

Cabinet Meeting October 14, 2023
Club Host: Elkhorn
Advia Credit Union 837 N. Wisconsin, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Call to Order – Cabinet Meeting called to order 8:30 am

The Cabinet Tail Twister Lion Mercy, there will be a fine if she can't see your name on your shirt/badge.

DG Lion Tal Janowitz
Introduction of Guests – DG Lion Tal, from Greater Milwaukee Lions Club, Lion Gwen Eubanks,
VP/Treasurer and Lion Debra Youngblood, new Secretary
Pledge – 1st VDG Lion Ray
Song – 2nd VDG Lion Patt
Invocation – Rev. Lion C.B. Ubanks

Roll Call – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Kim. Sign up sheet going around the room.

Motion to adjust the agenda so would like to move Old Business up before Zone Chair report and committee reports. Motion to approve, 1ST Motion Lion Steve Kmiec, 2nd Lion Terry Lemke. Motion passed.

Correspondences – Cab Sec Lion Kim, 1 letter from WLF, our donation of \$7k will go to the Hearing Fund.

Approval of Minutes from May and July 2023 – Cab Sec Lion Kim.
Motion to approve both May & July minutes, 1st PDG Jerry Gibbons, 2nd by Lion Ed Necker. Motion passed.

Treasurer report: Lion Ted Cain passed out the summary of activity on front of paper & on the back the P&L, with an exception of a couple of Forum reimbursements, this is current as of 10-13-23.
DG asked for any questions. Lion Patti Redlin asked about some funds usually has breakdown to see where expenses are and Lion Ted stated he does have the breakdowns if anyone needs them. PDG Greg Pryor wanted to know which procedures are being followed, per DG Tal following LCI policy guidelines. Question about rollover budgets for DG, 1DG & what 2VDG budget is (\$1800) were explained. Lion Ted explained that the budget needs to match the bank statement. Lion Mary Tatera asked about line of Duck auction and it is included in the Hearing fund. She would also like to see a breakdown of dues listed separately. Motion to pass the budget, 1st PDG Greg Pryor, 2nd PDG Larry Redling, motion approved.

Old Business – Constitution and By-Laws – Lion Steve Kmiec
States there are 23 amendments/by laws to go through for the constitution and it's set up in a way that the electors don't have to answer all 23. P/Lion Steve, Lion Cindy wanted to have extra time for the ballot and he states there was nothing written about this question. So DG Tal, PDG Larry Redlin & Lion Steve agreed to 75 days instead to allow for extra time per the request. They used the proposed date by LCI of 30 days & changed it up to 75 days out for checking & to discuss, so the sample ballot could be out by November 1, 2023 because not all clubs may not meet before convention and that is why 75 days were requested instead on 30 days so they can decide on delegates know how to answer these questions/votes. The Cabinet meeting is to review all 23 amendments/by law changes with the hope that at the 1/6/24 District meeting there would like to make a motion to approve the changes as a call to members to approve as is as the Cabinet looked at all of the changes and recommend and have all our members to approve the changes. There will be a few questions that need to be answered separately and a fast track the rest of the questions can be answered by a single use yes/no for the following questions. When the votes come in by laws need 50% and constitutional changes need 2/3 of the votes and that is why questions broken out differently.

Thanks to PDG Larry Redlin to get this started a couple of years ago and for all the work Lion Steve put into getting this done.

DG Tal needs a motion, 1st motion PDG David Stedman recommends to put on ballot for approval as presented motion & to have them on the ballot as presented to the constitution and by laws. 2nd by Mercy.

Question by PDG Greg Prior, this vote is to put items on the ballot and with no recommendation for approval.

DG Tal states that is correct and he moves forward with this vote stating for ballot approval.

Vote and MOTION APPROVED.

PCD Greg Prior moves to recommend to our district that the Cabinet approves these changes for the constitution & by laws on the ballot, PDG Neill 2nds this motion. Vote approved.

WALLI training – January 19-21, 2024 at WLF camp. Few people did apply for it and DG Tal thanks them for applying.

