



District 49B 3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Fox Lions Clubhouse & Zoom

Saturday, February 1, 2025

11 am (Canadian time) 10 am (AKST)

Welcome/Call to Order 10:10

DG Marcinkowski

We have a bunch of people online: Lion Gerry, Lion Vanessa, Lion Brittney and the youngest little Lion Henry, Lion Eileen from Delta. In the room we have myself (Janis), CST/2 Vice Beth, 1Vice Buddy, President from Fox Dana, PCC Howard, CC Dodie, Stephanie from Fox, Lizz Zone Chair, Karen, Theresa from North Pole, Juanita from Host, Dianna from North Pole, ID Ski, GMT Pat from Goldstream, and IPDG Bobby and Zone Chair George. A full house. Also, Govenor Russ from 49A, Ed Casey here and Lydia on Zoom.

Opening

1VDG B. Lane

Star Spangled Banner
O'Canada
Lions Prayer

Opening Comments

1VDG B. Lane

ID S. Marcinkowski – he's at his happy place; glad to see everyone here; on visits he likes to see what the Lions are doing; it is amazing; We are doing a lot of great things; thanks for what you do.

CC D. Rixie – Welcome to Fox; I was reflecting on the drive out here, it has been a while since been here; I was wondering about the crazy carpet on the stairs, but I see it is gone. This place has come a long way, great job. Welcome.

DG W. Ingram – It is a sunny day in the Valley; Great to be online, we are doing good here.

IPDG B. Kirchner – We have a beautiful sunny day and a good drive out here.

2VDG B. Durbin – Glad to see everybody, this is my 1st official meeting as 2VDG since I was not at Midwinter, I was vacationing. Glad to be here and see everyone here and online, hope we have a good meeting. Thanks for coming.

1VDG B. Lane – Thanks for being here, beautiful day. 12 hours ago I was in 70degree weather and no snow, glad to be here. Let's have a great meeting.

DG J. Marcinkowski – Thank you for being here, I'm still making my way to clubs or the 2VDG or 1VDG. We are on the down swing of year, I hope clubs are

rejuvenated for the end of the year and the new year. We have convention and then 2 months left of the Lion year. Reach out if you need help.

Officers/Directors/Clubs Role Call

CST/2VDG B. Durbin

Voting Cabinet

* DG J. Marcinkowski	* 1 VDG B. Lane	* 2VDG B. Durbin	* IPDG B. Kirchner	* CST B. Durbin
	* Z2 L. Roten	* Z3 PCC J. Webb	* 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				

Committees

* Audit – D. Bellows Excused	* 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 - excused	* ABLERC – PCC H. Rixie	* Constitution/By-Laws – PCC H. Rixie	* Social Media – D. Durbin
* Nominating – D. Bellows - excused				

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				

Approval of Agenda

DG J. Marcinkowski

A motion was made to approve the agenda by PDG Lizz. Seconded by PCC Juanita. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

CST/2VDG B. Durbin

1VDG Buddy made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. IPDG Bobby seconded the motion. PDG Karen stated on page 6 needed to correct the \$40,000 to \$32,000; but CC Dodie asked wasn't the grant for \$40,000 total? \$32,000 from LCI and \$8,000 from District, so amount is okay on page 6. Motion passed.

Budget

CST/2VDG B. Durbin

PDG Gerry made a motion was made to accept the budget/treasurer's report as submitted. PDG Lizz seconded the motion. Stephanie mentioned we need to change from Alaska FCU to Global Credit Union on budget sheet. CST Beth went over Balance Summary Sheet and reported that clubs owe \$9,953.18 in dues from last 3 years. Also most clubs also owe for LCI dues. Buddy asked for a copy of the CST dues sheet I use.

Correspondence
None

DG J. Marcinkowski

Zone Chair Reports (3 minutes)

Zone 2 – Zone chair not present.

Zone 3 – PCC Juanita. Arctic paid their bill. Bruce Haas is president. Hosting 2 Lions teams, 30-35 girl/boys, community event, club doing good. Choice – they have a balance. Curling – to the good.

Zone 4 – ZC George. Barrow in the black, been busy. They just made bassinet packets for families with the help of the Borough; getting gaming license; waiting on business license; 6 new members. Host – doing good, still working on roof, went to eyeglass marathon; got signatures for Valentines and birthday cards, doing meals on wheels. Cheechako – still in black, same membership number, still @ Soda Club.

