



District 49B 1st Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 13, 2024

11 am (Canadian time)

10 am (AKST)

Welcome/Call to Order by DGJanis at 10:06 am.

Opening by 1VDG Buddy of Star Spangled Banner, O'Canada and the Lions Prayer.

Melvin Jones Presentation by PDG Karen to Ed Graff for his wife, Nancy Graff, who passed away in April 2023. Nancy was a big supporter of 4-H.

Opening Comments were given by:

ID Ski – “Make Your Mark” is IPP theme, he has challenged each ID to get 2 new members each, on behalf of IP here is his theme pin. ID Ski, then gave out his ID pin, which he gave Lion Dianna the first one, as she designed the pin for him.

CC Dodie – Congratulations to you DG and to ID Ski, she looks forward to working with you and working with Lions across the board.

IPDG Bobby – Thank you for supporting me this past year, we are excited for the new year and our new DG. IPDG Bobby passed the gavel down to SG Janis.

1VDG Buddy – Morning, thank you for being here, it is great to see everyone. Congratulations to ID Ski.

DG Janis – Thank you for showing up to the Cabinet meeting. They had an uneventful ride to Canada yesterday. They did see a bear, mama moose and baby, a beaver and a fox. I am looking forward to doing the officer installation tonight in Canada. Thanks again, I hope you have a good meeting.

Officers/Directors/Clubs Role Call by CST Beth

Voting Cabinet (present highlighted)

* DG J. Marcinkowski	* 1 VDG B. Lane	* 2VDG Open	* IPDG B. Kirchner	* CST B. Durbin
	* Z2 L. Roten	* Z3	* Z4 G. Kirchner	* Z5 E. Mock
* Z6 PDG L. Johnson	* Z7 PDG H. Blattner	* GLT PDG G. Gerein	* GST IPDG B. Kirchner	* GMT P. Turner

* GET ID S. Marcinkowski				
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Committees

* Audit – D. Bellows	* Elections – D. Durbin	* Sight Conservation – PCC H. Rixie	* Pin Chair – B. Wesseling	* LCIF – ID S. Marcinkowski
* Lion Quest – PDG K. Lane & PDG G. Gerein	49B Foundation – D. Bellows	* ABLERC – PCC H. Rixie	* Constitution/ By-Laws – PCC H. Rixie	* Social Media – D. Durbin

Clubs

* Anderson Clear	* Barrow	* Bering Sea	* Delta	* Delta Interior Racing
* Arctic	* Cheechako	* Choice	* Curling	* Goldstream
* Host	* Motorcycle Racing	* Offroad	* Racing	* Snowmobile Fun
* Fox	* Healy Valley	* Interior Baseball	* Kotzebue	* Lake Laberge
* North Pole	* St. Elias	* Tok	* Whitehorse	* Fireweed
* Grey Mountain				

Other Lions present: PCC Juanita Webb, PDG Dana Mock, Lion Theresa Salzman, Lion Vanessa Stone, Lion Stephanie Brown, Lydia Oblak,

PDG Helen motioned to approve the agenda, PDG Lizz 2nd, passed.

Administrative Reports

DG Janis reported that the 2024-2025 Goals are online in the Lon Portal. LCI gave the DG's the goals. 49B's is to increase by 1 club and 8 new members.

PDG Helen asked if we could list other Lions that attend the meetings and not just the Cabinet and Committee members.

PDG Gerry motioned to approve the 4th Cabinet Meeting Minutes, with corrections, PDG Lizz 2nd, passed.

Budget – The budget was discussed. CST Beth reminded us that we need to try and stick to our budgets for the coming year. This past year we were over a little over \$900. PDG Gerry asked about a final budget from last year. CST Beth reported there would be at next meeting after the audit. PCC Howard stated that between April & end of year that members should have presented what they need budgeted for the year. Lion Dianna - stated I know not a popular opinion, visiting is good, but with technology, phone calls, using zoom/TEAMS meeting are good too. It is a way to show your face and presence and you can still share screen and stuff to show things to club. IPDG Bobby – contacting is essential; visiting Kotzebue and Nome was the best thing she ever did; it gave her a new picture of Lions in that area. PDG Gerry – face-to-face is nice, other things are good too. We need to look at it through out, and relook at allocations. CC Dodie – when we take these positions, we are not getting full reimbursement, need to watch one's line item. She has been in Lions for 25 years and we have not raised our dues for District, we

need to look at maybe raising our dues .50 to \$1.00, we have had a large decrease in membership over the past 10 years. PDG Helen – what is District dues - \$2 a month for District and \$3 a year for MD. CC Dodie asked PCC Howard if a club would have to bring the change up at Mid-Winter? We need to discuss at every Cabinet meeting and at convention will vote with delegates. PDG Lizz motion we raise dues, ZC Eileen 2nd, passed. ZC George – we act like this is a business and we are paid, but we are volunteers organization. It is nice that we get some reimbursement, it is our responsibility, not their obligation.

