.

Lions Pride's 7th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot was held at Milford Hills Hunt Club in Johnson Creek on the 14th of June. We are grateful to all our sponsors, from lunch, dinner to stations and for the raffle prize and gift donors, our shooters and all our wonderful volunteers who make this event a success. We netted a little over \$38,000. Next year's Shoot will be on Saturday, June 13, 2015

The Friendship 100 Ride was held on the 22nd of July and is always a special day for us. Lions Pride Board and staff truly appreciate these non-lions and their commitment and support of our goal and Lions Camp. This group of riders' donations has endowed a camper spot in perpetuity.

The Annual Newsletter was also sent out this month to our donors .

Lions Pride invites you to check out our blog at; blog.lionspride.org a new one post every Thursday. You can go to our website and click on the owl icon to view the blog and sign up to have the blog come directly to your email account. These directions are also in the Annual Report.

As always we ask for your continued support both personal and from your clubs and extend an invitation to join the Pride family if you are not yet a member. When you join the Lions Pride family you truly become part of "Today's help, Tomorrow's Hope".

Visit us at www.lionspride.org and be sure to like us on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,
Geri Schlender
LPEF Executive Director

What is New at LEBW?

By Exec Dir. Dick Hauser, PCC and Rick Daluge, PDG Community Relations Specialist

Your Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin continues to plough new ground. In the past year four new surgeons have begun to use corneal tissue from the Eye Bank in their Ophthalmology practices.

These surgeons are: Dr. Yao Liu at UW, Dr. Hart Moss at St. Luke's in Milwaukee, Dr. Gabriel Schaab at the Monroe Clinic and Dr. Gerald Clarke @ Berlin Memorial. Because of the new surgeon in Monroe, a new Lions transport leg was set up to make sure Dr. Schaab received his tissue in a timely manner. A special thanks go to the Monroe, Albany, New Glarus, and Verona Lions for stepping up to assist with this new transport route! We always welcome new surgeons as this means more people will receive transplants and your Eye Bank can supply more tissue to these additional surgeons.

Now that fall is here, the Eye Bank staff along with President Shirley Lemke will be attending the three fall Lions District Conventions. Please stop by our display table and say hello. Attendees at the C1 Convention will also be able to hear a double corneal recipient, Brenda Wilson Melquist of Tomahawk speak about her transplant experience.

Rick Daluge, Community Relations specialist will also be conducting some transporter update meetings in various parts of the state, including one as part of the B2 Convention. Transporters will gather at 3:30 p.m. Friday Nov 7 for a meeting to learn about the latest information in respect to corneal tissue transport. A Milwaukee Area transport group meeting is set for Tuesday Dec 9th in Wauwatosa as well.

Julie Nygaard was hired recently to work as Hospital Development Manager (HD) throughout the state. She has a background in accounting and insurance but also is a Lion and Lioness leader from Stoughton. She will be working with hospital donation teams to promote eye donation.

Gunnar Winchell has also joined us as a recovery and lab technician. He will work out of the La Crosse area as a recovery technician during the week and work in the Lab on Saturdays. These hires essentially bring LEBW to full staff.

Your Eye Bank continues to help many Wisconsin Residents with corneal transplants; in the fiscal year 2013-14, 877 persons received transplants in Wisconsin, and 220 tissues were used other places in the US or internationally. An additional 128 tissues were used for research and education purposes. Of course this could not have happened without the generosity of our donors and their families. The Gift of Sight was made possible by 807 donors!

Many Lions and Lioness often ask- what can we do to help? Certainly the over \$160,000 of financial support provided last year is one way.....and remember that all of your donations can be applied towards a Knight of Sight (\$1000) or Gift of Sight (\$500) plaque that can help you recognize someone in your club or community that has done a lot to promote sight related activities.

Other ways you can support the Eye Bank include the promotion of the donor registry at your events and fundraisers. If your club is located near a transport route and currently does not transport, consider helping in that way. For clubs that are transporters already, local news releases about what you do for the Eye Bank are another great way to tell our story to local residents.

Thank You for all that you do for the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin!

MD-27 Lions Clubs International Foundation Report
PID Wayne Heiman

September 27, 2014

Plover, WI

1. A reminder that your District LCIF Coordinators receive a club listing of Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows, a status of installments/credits towards MJFs and a year-to-date donation list. These reports can be useful on your club visits as you recognize clubs for their support of LCIF and as you recognize the MJFs. And you may be asked to present Fellowships to new recipients. I can forward those reports to you, but my reports contain all ten districts.
2. By the numbers: For the 2013 - 2014 Lions year, MD-27 donated \$233,968 to LCIF. This compares to \$261,765 for the previous year. This last year's goal was to donate \$262,000. This year's goal is to raise at least \$270,000. Most district coordinators have set their goals. We need to increase our annual donations to LCIF to meet the ever increasing needs. 4 of the districts: A2, B1, B2 & E2 increased their donations last year, over the prior year. Other MDs: some were also down, some were up in donations. 62% of the clubs in MD-27 donated at least \$100 to LCIF. The average for Constitutional Area 1 was 51.7%. World-wide, 40.7% of clubs donated; a total of over \$35,700,000 was collected worldwide. The goal is to continue to increase donations and to raise \$50 million during the 2017-2018 Lions year (the 50'th anniversary of LCIF!). To do that, this year, a goal of \$38 Million has been set, an increase of 7.5%. For the record: MD-27 has named a total of 5,479 MJF and 129 PMJF over the years. Thank you for your support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation.
3. Also, we are continuing the partnership of Lions Clubs International and GAVI Alliance to protect children from measles. Lions are challenged to raise \$30 million for immunization, matched by \$30 million from the UK Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This is to be raised by 2017. Success breeds success. The GAVI Alliance and Lions Clubs International will utilize this unique partnership to protect tens of millions of children in the world's poorest countries against measles, a highly infectious disease that kills an estimated 430 people every day (mostly children), mostly in developing countries. This partnership makes Lions Clubs the largest member of the GAVI Matching Fund. We are making progress, but still over 300 children die each day from measles and its complications. For \$0.87 we can vaccinate a child.
4. Lions Clubs International has put forth the Centennial Service Challenge as an initiative to celebrate Lions 100 years of service and challenge clubs to participate in all four Global Service Action Campaigns to benefit 100 million people by December 2017. The four Global Service areas are: Engaging our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving Hunger and Protecting our Environment. While there are designated months to focus on these service activities, clubs have the flexibility to conduct these projects throughout the year; club secretaries would report the number of people affected and benefitting by each activity. What does this have to do with LCIF? Any donation to LCIF that is earmarked for sight, youth, One Shot One Life Measles Initiative or disaster relief (which will be used in part by LCIF for families experience food shortages in the wake of disasters) will qualify for the CSC and club banner patch recognition. Such donations will qualify for meeting up to 3 of the 4 challenge areas of the CSC if a club EARMARKS their donation to a particular LCIF area: Youth(youth), Measles Initiative(youth), Sight (sight) and Disaster Relief (hunger). LCIF will calculate the number served in these cases. There will be a banner patch available for each club and for each district in each of the 4 Lionistic years: 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

5. Update on Standard Grant amounts: the minimum amount for an LCIF Standard Grant was raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and the maximum amount has been raised from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in matching dollars.
6. Questions?