



District 10 Lions 2024–2025
Scott Kwarciany, District Governor
Colleen Maki, 1VDG
Gary Perala, 2VDG

CABINET MEETING MINUTES – JULY 13, 2024
BARK RIVER INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

1. CALL TO ORDER – IPDG DAN PERKINS
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – IPDG DAN PERKINS
3. INVOCATION – DG SCOTT KWARCINY
4. Motion made and passed to accept the agenda. (Lion Dan Perkins)
 - a. Add Bark River Park
 - b. District News Letter
5. PASSING OF GAVEL – IPDG Dan Perkins, DG Scott Kwarciany

Lion Dan shared his view on the significance of Lions– Necessity and need for Lions. It’s the organization that bonds us together in service.
I’m proud to have served and proud of our strong, upcoming leadership team.
Will start focusing on food insecurities and pull in Lions as a partner with PPF to provided services to the U.P. Chris and Larry stepping up as Hunger chairs.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNOR TEAM – DG SCOTT, 1VDG COLLEEN, 2VDG GARY
 - Introduce Darren Van Dyne–Guest
 - Took off formal jacket and put on Lions vest to remind us that we are here to server. The service is not about us.
 - Introduction of 1st VDG– Collen Maki, Bay De Noc club. Been busy with the Project KidSight trailer, brat sales, etc. Getting new people involved

in district projects, meeting Lions doing what they do best and having fun. Took the opportunity to thank people for their service. Going to let this define me over the upcoming years.

7. REVIEW OF PAST CABINET MEETING MINUTES – LION PEGGY LINDEMAN

*Need to get official conference meeting minutes from Lion Wendy Burns.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes. – passed

8. DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT – LION MIKE SMOCK

- a. Review of 2023 versus 2024 budgeted expenses.
 - b. Deficits due to technology grants, farm grants, travel for leadership
 - c. Pretty healthy right now with money invested.
 - d. State is looking at incorporating us back in– more to come.
 - e. 1 club past due on dues. District billings coming out soon.
- Motion made to accept the financial report– Kris Patterson, supported.
Motion passed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mailing of the roster books is expensive– so handing out in person.
- b. International Convention – IP Fabricio Olivera/Brazil “Make Your Mark”–
 - i. Our new IP
 - ii. Scott will be reaching out to the club presidents to let everyone know what’s going on in the district and the organization. Keep the fire lit.
 1. Presidents and Zone chairs need to be sharing information with their clubs! We can’t revitalize our clubs and members unless we are providing them information.
- c. International convention–
 - i. Long trip, winter, drive/walk on the wrong side of the road– reminded him a lot of home.
- d. Next year Mexico City, then Hong Kong, Washington DC...

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. District Goals–
 - i. Have to come up with new ones every year. Can change throughout the year. LCI pushes membership and clubs.

1. Service– 100% club reporting. Club should be doing this–
Not PDG Jim.
2. Leadership–
 - a. Train 75–80% of zone chairs. Done! By zoom meeting. But more training to come.
 - b. Gretchen– Going to go out to the rural clubs to pull in not just the club officers, but also the members to share in 4 roundtable discussions.
 - i. Crystal Falls is offering to have the first on a Saturday in September.
 - ii. There will be a marketing blitz to promote Lionism by training clubs on how to market their clubs, events, etc.
 - iii. Looking for members to join this committee.
 1. Lion Jo Maki– Willing to get involved to help customize the training materials.
 - iv. Need to propose a budget to provide lunches. Looking for free sites.
 1. Sault St. Marie
 2. Manistique
 3. Crystal Falls
 4. Chassell
3. LCIF– get clubs and members involved in supporting this organization.
4. Membership– Incorporate 125 New members and a net of minus 8.
 - a. Our trouble in keeping members.
 - b. Initiative is to **Add Just 1!** Net up by 1 at the end of the year.

b. Future District Convention Funding

- i. Due to clubs requesting that the initial stipend of \$750 to get the convention going was a loan. Most clubs end up with \$3–4,000 in funds raised.
- ii. 2 years ago the money was granted to the Sault Club.

