

DISTRICT 41-L
FOURTH CABINET MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27TH and 28TH, 2007

The Fourth Cabinet Meeting of District 41-L was held at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine on April 27th and 28th, 2007, during the Joint Convention of District 41-L, District 41-I, and Maine Lions Clubs of 41-O.

The Cabinet Meeting was called to order by District Governor Carolyn Gile at approximately 2:35 pm with a Salute to the Flag and the Lions Invocation. The “Lions Song” was led by PDG Tom Bakker. Introductions of Carla Cutting, Lions liaison of the Maine Organ Donor Program, and Lion Mike Doran, President of the Lubec Lions Club of District 41-O, was made by DG Carolyn. DG Carolyn recognized all Past District Governors, Melvin Jones Fellows and the Freeport Lioness present.

DG Carolyn welcomed everyone to the Fourth and Last Cabinet Meeting of District 41-L. “This is the last Cabinet Meeting of District 41-L. Yes, it may be a little sad, but it is also exciting. Over the years, you have all served our District well. You may be proud of that. And, that will continue. There is no reason for it not to. You will continue to be the same clubs you were before, the same caring Lions you were before. You will continue to do what you do best....SERVE... The family will just be larger and more spread out. Your leaders have tried to keep a lot of this District’s method of operating in this new District’s procedures.

Please treat the new District’s officers the same way you have treated our 41-L officers. Offer your help when possible. Stay involved in what’s going on in the District. But don’t forget to keep on serving your fellow man and keep on having FUN!!!”

On a motion made by Lion Dean Neal and seconded by Lion Gordon Parent, all voted to approve the Secretary’s Report of the Third Cabinet Meeting held on February 4, 2007, as sent either by mail or e-mail to all Cabinet Members, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries on February 6, 2007 and as published in the Fourth Cabinet Meeting Program.

On a motion made by PDG Tom Bakker and seconded by PDG Bob Swett, all voted in favor of placing the Treasurer’s Report on file pending audit.

DG Carolyn presented Certificates of Recognition to five Lions who were attending a District Cabinet Meeting for the first time.

Old Business:

None brought forward.

New Business:

None brought forward.

Committee Reports:

Constitution & Bylaws - PDG Clyde Nason reported that the Constitution & ByLaws Committee has been working on the Policy Manual for the new District 41 and that Lions will be voting on it and talking about it later when the Districts come together for that purpose later in the Cabinet Meeting.

Diabetes Awareness - PDG Cliff Randall stated that this was the final report for the year but certainly not the end of activities for clubs in the district. He thanked everyone who has participated in the program. PDG Cliff made the following motion:

“I move that at the end of this fiscal year of District 41-L the remaining money in the Diabetes Account be sent to the American Diabetes Association (ADA) with instructions that it be divided equally between the Tour de Cure and Juvenile Diabetes with the Emphasis on childhood education.”

The motion was seconded by Lion Carl Talbot and unanimously passed.

Leos - Lion Anne Kustron stated there are three active Leo Clubs in District 41-L. Information on the Leo program has been given to the Bethel and Scarborough Clubs. She would like to see one or two more clubs get started this year. The Leos will be having a day of fun on May 5, 2007 at Camp Susan Curtis with Lion Pat Carson.

MERLO - VDG PDG Ron Johnson stated the year is not over and MERLO will continue to work on membership, retention, and extension. Leadership classes are being worked on maybe in May.

Organ Donor - PDG John Kustron introduced Carla Cutting who is an RN and is the State of Maine Organ Donation Coordinator. She works at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. He reported that there are now displays in all 13 Motor Vehicle Offices in the State of Maine all bearing the Lions' Logo.

Carla Cutting stated that having the association with the Lions Clubs and the New England Organ Bank is spectacular. If you want to talk about organ donation, you have to talk to the people, and Lions are the people.

Eye Glass Recycle - PDG John Kustron reported that 38,000 pairs of glasses were collected this year. Donations are increasing in the number of eyeglasses and hearing aids being collected.

