

**District 49B 3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**North Pole Eyeglass Recycling Center**

Welcome and Call to Order @ 10:03 am by DG Bobby Kirchner.

Opening by 1VDG Janis Marcinkowski: Pledge of Allegiance and Lions Prayer

Opening Comments - DG Bobby Kirchner

CC Tary Youngblood – not present

District 49A Governor Morin – not present

1VDG Janis Marcinkowski – thank you for those attending on zoom and in the building, hope to have a productive meeting and moving towards future

2VDG Buddy Lane – great to see you her, thank you for being here and zooming

IPDG Lizz Johnson – thank you for those coming out and on zoom and looking forward to a good meeting

DG Bobby Kirchner – glad everyone is here; we have a lot of things to do today.

Officers/Directors/Clubs Role Call by CT Beth Durbin

Cabinet Present: DG Bobby Kirchner, 1VDG Janis Marcinkowski, 2VDG Buddy Lane, IPDG Lizz Johnson, CT Beth Durbin, Zone 3 Chair Mark Peterson (zoom), Zone 4 Chair George Kirchner, Zone 5 Chair Theresa Salzman, Zone 6 Chair IPDG IPDG Lizz Johnson, GLT PDG Dodie Rixie, GST Beth Durbin, GET PCC Ski Marcinkowski (came in late).

Committee Chairs Present: Nominations Donna Bellows, Elections Dianna Durbin, Sight Conservation PCC Howard Rixie, Pin Chair Brittney Wesseling, LCIF PCC Ski Marcinkowski (came in late). 49B Foundation Donna Bellows, ABLERC PCC Howard Rixie, Constitutional/By-Laws PCC Howard Rixie, Social Media Dianna Durbin, and Audit Donna Bellows.

Clubs Present: Anderson Clear, Choice, Host, Offroad, Fox, Healy Valley, Interior Baseball, Kotzebue, North Pole, Fireweed.

Additional Present: Joelle, Lesley Rider, Shelby Rider (Leo), PCC Juanita Webb, Kay Alich, Lisi Marshall. On Zoom: PDG Hollis Hall, Micah, PDG Rick Webb, Mark Peterson, and PDG Helen Blattner. Brenson Hardy and 2 sons (Leos) also came in for a short time.

**Approval of Agenda** by DG Bobby Kirchner; 2VDG Buddy motioned, IPDG Lizz 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted – passed.

**Approval of Minutes** DG Bobby reported that we do not have the minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet meeting on October 28, 2023, that we will have to vote on them at the 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting at Annual Convention.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Approval of Financial Report was presented by CT Lion Beth Durbin: PDG Dodie motioned to accept, George 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted- passed.

