



**District 49B 4th Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Davis Hall - Tanana Valley State Fair
Thursday, May 20th, 2021
2:00pm - 4:00pm AKDT**

2:04pm: Welcome and Call to Order by DG Karen Lane

Opening

Star Spangled Banner

O'Canada

Lions' Prayer

Role Call - CST Bodily

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

Committees: Audit / Elections / 49B Foundation (Lion D. Bellows), Nominations (1VDG Blattner), Sight Conservation (D. Durbin), LCIF (PCC Marcinkowski), Lions Quest (DG Lane), ABLERC / Constitution & Bylaws (PCC Rixie).

Clubs Present: Anderson, Host, Offroad, Fox, Interior Baseball, North Pole, Whitehorse Fireweed, Whitehorse Grey Mountain

Opening Comments:

DG Lane: Thank you for an amazing job this year and for being Lions.

1VDG Blattner: Thanks for coming.

2VDG Johnson: Very excited to see this many Lions in one place. It's nice to see everyone together and enjoy the weekend!

Council Chair Burns: She appreciates everyone being together for a great weekend.

Lion Vasquez: She is very excited to be here and is doing a 50-50 Lions Pin raffle, so please come find her if interested.

Approve Agenda: Z5 B. Durbin moved to approve the agenda and 2VDG Johnson 2nd. PDG C. Bellows asked to add “Education Opportunities” to New Business. Motion carried with the addition.

Administrative Reports:

2020 - 21 Goals Update: We have raised thousands of pounds of food and donations to the Food Bank. We were unable to do the Diabetes walk due to COVID, but we will be doing the “Out of the Darkness” walk on Saturday for Suicide Prevention. We have worked with the Fire Department on the St. Baldrick’s partnership, and we will be shaving heads tomorrow night to raise money. We have added lots of new members this year, and it’s the first time we have ended the year with positive members in many years.

3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes: PCC Marcinkowski moved to accept the minutes and PDG Bellows 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: CST Bodily shared the current balances in the [budget](#). There was discussion on the fact that only 1 club (Interior Baseball) has made a donation to the Governor Fund this year. PCC Rixie was curious about the expectations for club donations. DG Lane stated that each club is expected to make a donation, and PCC Marcinkowski that it began as a way to offset the personal costs the Governor incurs. IPDG Gerein would like a specific expectation clarified. After discussion it was decided that \$100 per club, per year would be the expectation.

DG Lane reminded everyone that LCIF is also a place that clubs should be donating every year. PCC Marcinkowski explained that you can donate in many ways and District leadership gets monthly reports showing club donations. Your club can do Melvin Jones or Progressive Melvin Jones, and he encouraged everyone to give what they can. Lion J. Marcinkowski asked everyone to bring to their clubs the opportunity to donate to the ABLERC Foundation.

IPDG Gerein was curious about what we should do with the extra money that was not spent this year due to the lack of traveling. After discussion, it was decided that the new cabinet officers at their 1st Cabinet meeting can discuss possibilities when setting the budget. PCC Rixie pointed out that to change dues there would have to be a Constitutional change. There could be a provisional amendment that would last a short time.

PCC Marcinkowski moved to approve the budget, and 2VDG Johnson 2nd. Motion carried.

The [Club Balance Summary](#) shows balances as of 5/19/21. Many clubs have very high balances. They are paying LCI, but not District dues. Invoices are sent by email for both. PDG Bellows discussed possibly holding up gaming licenses for clubs with high balances and remind them that they are clubs not in good standing.

PID Lewis Quinn: New member fees have again been cancelled for this year. The LCI dues increase has been postponed.

Guest Speaker - Daniel Elkins

Are we surviving or thriving? People are asking themselves this question all around the world. Our goal is to start thriving. He has hope that we will get there because of the people in this room. He strongly encourages everyone to take part in learning opportunities like ELLI and ALLI. What does this [Button](#) do? Perhaps 49B can apply for a grant to develop an ELLI for the district. Invite new people and listen to new voices.

Correspondence:

We received a letter of thanks for our donation to the Madden Reading Fund. We also received a \$150 donation to St. Baldrick's from the Whitehorse Grey Mountain Lions.

Club Reports:

Anderson: They are still dormant but hoping to have their first in person meeting next month. They have not had elections yet, but they hope to in July.

Host: They have held BINGO, presented several quilts of valor, done eyeglass recycling, and held their very first Mother's Day pancake breakfast. They have held elections and entered their new officers.

