



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

CABINET MEETING AGENDA – February 1, 2025  
WELLS LIONS CLUB

1. CALL TO ORDER – DG SCOTT Kwarciany @ 10:03
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DG SCOTT Kwarciany
3. INVOCATION – DG SCOTT Kwarciany
4. Moment of silence for PDG Joseph Potvin and Eunice Svinicki.
5. INTRODUCTIONS – Everyone knows everyone except Lion Tom Skradski Wells Treasurer.
6. Agenda additions–Moted by 1VDG Colleen Maki, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Peggy Lindeman– motion passed.
  - a. Human trafficking task force
  - b. Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame
7. REVIEW OF PAST CABINET MEETING MINUTES – LION PEGGY LINDEMAN
  - a. Motion to accept Cabinet Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2024 –By PDG Dan Perkins, seconded by PDG Duane Goltz– **Motion Passed**.
8. DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT – LION MIKE SMOCK
  - a. CD Renewals– 2 CD’s (1 admin, 1 mint) both matured yesterday. Rates are lower now. 4.35% for 6 months. Lion Mike Smock motions we renew CD’s at UP state bank. Supported by PDG Dan Perkins and seconded by PDG Harold Schermer–**Motion passed**.

- b. New Checking Account specifically for convention– New checking account specifically for the convention was set up so that registration for convention could be electronic thru PayPal or credit cards. Needed separate account to track funds and safety–limit access to general funds. Bank has requested we show evidence of approval to open the account and who the assigners are.  
Motion made to open acct with DG Scott Kwarciany and Lion Mike Smock as signers. Motion made by PID Jenny Ware and seconded by 1VDG Gary Perala– **Motion passed.**
- c. Any questions regarding the financial report–
  - i. Lion Colleen– report is easy to follow and very clear. Thank you.
  - ii. Clean treasurer report with Dues report to the governor.
- d. PDG Jim Svinicki has all the needed checks from Menominee.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. LMASB Fundraiser Raffle & Update–
  - i. PID Jenny Ware– Update: Make cabinet aware of issues with the current CEO. The all state band is a 501C3 nonprofit– board has new CEO who will not release student information. PID Jenny has been given the first name and the town for each student only. As soon as PID Jenny has information (parent information), PID Jenny will send club info to the parents for the families to make requests. Students sign a contract to be in the band– has not been a problem till recently.
  - ii. DG Scott Kwarciany–fundraiser raffle– Started raffle to raise funds directly for the students. Trip is expensive. Came up with raffle– 100 tickets for \$100 ea. 20winners get \$200 each with remaining money to go to each student in the UP. We don't want this to be a replacement for clubs to support students– want this to be in addition to.
    - 1. IPDG Dan Perkins– is this on the district website? Can write check to Bark River if needed.
- b. Northwood's Air Lifeline Update– Lion Lee Rowe
  - i. Been really busy. Plane is currently in Minnesota for its paint job (6 weeks). Then to sturgeon bay for interior work.

- ii. Charter requires a Lion on the Board so Lion Lee Rowe keeps getting elected. Looking for someone else to take over as most meetings are held at hanger in Kingsford.
  - iii. Thank you for asking pilots to come to your clubs.
  - iv. Will be presenting at the convention.
- c. Community Change Grant – LMF Update
  - i. IPDG Dan Perkins– no update. Told it was going to take awhile to process. Concern with executive order canceling all grants. A lot of competition as there are only 150 awards for over 2000 applicants.
- d. District Round–Table Updates PDG Gretchen Preston
  - i. Credit to Lion Kurt Kipling from Ishpeming– this was his idea. We’ve had 2– one in Crystal Falls and one in the Sault. Sault Lion Craig Krouth and 1VDG Colleen Maki will be having a second in September for the Sault area. 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Table will occur on 2/15/25 with 2VDG Gary Perala and IPDG Dan Perkins to take place in Skandia area for Lions from Munising, Chatam, Trenary, Gwinn, Marquette, Ishpeming, Perkins, Rock, etc. – we currently have 4 Lions signed up and will make a push by reaching out to Secretaries, Treasurers, etc. to attend. Lion Ron Stenfors from Skandia at Maple Lane Sports is sponsoring.
  - ii. Talk about doing a Zoom training for club treasurers.
  - iii. Want to reach all of the U.P. and give Lions a way to gather, learn, and collaborate together.
  - iv. Looking at scheduling one up in Houghton. If interested in facilitating the conversation at one– Please let PDG Gretchen know. Generally run from 10–12. Lunch noon–1 and then 1–2 for individual 1–1 education.
  - v. Lion Judy Goltz enjoyed the one in the Sault. Helped resolve several issues within the Drummond Island club.
  - vi. 1VDG Colleen Maki– the small, intimate groups allow for a lot of 1 on 1. Let us know what we did right so we can keep doing it and then we can work on what we need to improve.
  - vii. Can help zone chairs to get to all the clubs in the area at once.
- e. UP Human trafficking– 1VDG Colleen Maki

