

Wisconsin Lions – Multiple District 27-C2
Draft District Cabinet Minutes
January 12, 2025 11:00 am - 2:18 pm

The American Legion
274 N. 3rd. Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552

1. Call to order by Acting DG Anne Madison
2. Pledge of Allegiance by Acting DG Anne Madison
3. Prayer by Acting DG Anne Madison
4. Song by Acting DG Anne Madison
5. Roll Call/Sign Attendance: See Attached
6. Approve Minutes of October 2024 minutes: A motion was made by PDG Greg Krug and seconded by Lion Mike Ostrenga to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt and seconded by Lion Barb Rebak to approve the report and forward for audit. Motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - a. District Convention Report: Provided by PDG Greg Krug. Packets have been sent by mail and email to clubs, COG, state organizations and other dignitaries. There will be a Convention Committee meeting after the district cabinet meeting.
 - b. LEO's Club Update (PDG Bob Bertch): See Attached
 - c. Service Reporting on the Portal-Report: Reviewed by Acting DG Anne Madison. Zone Chairs have been asked to talk with clubs who are not reporting to ask if they are having any issues reporting, unable to access the portal, etc. Lion Patty Krug can be contacted to ask for assistance. Lion Patty reports, Lion Support has been a great contact and has answered the phone immediately when she has contacted them for additional support for any issues she has not been able to resolve.

9. New Business

a. Approval and appointment, Lion Scott Martin as 2nd Vice District

Governor: A motion to appoint and approve Lion Scott Martin as 2nd Vice District Governor was made by PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt and Seconded by PDG Roger Weber. Motion carried.

b. Elections at District Convention: PDG Greg Krug reported he has received nomination forms already for the WLF position and host club. He reminded those running for office you must complete the form that your club has approved you running for the position and the nomination form. This must be submitted to PDG Greg Krug, 45 days before our District Convention(gkrug@kruglawoffice.com). PDG Greg and Acting DG Anne Madison reminded clubs must have their dues paid in order to vote at the convention. Lion Ceil Held read the clubs who currently owe dues and asked zone chairs to contact clubs to make them aware of the dues owed.

c. Summit – February 14-15 (date corrected from presented agenda at the meeting) with Guiding Lion Certification Training to follow on February 16 and the Wisconsin Lions COG request for each district to provide \$300 toward the Summit. A motion was made by PDG Greg Krug and seconded by IPDG Don Meeder to approve the \$300 for the training. Discussion ensued related to the potential attendees concerns with the out of pocket expense to attend. An amendment to the motion by PDG Roger Weber and Lion Barb Rebak to approve the \$300 toward the summit and to pay \$50 per member toward the costs of training. 3-Yes Votes. 16-No Votes. Motion denied. A vote was then held on the original motion with the amendment to pay the \$300 toward the summit and bring back for discussion at our March meeting reimbursement for district members who attend the summit and/or Guiding Lion training. Motion carried.

d. Guiding Lions Training - Saturday, February 1, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Hazelhurst Community Center. Lunch provided. Free. The only cost is your time. (Handouts):

e. Club Excellence-Review and hand out forms: Lion Barb Rebak provided the forms and changes this year for the Club Excellence Award. Acting DG Anne Madison explained the process of when the awards are given and the timeline. IPDG Don Meeder handed out the Club Excellence Award and patches awarded for 2022-2023 (Clubs awarded were Boulder Junction, Gleason, Iron River, Medford, Mellen, Mercer, Sayner-Star Lake, South Shore and Whittlesey).

f. District Club Health Report-Review December 2024 by Acting DG Anne Madison. She provided a handout for Club Health Assessment Action Strategies.

See attached.

1. Vital to have your email and phone number in the Lions Portal so District team can reach your club
2. **Do not opt out of** receiving emails from Lions International or Wisconsin Lions

g. Current Club Visits Report and Visiting Plan to complete 2025 term report was provided by Acting DG Anne Madison. She explained in the future our district will be divided into 3 sections for visits by the DG and VDG's. The DG will have visited all the clubs during the 3-year rotation as they start out as VDG and move to the DG position.

h. Lion Year-2025-2026

1. District Cabinet meeting schedule/location/other ideas: Discussion ensued with input from cabinet members included keeping the meeting same weekend as the Council of Governor Meetings. Suggestions at the meeting and on zoom included having the meeting in Park Falls (current site), Hwy 51 corridor near Hazelhurst, having a club host the meeting. It was noted those in attendance liked the current site but the ultimate decision for the DG to decide the site.

2. Officer and Zone Chair Training Schedule presented for future years by Acting DG Anne Madison for future DG's to use. It was also noted training for other positions will be addressed in the future by the Long-Range Planning Committee who are appointed by the DG.

i. Upcoming meetings:

a. March 2nd at 10 am Zone Chair training in Park Falls, American Legion Hall

b. March 2nd at 11 am District Cabinet meeting and convention committee meeting to follow after the cabinet meeting (IPDG Don Meeder will arrange with their region to host the lunch at our next meeting. Thank you to South Shore today for the lunch): Agenda items to be addressed will be training compensation for those who attend the Lions Summit and Guiding Lions training, clarification on district pins policy reimbursement to the district and hosts for 2028 State Convention.

c. April 11th- District Cabinet Meeting Time to be announced and will be discussed at the District Convention committee meeting.

d. May 1-3rd- State Convention: Date, time and room location to be announced later: IPDG Don Meeder has been contacted by the current State Convention Committee if C2 would be interested in hosting the state convention in

2028. Discussion ensued with a need for more information as to specific requirements for lodging, conference rooms etc. IPDG Don will bring this information back to the cabinet.

