

Wisconsin Lions Diabetes Focus Group

Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2009

WLF Office, Rosholt WI

In Attendance:

A1	Lion Jerry Gibbons	D1	Lion Dale Boness Lion Dave Peltier Guest John Twiton Lion John Dickson
A2	----	D2	Lion Doug Olson DG Kathy Friske Lion Vern Nauman
B1	DG Lenny & Kay Quinn	E1	---
B2	Lion Len Schmeichel Lion Ron Larsen	E2	---
C1	Lion Dennis Krueger	WLF Staff	Paula Miller, Health Care Supervisor Liz Shelley, Administrative Assistant
C2	Lions Don & Bonnie Ashby	Guests	Dr. Henk-Jen, Spring Point Project Mike Martin, Spring Point Project Lunch – Penny Kasprzak, ADA Lewis Bartfield, 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. **Mission 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-Schmeichel; S-Boness to approve the May 2, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.**

5. Continuing items:

- a. Lions International Diabetes Booth – Gibbons showed the new International President message from the International Convention “Move to Grow.” Gibbons reported Jelly Belly donated 20 pounds of the individual wrapped sugar free candy. D. Ashby discussed how diabetes is world wide. B. Ashby discussed the interest in diabetes camps provided through the United States. Gibbons handed out ten Wisconsin Lions Community Diabetes Manuals to Lions members in other states. Gibbons reported all the display materials were not able to be used because of space limitations at the convention. Gibbons reported there were three diabetes booths – Spring Point Project from Minnesota, DECA from Massachusetts, and Wisconsin Lions Diabetes Focus Group. Boness inquired about having a Diabetes Float at the International or State Convention Parade. Boness inquired about the International Convention in Seattle. Peltier inquired about contacting the State of Washington Lions about the float. ***Members from the D1 Diabetes committee will investigate with the Washington Lions about having a Diabetes Float at the International Convention in Seattle.***

- b. District Diabetes Reports – Gibbons (A1) reported he has given the Diabetes Display to local clubs to display and he helped with the 2nd Annual Strides Walk at the State Convention. Schmeichel (B2) stated it is difficult to get all the clubs involved. Ashby (C2) stated the issues with the Diabetes Banner patches and having clubs to fill out the application and send them in. Discussion of simplifying the banner patch application. Discussion of having a District Diabetes Committee to be able to spread the word throughout the District. Olson (D2) discussed having a Diabetes Display at the county fair. Larsen (B2) held a Diabetes Alert Day at Paul's Pantry. Boness (D1) is going to have a short District Diabetes meeting after lunch. He also reported D1 donated a television/DVD player to the National Kidney Foundation Office of Wisconsin, held a healthy hospitality at the convention, they have diabetes workshops, and they are working on a Scouting and Diabetes DVD. Peltier (D1) reported the Lions and the Health Department had screenings in Beloit. Peltier works with the Beloit Hospital to do many diabetes activities. Dickson (D1) reported on a Diabetic Friendly Dinner. The first round has the portion of food for a diabetic. Krueger (C1) has donated money to six hospitals and the hospitals have set up the Diabetes display.
- c. Diabetes Banner Patches – *The Diabetes Focus Group will work on the simplification of the Diabetes Banner Patch Application and possibly to put it on Survey Monkey.*

6. **Guest Speakers from the Spring Point Project**– Dr. Henk-Jen, CEO, and Mike Martin, Directory of the Animal Operations, of the Spring Point Project made a presentation. Henk-Jen discussed the relationship of the special pig islets to humans. He discussed the islet cell transportation into the liver which is similar to a blood transfusion. Martin discussed medical pigs donors and raising them. It costs \$6 million for the building alone. It also costs \$50-75 per day per pig for raising it to make it a medical pig. At this time Lions donations are around \$82,000.

7. Updates

- a. Halloween Project – Miller reported the Halloween project is complete and ready for a distribution plan. It was agreed to make smaller posters with a rip off entry form. Shelley will order the materials.
- b. DVD on Diabetes and the Kidney – The DVD was show to the Diabetes Focus Group members. Schmeichel read an update from Lion Ray Ropers. At this time the group is working on a distribution plan. The DVD was also shown at the Diabetes Advisory Group and the International Convention.
- c. Diabetes Expo-Shelley report it has been indefinitely postponed.
- d. Diabetes Camp-Lewis Bartfield, Vice President of the Midwest Division of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and Penny Kasprzak, ADA Camp Director joined the DFG at lunch. Kasprzak reported the first week of diabetes camp has 149 campers and the second week has 147 campers. They had to turn away 30 campers. The ADA was three medical staff short, but the lead doctor stated they are covered. The ADA usually has 70 medical/volunteers, one medical and one volunteer per cabin. Bartfield discussed the partnership with the Lions. Peltier inquired why the Diabetes Camp is called Camp Lakota, shouldn't it be Wisconsin Lions Camp? Bartfield would check into the naming of the camp. Bartfield handed out some materials for the Diabetes District Chairs. Kasprzak also mentioned the family retreat (Camp Marrakesh) held at the Lions Camp in October for newly diagnosed may be cancelled this year due to lack of funding. The Friends of Oshkosh who normally sponsors the event are unable to fund it this year.
- e. Diabetes Shirts – Krueger reported more shirts can be ordered. **M-Krueger; S-Ashby to purchase two Diabetes Focus Group shirts for Miller and Shelley. Motion carried.**

- f. Diabetes Awareness Month – *Gibbons inquired about this year’s involvement with Diabetes Awareness month in November. It was agreed to do what we did last year.*

8. New Business

- a. Nutritious Food Planning Project – Schmeichel reported he is working on a diabetes brochure. He created to fit it in a regular mailing envelope. Copyright issues were discussed.

9. Other reports

- a. WLF Committee Comments – Shelley reported the Sight and Hearing committees are merging into one committee. The Chairman is Director Steven Schlender and the Vice Chairman is Director John Mastalir.

10. Adjournment - M-Friske; S-Krueger to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Future meetings:

October 10, 2009

February 6, 2010

May 1, 2010