- i. Presentation at last convention. Lion Stephanie Graef attended the US–Canadian forum. Met a group at the forum that has put together a Lion Task Force with the Beck’s, the Sheehan’s and others that will help to put human trafficking on the agenda for all of Lions. 1VDG Colleen Maki is serving on the task force with Lion Stephanie. Lion Stephanie and survivor Leslie will be at the Forum coming up.
- ii. Book– “When Angels Fight”– survivor story out of Grand Rapids on rescuing survivors.
- iii. Service project at the Forum will be to put together “blessing bags” for the survivors.
- iv. Will also be presenting at the US/Canadian forum coming up in Atlanta.
- v. Requesting each club to provide funding.
  1. UP task force needs local funding, and assistance to put out flyers with information in the community
  2. Partnering with Sacred Beginnings to build a facility in the UP to build a home. A quiet place to heal and transition back into life. Looking to build up in Houghton area. Was donated land, but it’s not zoned for multi–family housing. Looking to rezone. (\$750,000)
- vi. Lion Stephanie Graef has been submitted for an award.
- vii. IPDG Dan Perkins– questioning how to build a facility for only \$750,000?
  - 1VDG Colleen Maki– we are looking for some corporate funding.
  - IPDG Dan Perkins – can work on writing grants.
  - 1VDG Colleen Maki– lets discuss so we don’t do a lot of overlap. Let’s coordinate.
  - Someone asked– have they looked at the former Finlandia?
  - IPDG Dan Perkins– there is a great lakes recovery center closing in Negaunee or Ishpeming.
  - 1VDG Colleen Maki– please contact lion Stephanie with this info and copy Colleen on this.
- viii. Lion Scott– we need this to be a defined project to donate money too. Needs to be approved by the district.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Diabetes Chair – Josh Trader (Trenary)
  - i. Lion Gary– Josh is super excited. Lives on a farm and has family that is diabetic. So, this is close to his heart. Was head football and wrestling coach so knows how to lead and organize?
- b. Convention Registration is officially OPEN
  - i. Convention update– registration, meals, international guest (Gary Anderson), 6 Governors from downstate are attending, Delta– Menominee will hold silence auction, Theme is Yooper based (Flannel, Stormy Kromer) or try to wear a local youth sport team attire. Trivia night with prizes. Saturday with a speed learning session with 8 different topics. Ball Saturday night and Necrology on Sunday.
  - ii. Webmaster Paul Mencinger has quite– everything is on hold. Online Convention registration, our district newsletter, etc.
    1. Where do we go from here? Need to find someone new.
    2. It's built using old equipment, specific to Paul's web domain.
    3. 2VDG Gary Perala has 2 contacts and IPDG Dan Perkins has one as well.
    4. How do we decide what to do? Do we have to reconvene? Put together a budget? Per Lion Mike Smock we have budgeted \$2000/year for our webmasters services.
    5. PID Jenny Ware motions we budget up to \$2000 to give the governor a chance to pick a person ASAP and reevaluate in 30days. Then hold a meeting as needed.
      - a. 1VDG Colleen Maki– wants to give Scott carte– blanche to do what he needs to do and then we as a cabinet make the decision later.  
Lion Lee Rowe– we can afford more.  
1VDG Colleen Maki– we just need to do what we need to do to get to the end of the fiscal year and we can make discovery and decisions between now and then to make a more appropriate proposal for the next year at convention.

DG Scott Kwarciany– we don't need to market, just post information. Raceway is going thru the same thing. I have someone in mind that could do it for about \$1500 just to get it going again. We are not going to get the service Paul provided, but we can at least get the fix done.

2VDG Gary Perala– Need a statement of work. Specific to what needs to be done.

PDG Joe Maki– Lion Paul is saying he's done and Scott is done. We are not going back.

PDG Gretchen Preston– we can do group emails, etc. till fixed.

Lion Mike Smock– Will our website still be up and running?

DG Scott Kwarciany– we don't know.

2VDG Gary Perala– who owns it?

DG Scott Kwarciany– Paul. Paul will work with whoever he needs to work with to hand it off. Website will remain static.

1VDG Colleen Maki– do we need a motion?

No.

PID Jenny Ware resends motion.

1VDG Colleen Maki– we have a budget, so we don't need a motion.

DG Scott Kwarciany– this is just the website. Lion Paul can add you as an admin for Face book and Instagram.

PID Jenny Ware– Tag SD10Lions in posts. Ask other members if they would be willing to take the Facebook Instagram part.

IPDG Dan Perkins– asking one of his members.

- iii. Room reservations are open. Packets are coming out.
- c. By-Laws Wording Change– Tried to get a raffle license thru the district but found an issue.