Zone 5 – ZC Eileen Mock – Tok – take winter off as they prep for the summer. Delta Racing is working with the fair board. Delta – For Thanksgiving did 6 hams for community center dinner. Angel Tree for OCS – 34 kids. Took January off, meeting on Monday night. Ken Ross asked them to host their community bbq again, would like to use the big lion on June 24, Tuesday night from 5-7 pm. DG Janis suggested several of us go and carpool down.

Zone 6 – ZC/PDG Lizz Johnson – Anderson – got insurance for the building and liquor liability; she just got back from Guatemala trip with 49A. Had a great time. 16 people went. Helped over 450 patients. Have out sunglasses as well as glasses. Kotzebue – still doing bingo, she text him about dues and he said he would get a check sent.

Zone 7 – ZC/PDG Helen. Not much going on here -32 c(-20F), it is cold. Lake Laberge – looking to do a trade show next year. Whitehorse – 3 new members. Fireweed – 2 new members, need to add to KCI, a 3rd one coming on too. Secured a new venue for the Bosses Bash on Dec. 5. Got a dishwasher now so going to help with sanitizing glasses and reading glasses. Grey Mountain – Gerry – fairly active in the community. Share the Spirit program, helping with the boxes, annual Christmas Salvation Army Kettle drive @ the liquor store, all good.

DG Janis and ID Ski went to Canada in December. They stopped at St. Elias and had dinner with them. They are doing good. Very active, got officers in online. Had a great meeting. Went to Whitehorse next day. Also met with Fireweed and Grey Mountain. And Lake Laberge. Presented a 45-year chevron @ lunch meeting to

member from Grey Mountain. Went to Whitehorse online auction, bought a few things, also met with a potential new club, auction set record over \$42,000, they even have past members come back and help with the event.

Club Reports (3 minutes)

Cheechako – DG Janis and ID Ski went to a visit – 8 members present, lots of gaming money, they support a lot of charities, actively meeting – Soda Club.

Host Lions – PDG Karen – February meals on Wheels, also had done Oct./Nov./and December meals on wheels. Lion Christmas party, sponsored a Christmas family of 3 with gifts and gift cards. Youth facility Christmas day with a visit, singing. Did the eyeglass marathon, teamed up with Lotto Alaska and other clubs to help with the bio-digester. Quilt of Valor.

1VDG Buddy added that the Youth facility visit was very moving. Range of offenders, some did not want to participate, was very touching, changing experience. Offered anyone that wants to come next year, more than welcome to come with them.

1VDG Buddy – bio-digester for Foodbank. Gets food from local stores and growers. There is a national push to decrease carbon footprint – so to deal with the food waste, the Foodbank was worried, so they reached out to Lotto Alaska @w wanting to get a bio-digester. Their goal is that stores will say come get all the food and it to go through the bio-digester. Hoping to be up and running by end of March. 5 Lion clubs donated \$20,000 each – Offroad, Host, North Pole, Goldstream and Motorcycle Racing. They cannot sell the compost, so they are still trying to figure out what to do with it. Recc. UAF ag program, farms, and little growers. AT one school there is a class that goes around to classes each day and gets the scraps and take them to a pig farmer locally.

Goldstream – GMT Pat – Since mid-winter, they contributed to Foodbank. Leo's made care packages for the door. Had pie fundraiser and bought the supplies for the care packages. Had President's dinner in December. Met with Eagle Scout about a project to replace the fencing around playground & sponsorship for picnic tables. Busy month for February. 3 or 4 new members. Saturday will have fireworks show and Open house for Charter night. Feb. 9 & 23 Goldstream Market Days, Feb. 18 a potluck. New member is doing a CPR class at the building, which has 20 spots. Also thinking of doing a babysitters course.

Offroad Lions – Email from Donna - One of the clubs donating gaming funds of \$20k to the Fairbanks Food Bank. Purchased a bull dozer for the next development stage at the Off Road Vehicle Park. Planning a soft opening event at the ORV park in late summer or early autumn. The scope of the event will be dependent on the work we are able to complete in the next few months. We are focusing on increasing our membership base. Nominations for officers will be

held at our March club meeting. The crystal ball predicts no changes. No surprises there!

Snowmobile Fun – DG Janis and ID Ski stopped by their 1st race and they had concessions at their clubhouse.

