



**District 49B 3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Totem Building - Tanana Valley State Fair
Saturday, February 13th, 2021
11:30am - 1:45pm AKST**

11:35am: 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, IPDG Gerein, CST Bodily, Z2 Kirchner, Z3 Hamsley, Z5 B. Durbin, Z6 Lane, 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: Delta, Choice, Host, Offroad, Interior Baseball, Koztebue, North Pole, Fireweed, Grey Mountain

Opening Comments:

DG Lane welcome and thanks for coming. She is looking forward to a great meeting today.

1VDG Blattner says thanks for participating today.

Approve Agenda: DG Lane would like to move Electronic Elections to before the Administrative Reports due to a scheduling conflict. Also, IPDG Gerein would like to speak during Old Business. 1VDG Blattner moved to approve with amendments. Z5 Durbin 2nd. Motion carried.

Electronic Elections:

Amendments were sent out to all district lions twice, and today we will be discussing the proposed changes. PCC Rixie shared that under item C it states that the District would purchase tablets for voting on Saturday morning at Convention in lieu of paper ballots. In the case of alternates, the election chair would have paper copies of log-in information and paper ballots on hand in case that is the only way someone is able to place their vote.

DG Lane wanted to point out that this would allow them from 9pm on Friday night to Saturday morning to vote which is different that last year with a 2 week window. PCC Marcinkowski states that for a DG to be elected, there needs to be 50% +1 vote, and with a short window it may be difficult to get all of the votes needed. Lion J. Marcinkowski proposed having the voting window open at the beginning of Convention (Wednesday night) which will give us a longer window for those not present at Convention. PDG J. Webb proposed going back to last year's guidelines where we were able to get more participation than any year previously. PDG D. Rixie is concerned that we will not have an opportunity to nominate for the positions at Convention as is usually done. PCC H. Rixie gave the option of moving nominations to the 3rd Cabinet meeting. DG Lane stated that letters for nomination must be submitted 45 days prior to the Convention. PCC Marcinkowski stated that due to this, voting can open Thursday AFTER the 4th Cabinet meeting.

PCC Marcinkowski moved that voting will open after the 4th Cabinet meeting and close by 9am on the last day of Convention. 2nd by Z5 Durbin. Motion carried. PCC Rixie will incorporate this into the [current policy manual](#) and will send it to CST Bodily.

Administrative Reports:

2020 - 21 Goals Update:

1st: Will discuss later in the meeting.

2nd: We did a great job donating food and money to local food banks.

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

4th: Childhood Cancer will be discussed later in the meeting.

1st Cabinet Meeting Minutes: Z6 Lane moved to accept the minutes. Z5 Durbin 2nd. Lion Marcinkowski pointed out some minor typos to be corrected. Motion carried to approve minutes as amended.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: CST Bodily shared the current balances in the [budget](#). The [Club Balance Summary](#) shows balances as of 2/13/21. Please check to see that your club dues are being paid. Z6 Lane moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Z2 Kirchner 2nd. Motion carried.

Club Reports:

Barrow: They are holding a Valentine's fundraiser today.

Choice: They have been meeting in person and participated in a food drive and blood drive. They are now working on elections for the coming year. They have received a Membership Satisfaction patch from LCI. They are right in the middle of the competition season for the cheer team, so they will probably be able to move forward with the Leo's club at the end of April.

Delta: They are meeting in person, and they just wrapped up the Angel Tree and have the Easter Egg hunt coming up soon. They will give away a few scholarships around graduation and are working on the application process right now.

Host: They have been meeting in person with Zoom as a possibility. At Christmas they dropped off presents at the juvenile detention center. They have participated in eyeglass recycling and worked on Quilts of Valor. They are hosting the Multiple District Convention this year. They adopted a family through Love Inc, and they held their Christmas party in person this year.

Offroad: They have been working at the eyeglass recycling center and donated \$500 to LCIF. They are waiting to see if the offroad event in Anchorage happens this year before they plan to move forward with one here. They weren't able to work on their highway clean-up last year due to it not being mowed, but hope to continue this spring. The ORV park is still in limbo.