- iii. We changed the policy to show that the money was a loan unless the club could show a hardship in which they need to submit a written request to keep the money
- iv. Proposal is to just make this funding to the club.
 - 1. Arguments–
 - a. Dan–
 - i. It's a lot of work to get the convention going, it's very stressful. If done well– it revitalizes the district.
 - ii. Club feels like they earned the profit and that the district should invest in the conventions.
 - b. Craig– coming out of covid, costs were up
 - i. District is financially better off now than they had been in the past.
 - ii. It is stressful, time consuming and draws away from other club events.
 - iii. District should support, put skin in the game to show that this is an important event.
 - c. Chris–
 - i. Should be budgeted.
 - ii. If clubs make “X” amount then they should give the money back or donate it to LCIF.
 - d. Jim–
 - i. Having done 3 conventions, never made less than \$3000 dollars.
 - ii. Goal is to break even– it should not be a fund raising event. Not all conventions sell books.
 - iii. Oconto falls – no book. Made \$183. Book is pure profit.
 - e. Duane–
 - i. First one to have with book. Didn't borrow any money. \$2500– donated to Bay Cliff and other organizations.
 - f. Colleen–
 - i. We have to be adjustable as things change. Economy, membership.

- g. Colleen makes a motion that we alter the policy manual to include \$750 as money to be used by hosting clubs as an annual District expense to show investment in this event until such time as it may no longer be needed by the clubs. (Amended to make it retroactive to this past Ishpeming convention April of 2024– still seconded by Jo Maki)
 - i. Lion Joe support
 - 1. Further discussion–
 - a. Should the convention have a District convention committee?
 - b. Do we need to increase the \$750
 - 2. Motion carried to amend policy
 - 3. Motion carried to donate to Ishpeming.
- c. Lions Leadership Institute Funding
- i. One of best leadership institutes in the country.
 - ii. Funding thru the mint fund is designated to Leadership training.
 - 1. Need to create a policy on how this money is used, who can use it and how many in any given year.
 - 2. Discussion– we thought it was set at 3 people. Notes reflect that we have funded 3 people. Need to create a policy to define this.
 - a. Limit it to club officers versus general members?
 - b. Could approve up to \$2,500/year based on funding.
 - c. Current costs are \$350/person.
 - 3. Motion by Colleen to do some more research and come back to next meeting with analysis and recommendations after reviewing with District Treasurer.
 - 4. Comments
 - a. Gretchen– would like us to consider expanding our definition of leadership training opportunities. USA Canada forum is a great opportunity. Other training outside the lions (Zimmerman’s downstate.)

- b. Lion Lee– Support USA/Canada Forum. Is there any definition as to who can cover and expectations of how that training gets utilized in the future?
 - c. Lion Dan– If \$2500/year– that’s 7 people to Higgins Lake which has been struggling with participation. So, going elsewhere decrease availability of opportunities in the district. And we should expect those who go to be moving up in leadership.
 - d. Lion Colleen–Expenses to go elsewhere far exceed what we have locally. Agree that we need people who are going to be working up the leadership ladder.
 - e. Lion Peggy– do we have spots for people to state why they want to go and what do they expect to do with it.
 - f. Lion Tom– deadline for Higgins Lake is coming up. If we wait till next meeting will we make it.
 - g. Lion Jane– Encourage clubs to support members.
5. Motion to add to next meeting agenda.
- d. North Woods Air Lifeline Letter
 - i. Started by Lions and requires a Lion on the Board of Directors
 - ii. Bought a new plane but need Headsets with Microphones to communicate with the passengers. (\$850 each.)
 - iii. Second plane needs painting. Appearances are everything.
 - 1. Need funding to paint.
 - iv. Please encourage clubs to make donations.
 - v. Policy manual– could we include this as a district project?
 - 1. Promote to the clubs for donations
 - a. Specific, goal,
 - vi. Lion Dan– motion to establish this as a district project to fund the head sets.
 - vii. Lion Gretchen– appoints herself as tail twister and starts collection the hat for funding and seconds the motion.
 - 1. \$130 raised!
 - viii. Motion made and passed. (First District Project this year!)
 - e. Ralph Sheehan Committee– Chair Gretchen Preston– Highest award in the district. (Dan, Colleen and Gary)