Fox Lions – Stephanie – January is a slow month. Just have meeting and weekly meals. Children's Christmas Party had 38 kids, Santa Claus, got a new printer for pictures, which went well. Wrapping party went good. The left over gifts went to other charities, pizza went to Rescue Mission. Feb 8 have Super Bowl Saturday which is soup and things at Fox General Store, which is a fundraiser event. Once Spring hits will have clean-up day and start community garden.

Healy Valley – Vanessa – Fairly busy. In October has Halloween masquerade ball & charter night, was kind of low numbers. Thanksgiving dinner was successful, had 300 to 400 people. December, helped foodbank, Angel Tree with gifts. IN March will help with library community event. There are no hot lunches at the school so from Jan- March they will help with Taco lunch and the library helps them with it also, it is successful so far. March 22 the library is doing a Luau and they are helping with it. 4th of July picnic in community. Working with Denali borough, working on park. Trying to put power out to the park. Their meeting is tomorrow.

Interior Baseball Lions – ID Ski – Continue meetings. Donated money to the Blizzard Baseball club, which is a competition club. Purchased the 4 wheeler for this year's raffle all ready. Planning high school baseball and donations for their teams. New member this week. Excited about what we do. They offered donation to baseball teams that came out and helped at eyeglass marathon and with 6 members at least, they had one team come out and help.

Kotzebue – Email from Matt - The Lions Club of Kotzebue, for the last quarter continued to have the “local market” held at the club bi-weekly until it ended for winter after December. During November, the Ducks Unlimited held their banquet at the club. On December 22nd, the club had the annual “ pictures with Santa” where we saw over 200 children and families for a picture with Santa and gave out candy. Mrs. Whiting held her annual “Ginger Bread house making day” for the kids, the weekend before as well. In January, Maniilaq Association held a kid's wellness day with games the club and then held a wellness dance another night as well. Nothing else to report, just these different events of hosting with use of the building.

Fireweed addition – PDG Helen – Did Christmas package to Senior complex in Dawson City to the seniors. 11 people. Gifts – crackers, coffee, chocolate, cookies, New Year's eve to celebrate with, and sent birthday cards to residents this year.

PCC Juanita – works for Explore Fairbanks. We do not market our clubs enough; she is going to help. We can put stuff on Explore Fairbanks web page, events, send poster to Juanita and can go on physical bulletin board too.

North Pole Lions – Theresa – Seniors Holiday Heights dinner & white elephant. Did a dinner & jeopardy with the Leo's. Santa Letters. Donated to 5 families with gift cards that are outside of Alaska that come from Santa Letters. Fireworks show in December. Coming up dog mushing in February, Buss Otis Dog mushing in Feb./March. Cruisin w/ Santa, Elf's Den Super bowl fundraiser.

Committee Reports (3 minutes)

Audit – Email from Donna - As discussed at the prior cabinet meeting, I contacted the State of Alaska Division of Corporations. The state recognizes the foundation is a registered entity. When trying to explain the district is a separate entity, I was told the state does not have terminology for districts, chapters, or foundations. Per the state, “it ultimately depends on how the nonprofit was formed/operated within the rules or guidelines of their parent organization or foundation.” An example was given of the Vietnam Veterans of America being the parent organization with multiple chapters in Alaska. “Each ‘chapter’ typically has their own registered entity and likely have their own EINs with the IRS”. I understand this to mean the District should become a registered entity in the State of Alaska.

Nominations Chair – Email from Donna - Thanks to 2VG and District Secretary Beth Durbin for including nominations information in her email of January 15. I have received one letter of intent for 2VG. No other letters of intent have been received.

49B Foundation update – Email from Donna - A proposed revision of the Foundation Constitution and By-Laws was forwarded to PCC Howard Rixie, chair of the District Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The main focus for the revisions was to reduce the number of board members from 12 to 7, switch to quarterly meetings and to reduce redundancies. The revision will be voted on during the multiple district convention.

Elections – Dianna – Once she gets stuff from Donna she will start website building for elections at convention. Clubs will receive a letter about delegates, please fill out and get back to CST. Delegates have to be in attendance at Convention. Remember family groups only get 1 count in the club's numbers for delegates.

Social Media – Dianna – Facebook group vs page, she made the one and we have both right now, she has a calendar for next 5 months with posts that she will be doing every day on both. Might eventually do away with one, but will see.

Sight Conservation/ABLERC Foundation report – PCC Howard – Guatemala mission – sent @ 750 glasses and 150 sunglasses. 2 other missions sent @1500 glasses. Read-a-thon went really well. Every year they have money to help people going on missions, \$3,000.

