



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

State Advisory Committee Meeting
Comfort Inn, Plover, WI
January 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 by Affiliate Chairman Hope Dougherty.

ADP's in attendance: Barb Leichtfuss, B1, Dorothy Lewandowski, B2, Ann Baumann, A2, Bette Paulson, D1, Lisa Leonard, A1,

ADVP's in attendance: Betty McCormick C2

PADP's in attendance: Annette Goeman, A2, Deb Folwarski, C2, Julie Baglama, D1, Mary Carolyn Jagodzinski, B2, Donna Johnson, A1, Greg Clark, D1, Patt Goerke, A1, Joan Post, A1, Mary Tatera, A1, Pat Ziino, A1, Pat Rossman, A1, Pat Leer, B2, Cindy Rank, B1

Guest's in attendance: Jeff Paulson, D1

Approval of October 6th minutes, moved by C. Rank, seconded by A. Baumann, motion carries.

Treasurer Report was read.

Past Presidents Group Report – all were present at meeting, decided to forgo report.

WI Lions Foundation Representative Report – PADP Deb Folwarski – full report is on the Lioness Website.

Lions Pride Endowment Fund – should be viewed as a legacy fund. Sign up for Pride blog at blog.lionspride.org to view every Thursday.

WLF In General – Budget change going to calendar year rather than fiscal year. Deer Hides still coming in. Camp for Kids Raffle profit down \$2,900 from last year. Voted to pay for a blind youth and chaperone to go to Helen Keller Camp in Alabama. Birch Sturm Golf Outing to be July 20th

Sight/Hearing/Diabetes –

Hearing aids 5080 hearing aids turned in last year. 30 applications, 25 were ordered.

WLF has a chart keeping track of each district's credits.

Eye-glass recycling – suggestion was made if WLF should sell directly to vendor in MN (eliminate the “middle man”) Out of Country Missions so dangerous; may go to South Dakota (Reservations) but also dangerous. Have a van that is wrapped to go to smaller events (versus the trailer)

Diabetes – distributed over 2000 Caillou books, writing grant for more.

Vision Screening – Study has been started with Door County Lions and Medical College of WI for children over 6 years. New Berlin Lions Club bought a trailer and used at State Fair and other venues.

Property/Camp Operations – New Position of “Off Season Rentals” filled by Jason Brown, already booked \$105,000 for 2019. Challenge Course Phase 1 is finished, passed resolution to spend \$100,000 + for zip line over the lake. Will have separate back entrance to rent out without our staff needed. Can reserve a Visitor date starting January 9 with extra date of August 24 for



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Visitor Dates. Watch for Messenger don't forget the Wish List. Winterization done, logging, and a new furnace.

Affiliate Clubs MD Chairman Report – PADP Greg Clark. – 2 Reports attached below along with email received from Greg Clark

\$37,198.00 – that is the monies that Lioness of Wisconsin have given to Wisconsin Lions State Projects. (Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, and Restoring Hope Transplant House)

He reported that there are 4 scenarios – pay special attention to number 4 which is to “Eliminate State Level of Lioness” also known as the Lioness State Advisory Board.

After much discussion, it was agreed to table this to the March meeting. We need to think about the future.

Old Business:

State Convention – still in the book. Lioness meeting to be held Saturday May 18th at 3:00 to 4:15

Affiliate Presidents – be sure to send A. Goeman picture if yours were not taken at the October meeting.

New Business:

V.P. Training to be held at the March 2nd meeting – will check to see who will conduct meeting. Pat Leer had mentioned that we will use up existing copies of the Lioness Booklets. She also has 71 pins left of the scripted “L”. We have 1646 Lioness members in the state.

Adjourn: 11:36

Next meeting – Saturday March 2nd at Comfort Inn, Plover, WI.



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8/9/2018

Join Together Program for Lioness Clubs Update

[Viewonline](#)



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

During the April 2018 International Board of Directors meeting held in Miami, Florida, USA, it was decided to encourage current Lioness Clubs to join the Lions family by extending the Join Together program to 2021. This decision includes several modifications to the existing Join Together requirements that will apply only to Lioness Clubs that take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

It is critical for the success of this program that new Lioness clubs are not chartered. This will provide process transparency and simplify the transition for all Lioness Clubs. The board also decided that Lioness districts, multiple districts and administrative roles will not be supported and should be discouraged by district governors.

We created [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to clarify the transition process as well as answer questions that Lions or Lionesses may have. We will regularly update this document so we can better serve the needs of Lions and Lionesses. So, please check back for updates!

Thank you for doing your part to welcome Lionesses into the Lions family.

Your International President,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal



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MD AFFILIATE REPORT

January 2019

37,198

The Lioness of Wisconsin have given \$37,198 to Wisconsin state projects.

LEBW	\$16,795	2017-2018
WLF	14,569	2018-2019
RHTH	5,834	2018 calendar year

This does not include the smaller projects that each one of the ten districts have taken on and supported. These numbers do not include ALL the donations made by Lioness to their communities.

These monies could be lost if we do not tread lightly with how the Lioness are treated.

There are four scenarios:

1. Individual Lioness becoming Lions-if the Lioness club does not fold, the impact will be minimal as long as the club continues to thrive. If enough members convert the Lioness club will no longer be viable. If the Lioness club fold will the Lions club step up their donations to these projects and to all the projects that Lioness support?
2. Bridge Lioness to Lions-impact will be minimal because the Lioness/Lions will continue to support the projects. This is assuming they are willing to bridge. Many clubs wish to maintain themselves as Lioness without becoming Lions. If pushed too much, these clubs many convert to community clubs.
3. Eliminating state and district levels of Lioness-Each club is protected by the Lions Constitution and By-Laws to remain Lioness. The state may choose to eliminate all levels above the club level. If the state and district levels are eliminated, how does individual club receive information about projects happening in the state and district? While some Lioness and Lions clubs communicate regularly not all of them do so. Donations would drop.
4. Eliminate state level of Lioness-each district/Affiliate District President would report to the District Governor and would be informed of projects. The Affiliate District President would then stream this information to the individual clubs. Donations would continue as they have.

At this time the recommendation is to eliminate the state level of Lioness also known as the Lioness State Advisory Board. The grass-root Lioness clubs will continue to do business as usual, without paying an assessment to the State Advisory Board.



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Here it is. This the email sent out to DG's, 1st VDG's and 2nd VDG's

Good Morning DGs, 1st VDGs & 2nd VDGs.

A quick follow up from Saturday's Lioness discussion & my CC report about Lioness @ the PDGO Meeting.

Policy 7.6 governs the Lioness Program in Wisconsin. <http://wisconsinlions.org/wp-content/uploads/MD27PolicyProcedure-Manual2018-10-06.pdf>

The Lioness Constitution & Bylaws (club & district) can be found at: <http://wisconsinlions.org/wp-content/uploads/Lioness-Policies-P2-P3.pdf>
Policy P.3.X covers dissolving the Lioness District.

Immediately following the COG Meeting, I went over to make the CC report to the PDGO. Part of that report was an update on the 9am Lioness discussion and also on the action taken during the COG Meeting. The PDGs had a number of questions and were also concerned about the tax implications for Lions Clubs & our districts if Lioness revenue is not being reported. The bottom line of my message to the PDGO was:

- The Lions of Wisconsin fully support our local Lioness Clubs.
- The COG is taking actions to align with long-standing LCI Board Policy, **the first step of which is the elimination of the State Affiliate Advisory Committee by 6/30/19.**
- Any questions regarding the Lioness Program in Wisconsin should be directed to Lion/Lioness Greg Clark.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for all you do!