



MINUTES

2015 - 2016 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Best Western Plover, 5253 Harding Avenue

Stevens Point, Wisconsin

March 12, 2016 - 8:30 A.M.

1 **Call to order** – Council Chair Evett Hartvig

Those present were: (* excused)

Council Chair E. Hartvig

DG M. Drew, A1

DG M. Henke, B1

DG R. Henning, C1

DG D. Schwedersky, D1

DG L. Bradley, E1

DG R. Klockow, A2

DG S. Selner, B2

DG G. Krug, C2

DG G. Daines, D2

DG J. Nesseth, E2

VDG G. Posorske, A1

VDG T. Berendes, B1

VDG D. Wasniewski, C1

VDG E. Holthaus, D1

VDG R. O'Connell, E1

VDG D. Montaine, A2

VDG G. Schlender, B2

VDG M. Lorbetske, C2

VDG J. Olson, D2

VDG T. Rutledge, E2

2nd VDG J. Gibbons, A1

2nd VDG F. Gebhart, B1*

2nd VDG D. Hartvig, C1

2nd VDG J. Burmester, D1

2nd VDG L. Vrieze, E1

2ND VDG G. Moegenburg, A2

2nd VDG J. Noll, B2

2nd VDG R. Behm, C2

2nd VDG P. Hart, D2

2nd VDG B. Barth, E2

ID Karla Harris, A1 *

IPID Mark Hintzmann, A2

PID Art Marson, D2

PID Wayne Heiman, B2

PID Peter Cerniglia, D1*

PID Ron Duffe, E2 *

PID Phil Ingwell, D1 *

WLF Pres. Jack Reindl, A2

LEBW Pres. Jerry Wille, A2*

IPCC Connie LeCleir-Meyer, E2

PDG, GLT Coord Greg Pryor, A1*

PDG, GLT Coord Bob Faliveno, D1

PDG, Resol. Chair Dwaine Habrat, C1

PDG, PDGO Pres. Dave Sievert, B2

PDG, State Conv. Coord. John Jenson, D1

IPDG, CCE Shawn Redington, D2

PCC, Missions Bill Taubman, E1

YE Chair, Ben August, D1

PDG, State Pin Chair Brian Overturf, D2

DG spouse Stacey Nesseth, E2

DG spouse Diane Henke, B1

DG spouse Mary Daines, D2

DG spouse Doris Bradley, E1

DG spouse Patty Krug, C2

VDG spouse Rose Berendes, B1
VDG spouse Laurie Holthaus, D1
VDG spouse Rosie O'Connell, E1
2nd VDG spouse, Denise Gibbons, A1
Lioness Affiliate Amy Block

2 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Council Chair, DG Jay Nesseth

3 **Prayer** – DG Gary Daines

4 **Song** – DG Robert Klockow

5 **Introduction and Opening remarks** – CC Evett Hartvig

6 **Approval of Agenda** – CC Evett Hartvig

7 **Approval of January COG Minutes** – DG Greg Krug

Motion #46 by DG Nesseth/DG Drew to approve the January 2016 Council of Governors meeting minutes. 10-0 carried

8 **Correspondence** – DG Greg Krug

None

9 **LCI Committees and Reports**

A. ID Karla Harris - **REPORT**

Motion #47 by DG Drew/DG Henning to allow ID Karla to apply for an \$800 MD27 Women's Symposium Planning Grant from LCI. No matching funds are necessary. 10-0 carried

B. LCIF – PID Wayne Heiman – **REPORT**

As a reminder: PID Wayne will need from the 1st VDG's the name of your District LCI Coordinator for the 2016-2017 year, no later than the State Convention, so he can submit that to LCI.

C. Alert – PDG Joe Fisher

D. Global Leadership Team – IPDG Greg Pryor/PDG Bob Faliveno - **REPORT**

Awards were presented to 2nd VDG Jodi Burmester and PDG Dwaine Habrat for completing the Faculty Development Institute Program.

E. Global Membership Team – PID Art Marson - **REPORT**

F. International Convention Committee – PDG John Jenson - **REPORT**

The Midwest Breakfast will be scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7 a.m. Minnesota is doing the planning this year.

Motion #48 by DG Selner/DG Schwedrsky to allow Lions going to the International Convention, that are not already receiving pins and buttons, to receive 10 pins and 10 buttons. 10-0 carried

- G. Leo Chairperson – NEED CHAIRPERSON
- H. Lions Services for Children – NEED CHAIRPERSON
- I. Protocol Chair – PID Art Marson
- J. PR/Technology – 2nd VDG Jodi Burmester – **LATE REPORT**

Motion #49 by DG Krug/DG Drew to approve having 1 MyLCI coordinator on each of the district cabinets to help keep the districts moving forward with updating and maintaining membership and activity reports. 9-1 carried

These individuals in each district will not be on a committee. There will not be committee reports. It is important to have one coordinator in each district be able to access their districts member records and get them updated, such as updating mailing addresses and email addresses. They would work with the DGE's to make sure the PU101's are accurate and updated. They would also be able to train club secretaries on how to input and maintain the membership and activity reports. This would be 1 position on each district cabinet. There is currently 1 MyLCI coordinator in each district, however they would play a more active roll on the district cabinet.