Interior Baseball: Baseball season is starting and getting ready for the cash calendar fundraiser. High school baseball opens soon, so they will be able to speak more to that at the next meeting.

Kotzebue: They are not really meeting at the moment and city ordinances don't allow more than 10 at a time. They are trying to continue with pull-tabs as BINGO can't happen due to the city ordinances. Their building has been used for vaccines with more than 600 given from their location.

North Pole: They helped Holiday Heights decorate their common area, and they collected decorated boxes with goodies for kids. They were donated to the domestic violence women's shelter. They held a Texas Hold 'Em tournament in January, and the Leos finished their anti-bullying video. Tuesday at 6:30pm they have the Food Bank coming out for their program meeting. February 27th - Junior Mushers and March 4th - 7th is the Championship mushers. Paint Nite fundraiser is coming up on March 13th at Fender's Restaurant. Cruisin' with Santa will be on May 15th, and June 5th is a Lion's Yard Sale with donations being accepted at the end of March. They have 3 new members. Don't forget about eyeglass recycling coming up next Saturday, February 20th.

Fireweed: They received a Membership Satisfaction patch, and they have been holding virtual meetings. They will be applying to the city to do a garbage pick-up fundraiser this year. They awarded one \$1000 scholarship this year and donated \$1000 to the women's shelter to help with building renovations. They donated \$2500 to the Special Olympics for a monthly program highlighting their athletes. They donated \$1000 to Share the Spirit for Christmas presents and food for those in need. They also donated \$1000 in various gift cards to another women's shelter, Kaushee's. They have 2 new members!

Grey Mountain: They are holding strong with their roster, but looking for new members which is difficult with the lock-down in Whitehorse. Most meetings are done virtually, but occasionally hold a meeting at a members house. They are continuing to collect eyeglasses, and they were able to finalize their vehicle raffle. They were able to make about \$27,000. It's great to have help from other clubs in the Whitehorse area.

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 2 Kirchner: She has visited 2 clubs, but she has asked all clubs specifically how COVID has affected them. Motorcycle Racing has been pretty inactive, but they are full of races for this summer. They are being funded mostly by pull-tabs. Offroad has moved meetings to Davis Hall, and pull-tab changes has affected income. Snowmobile Fun Lions have been holding meetings outside, but the clubhouse meetings are on hold. They are busy with races that started in December, and they held a raffle this summer. Racing Lions were not able to fundraise this year and had to cancel their annual events. They have had several members who had COVID which has hurt their events. They are hitting some walls with wetlands permits.

Zone 3 Hamsley: Arctic Lions are doing a combo of in person and Zoom meetings. She will check in with them on an update for service. They met with Curling Lions and they

are still meeting in person. They were able to assist 250 service members with baskets this year as well as helped raise money at ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Zone 4: DG Lane reported that Z4 Turner is planning on attending the Host Lions meeting.

Zone 5 Durbin: Tok has been very quiet this winter because they are trying to save funds to open the pool, and they will start working on it in March to open in May. They are sponsoring raffles for the school, and they gave away 2 \$500 scholarships at the Tok UA extension office recently.

Zone 6 Lane: He has been unable to get a hold of Healy or Bering Sea, and he thought Lizz would be here today so he didn't get a report from her. 2VDG Johnson has said that Anderson has not met. PDG J. Webb said that Healy is talking about picking up the Anderson Bluegrass Festival.

Zone 7: 1VDG Blattner reports that Dease Lake is not currently meeting, and she hasn't heard a lot from Lake Laberge. Whitehorse is meeting here and there, but she doesn't know recent details. St. Elias hasn't been meeting a lot due to the 10 person restriction. Last year was 100 years of Lions in Canada, and a St. Elias Lion, Wade Istchenko (Speaker of the House), spoke at a presentation in December.

Committee Reports:

Nominations: 1VDG Blattner is working on contacting people for the Cabinet positions. They will come out soon, and she will be contacted current members to see who might be interested in continuing in their position. DG Lane pointed out that a PDG can be a Council Chair, and they are currently looking for people who are interested. Please get letters of endorsement turned in by April 5th.

