

Wisconsin Lions – Multiple District 27-C2
District Cabinet Minutes
Boulder Junction Community Hall
5386 Park St, Boulder Junction, WI 54512

October 16, 2022 11:00 am - 2:05 pm

1. Call to order by DG Bob Bertch
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by DG Bob Bertch
3. Prayer led by PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt
4. Song led by Lion Judeen Knott
5. Roll Call/Sign Attendance- see attached document
6. Approve Minutes of July 2022 minutes: A motion was made by PDG Dennis Knott and seconded by Lion Dennis Christianson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report- see attached report. A motion was made by PDG Roger Weber and seconded by Lion Mary Johanik. Motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - a. Collection of plastic bags for bench project, Lion Chuck McCorry provided information on the plastic collection. Gleason Lions have one bench they had made and another bench for the district. A motion was made by Lion Judeen Knott and seconded by 2nd VDG Kerri Molter to donate the bench on behalf of 27 C2 to Wisconsin Lions Camp. Motion carried.
 - b. Food for Kidz project, Lion Laura Bertch. The event will be held October 22nd with shifts, 8-10 and 10:30-12:30. The event still needs volunteers to assist on this day. At this time, donations of \$23,000 has been made for Food for Kidz. Clubs are encouraged to offset the district administrative account for Hunger through donations to the district treasurer.
 - c. Purchase of "OWL" system for zoom meetings to enhance meeting capabilities and sound systems. A motion was made by PDG Roger Weber and seconded by Lion Dennis Christianson to approve the purchase of the OWL system with the cost of approximate \$1000.00 for district use. Motion carried.
 - d. Video Presentation from International Convention: viewed by the cabinet
 - e. Update on any Meet and Greets. Lion Betty McCormick, 2nd VDG Kerrie Molter provided the cabinet an update of their Meet and Greet event. Please feel free to contact them for any ideas they used for their event.
 - f. GAT team update, formation of any new clubs: DG Bob Bertch discussed the event scheduled for November 1st, 5-7 PM at the Lac Du Flambeau Hall of Nations to form a club in this community (see attached flyer). Any Lion Member can attend this event to encourage development of a club. IPDG Judy Hatz reported on the potential for a new Leo's club in the Merrill area (see attached report).

9. New Business

- a. Wisconsin Lions newspaper articles dates to be submitted for publication: DG Bob Bertch will send in his Thursday email update these dates. All clubs are encouraged to send in an article for these newsletters.
- b. C2 Convention-Discussion/ideas/seminars/updates etc: Discussion ensued for ideas to be shared with the District Convention committee. All Lions members are asked to send any other request for seminars to DG Bob Bertch. Ideas discussed included: Servant Leadership Seminar, training for officers (PCC Geri Schlender), Past International Director Connie LeClair Meyer will present a seminar, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, expand exposition area, discussion of other raffles by clubs (request can be put into writing as per C2 policy to the district governor) and online registration.
- c. New Merrill Leo Club-IPDG Judy Hatz-see attached report

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

Childhood Cancer: PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt reported on the Three Lakes Club presentation. Any clubs who are interested please contact her to set up a time for a presentation.

Diabetes: PDG Mary Ann Gretenhardt had diabetes materials available for those interested at the meeting and reminded everyone, these materials are available through the Wisconsin Lions Foundation under resources/diabetes.

Zone Chair Lion Anne Madison: The clubs in the zone have provided numerous services and donations to their communities. There is concern maintaining and/or recruiting new members for their clubs.

Lions Missions: PDG Mike Lorbetske discussed his recent trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He said the cost for the transport of donations to the camp with the truck and gas was approximately \$2600.00. Clubs are asked to remember to donate for Lions Mission expenses to the district treasurer. We only have \$1400.00 in the account at this time and will have a deficit with the recent expenses.

Peace Poster: PDG Shirley Lemke reminded clubs need to notify DG Bob Bertch if their club will be sponsoring a Peace Poster for submission by November 15th.

1st VDG Don Meeder: He reported on the trainings he is receiving, his trip to the Leader Dog Facility in Michigan and his meeting with South Shore Lions.

Lions Bowling: Lion Dennis Christianson reported February 18th is the start of Lions State Bowling in Menominee for 8 weeks. Registration is online or in the next Lions newspaper.

Lions Curling: PDG Shirley Lemke reported the Lions State Curling is in Medford this year. The event is scheduled for January 5-7th and encourage clubs to participate or come to watch the curlers.

Elections: Lion Dennis Christianson reminded all paperwork for elections must be submitted by March 1st to the DG Bob Bertch, District Cabinet Secretary and Lion Dennis Christianson, Election Chair.

Lions Pride: Lion Dennis Christianson reported a recent donation was made to Wisconsin Lions Foundation for \$100,000 for Lions Camp expenses. Investments are down at this time but hoping for recovery of those investments by year end.

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin: PDG Greg Krug reminded his position for the district eye bank representative will be open this next year and anyone interested must submit nomination papers by March 1st for elections. Corneal tissue donations have increased this year and he provided information on the transport system for Lions.

Zone Chair for Taylor County Zone: PDG Greg Krug reported Lion Bill Brenemann has assumed the role for this position but was unable to attend. A zone meeting/Maplefest meeting was held in September with DG Bob in attendance and all clubs were represented.

LCIF: PDG Dennis Knott provided a report. He encouraged members to continue to donate and a form was provided (see attached). He noted some clubs have enough funds in their account for a Melvin Jones award. Please contact him if you have any questions.

2nd VDG and zone chair: 2nd VDG Kerri Molter reported attempting to find a time for a zone meeting in the near future.

Hearing: Lion Scott Martin reminded clubs funds are available for hearing aids. Please contact him with questions. An application must be completed for this service and 2 new recipients received hearing aids recently.

Hunger: Lion Laura Bertch provided a report, see under Old Business section.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation: Lion Patty Krug reported on the Hundred X

campaign to raise funds for Wisconsin Lions Camp (see attached poster). This event is through November 4th. She reported on the deer hide collection funds (\$80,588.00 last year), Pride Shoot (\$37,890.00) and Birch Stum Golf Outing (\$30,090.73) raised for camp expenses. She reported on the recent legislation initiated by Lion Fred Gebhart (Wisconsin Bill 535) which provides the Lions opportunity to provide eye glasses to anyone over the age of 14. She noted policies and procedures need to be put into place before we can move ahead with this in Wisconsin. We are working with the Wisconsin Optometric Association and we are one of 5 states which has passed this legislation. She updated the cabinet on the coffee sleeve promotion for Prevent Diabetes initiative which will be mentioned in the Friday emails from WLF. She reminded members the Wisconsin Lions Foundation sends an email the 1st Friday of each month to Lions members with an email.

DG Bob Bertch reminded clubs to send him any Random Acts of Kindness for publication. He reported on the recent Zone meeting in Taylor County and a random act of kindness presented. He reported on the LCIF grant opportunity which may be available for our district. He is coordinating efforts with Lion Patty Krug for more specifics to potentially apply for this grant.

11. Closing Comments

12. Raffle

13. Adjournment: A motion was made by Lion Phil Lewandowski and seconded by Lion Holly Larkin to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. Motion carried.

Future District Meeting Dates with sites:

February 4, 2023: Gleason Lions Club, meeting will be from 1-3 PM

April 14, 2023 District convention