

Wisconsin Lions Diabetes Focus Group

Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2009

WLF Office, Rosholt WI

In Attendance:

A1	Lion Jerry Gibbons	D1	Lion Dale Boness
A2	Glen Moegenburg, WLF President	D2	---
B1	Lion Burt Mayborne	E1	---
	Lion Al Sabel		
	Lion Kay Quinn		
B2	Lion Len Schmeichel	E2	Lion Jim Wahl
	Lion Donna Thomas		
C1	---	WLF Staff	Paula Miller, Health Care Supervisor Liz Shelley, Administrative Assistant
C2	Lion Bonnie Ashby Lion Don Ashby	Guests	Penny Kasprzak, ADA

(Minutes note: Items requiring follow up action are noted in *bold italics*.)

Wisconsin Lions Diabetes Focus Group (DFG) Chair Jerry Gibbons called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Pledge to the Flag

- 2. Vision Statement** - We Serve by reaching, touching, and improving lives of people with diabetes and promoting awareness to people at risk.

3. Introductions and Agenda finalization

- 4. Minutes Approval – M-Don Ashby; S- Schmeichel to approve the July 29, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.**

- 4. Guest Speaker:** Penny Kasprzak is the Program Director for the American Diabetes Association for Wisconsin. She has worked with ADA for 3 years. She is most proud of the Diabetes Camp here at the Lions Camp. She is responsible for all the programs and services for the state.

Kasprzak discussed Family Link – it is a program that provides networking, support and education for families with children who live with diabetes. Visit www.diabetes.org/families or www.diabetes.org/planted for further information.

She discussed the Diabetes Educators Conference in Green Bay on March 12-13, 2010, so if you know a health professional who would like to attend, please let her know and they will be added to the mailing list.

She discussed the School Walk for Diabetes. Thomas inquired about the information on the School Walk. Kasprzak stated to contact her on the School Walk to get more information and the person who is in charge at the ADA.

Discussion of the partnership between Camp Lakota and the Lions Camp naming rights. Thomas enjoyed her time working here at the second week of the Diabetes this past summer. Camp Lakota will be held in 2010 the first two weeks in August because of the calendar. In 2009 there were 297 children and 66 medical staff. The ADA is looking for health professionals from Camp Lakota for the ADA camp committee.

Kasprzak discussed the Wisdom Kit. It is through the Family Link Program and it is free to a family with a newly diagnosed child. It is from an Eli-Lilly grant.

5. Continuing items:

- a. District Reports on promotion of Diabetes Awareness – A1 – Gibbons will have a health screening from Mercy Medical at their convention. Sharon Lions will have a Strides Walk. West Allis Lions is doing a screening. B2-Schmeichel reported his convention Strides Walk is on hold because the city would not approve the walk. He and Thomas will be attending the Berlin Health Fair at the Shopko Hall in Green Bay with the diabetes booth. B1 – Sabel reported the diabetes booth will be at the convention. The Strides Walk was on hold because of road construction. E2 - Wahl reported his District works with Camp Needlepoint which is part of the Minnesota ADA. C2 - Bonnie Ashby reported their District purchased three glaucoma screening machines and have 50 people certified to screen. On November 11, Mole Lake will have a glaucoma screening. The cost is \$4,700 per machine and the training certification was two hours by Prevent Blindness Wisconsin. Don Ashby reported the C2 Convention is going to have a Strides Walk and they are going to have an expo style convention. They will have the diabetes display and diabetes testing. The Hurley Lions and Lioness are arranging a huge Strides Walk and it will be held after lunch. Don Ashby will send out pledge sheets to all the clubs to get donations for Diabetes Education and Lions Camp. D1 – Boness reported on the D1 Cabinet meeting. Their District donates to JDRF and the ADA. Their diabetes workshop will be on November 21 at the Albany Lions Center. The District Convention will have a healthy hospitality area.
- b. Diabetes Banner Patches – Shelley reported there were only eight patches given out during this fiscal year.

6. Updates

- a. Halloween Project – Miller reported it went out to all the club secretaries. Shelley reported she have received three entries.
- b. November Diabetes Month Project – Gibbons reported clubs were asked to place posters in vacant store front windows. Shelley reported we have to-date 28 clubs ordering 206 large posters and 796 small posters.
- c. Community Diabetes Manual Updating – Shelley will be updating the contact information. She would like the Diabetes Focus Group to review the manual and look for updates.
- d. ADA Camp Marrakesh Status – Kasprzak stated it is a weekend retreat for newly diagnosed kids and their families. She mentioned it was not able to be held this year because of funding issues. The cost is \$500 per family and up to eight members per family and the maximum of 24 families.
- e. TV/DVD Distribution – Shelley reported the 10 TV/DVD players are in and will be distributed today to the Districts represented.
- f. Council of Governors Meeting – Gibbons reported DG Friske reported to the Council on the new Kidney DVD.

7. New Business

- a. Nutritious Food Planning Project – Gibbons report on the Nutritious Food Planning brochure. He stated the company would not allow us to modify it into a simpler version. Discussion on counting carbohydrates to grams. Schmeichel will contact Kasprzak at the ADA to see if the ADA has a brochure that would be similar.

- b. Diabetes Float at International Convention in Seattle WA – Boness reported he has contacted Fire Chief Bob who is a Lions member in Auburn, Washington. He is secretary of his club. He would like to have a flatbed semi trailer and driver. He would like to see the tractor be a Lions color. He would like to see the trailer be split into three parts. Part one of the trailer – nurse/patient at table with large meter. Part two – A chef with a big tossed salad and/or chopping block, and he’s working on the salad. Healthy foods display all around the section. Part three – Exercise a must. Group exercise class exercising. Banner on trailer will state Washington/Wisconsin Helping in the Diabetes Fight. Boness would like to take baby steps to get the project done.
- c. Diabetes Banner Patch Application simplification – Shelley has updated the Diabetes Banner Patch applications for 2009-10. Discussion on the banner patch. ***Gibbons asked the Diabetes Focus Group to review this application and the review process before the next meeting.***

8. Other reports

- a. WLF President comments – Moegenburg reported we are in good shape. We had a good fund raising year. Annual donations were up \$47,000 from the previous year. He informed the group there will be employee layoffs for this winter. He also discussed the possibility of the State Office moving to the Lions Camp grounds. Moegenburg reported Work Day is on October 24, 2009. He discussed about having a Strides Walk during the Open House or another event at the Lions Camp. **M-Bonnie Ashby; S-Thomas to have the Diabetes Focus Group hold a Strides Walk the morning of the Open House 2010. Motion carried.** Discussion of the Diabetes Booth at the Open House; Boness, Thomas, Quinn, and Bonnie Ashby volunteered to man the Diabetes Display during the Open House. ***Discussion to have a PR committee to receive a pin “I have been at Lions Camp”.*** Gibbons volunteered to be the Stride Walk Chair at the Open House in 2010 and Lion Len Schmeichel as the Vice Chair. **M-Schmeichel; S-Don Ashby to put the money towards WLF. Motion carried.**
- b. Jefferson Volunteer Award – Schmeichel mentioned Lion Ray Ropers received this prestigious award in September.
- c. Diabetes Prevention & Control Program (DPCP) – Shelley reported the DPCP is working on diabetes table tents.

9. Adjournment - M-Sabel; S-Schmeichel to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Future meetings:

February 6, 2010

May 1, 2010