Fidelco - PDG Gene Cross reported that the bus trip to the Fidelco Open House on April 14 was a great time. He presented two checks: \$3,000.00 from Sebago Lions Club and \$2,000.00 from District 41-L. A total of five hundred people from all over attended the event and \$46,000.00 was raised.

White Cane - Lion Maggie Crisafi reported that an additional \$100 was sent directly to Maine Sight & Hearing and has to be included on the report. She also has to check with Maine Sight & Hearing as to why Thornton Heights Lions Club was not recognized on their report for their contribution.

Budget and Audit - PDG Tom Bakker explained how the funds for the Melvin Jones Fellows were posted on the Dedication Fund Report and Treasurer's Report.

P.E.T. (Personal Energy Transportation) Project - PDG John Kustron asked Lions to look at the brochures and see the value of the program. He feels it should be approved as a Maine Lions Program.

PJ Breakfast Winners

Funniest Male - PDG Bob Swett

Funniest Female - Lion Jan Swett

Most Unoriginal Male - PDG John Kustron

Most Unoriginal Female - CST Cathy Cross

Sexiest Female - Lion Pat Jones

Sexiest Male - Lion Harvey Buzzell

VDG PDG Ron Johnson introduced PDG Tom Bakker and announced that PDG Tom has to be nominated for the position of Vice District Governor of new District 41 by his club and a vote

taken to approve that nomination. Since he will be running for VDG of the new District 41, it has to be done at a joint Cabinet Meeting between 41-L and 41-I and 41-O Maine Clubs. This will be done immediately after this Cabinet Meeting at a joint meeting of the delegates of those Districts just mentioned. At the same time a vote will be taken to approve the Policy Manual for District 41 and the Budget. His name will then be placed on the ballot and voted on by secret ballot on Sunday, April 29th, 2007 at 11:00 am by the delegates of 41-L, 41-I and 41-O Maine Clubs.

AWARDS

The following awards were presented on Saturday at the Cabinet Meeting

DG Carolyn presented Certificates to her Cabinet Members.

DG Carolyn presented awards for the following (Small Club = 30 members or less

Large Club = over 30 members)

Membership, Growth, and Retention - First Place - Denmark lions

Membership, Growth, and Retention - Second place - Harrison Lions

Best Electronic Newsletter - Small Club - Norway - Paris Lions

Best Electronic Newsletter - Large Club - Harrison Lions

Best Newsletter - Small Club - York Lions

Best Newsletter - Large Club - South Portland Lions

Most Eyeglasses Collected - Small Club - Lewiston - Auburn Lions

Most Eyeglasses Collected - Large Club - Sanford Lions

Travel Award - Massabesic Lions

Best Club Meeting Minutes - Bridgton Lions

Most Improved Club - Norway - Paris Lions

Community Activities - Small Club - Bethel Lions

Community Activities - Large Club - Massabesic Lions

Efficiency Contest - Small Club - 1st Place - Bethel Lions

2nd Place - Thornton Heights Lions

3rd Place - Kittery Lions

Efficiency Contest - Large Club - 1st Place - Massabesic Lions

2nd Place - Falmouth Lions

3rd Place - Sebago Lions

Outstanding Service Award - Naples Lions

DG Carolyn presented a thank you gift to the following:

Region 1 Chair Lion Mike Frechette

Region 2 Chair PDG Jack Anderson

Region 3 Chair PDG Marty Gavin

Region 4 Chair Lion Jan Swett

Zone 1 Chair Lion Carolyn hale

Zone 2 Chair Lion Mel Alexander

Zone 3 Chair Lion Ed Connolly

Zone 4 Chair Lion Aaron Tufts

Zone 5 Chair Lion Bob Burbank

Zone 6 Chair Lion Maggie Crisafi

Zone 7 Chair Lion Cliff Roderick

Zone 8 Chair Lion Gert Friel

The following were also recognized by DG Carolyn for the extra work the position required this year and were presented with a thank you gift:

