

DISTRICT 9SW CABINET MEETING REPORT

DISTRICT CONVENTION-ATLANTIC, IOWA

NOVEMBER 6-7, 2009

The second cabinet meeting of Iowa Lions District 9SW for fiscal 2009-2010 was held at the Atlantic High School in Atlantic, Iowa, November 7, 2009. The Cabinet meeting was called to order by DG Jerry Farley at 8:00AM. The Pledge of allegiance was led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ardie Klemish and the invocation by 9SW Chaplin Pastor Dean Sparr.

Cabinet members and Lion Officers in attendance:

ID Art Marson	CC Judy Hankom
PID Dave Stoufer	PID Gary Fry State Administrator
PDG Rachel Nicola MD LCIF	DG Gary Glockhoff 9EC
DG Linda Ritchie 9NW	DG Randy Burton 9SE
DG Jerry Roland 9MC	DG Don Schwab 9NC
DG Nancy Swanson 9NE	DG Jerry Farley 9SW
PCC Jerry Inman ILF President	Jim Cain 9SW Trustee
Ben Neideigh 9SW Trustee/nomination	Juanita Ehret DGE 9NW
1st VDG Ardie Klemish 9SW	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Sheri Holliday 9SW/Zone
PDG Dean Porter 9SW LCIF	Chris Anderson 9SW secretary-treasure
PDG Martin Bishop MERL chair/extension	PDG Dale Shenefelt MERL retention
PDG Reba Reed MERL Women's membership	Diana Benzing Convention/zone/PR
Mary Porter Region chair	Darrell Whitehead Zone chair
Dale Whitehead Zone chair	Wayne McKee Region chair
Darwin Williams Region chair	Sharon Johnson Zone chair
Pastor Dean Sparr 9SW Chaplin	Barb Farley Convention/Diabetes co
Sheila Haidsiak 9SW KidSight chair	Beverly Fletcher Co Historian

Ken Klemish Co Leader Dog

PDG Gail Reed 9Sw Alert chair

Maude Bishop Lion Indianola Eve

Connie Inman PDG 9EC

Charles Binau Jr Lion Shenandoah

Kass Duis Lion Panora

Patrick Parker Lion Panora

Bill Ambrose Lion Neola

Jerry Christensen Lion Neola

Kay Whitehead Lion Audubon

Ron Graham PDG 9x6

-Agenda approved as written 1<sup>st</sup> Diana Benzing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Dean Sparr.

-Cabinet secretary distributed minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting July 25, 2009 in Winterset. A motion to approve the minutes from the Cabinet meeting of July 25, 2009 as written; first by PDG Dale Shenefelt second by PDG Reba Reed. Motion approved.

-Cabinet Treasure Chris passed out 2009-2010 budget report for review. 09-10 started with \$10,103.22; total income so far is \$18,150 and total expenses are \$12,753.40 leaving a bank balance of \$15,499.82. All clubs dues for 1<sup>st</sup> half are paid. 80 preregistered for Friday evening reception and 129 for convention. Motion to approve as presented, 1st Darwin Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diana Benzing. Budget report approved.

PDG Dale Shenefelt for Constitution & By-Laws discussed the changes to be voted on in the afternoon session. The new Constitution & By-Laws will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. The other change involves the wording that the district will pay for any financial loss from a convention, not the sponsoring club. There will be a future meeting to discuss possible changes regarding the voting procedure at conventions. One change is in regards to Past District Governors having the right to vote over and above their eligible club delegates. Old 9x5 allowed PDG to vote this way, but 9x6 did not and the Constitution was modified from the old 9x6.

PDG Martin Bishop is the chair for the elections to replace PCC Ben Neideigh who is unable to attend the afternoon session. The elections will be by paper ballot for 2010-2011 Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and Constitution & By-law changes. Election will be by 2/3 majority. The vote for Trustee will be a hand vote by majority. Trustee Jim Cain will be the official vote counter.

