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Minutes of Fourth – 2010 A-15 Cabinet Meeting April 17 – 9:00 – 10:30 AM & April 18, 10:45 am – Noon District A-15 Convention, River Garden Inn, Stratford, Ontario

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Governor Karen McNeight, with the following present:

Gov. Karen McNeight	1 st VDG Todd Wilson	2 nd VDG Norma Peterson	Treas. Peter Oswald
Sec. Georgina McGregor	RC51 Neil Hoogendoorn	ZC51E Denis Vinette	ZC51W Freda Walker
RC37 Penny Overboe	ZC37W Tim DeBlock	ZC9E Bill Weiler	RC Charlie Davis
ZC 9S Gerry Runstedler	TRC Ted Rypma	IPDG O J Wilura	CC Jack Broadfoot
CC Dan Ayim	CC Wolfgang Boelke	CC Rudy & Lorea Boogerman	CC Jim Loucks
CC Denis Loughheed	CC Bill Carson	CC Ernie Kaethler	CC Dan Moore
CC John Paff	CC Larry Wainwright	CC Dave & Mary Rumble	CC Doug Smith
CC Rob Montgomery	CC John Rothwell	CC John Brash	CC Bruce Murray
CC George Patton	CC Art Woods	CC Stephen Jones	CC Tracy Brant
CC Linda Palmer	CC Raymond Taylor	CC Jim Harris	CC Nancy Ramsom
CC Ian Robb	CC Tim Cronin	CC Ajit Manku	CC Larry Wainwright

In Attendance also were approximately 100 other Lions Members.
Governor Karen welcomed all to the Cabinet meeting.

Additions to Agenda – Treas. Report will be brought forward at the Cabinet meeting on Sunday. **Moved** by IPDG O J. Wilura, seconded by RC Neil Hoogendoorn to accept the agenda. **Carried**

Gov. Karen called the meeting to order and invited PID Bruce Murray to introduce the guest speaker PID Mike Butler. PID Mike spoke on his pleasure at being invited to our A-15 Dist. Convention and was looking forward to visiting and speaking with as many Lions as possible. He praised Lions in Dist. A-15 for the membership growth that has been attained this Lions year. DG Karen thanked PID Mike for accepting our invitation.

Moved by 2nd VDG Norma, seconded by RC Penny to receive the minutes of Jan. 30, 2010 Cabinet meeting as distributed. **Carried.**

DG Karen called for Committee Reports and presented thank you gifts to the Committee Chairs as they were recognized.

Honorary, Long Range Planning & LCIF - PCC Bill Carson – report in package and thanked DG Karen as it was a privilege to serve. At the PDG’s breakfast meeting, there was a presentation brought forward by PDG Dan on possibly putting a netting or screening around the pavilion at Breslau on three sides. The cost of this project including tax and labor would be \$6500.00 which is approximately \$150.00 per Club. Not included was the warranty that would have to be included in the contract. A motion at the PDG meeting was that the PDG Association recommends to Cabinet that we offer the assurance to Lion Dan and Committee that we are prepared to endorse the bid to have each of the Clubs commit to \$150.00 towards the cause if we are to proceed with this project.

(Information from PDG Dan after meeting as follows: Sun-North the company that quoted on the shades for Breslau will have a 2 years warranty on the fabric and a 5 year warranty on the parts. It is the same material that is used on the ginseng bed fields.)

Moved by RC Charlie, seconded by ZC Bill that we support this project by asking the Clubs to donate \$150.00.

Carried There are no issues with LFC on this project.

Protocol – PID Bruce – praised PID Art Wood for all his efforts at the Breslau facility.

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton – no report at this time.

Technical Resource Chair – PZC Ted Rypma – report in package. Thanked the District for giving him the opportunity to serve this year.



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District International Relations – PID Art woods – everything is alive and well in district A-15. There are guest for Dist. A-9 & A-16.

Public Relations & Lions Information – Joanne McQuiggan – no report

DG Karen turned the meeting over to 1st VDG Todd Wilson for presentation of his Committee Reports.

1st VDG Todd – report is in the package

Youth Camp & Exchange – PCC Dave & Lioness Mary Rumble – thanked the Lions of A-15 for their support hosting Youth – still need host families for 13 or 15 youth. Camp clean up will be on May 7 & 8. Let Lion Dave know if your Club will be able to help and if you will be staying for the night.