Constitution & By-laws – Interior Baseball Lions has put forth a letter to vote at our annual convention to change our district dues from \$2 per member per month to \$3 per member per month. This change will go out with the minutes. Also have Foundation changes for voting at convention.

Site Conservation – Stephanie – PDG Rick is in Cabo and helped 350 people over a 3-day timeframe with glasses and exams.

Pin Chair – Brittney – sent email out with order form this morning, so please look for it and get it back.

LCIF – ID Ski – There have been evets around the world needed help, LCIF has been there. Half way there to goal worldwide for this year. Donations are tax deductible. PCC Dennis Cummings on A side and PDG Helen in Canada are his counterparts – we have a budget for gifts for monthly donations. If you contribute at least \$10 for 12 months you get this LCIF water bottle in black or blue, limited quantities. I encourage people to donate.

GAT Team Reports (3 minutes)

GET & GMT – ID Ski & Pat – Mission 1.5 – increase worldwide membership from 1.4 to 1.5 by 30 June 2027. We need 100,000 people, we have over 49,000 clubs, so if every club does a +2 in a year we would have 98,000, then the next year do +1 and the next year +1, then we would make goal. Portal stuff is overwhelming – putting together a file that will give out to clubs to help. Will send to CST to distribute. Are here to help clubs with starting clubs. Pat is learning what ones count as a new club vs. a branch club. We have to think outside the box for new clubs like tot club, garden club. ID Ski got a phone call this morning – a little recognition goes a long way.

GST – Bobby – She is trying to call clubs and get the Service Chair, some do not have phone numbers. Service person vs. secretary. CST Beth showed her sheet she has for hours for the North Pole club. 1VDG Buddy asked for a copy of the form. CC Dodie added that the North Pole club has an incentive at the end of year for service hours.

Leadership – no report, will be in Convention update.

Old Business

1). 2025 MD Convention

ID S. Marcinkowski & CC D. Rixie

Know it is a sticker shock with the price, but we want to be in the black because past few years has been in the red. Everything is costing more these day. PCC Howard is doing the booklet. PCC Howard said that in the past the booklet has been mostly ads, but this year he would like to add history and stories. If anyone has stories, please email them to him. PCC Howard said he can help create ads. The booklet will help offset the cost some. Theme – A Legacy to Remember. No charges for stories and history. PCC Howard has come up with 8 slots for training – 1. Insurance. 2. Gaming, 3. Lion Portal, 4. 12 mo. Leadership Calendar, 5. Going Fishing – Generational differences. 6. Lions Protocol, 7. New Club Start-Up, 8 Leo's. Plan to have schedule for convention out by March 1st. PDG Gerry had an idea for trouble clubs or rebuilding clubs, a rejuvenating clubs. Thursday night during the PDG dinner there will be an optional Paint Nite of a lion picture, cost is \$40, need at least 20 people to participate.

2). Northern Lights Update

PCC Howard

Dg Janis got a reply, but she is not sure about it. The Borough will look at it in the spring before they accept it. They have concerns about it due to the location, lack of parking, constraints and lack of park rec. employees, that is people to take care of it. PCC Howard the response did not address that the club is no longer and land could automatically go to the Borough or State. He suggested to follow-up that we do not own it as a District, the organization does not exist any longer so now what? The Lion sign needs to come down – which it is already down and 2 a follow-up letter needs sent about the organization not being in existence and needs to go to the Borough or State.

3). Diabetes Grant

PDG K. Lane

The \$32,000 LCI grant will take a little while, hopefully by May. PDG Gerry asked what it is for – They cannot do testing in Canada, but they can give out information. The committee will be PDG Karen Lane, Theresa Salzman (this is her job, and she can train and certify), Brittney Wessling, PDG Lizz Johnson and 1VDG Buddy.

