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**Summer A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes – Subject to approval at the next meeting**

3:00 PM August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Breslau Dog Guide Facility, 3751 Chilligo Road, Breslau

Call to order – 3:05 PM by DG Wayne Litt

Attendance as indicated:

**VOTING CABINET**

IPDG Diane Smith	DG Wayne Litt	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Charlene Teasdale	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Kevin Banfield
CS Rick Banks	CT Peter Oswald	RC Bill Robinson	RC Debbie Cserhalmi
RC Tracey Leary	ZC Ray Derouin	ZC Tony Davidson	ZC Neil Hoogendoorn
ZC Paul Lalande	ZC George Corrin	ZC Linda Litt	

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

PRC Paul Anstett	PDG Dan Ayim	PRC Rick Bell	PZC Aline Chan
PCC Bill Carson	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Ernie Kaethler	Lion Fran MacFarlane(R)
Lion Mark Henkell	Lion Joanne McQuiggan(R)		Lion Allison Henkell
PID Bruce Murray	PDDG George Patton	Lion Bob Pearson	PDG Nancy Ransom(R)
Lion Bob Rutter	PCS Ted Rypma(R)	PDG Doug Smith	PCC Todd Wilson
PID Art Woods	PID Bruce Murray (R)	PDDG George Patton	PDG Tim DeBlock (R)
PRC Jim Keron	PRC Vic Bovingdon (R)	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock (R)	

1. In attendance also were approximately 30 other Lion Members  
(R) – Regrets
2. Welcome, Call to Order
3. “O Canada”, Moment of Silence
4. Protocol – VDG1 Charlene Teasdale
5. Approval of the Agenda
  - 5.1. Additions - Item 17.1.1 – Youth Camp Committee Report
  - 5.2. MOVED to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.
6. District Governor’s Remarks

Welcome everyone to this our first cabinet meeting of this the 2016-17 Lions Year. I would like to thank those for accepting roles in the district. There are some that are new to positions in Clubs and at Cabinet. I wish everyone the best this year. There will be many challenges for us to face this year and into the future. I feel that together we can meet the needs. I feel that we should not just establish new themes every year but rather build on the ones that we have. “We Serve”/ “Where there is a Need there is a Lion”/ “Make a Wake in Service”/ “Strengthen the Pride”/ “Dignity, Harmony and Humanity”/ “Hope through Service”. We now bring it all together and “Celebrate our Service”. International President Bob Corlew has established his theme for 2016-17 as “New Mountains to Climb”. Environment, Youth, Sight, and Hunger are four of the mountain peaks on the horizon. This will require many Lions working together. Membership satisfaction and growth also continues to challenge us. Strengthening our Members through education and ongoing training may offer one of the keys to our future. It has been said that no one person knows more than the total of everyone in the room. To climb some of the mountains in the future we will need the “Smarts of everyone in the room” working together as a Team. Thank you for being part of “Team Lion 2016-17” and I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we **“Celebrate Service”**

7. Installation of District Officers – Carried out by PID Lion Art Woods.
8. MOVED to approve the Minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Cabinet Meeting, Carried.



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9. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinet  
MOVED that the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified. Carried.
10. Secretary's Report
- 10.1. The Secretary advised that Directories would be available after the meeting from Zone Chairs.
- 10.2. A request was made to ensure that the Agenda and package be emailed to all clubs prior to the next Cabinet meeting.  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report. Carried.
11. Treasurer's Report
- 11.1. Report and Financial Statements 2015-2016  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements and approve the proposals regarding the rebate of dues to the clubs in the amount of \$2.00 per member based on the number of members invoiced in September, 2015. The rebate will amount to approximately \$3,068. The balance of the surplus to remain in ADMIN. Carried.
- 11.2. MDA Dues will be assessed with the District Dues.
- 11.3. Budget 2016-2017  
MOVED that the 2016-2017 Budget be approved as presented. Carried. Request was asked for an explanation of the Advertising revenue, included in the Directory. The Advertising Revenue is from the UPS Store and from the Lions Club of Kitchener.
12. Matters Arising - None
13. New Business
14. Committee Reorganization – DG Wayne Litt  
Some positions have been filled by Region Chairs this year so they could get more involved and receive a higher profile.
- 14.1. District Centennial Project – PDG Dan Ayim  
*See report included with Committee Reports.*  
Special request to assign one member of each club as the Centennial Coordinator to work with the District Centennial Coordinator. Submit names to the District Secretary to forward to PDG Dan Ayim. Reminder that only 14 clubs have donated toward the Centennial Breslau Gate. PDG Dan has raised \$594.70 in t-shirt sales. PDG Dan advised that the total budget for the Gates is \$30,000.
- 14.2. PID Art Woods introduced the official torch for Canada and explained how it will be used in the ceremonies leading up to the Chicago convention. Encourage the clubs to support the Centennial projects. Also advised that the International President Bob Corlew will be in Breslau to plant a tree at 9:30 am on September 29, 2016.
15. Cabinet Reports  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Carried.
16. Committee Reports
- 16.1. Lions Foundation of Canada – RC Deb Cserhalmi  
  