**Correspondence** CT Lion Beth reported that we had no correspondence.

### **District Governor Requested Reports**

- Longevity Awards - DG Bobby Kirchner – has been working with LCI to get the pins to her, she was missing some, so it took a little longer to get them. Bill Richardson in Whitehorse is 65 years; Hollis Hall of Host is 55 years; with 50 Years: Kurt Guttman of St Elias, Victor Tubman of Lake Laberge, John Winklmann of Healy Valley, and Bob Geise of Delta. With 45 years: George Pursey of Delta and Don Nelson of Delta. With 40 years: Gerry Gerein of Whitehorse Grey Mountain and Dick Elsworth of Goldstream. With 35 years: Duane Brandvold of Whitehorse, Eleazon Baker of Host, and Mike Thomas of Curling. With 30 years: Francie Thomas of Curling and Tim Roderigues of Choice. With 25 years: John Jennings of St Elias, Karen Martychuk of St Elias, Dodie Rixie of North Pole, Howard Rixie of North Pole, Antony Gasbarro of Host, Gigi Gueco of Barrow, Randy White of Anderson; With 20 years: J Robert King of Whitehorse, Robert Reich of St Elias, Vanessa Grant of Lake Laberge, Jaime Lambert of Kotzebue, Doug Sweet of Interior Baseball, Janis Marcinkowski of Interior Baseball, Joann Sweet of Interior Baseball, Kathy Ellingson of Interior Baseball, Megan Hamsley of Interior Baseball, Reilly Anderson of Interior Baseball, Ski Marcinkowski of Interior Baseball, Angela Bodenstadt of Fairbanks Racing, Allura Weimer of Host, Les Fortune of Host, Thomas Stockmal of Delta, Kevon Knowlton of Bering Sea, and Evan Booth of Bering Sea. With 15 years: Theresa Shorter-Ahrens of North Pole, Deb Enoch of Lake Laberge, Lewis Pagel of Kotzebue, John Connors of Goldstream, Robert Muller of Fox, Alicia Mayo of Fairbanks Racing, Jamie Bodenstadt of Fairbanks Racing, George Kirchner of Host, Bobby Kirchner of Host, Karen Lane of Host, Dana Mock of Delta, Enid Connie Peterson of Bering Sea, Andrew Peterson of Bering Sea, Benjamin Koelsch of Bering Sea, Dorothy Leake of Anderson, and Lizz Johnson of Anderson. With 10 years: Dan Ansems of Whitehorse Grey Mountain, Helen Blattner of Fireweed, Felix Robitaille of Whitehorse, Brenson Hardy of North Pole, David Skipps of North Pole, Larnetia Skipps of North Pole, Loleatha Hardy of North Pole, Carrie Stokes of Interior Baseball, Jay Stokes of Interior Baseball, Rodney Perdue Sr. of Interior Baseball, Leslie Davis of Goldstream, Richard Welliver of Fox, Stephanie Brown of Fox, Tim Conley Motorcycle Racing, Lois Kincaid of Host, Cheryl Hanson of Delta, Eileen Mock of Delta, and Heather Stossmeister of Delta.
- My Years as Being a Lion by PDG Hollis Hall – Why he joined Lions and persevered. He grew up volunteering, so he knew he would do something after he got on his own. He was visiting with a Professor one evening and he told him he needed to do 3 things – 1. graduate from the institution, 2. get a job, 3. join a Lion Club; he left and felt that if it was important to his professor, then he looked into it. He talked to some friends who were Lions and one of them asked him to join Lions, it was 55 years ago in February 1969. Hollis said to make sure to keep members active and busy. He said he plays a game with Lions, he wears his pin pretty much anywhere he goes and if he does not have it on, he will pay you \$10 if you say something about him not having the pin on, he has only paid it once. Always wear your pin and be proud of it.
- My Year as a Leo by North Pole Leo Shelby Rider – The Leos do highway clean-up, Cruisin with Santa, a big project, which is May 4<sup>th</sup> this year in conjunction with NAMI, a mental health run at Chena Lakes. We do a few fundraisers, craft fairs, Trooper Memorial and Holiday Heights we plant flower beds. July 4<sup>th</sup> activities, we sell hot dogs at the Grange. They earned over \$3,000 for NAMI last year and hope to raise at least \$5,000 this year. Hold sleds at dog mushing event. Some of the Leo's did a commercial with

NAMI. For fun they are going axe throwing with the Goldstream Leo's. They have 9 active members. DG Bobby gave Leo Shelby 9 LEO/Lion pins for the active members.

