



**District 49B 2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Aurora Borealis Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
2925 Newby Rd; North Pole, AK 99705
Saturday, October 24th, 2020
10:00am - 1:30pm AKST**

10:07am: Welcome and Call to Order by DG Karen Lane

Opening

Star Spangled Banner

O'Canada

Lions' Prayer

Role Call - CS Jennifer

Voting Cabinet Members Present: DG Lane, 1VDG Blattner, 2VDG Johnson, IPDG Gerein, CST Bodily, Z2 Kirchner, Z3 Hamsley, Z4 Turner, Z5 B. Durbin, Z6 Lane, Z7 Doering, GMT Mock, GLT Marcinkowski (Quorum present)

Committees: Nominations (1VDG Blattner), Sight Conservation (D. Durbin), Pin Chair (Peterson), LCIF (PCC Marcinkowski), Lions Quest (DG Lane), ABLERC (PCC Rixie), Constitution & Bylaws (PCC Rixie).

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

Guests: 3IVP Dr. Patti Hill, Lion Al Hedstrom, CC Karen Burns, PID Lewis Quinn

Opening Comments:

DG Lane would like to thank everyone for coming today and we had a great night last night with eyeglass recycling. In the Texas Hold 'Em tournament 1st place went to Mike Rixie, 2nd place to Howard Rixie, and 3rd place to Beth Durbin.

DG Lane will be mailing out membership awards. Congrats to: Anne Dibbs (30 years), Gerald Thompson (20 years), Ken Schick (10 years), and Christina Hemmings (10 years) from Lake Laberge; Eric Oles (20 years), Ralph Hotte (40 years), and Roderick Watson (20 years) from St. Elias; David Knight (25 years), Carl Nadeau (15 years),

and John Ryder (10 years) from Whitehorse; Tracy Bernier (15 years) from Fireweed; Lynda Rygaard (20 years) and Cathy Pitre (10 years) from Dease Lake.

1VDG Blattner says hello!

2VDG Johnson thanks everyone for coming. We miss Canadian members being with us. Hopefully everything will return to normal soon.

3IVP Dr. Patti Hill wants to thank everyone for continuing to move forward with this blended model of service. She would like to challenge everyone to take 15 minutes a week (5 minutes, 3 times) to stay in touch with 1 Lion and 2 non-Lions in your community. Make sure to report this as service because what we do to stay connected counts.

Lion Al Hedstrom enjoys visiting and seeing what other districts and clubs are doing because he loves to “borrow” the great ideas he hears. The clubs in hibernation are going to require some personal attention to help get them restarted. If you need help with training, let him know and he can help out.

Approve Agenda: DG Lane would like to add #3 MD Shirts to New Business. Z6 B Lane moved to approve. Z5 Durbin 2nd. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

2020 - 21 Goals Update:

1st: Add 3 members per club and it's going well. DG Lane has membership kits for anyone who needs some, so please ask. IPDG Gerein also has several membership kits available, so Canadian clubs should ask him if needed.

2nd: Hold a food drive. All clubs in the district have been encouraged to hold a food drive between now and the middle of November. Get it weighed and let DG Lane know what you turned in, and the club with the most will win 1 registration to the Convention this year. NP Lions has a list of needed items posted on their Facebook page. Check it out for high-need items. Monetary donations can be submitted as well.

3rd: In the spring we will be holding a Diabetes Walk for Diabetes awareness.

1st Cabinet Meeting Minutes: PCC Ski moved to approve the minutes. 2nd from Z6 Lane. Lion J. Marcinkowski pointed out some corrections to be made to Lewis and Gayle Quinn's names. The minutes were approved with the accepted corrections.

Correspondence: 2VDG Johnson mentioned that Fred Meyer is doing a hygiene products drive for veterans in need. She will distribute the flyer with more information.

Treasurer's Report: CST Bodily shared the current balances in the [budget](#). \$1500 will be moved from the Youth Camp account to the General Checking account. A line item for PR has been added to the expenses. The [Club Balances](#) show balances as of 10/23/20. Please check to see that your club dues are being paid. Z6 Lane moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. PCC Marcinkowski 2nd. Motion carried.

Club Reports:

Anderson Clear: Still pretty dormant. Thinking about possibly doing a soft opening on the clubhouse this spring.

Delta: Dana and Eileen wish they could be there today, but they are currently in quarantine due to travel. The club is currently working on meals for local families. They are also working with a food pantry in Delta to help with the Thanksgiving meals. Just beginning to get stuff together for the Angel Tree this holiday season.

Arctic: Jack Tragis has stepped down as President after holding the office for 30+ years. The club is in good hands with 37 members. They are focused on hockey, but they also take part in many community events like the annual Christmas party for all 150 players (on 17 teams). A local youth facility gets supported. That may not happen this year due to COVID restrictions.