Travel Form – need to up-date the front of form for the hotel amount.

Correspondence - None

Club Reports (3 minutes)

Anderson/Clear – Had a summer event which made \$600. We are in building now with power, but no water.

Baseball – Signed new memo with the school to do their baseball season, made \$5,000. Got a small donation from Lotto. Did good at the Gold Panners games; looking forward to the parade and the fair and doing the 4-wheel raffle and give-away.

North Pole – Had Cruisin with Santa, North Pole 4th of July float, which we won an award. Looking forward to Golden Days. Rebuilding the lockers at the You Are Not Alone wall, the lockers were destroyed. 1st meeting went well and had a small change in leadership.

Host – Did Noyes clean-up, food bank partner, food pod, AARP, growing @ 20, donate food to the food bank, will be in the parade, the fair is coming up – need help with bingo with calling and runner, as well as pull tabs. Raising money to fix roof, if anyone has any ideas, let them know. Had 80th anniversary and Mother's Day breakfast.

Delta – Did end of school year hot dogs for elementary school, little league reached out and did a cook out for them; \$1,000 was raised for them. They are upgrading their building, did apply for a Ken Ross grant, \$5,000, raised \$3,000 for Ken Ross and used huge Lion. They are fighting with Deltana Fair @ the Lions building on the grounds, so they are using their other building instead. Deltana Fair is sending them bills over past 2 years, the fair is also battling the Delta Interior Racing Lions, so probably no races this year. They have 6 new members. ID Ski did ask them if they thought about LCIF grants, which would also apply to Host Lions for their buildings.

Healy – Doing really well. Just had 4th of July picnic, which about 300 people came to and raised @ \$700. A lot of displaced visitors from Denali came, with a lot of international visitors. 1 new member. Did highway clean-up. Participated in Family Fest in Fairbanks. Just had elections and Micha is President, they just shifted positions a little.

Fox – The community picnic is July 27th. They would like to use the big blow up Lion, which Janis will bring to them that day. Put pee gravel down at the community park. AT clean-up day they had 17 people help, which was a great event. They were at the Family Fun Festival also. Will be looking over their Constitution and By-Laws and doing a policy manual. Will be in Golden Days parade. Community garden doing good. Meals in community also doing good, still looking into being a distribution spots for the food bank. 1 new member.

Fireweed – Nothing new, only 5 members, so on hiatus for summer.

Grey Mountain – Quiet since April. Still meet in April, May and June. Shut down for July and August. Looking at replacing boards in skate park. Continue with eyeglass recycling. Elections done. Looking forward to meeting in September.

Zone Chair Reports (3 minutes)

Zone 6 – PDG Lizz - Anderson added 2 or 3 new members. Kotzebue and Nome visits with IDG Bobby. Kotzebue just had bbq for clean-up day. Donated use of building. Having issues with the portal.

Zone 4 – ZC George – Host, Fox and Goldstream are doing well.

Zone 5 – ZC Eileen – Tok's pool is open, they found a guard. They hosted a picnic and had a large turnout. The Mine donated equipment for the park.

Zone 7 – PDG Helen – Society, all 4 clubs in Whitehorse make this up. The local high school has a mini casino night on June 14, was disappointed in members for not participating in this event, only 4 lions and then other community members helped. It was from 7:30-11:30 pm and the kids had fun and wanted to do it longer. They made \$1400.

Zone 3 – Still need a chair- DG Janis will visit Choice on Wednesday. Curling did road clean-up. Mike Thomas will participate in the parade. Arctic is dormant in summer, but prepping for hockey.

15-minute break

Committee Reports (3 minutes)

Audit – doing by end of month.

Elections – elections went good at convention and will have again at next convention.

Sight & ABLERC – PCC Howard - Doing well with collections, 24,000 that need washed; 18,000 need read; 650 sent out to Guard in lower 48 for a mission in Columbia; 4800 for mission in Nigeria coming up in September. The Mason's wash the glasses. Our major concern is reading the glasses. Volunteers is usually minimal, which impacts the inventory for the missions. This started as a North Pole Lions project, but then was adopted by the District and MD, but not getting the

help from them. I am challenging the clubs and Cabinet to let people know of the need for volunteers to read glasses. You can do other times besides the 2 Saturdays in the month. I employed the ABLERC board to help with being in charge of a day, we support the Center for the Blind, we assist \$ each quarter to help with eye surgery, glasses, and screening.

Pin – no update

LCIF – ID Ski – Congratulations, LCIF had a banner year, raised over \$75,000,000 this past year. He is going to a strategy meeting in San Antonio and will learn what the new goal will be for this year. 49B is at 81% of our LCIF goal, we have been given more help than we have given. Thinks we should be supporting it more. If a club does \$250 a year for 4 years, they will have a Melvin Jones then. There are awards for donating from Patti as well as from new IP.

