



## District 49B 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting Agenda

Saturday, August 20, 2022

3:00 pm AKDT

Welcome and Call to Order at 3:23 pm by DG Johnson. DG Johnson appointed PCC H. Rixie as the Sgt. Of Arms.

Opening by 1VDG Kirchner

Star Spangled Banner

O'Canada

Lions Prayer

Opening Comments by 1VDG Kirchner

PID Lewis Quinn – not present

CC Juanita Webb – It's great to see everyone here and I look forward to work with DG from A and B.

49A DG Bert Verall – not present

1VDG B. Kirchner – Really excited about this year and glad that you are here, hope we can work together and pull things together real soon. Wanted to go to Canada but was during the fair. Thank you for being here.

2VDG J. Marcinkowski- Want to 2<sup>nd</sup> what Bobby said, thank you for being here and look forward to working with everyone

DG L. Johnson – thank you for coming, looking forward to this year especially since we can meet in person and go visit clubs. I am excited to see what we can do this year.

Roll call by CST B Durbin

Voting Cabinet members present: DG Johnson, 1VDG Kirchner, 2VDG J. Marcinkowski, CST B. Durbin, Z4 Turner, Z5 D. Durbin, Z6 B. Lane, GMT PCC S. Marconkowski, GLT PDG D. Rixie. Quorum present.

Committee members present: Audit: D. Bellows, Elections: D. Bellows, Sight Conservation: PCC H. Rixie, Pin Chair: K. Peterson, 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

Clubs present: Anderson/Clear, Choice, Goldstream, Host, Offroad, Fox, Healy Valley, Interior Baseball, North Pole.

**Approval of Agenda** by DG Johnson - motion Lion B. Lane, 2VDG J.

Marcinkowski 2<sup>nd</sup>, any discussion: PDG R. Webb asked about the Guys & Gals reading program and where he can discuss it, he was told to do during his club report. And further discussion, vote passed

## **Administrative Reports**

2022-2023 Goals

DG Johnson

1. Retaining members – have happy members will bring us new members – “Find your Joy” – why are you here?
2. Training – make sure all Cabinet, board members and club officers have appropriate training.
3. Do as much in-person club visits. Biggest thing is to retain your members and find out why they are there.

4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting Minutes

CST B. Durbin

Motion Lion B. Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> IVDG Kirchner, no discussion, vote - passed

Budget

CST B. Durbin

Budget is in the packet or email out to those online. Myself and PDG D. Rixie worked on it, it balances out from what we have to the expenses. That is with \$1,00 in our designated section. Remember we are not collecting dues this year, so I am asking that we use the money in our checking account that is available for our budget this year. We will have the MD dues that come out in September and March that is \$1.50 x # of club members.

See the balance sheet and notice that there are clubs that owe dues from last year and some into the year before.

Question by Lion B. Lane – top of 2<sup>nd</sup> page there is Leadership Training and Leadership \$\$ voted on – CST B. Durbin reminded how at Annual Convention in Fairbanks in May 2021 that it was motioned, voted and passed to set aside \$10,000 in a separate training fund that Lions can ask to use to be sent to a training. PDG Dodie asked where the \$1,000 that was sent to MD 49 for the training in May will go when it is sent back to us, it will go back in Leadership training. Lion B. Lane asked if there was anything set up on how people can use that money. PCC H. Rixie said it is in the Policy Manual as how we define Leadership Training and what is expected. PCC S. Marcinkowski- we established years ago that we would pay for the 2VDG would go to ALLI and we would pay for the 1VDG to go to Forum and then pay for as many people as we can go to Lion leadership training.

Lion Sally looking at income on budget – she finds it hard to believe that VDG/DG support (club donations to offset budgeted) is zero. PDG D. Rixie said that the \$2,500 is a high amount. CST B. Durbin let her know that last year we received \$600. Lion Sally is questioning the 0 and not receiving any this year. CST B. Durbin & PDG D. Rixie reminded this is just for this year, which the year started 1 July. PCC H. Rixie reminded everyone that in the Policy Manual it states that we encourage every club to donate \$100 to this line item to help the DG with expenses during the year. Home club was responsible for the DG pins and the Zone the DG club was in would put on some sort of fundraiser to help offset the funds as well. Lion Sally wants this brought to club's attention because she feels it is wrong and that clubs need the reminder that they should be financially supporting our DG. PDG D. Rixie said we can just cut and paste the financial obligations from the DG section of the policy manual. PDG D. Rixie also reported that some clubs give money directly to the DG at a visit that we might not know about because it was between them. PCC H. Rixie added that when a DG visits somewhere like Nome or Kotzebue they will pick up the hotel room and everything, PDG D. Rixie said Barrow is the same way.

