



WISCONSIN AFFILIATE CLUBS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
'Serving the Lioness of Wisconsin'

State Advisory Committee Meeting
Comfort Inn, Plover, WI
March 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 by Affiliate Chairman Hope Dougherty.

ADP's in attendance: Hope Dougherty, C2, Dorothy Lewandowski, B2, Bette Paulson, D1,

ADVP's in attendance: Betty McCormick, C2, Winnie Jentz, D1

PADP's in attendance: Annette Goeman, A2, Pat Leer, B2, Pat Ziino, A1, Kathy Reed, A1, Patti Goerke, A1, MaryCarolyn Jagodzinski, B2, Linda Ziegler, B2, Julie Baglama, D1, Patti Redlin, A1, Nancy Palmer Payne, A1, Greg Clark, D1, Deb Folwarski, C2, Donna Johnson, A1, Mary Tatera, A1, Joan Post, A1, Pat Rossman, A1

Guest's in attendance: Jeff Paulson, D1

Approval of January 12th Minutes - No Changes

Correspondence/Additions to Agenda

Letters were read from District Governor of B2 and email from Hope Dougherty. These will be attached after the meeting minutes. Districts from A1, B2, and C2 will also cease to exist June 30, 2019. Website is our responsibility. Pat Leer had suggested that anyone on the floor can make recommendations, but only a Representative from each District would be able to vote on items in New Business. Blank ballots were handed out to prepare for voting.

Treasurer Report was read.

Secretary Report will be kept on file.

Affiliate Clubs MD Chairman Report – PADP Greg Clark. – Affiliate Lioness Update will be on the Lioness Website and following this meeting minutes

The Affiliate Lioness Update has been submitted to all current Affiliate District Presidents. The Update was sent to all Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Club Liaisons, and Membership Chairs that had a current email address from the Lioness State Directory.

I have been attending all District Conventions this year and will continue to do so to answer any questions and address concerns.

I have been attempting to keep the communication lines open between Lions and Lioness who have questions, and in the process to dispel misinformation that even Lions have about the update.



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Having both the Lion and Lioness Leadership working together in solving the issues and questions as they arise is something that I have been working on. We need solutions being made together so everyone has input and is feeling respected.

I will continue to communicate a positive message and assist both the Lions and Lioness in working together to move forward.

WI Lions Foundation Representative Report – PADP Deb Folwarski – Next meeting will be held on April 6th. The Meeting at State Convention will be held on Sunday Morning. Annual Report will be at State Convention. She did note that Lioness Representation at WLF is important along with a Lioness Representation at Lions Eye Bank. They still want Lioness input still. Operations Manager Dale had a stroke, he is recovering at home. The WLF positions were filled at the Advisory Meetings – WLF will be the ones to appoint the positions. You can only hold 1 position in any district at one time.

There are so many questions that this is a work in progress to get these changes to move forward. Communication lines are very important, it is the responsibility of the Sponsoring Lions clubs to inform the Lioness clubs of any information needed. The Sponsoring Lions Club Liaison may be playing a bigger role. Information from quarterly directors meeting goes to all the sitting District Governors, next step is the Region Chair, next is the Zone chairperson, then to the Lions Club that attends the Zone Meetings. It was recommended the Lioness ask their sponsoring Lions club that they can be invited to the Zone meetings It is our best interest to send the P&A to the sponsoring Lions Club.

Officer training to be done with the sponsoring Lions Club

State of Wisconsin has not been following the rules since 1991 regarding the Lioness District and State levels. Some districts will cease on June 30, 2019. A few districts chose to be in non-compliance and keep the Lioness District. It is up to the Sitting Governor to make that decision. What is the motivation of the Lions and the International President of India of why the change now?? What we need to decide to absolve the State Advisory professionally not personally. Most Lioness members are content with what they are doing in their own communities. Look back to see why you are a Lioness.

Old Business:

New Business: State Advisory Board to Cease by June 30, 2019

State Secretary Comments – Comments I have heard prior to meeting.

* Each Lioness should look into her/his heart to remember the real reason they became a Lioness. We are to serve those in our community/state that is not as fortunate as us.



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* The Lioness Clubs are going to remain, as long as we have a sponsoring Lions club, or if we chose to fold.

* We, on the State and Affiliate level have been proud to serve you in any capacity that we could. Thank you for your support through the years.

Please note – we were faced with difficult choices in how to close the checkbook and disburse of funds. Please respect and do not pass judgement on those that were present. L. Ziegler had noted that we had a quorum present. There was much discussion and recommendations made on how to handle the funds. Finally, it came down to a Representative from each District and Affiliate Clubs Advisory Treasurer and Secretary making a motion and voting was done on ballots. Bills will be paid first; any remaining funds will be paid as follows.