Sight Conservation: She has been working on marketing vision impact. She made flyers to distribute to clubs, and she will send those out to clubs today. There is one on Leader Dog, how diabetes can affect vision, and the Alaska Center for the Blind. She is working on finding out what events are still going on with COVID. North Pole Lions will have a booth on vision impact at an upcoming event. She looks forward to visiting the Alaska Center for the Blind in Anchorage soon.

Pin Chair: 52 regular pins and 70 prestige pins will be ordered and ready for the Convention. This is the LAST CHANCE to add to that order, so let DG Lane know ASAP.

LCIF: They continue to send support, but donations have gone down quite a bit with the COVID impact. PCC Marcinkowski encourages all clubs to donate, and thanks to those who have. Campaign 100 has been extended to 2023. There will be an LCIF presentation at the MD49 Convention.

Lions Quest: There is a new virtual Lion's Quest and 49A is working with them on this. Once 49A has this figured out, we will present it to the board here in Fairbanks. (Hopefully next year).

ABLERC: We always need volunteers, and they are currently meeting twice a month. It's always the 3rd Saturday of the month, and right now the 1st Saturday as well. Clubs are welcome to come out and do recycling as a program night for club meetings. They are getting a handful of requests a month to get glasses. They are in the process of putting together an eyecare day. They will have a screening set up at Cruisin' with Santa this year. They will be coming out with Cruisin' with Santa pins.

Constitution & Bylaws: Covered in the Electronic Elections section above.

Old Business:

Leadership - Mentor / Mentee: This really hasn't happened this year. Lion Donna Bellows is looking for someone to mentor and take over her spot as Audit / Elections chair. What does this [button](#) do?

Clubs Needing Attention: Some clubs are very behind on dues. Zones please reach out to those clubs. Dease Lake and Lake Laberge are very low on numbers.

New Club Prospects: We heard from Choice today about the possibility of a Leo's club. DG Lane will check in with Goldstream about the possibility of a Leo's club.

Marketing Grant: There has been a halt in communications from 49A, so we haven't moved forward yet. There was some new information after the Council of Governors' meeting this morning, so DG Lane will share news when she gets it.

2021 MD Convention: May 19th - 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. \$150 for registration in person and \$25 to attend virtually. There will be a "no ad" ad Convention booklet. This Convention will be casual, so no formal dress nights. There

will be a cowboy theme. Our typical Friday break-out dinner will not happen and there will be a Multiple District share. There will be a fire outside, and a band on Saturday night. It will be a different Convention than has been done in the past.

Award Presentation: IPDG Gerein would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Lions and the clubs. He would like to present the “Club of the Year” Melvin Jones award to the President of the North Pole Lions club, Beth Durbin. They are a club to look up to, and they have done many things worthy of this award. The Lion of the Year award is ready to be presented to Jack Tragis and will be presented at a club meeting soon.

New Business

St. Baldrick's - Childhood Cancer: This is put on by the local Fairbanks firefighters, but everyone can participate by donating, shaving your head, or participating on March 13th. The district goal is to raise \$2000. More information will come out this week. IPDG Gerein wanted to know if they take donations of hats. Z6 Lane stated that they do accept hat donations.

NAMI: Since 1982 the membership numbers have gone down 3% every year in North America. LCI started the NAMI program. Since July 49B has dropped 67 members and gained 56 members. Our goal is to gain members, and some clubs are doing a great job with Motorcycle Racing and Snowmobile Lions added 11 members this year. Let's keep it up and try to get to the same level we were at last June.

Good of the Order:

IPDG Gerein would like to have an update on the Haines emergency. DG Lane said that the last she has heard was when she spoke with the Salvation Army. They had all families except for 1 in temporary housing and were doing weekly donations. They said we could send money to the Salvation Army. 49A was going to put in for a grant, and today they learned that the grant was never submitted because they were told that nothing else was needed. DG Lane will reach out again now that we have more contact information. IPDG appreciates the time and effort that was put in.

After this meeting there will be a new member orientation.

Adjournment: Z5 Durbin moved to adjourn. 1VDG Blattner 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.