Motion 1VDG B. Kirchner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion B. Lane – any more discussion - PCC H. Rixie - as far as budget goes, the year before we approved a modified election procedure to have electronics available at casting ballots at convention, he would encourage us to change the election budget to an additional \$1,000 to purchase 2 tablets. DG Johnson asked where the money should come from, PCC H. Rixie said the discretionary. That is his recommendation. PDG K. Lane – that was voted on and for the past 2 years we had iPad available and no one has used them because people are using their own devices. CST B. Durbin commented that she asked before convention if she needed to buy them and was told no. PCC H. Rixie said the iPad could be used elsewhere in District activates like Facebook live or leadership trainings and use for other purposes. PCC S. Marcinkowski just like the phones that were bought several years ago, these will go unused and he thinks right now we should just leave it the way it is.

Lion B. Lane motions that we amend the budget for PCC H. Rixie's request for \$1,000 to buy 2 iPads, PCC H. Rixie 2<sup>nd</sup> – DG L. Johnson thinks it is a good job and we should research what we can get, we can at least get 1 for different things in the District. More discussion – CST B. Durbin brought up again that she asked about buying iPads before convention because she read the previous minutes about the iPads, but stated that people that needed to still vote used her computer. PCC H. Rixie asked CST B. Durbin about clarification about people using her computer and was she present when they voted and CST B. Durbin replied that they used her computer at a different table by themselves. Voting – remind that Cabinet can vote – Yes - 4; No – 5, did not pass to buy the iPads.

Original motion – approve budget as is – vote – passed

Expense Claim Form – We need to vote to use it again this year – Do we want mileage to go up (IRS mileage went up – 62.5), Dodie – motion we use the current,

2<sup>nd</sup> Janis, discussion – Dodie under travel we do .50 for travel, IRS went up to .62 a mile, it would be good for us to consider raising our travel cost from .50 to meet that or somewhere in between or maybe we do increments or leave the same. 2VDG J. Marcinkowski asked if LCI made any changes? PDG D. Rixie said she did not look up if LCI changed. PCC S. Marcinkowski asked what our hotel is? PDG D. Rixie said \$75 and our meals are \$25 and travel is .50 a mile. DG Lizz asked if there is an air travel fare; PCC S. Marcinkowski, amend to change it to .60, Lion D. Durbin 2<sup>nd</sup>, - PCC H. Rixie – if we make this motion we are also motioning to change the policy manual. CC J. Webb - LCI is currently .50; Lion B. Lane can we change this policy with this motion, PCC H. Rixie yes. Vote - passed

Signers on accounts – CST B. Durbin, PDG K. Lane & PCC S. Marcinkowski. PDG D. Rixie made motion to keep signer, Lion B. Lane 2<sup>nd</sup> – discussion – Lion B. Lane makes it simple – Vote - passed

No Correspondence

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

Anderson/Clear – we are still there, donated money to people that lost homes in Clear fire, donating money for school supplies to schools, have liquor license.

Bering Sea – doing well, they are maintaining their scholarship program for graduating high school students and continuing ed. Had their annual midnight sun BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser, as well as the annual Nome Raft Race. They will be supporting the Iron Dog Snow machine race again and sponsoring the Nome Golovin 200. IN March 2023 they will host the Ice Golf Classic and continue to partner with local eye clinics to help offset costs.

Choice – Doing well, had signature event, the walk in town. Working on new members within the next few months, start a cash calendar in October, non-perishable food drive in November, December do a gift thing for the same no-profit. Have also been helping the Snow-machine Lions with events. Still recycling aluminum cans.

Goldstream – Ben busy this summer, grounds and parks, community garden has grown, Thursday markets and movie nights, Aug 28 having Harvest event from 5-9 for the community, went into partnership with a woman in community to collect glass and will turn glass into sand. Trying to get electricity to pavilion for community events. Need help with the technology and MyLion. CST Beth will be sending out the info passed out at Convention to the President's and Secretaries. Leo's club – chartered in November, have been doing a bunch of projects with the Lions, want to do a volleyball court for the park, just starting to raise money and doing planning for next year.

Host – Done Mother’s Day pancake feed, helped with slough clean-up, lost 3 members, had bingo at fair and did Quilts of Valor. Bingo – we have an aging club and 3 members that work for the fair – thank you to the Host members and the clubs that helped at the fair. Quilts of Valor’s – thank sally and her group for what they do for the veterans. Need nominations for the Quilts, Mark asked if they need money or fabric – she said they are good with funding, but need sewers

Offroad – Dynamics of club has changed – President and Membership now work out of town, had meeting at the park – put barricades up; Vice President and Secretary moved out of town, but have new Vice President and trails person, helped in August with Bingo and pull-tab at the fair, Cory going to take off in October with bull dozer to do some work, got \$20,00 grant from borough.

Fox – We have some ongoing – still doing aluminum recycling and meals in the Fox area; June put 280 feet fencing at park in community, Guys & Gals read, helped some community members; community center back open and have some new youth groups using it, have community garden; park pavilion getting lots of use, July had foot clinic; Community Appreciation picnic in July – had lots of participating, great food, sold 50/50 tickets, had moose draw, Thank to 1VDG and 2VDG for attending, will be doing to Single at Heart for part of a table, started a farmer markets community garden beds with the beds that are not being used – some of produce might go into weekly meals – having problems with gaming, operator that they have had has not gotten a game the past year because the club they want the club cannot get them, the Turtle Club does still want to do them. DG Lizz will send a link for a place that they have bought games from before. 1VDG Bobby said for the fair they had problems with getting \$1 games so they had to get \$2 games. DG Lizz will also get the name out of Anchorage. PDG Dodie gave the 2 names for places to get games in state of Alaska – Whaler Supply & Alaska Indoor Sports. The Turtle Club has pull-tabs for 5 non-profits, and the name of the organization is not on the box, legally Turtle Club does not have to say which is which. PDG Rick Webb – support literacy- Guys & Gals Reading program – it catches youth that cannot read – challenge – Fox supported Weller – to support a school or make donation. Host Lions has helped with Guys & Gal before. Losing a member that has been a member for 38 years, just cannot find them, not sure what to do, they have not paid dues. (CC Ed Casey).

Healy Valley – Kristin broke leg during Covid. Club doing good; got a lot of members; several new ones – Scholarship raised to \$1,000 for 3 people this year; have committee for the Lake now, which is going well. Received first grant \$10,000 from Denali borough for the Lake for improvements; have a person that is interested in a fenced in dog park, so told them to join so can become a club

project; went into a formal agreement with club, Library and Spruce Network for a recreational center in the community. Will announce to the community at Thanksgiving dinner to get their support. Want to know more about the cash calendar in creating them. And need some help with some disciplinary things.

Interior Baseball – Everyone has been out doing baseball things being coaches, moms, umps. Have cash calendars going on. Ruffled off 4 wheelers at fair. Helped Host Lions to help with whatever they can. They are moving into slower time so planning for next year.

Kotzebue – Not doing a whole lot right now, lost a lot of members last year but go some new ones. They have a new board. Going to do a veterans meeting with senator Murkowski.

North Pole – we had a successful Cruising with Santa, biggest one yet; had 1<sup>st</sup> Sleigh Bell run for breast cancer, already planning for next year; had end of year picnic; have new officers; changed meetings to Saturday; book case and books to Salcha Senior Center to start a community library. Have corn maze in September; poker in September; eyeglass recycling going to 2 x a month again; member open house Oct. 22 from 4-7. 130 car entries and 5,000 people.

### **Zone Chair Reports**

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4 – Had a blast going to Fox Community appreciation picnic; hope to visit her clubs and will schedule as soon as can go into the community.

5 – Reached out this week to her 4 clubs with an introduction email and goals of President Sheehan and DG Lizz goals – did the Zone chair training online through Texas and it was marvelous.

6 – Reached out to all 3 of his clubs and have reported.

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

Audits – Met CST Beth Durbin and reviewed the accounts and everything was in order and was perfect.

Elections – Someone else said they would do elections, so Dianna will do with Donna's help. DG Lizz Dianna would you like to take over elections with the help of Donna. DG Lizz appointed Dianna

Sight – Alaska Center for the Blind – him and Rick are on the board for Center in Anchorage. They have been working with UAA to get technology accessible for people. Sept. 30 they have an event. Low vision clinics done one recently in Fairbanks & Kotzebue and one coming up in Tok. ABLERC subsidizes those.

