



District 49B  
4th Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 14, 2023  
AKDT

The meeting was called to order by DG Johnson at 2pm.

Lions Present:

DG Johnson, PDG Rixie, PDG Mock, PCC Marcinkowski, VDG Marcinkowski, PCC Casey, Lion Zappone, PCC Rixie, Lion Welliver, Lion Brown, PDG Blattner, Lion Doering, PDG Gerein, Lion Oblak, Lion MacGregor, VDG Kirchner, PDG Hall, Lion Kirchner, Lion Joy'ell, Lion Benevento, Lion Salzman, Lion Salzman & Baby Salzman, CC Webb, Lion Lane, PDG Lane, Lion Gnilessew, Lion Peterson, Lion Bellows & Perspective Lion Doug. Guest during the meeting PID Lewis Quinn.

A motion was made to forego the Star Spangled Banner and O'Canada and open the meeting with the lions prayer by VDG Kirchner. Motion seconded by PDG Rixie. Passed.

Opening Comments were given by:

1VDG B. Kirchner – Welcome. Thank you for traveling for the convention.

2VDG J. Marcinkowski – Love seeing the sun out through the windows of the gazebo room at Wedgewood Resort.

DG L. Johnson – Welcome to Spring in “SnowBanks”. Lots of sunshine. Let's have fun and keep informal.

Officers/Directors/Clubs Role Call (present highlighted) PDG D. Rixie

Voting Cabinet

|                      |                           |                               |                        |                        |
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| * DG Johnson         | * 1 VDG Kirchner          | * 2VDGJ. Marcinkowski         | * IPDG Blattner        | * CST B Durbin excused |
| * Z2 Brewer - absent | * Z3 M. Peterson          | * Z4 Turner absent            | * Z5 D. Durbin excused | * Z6 B Lane            |
| * Z7 Doering         | * GMT PCC S. Marcinkowski | * Acting CST/GLT PDG D. Rixie | * GST IPDG Blattner    |                        |

Committees

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|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| * Audit/Nominations/ Acting Elections – D. Bellows | * Elections – D. Durbin excused | * Sight Conservation – PCC H. Rixie | * Pin Chair – K. Peterson absent       | * LCIF – PCC S. Marcinkowski       |
| * Lion Quest – PDG K. Lane                         | 49B Foundation – D. Bellows     | * ABLERC – PCC H. Rixie             | * Constitution/ By-Laws – PCC H. Rixie | * Social Media – D. Durbin excused |

## Clubs

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| * <b>Anderson Clear</b> 1    | * Barrow                | * Bering Sea                   | * Dease Lake          | * <b>Delta</b> 1        |
| * Arctic                     | * Cheechako             | * <b>Choice</b> 1              | * Curling             | * Goldstream            |
| * <b>Host</b> 3/2/3          | * Motorcycle Racing     | * <b>Offroad</b> 1             | * Racing              | * Snowmobile Fun        |
| * <b>Fox</b> 2               | * <b>Healy Valley</b> 1 | * <b>Interior Baseball</b> 1/1 | * Kotzebue            | * Lake Laberge          |
| * <b>North Pole</b> 1/0/2    | * St. Elias             | * Tok                          | * <b>Whitehorse</b> 1 | * <b>Fireweed</b> 1/0/1 |
| * <b>Grey Mountain</b> 1/0/1 | * Delta Interior Racing |                                |                       |                         |

PCC Marcinkowski made a motion to approve the agenda with Committee Reports moved after Approval of Agenda, Budget & Financials added after Club Reports & Club volunteer Opportunities added under New Business. PDG Blattner seconded. Passed.

### **Committee Reports** (3 minutes)

*Audit* – The audit will be done at the end of the fiscal year and reported at the first Cabinet meeting of the next year.

*Elections* – The elections will be held from 9 pm on Friday through 8:59 am Saturday. Check your email at 9 pm and vote!!! Let's shoot for 100% participation.