The PR/Technology committee currently works with the website, the directory, and WebEx.

- K. Quest Chairperson – NEED CHAIRPERSON

- L. Youth Exchange – DG Larry Bradley – **REPORT**

Currently there are 46 applications to Youth Exchange for this year's camp. 25+ countries are represented, including new countries of Egypt, Indonesia and Russia.

Outgoing Youth: There are currently 13 youth going to 12 different countries. Camp dates: July 31 – Aug 7th. Youth Exchange budget was presented.

Motion #50 by DG Henning/DG Schwedrsky to authorize Youth Exchange to give a \$100 stipend to each outgoing YE student. 10-0 carried

Motion #51 by DG Bradley/DG Krug to allow Youth Exchange to purchase a single axle trailer up to \$1500.00 for storage at YE camp. 10-0 carried

Lion Ben will look into whether the trailer will need a license and/or insurance.

- M. Youth Outreach - NEED CHAIRPERSON

10 **MD27 / State Committees and Reports**

- A. Birch-Sturm Endowment – DG Marv Henke - **REPORT**
- B. Diabetes Focus Group –included in WLF report - Lion Mary Vrieze
- C. Lioness Affiliate Liaison – Lion Joan Post – **REPORT**
Lioness Amy Block was present for any questions or concerns.
- D. Lions Pride Endowment – DG Susan Selner – **LATE REPORT**
- E. Merchandise – DG Gary Daines

- F. PDG Organization - PDG Dave Sievert – **REPORT**
The PDGO has decided to coordinate their fall and January meetings with the October and January Council meetings. They will join us for lunch and then have their PDGO meeting immediately following.
- G. Research and Long Range Planning Committee – PID Art Marson
- H. State Bowling Committee - Lion Dennis Christianson
- I. State Curling Committee – Lion Dennis Christianson
- J. State Newspaper – DG Dick Schwedersky – **REPORT**
At the A1 district convention this year, a special meeting was called where a vote was taken by the 7 District Governors present, to move ahead with 10 issues, 4 of them being printed and mailed and all being online. (6 aye, 1 nay) This will become effective July 1, 2016, and save next year's Council roughly \$35,000.
- Motion #52** by DG Nesseth/DG Henke to approve presented policy changes be sent to the policy committee for write up with recommendations given and then to be voted on at the State Convention. 10-0 carried
- Motion #53** by DG Krug/DG Selner to approve an Editor/Designer bid be included in the Lions newspaper. 10-0 carried
- Motion #54** by DG Henning/DG Nesseth to approve a Printer bid be included in the Lions Newspaper, stating that there would be 4 printed issues not to exceed 32 pages per issue. 10-0 carried
- Motion #55** by DG Selner/DG Daines to form an Adhoc Newspaper committee, of not more than 6 members which represents each district equally. 10-0 carried (CC Evett asked DG Selner to chair this committee)
- K. State Pin Committee - PDG Brian Overturf
Pin design for 2017 Centennial year and quantity to be ordered.
A decision was made by the current Council on the 2017 Centennial pin design with some moderate changes made. Lion Brian will submit the changes to the pin designer for approval. He will then forward the final pin design to the Council of Governors before submitting it to the pin manufacturer.
- A quote of 4400 pins was requested by the Council.
- L. State Resolutions-Constitution and By-Laws Committee - PDG Dwaine Habrat – **LATE REPORT**
Motion #56 by DG Drew/DG Nesseth to approve presented resolution from the WLF. 10-0 carried
- M. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – IPID Mark Hintzmann – **REPORT**
- N. Wisconsin Lions Foundation – DG Jay Nesseth - **REPORT**
Approve WLF projects for another year:
Motion #57 by DG Henning/DG Krug to approve Diabetes Education and Awareness project for another year. 10-0 carried
Motion #58 by DG Klockow/DG Drew to approve Wisconsin Lions Eyeglass Recycling project for another year. 10-0 carried

Motion #59 by DG Nesseth/DG Drew to approve Lions Camp project for another year. 10-0 carried

Motion #60 by DG Selner/DG Henning to approve Vision Screening project for another year. 10-0 carried

Motion #61 by DG Schwedrsky/DG Henning to approve Hearing Aid project for another year. 10-0 carried

O. Personnel (in closed session, if necessary)

11 **Initiatives Supported by the Lions of Wisconsin**

A. Leader Dog – DG Mike Drew

B. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – DG Greg Krug – **REPORT**

C. Restoring Hope Transplant House – DG Robert Klockow - **REPORT**

D. Wisconsin Lions Missions – PDG Bill Taubman – **LATE REPORT**

12 **Break** at 10:28 a.m. - Reconvene at 10:45 a.m.