## Zone Chair Reports

2VDG Buddy Lane

- Zone 2 -ZC Larry Roten –not present
- Zone 3 - ZC Mark Peterson – nothing to report. He will be visiting clubs in March and April.
- Zone 4 - ZC George Kirchner – Cheechako – The club continues to do well with a steady gaming income from pull tabs. They have given \$5,000 to the school district to the food program to provide one meal a day for kids through the summer. They donated \$500 to the Montessori Science Club. They also donated \$10,000 to School district meal program for student's who cannot afford to pay regular school lunch prices. They have a total of 28 members, 22 which are active. They have submitted their reports. Barrow – They are currently working as a team to bring the club back into state compliance rules for the club as an entity. They have completed the paperwork and will review it for submission shortly. They will supply the much needed LCI reports shortly. They have been active through the winter supporting the school with various activities. They are putting together a spaghetti feed as their last project to raise funds for the Middle School wrestlers to travel to a State Tournament in Anchorage. During a recent devastating fire, they were on scene to support first responders with water, coffee, snacks and other items needed and supported the families involved. Goldstream – They have been enjoying the winter weather with many activities. The Leos have been raising money for solar panels for the club house. The club and the Leos have been putting together meal boxes and gathering food on a regular basis for the food bank. The club is working on putting together a local dog race from Fairbanks to Nenana. On Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, they will celebrate their anniversary with a party, bon fire and fireworks starting at 5 pm all are invited. They continue to do well financially with revenue from land lease for a telephone tower. They are looking for support through the foundation to get grants for further activities. Host – They have survived the winter are emerging to attend a ceremony to honor long term members with a 55-year pin, a 35-year pin, a 25 year pin two 20 year pins, three 15 year pins and a 10-year pin. Throughout the winter the focus has been on utilizing and keeping Davis Hall in operation, which has gone fairly well with only minor incidents. They continue to support Fairbanks Weavers and Spinners at Davis Hall. They have hosted several Quilts of Valor presentations having presented six just last month. Last year over fifty quilts were awarded to deserving veterans. The quilters also do dog blankets to sell for Leader Dog. Last year over 20 quilts were taken to Yukon Quest to sell, last year over \$1500 was donated to Leader Dog. They have currently turned over Davis Hall to the Ice Carvers. They are planning to sponsor the All-Clubs events this summer at Pioneer Park. The club's membership has been aging but is still active. Many members through distant are actively supporting the Club and the District. They are preparing for the Bingo and Pull Tabs for the fair in the Fall. They are looking for helpers, runners, and callers. Fox – Active with 3 new members totaling 36. Planning Super Bowl fundraiser. They had a successful Christmas Party and offered Dog Sled rides. They have continued their donations to the food Bank. Raised \$3200 from a bake sale for Christmas donating gifts to Center for Non-Violent Living and Santa's Helpers. Supported Community Members with heating problems for a wall tent. Setting up Pull Tabs at the Turtle Club. Participated in Vision program in Cabo San Lucas Lions program.

- Zone 5 ZC Theresa Saltzman – Delta and Tok do a lot in summer, so it has been hard to get information from them. North Pole Lions doing well. Dodie will tell about food bags.
- Zone 6 IPDG Lizz Johnson – Anderson is having meetings. Working on getting liquor license, hope to get in next month or so. 1 new member. Kotzebue – been kind of slow in activities for the last few months, with the cold temperatures. Membership is still 33. Christmas activities – at time are slowly getting back to normal, we held our Annual Christmas Pics with Santa, and handed out candy along with their Santa pictures, to a little over 300 kids. Donations – we donated \$2,000 to the Kotzebue Huskies fundraising for the 2023-2023 basketball season. \$1,000 went to each of the Boys and Girls Basketball programs. Continued with allowing the use of our club for numerous fundraiser dances, whether it be for a local Iron Dog Race Team, Basketball program or the Darts League. They have pictures with Easter Bunny in March and the Kotzebue Darts League Tournament in April. Healy – winter is slow. Helped with school lunches @ school and in the community. Looking at doing a Cabin fever event. They will ramp up with warmer weather in their activities.
- PCC Howard asked if he could talk about the “You are Not Alone Wall” and the food bags. The wall is at the Terry Miller Park in North Pole with a loaner library, the wall with organization information on the plaques, and then the food pantry and the other end. North Pole Lions bought 100 bags and food for the bags. The bags have about \$39 worth of food in them. 2VDG Buddy asked if they had heard any feedback from people using it? PCC Howard reported not really, they started doing it because of all the homeless and couch surfing teenagers. Feedback from teachers is that it is much appreciated. This was a North Pole Chamber project. They are going to be adding more organizations to the wall in August. Lion Brenson reported that he has heard about some Lathrop HS teenagers coming and getting food from the pantry.
- Zone 7 ZC Garry Doering –PCC Juanita Webb read the report – PDG Helen reported on Fireweed first – still only 5 members strong. Had Bosses Bash in December, which was first since 2019 and COVID, it was a good fundraiser. 121 participates and 7 businesses, had great weather. Whitehorse: meeting once a month and stable with their numbers. Big event was their annual Lions TV auction held first Saturday in December and where Lion Janis and Ski from Fairbanks joined in the fun. It was successful with over \$30,000 to help them and our community where a lot of those funds are given throughout the year. Lake Laberge – meeting on a need basis only and usually by phone and text or email. Down in numbers and hoping to find new members. The club is helping with our other clubs on their activities but do not have the manpower right now to do their own activity, it is work in progress. Grey Mountain – meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Church Norther Apostles meeting room, hoping to have 2 new members. The Christmas GML lions donated \$250 worth of socks for the needed headed by our local Radio Station CBC and thus received a lot of publicity for Lions Good Deeds. The club was again involved in the Annual Share the Spirit and Food Bank drive by donating manpower, time, transportation, food and gifts, spear headed again this year by Lion Tyler Doll and now the club has purchased a Melvin Jones in his honor. Lion Gerry Gerein is still promoting Lions Quest and is ongoing work to fulfill this mission. A few Lions also rang the bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive over Christmas. St Elias – Meeting once a month at local school library. Steady with current members. Lion Gwen Watson (club Secretary) says the club is very busy in their community and the Annual Snowmobile Poker Run will again be their big activity. Their President Ralph Hotte would like to acquire Lions District pins for their members and I gave Gwen both DG Bobby’s email as well as PDG Helen Blattner’s email for contact for Gwen to follow-up. Garry also added that a few