Convention Committee Members

Lion Patty Adams

Lion Fred Wandland

Lion Faye Roderick

Joint Transition Constitution and Bylaws Team Members

PDG Clyde Nason, Co-Chair

PDG Jim Eaton

Lion Joe Murray

Lion Ken Snitger

Joint Transition Budget & Audit Team

PDG Tom Bakker, Co-Chair

CST Cathy Cross

DG Carolyn presented District Governor Appreciation Medals to:

CST Cathy Cross (Harrison)

PDG Al Glover (Bridgton)

PDG John Kustron (Massabesic)

Lion Mel Alexander (Lyman-Dayton)

Lion Ken Snitger (Cumberland-North Yarmouth)

Region Chair Jan Swett (Harrison)

Lion Carl Talbot (Naples).

The following Awards were presented on Saturday evening at the International Banquet Melvin Jones Fellows were presented by DG Carolyn and PIP Jim Coffey to:

Lion Dean Neal - Gray-New Gloucester Lions

Lion Gert Friel - Bethel Lions

Lioness Martha Daly - Freeport Lioness

Lioness Melva Smith - Freeport Lioness

Lion David Gerrish - Naples Lions

Lion Maggie Crisafi - Windham Lions

Joe Hatch - Norway-Paris Lions

DG Carolyn presented two International President's Certificate of Appreciation:

PDG Marty Gavin

PDG Ron Johnson

The following Awards were presented on Sunday at the Incoming Officers Luncheon

Lion of the Year - Lion Harvey Buzzell - Naples Lions

Rookies of the Year - Lion Victor Wakefield - Limerick-Newfield Lions

Lion Celia Wakefield - Limerick-Newfield Lions

Secretary of the Year - Lion David Bruneau - Thornton Heights Lions

President of the Year - Roger Snow - Yarmouth Lions

Lioness of the Year - Lioness Cindi LaHaye - Freeport Lioness

Outstanding Chairperson - Lion Faye Roderick - Harrison Lions

Best Zone Chair - Lion Aaron Tufts - Falmouth Lions

DG Carolyn acknowledged three people "who have been instrumental in making my year the success it has been"...

CST Cathy Cross

VDG PDG Ron Johnson

Lion Bruce Gile

District 41-L & District 41-I Joint Cabinet Meeting

At 4:00 pm DG Carolyn welcomed everyone to the first official gathering of the Lions of Maine. At this time the meeting was turned over to VDG Ron Johnson to discuss the new District policy manual. He stated that the new District will be adopting the Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws on the next day. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee looked at the Policy Manuals of District 41-L and 41-I, took what they thought was the best of each, and added a few things. PDG Ron said, "It is a work in progress".

Motion was made by PDG Tim Chase to accept the Policy Manual as printed and seconded by PID Lew Small. Motion was carried

PID Lew Small explained the proposed budget for the Maine Lions. Each District will transfer \$5,000 in to the District 41 startup fund. The Multiple District money coming in July or August will have \$10,000 earmarked for next candidate for International Director out of Maine and the other \$10,000 will go into a rainy day account. It is not and will not be part of the proposed budget. District dues will be \$8.00 a member based on a membership of 2500.

Motion was made by PDG John Youney and seconded by PDG Tom Bakker to accept the proposed budget. Vote taken. Motion was carried.

PID Lew asked the floor to entertain candidates for position for VDG 2007-08 of District 41.

South Portland Lions Club nominated PDG Tom Bakker. Nomination was seconded by VDG Ron Johnson.

To the Lions of District 41-L,

On April 19th of 2007, the Board of Directors of the South Portland Lions Club, voted to proudly support the nomination of Past District Governor Tom Bakker for the position of Vice District Governor of the newly created District 41 of Maine.

Past District Governor Tom has served most of the positions in his club, is very active, and is a Life Member of the club. He has also served many positions in the District and Multiple District. A list of his accomplishment is attached.