*Sight Conservation* – We are partnered with ACBVI and always on the lookout for opportunities to send people there for training. Joy'ell shared her story. She closed by saying the facility is “very impressive and helpful” for everyday living.

*LCIF* – There are 5 “fill the squares” going around during convention to be pulled on Saturday to name new or progressive Melvin Jones honorees. PCC Marcinkowski shared a list of club and member balances with LCIF. Please consider naming someone soon for this honor and clear your balance. There is a District Club Grant you can get 15% as a grant for a service project if your club donates \$5000 in a year. After discussion that D49B has enough money on account to present a Melvin Jones, a motion was made to gift a Melvin Jones to the family of Nancy Graff by CC Webb. Seconded by PCC Rixie. Much discussion followed and a motion was made to postpone this vote to the first cabinet meeting of 23/24 by PDG Hall. Seconded by PCC Marcinkowski. Not Passed. Back to the original motion on the floor. Ms Graff's obituary is attached. Original motion Passed. PCC Marcinkowski will fill out the paperwork and work with PDG Lane and CC Webb to present to the family.

*Lions Quest* – In working “outside of the box” we are starting small and implementing the Quest Program with a couple of sports groups (k-12 age range). It will start with 2 Arctic Lions Hockey teams. PID Quinn will discuss at the Quest Luncheon. Lion MacGregor said Quest Canada was very active in the late '80s. Nothing is happening currently in the Yukon. PDG Gerein is sharing with the Canadian Clubs to rebuild and support Quest. Administrative support, training

Lions and community buy in is needed. Cost can be roughly \$149,000. QBear and child Find is a very important part of the program.

*Nominations* – Candidates were listed. 1<sup>st</sup>s, 2<sup>nd</sup>s and candidate speeches were given. Here is the Candidate slate:

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Buddy Lane

1<sup>st</sup> by PCC Webb. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Lane

1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Janis Marcinkowski

1<sup>st</sup> by PDG Mock. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Bellows.

DG – Bobby Kirchner

1<sup>st</sup> by PDG Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Joy'ell

A motion to close nomination by Lion Bellows was made. Seconded by PCC Marcinkowski. Passed.

DG Johnson welcomed PID Lewis Quinn to the room and asked him for any comments. He was glad for the in person gathering and seems like we are all getting back to normal. MD49 has always thought outside of the box, so keep doing what you are doing! Great to see the sun shining here and loves our laid-back informal meeting style.

*49B Foundation* – The Foundation luncheon will have a few presentations. Do not miss it!

*ABLERC Foundation* – Plea to come and volunteer! No one showed up on Wednesday afternoon. Another opportunity this weekend is Sunday from 9am – 1pm.

*Constitution & By-Laws* – No changes presented. However – PLEASE READ the current Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual. Recommends that the clubs review and update. Next year the district should set up a committee and working day to review and update our Constitution & By-Laws. Any changes would need to be submitted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting to put forth for voting at the Convention next year.

**\*\*PID Lewis Quinn** reminded us that there are dues increase at LCI and will be implemented over the next 5 years. Review it and make sure your club is ready for the increase. There are interesting changes being voted on at the LCI Convention in July. Download them and review them with your clubs.

**\*\*CC Webb** asked all Lion present to work on implementing the long-range plan.

A motion was made to accept the 3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes with one correction by PCC Marcinkowski. Offroad Lions received \$50,000 not \$20,000. VDG Marcinkowski seconded. Passed.

**\*\*The minutes were correct in what was reported; however, it is the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG that goes to Forum. \* A recommendation was that we should send the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG if we can send more than one as class sizes are small.**

No Correspondence.

### **Club Reports (3 minutes)**

*Anderson/Clear* – the club has some major financial issues to work on but has a few ideas to reinvigorate the club. More to come later.