Lion Quest – PDG Gerry – attending a training event that is coming up.

49B Foundation – Lion Dianna – Meetings are open, every other month, I can get you the dates. Working on changing Constitution, will be submitting at convention for voting. Working on asking Goldstream if they can do a quilt raffle at Mid-Winter. Bingo at fair needs help. They have money with in perimeters.

Constitution/By-Laws – PCC Howard –Article 8 of By-Laws talks about dues – needs to bring dues change to Mid-Winter for Cabinet to say yes or no, then DG Janis sends to Clubs and in April bring to Convention. DG Janis will bring up at Baseballs meeting about being the club to bring forward the change.

Social Media/Marketing – Lion Dianna – Please post/share on 49B Facebook page. If you need any training for Social Media, please ask. A post does need approved on Facebook page because was getting a lot of spam. We are a group, not a page on Facebook.

GAT Team Reports (3 minutes)

GMT – None

GET – ID Ski – 1.5 grow lions to 1.5 million by 1 July 2027. For extension, we should be adding clubs. We need to approach other organizations like the Canadian Filipino club and the Fairbanks Special Olympics, like they did last year. Neither want to do right now, but will touch base later and see if they change their minds. We need to see if old clubs want to restart again, things could have changed. PDG Gerry reminded that we also need to look at retention, we focus on new members, but we need to think about keeping the members and clubs we have also. ID Ski says that is a good point, if we need to rebuild, we can help to do that. Dg Janis – we do need to keep members satisfied, we need to check on members and see why they are not attending. ID Ski, persistent is the key – Host had a meeting and PDG Hollis had been asking a guy to attend, he finally attended and asked for an application, so you never know!

GST – IPDG Bobby – no report at this time

GLT – PDG Gerry – nothing right now, but looking forward to working with the DG and Cabinet.

Old Business

1). Marketing Grant – ID Ski – 49A give \$500 and 49B give \$250. \$15,000 – also included purchasing 49 MD website, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and X.

2). Lions Portal & Entry – there is some training coming up from MD 19 out of Washington. DG Janis will send out email about zoom training. It is geared towards Presidents and Secretaries. July 15 is deadline for last years' Service hours.

3). Golden Days Parade Update – Lion Dianna – had a computer glitch and waiting to hear back from the Chamber.

4). Pioneer Park Family Day Report – PCC Juanita – 7 clubs present; had radio, social media and flyers; Had DJ and LCI causes; too much wind, so could not put up large lion.

5). Eyeglass Recycling Upcoming Dates – Upcoming dates – August 10 & 17.

6). Noyes Slough Update – PCC Juanita – went good; a lot of fun.

New Business

1). 2024 International Convention – Melbourne – DG Janis – had a great time, showed IP banner, had last of governor training; IP has a Facebook page; got there with a few travel hick-ups; Russ from 49A got there with no problems; Ski was inducted as ID, had a few things to vote on, was interesting on how it went; Melbourne was great, it was in the 50's. ID Ski – the whole things were surreal. 62 days from being endorsed to induction. Had board meeting, banquet, ID training for 2 days, he is on International Const./By-Laws committee. International guest coming for Mid-Winter us the Chair for the Intl. Const./By-Laws comm. – Judge Anthony Paradiso. Next board meeting in Brazil in October, very hot. Last night they had an Old Town hall dinner, there was a guy playing Phantom of Opera on the big organ, a band played and they had fellowship. ID Ski said that one thing the board will be voting on in Mexico is changing the board from 11 to 8 un Const. area 1, which then will be phased in over a couple of years. There are 35 ID's, the US has 11.

2). 2025 MD Convention - ID Ski – April 9-12, 2025. Icebreaker will be at Curling Club. PDG dinner @ Goldstream with Ivy Jacks catering. International Guest is 2IVP Mark Lyons & wife, Lynn. They would like a town hall format for them. PCC Howard will be doing the booklet, he wants the booklet to tell a story about the clubs; robust and revealing. Service project – bring lensometers to Westmark and have them running all day and night.

Asked AP Sing to come in 2026.

PCC Howard – asked if can have the board relook at the Leo's. When Patti came, she said 1 person can make a Leo club, but suggest we go back and change 1 to 5, so less of failing. When you look at the app at Leo's has to have 5 officers, so makes sense. PCC Howard ID Ski to get the Leo's changed to 5 members.

For the Good of the Order

PCC Howard – Communication, Ask the District to consider something like Constant Contact, you can subscribe to it as a better form of communication versus email.

PCC Howard – North Pole Chamber You Are Not Alone wall – welcome bench, food pantry and book loan locker. The wall has helping agency plaques on it, there are 17 plaques so far. They are \$150 each – asking new entities to join, Aug. 15th cutoff. 1st Friday will have an unveiling of new plaques on the wall.

Lion Dianna – need help with a list of each club and their impact for a flyer for the district.

Adjournment at 1:15 pm.