240 Communities participated in the spring raising \$1,305,519, with more scheduled for the fall. District A-15 has donated \$91,960.15 over and above the Dog Walks through to June 30, 2016. 114 Teams have graduated and the Open House will be October 1, 2016 from 9:30 to 3:00 in Oakville.
- 16.2. Effective Speaking - Lion Ernie Kaethler – Special thanks to St. George Lions, and to all participants and volunteers.



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- 16.2.1. Moved that the Effective Speaking Budget be approved as submitted. Carried.
- 16.3. Camp Report – Rudy Boogerman – see attached.
- 16.4. DG Wayne introduced Lions Allison and Mark Henkel from the Oxford club who will be Youth Camp and Exchange Chairs. They both spoke for a few minutes about the wonderful influence that Youth Camps have on the participants.
17. Committee Reports:  
MOVED to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports. Carried.
18. Special Presentations & Awards
- 18.1. IPDG Diane Smith – Presented PDG Denis Vinette and PDG OJ Wilura with plaques thanking them for their service as GMT and GLT coordinators. Presented Ian MacFarlane with a receipt issued to Dog Guides and chocolate for his work in 2015/16 on Cabinet.
- 18.2. Art Woods Golden Tree – presented by PID Art Woods who gave a brief history of the award.  
Recipients:  
    Sherman Roth – West Coast Lions  
    PDG Doug Smith – Hillsburgh Lions  
    PDG Denis Vinette – Belwood Lions  
    Lion Linda Vinette – Belwood Lions
- 18.3. Club Excellence Award to the following Clubs:  
Ingersoll, Marsville, Lynden, LC of Kitchener, Belwood, Thamesford, Hillsburgh, West Coast, Exeter, St. George, Woodstock, Stratford and Drumbo.
- 18.4. 100% Presidents –Presented by IPDG Diane Smith
- 18.5. 100% Club Membership Chair Award – Presented by IPDG Diane Smith
- 18.6. 100% Secretary – Presented by IPDG Diane Smith
- 18.7. 100% Treasurer – Presented by IPDG Diane Smith
19. Good & Welfare
- 19.1. Directory Pick Up Instructions
- 19.2. Upcoming Events
20. Lions Grace & Dinner
21. Adjournment – 4:45 PM



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET**

Notice is given that any club wishing to host the 2017/18 District Convention must submit their bid in writing to the District Cabinet via the District Governor by the Fall 2016 Cabinet meeting. Received bids will be passed on to the Future Convention Advisory Committee for vetting and reporting at the mid-winter Cabinet meeting. The number of acceptable bids determines whether Cabinet moves to allow a single acceptable bid to succeed or to send multiple acceptable bids for voting on by delegates at the 2016/17 District Convention. If no bids are received, the Governor of the day, through whatever means he or she chooses, determines the location of the 2018/19 District Convention which will be hosted by a District Host Committee.

I wish to thank all the Clubs, especially the Club Secretaries as they have worked hard to keep the LCI database up to date. As this information is the source for our District Directory, any errors in the Database will show up in this document. Please ensure that any edits or changes to Club information are corrected at LCI and that those changes get forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary for updating on our District Web Site.

Club Directories will be available for pickup August 21<sup>st</sup> in Breslau. It would be extremely beneficial if every club could send at least one member to pick up the Directories. The activities for the District are set out for the year including Club visits by the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Region and Zone Chairs. Contact information and instructions are also included. This is a resource developed for the Clubs at some expense and must be in the hands of the Club executives to be functional. Zone Chairs will deliver to Clubs eventually, however the usefulness diminishes over time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET**

My first duty today is to summarize the financial statements as at June 30, 2016 to close off the last Lions year. The financial statements in the package have been reconciled to the statements for bank accounts and all GIC investments as at June 30. The financial statements fairly reflect the financial position of the District. The informal audit of the financial statements has not been completed as of this writing but will be completed shortly – with a report to the District Governor / Cabinet to follow.