*Delta* – Stuffed lots of easter eggs, 2 \$1000 scholarships to issue, Sponsored a new club. Working on mentoring them. Will do the Concession during the Delta Fair in July. In December held their Angle Tree project for roughly 30 kids. Shared one of the deliveries over the years doing this project. Made him feel “we are making a difference”.

*Choice* – The incoming BOD is all new! Very exciting. A cancer-walk and BBQ is on the slate soon for the club. The club needs Club Officer Training.

*Host* - The club Assessment and Retreat was a success. They are working on a “Lions Carnival” June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 12-4 outside the Civic Hall at Pioneer Park. A motion was made to use \$1000 from Undesignated Line Item to support this by CC Juanita. Seconded by Lion Bellows. After discussion the motion passed. They are holding their Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast on Mother’s Day.

*Offroad* – Working hard on the ORV Park. Look at their Facebook page for their upcoming rides and work parties.

*Fox* – Talking to community is working to get new members. Their Souper Sunday is turning into a great fundraiser for the club. The Easter Bake Sale has been very successful. They are extremely ready for the snow to be gone and get into the community gardens and park. A recent donation from Fort Know is fluff for the kid area and disc golf.

*Healy Valley* – Moving forward with a rec center. The Lions Carnival will be fun to participate in. Sponsored 14U Girls Hockey to Nationals in CA and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Being Post Covid they will have their Charter Night in May.

*Interior Baseball* – the baseball season is starting. Coaches are needed. 6 new members. 4 new officers on board. Starting the 4-wheeler raffle. Got to participate in stuffing easter eggs with Delta Lions. They have Cash Calendars for sale. November 2023 will be the 20th Anniversary – will have a membership dinner celebration.

*North Pole* – Small Core of members are doing the business and keeping the club going. Accomplishments this year are NP Championships, Fun Run, Inducted a new

member (huge shoutout to VDG Bobby for a wonderful induction ceremony). Projects coming up: Cruis'n w/Santa 5/20, Sleigh it to Cancer Run 6/10, LEOs Mental Health Walk/Run 5/13.

*Whitehorse* – doing ok. 551 Squadron rec'd certificate for 75 years of service. Sponsoring a group of kids to a Christian camp (pay for their food for a week and a BBQ). Looking for a large project to get behind. Bill and Angie are doing ok. Can't travel. Bill had a stroke 2 years ago and is recovering. Bill has skin cancer now. Keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Bill is always with us in spirit. ROAR Bill and thank you for over 65 years of service.

*Fireweed* – Covid kicked our butt – down to 5 members. This was a Lioness Club that became a Lions Club when LCI “changed the rules”. Looking at 3 potential Male members! But are adamant they want workers bees not just names. During Covid they couldn't hold Bosses Bash (Christmas Party focus for multiple small business at one setting). That will be held this year.

*Grey Mountain* – Written report attached.

### **Zone Chair Reports**

No more to add than what the clubs reported.

**Budget/Financials** – The budget was discussed. A motion was made to transfer \$10,000 from our AK USA General Account to our AK USA Money Market Account by PCC Rixie. Seconded by Lion Zappone. Passed. The Customer Balance Summary was discussed. Without district dues being charged this year clubs have been able to catch up and create credits going into next year. Racing Lions need to be contacted and/or snail mailed a statement to get caught up. Clubs were reminded to check their LCI balances with July around the corner. Two checks were received for deposit. Choice Lions dues check for \$31.50. Grey Mountain Lions brought a check written to D49B (\$125) for an ad in the Convention booklet. A check was written to MD49 Convention for the \$125.00.

### **Leadership Moment**

Written report attached.

**Old Business** – none

### **New Business**

1). *Dease Lake Closing* – received email letter to close the club. This was the last step needed to finish the paperwork process. PDG Blattner, PDG Gerein and ZC Doering will make sure assets are disposed of according to Canadian Laws.