- B. Paulson made motion (?) to return 2018-2019 Club Contribution to each District. (\$1195) seconded by D. Lewandowski (?). Voting was Unanimous - YES. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by P. Leer to purchase a ½ Diamond at the Lions Wall Garden, \$2500.00 seconded by A. Goeman. Voting was Unanimous – YES. Motion carried.
- D. Lewandowski made motion to divide the cost (\$500 each) to Lions Camp, Eye Glass Recycling Hearing, Vision Screening, and Diabetes Awareness seconded by B. Paulson. Voting 5 to 1, motion carried.
- Motion to what the Diamond will say was made by D. Lewandowski to read “IN HONOR OF” WI AFFILIATE LIONESS “2019” please note “parenthesis” is already engraved. Seconded by P. Goerke. Voting was Unanimous – YES. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by A. Goeman, as to the final balance of the checkbook would be divided evenly between Restoring Hope Transplant House, Leader Dog – we would purchase a brick “WI AFFILIATE MD27 LIONESS” which \$250.00 would come from that total, and Eye Bank of Wisconsin – which we would purchase a Gift of Sight or Knight of Sight “WI AFFILIATE LIONESS” depending if monies are available once final invoices and deposits are made. Seconded by B. Paulson. No more discussion. Voting was done by a show of hands by all who were present. Voting was Unanimous – YES. Motion Carried.

Website – WisconsinLioness.org is still up and running until March 2020. It was advised that each club/district print up any pertinent information that clubs may need. Monthly Membership Report will be available on the website, send to the sponsoring Lions Club.

Disperse of Supplies – Clubs should review their supplies and order any awards/pins/membership kits from the Affiliate Clubs Advisory Treasurer. Now is the time to step up. Bring your orders to State Convention. Any remaining items will be available at the State Convention to be held May 18th at Chula Vista during the Lioness meeting from 3:15 to 4:00 P.M. Deadline will be June 1st to sell remaining inventory to give ample time for the checkbook to be closed in a timely manner.



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Treasurer will keep the financial information as law requires. (IRS)
Secretary will keep the secretary information for a few more years. Information kept on computer will be stored on a memory stick.

Comments – The Bridge Program is not valid – never made policy.
The Join Together Program will have years of Lioness service only. The Join Together extended to June 30, 2021 with Charter Fees waived and eligible regardless of member numbers.

Lioness Clubs can continue to operate as usual as long as they have a Lions Club sponsor. The sponsoring Lions club Liaison may need to play a bigger role in communication with announcements and information pertaining to Lions goals and projects. Contact sponsoring Lions Club for officer training, and financial information and service activities. Will need to update P&A Report to Monthly Membership Reporting.

Remember that we are “Family” and we care about our Lioness “Sisters”. Please continue to keep communications open. We are here to help. Continue doing the Quarterly Report and sending those to Greg Clark. Talks were made about getting together at least once per year, ideally twice per year. A weekend get-together perhaps in September once the dust settles and the sadness subsides. We are looking at the Comfort Inn in Plover where our meetings have been held.

Next meeting – Saturday May 18 – State Convention – Chula Vista – 3:15 to 4:00
To cover any loose ends.

Adjourn: 11:45

Attachments from Meeting

Zip file from Lioness Pins and Charms – will be on website

Monthly Membership Report – will be on website

Lioness Update – will be on website

Following is letters from District Affiliate Presidents as read from meeting.



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This is what I am saying at the District and State Convention. Of course, I will change from District Lioness to State Lioness at the beginning.

We need to move forward in as much of a positive and professional way as possible. I know I am going to be leading the State Lioness meeting, but I think that after my little speech, Greg Clark would be better able to lead the discussion, as he is so Zen like and knowledgeable in all the aspects of the abolishment or discontinuation. Will you be able to do this, Greg?

And is my speech okay?

Thank you,

Hope A. Dougherty

ADP 27-C2

To the Lioness in 27-C2:

Yes, the Lions are abolishing the state and affiliate level of Lioness's, but never the lioness clubs themselves! We are always going to remain, unless we choose to fold. Your Lion's club that is sponsoring you has all the pertinent information that the Wisconsin Lioness State Advisory and your Affiliate Board has provided through the years.

As long as we maintain a strong relationship with our sponsoring clubs, there is no reason to fear becoming extinct.

We, on the State and Affiliate level have been proud to serve you all in any capacity that we could. Thank you for your support through the years.

It is time to move on. Change is good, it is necessary to move forward.

Please don't look at this with regret, but with fond memories of friendships formed, information shared, and fun thrown in!

Stay true and stay focused on the reason you became a Lioness.



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Dear ADP Lioness Dorothy,

As you are aware there has been discussion within the Multiple District regarding the Lioness policy which LCI adopted in 1991. This LCI Board policy states: The board of directors shall and hereby does withhold official recognition of any proposed Lioness club entity other than local affiliate clubs. For unknown reasons, this policy was not been upheld to by the Wisconsin Lions since 1991. The need to conform with LCI policy on this issue was brought to the attention of the current Council of Governors in June of 2018 through correspondence from then International President Naresh Aggarwal.

In order for the Wisconsin Lions to move toward conforming with this long-standing policy, the Council of Governors has voted to dissolve the State level of Lioness in Wisconsin as of 6/30/19. The next step in this process of conforming to the LCI policy is for the elimination of the District level of Lioness. This email is to inform you of the required termination of the 27 B2 District Lioness Leadership structure as of 6/30/19. Remember, this action has no impact on the individual Lioness Clubs. They will continue to serve their communities as they have in the past.

The District does value the service that the Lioness do, please remind the clubs to report any service to the Lions Club that sponsors them so they can report to LCI the impact the Lioness are making in B2. And from a legal standpoint, please remind them that reports of income and all financial activities must also be reported to the sponsoring Lions club.

District Governor

Dale Matheson