10. Committee Reports (Please send in report if available for review/or please limit your presentation to 5 minutes. If more time is needed, Acting DG Anne Madison will decide at that time.)

Acting District Governor information as noted throughout the meeting.

IPDG Don Meeder discussed he is meeting with Fifield Lions Club tomorrow to discuss an ATV specialty club. He is discussing the potential for recycling weather wrap with other clubs in the state.

Zone Chairs: Please send Acting DG Anne Madison and IPDG Don Meeder any zone meetings dates, time and place for their information. Discussion continues to assist the Kennan-Catawba, Prentice and Phillips club to different zones.

Lion Jeff: The zone is doing well with their clubs. They continue to review increasing memberships and reporting Service Activities.

Lion Barb: She is meeting with clubs in person. They are reviewing membership drives and service activities also. She reported on their service activities with the Midwest Cancer Center in Ashland and providing covered tied quilts for cancer patients. South Shore was congratulated on their Club Excellence Award.

Lion Mike O: He is getting acquainted with the clubs in his zone at this time.

PDG Greg Krug reported they will have a zone meeting tomorrow evening after their Maplefest meeting.

Lion Mike B: He is getting acquainted with his clubs. They have a zone meeting scheduled in Mercer on Feb. 20th at the Great Northern Hotel with a meal cost of \$22. A notice will be sent out.

Lion Hollie: She had a zone meeting in November with low attendance. She had IPID Lee Vrieze and Lion Mary attend. She reported he welcomes clubs/zones to invite him to their meetings.

Peace Poster: Acting DG Anne Madison noted the state has put together a presentation with the district poster winners. She will send out the information who won in our district.

LCIF: PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt had a chocolate cake to celebrate LCIF and Melvin Jones birthday tomorrow. She said the LCIF fundraiser for the state is the "Kiss the Fish". She will have information at our district convention.

She announced the joint venture with WLF and their club to move forward as another eyeglass recycling center hub for our district for reading the prescription on the eyeglasses. She noted this was prompted from the Lake Tomahawk efforts of reading eyeglass prescriptions. Lion Patty Krug noted this effort moved forward due to the donation made by C2 to WLF and WLF providing the cost of the Lensometer back to C2 for Gleason Lions club.

Lion Chuck McCorry from Gleason Lions noted they have sent in enough plastic to have another bench made for C2. We will need to decide where we would like to have this bench placed in the future.

Marketing: PDG Roger Weber stated it is going well.

Public Relations: PDG Collette Sorgel reported they are sharing club activities on the Facebook page

Vision Screening: Lion Dan Tekippe provided a new report for vision screening from the one previously sent. See attached. He noted we are doing well with school age children and encouraged clubs to begin to encompass the 6 months to 6 years. He encouraged clubs to outreach to area daycares to vision screening with the theme: "Get Them Young".

Women and Families: Lion Rhae Ellen Schnorr reported the Rhinelander Lions Club provided 900 meals for Christmas at 3 events they held. She noted she will resign from this position after this Lion Year. A Thank you and round of applause for her years of service at the District Cabinet level was provided by Acting DG Anne Madison and the district cabinet members.

GST: Acting DG Anne Madison reported on PCC Sam Kochel and Lion Caroline. She will send out their new address for anyone who would like to contact them. She said 1st VP International President attended the COG meeting by zoom yesterday. She noted he said, "We Know Wisconsin" and the great work our state has done as Lions. Acting DG Anne Madison provided information related to moving forward with Wisconsin with social media information, live podcasts and other ideas.

Servant Leadership classes introduced and taught in Wisconsin will now become a class under the USA Canada forum to be completed after a Lion has been awarded their Doctorate certificate.

WLF: Lion Patty Krug noted the attached report. She reported hides are due by January 15th. She noted mittens are now an item made from the deer hides for sale. She reported on the eyeglass mission for central Wisconsin planned for May 17th. This effort is being coordinated by PDG Judy Hatz, Lion Patty Krug, WLF and Lions Eyebank of Wisconsin. More information will be provided as they finalize plan and will be asking for assistance from Lions for this event. They are also looking to do a service project during this event.

Missions and Pins: PDG Mike Lorbetske noted he is planning to make a mission trip in September to the reservation. The newest district pin was presented. It was noted we need to clarify the policy at our next meeting regarding pin reimbursement back to the district as PDG Mike noted it is not consistent.

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by PDG Greg Krug and seconded by Lion Jeff Koth to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 pm.

Future District Tentative Meeting Dates with sites:

March 2, 2025, Park Falls, American Legion Hall to start at 11 am.

April 11, 2025

May 1-3, 2025 State Convention La Crosse Wisconsin