ADMIN – for clarification, I add the following:

- Investments include \$23,835.45 (1.35% to Nov/16) for the reserve, \$7,684.80 (1.35% to Nov/15) of surplus held parked in a GIC to earn some interest.
- We ended the year with a surplus of \$3,860 for the 2015-16 year. Our revenue was very closely aligned to the budget. For expenses, there are some line items that are above budget but several where the budgeted amount was used sparingly or not at all. This provided the surplus. There is also an accumulated surplus of \$2,849 evident from previous years. As a result, **I am proposing a rebate of dues to the Clubs in the amount of \$2.00** per member based on the number of members invoiced in September, 2015. This rebate will be netted off the invoice for 2016-17 and will amount to approximately \$3,068.
- The balance of the surplus will be retained in ADMIN.

TRUST – balance sheet is straight forward and reflects balances for applicable District & Lion project accounts. I have provided some Committee Chairs with info on their respective project (Centennial as an example). If there are any new Committee chairs that need some history on activity etc for your committee, let me know and I will provide as much as possible. GICs held here include:

- Sight conservation \$5,156 1.30% to July, 2016; Youth Camp Capital \$7,802 0.55% to Feb, 2017; Lions Quest \$7,641 0.60% flexible; Youth Camp regular \$12,740 1.35% to Nov, 2016.



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**2015-16 Administration Budget**

My second duty today is to present the administration budget for the 2016-17 Lions year. The proposed budget is included with the package and compares to the actual results for the previous 2 Lions years. I add the following:

- Revenue is essentially flat year over year. Invoicing will be based on member numbers as at Aug 1 – I have used 1,507.
- Expenses are similar in most categories. Some costs that are incurred in USD (e.g. Leadership Institutes, LCI Badges & supplies, website) will cost more this Lions year.
- We have 1 new line item – we are budgeting \$1,500 for Centennial celebrations and costs that may be incurred. No definitive outline of the use of these funds has been created (follow up required) but we wanted to get an amount in the budget at the beginning of the year.
- As in past years, the budget provides for an Honorarium of \$50 per Committee Chair – paid in June to help defray minor expenses.
  - o Note Leadership Institute costs and Police Check Fees were set up as line items starting in 2014-15. As per the motion passed late in the last Lions year, the District will no longer be paying for Police Check fees – Clubs and/or committees are responsible for their own.
  - o Liability Insurance – an amount is budgeted in anticipation of needs.
- For Club Treasurers, the following will be invoiced in September:
  - o Per member \$8.50 (District Dues) + \$1.00 (Convention Fund - reduced from Max amount of \$1.40 so surplus can be reduced) + \$1.50 (membership assessment to support GMT/GLT Committee Chairs) plus \$0.25 (International Director's Fund) = \$11.25. As well, a charge of \$25 per Club for the Leadership Seminar. Note this total will be reduced by any rebate approved.
  - o The District will again invoice for MDA dues as well - \$14.50 per member as at Aug 1.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7:34 AM

2016-08-14

Accrual Basis

### District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2015 through June 30 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	235.00	250.00	-15.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,030.50	13,039.00	-8.50
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>13,030.50</b>	<b>13,039.00</b>	<b>-8.50</b>
Interest Earned	558.00	543.00	15.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD "A" Dues	0.00		
Membership Assessment	2,299.50	2,301.00	-1.50
Pin Sales	1,159.00	1,500.00	-341.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,232.00</b>	<b>19,583.00</b>	<b>-351.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>19,232.00</b>	<b>19,583.00</b>	<b>-351.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	245.91	750.00	-504.09
Awards - Other	604.82	350.00	254.82
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>850.73</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>-249.27</b>
Badges & Patches	1,573.76	700.00	873.76
Bank Charges	98.20	200.00	-101.80
Cabinet Expense	1,752.53	1,850.00	-97.47
Convention Expense	692.03	1,100.00	-407.97
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	373.52	1,100.00	-726.48
District Chair - Other	1,800.00	1,500.00	300.00
Global Leadership & Membership	956.26	2,350.00	-1,393.74
Leo Clubs	0.00	400.00	-400.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>3,129.78</b>	<b>5,350.00</b>	<b>-2,220.22</b>
District Directories	1,997.84	1,750.00	247.84
Internet	112.69	100.00	12.69
Leadership Institutes	0.00	675.00	-675.00
Leadership Seminar	1,080.32	1,450.00	-369.68
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Pins Purchased	1,757.71	1,760.00	-2.29
Police Check Fees	1,736.81	660.00	1,076.81
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	228.94	350.00	-121.06
USA / Canada Forum	360.00	1,800.00	-1,440.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>15,371.34</b>	<b>19,545.00</b>	<b>-4,173.66</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,860.66</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>3,822.66</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,860.66</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>3,822.66</b>