Meal Chair – in need of two more Clubs for meals.

Outgoing Youth – Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault – 12 outgoing youth from Dist. A-15.

Lions Opportunities for Youth – PZC John Rothwell – report in package – Thanked the Clubs for all the good youth programs in the District.

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler – report in package

Peace Poster – Pres. Linda Palmer – report in package

Leo Chair – Lion Raymond Taylor – report in package

Lions Service for Children – PZC Dennis Loughheed – report in package

Sight Screening – RC Charlie Davis – report in package – are now over 4000 children screened this year

Hearing & Speech – Lion Jim Harris – report in package

Lions Quest – PDG Nancy Ransom – report in package – Workshops– 1st Training Teachers in Kitchener under the Waterloo Dist. School Board on April 28/10. 2nd – Skills for Growing – Woodstock – May 28/10. More info to follow on these workshops. Also, looking for nominations & donations or the Special Dist. Lions Quest Fellowship Still time to sponsor a youth to go to the Annual Canadian Helping Kids Thrive Conference to be held on May 5 -7 in St. Albert, Alberta.

Special Presentation by DG Karen and RC Charlie – presented a Star Award to Lion Lorne Reed of Paris Lions Club Presented by ZC 9E Gerry Runstedler

DG Karen turned the meeting over to 2nd VDG Norma for presentation of her Committee Reports.

2nd VDG Norma – report in package

Lions Foundation of Canada – PDG John Paff – Report in package – LFC has had 100 dogs graduate this year.

Diabetes Awareness - PCS Ian Robb – report in package – thanked the Clubs that participated in the Diabetes Tag Day in November. This has been adopted by the Canadian Diabetes Association and will be an annual event. Paris. Galt Cambridge held a Diabetes Breakfast and St. Marys & Rockwood will also be having a breakfast.

Emergency Action/Alert Program – no report

Health Sciences Project – ZC Bill Weiler – Report in package – In the last 6 weeks three Lions Clubs have donated \$10,000.00 to this cause. This creates the ability to put a video conferencing unit into one of the hospitals and can assure that within three years we will be very close to having no doctor shortages in A-15.

Environment – PCC Tim Cronin – report in package – Breslau clean-up for the Memorial Forest Jun.2/10.

Memorial Rededication Service will be held on Jun.12 at 10:30 A.M. Need lots of help for this project. Passed out forms to the voting Cabinet for the Environment Picture Contest.



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No Child Without Medic Alert – ZC Gerry Runstedler – report in package - will be putting a push on in the schools between now and June for more participation in this project.

Service to Seniors – Lion Harvey Wood – no report

Cultural & Community Activities – Lion Aji Manku – report in package.

Camp Chair Coordinator – Lion Rob Montgomery – report in package – still working on a date for camp clean-up.

A-15 Liaison for Five Oaks – Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault – no report

Merl Team Report

Coordinator – PDG Larry Wainwright – report in package – every Club in A-15 has a Membership Plan including the Ariss Branch Club & a Leo club. There is a gain at last report of 51 members with more to be inducted within the next 2 or 3 weeks. The new Ariss & Dist. Branch Club now has 10 members and by the end of June it is still their goal to be a Chartered Lions Club.

Membership – PRC Jack Braodfoot – report in package – membership growth speak for itself.

Extension – PRC Daniel Ayim – report in package – were successful in having one branch club. There are two more requests for information on starting a Leo Club.

Revitalization – PDG Dan Moore – report in package – seems to be working in our District.

Leadership – PDG Doug Smith – report in package – Leadership Seminar will be Mar 15/10 at the Wilmont Recreation Centre. 2010 USA/Canada Forum will be in Milwaukee. Forms will be sent to all Clubs.

Lion Doug presented DG Karen and 1st VDG Todd with a picture that was taken at the Leadership Forum in Saskatoon this year. We still need two Zone Chairs – one in Zone 9S and one in 51W.

Family & Women's Membership Development – PZC Joyce Townson – no report

Motion to receive all reports as distributed by 1st VDG Todd. Seconded by ZC 9E Bill. **Carried**

Elections & Credentials – PDG John Brash – Meeting was turned over to Lion John for the introduction and demonstrations of the Lions running for the 2010-11 Cabinet.