4). Lion Quest Grant

PDG K. Lane

\$1,500 LCI grant. Should becoming this next week or so. There is a meeting this coming Wednesday. Lions Quest LCI is willing to come and go to different communities, so they will be discussing times to do this. PDG Gerry added that in Canada he is in constant contact with Lion Quest, he forwards information to the clubs, it is not just about education but also training

5). Eyeglass Recycling Marathon

Lion T. Salzman

It was January 17-19. 7 clubs helped with others from the community with doing 2 hour increments. They even had Jennifer from Bering Sea come in at 1:30 am after she got off her plane, she did an 8 hour shift and came back that next

night and brought a friend. SO the club donation is going to Bering Sea. 9,300 pairs of glasses touched, 31 bins of glasses. 7,863 went through the lensometers. Tanana Chiefs has 5 eye clinic staff come, as well as some from Eielson Eye Clinic. The Blizzard Baseball team came and helped. They learned some things for the next time they do this. Looking to do this again in the summer. PCC Howard added that we have 10,000 that need unpacked and gone through; 53,500 need washed, 7,500 need read and we have 13,000 in inventory. We will have Masons start washing again at their weekly meetings. Next Eyeglass Recycling is Feb. 8 & 15 from 9-1. Curling Club is coming Feb. 10 to learn to do the machines.

6). Constant Contact

CST/2VDG B. Durbin

CST Beth asked about the Constant Contact and the purpose since she was not at the 2nd Cabinet meeting when it was voted on. PCC Howard reported that it was to increase lion's events and stuff, communication and marketing. There is a downloading from portal, where all the email go into constant contact. We can set up different roles. Certain people can have access to it to help send stuff out for different things.

7). Foundation Registering Update

PCC Howard

BOI. Corporation. Do we have to comply? 501C orgs. Do not have too do the report. Item closed.

New Business

1). Necrology

1VDG B. Lane

Please send necrology information to 1VDG Buddy, as well as put into the portal so a report can be pulled. We do not want to miss anyone. CC Dodie said that at convention registration we can asked clubs if they have anyone else for the necrology report. Need report pulled from April 2024 to March 25. We will pull report April 1 and have clubs check it at registration. ID Ski would like pictures of the deceased if we can get them for a slideshow when their name is called.

2). Service Report Challenge

2VDG/CST B. Durbin

2VDG/CST Beth told about a challenge at 49A's mid-winter from ID Wineman about getting each club in 49A and 49B to put in at least 1 event in the service reporting section of the portal. He is trying to see which state will get every club to accomplish this task.

3). Food Bank Challenge from 49A

DG J. Marcinkowski & DG R. Ingram

Dg Russ told about the challenge within 49A and would like B to also participate. Hunger initiative, a contest between clubs to donate food or money to local food bank or agency to see who can collect the most. Will start Super Bowl Sunday and end at convention. SO far they have a sweatshirt from the foodbank for a prize. IPDG Kathie Morin is also collecting pennies for pediatric cancer, please bring them to convention. DG Janis wants to know if we want to do this challenge.

We already have 5 clubs who donated \$20,000 each to the foodbank this year. Every penny and every pounds counts as a point.

4). New Club in Whitehorse
Gerein

ID S. Marcinkowski & PDG G.

ID Ski reported that PDG Gerry has done most of the leg work. Pilipino club in the community of Whitehorse. It is already an established club. They met again with the new President in December, PDG Gerry contacted them again in January, they are hoping the new club will start in March or April. The biggest concern is dues. 1VDG Buddy asked as a District can we help with a grant to help new club? Not a grant but club to club can help them. Have to remember the \$35 one-time administrative fee per member. PDG Helen stated that we need to work on our current clubs and membership for our clubs and not work to start a new club. ID Ski pointed out that this is already an existing club that some of them would be making a Lions club also.

For the Good of the Order

1. PDG Helen asked if there will be a zoom link for convention – DG Janis said no, but we can do one our 49B Cabinet meeting on Thursday.
2. 1VDG Buddy – we need a procedure or guideline for the blow-up lion. They will check with 49A on their process/.
3. 1VDG Buddy – just a reminder that Family Fun Day will be June 7 at Pioneer Park.
4. DG Russ – 76th running gold medal basketball tournament in Juneau, March 23-29. 57th Palmer Gun Show March 29-30 @ fairgrounds. Vision trailer to Fairbanks after Labor Day, needing volunteers. Lion Robert has a procedure for the lion in 49A. An idea for a specialty club in Whitehorse could be about Magic Yarn Project, where they make yarn wigs. This is helping to revitalize clubs.
5. Stephanie – Fox is doing a new thing. Project Unmentionables – to get things for homeless & others like bras, underwear, pads, etc. working with Fire Dept. as a distribution center.
6. Dg Russ added about Spenard and Palmer Lions doing hard cases with band aids, nail clippers, etc.

Adjournment 2:02

Submitted by CST/2VDG Beth Durbin on 2/11/2025.