



District 49B 4th Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Wedgewood Resort

Thursday, April 10, 2025

1:15 pm (AKST)

2:15 pm (Canadian time)

Welcome/Call to Order by DG J. Marcinkowski at 1:21 pm.

Opening by 1VDG B. Lane. We sang O'Canada, the Star Spangled Banner and said the Lions Prayer

Opening Comments presided over by 1VDG B. Lane.

ID S. Marcinkowski - Excited for what 49B is doing. It's been challenging couple of years, but we have some awesome lions serving our local communities. It amazes me when I hear club reports and zone reports and hearing whatever club is doing. It is awesome. You rock and thank you for being here and really sharing your stories and opening your hearts to listening what others are doing and getting ideas. Let's keep going, this is awesome. the clubs and people within are doing some awesome stuff.

CC D. Rixie - a lot of you know that I love being on my phone, I do a lot of Facebook and lots of researching and sharing things and I watch a lot of what the clubs do and a see what you do, thank you for what you do and sharing what you do on social media, you all just put a smile on my face every day and I just want to say thank you and let's have a great meeting and doing what we do.

IPDG B. Kirchner - it has been a really good year to sit back and see how well the clubs are doing. It amazes me what the lions do in every community that they serve. I would like you to think about what would be undone without the lions? After you look at it without the lions, then look at what you have done to contribute to the lions and I think it is a tremendous tribute to the people before us and the ones that will come after us. There is so much respect for lions and I want to thank everyone for serving. Your communities really appreciate what you do, thank you.

2VDG B. Durbin- I want to thank everybody for coming. I am excited for this weekend and I am excited to see what we do at our meeting today and all the training for tomorrow and then Saturday morning. I am excited to get to know the

clubs and visit over the next two to three years and the end of this year. Again, thank you for coming.

1VDG B. Lane - Thank you for everyone for being here. I can only echo what all has bene said already, what we have been doing as lions and what our future holds. Keep up, keep doing what we are doing and have a great convention. A godo time while you are here. Keep an eye on Borealis. Thanks for the reports already.

2 IVP Mark Lyons - greeting to everyone again, thank you for allowing Lion Lyn and I here this weekend, we are looking forward to hearing all the reports you are presenting and the exciting things you are doing here in 49B. Looking forward to getting to know you while here. Congratulation o the officers of the District and the incoming officers. It is great to see a succession plan in place and that works and move up and take on more responsibilities. Our association is in wonderful shape and it all depends on people like you because it all depends on the club level. The clubs are the life blood of our association and if we are going to keep growing it has to happen at the local club. They want to be part of a family and we feed them and let them do things that are important for their communities. We need to make sure our lions are happy and want to keep serving for years and share their ideas. Thank you.

PID L. Quinn – Today Lion Dodie asked about projects your clubs do that you really like, I like what you guys are doing here with the Lions Quest program. Just a thought starter, the club I joined in Arizona, puts on a dinner for seniors, the 4.0+ dinner, so any student who has a 4.0+ dinner comes with their parent, they have been doing since 1962 for a banquet. They had a 120 students there for this year, over 300 people at the banquet. They got medallions. Had a lion at each table to talk about Lions and what they are doing. Got some anonymous donations and at least 3 new members. Just an idea for here. Have fun.

DG J. Marcinkowski – thank you everyone for being here. Glad to see all the different people. Healy came the longest way for 49B. Time has gone by so fast this year. I am thankful for being able to do this job.

Officers/Directors/Clubs Role Call

CST B. Durbin

Voting Cabinet

* DG J. Marcinkowski	* 1VDG 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 - Vacant	* GST IPDG B. Kirchner	* GMT P. Turner
* GET ID S. Marcinkowski				

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
* Nominating – D. Bellows				

Clubs

* Anderson Clear PDG Lizz	* Barrow	* Bering Sea	* Delta	* Delta Interior Racing
* Arctic	* Cheechako	* Choice	* Curling	* Goldstream GMT Pat
* Host 1VDG Buddy, PDG Karen, IPDG Bobby, ZC George, Sally, Ray, Trina	* Motorcycle Racing	* Offroad Donna	* Racing	* Snowmobile Fun
* Fox Stephanie, PDG Rick, Dana, PCC Ed	* Healy Valley Vanessa, Robert	* Interior Baseball ID Ski, DG Janis, Sophie, Ray, Baby Emmett	* Kotzebue	* Lake Laberge
* North Pole CC Dodie, PCC Howard, 2VDG Beth, Dianna, Tre	* 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 1VDG Buddy. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

CST B. Durbin

1VDG Buddy made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. PDG Lizz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget

CST B. Durbin

1VDG Buddy made a motion to accept the budget/treasurer's report as submitted. PDG Lizz seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence

CST B. Durbin

None

Club Reports

Interior Baseball – Ray – you can go to the Interior Baseball page and see what Baseball has been doing. One more thing, 100-year American Legion baseball will be celebrated soon. Cheechako and Interior Baseball along with American Legion will be doing a celebration tournament.

Goldstream – Pat - gearing up for egg hunt on April 20.

Host – still doing Quilts of Valor; 2 weeks ago they had a presentation at the Girl Scout bldg., 7 quilts, moving back into their building, every Thursday. 1st time did eye screening at Arctic Lions. Mother's Day pancake breakfast on May 11 10-1; participated in food drive; donated money to 4 organizations; new roof is coming this summer!

Offroad – Donna - Quiet for them, gearing up for the summer. Playing in dirt, bought a bull dozer, will have soft opening this fall for park. No camping or road trip planned yet.