Gary Fry, State Administrator, speaking on club and membership extension; District 9SW was the first district to add a club under the present format. A new program called Club Excellence is to add members to smaller, struggling clubs. A new four hour training course is being introduced which will evaluate, market Lions Clubs to the community, recruit new members and provide a 2-5 year action plan. This a modified program from the current Extension program. It will either be a one four hour or two-two hour Power Point program. The State of Iowa Lions has also received a plaque from the Iowa Department of the Blind. The plaque was on display during the convention.

## Other Business

Peace Poster Char, Carole Brown has been sick and unable to attend the convention. DG Jerry announced there are 7 peace posters entered so far. Deadline for posters to be entered is postmarked by November 15. The winning poster will be entered to the State December 1.

DG Jerry informed us that there may be a request to help a 9 year old girl from Council Bluffs for a new prosthetic eye. Her eye is currently clear which shows up red and would like one that is painted. She may need help with the insurance deductible. No action taken today.

PDG Martin Bishop 9SW MERL Extension chair reported on efforts for a new club in Dallas Center. Guiding Lions Tom Waltz and Keith Soffa from the Adel club are assisting. The Adel club is the sponsoring club. So far there have been two trips to Dallas Center with over 30 contacts. Three have signed membership applications and 12-15 more are interested. The next meeting will be November 16.

PDG Reba Reed reported that the Women's Symposium was successful and well attended.

PDG MD LCIF Chairman Rachel Nicola reported that District 9SW has 19 clubs that have qualified for Melvin Jones Fellowships, but have not requested the award for their members. Some clubs have more than one award earned.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ardie reported that there are now 32 members in the new Earlham club.

The following 9SW Cabinet members have reports on file with the District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Cabinet secretary/treasurer:

-District Governor Jerry Farley-15 official visits and 9 more scheduled

-1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ardie Klemish- visited 58 of 59 clubs, several Lions functions.

-2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sheri Holliday, Leo & Youth chair, Zone chair

-PDG Dean Porter- 9SW LCIF reported on giving this year by clubs to LCIF, our district is weak in giving.

-PDG Martin Bishop MERL Team and Extension chair-new club in Dallas Center

-PDG Gene Braddock MERL Team Leadership chair-establishing orientation team

-Diana Benzing Public Relations co-chair-helping Glenwood club with PR in local paper

-PDG Charles Cross Public Relations co-chair- helping DG arrange club visits.

- Mary Porter Region chair-helping Zone chairs Darrell & Dale Whitehead with zone meetings.
- Darrell Whitehead Zone chair- held a Zone meeting, contacted Anita & Massena to offer help to their clubs. He also reported activities of clubs in zone.
- Dale Whitehead Zone chair-reported on the activities of four clubs in his zone.
- Deloris Collins Zone chair-reported on a Zone meeting and club activities in her zone.
- Dean Brant Zone chair- Zone meeting and club visitations
- Darwin Williams Region chair-one zone meeting and guiding Lion for Shenandoah club
- Barb Farley & Diana Benzing Convention co-chairs
- Barb Farley & Maude Bishop-Diabetes co-chairs
- Jay Smith Hearing & Speech chair- Update on Iowa School for the Deaf
- Sheila Haidsiak- Iowa Kidsight District chair- need to keep screening
- PCC Ben Neideigh Trustee & Nominating chair-victor readers to youth in Earlham & Adel
- Jim Cain Trustee- More donations are needed in 9SW to meet our budget, Free Throw Shootout for 40+. Iowa Lion magazine & Iowa Lion website have more details.
- Ken & 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ardie Klemish-working on 100% donations by all clubs
- Virgil Lundy Pin chair- report on pins sold \$56 for 28 pins..

International Director Art Marson from Lacrosse Wisconsin gave a short message. He thanked 9SW for our great leadership. He mentioned the need for future younger leadership. To save time and expense the district Governor elect school will be a day shorter at International Convention. There is a special Gingko award from International if District 9Sw has a least a +2 growth in membership this year. There are also awards for special service projects. It looks like we will see a small dues increase in the next few years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM

Afternoon session, 1:00PM

- Roll call by cabinet secretary/treasurer, 27 clubs and 83 Lions answered roll call.