Lions from other clubs also helped with Share the Spirit and ringing of the bells for Salvation Army. He is sorry he is not present, but he is on holiday to warmer climate in Vancouver Island.

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

- Global Leadership PDG Dodie Rixie – Had training at Mid-Winter and felt it was well received. Remember there is also LCI training online as well as Lion University. There will be training at Annual Convention about Leadership/ Lions Portal/Fraud Awareness/ Officer Training and a few more. The next District training will be early June for the New Cabinet. She has been told that there will be MD DGE training right after convention on Sunday. Dodie reported that she will be turning in a Letter of Intent for Council Chair next year. There is a Save the Date flyer for convention on the tables. It was reported that information was sent out to some this past week.
- Global Membership GMT Pat Turner – not present
- Global Extension PCC Ski Marcinkowski – 1VDG Janis reported – They are working on a Pilipino Club in Canada, when they went for a visit in December Ski and Gerry went and visit with this club as becoming a possible Lions club. Ski is also talking to someone from Special Olympics soon.

Program of Service through Pillars of Lions GST Beth Durbin – There is 11 clubs with not reporting in 21+ months, 13 clubs with 6 mo. or less. We have 1 club Snowmobile with 0 months, so thank you. We need to remember to report, it is a way for LCI to know what we are doing in our community. If anyone needs help, just let me know and I will help.

- Childhood Cancer Lion Dianna Durbin – will have a table at the Family Pioneer Park event in June
- Diabetes PDG Karen Lane – not present
- Hunger PDG Helen Blattner – not done much with it because of personal things
- Environment PDG Allura Weimer – not present, but she has been talking to a village about water issues.
- Vision PCC Howard Rixie – ABLERC – demand was good last year @ 20,000 from March to September, but we need eye glasses. Have about 18,000 to wash, but have @ 20,000 that need to be read, which is the choke point. The Masons have been helping with washing, but we need them read. We usually have 2 eyeglass recycling days a month, but can do another if a club or group wants to help. We need people to read glasses. The ABLERC board of directors will be leading a day a couple time a year also. Need volunteers!!