13 **State Convention Report**

A. State Convention 2016 – PDG John Jenson – **LATE REPORT**

Motion #62 by DG Selner/DG Nesseth to recommend the Council rescind motion #25 from the October 2015 Council meeting, regarding the Friday luncheon speaker. 10-0 carried

Motion #63 by DG Schwedrsky/DG Henning to recommend the Council rescind motion #26 from the October 2015 Council meeting, regarding a special session for the Vietnam veterans. 10-0 carried

Motion #64 by DG Daines/DG Selner to approve Samantha Schroth as the keynote speaker for the Friday luncheon. 10-0 carried

Motion #65 by DG Henning/DG Schwedrsky to approve the 2017 centennial pin design as presented. 10-0 carried

Motion #66 by DG Daines/DG Nesseth to approve the use of Tail Twister and Skirt Twister committees. 10-0 carried

Motion #67 by DG Henke/DG Krug to approve the preliminary schedule as presented. 10-0 carried

Motion #68 by DG Selner/DG Henning to approve that the current Council wear formal wear for the Saturday night banquet. 9-1 carried
CCE Redington will discuss with the VDG's on what their desire is to wear that evening.

B. 2017 State Convention update

C. 2018 State Convention update

D. 2019 State Convention proposals were received from:

1. Holiday Inn – Stevens Point - \$115.00 room rate

2. Madison Marriot West – Middleton - \$129.00 room rate

3. Chula Vista Resort – WI Dells - \$109.00 room rate

Please make note: Per CC Evett, the Council meeting attire for the State Convention, Thursday evening Council meeting will be your red jackets. NOT your golfing attire.

14 **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- A. LCI/WI Centennial Celebration Cmte – ID Karla Harris - **REPORT**
- B. Stuff the Bus committee – 2nd VDG Jodi Burmester - **REPORT**
- C. MyLCI District Expert – 2nd VDG Jodi Burmester

15 **Finances** – DG Susan Selner

- A. P&L and Balance sheet overview
- B. 2015 - 2016 Budget update

Motion #69 by DG Henning/DG Schwedrsky to approve a \$5,000 partner/spouse stipend to Japan. To be split by 10. 10-0 carried

Motion #70 by DG Nesselth/DG Schwedrsky to approve \$2,000 be transferred to the International Director Campaign fund. 10-0 carried

Motion #71 by DG Schwedrsky/DG Henke to approve \$2,000 expense for each District Governor going to the International Convention in Japan. 10-0 carried

Motion #72 by DG Krug/DG Henning to approve 2,000 expense for the current Council Chair going to the International Convention in Japan. 10-0 carried

Motion #73 by DG Henning/DG Schwedrsky to approve \$2,000 expense for the current Council Chair Elect going to the International Convention in Japan. 10-0 carried

- C. Audit Compilation update

Motion #74 by DG Drew/DG Henning to add the presented audit compilation into the records. 10-0 carried

16 **Policy Committee**

- A. Discussion of suggested Policy changes

DG Drew will have the policy changes to the Council by April 15th so they have plenty of time to review before the State Convention Council meeting.

17 **Other Business**

- A. DG Uniform contracts

Discussion is ongoing with the jackets.

Current jackets are from Anchor Men's Wear and run \$150-\$175 each.

Limited jackets and sizes are available at the state office.

- B. Bus to USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – (?)

- C. State Office Operations - **REPORT**

Motion #75 by DG Henning/DG Drew to approve proposal be put into policy form and be brought back to the Council at the State Convention. 10-0 carried

D. Sailing Education Program of Sheboygan – SEAS – Lion BJ Blahnik - **REPORT Motion #76** by DG Nesseth/DG Henning to approve Lion BJ Blahnik to solicit funds in the Districts for SEAS through June 30, 2017. 10-0 carried

18 **District Governor Team Activities**

- A. E2 Convention – March 18-19, 2016 Eau Claire
- B. E1 Convention – April 1-2, 2016 Chippewa Falls
- C. C2 Convention – April 15-16, 2016 Lac du Flambeau

19 **Announcements / Awards Deadlines**

- A. Helmer Lecy Sight Service Award update
CC Evett will be meeting with ID Karla and Fred Gebhart to review the submissions.
- B. Environmental Photo contest update
One entry was received and was sent to International by the deadline of March 1st.

20 **Next Council of Governors Meeting (State Convention):**

Thursday May 19, 2016 – 5:30 P.M. - Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton

21 **Adjournment**

Motion #77 by DG Nesseth/DG Henning to approve adjournment at 11:45 a.m.
10-0 carried

22 **Lunch & Room Check Out**