Choice: 3 new members at the last meeting. They issued a challenge to the cheerleading team they sponsor (North Star All-Stars) to contribute to the food drive. They will be starting a cash calendar soon. They are thinking of working with the North Star All-Stars to become a Leos club.

Goldstream: 8 new members. Currently trying to get a new Secretary to fill the vacant position. It has been a busy summer trying to work on fixing the sink hole in their field, and they have been starting a community garden which has brought in several new members. They hand out food boxes from the food bank every Monday. They are also helping community members with fire wood and chores. They are installing a new neon sign at the clubhouse. There is interest in starting a Leos club in the next few months. They are working on boosting their GCI connectivity at the clubhouse for kids trying to do online learning and working on ways to open the community center safely.

Host: The quilting Lions are very active and meet every Thursday. There has been a successful garage sale, and they are working on improving Davis Hall to be able to use it more. They are doing a warm-up hut at the haunted house at the fairgrounds. Doing a vendor event at the fairgrounds in December with 60 vendors in 4 buildings. They are adopting a family through Love Inc for Christmas, and still trying to decide if they can do their Christmas Day visit to a local youth facility. Anderson Lions would like to donate extra gifts to assist with this.

Offroad: We are inducting 6 new members at our Charter banquet tonight. It will be held at the ORV park (at the end of Cushman) and everyone's invited. The lease for the ORV park has been signed for another year. The club has mostly been focused on events to encourage membership.

Fox: They have a community center that has been closed other than for the foot clinic. \$1500 was donated to support the foot clinic. They are no longer allowing walk-ins for the clinics, so appointments and masks are required. They are trying to figure out ways to be able to use the community center. The annual bake-sale and Christmas party are being discussed next week at their club meeting, but they aren't sure about the future of these events. They have 5 potential new members. \$2000 donation to the food bank will be matched by Fort Knox. \$2000 donation to the Alaska Center for the Blind. Their Secretary Steph Brown needs training. PCC Marcinkowski will help with training.

Interior Baseball: Just closed out the 2020 cash calendars. They made just enough profit to cover costs. Added a new member and they are recruiting 2 more. They need umpires for the 2021 season. They are currently looking into cash calendars and the 4-wheeler raffle for this coming year. They have a \$150 donation for the District Governor fund. Looking to help with the food bank this holiday season.

Kotzebue: They worked on a clean-up and supplied hot dogs for kids. They did not open Bingo the last few months to say safe, but they are still working on pull tabs to help pay the bills. They did get some funding from PPP and had the building improved a bit. They are doing what they can, but club events are not happening at the moment.

North Pole: The club has not shut down and have been active since May. They have 4 service projects: Trooper Memorial Park, Cruisin' with Santa, North Pole Championship, and ABLERC. They sponsor the Alaska Adventure Leos club that has doubled in size to 8 members so far this year. This quarter they are working on a video for Mental and Emotional Health with an emphasis on Resilience and they are working with a videographer. Their goal is to be done by February and share it around the community.

They are trying to do a fundraiser at Arctic Harvest distillery on Halloween. NP Lions did Highway Clean-Up and food drive as well as the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Fireweed: They are currently meeting virtually. In October they did a site visit to Freedom Trail. They have a mechanical horse that helps with therapeutic riding. They have decided to cancel the Boss's Bash this year due to size restrictions, but they are planning a car rally. They are participating in the food drive.

Grey Mountain: They continue to stay strong with their small member count. They are in the midst of their car raffle which was extended until December 5th. It's very difficult to get into public spaces to sell the tickets. They are trying to still promote it and have not broken even yet. They have passed out flyers to parked cars. The tickets are \$50 CDN and available to all. They have not been doing a lot from a service point of view. They have been working with Mary House to help replace the roof.

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 2 Kirchner: She has called the clubs to connect. Most are active with one staying quiet at this time. One club is meeting on Zoom at the moment and most are trying to get active again.

Zone 3 Hamsley: Curling is meeting in person and she will be attending their next meeting to check in with them and find out more about their "Sparktacular" event on December 31st.

Zone 4 Turner: Has sent out a couple of emails and heard back from a couple. She will try to attend their Zoom meetings and start to make phone calls. She is curious about what to do when clubs don't respond.

Zone 5 Durbin: She has emailed the clubs. She has not yet heard from Eielson Ravens or Tok and will continue trying to connect.

Zone 6 Lane: He has not been able to contact Bering Sea. Krista in Healy has a broken leg and their meetings have slacked off a bit because she has not been able to get them all together, and they are not doing their usual service projects. They got a local grant, and they have a new Life Member.

Zone 7 Doering: They have been discussing what they can do at the moment to help Dease Lake. St Elias is active in the community, but he needs to touch base with them. Lake Laberge is struggling and their President moved south. They are just beginning

meeting again. Whitehorse has made the newspaper with their FireFighter Bears. (Check out the district website).

Committee Reports:

GMT: 3 new members per club is 67 new members across the district. Let's make this a focus area. Share your love of Lions with the community members that see what you do. We also have a goal of 1 new club, and please let us know of any opportunities you may see. NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) - Dana has been working on rolling out some ideas soon.

