



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

District 27 B-1 ANNUAL CONVENTION Saturday November 10, 2007 Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

1. **Call to Order** @ 8:30 a.m. by District Governor Vern Pautz
2. Introduction of International Director David Stoufer from Washington, Iowa by IPID Wayne Heiman. He will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**-IPDG Ken Wallander
4. **Prayer and Song**-Lion Pat Knier, Chaplain
5. **Welcome back to Appleton** by Mayor Tim Hanna. Appleton is a community of "PEOPLE". Lions help to build a better community of PEOPLE. Thank you for the job Lions do. Also a round of applause for all the veterans was heard.
6. **Lioness Affiliate President** Betty Warren welcomed everyone to this year's convention and Thank you for coming.
7. **State Council Chairman** DG Terry Peters spoke on behalf of WI Lions Association. Thank you to DG Vern Pautz for stepping forward. The state magazine will be in a newspaper format starting in January, 12 months a year to all Lions, will have monthly DG letter and district information page. Also introduced all of the other "RED COATS" – District Governors from the state.
8. **Lions Eye Bank** of Wisconsin thanked all those who transport eyes and corneas. The Eye Bank is expanding and will be moving to another building close by. There will be a Capital Expansion Program coming up in the future. Also the first year for "EYE BALL" fund raiser. They will be having an afternoon seminar.
9. **Mission to Mexico** report by PDG Bob Showers. A mission has just returned from Mexico last Saturday. Served 2718 people, with 23 Lions helping. They anticipate returning to this area in October 2008 to follow up with the training given. February there will be another Mission to Monterey, Mexico.
10. **Peace Poster** entries report by PDG Dave Petrie. There are 9 posters to be judged on this year's theme. "Peace Around the World" Instructions are posted for the judging criteria. Thank you to all the clubs that participated. Plan again for next year.
11. **District Pin** for 2007-2008 is now available, see Lion Harvey Hansen. Any club can submit a design, get your ideas to Lion Harvey. There will be 4 designs to vote on. Past convention pins are also available.
12. **Nominations** conducted by Lion Ralph Schneider.
Resolution on the ballot submitted by PDG Clayton Sengbush. Purpose of the resolution is to create a position of 2nd vice president. This would require a 2/3 vote to pass. Motion to put the resolution on the ballot as read by Lion Gene Hardel of Larson Winchester Lions, 2nd by Lion Pat Knier of KielLions. Discussion followed, PDG Herb Schneider questioned what is the need, what is the costs, VDG Gary

Bilke asked what is the job description ? Lion Charley Dundee of Appleton Noon Lions also questioned what will he do. DG Vern Pautz replied, this is being tried in other large districts to help out the DG and VDG, it is unfunded and is a training plateau for future DG. This position will help in club visitations. IDG Dave Stoufer commented, "Challenge to Change", help relieve the pressure of seeing all the clubs. Lion Pat Knier, the 2nd vice eases the security of having a District Governor in future years. Resolution will be posted in the voting room. According to the state by-laws, a vote is not necessary to put the resolution on the ballot.

District Governor nomination for VDG Gary Bilke of Fairwater Lions was heard from PDG Bob Showers of Packwaukee. VDG Gary has been pin chairman, zone chairman, region chairman and president of his club, this shows concern for Lionism. The 2nd was heard from Meryl Strelow from Fairwater Lions, he also reiterated VDG Gary's concern for the future of Lions. VDG Gary Bilke accepted the nomination. If elected he promises to serve to the best of his ability.

No other nominations were heard. Motion by Lion Howard Sippel, 2nd by PDG Bob Showers to close nominations for District Governor. So moved.

Vice District Governor nominations were none at this time. Per our bylaws, the District Governor will hold a meeting to determine a Vice District Governor.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director nomination for PDG Tom Clausen was given by PDG Gary Colton. PDG Tom has helped other Lions to advance. PDG Tom is currently the Vice President of the WI Lions Foundation. PDG Gary has know PDG for 30 years. The 2nd was heard from Lion Pat Knier, who also spoke of PDG Tom's commitment to the Lions.