-Memorial service with candle lighting for 23 Lions that have passed away since last convention. District 9SW Chaplin Dean Sparr, DG Jerry, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ardie, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Sheri led the service

PID Dave Stoufer introduced our special guest, ID Art Marson. Lions are “Everyday Hero’s”. Last year each Lions club averaged \$13,576 in donations and 819 service hours.

District 9SW Lions clubs only donated \$9,670 but the district received over \$210,000. Most of it was a \$200,00 grant to the Williams-Weigl Low Vision Clinic in Omaha, Ne. The rest is for clubs that need assistance because of natural disaster. Lions International now has helped Habitat for Humanity build 1000 homes. Lions are now partnered with Red Cross to help in relief efforts. Lions can make miracles happen. 9SW challenge-“Lions of Action”. Head(ideas)-Heart(care)-Hands(work).

Elections for District 9SW Constitution & By-Law changes and for 2009-2010: District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Trustee for 2 year term. 60 certified voting delegates.

PDG Dale Shenefelt led the vote on 9SW Constitution & by-law changes. All clubs have received copies of changes at least 30 days in advance. Added wording for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and wording as to who pays for a deficiency due to convention expenses exceeding income. Instead of sponsoring club, the district picks up the debt. The Constitution & By-Law changes passed by the 2/3 majority needed.

Paper ballots for the following officers by Yes or a No endorsement

DG Elect Ardie Klemish-Adair- elected by majority of voting delegates.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Sheri Holliday-Winterset-elected by a majority of voting delegates.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Charles Binau Jr-Shenandoah- nominated by his club and elected by a majority of voting delegates.

PDG Dale Shenefelt for a 2 year term as Trustee was nominated by DGE Ardie Klemish and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diana Benzing. PDG Dale was elected by hand vote of the voting delegates.

PCC Jerry Inman mentioned Mid Winter Leadership Conference to be held at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in January. Special guest speaker is International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong China.

Leader Dog co-chair Ken Klemish encourage all clubs to donate to the Leader Dog program. 9SW goal is to be 100% of all clubs in district to give for 2009-2010.

PDG Gail Reed, District Alert Chairman mentioned clubs receiving training for natural disasters such as flood, fire and tornado. He would like to see more district leader involvement.

Trustee Jim Cain mentioned the 40+ Shootout Free throw contest. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a men's and women's contest. The winners at the state level could win 1<sup>st</sup>-\$1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250. Profits are to help raise money for Iowa Lions Foundation. Information and rules are located on the Lions Clubs of Iowa website and Iowa Lion magazine.

DG Jerry mentioned that 2nd VDG elect Charles Binau Jr of the Shenandoah promoted the idea of selling Burning Bushes from a Nursery in Shenandoah. Each club bought the bushes for \$1 and sold them for \$10. This brought in around \$25,000 to the district. DG Jerry would like to see this special project be honored by a new Ginkgo service award. The application was presented to CC Judy Hankom for consideration.

The Parade of Checks had club representatives present their checks to support Iowa Lions Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Leader Dog, Diabetes Awareness and Youth.

ID Art Marson presented the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to:

Chris Anderson, Ardie Klemish, Charles Binau Jr.

Also honored: PDG Dean Porter District Family Growth Pin; Leader Dog for 100% club participation to PDG Dean Porter, Ken & Ardie Klemish.

DG Jerry presented a DG Ginkgo award to IPDG Dean Porter and thanking him for asking him to become DG this year and for his support, guidance and training when he was VDG and now as DG. The award was designed and prepared by PID Dave Stoufer and all DG's are using this award form this year.

DG Jerry thanked his convention committee: Barb Farley, Diana Benzing, Gale Brown, representing the Neola Lions and President Alan Ladd, representing the Atlantic Club for sponsoring the convention.

DG Jerry honored Zone and Regions chairs that have been active in zone meetings and club visits.

Tail twisters passed out prizes. Tail Twisters Jared McDonald & Jack Chaney collected \$850.

Closing prayer by District Chaplin Dean Sparr

Session closed with the singing of God Bless America

Session ended at 3:45PM

Registrations for Friday evening and Saturday amounted to \$2444 + \$850= \$4294

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Anderson 9SW Secretary-treasure