GLT: Lots of leadership training available. He is not sure if ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute) or FDI (Faculty Development Institute) will be occurring this year. He highly encourages everyone to attend / apply for these training sessions. USA / Canada Leadership forums are available virtually at the moment, so please check these out. There has been some local training provided and he is available to come in person if you would like.

Audit / Elections: Audit was complete in August.

Nominations: 1VDG Blattner will need to start thinking about next year's cabinet / committees.

Sight Conservation: New to the position and still learning. She is working on marketing, vision screening, and leader dog. When the library opens she will reach out to them and wants to explore more about what this position is.

Pin Chair: The designs for the MD pin (motorcycle) have been pulled together which will be emailed out soon. The deadline is December 1st so the pins can arrive before the February district meeting.

LCIF: PCC Casey is listed on the LCI website as the LCIF Coordinator. PCC Marcinkowski will be presenting a training on LCIF today.

Lions Quest: Nothing new. It will be sitting until things get a little more normal.

49B Foundation: Next meeting will be held in November. They meet the 3rd Monday of every odd month. If you are raising money for clubs and you need an entity to donate to, you can donate to the Foundation. All director positions have been filled.

ABLERC: We encourage clubs to build the Foundation into your club budgets. The cash calendars every year pay for all fixed liabilities, so it is a very important fundraiser. Please help us sell the calendars when it comes time. Thank you to the district for building eyeglass recycling into the Fall Festival. There are 20,000 pairs that need to be washed and 8,000 pairs that need to be read. They will be doing recycling twice a month from now on (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month 8am - 1pm). With a \$750 donation you can become a Helen Keller fellow with the ABLERC.

Constitution & Bylaws: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Leadership - Mentor / Mentee: A program for a Lion and a new member to help them grow into what it is to be a Lion. They have brainstormed the topics to discuss over 12 meetings, 1x a month for a year. Each discussion is meant to be 30 minutes. [The Program Packet can be found here.](#) NP Lions will be using this program as a training process during their monthly meetings. All clubs are encouraged to use this.

Clubs Needing Attention: Dease Lake (as discussed in Zone reports).

New Club Prospects: Many Leos clubs have been discussed today as well as the Mudding club in Delta. CST Bodily brought up approaching local non-profits that are hurting at the moment to see if the Lions can help recover from this year. She has approached FLOT (Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre) about becoming a Lions club and will update as needed.

Marketing Grant: It has to be a MD grant and PID Quinn is still working on moving forward with this. We missed the deadline, and the next opportunity will be February.

New Business

2021 MD Convention: May 20th - 22nd at the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. Meetings should be available on Zoom and social events will be distanced as needed. Camping (tent & RV) is available at the fairgrounds, or there are local hotels available. Planning is ongoing.

MD Shirts: This shirt is available to all MD 49 Lions, and the shirt is \$65. [THIS IS THE ORDER FORM.](#) Please send out to your club members. We would like to have an order in by January.

Electronic Elections: Would we like to allow electronic elections and build into all future elections to allow all 49B members to vote? The Constitution & Bylaws states they have to be a registered delegate. The Policy Manual says they have to be a paid attendee of the Convention. We would have to change the Policy Manual to allow all delegates to vote whether paid or not. The change would need to be sent to all clubs and PDGs and allow them an opportunity to give feedback. Then the Cabinet can vote and update the Policy Manual as needed. We will send the information (PCC Rixie will put this together) out to the clubs soon and formalize it at the next Cabinet meeting in February.

Good of the Order:

1. IPDG Gerein shared that it was an honor to represent the last Lion's year as District Governor. We didn't get the usual "Thank You" celebration at the Convention, so he wanted to share his sincere thanks for everything that everyone has done.
2. PDG R. Webb would like to remind everyone to make electronic voting accessible. PCC Rixie mentioned that the site used was ADA compliant.
3. PCC Rixie shared information about the Ambassador Program. Each month they would send an Ambassador to another district club to learn, and then offer \$100 to the club visited to help with projects. This could be a great option for Zone Chairs this year. There is plenty of money in the budget to do this.
4. CST Bodily mentioned that service hours need to be "reported." Please make sure that you are pressing the report button and not just the save button. Otherwise these are not counting for any service hours. Please go back into myLion and check to see whether your service is showing up as reported or unreported.
5. PCC Rixie will set up a district-wide Zoom on Leos for all of the clubs that are interested.
6. PCC Rixie shared information on Life Memberships. Eligible members are active for 20+ years, active for 15 years and 70 years old, or critically ill members. The cost is \$650 and [THIS FORM](#) needs to be filled out and signed by a club officer. This is a great way to honor long standing Lions.
7. DG Lane would like to thank the North Pole Lions for everything they have done to host the Fall Festival.

Adjournment: DG Lane adjourned the meeting at 1:35pm.