PDG Tom thanked his wife Lion Betty for the support she has given him throughout the years. Tom can not say NO, he has been a Lion for 34 years. He wants to be working president and not a figurehead. He is dedicated and committed to Lions. PDG Tom was proud to accept the nomination.

No other nominations were heard. Motion by PDG Bob Showers, 2nd by Lion Meryl Strelow to close nominations for WI Lions Foundation Director. So moved.

District Bowling nomination for Random Lake was made by Lion Shirley Peterson of Elkhart Lake Lions, the 2nd was by Lion Bill Wessig of Random Lake Lions. Random Lake now has a new 8 alley bowling lane.

No other nominations were heard. Motion by Lion Pat Knier, 2nd by Lion Sandy King to close nominations for District Bowling. So moved.

District Pin and District Peace Poster will also need to be voted on.

13. State Convention Chairman Lion Art Marchen from La Crosse Lions spoke on the 2008 convention in Lacrosse. The convention will be on May 16-18. It will continue with the trend from previous year. Make your own reservations.

14. Leo Club calendar presentation was made by IPDG Ken Wallander and Lion Bill Harris of Neshkoro Lions. There will be 10,000 calendars printed with delivery by the end of November. These will sell for \$2.00. The Neshkoro Leo club has been taking pictures for the past 4 years for the campers. This years calendar will not include camper photos. A calendar will be sent to all of the campers along with a thank you note to the parents. This program will be run exclusively by the Leo Club with adult supervision. Leo Club is looking at possibly establishing their own foundation.

15. Lions Foundation update was given by Foundation President Lion Greg Pryor. There were 1524 campers in 2007, 223 from our district. There are new personnel at the camp. Eyeglass collection is down. 192 hearing aids given out, 19 from our district. Sports raffle sales were down considerably. The program will continue in 2008. 700 people attended open house in September. Donations are down, they no longer cover the cost to operate the camp. Need MORE.. Long range planning is being done due to more campers each year. 160 campers is the maximum per week. Special THANK YOU to our current directors PDG Tom Clausen, PDG Steve Pautz and DG Vern Pautz.

16. Motivational Speaker was Dodge County Sheriff Doug Neale. He spoke about his 18 month stay in Afghanistan. His company was made up of 11 volunteers. The people appreciated the freedom that they were now given. KIDS really were in need of things and loved the Americans. Appreciate your FREEDOM ! Take responsibility ...

17. Lions Pride Campaign Chairman Dewey Karl talked about the PRIDE campaign. Make it personal, take pride in being a LION. The PRIDE program helps to secure the future, there is a need to establish a permanent endowment fund. Cost are up 57% but donations are only up 20%.

18. Adjourn for Lunch Program

Prayer led by Lion Chaplain Pat Knier

Introduction of Head Table

Possible candidate for Vice District Governor was introduced. He is Warren Nelson of Larsen Winchester Lions

Introduction of Guest Speaker ID David Stoufer by PID Wayne Heiman.

KIDS theme of the convention and his speech. ID Stoufer spoke of his experiences as a kid as SANTA. SANTA MAGIC is everywhere. Lions, Lioness and Leos are SANTAs 365 days of the year. What we do is magic to someone. Lions need more members to do more good for more people. Had the crowd in tears with his stories of what little it takes to perform "SANTA MAGIC"

Awards presentation were given for the following

100 % Secretary Awards

100 % Treasurer Awards

Presidents Excellence Awards

ID Dave Stoufer presented the International Presidents Appreciation awards to PDG Orville Kittel for his involvement with Special Olympics and to Lion Dorothy Schmock of the Two Rivers Lioness for her continued leadership with the Lioness.

PDG Gary Colton presented a Birch Sturm awards on behalf of the district to Fred Gebhart of Stockbridge Lions club.

Lion Leonard Quinn talked about the Leader Dog program. Leader dogs can now come equipped with GDS. There is an increase in demand. Lion Quinn also made a special presentation to PDG Vic Voigt for his many years of being the chairman for the district's Leader dog program.

Due to time restraints of the afternoon seminars, the announcing of the Parade of Checks was not held. All clubs with checks, presented them to the cabinet Secretary Treasurer.