2). *Club Volunteer Opportunities* – Volunteers are needed for Senior Recommendation Day on May 11 with Friday night set up. The event is from 10-1

Saturday. They are 400 volunteers short. Please email PDG Lane or search for the event in Fairbanks to volunteer.

**For the Good of the Order** – One comment made that the district needs a sound system for meetings.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 5:07

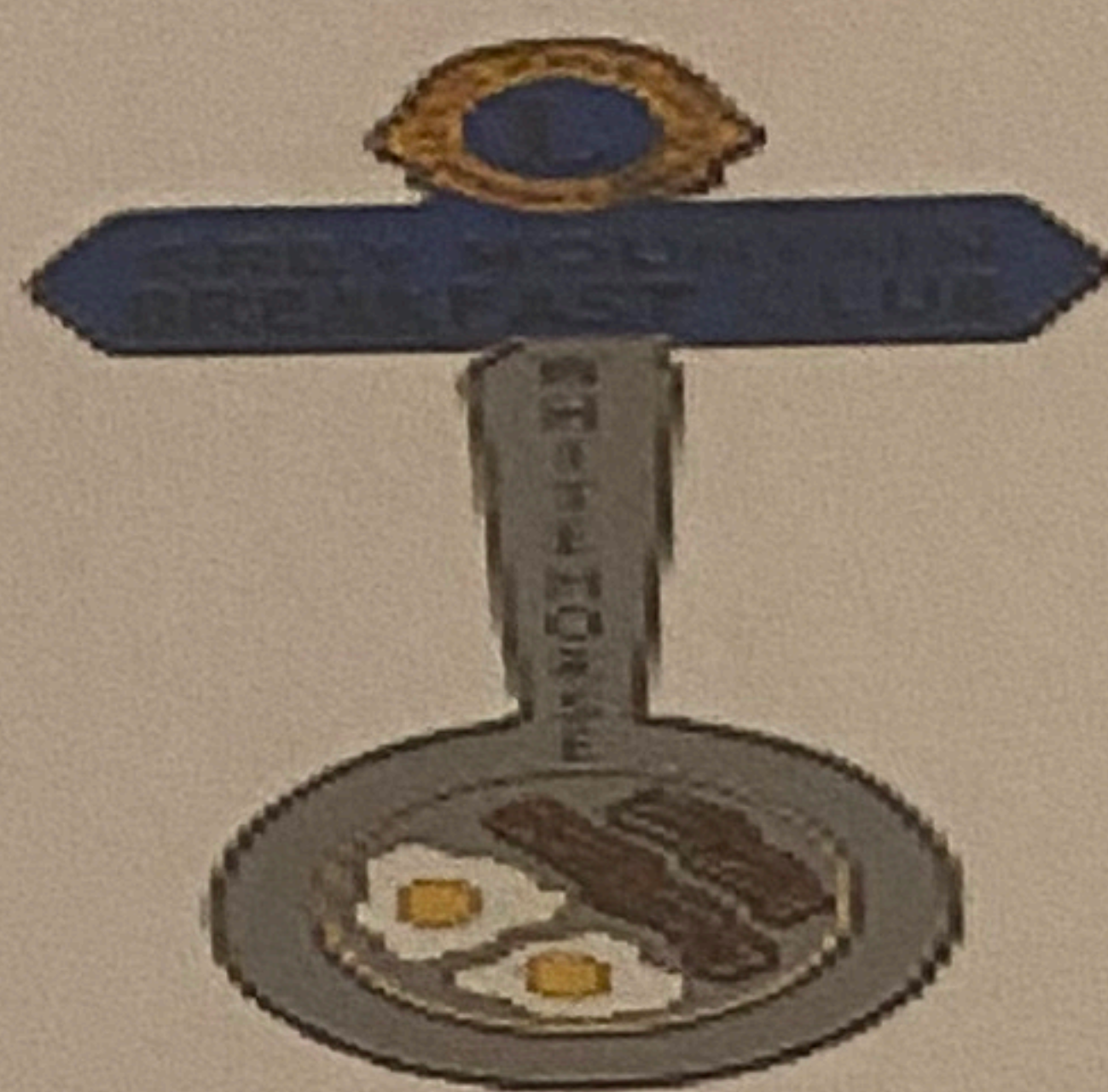
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Acting CST PDG Rixie





