



**District 49B 3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
Tok Lions Club House  
Tok, Alaska  
Saturday, February 22, 2020  
10:30am - 2:45pm AKST**

**10:30am: Welcome and Call to Order by DG Gerry Gerein**

**Greetings / Welcome:**

Welcome from DG Gerry. Thanks to Tok who is unable to be here due to issues in the community.

1VDG Karen just got back from VDG training in Chicago where it was great to meet people from around the world.

2VDG Helen says, "Hello!"

**Opening**

Lions' Prayer

**Role Call - CS Jennifer**

Voting Cabinet Members Present: DG Gerein, 1VDG K. Lane, 2VDG Blattner, IPDG / GST D. Mock, CST Bodily, Z3 J. Marcinkowski, Z4 B. Lane, Z6 Johnson, GLT Marcinkowski = 9/13 Quorum Present

Committees: Nominations 1VDG K. Lane, Sight Conservation PDG R. Webb, Pin Chair PDG D. Rixie, Lions Quest 1VDG K. Lane

Clubs Present: Anderson Clear, Delta, Choice, Goldstream Valley, Host, Offroad, Fox, Interior Baseball, Kotzebue, North Pole, Fireweed, Grey Mountain

**Approve Agenda:** 1VDG Karen moved to approve the agenda. 2nd by Z4 Buddy. 1VDG moved to amend the agenda with the addition of St. Baldrick's under New Business. Motion carried.

**2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes Approval:** Z3 Janis moved to approve the minutes. 2nd by GLT Ski. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** CST shared the Customer Balance Summary and there was discussion on the clubs with large outstanding balances. Zones should reach out to these clubs to touch base on payment timelines. CST Jen shared the current status of the budget and account balances. PayPal has been added to the listing of accounts. Bank fees from PayPal had accrued to over the budgeted amount. GLT Ski moved to transfer \$50 from the postage line item to the bank charges line item to cover these fees for the rest of the year. IPDG Dana 2nd. The motion carried. Z6 Lizz asked about money available to do club visits. She will visit as needed and the budget can be adjusted at the 4th Cabinet meeting if needed. GLT Ski moved to accept the report. 1VDG Karen 2nd. Motion carried.

### **Club Reports**

Kotzebue: \$14,800 has been awarded in scholarships. In December the Diabetes Center was awarded \$2000. Iron Dog came through recently and they had a feed to welcome the racers. Not much more going on until Spring.

Fox: Have been having trouble with the ice-rink due to excess snow. PDG Rick and PDG Bill Baker went on a mission to Cabo to give glasses to those in need. Fox Lions turned 50 in December and will celebrate in June with a membership drive.

Fireweed: The Boss's Bash was in December and made well over \$10,000. They are working on deciding who to award \$2000 in grants. (1 for nursing & 1 for struggling students). They are inducting 2 new members at their next meeting.

Grey Mountain: They turned 40 in 2019 and celebrated with free activities for kids at the multi-plex center, advertising the Lion's role in the community. They are holding a raffle on June 20th for a 2020 Rav4. (\$50 tickets and 1500 total available). Rendezvous Casino Night was very successful. Their new President and Secretary are two of their newest members!

Goldstream: Celebrated 42 years two weeks ago. The Firework show was amazing! Holding a spaghetti feed to generate community interest, and they will be doing their annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

Delta: They had a successful Angel Tree again this year, serving 25 kids. Dropped a few members due to non-payment of dues. They are holding a membership drive on March 2nd, offering dinner to the community, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt in April.

Choice: 26 members currently. They sent 12 kids to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Holding a cash calendar fundraiser called the Tax-Man Blues to raise money for the Cancer Survivor's Dinner. Working on reviewing By-Laws currently, and the election committee is working hard right now to fill all positions by the end of the year.

Host: Looking into new fundraising options because they are no longer doing the 50-50 at UAF. Thinking of a garage sale, pancake breakfast, or potentially a Diabetes Walk in May. They adopted a Stryker Brigade and send monthly care packages to the troops.