Yours in Lionism,

*James Wickham, III
President South Portland Lions Club*

A motion made by PID Lew and seconded by PDG Clyde Nason that all nomination cease. Motion carried.

A motion to recess until Sunday at 11:00 am when voting will take place was made by Lion Dick Willette and seconded by PDG John Youney. All voted in favor.

On Sunday, April 29, 2007, the Fourth Cabinet Meeting was reconvened for the purpose of voting by secret ballot on the following;

- (1) Election of a District Governor for new District 41
- (2) Election of a Vice District Governor for new District 41
- (3) To approve new District 41, being the combination of the District 41-L, 41-I and 4 clubs from 41-O, during the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, to operate under the Constitution and By-Laws of what currently is known as Multiple District 41, except for those areas applicable to Canada, and Multiple District management, activities and finances.

Results of the voting were announced by DG Paula Beach:

- (1) District Governor for new District 41
VDG Anne McFarland of District 41-L was elected
- (2) Vice District Governor of new District 41
PDG Tom Bakker of District 41-L was elected
- (3) It was voted in favor to approve new District 41, being the combination of the District 41-L, 41-I and 4 clubs from 41-O, during the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, to operate under the Constitution and By-Laws of what currently is known as Multiple District 41, except for those areas applicable Canada, and Multiple District management, activities and finances.

On a motion made by Lion Dick Willette and seconded by Lion Bruce Gile, the meeting was adjourned.

Closing Words From District Governor Carolyn Gile at the Incoming Officers Luncheon, Sunday, April 29th.

“Where has the time gone??? This Lions year is rapidly coming to a close.... It’s like a runaway truck going downhill without any brakes.... And the same is true for my year as District Governor.

And, I’m beginning to wish it wasn’t quite so near..... because finally I’m beginning to get into a routine, beginning to understand how everything works and just when I might stand a chance to get it right it’s going to end.

From my perspective, the 2006-2007 Year was a “TREMENDOUS” success. All of our great District 41-L Clubs have had a great year. My theme of Make it FUN and they will come....and join and stay... seems to have caught on. In my travels every club meeting, Zone Meeting or Training Session I attended was filled with lots of laughter, good natured kidding and FUN. It was great to see.

We all worked together and best of all, we all had loads “FUN” together. You are all “TERRIFIC” Lions and TERRIFIC Individuals!!!!

I will never forget this memorable year and who made it so. Your warm greetings when I visited made me feel so very comfortable..... I will admit, there were a couple of clubs that at first I worried a little about visiting because I felt that maybe I wouldn't be up to their high standards..... But I found out that wasn't the case (or if it was, they were too polite to let me see it). And, by the end of every single visit, I wished I had time to make a repeat visit. But, that gives me something to look forward to in my "Permanent Dinner Guest" role.

It is impossible for me to find words to express how I feel right this minute. It is impossible to convey my gratitude to you all for the kind words of support, the many e-mails I received after Cabinet Meetings, committee meetings and visitations telling me what a good job I had done. The smiles, the greetings of "Hi, Gov". Hopefully, my "simple" heartfelt "THANK YOU" will say it all.

It is a bitter – sweet time for us all here today. We're here together for the last time as Lions of District 41-L. There isn't any District in this huge organization that has any better or more dedicated Lions than ours. We have worked together these many years to make life a little better and a little easier for those less fortunate than ourselves. And, we have done so in the spirit of friendship and along the way have developed some close bonds between our Clubs and between individual Lions. This will never end.

Soon we will be District 41. Yes, we will be larger and more spread out than before, but that won't change how we feel about each other. And, hopefully we will soon develop some of those same bonds and friendships among the Lions of our new District 41.

To District Governor Elect Ann and Vice District Governor Elect PDG Tom Bakker, I wish you both a most successful year. I know this duo will make our first year as District 41 a productive one and one that is best for ALL the Lions of Maine. Just don't forget to throw a little FUN into things and you will be just fine. You have already had my offer to help in any way that I can... it would be my pleasure to serve."

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Cross
District 41-L Cabinet Secretary Treasurer