Club

Secretary



Grey Mt. Lions  
Club Report - 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.  
2022/2023

It is a pleasure to be here and present the report on behalf of the entire club. We currently have 15 members...however our membership is somewhat tenuous in that our membership is ageing and unfortunately we are losing members. To that end, it is our goal to revitalize/rebuild the club over the next year with a target of adding at least ten new members. The club does great community projects like the "Eye Glass Recycling Bins", outreach to the marginalized people in the community etc. However, does not have a relevant legacy event or project for the community. It is our hope and plan, over the next year to go through a rebuilding process in order to identify needs in our community for the benefit of future generations. We will need support and advice on this "Provocative" endeavour, as the "Status Quo" will fail.



# D49B LEADERSHIP REPORT

## APRIL 2023



Since our meeting in February I have done some more one on one training with district officers and answered a few more phone calls.

I've been working on our next district training. It is on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at the Eyeglass Recycling Center in North Pole. It will be Club Officer Review/Lions Orientation.

June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Incoming District Officer Training from 10-1 at the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

I'd like to thank the Cabinet in participating on brainstorming on training for the convention. Hopefully you are enjoying the outside of the box event the host committee has planned. I am looking forward to our guests programs and the LEOS program.



I am looking forward to spreading my wings at forum. If anyone has ideas for trainings please pop me a note, text or email.

Each one of us has the opportunity to plant a seed with spring starting to grow our clubs and our district. Please share what you do, what your club does and what the district does anywhere you can! Know that your cabinet is here to help you any way we can. Let's keep our year of growth and setting up next year for even greater success.





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## NANCY GRAFF OBITUARY

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bituary

Nancy Graff, age 67, of North Pole, AK passed away peacefully on 4/8/2023, surrounded by family and loved ones. Nancy was born in Los Angeles, CA and grew up in El Monte, CA. Nancy was a lifelong volunteer for many different organizations to include the North Pole Ptarmigans 4-H club, Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District and the Tanana Valley State Fair. Nancy held a seat as a Board Member for nine years and was just reelected to another term. She was a Livestock Superintendent in the barns and a few years ago became co-superintendent for all the livestock barns. Nancy was a tremendous volunteer for the local and state 4-H programs. She received the State Salute to Excellence Award in 2010 for Alaska. She then advanced to win the Regional and National Awards. She was recognized as the Tanana District 4-H Leader of the year, twice in 2006 and 2015. The community will greatly miss Nancy's contribution to the local area and its

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Nancy's contribution to the local area and its youth.

Nancy enjoyed family, friends, animals, volunteering, and church services. Nancy will be most known for her servant's heart; she was always willing to give herself and time to others. Nancy was a ray of sunshine to all. She was always positive, kind & respectful to others, and lived devoutly as a woman of Christ. She truly had a beautiful heart & soul with unshakable faith.

Nancy will be dearly missed and always remembered.

Nancy was predeceased by parents Norma & Louis Spiva, sister Natalie Spiva and daughter Ashley Graff.

She was survived by husband Ed Graff, son Garrett & Sabrina Guim, daughter Hannah & Tab Key II, daughter Hope & Johnathan Ortiz.

Grandchildren Erica Wilmes, Nathan Jackson, Lain Guim, Noah Guim, Braelyn Shook, Jacob & Silas Mork, Tab Key III, Haddie Key, Mia Ortiz, Brooklyn Ortiz, and Leila Ortiz.

Ed Graff & Family request a celebration of life be held in Nancy's honor. We request all of Nancy's loved ones to join us in celebrating her beautiful