Afternoon Seminars:

A) " Frankie "

B) Muscular Dystrophy and ALS

C) Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Necrology services were held to commemorate the Lions and Lioness who have past away this last year.

Voting was held to determine the following : Accept the resolution to create a 2nd vice president position, vote for District Governor, vote for Vice District Governor, vote for WI Lions Foundation representative, vote for district bowling tournament site, vote for district pin for 2008-2009 year, and vote for district representative for peace poster competition.

Evening Banquet called to order at 6:30 pm by District Governor Vern Pautz.

Emceed by PDG Steve Pautz

Song and Invocation by Lion Pat Knier

Flag Ceremony presenting the flags of the United States, state of Wisconsin, the Lions Foundation and the state of Iowa were lead by various Lions Club members. PDG Steve Pautz explained the history and meaning of each flag.

DG Vern Pautz introduced the head tables.

PDG Dean Haas introduced the guest speakers for the evening, they were Greg and Carrie Michiels along with their daughter Michal who has been a camper at Lions Camp. The spoke about the trials and tribulations of having a hearing impaired child from birth and what Lion's Camp has done to improve their life. Andrea Yentor was her mentor.

IPID Wayne Heiman introduced our special guest for the weekend, ID Dave Stoufer. ID Dave Stoufer again thanked everyone for their hospitality this weekend. We should all appreciate what we do as LIONS and what we have done for the camp.

ID Dave Stoufer presented the International Presidents Appreciation awards to Lion Ralph Schneider for all he does for the nominations committee, to Lion Howard Sippel for his years of being chairman for the district's hearing program and to PDG Gary Colton for his years of convention chair.

ID Dave Stoufer also presented a special personal banner promoting "Santa Magic" to DG Vern Pautz, Lioness President Betty Warren, PDG Steve Pautz co convention chair, PDG Gary Colton co convention chair and camper Michal Michiels.

ID Dave's message to all was "**Recognize your club members and the work they do**"

As a remembrance of his time at our convention, ID Dave Stoufer was given a picture of the totem pole at camp.

Voting results were given by Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach. He thanked Lion Ralph Schneider and his committee for another find job done. There were 119 Lions certified, 114 voted The results were :

FOR: District Governor Gary Bilke	112 votes
Lions Foundation Director Tom Clausen	110 votes
Random Lake Bowling Tournament site	106 votes
Resolution to create 2 nd vice	NO – 73
	YES – 38

The resolution was voted down.

Vice District Governor –no nominations 7 write-in candidates

Pin Design was # 1 which commemorated the invention of BRAILLE

Peace Poster # 3 which was submitted by the Rosendale Lions Club

Acceptance speech from VDG Gary Bilke was given. With everyone's support, there is no way that we will not succeed.

Acceptance speech from PDG Tom Clausen. Please continue to support the Foundation.

WI Lions Foundation President Greg Pryor presented IPDG Ken Wallander with a Progressive Birch Sturm.

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Dave Holschbach reported on the Parade of Checks.

A total of \$ 41,045 was presented. 19 Lions Clubs & 2 Lioness Clubs

WI Foundation & Camp	\$ 18,365	Leader dog	\$ 5,820
Quest Program	\$ 650	Diabetes	\$ 4,005
Mission to Mexico	\$ 875	27B1 Hearing	\$ 1,525
Youth Exchange	\$ 900	Eye Bank	\$ 2,725
Campaign Sight 1 st	\$ 875	LCIF	\$ 1,355
Lions Pride Campaign	\$ 3,800	Emergency Fund	\$ 25
Intl Hearing Dog	\$ 125		

Lioness Betty Warren reported on the Lioness elections. Lioness Kay Zornow will be incoming President and Lioness Ellie Schnell will be Vice President .

PDG Vic Voigt conducted the District Raffle drawing. PDG Vic thanked all of the clubs for their contribution. 2007 was down from 2006, this years total was \$ 3,330 of which District 27 B1 maintains 50%.

Closing comments by DG Vernon Pautz. Thank you to everyone, take back what you learned to your clubs. Thank you to the dignitaries and the convention committee.

The 32nd District 27 B1 Convention was closed at 9:05 PM by District Governor Vern Pautz.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED LION DAVE HOLSCHBACH, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer