



District 49B 2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Zoom

Sunday, November 21, 2021

6:00 pm AKDT

6:12 pm: Welcome and Call to Order by DG Blattner

Opening

2VDG Kirchner

Star Spangled Banner

O'Canada

Lions Prayer

Roll Call – CST B Durbin

Voting Cabinet Members Present: DG Blattner, 1VDG Johnson, 2VDG Kirchner, CST B Durbin, Z4 Turner, Z7 Doering (came in late), GMT PDG Gerein (Quorum not present)

Committees: Sight Conservation – PDG R Webb; Pin – K Peterson; Social Media – D Durbin

Clubs Present – Anderson, Choice, Goldstream, Host, Snowmobile Fun (came in late), Fox, North Pole, Fireweed, Grey Mountain

Opening Comments:

DG Blatterner – Apologized for postponing meeting, it is now 2 hour ahead in canada. The Yukon is in a State of Emergency – they had a couple of schools with Covid outbreaks, so they are in lock down again – no meetings, if you go to a resturant, you have to prove you have been vaccinated. They had a big dump of snow today.

1VDG Johnson – Thank you everyone for being here.

2VDG Kirchner – It is cold, not much snow here. Wish everyone a happy holiday. Cant wait for us to get together again and not by Zoom.

DG Blatterner – will have a short meeting in January after the holdiays as a check-in

Approve Agenda: DG Blattner- cannot be done, no quorum

Administrative Reports:

1st Cabinet Meeting Minutes: Attached to Meeting Packet

Budget: Attached to Meeting Packet

Correspondence: None

Club Reports:

Anderson: It is quiet, not meeting at this time. Liz is in quarantine right now. Will pay dues when she gets back to Anderson.

Choice: Holding monthly meetings, start fundraising in January with cash calendars and will draw in April. They are looking to support one of the shelters for the holidays.

Goldstream: They will have induction of 2 new members in December. Started a Leo's club in November. Did the spooky walk for Halloween. They are doing as much as they can outdoors. Donated treats and prizes to The Door. They will adopt a family for the holidays. Fireworks show February 5th.

Host: They are ready to fundraise again. They are going to focus on non-profits that help with food, clothing, shelter, etc., Melvin Jones, Eyeglass Recycling Center, and the Governor support. Would like to partner with another club to do Bingo. Thanks to Karen, Buddy, Juanita and the Fair for their support. Quilt of Valor – continuing honoring veterans. On Veterans Day they honored 8 veterans from 20 years old to 104 years old.

Snowmobile Fun: Zone Chair Brewer came to their membership meeting. They are busy with raffle. At the Open Gouse they signed up 14 families in November. Their tax-exempt status is getting reinstated. 1st race December 12th. Practice races coming up. Working on getting medics for races. Looking for something as their signature project. Will be involved with Saint Baldrick again.

Fox: Added 3 new members since last Cabinet meeting and have 1 more possible. The pandemic has hit them hard with their pull-tabs in the Turtle Club. Made a donation to the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and went down to Anchorage for dinner and hosted a table. Had their annual Thanksgiving bake sale and made about \$3000 to help support Childrens Christmas party. Did another foot clinic and was successful.

North Pole: Last night had biannual Lion/Mason Texas Hold'Em tournament, was a lot of fun. Did 5 Thanksgiving baskets in the North Pole area. Doing Christmas boxes for the Women's Center. Started planning a North Pole 5k for this next summer. New fundraiser coming in January. Had club retreat in October and was successful. Request more training, she is a 1st time President.

Fireweed: Their big fundraiser, they are not doing this year, will do next year. Tuesday is their next meeting.

Grey Mountain: A couple people retired from the club. Had a fun work day for eyeglass recycling center getting about 4,000 glasses ready for the center. If

anyone is traveling through Canada to Alaska, let them know, they would like to get the glasses to the center. Meeting on Zoom for their meetings. Looking at partnering with other groups in the community. They believe that Lions should be partnering with their community groups and helping each other. They are helping the Salvation Army with kettles on a limited basis.

Zone Chair Reports:

Zone 4 Turner: Feels like she is floundering & not sure what she is to do. Glad that Barrow is being reinstated. Miss getting together.

Committee Reports:

Sight Conservation: I rejoined the National Federation of the Blind and Fox Lion Randy Carlson joined me in participating in Alaska affiliate state convention. Joyel with Fairbanks Host Lions and I continue to work with Jaye Palmer of Access Alaska Fairbanks to help people with vision loss in the Northern Region advocate for themselves and receive the services they need. In my previous years as the Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind committee chair, I had to fight to keep the Lions' Low Vision Workstations in the public libraries; unfortunately, the equipment at the North Pole branch was removed sometime last year. I haven't gotten an answer to what happened to the equipment by library personnel nor Lions that probably were involved. The equipment is owned by the district. I don't know how the district wants to proceed. I continue to participate in and partner with the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and other organizations that serve those with vision loss in hope of getting resources and services to those that need them. Respectively submitted in Lionism, PDG Rick Webb

Pin Chair: Not sure what she is to do. She has reached out to Dodie, but have not heard back.

Social Media: She still needs pictures, events and information on Clubs for the Facebook and Twitter account she is forming. She has not made Facebook and Twitter public yet because all she has is North Pole club information, would like other clubs to contribute. At Forum they suggested that each club have a Facebook page. Talked about the Milkshake platform – it is a place you can direct people and it will have all the links for Facebook, Twitter, websites, etc.

Old Business:

1. Clubs Need Attention: Barrow is getting reinstated. Some clubs have not paid International dues, Helen has contacted them, they have until December 7 to pay or they will be on suspension. Delta new club is still working on paperwork.
2. Leo's: Lion D. Durbin brought up how at Forum they suggested getting he Leo's involved at the District level. They are a great access and the future of our clubs. She suggested having the Advisors and Presidents added to our

calls. DG Blattner suggested they be invited to the meetings. CST B Durbin will get emails and add them to the invite. What is to be expected of them?

3. Promote Membership: PDG Gerein wants to promote increase in membership for all clubs, they need to increase and expand. He would like to see every club double in numbers, but any gain is good!

New Business:

1. 2022 District Convention – April 7-9, Palmer. NO information on hotels yet. Want to encourage everyone to attend the convention. Registration form attached to meeting packet.

For the Good of the Order:

1. PDG Gerein: Since we cannot travel around and use budgeted money, maybe we can talk at 3rd Cabinet meeting about giving back to the clubs or something.
2. PDG R Webb: Asked about the e-district website and updates. I apologized that it has not been done yet, I am running behind with the job and things going on in my life.

Closing Remarks:

DG Blattner – Will have a short check-in meeting in January and 3rd Cabinet meeting is in February – date to come.

Adjournment: 7:44 pm