- i. Freshening up the process– past based on points, nominations are held for 5 years. (Can update applications at any time.)
 - ii. Explaining to each club
 - iii. There are members out there not involved in leadership that have earned a chance and are eligible to be nominated.
- f. District Scholarships
 - i. Applications for students with disabilities. Both for educational and technical training.
 - ii. **Donations have dropped**– applicants are up
 - iii. We decide how much we give out
 - iv. Only \$2000 left. We are giving out \$500 to each of the current 8 applicants. Requires a documented physical impairment, requires community services.
 - v. As a district program– how do we move forward? Clubs not responding.
 - vi. Discussion
 - 1. Scott– do we want to alter the program, is there a mandate.
 - a. Yes– 12 requirements (2.5 GPA, impairment, etc.)
 - b. We can change the requirements
 - 2. Craig– not an education issue?
 - 3. Peggy– Funding issue. Email vs. Mail.
 - 4. Colleen– who are we sending letters to, get it on the clubs and on agendas.
 - 5. Judy– Other clubs do their own scholarships
 - 6. Sarah– Their club does one and have been thanked by people that they didn't give one to.
 - 7. Kris– Put it in the newsletter, on the website.
 - 8. Scott– put in the zone chair packets.
 - 9. Craig– share what the issues are with the zone chairs.
 - 10. Lee– get a hold of the secretaries.
 - 11. Scott– add to the leadership meeting

Old Business–

- g. District News Letter– comes out the first Monday of each month. Statistics are going up. (Limited to 10 pages.)
 - i. Adding District 10 Lions news– need more people writing and submitting stories. A Picture and a caption will do.
 - ii. Add new article–“We serve” listing clubs that reported service the month before. Want it to be a list that clubs seek out to encourage reporting.
 - iii. Encourage members to get into the portal.
 - iv. Need to get all club members instructions on how to subscribe to the newsletter. Currently 190+ subscribers out of 1300. Need to get this up in the 500”s.
- h. Bark River Park
 - i. Park is done! Pictures shared of the build
 - ii. Received final grant which will help them to complete the little park out by the highway (replace fence.)
 - iii. Scott– good reason to support LCIF! \$66,000 came from LCIF to build this!
- i. Peace Poster–
 - i. Jane looking for the packet– Scott has one for heart of the north.

11. GAT TEAM REPORTS – (GST, GMT, GLT, GET)

- a. Gretchen– covered
- b. Jim– report service. Issues with portal.
- c. Bill, Lee– get in the portal, membership packets, growth
- d. Scott– scratching the Global extension spot

12. ZONE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Craig–
 - i. Thanks Jim for covering the last 3 years from the west end.
 - ii. Andrea Osborne– Son in Harford Nationals adaptive running track and field events. Venmo– if you would like to make a donation to the family. They’d appreciate your support.
 - iii. Lion Jerry Stephens– associate member of the Sault club– is becoming the Council Chair for the State of Alabama!!!
- b. Judy–

- i. Attend most of the Lions of Michigan– mint program– mints should be posted at 75 cents/roll.
- ii. Drummond Island celebrating 50th Anniversary on September 7th.
- iii. Melvin Jones plaques from past members– what do we do with these.
 - 1. Can they be recycled?
 - 2. In club house– not at the hall
- iv. Mailing– can go online and buy forever stamps from the past at reduced pricing compared to recent pricing. Can be given as a gift.
- c. Lion Dan– Kurt Kipling as the new zone chair.
- d. Lion Kris– Has stuff to hand off to Chris Smith. Lion Colleen will take.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Lion Scott– has pins for zone chairs, committee chairs, and roster books.

Lion Jim makes motion to Adjourn, supported by Kris.

As we gather together as Lions and friends, we pray that our actions may reflect our desire to serve. Clothe our lives with charity. Deepen our lives with loyalty. Hallow our lives with integrity. Help us to live our lives so that we may enhance the future of those whose lives we touch. Guide us in service. Amen