Fox: They are meeting in person and starting a soft opening of the Fox Community Center. Meals for the vulnerable population of Fox are being delivered on Wednesdays and will continue. They are holding a FREE foot clinic on July 19th, and they are having a celebration of life for the 4 members who have passed in the last 5 months. Elections have been held but not yet entered into LCI.

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: They have not held elections, but they did enter officers in LCI. They have been holding meetings in person with a Zoom option. Baseball season has started and they are selling cash calendar (\$20 for 10 chances to win). Highway clean-up will be scheduled soon.

North Pole: Highway clean-up was Tuesday, and Cruisin' with Santa was last week. They have held Texas Hold 'Em with the Masons and always are busy with Eyeglass Recycling. Elections have been held and entered into LCI.

Fireweed: They have been meeting on Zoom. They are doing garbage collection next week and have handed out \$1000 scholarships. Elections have been held and entered.

Grey Mountain: They have been meeting in person and on Zoom. The raffle was closed out and was a huge success. They have collected around 600 pairs of glasses to donate in the last 3 weeks. Lake Laberge will be working with them on an induction BBQ soon. They have had elections and officers have been entered.

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 2 Kirchner: She visited the Snowmobile Fun Lions who are very active and having lots of fun. Racing Lions are still doing a lot online.

Zone 3 Hamsley: She hasn't had a chance to visit Choice Lions, but she has been in contact. Curling met in person and was able to hand out a Melvin Jones.

Zone 5 Durbin: Delta did a community Easter Egg Hunt and is sponsoring a new specialty club with a busy summer ahead. They are also doing a BBQ school to prepare for competitions. She has not heard from Tok.

Zone 6 Lane: He hasn't been in contact with Barrow. Koztebue has been in quarantine and opened their clubhouse for shot clinics.

Zone 7: He needs to reach out to St. Elias. Lake Laberge has not been meeting and they are trying to get all four Whitehorse clubs together to help out with a meet and greet.

Committee Reports:

Pin Chair: If you ordered pins, they will be delivered to clubs next week.

LCIF: There will be a good training tomorrow on LCIF.

Lions Quest: She is trying to get a champion for Lions Quest on the school board to help present it to the school district. IPDG Gerein is the Canadian Coordinator.

49B Foundation: There will be a presentation tomorrow.

ABLERC: We really could use volunteer help. They recycle 2 Saturdays a month from 9am - 2pm.

Constitution & Bylaws: Nothing New.

Old Business:

Clubs Needing Attention: Earlier we discussed the large balances that some clubs owe. PDG Bellows is working with the Cheechako Lions to help with officers and LCI training.

New Club Prospects: Interior Racing Lions filled out paperwork yesterday with 25 charter members. A big driving force to becoming a Lions Club is the liability insurance, so all are challenged to think about a club that could benefit from insurance alone.

New Business

Nominations: Z5 B. Durbin nominated Helen Blattner for District Governor and PDG Bellows 2nd. PCC Marcinkowski nominated Elizabeth Johnson for 1VDG and Z3 Hamsley 2nd. PDG Hollis Hall nominated Bobbi Kirchner for 2VDG and 2VDG Johnson 2nd. Lion D. Bellows moved to close the nominations as listed above. PDG R. Webb 2nd.

Elections: The ballot will be launched tonight at 5pm and will close at 9am on Saturday morning.

Education Opportunities: Lions volunteered names of Lions that they think would benefit from attendance at a Lions' Training Institute (ALLI or USA/Canada Forum). The following Lions were nominated for Leadership Institutes: Beth and Dianna Durbin from North Pole, Fernando Escobar from Offroad, Katherine & Mark Peterson from Choice, Steve McGraw & Lester Basillie from Grey Mountain, Lindsey Copeland & Pat Turner from Goldstream, Megan Hamsley from Interior Baseball.

The early bird deadline for the USA / Canada Leadership Forum is May 31st, 2021.

PDG D. Rixie moved to donate \$10,000 to training opportunities for district membership. PDG Hall amended it to be on a cost sharing basis with the member's club so they can show initiative. PDG Bellows amended that to a 10% club contribution. PCC Rixie 2nd the motion with the amendments. The motion carried (1 abstain / 1 nay).

Adjournment: 2VDG Johnson moved to adjourn. IPDG Gerein 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.