- i. Lion Mike Smock– Gaming division requires that certain provisions in by laws that all assets will divert to the local government should the organization dissolve.
  - 1. We do don't have any wording at local, state or national levels.
  - 2. We will need to do this in order to obtain future raffles.
  - 3. Gaming rules changed for new entities
  - 4. Proposed solution– IPDG Dan Perkins motions that we change the bylaws.
    - Lion Scott Kwarciany– this has to go thru the convention. Today's notice gives 30 days notice.
    - PID Jenny Ware– is this an addendum?
    - PID Jenny Ware motions we make this a new amendment to the bylaws to be presented at the convention. Seconded by PDG Duane Goltz. **Motion passed.**

d. Michigan Forum Donation

- i. As mentioned by 1VDG Colleen Maki– Blessed Bags for Sacred Beginnings. Some of these bags are coming to the U.P. So, we've bought supplies using money from individual Lion donors. Bags have toiletries. We bought all the shampoo and conditioner.
- ii. PID Jenny Ware– Michigan Forum– Do we have a representative or is the district Governor our representative by default. We keep getting requests for funds but we are never included in any planning. It is "Michigan Forum". Constitution of Governors has wording that they are not following. SD10 is ex officio. So we are full members of the council. They are open to us and are working on including us.

11. 5 minute recess.

12. LMF Hall of Fame– Take up to 7 living and up to 2 deceased Lions each year. Nominations are only good for 1 year. PID Jenny Ware gets to nominate a lion each year. PDG Duane Goltz, PDG Don Meyer and PDG Bruce LaBelle have all been nominated. PID Jenny Ware is recommending Lion Duane Goltz and Lion Bruce LaBelle. PID Jenny Ware motions to nominate PDG Bruce LaBelle and PDG Duane Goltz– Supported by PDG Joe Maki and seconded by 2VDG Gary Perala.

- a. DG Scott Kwarciany– PID Jenny Ware will submit PDG Bruce LaBelle and district will submit PDG Duane Goltz. PID Jenny Ware needs the write up for PDG Bruce. **Motion passed**. (Ceremony August 2)

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

- a. 2VDG Gary Perala– Tour Da Yoop postcards are on the table. Need more club involvement July25–Aug 3. Looking to raise 150,000.
  - i. Teal Lake countdown tickets are also available.
- b. 1VDG Colleen Maki–
  - i. Next week to St. Charles for DGE training with delegates from 8 other countries.
  - ii. Thought we had a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice lined up, but she has stepped down. Colleen has a profile in mind and committed to develop future leaders in our district.
  - iii. We need succession planning. Thank you for your support. Putting cabinet together.
- c. PDG Gretchen Preston–
  - i. Leadership meets first Sunday of each month. Skipping this month. Will be returning March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Will continue as leadership chair for the next year.
  - iii. If we can help with convention stuff or webmaster– please let us know.
- d. PDG Jim Svinicki– 100% reporting.
- e. PDG Bill Rowe Global membership– +7 as of this morning. Goal from LCI is +125 new members. We are at 70+ right now. Net goal is –8. Engadine will be installing 4 new members.
- f. Lion Judy Goltz– Pickford Lions have a project– Field house for school and community activities has been donated. Looking to renovate building to include storage, restrooms, and ticket sales. Heard about LCIF funds from the playground project. Would this be applicable?
  - i. IPD Jenny Ware– only if they are making it all inclusive. Call the foundation and speak with the professionals to see what grant it would be applicable for.



- ii. IPDG Dan Perkins– would be willing to come over and donate time and experience. Suggests a Lion build day. Remember you have to raise the match with the grant.
- iii. Lion Judy Goltz– Thanks to donations from the fair– the Pickford Lions have pledge monies to support the building project. Will go back and call LCIF.
- g. PID Jenny and Jeff Ware– going to Nairobi Kenya for Lions day at their UN and participating in service projects there. Then to Morocco for a global week of service. Follow of face book– will provide education on our foundation, etc.

#### 14. ZONE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. ADJOURNMENT– 1VDG Colleen Maki makes a motion to adjourn. Supported by PID Jenny Ware and seconded by Lion Judy Goltz. **Motion Passed.**

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

Attendance: PDG Joe Maki, PID Jenny Ware, PDG Gretchen Preston, PDG Bill Rowe, Lion Lee Rowe, Lion Mike Smock, IPDG Dan Perkins, 1VDG Colleen Maki, DG Scott Kwarcianny, Lion Peggy Lindeman, 2VDG Gary Perala, PDG Jim Sviniki, Lion Judy Racette, PDG Harold Schermer, Lion Judy Goltz, PDG Dwayne Goltz,

\*PID Jenny Ware challenged all present to put in their mileage and donate it to our 501C3 Cancer Care project.