

**Business Meeting Minutes  
District 27-B1 Convention  
Saturday, November 11, 2006**

- Call to Order:** 1. Meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m. by District Governor Kenneth Wallander .
- Pledge:** 2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Gary Colton.
- Song & Prayer** 3. Lion Pat Knier gave a veteran invocation and all sang “God Bless America”
- Welcome:** 4. Alderperson Dolly Stokes welcomed the visiting Lions and presented DG Ken with The Key to the city of Manitowoc.
- Lioness Affilliate** 5. Lioness Affiliate President Tracy Arellano greeted the Lions Convention Members and hoped everyone would enjoy the convention.
- Introduction** 6. International Director Wayne Heiman introduced International Director Robert Moore from Stockholm, New Jersey. ID Robert Moore gave a few words of inspiration—he will be the keynote speaker at the noon luncheon.
- State Report:** 7. Council Chair Dick Hauser reported on the state office and its’ functions. A secretary is present in the office at Stevens Point. There will be 10 issues of the State Lions Magazine. Members were reminded to send in publicity. Be sure to send publicity to your local media too. Membership is going along ok—50% of the Districts have a plus in numbers of members.
- Lions Eye Bank:** 8. Cedric Veum and David Butters gave a short presentation. Jerry Rabbach also reported that there will be a record number of cornea transplants this year. There are 38 Lions clubs that are transporters for the Eye Bank.
- Campaign Sight First II:** 9. PDG Mark Hintzman and Nate Miles gave information about Campaign Sight First II. Funds are needed for our sight projects. They suggested that clubs sponsor one fund raising project and donate the proceeds to Campaign Sight First II. Clubs can designate a Melvin Jones for the Campaign Sight First II.
- Mission to Mexico:** 10. PDG Bob Showers reported that there are several missions planned. One was in October, 2006. Items are still being collected. Future dates for missions will be published in the DG’s newsletter.
- Peace Poster:** 11. Lion Sandy King reported that there are 7 entries for the Peace Poster contest. These will be voted on during the election.
- District Pin:** 12. Lion Harvey Hansen stated that there are 2 pin designs to be voted on.
- Nominations:** 13. Lion Ralph Schneider preceded over the nominations.  
For District Governor: PDG Steve Pautz nominated VDG Vern Pautz.  
Second by: Lion Dave Holschbach  
Motion made and second to close nominations. Motion carried  
Acceptance by VDG Vern Pautz  
  
For VDG—no application submitted.  
  
For WLF Director: PDG Herb Schneider nominated PDG Steve Pautz  
Second by PDG Victor Voigt.  
Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Motion carried.

Acceptance by PDG Steve Pautz

District Bowling Tournament: Lion August Grahl nominated the Cascade Lions Host the tournament in 2007-08 at Cascade.  
Second by Lion Mert Jent.

Lion Vic Voigt, PDG Nominated Collins for the 2007-08 Tournament.  
Lion Vic also second the nomination.  
Motion made and second that nominations for the 2007-08 District Bowling Tournament be closed. Motion carried.  
Nominations Closed.

**MERLO  
Workshop:**

14. PDG Mark Hintzman and PDG Wally Natynski explained how the MERLO team is to recruit Zone Chairpersons as future leaders and VDG's and District Governor's. There are Leadership classes offered by International on location and on the web. International offers a lot of information online.

**Lions Pride  
Campaign:**

15. Presentation by PDG D. Carl explained the purpose and reasoning for the Lions PRIDE Campaign. Lion Geri Schlender is Campaign Coordinator.

**WLF:**

16. WLF President Eric Ender reported on the activities of the Foundation. Lion Eric presented Lion Dave Wood with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service as a WLF Director. Lions Club donations are down and expenses of operating the camp are up—so please keep donating to the Foundation. Sales of Sports Raffle tickets were down—only \$84,621 was collected. Deer Hide collection goal is for \$50,000 this year to help with covering the expenses. Next summer the Open House will be September 17, 2007.

**MERLO:**

17. Reports by:  
Membership Chairman—John E. Schwab Sr.  
Retention & Orientation Chairman—Terry Peters  
Extension Chairman—Ken Hamilton

**Lunch:**

18. District 27-B1 Lions, Lioness and Leos—about 287—joined together for Lunch. Prayer was given by Lion Pat Knier. The head table was introduced along with other guests. Keynote Speaker was ID Robert Moore. ID Moore emphasized that the community is the world when we are Lions. He also congratulated the Lions on their wonderful Lions Camp. WLF President presented IPDG Gary Colton with a Birch-Sturm continuing Fellowship. District Melvin Jones Fellows were awarded to Lions Sanford Wolfmeyer of Mishicot Lions and (Blan) of Menasha Lions Club. IPDG Gary Colton also presented the 100% Preident, Secretary and Treasurer's Awards. The Parade of Checks followed immediately.

**Afternoon  
Seminars:**

19. Seminars offered in the afternoon were:  
Mayor of Sheboygan Falls—Randy Meyer—Blind Businessman  
Wisconsin Deaf/Blind Families—Beverly Eberle  
Leader Dog—Leonard Quinn and Mickey

**Necrology:**

20. Necrology Service was held in memory of those Lions and Lioness who departed from us this past year.

**Voting:**

21. Voting started 15 minutes after the Necrology Service and continued for 30 minutes. There were 144 delegates certified.

**Banquet:**

22. Emcee for the Banquet was PDG Steve Pautz.. Song and Prayer was led by Lion Pat

Knier. The Flag Ceremony was led by CCDick Hauser and the Leo Club of Sherwood carried the flags. Keynote speaker was Andrea Yenter, Camp Operations Manager. Remarks were made by ID Robert Moore. A special Birch-Sturm Continuing Fellowship award was given by DG Ken Wallander to Charlotte Wallander! International President Appreciation Award was Presented by ID Robert Moore to: Lion August Grahl.

Election results reported by Lion Ralph Schneider were:

District Governor Elect: Vernon Pautz

WLF Director: Steve Pautz

District Bowling: Cascade Lions Club

Peace Poster Winner: Jacob Schwan—Random Lake

Winning Pin: #2

Acceptance speeches were given.

District Secretary-treasurer Renee Seiler reported the Parade of Checks totals:

WLF--\$23,340      WI Eye Bank-\$2450.      Amer. Diabetes-\$250.

Diabetes Educ.-\$3780.      Hearing-\$1845.      Youth-\$600.

Sight First-\$550.      Mission to Mexico-\$375.      LCIF-\$1680.

Leader Dog-\$6445.      Quest-\$350      Emergency Fund-\$25

PRIDE-\$1500.      Pediatric Eye Clinic-\$100.      Health Lodge-\$4400.

Grand Total: \$47,690.

Affiliate President Lioness Tracy Arellano gave the election results for the Lioness.

The District Convention Raffle Drawing was conducted by PDG Vic Voigt. 1<sup>st</sup> place Winner was the Sherwood Lions Club.

Benediction was given by Pat Knier. District Governor Kenneth Wallander adjourned the 31<sup>st</sup> District Convention of District 27-B1.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Renee Seiler, Cabinet Secretary/treasurer