Fox – Stephanie – Had Super Bowl Saturday and raised about \$2,000. Pre-Easter bake sale coming up; no date yet for community picnic; still feeding the underserved in the community; New project – collect items for homeless and people who have fires, things like underwear, deodorant and other unmentionables, taking to Steese Fire Dept. for disbursement. They have also been food bank disbursement for past year. Still working on getting the word out.

Healy Valley – Vanessa – Been busy; big project with the Borough; toilet in the Lake area – the Borough got money for it, the completion should be 2027. Community events going strong – Luau, local library foodbank, taco lunch at the school for the lunch program; been working with another community club that wants to start a lunch program at the school. Lion Quest information coming to school next week.

Interior Baseball – ID Ski – Just got the MOA with the schools to do baseball. Got 4 wheeler for raffle; donated towards tournament; giving 250 to food bank; pay umpire travel for high school; Goldpanners 50/50. F35 flyover at Midnight Sun game; 1 new member; will be at Cruisin selling 4 wheeler tickets.

North Pole – Tre – Cruisin with Santa May 31; just finished North Pole Championships dog race, went well; Trooper Memorial – partnering with Leo's to plant flowers May 14, police dedication May 15. Holiday Heights Seniors do stuff for them with a Christmas dinner and white elephant gift exchange, will be doing their gardening soon.

Zone Chair Reports

Zone 4 – George – Not been able to get to the clubs, but have kept up with them. Barrow – doing good. Fox is doing great; delivering food, they have things planned for spring. Host gas 2 new members and a few more possible. Sickness has been going around, but otherwise doing well. Goldstream is doing well also. 1VDG Buddy talked with Barrow and they wanted to come but was unable this time.

Zone 6 – PDG Lizz - Anderson/Clear – knows we have past dues. Have fundraiser planned. Got water in the building yesterday. Have bbq on April 19 with an egg hunt from 4-6pm. Kotzebue – no events last quarter, doing pull tabs and bingo.

Committee Reports

Audit – closed for now.

Elections – Dianna – tomorrow night voting will open for delegates, you will receive an email with the ballot, have 12 hours to do it, over at 9 am.

Social Media – no report

49B Foundation – had meeting earlier.

Nominating – Will be addressed later in meeting.

Sight – No report.

ABLERC – Already heard about in MD 49 report.

Const./By-Laws – Feb. notice of changes coming at convention. Interior Baseball brought forward a change for dues from \$2 to \$3 per member, it is on ballot.

LCIF – ID Ski – heard stuff this morning in MD report; but the following clubs do have Melvin Jones they could give: Anderson 1; Barrow 3; Bering Sea 3; Delta 3; Goldstream 2; Fairbanks Racing 1; Fox 1; Interior Baseball 3 If you want to know individual amount just ask.

GAT Team Reports

GMT – Pat – no report

GET – ID Ski – Thank you PCC Howard for getting with Badger Lions. Lost a lot of clubs over the years, maybe we need to go back and contact them about possible being a club again. Looking at Esther/Two Rivers for clubs. Going to go back and talk to Mushes again. The process has changed for starting a club.

GST – IPDG Bobby -

Old Business

1). Northern Lights Park Update

DG J. Marcinkowski &
PCC H. Rixie

Northern Light Badger Lions closed in 2016; small park; donated land by a member; Borough still had Lions club on land; District contact the Borough about taking over the land, letters were sent back and forth and Borough does not want. PCC Howard was contacted and Woody, whose family donated land did not want the land to go to the Borough, so they are working on getting 25 members to re-charter the club. PCC Howard is helping them with the paperwork. North Pole Lions Club will sponsor them.

2). Diabetes Grant Update

PDG K. Lane

Info was presented at the MD meeting

3). Lion Quest Grant Update

PDG K. Lane

Community presentations coming next week. Need more people on the committee. Will have a meeting Monday @ 6pm @ Morris Thompson Canter. Next step is to get people trained. Meetings to come, more grants and steps. Going to Healy and hopefully delta.

4). Service Reporting Challenge

CST B. Durbin

Reporting is important. I challenge clubs to get at least 1 item/meeting/project in the portal as service hours. Stephanie from Fox stated she does her monthly, it is helpful. Also remind clubs to put new officers in the portal. If going to International Convention, make sure to get delegates in portal. ID Ski said that the ballot will have where they want to reduce the number of Directors for Const. area I, they want to reduce the board from 35 to 25. Sally from Host asked if the reason for the reduction was because of membership numbers? Yes.

5). New Club in Whitehorse Update

ID S. Marcinkowski

ID Ski will get another email out to them again. A lot of the Canadians are mad right now at President Trump and the US. Our point man for the club in Canada resigned from his District position. We need to leave politics out of Lions; ID Ski will contact the club directly. We need to look into the BBQ Club with the Mayor!

New Business

1). LCI

ID S. Marcinkowski

This was already explained, no further discussion.

2). Lion Fest

1VDG B. Lane & PDG K. Lane

3rd Annual; June 7, 12-4 @ Pioneer Park; set-up from 10-11:45. Great opportunity for marketing clubs. Tables, chairs and tents provide by park

Balloon, face painting, DJ, Lion, games.

3). Eyeglass Marathon

D. Durbin & T. Salzman

July 18 – 20 5pm to 5pm; 2 hour blocks; link & QR code in mini flyers in everyone convention bag;

For the Good of the Order

DG Janis – she has her DG pins still, if anyone needs one, let her know.

PDG Karen – if attending the PDG dinner, it is at 6:30 pm tonight.

Adjournment @ 3:10 pm