Anderson: They did their youth Christmas baskets in December and will do a youth Easter Party this year. They are holding an adult St. Patrick's Day event and membership drive. Working on gaming reports and getting everything together in case of gaming changes in the state. They have gone through 2 Treasurer's, so Lizz is standing in for now. Working on planning budgets and reviewing the Constitution & Bylaws.

Healy: They filed their taxes timely this year. They are hosting a cabin fever reliever next month. Still doing school lunches and working on the visitor's guides as their main projects. They are working on redoing the outhouses in the park.

North Pole: They filled cancer bags to deliver to Providence in April and made Thanksgiving baskets with the Leos. NP Lions promo video is posted on their website (check it out!). Cruising with Santa is May 16th, and the Junior Musher's Fun Run is happening this weekend.

Baseball: They are promoting "Leap Into Baseball" on February 29th in response to Howard's challenge. See the attached flyer for more info! They are holding their cash calendar raffle from May 1st - July (\$20 each). Sell as a fundraiser for your club and keep \$5 per calendar. 4-Wheeler raffle will be starting in May and ends at the fair.

Offroad: A bit of a turn-over in members at the new year. It has been a quiet winter, but getting ready to kick it into gear at the ORV park with work parties. Holding a Paint-Nite party on March 14th at 2pm - all are invited! Celebrated 10 year anniversary in October.

Eielson Raven: Eielson Football coach is moving to West Valley and the school essentially has no team at the moment. The future of the club is uncertain.

## **Zone Reports**

Zone 3: Visited Choice. Curling had a great Sparktacular and will be presenting a Melvin Jones soon. Will be visiting Arctic Lions next month and has spoken with them regarding district and international dues.

Zone 4: 1VDG Karen will be visiting Goldstream next month while Z4 Buddy is out of town. Cheechako is difficult to visit because of Thursday night meetings. Working on how and when to get to Barrow. PDG Dodie mentioned a partnership to split costs and allow a chance to get a vision screening done.

Zone 5: North Pole recharter event was great. It has been difficult to get a response from Tok.

Zone 6: Clubs are doing okay. It is a big issue contacting Bering Sea - zero contact in 2 years. The next step is sending an email blast to all members. Will get with Matt in Kotzebue to set up a visit.

Zone 7: 2VDG Helen on behalf of Z7 Danny. Laberge is having their annual trade-show. Whitehorse has raised over \$35,000 at the annual TV auction.

## **Committee Reports**

LCIF: 1VDG Karen for PCC Ed Casey. 1VIP Haynes Townsend passed away and Douglas Alexander has replaced him. We have a goal from LCI of \$65,755 and 733 individuals for LCIF donations in 49B. \$1750 has currently been donated by clubs.

Lion's Quest: No report

Nominations: 1VDG Karen has started talking to people and getting nominations set. The foundation is also in need of nominations. 1VDG & 2VDG will need letters and endorsements. 1VDG Karen will email 2VDG Helen some examples.

Sight Conservation: I will be meeting soon with Melissa Harter, FNSB Library Services Director, to discuss the Lions' Low Vision Workstations at Noel Wien and North Pole Libraries. The Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is advertising for a new Executive Director since Regan Mattingly's departure at the start of this year.

Pin Chair: Only pre-orders are ordered with very few extras. The orders will be placed this week, so if you are interested, you need to contact PDG Dodie immediately.

Constitution & Bylaws: Be prepared to vote on changes at Convention.

ABLERC: Recycling Center is in need of help. See attached report for more info. 2VDG Helen is arranging for Canadian clubs to come over for a day to help out. PDG Dodie will put together a flyer to describe the cleaning process required.

49B Foundation: Lizz Johnson and John Connors have been appointed to fill vacant board seats with one additional still to fill. 3 seats with expiring terms will be on the ballot for convention. IPDG Dana has filled the open seat on the Trust Committee. Youth Camp sale is being finalized next week and \$11,000 down payment will be collected.