**Leadership Moment** GLT Dodie Rixie - talked about above.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Proposed Policy Manual Update by PCC Howard Rixie – at midwinter approved, revised version should go out with minutes. Constitution/By Laws – an email will be going out this weekend on changes to be voted on at Convention.
- 2) Ski Marcinkowski for Int. Dir. By DG Bobby Kirchner – how can we support Ski in getting into this position? PCC Howard – the 49B Cabinet can do a letter of support., clubs can also do endorsement letters. There is a 2 step process - @ convention he gets District endorsement and then MD endorsement, then he applies and letter sent to LCI immediately. 2VDG Buddy motioned that District 49B Cabinet support PCC Ski for International Director, ZC

George 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted – passed. 1VDG Janis added that District 49A endorsed him at their Mid-Winter.

3) Foundation Update by Lion Donna Bellows – The Foundation received a \$1200 payment for Youth Camp, still owes \$267,000 which will be paid off in 2027. The meeting minutes will now be put on the District e-site. They are going through By-Laws and updating them. There will be 3 seats open for 4 year terms, if anyone is interested please let her know, the names will be on the ballot at Convention.

### **New Business**

- 1) District Service by DG Bobby Kirchner – we are always looking for people to run for office. She wants clubs to understand the District is there to help them. She would like the Zone Chairs to talk to their clubs and ask if the clubs have any members that they feel would be good for offices. PCC Howard suggested we create a future leader forum, start a list of potential candidates and create a regular forum, pick a topic for each one and mentor this group.

### **Break for Lunch**

- 2) Nominations for Offices by Lions Donna Bellows – Need intent letters for offices from club endorsing them. She will be sending out an email to the clubs about nominations and the criteria.
- 3) Elections by Lion Dianna Durbin – For DG, 1VDG, and 2 VDG need letter of intent and endorsement letters sent to Donna before April 17, although they would greatly appreciate them before that day. The ballot will also have the changes for the Constitution/By-Laws on them, which an email will be mailed out before March 3<sup>rd</sup>. An email will go out to the clubs for their delegates name and emails, so they have them for the electronic voting. There will be electronic devices at convention for use for voting, as well paper voting for those that do not have emails.
- 4) Golden Days by Lion Dianna Durbin – Is the District going to do a float? IPDG Lizz said we could use Anderson float, if needed. Dianna is the Golden Days Coordinator. We will need a lot of candy, each club participating will be responsible for passing out their own candy and club information. More information to come as it comes out.
- 5) Pioneer Park Family Day by 2VDG Buddy Lane – Saturday, June 8 from 12-4 @ Pioneer Park. Set-up will be from 1011:45. Also thinking of having tables for the 5 pillars. Advertising will be via Facebook, word of mouth and flyers.
- 6) Nominations for LCI and District Awards by DG Bobby Kirchner – This connects with Service. We need to look for people who deserves recognition. Identify 1 person to receive an award from each club. Write up Why this person should receive an award and email to DG Bobby.
- 7) Marketing Grant- 49B Marketing by GMT Pat Turner – Pat is not present, by CC Tary Youngblood and IPD Lewis Quinn joined meeting via Zoom. The marketing grant is \$38,000. \$15,000 from LCI; they have received \$10,000 and will get additional \$5,000, match will be \$16,500. 2 Phases: 1. Marketing material is out dated, need updated material and new videos; 15 second and 30 second ones. They will put all video son you-tube. Also purchasing 2 large lion's w/ logos, 1 for 49A and 1 for 49B to use at events. They want to participate in the Juneau Gold Medal basketball tournament, it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. 2. Create scripts, to do a marketing campaign on social media, as well as regular media. The websites also need updating, the e-district ones are old and unattractive. This whole campaign starts at the Palmer MD convention. That is when

money was committed: \$15,000 from LCI; \$13,00 from 49A; \$6,550 from 49B, and \$4250 from MD.

**For the Good of the Order**

Necrology at convention – need names and clubs for deaths from 49B for 2023-24 to be sent to Amy and Jeanine.

**Adjournment @ 2:05 pm.**

Submitted by Beth Durbin. Cabinet Treasurer