State Environment project – Lion Jon Drew is in TX but he is working with the State and with the committee to get things set for Convention. State came out with Scrap Like a Lion & will be seeing info about this at the Convention. Our intern from Public Allies will be working on this also.

Lion Portal update has been moved out to the first quarter in 2024.

Colton update – Lion Patti Redlin. Colton's family from Racine requested in early August to WLF Vision Treatment (vision at 20/200) eye focus for 3 12-week sessions. Asking for \$2,000 (½ of each 12 session) for a total of \$12,000, Vision committee agreed to help with agreeing to pay half for \$6,000. A Big Bend/Vernon Lion was having lunch with a friend who agreed to pick up the other half of the fees. Colton's vision treatments are working so well bringing his vision to 20/60 with the 2nd 12-week session and has had additional vision correction with the treatments. Updates will be given after treatment sessions. Since this treatment started was quoted at \$12,000 has been reduced to \$9,000 but we were committed to pay the \$6,000.

Mission 1.5-hoping to be completed in 2027 from current membership of 1.38 million Lions to have 1.5 million.

Zone Chairs Reports – Limit to two minutes each - please provide meeting dates

1. Lion Frank-first on 8/29/23. Keynote speaker PDG Larry Redlin. Next zone meeting 11/16/23 to present a short agenda on something new they tried with their club whether it worked or failed. Next meeting after that will be either 2-22-24 or 2-24-24.
2. Lion Terry-Meeting on 8/23/24 and 9 out of 10 clubs attend. Next meeting 10/30/23 asking all members to dress up in Costume for an extra raffle ticket. Guest speakers PDG Jerry & Lion Denise Gibbens. Put challenge to all zone chairs to donate of basket for District Convention.
3. TBD – fill in Lion Kathy VandenBerg tried to put a Zone Meeting together in October that fell apart and hoping to have it in November so there was at least one for this year. Asked clubs what a good night to have a meeting and Thursday's worked out the best. Lion Kathy stated that DG Tal's plan to go from 10 zones to 5 was a good suggestion as less zones give clubs a better idea of what other clubs are doing.
4. Lion Diesel-Not able to attend due to previous commitment. Lion Mercy was there and liked the meeting to get a better understanding of what other clubs are doing.
5. Lion Alek-no zone meeting, location was issue.

District Committees – Limit to two minutes (a lot to go thru) each per DG Tal.

Per Lion Cindy Lotzer we vote this year and we have something to vote for; DG, 1VDG, 2VDG, Bowling, no Golf but have 2 nominations for a WLF director. Her goal is to have a sample ballot with a letter and have Lion Kim mail it out to all the clubs by November 1st.

Scouting Chair-Lion Rick Seeger, Prospect chartered pack & troop 93). Question by 2VDG Patt questioning how many packs at Holy Apostles because New Berlin Lions sponsored the same troop earlier this year. Lion Ed Necker to discuss with 2VDG Patt later after the meeting.

Vision Lion Mary L with Vision Committee Co-chair, Kids Sight puts out the numbers for vision screening and it appears that half of the clubs are missing & need to report to Lion Mary L. Zone Chairs get the person's clubs who is reporting their vision screening numbers to Lion Mary L or Lion Patti Redlin because they report the numbers to WLF. We are no longer part of Prevent Blindness we are part of Kids Sight USA and all vision screeners need to be certified thru Kids Sight USA and they are willing to work with clubs to get their members certified. Nov 16 another training with Paddock Lake and working with Whitewater. When info goes to Lions Mary/Patti it gets reported to WLF. Clubs are stating they don't know who to report the numbers to. If a club needs scheduling to learn the correct procedure they are out to January 2024 right now. Lion Mary L has a list who's reporting and who isn't. Reminder these numbers are important so if have to apply for a grant for camera's etc. The vision committee screened 406 with 31 referrals at Harvest Fair at Stare Fair this year. Lion Mary Tatera stated the New Berlin Lions took a tour at Vision Forward on 10/12/23, it's about an hour long and it was very interesting. They also seen some of the things they do with children at Vision Forward.