### **Old Business**

- 1) **Leadership:** Have received request for training for Arctic Lions new officers. Please reach out and ask for training when needed. Snowmobile Fun would like a training, and perhaps it could turn into an open training opportunity for all clubs.
- 2) **2VDG:** Welcome Helen! She is excited about Lion & non-Lion volunteers that are turning out to help in Whitehorse. All 4 Whitehorse clubs are uniting and spreading the news of Lionism. 10 reasons to become a Lion flyers were printed up and getting passed out along with info on all clubs in Whitehorse.
- 3) **Clubs Needing Attention:**
  - a) Eielson - North Pole is the sponsor club and has been talking with them. Chris Fry has taken over as President. NP is working with the board to restructure them and potentially remain a club with a new focus. They have quite a few dedicated members. They have a clause for all sports in the by-laws, so perhaps they could become a Booster club. Z5 Eileen will reach out to them as well.
  - b) Lake Laberge - Down to 10 members and many of them are getting up in age. They need a restructure / membership drive. DG Gerry needs to meet with Z7 Danny and their President to work on developing a plan to promote their club at the trade show. Z3 Janis gave ideas of a booth sharing info and opportunity to sign-up. They haven't paid district dues in 14 months. CST Jen will mail invoice to their Secretary.
  - c) Bering Sea - Z6 Lizz has been unable to contact them, so will try to contact all members and find out what is going on. They do a lot to help the community, but they don't recruit and don't stay in contact with the district.

- d) Fox - PDG Rick has spoken with GMT Howard about rebuilding. They are inviting him to the March meeting.
- 4) **Membership:** See attached GMT report for District Membership info. 1VDG Karen shared the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). We need to agree to join by February 29th to participate as a district. If we join we get tools to use to help implement this membership push. After discussion the cabinet agreed to move forward with signing up. Visit [lionsclub.org/NAMI](http://lionsclub.org/NAMI) for more information. IPDG Dana agreed to be the NAMI Chair.
- 5) **New Club Prospects:** Whitehose - DG Gerry has had an informal conversation with the Philipino community and hasn't yet reached out to the ski club. He will go back and re-engage and give an update at the mid-quarter check-in. GLT Ski recommended hooking up with the Mabuhay club in Anchorage to help reach out. Alaska - IPDG Dana will reach out to Lathrop to revisit the idea of a football club.
- 6) **Communication:** Please send in a short write-up and photos of service projects to be added to the Featured Club page on the district website.
- 7) **Policy Manual Amendments:** It was reviewed in Delta and sent back to the clubs to review. Z3 Janis moved to pass the changes that were presented in Delta with an unconditional pass. Z6 Lizz 2nd the motion. Motion carried. GMT Howard will update the manual and CST Jen will email it out and post to the website.

### **New Business**

- 1) **Cabinet Positions 2020/21:** Start thinking about open positions and how to support 1VDG Karen. Current filled positions are CST Jen, Z3 Megan Roderigues, Z4 Bobby Kirchner, Z5 Beth Durbin, Z7 Garry Doering, GLT Ski, LCIF Ski, Constitution & Bylaws Howard, GMT / NAMI Dana, 2VDG Lizz Johnson. GST, Z2, and Z6 are open.
- 2) **St. Baldrick's:** See that attached letter and donation form. Clubs can donate by mail or online. Any and all help from clubs would be appreciated. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 71908, Fairbanks, AK 99707 and call Charlie Cannon at 907-978-0968 with and questions. Donations are accepted before and after the March 14th event.
- 3) **Good of the Order:**
- a) CC Ski shared that at the Council of Governors meeting it was decided a raffle would be held at convention. 100 tickets at \$100 each will be

available for 10 drawings of \$200 and 1 drawing of \$3000. Tickets could be purchased by clubs or individuals. ½ of the cost of the tickets will go to LCIF.

- b) Snowmobile Fun Lions will be holding a bonfire and event at their clubhouse on February 29th - all are invited!
- c) For any clubs who would like to pay respects; Gary Bodensadt with Racing Lions and PCC John Boulette passed away recently.

**Adjournment:** DG Gerry adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm

**Next Meeting:**

- Cabinet only Mid-Quarter Check-In - March 29th @ 7pm AKST
- 4th District Cabinet Meeting to be held at MD49 Convention, April 29th - May 3rd in Anchorage.