The Cabinet meeting was reconvened at 10:45 AM, Sunday April 18, after the Memorial Service with the addition of the Treasurers Report and additions on item 15 of the agenda :- e) Lions Quest Award, f) Youth Camp, g) Star Awards with item (a) being removed.

Moved by 1st VDG Todd to accept the amendments to the agenda, seconded by ZC 51E Dennis. **Carried**

DG Karen welcomed all to the second half of the Cabinet Meeting.

DG Karen asked our guest PID Mike Bulter to come forward with his remarks.

PID Mike thanked the District for asking him and his wife Lion Sherly to come to our Convention and allowing them to spend the weekend with us learning about our brand of Lionism. Congratulations to the Convention Chair on a tremendous Convention and a thank you to Lion Art for the great Memorial Service. Lion Mike extended an invitation to anyone visiting Texas to come and visit with them. A presentation of a quilt was made to Lion Mike and his wife Lion Sheryl Convention Host Lion Jim and DG Karen.

Cabinet Reports

Zone 9

RC9 Charlie Davis – report in package

ZC 9S Gerry Runstedler – report in package.

ZC 9E Bill Weiler - report in package

Zone 37

RC 37 Penny Overboe – report in package

ZC 37W Tim De Block – report in package



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Zone 51

RC 51 Neil Hoogendoorn – report in package

ZC 51W Freda Walker – report in package

ZC 51E Denis Vinette – report in package – witnessed by DG Karen & 1st VDG Todd that he lost 26 lbs.

Treasurers Report –Treas. Peter Oswald – financial information that is in the package that was distributed is up to dated . We are very much on track as far as expenses and the finances in the District are very solid.

Moved by Treas. Peter to receive the financial report, seconded by RC51 Neil. **Carried**

Convention Report

Convention Host – PDG Jim – registered 535 – 168 at banquet – 158 at lunch with 152 rooms being used over the weekend. Full report will be brought forward at the June Cabinet meeting.

Motion to receive all reports as distributed by 2nd VDG Norma, seconded by RC Charlie. **Carried.**

Remarks by DG Karen

Appreciation gift were presented to the Cabinet by DG Karen. Thank you to PDG Jim, his wife Donna for all their hard work in making sure this was a successful Convention. Also, a thank you to Lion Jo Ann for taking care of the registration forms while Lion Jim and Donna took a well deserved holiday. In her journey over the past 5 years, Lion Karen thanked Lion Bill, her family and the St. Marys Lions Club for all their support. A special thank you to Lions Jim and Bruce for all their help, support and guidance. Thank you to all the Clubs in District A15 for making a difference in the world today. Thanks to the Merl Team and the Cabinet and all who help in this journey to Governor.

Election Committee and Announcing of Results

Election Chair – PDG John Brash – thanks to all PDG's for all their helping with the elections. Donation for having credentials verified this weekend of \$126.56 was donated to PDG Nancy Ransom for District Lions Club Fellowship Awards. Following is the report of the Election Committee:

Zone Chair 9 East: Lion Garry Bell, Galt Cambridge Lions Club

* Of 26 eligible club votes and At-large votes 8- Total cast 31 out of 34

Zone Chair 51 East: PRC Wolfgang Boelke, Guelph Royal City Lions Club

* Of 19 eligible club votes and At-large votes 6 – Total cast 24 out of 25

Region 51 Chair: ZC Denis Vinette, Belwood & District Lions Club

* Of 54 eligible club votes and At-large votes 11 – Total cast 57 out of 65

2nd Vice District Governor: PRC Daniel Ayim, Galt Cambridge Lions Club

* Of 148 eligible club votes and At-large votes 33 – Total cast 154 out of 181

1st Vice District Governor: 2nd VDG Norma Peterson, Fergus Lions Club

* Of 148 eligible club votes and At-large votes 33 – Total cast 154 out of 181

District Governor: 1st VDG Todd Wilson: Elmira Lions Club – yes

*Of 148 eligible club votes and At-large votes 33 – Total cast 154 out of 181

Moved by IPDG OJ, seconded by RC 51 Neil that the ballots be destroyed. **Carried**

PDG John thanked DG Karen for giving him the opportunity to look after the Elections and Credentials this year.