Puppy Dog-Lion Marcia Belair. There is a new program with 2 people working with the puppy training over 8 months. One may like potty training and another trainer likes something else. So when 1 trainer is done the pass along the puppy to the other trainer. There will be no more German Shepherd raising and can't get them to pass.

Leos-PDC Neill, good news more clubs in 27-A1 showing interest in Leo Clubs. Greendale has a new Community Base Leo Club, trying to refill their Charter. PDC Neill states his biased because Community based clubs don't last. It's better to have school based Leo Clubs because the leaders from the school are teacher advisors who are actual Lions club members (maybe the Club pays for their dues for them to do this) and they can get Leos through the years from several grade levels and are constantly refilling their membership when the senior graduates from the High School.

Thank you for Elkorn Lions for setting up the Cabinet Meeting/Breakfast.

Diabetes & Hunger-Lion Sue Jones. Diabetes awareness available from Lion Sue and with Lion Denise Gibbons. They are willing to come to your club/zone meetings to discuss. There are Diabetes bookmarks that maybe some members would like to hand out during Trick or Treating in their Community just ask them on how to obtain them. Lion Denise states if you want more information contact the Lions Camp and the staff can help you.

For Hunger-Clubs could do a food drive, Nov/Dec food baskets and that's a way to up your clubs donations.

Leader dog-Lion KathyVandenBurg, \$160 million was donated to Leader Dog with 10% or 1.6 million donated by Lion. They are training dogs for 7 vets and 1 went home. Summer Camp is over and the only difference is they have dogs. Imagine they have 100 kids and dogs running around.

Hearing-Lion Jeff Meyer. About 3 weeks prior a meeting with Districts & zones had a meeting about hearing. It was decided that 140% (about \$20,400) of income was too low and will be upped to 200% (around \$29,000 + change) on 1/1/2024 making it easier to get hearing aids. Since COVID reduced applications so the fund is sitting good right now. There will be some changes to the application, question about all mbrs income for entire household adult mbrs all the income needed to be included. It's needed to determine how they are spending their money for the last 3 months. If income to high there is a reduced amount so they can purchase a hearing aid.

New Members Training-Lion Melissa, nothing to report.

New Voices Lion Melissa, there is a zoom meeting coming up & will report at the next Cabinet meeting

GLT-Lion Ed Necker. New Officers Training is now called Officers Workshop. May 2 had 69 people attend, no secretaries-they had a class in September with 28 showing up for training. There was a zoom workshop on line for additional secretaries and it worked out well.

Peace Poster, Lion Maggi. More interest from different clubs this year hopefully more clubs to vote on.

BOLD, Lion Maggi, quarterly meeting coming up. They have 5 VIP members attending Ski for Life in Rhinelander WI this year. And 2 baskets donated by BOLD for District Convention.

Dominic Republic-Lion Steve, there is a CD for missions that is about 10 minutes showing what they do and to remember the people coming to them is wearing their Sunday finest. Has 3-4 additional openings if someone wants to go. The next mission trip leaves about January 20 or 21 and comes back home January 30 or 31 depending on how much the trip costs. Trip costs about \$1300-\$1500 per person and that goes to transportation, food & lodging for 10 days.

Karla Harris Award, Lion Patti Redling w/PDG Don and PCD Larry. Had meeting with the Harris Family to set up the criteria on how the money is to be used by Lions who are going to Institutes or Forums. Looking from the Cabinet to be moving forward & should start presenting scholarships and getting it on the Parade of Checks next year with Club Donations and using this year to explain what this is. It's to be a \$500 award for helping Lions development for newer members and members on the lower rungs for leadership development of the institutes and not using it for FDI for example, working on final decisions. Need the Cabinet to officially start up the formation of the Karla Harris Award and PCG Don making a motion to start up the Karla Harris Award, 2nd by Lion Terry.

P/DG Tal that PCD Don that the motion is to start up the Karla Harris Award officially, along with official protocols that officially, officially that they will be having. MOTION PASSES. Officially can now start this.