Pin Chair – Just got the new design, will going to next be getting flyers out by Monday, get pin orders in a reasonable time. \$2 for pins.

LCIF – Thank you for everyone who donated to Campaign 100, the goals were \$300 million and final total \$324,000 +. Everyone should donate to LCIF. Still doing fundraiser for Santa pins that all goes to LCIF for \$5. Did board at convention – did 3 Melvin Jones winners. Interior Baseball was recognized as a Model Club in Campaign 100.

Lion Quest – at International Convention went to a great Lion Quest training. Start small with the Arctic Lions or baseball teams before we go big, talked to LCI and they are all for that, going to arctic lions meeting soon.

49B Foundation – during convention, new members were elected to Foundation, will have a meeting in September to elect trustees and officers. Lady that purchased youth camp is in contact often and shows that she has made payments and taxes.

ABLERC – still going on, financially counting pennies, recycling during summer 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, in the fall going back to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. If we do not get volunteers and burn out the current few, we will shut it down. Partnered with company in Wisconsin – Respectful – they use electronic reader at \$7500, but they are more accurate and get more glasses read. We were fortunate to buy 3 machines, would like to buy 2 more to get all 5 stations with one. Will take donations to that cause. Working with a company to sell the other machines and that funds will go to new machines. Not sure of life expectancy of the machines. Cash calendars are out. Suggest clubs to sell and buy, money can go towards club, or give to sponsors. Services – shipping out eyeglasses – most recent to Guard in 5 missions. Have not had an eye care request in 2 years, exams are slow, all eye exam is on Arctic Best Eye care in town. Spectacle does a similarly process of us, we are going to be a satellite of them which we will start doing in October, so people can go online and see glasses we have. We are going to process, catalog them and ship to them, will reduce what goes into parts and pieces. Hard cases – normally we do not sue, we through them away; new ones we will use them at health fairs or partner with church to make kits.

Constitution/By-laws – helps to facilitate proposed changes, if anyone wants to change anything it needs to be brought to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet meeting. Dodie asked if the increase in international dues affects the constitution? No, it will not. Clubs might want to address dues for members.

Social Media – We have a Facebook and Instagram page. Lions District 49B, please share, it is open for people to post. Instagram Lions District 49B. If your

club has a Facebook page, please let her know. If you need help building pages, please let her know and she will help you.

## **Leadership Moment**

GLT D. Rixie

June 11<sup>th</sup> had incoming Cabinet training. DG goals for the year. DG Lizz theme – “Find your one thing, why you are there, find your joy”. Lion learning center or past leaders. New Member orientation on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> one – if you have ideas let me know; 3<sup>rd</sup> training will be in May Incoming officer trng.; in June will be doing incoming cabinet training. Thanks to CST Beth for letting her help finish the directory. Working on a Zone Chair/ Club Officer, Cabinet Chairs 1-page checklist/Cheat sheet thing. Shared tidbits of protocol: Why is our Lion emblem on the left? Over our hearts; Why is our nametags on the right? Because that is where we naturally look and can see names; Why do DG have a grey jacket? To show that that person is our leader for the year; Does it have to be grey? Yes, that is chosen by your Council Chair, you can have your Cabinet in any color you like, but DG is in grey. In past have had 2 colors, the Easter egg blue – has to be at the CC level to be changed. It can be a sweater or jacket with the patch on it; We stand to welcome our DG – that is the only position we stand and recognize; our 1VDG will do all the introductions and that will help them in their last step with public speaking before they become DG. Took a minute to look over the International Presidents email – How many of you in your email get the District Guidance from International? I would propose that when you, Zone Chairs, get it you forward it onto your Clubs. We are here for you, reach out. PCC S. Marcinkowski added that for ALLI applications were due August 18 and it is in LA in October. They give 2VDG preference, but anyone can apply and go if chosen. 2VDG J. Marcinkowski reported that Snowmobile Fun Lions club is requesting a MyLion training.

## **Clubs in Trouble**

1). Owe LCI dues: Anderson – DG Johnson said PDG D. Rixie will help her in the next few days to take care of it online. Barrow – CST B. Durbin talked to Janette and she needs to call LCI so they can put in officers and get into LCI and pay their bill. Goldstream – no one has talked to them. This is coming from a report that CST received. They are saying that it is taking longer for LCI to get mailed checks, but you can pay online.