Lion John congratulated DG Karen on a great year and wished DG Elect Lion Todd the very best in the coming year.

Awards Presentations

Lions Quest Fellowship Award – PDG Nancy Ransom presented the Special A-15 Fellowship Award to Lion Wayne Wright, Innerkip & District Lions Club

Visitation Contest – winners were presented with a plaque by DG Karen & Sec. Georgina

24 members or less - Marsville & District Lions Club

25 members or more – Woolwich Community Lions Club

Environmental Contest - winner was announced by PCC Tim Cronin – winner Lion Deanna Zinger – Woolwich Lions Club. This will be passed on to the MDA Contest and possibly to International Contest.



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Bulletin Contest – Presented by Bulletin Chair Lion Tracy Brant

Lion Louise Reeve ----- Galt Cambridge Lions Club

Lion Jan Ho – ----- Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

Lion Norman Peterson ---- Guelph Lions Club

Lion Greg Bowman ----- Atwood Lions Club

Lion Tim Blackburn ----- Bayfield Lions Club

Pictures for the Lions Magazine will still be sent to Lion Tracy

Star Awards - DG presented Star Awards to those Lions that were not at the Luncheon.

Lion Ralph Gordon reported on his snow mobile ride from Michigan to Alaska as a fundraiser for Diabetes Research. Funds to be split between the USA and Canadian Diabetes Assoc. and at figures there was over \$9200.00 raised at this time. Lion Ralph was pick form his Ingersoll Club for the Star Award.

Other recipients: Lion Steve Sproul – Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club. Lion Jan Johnson – Fergus Lions Club

Lion Diane Carson – West Coast Lions club

Youth Camp Exchange – Lion Mary Rumble – at this time we do not have 15 homes for the Youth Exchange Program. Lion Mary would like to ask that you take this appeal back to your Club and ask if there is anyone interested in hosting an incoming Youth this year.

Presidential Awards – presented by PDI Mike Butler & DG Karen

Certificate of Appreciations – PRC Daniel Ayim and ZC 51E Denis Vinette

PID’s Bruce Murray and Art Woods presented DG Karen with the Presidential Appreciation Awards for all her accomplishment in her year 2009-10.

DG Elect presented his Cabinet for 2010 -11 as follows:

DG Todd Wilson, Elmira

1st VDG Norma Peterson, Guelph

Treasurer Peter Oswald, Woodstock

RC9 Bill Weiler, Waterloo

RC51 Denis Vinette, Belwood

ZC37S Mary Ann Ward, Ingersoll

ZC37W Paul Anstett, Exeter

ZC51W - TBA

IPDG Karen McNeight, St. Marys

2nd VDG Daniel Ayim, Galt Cambridge

Secretary Dennis Lougheed, St. Jacobs

RC37 Tim De Block, Monkton

ZC9E Gary Bell, Galt Cambridge

ZC9S- TBA

ZC51E Wolfgang Boelke, Guelph Royal City

DG Elect Todd presented DG Karen with a lounge chair and some refreshments so that she can relax in their back yard after her busy year. Lion Todd thanked DG Karen and PDG Jim for letting the Lions of Dist. A-15 shine this weekend. Thanked his friends from A16 for coming to help celebrate with him. Also, thanked his sponsoring Lions and all the members of his Club for supporting him on his journey to District Governor, especially his wife Linda and his three children. Lion Todd is looking forward to serving the Lions of A-15.

Passing of the Campbell – The gavel was passed from PDG Jack Bishop up to DG Elect Todd Wilson. It is then placed in the display case built by PDG John Brash and placed in DG Elect Todd Wilson’s safe keeping.

On behalf of the 2010 Host Lions Club of St. Marys, PDG Jim Loucks presented the Convention flags to PID Art Woods, representing the 2011 Host Elmira Lions Club and Co-Host Woolwich Lions Club, which will be held on May 6, 7, 8, 2011 in Elmira. Guest speaker will be ID Carl Young.

Next Cabinet meeting will be on Jun. 13/10 , 10:00 AM, Paradise.

Moved by DG-E Todd for adjournment at 12:15 PM.