GMT Chair PDG Larry-discuss mbr retention to clubs and the main reasons why they leave. Greater Milwaukee Lions need assistance for their Spaghetti Fish Dinner and help to know how to do this, to give advice. They also will need 5-6 people to help at the dinner from 12:00-4:00 on November 4 put on our calendar and website. They have a new club house. Spaghetti/Fish Dinner address: Mercy Memorial Baptist Church at 2474 N 36 St, Milwaukee.

LCIF PDG Jerry Gibbons got a big deal here a Pie in the Face for \$10 a vote and there are 11 people participating. The top 5 people will get a Pie in the Face at the State Convention, May 18, 2024. Every donation you make goes to the Melvin Jones for your club.

WLF Lion Denise Gibbons, things are going on up at the camp, new youth court, lighting going up and a lot of improvements being made. The camp has Diabetes information, just call up to the camp to have it shipped to you (or if Lns Denise, Dave or someone else is going to the camp can pick it up and bring it back for you). Hearing was discussed by Lion Jeff. Eyeglass recycling is going well, they sorted out over a million glasses and shipped out 40,000. She would like to club meetings because she doesn't think enough people understand what WLF does.

Cancer Lion Denise & Lion Terry T – As of last month knows only 7 clubs in 27-A1 have donated their \$100 each. Each area will decide which project will get this money. Lion Terry, exciting news for childhood cancer and the state is finally getting involved. Help to raise money for absolutely the families for expenses, gas cards, helping with financial support the families.

Newspaper-Patti H, articles from November/December events due November 23 for January/February articles will have link for our District Convention.

GST chair IPDG Dave Stedman – 45% of clubs reporting their service hours in LCI. For District convention looking for specific/unique projections by clubs to share contact IPDG Dave. Provide information to give clubs to implement can be small or bigger it should be impactful.

Hope House-IPDG Dave, still in transition as money no longer available and working with assistance with planning. Lions need help drives toiletries, food, donations money, and assistant/help around the facility.

Sight, Lion Jerry Johnson, Vision Services Coordinator. If clubs receive requests for service/help contact him.

Public Relations -PDG Greg Pryor – District Calendar, send email on allions.org district website or click on calendar, district calendar & go to your date & enter info and hit submit. If info changes contact to make sure calendar is updated.

Bowling District PCD Don – trying to get together 2 have fun not all November 4. District Bowling 4, 5, 11.

Eye Bank PDG is Vice Chair and Welcome PDG Greg is a board member. Board meeting will finalize the honor garden. 3 new Recovery Techs were added. Good news no one is waiting for corneala, it goes to surrounding states, country.

Public Allies – DG Lion Tal we do have a person Robin Robertson already working with Greater Milwaukee grow. She wants to help. She meets with Lion Jodie how to help clubs & get updates. She has a project Scrap Like a Lion at Convention.

New Business – 2VDG announcement Lion Patti Redlin is running and will be having the Bloody Mary bar.

Project Homeless Connect doing vision screening at Marquette having some of our people helping and is involving Lions helping Lions for much needed services.

Policy against discrimination and harassment Lions Int'l asking us to do this w/Public Allies.

Constant Contact is used to send email Blasts for the State. looking at different companies. PDG Greg recommends Constant Contact and we need to look at business emails & it will be \$50 a month. Lion Cindy 1st, 2nd Lion Don to let Jim know to use Constant Contact. MOTION PASSES, money out of administration..

1VDG Ray had completed his FDI Training.

Composter for District, Lion Jon for \$600. Then they will be used for door price. PDG Don motion to purchase, Lion Ted 2nd. MOTION PASSES.

Comments from 2nd VDG Lion Patt sent paperwork for 1st VDG. Taking 2 cameras & printers to Dominican Republic. Thanks to the District and being here

Comments from 1st VDG Lion Ray, looking for Cabinet position let him know. Has 2 past Lioness Associates Presidents in his cabinet. Club quality initiative

Comments from DG Lion Tal-Call for rooms 27-A1 trying to get over 400 mbrs to Conventions. Good food,

Tail Twister – Lion Mercy, money to be donated for Children Cancer.

Adjournment – Next meeting Sunday, Jan 7, 2024 – Ingelside Hotel - Pewaukee