2). Officers not in LCI: Barrow, Fireweed, St. Elias – CST B. Durbin has contacted all 3 clubs about this, Barrow is working with LCI IT, but have not heard from Fireweed or St. Elias. 2VDG J. Marcinkowski looked online 2 days before end of year and there were like 15 clubs without officers and she emailed all of them reminding them to get in before deadline. She did hear from St. Elias and they did not know how to do it.

PCC H. Rixie asked to go back to the Club Balance Summary page- CST B. Durbin said she received 1 check from Choice today and if you are not on the list,



then you have a 0 balance. Negative is a credit. PCC H. Rixie is concerned about some of the amounts on there – He wants to know what we are doing about these balances? DG Johnson said she will work on it. CST B. Durbin said she told the clubs that she will be emailing them individually what they owe and she will include Zone Chairs and top Cabinet members so they know. As a Cabinet we need to establish a thresh hold of a limit of when a club has not paid, say for \$500 that they need a little more attention. PDG K. Lane has tried in the past to contact Motorcycle Lions and have never got a response. Lion D. Bellows pointed out that if there are no consequences than there is no initiative to make a payment, so what are the consequences for these clubs that have gotten this far behind? We need to do something. PCC H. Rixie says Policy Manual says is over 90 days we pull the Charter. DG Johnson says we will need to further discuss and find a solution. PCC H. Rixie can we put this as an action item for next meeting. Let's give people a chance to contact them and see what happens. Lion D. Bellows will help with collecting if needed.

2VDG J. Marcinkowski asked about bad debt collection, CST B. Durbin said she does not know what it is, it's before her time. PCC H. Rixie says it is from when clubs folded, should be able to go back in minute and see information. PDG D. Rixie said it is there because no one has never went to the clubs to get the money. 2VDG J. Marcinkowski asked - How do you get money from people who clubs are no longer? Lion D. Bellows says if it is over 3 years, then it is bad debt and uncollectable. PDG D. Rixie will work with CST to get that zeroed out and taken off the Account Summary.

PCC H. Rixie – mentor moment – when a club folds it is the responsibility of the District to get Charter, banner, any items, as well as funds from them to the district.

## **Old Business**

- 1). None

## **New Business**

1). Nominations Chair– not under committees, need clarification – DG Johnson do we have one? Lion D. Bellows said that at a past meeting it was said the DG would appoint someone and have a min. of committee of 3. DG Johnson asked to table this and she will get with 1VDG and 2VDG to determine who will be Chair.

- 2). MD Convention Update

CC J. Webb

District 49B is in charge of the convention. The original Chair has backed down due to health issues, 2<sup>nd</sup> person asked cannot do due to job, so 3 will work on it - CC J. Webb, PDG K. Lane & PDG D. Rixie are co-chairs and will approach the 3 Leo's clubs to mentorship with them and be part of the chairs. Hopefully will get a date and place in the next month.

- 3). Dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nov. 4 & 5 – Fall Festival - either @ Host or North Pole & 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 4, 2023 from 3-6 pm @ place TBD; 4<sup>th</sup> at Convention.

We talked about doing the meetings at faraway places but know because of economics and things, I want the meetings to be reasonably attainable for the majority!

### **For the Good of the Order**

PCC S. Marcinkowski – asked about the DG gavel – handed it to PDG C. Bellows and not sure where it is now. PDG K. Lane said she never received it. So where is it? DG Johnson appointed PCC S. Marcinkowski to find the gavel.

PCC H. Rixie asked if they have decided on club visits. DG Johnson said it is still being determined. Just wondered with club expectations. DG Johnson said her plans is to be in some sort of contact with every club this year.

PCC H. Rixie – Part of the North Pole Chamber – is doing a wall in the park – to create a tile for each organizations or club of what services they provide so that the community will know and learn what services people do. They are also wanting to do a food closet and maybe a loan closet. So the Chamber will be soliciting for the tiles, the cost will be about \$50 to \$100 and the money will go creating the wall and maintaining it. They are thinking the outer edges will be a memorial.

PDG R. Webb – accessible documents – I applaud PDG D. Rixie and she must have trained the CST because CST B. Durbin always sends him accessible documents and he appreciate it. It helps him to participate. If in Anchorage and want to tour the Alaska Center of Blind & Visually Impaired, give them a heads up and they will give you a tour. He recommends you go and see what they do. Sept 30 in Anchorage banquet/dinner for the Center.

Food is to be served.

**Adjournment** – Lion B. Lane motioned to adjourn, 1VDG Kirchner 2<sup>nd</sup>, adjourned at **6:34 pm**.