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## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 30 June 2016

	<u>30 Jun 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	
CIBC - Bank Account	3,494.24
CIBC - Investments	31,520.25
CIBC USD Account	2.09
International Director Fund	5,687.48
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>42,574.62</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>42,574.62</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>42,574.62</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>42,574.62</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>0.01</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Convention Fund	1,511.07
DGE Partner Travel	3,104.60
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>4,615.67</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	4,615.68
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
International Director - Contra	5,687.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>7,558.04</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	12,173.72
<b>Equity</b>	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	2,849.70
Net Income	3,860.66
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>30,400.90</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>42,574.62</u></b>



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## District "A"-15 Lions ADMIN Budget for 2016-17

	Actual	Actual	BUDGET	Comments
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
<b>Income</b>				
Advertising	500.00	500.00	500.00	UPS & Kitchener Lions
District Directory	265.00	235.00	225.00	Sold at \$5 each
<b>District Dues</b>				
Dues - Collected	13,319.50	13,030.50	12,809.50	1,507 X \$8.5
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>13,319.50</b>	<b>13,030.50</b>	<b>12,809.50</b>	
Interest Earned	599.52	558.00	425.00	on ONLY ADMIN GICs
Leadership Seminar Income	1,400.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	58 Clubs X \$25
Membership Assessment	2,350.50	2,299.50	2,260.50	1,507X \$1.50 pp;
Pin Sales	1,212.00	1,159.00	1,250.00	9 people X 25 pins X \$8
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,646.52</b>	<b>19,232.00</b>	<b>18,920.00</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Awards</b>				
Awards - Cabinet	165.53	245.91	500.00	Cabinet & CC
Awards - Other	149.52	604.82	450.00	100% Pres, Sec'ty, Treasurer etc
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>315.05</b>	<b>850.73</b>	<b>950.00</b>	
Badges & Patches	327.75	1,573.76	700.00	2015-16 unusually high
Bank Charges	95.28	98.20	350.00	need to order cheques X 3
Cabinet Expense	1,717.98	1,752.53	1,800.00	Cabinet meals - Cabinet & CC
Centennial Project			1,500.00	Support LCI &/or A-15 100th Ann
Convention Expense	908.00	692.03	750.00	Credentials, Reg'n fee; Memorial
<b>District Chair Expense</b>				
Comm Chair Expenses	186.21	373.52	600.00	LFC, LCIF; Culture; Literary, Centennial
District Chair - Other	1,250.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	38 CC X \$50 honourarium
GMT /GLT	1,808.17	956.26	1,700.00	* Actuals incl funds rec'd from MDA;
Leo Clubs	290.79	0.00	250.00	Assist w convention costs
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>3,535.17</b>	<b>3,129.78</b>	<b>4,350.00</b>	
District Directorates	1,617.72	1,997.84	1,750.00	usually order 400
Internet	94.26	112.69	140.00	Website USD \$107.
Leadership Institutes	352.27	0.00	540.00	Est \$135 pp (4 persons)
Leadership Seminar	1,092.07	1,080.32	1,450.00	
Liability Insurance		0.00	500.00	Budgeted in case of need
Pins Purchased	1,768.33	1,757.71	1,760.00	375 pins - invoice received
Police Check Fees	697.09	1,736.81	0.00	Clubs / Committee pay there own
Postage	130.48	0.00	200.00	
Printing & Stationery	239.38	228.94	350.00	
USA / Canada Forum	360.00	360.00	1,800.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,250.83</b>	<b>15,371.34</b>	<b>18,890.00</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,395.69</b>	<b>3,860.66</b>	<b>30.00</b>	

\* 2013 \$800; 2014 \$ 1,000; 2015 \$1,000





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## District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 30 June 2016

	<u>30 Jun 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	2,599.14
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impet	1,004.83
CIBC - Trust Account	16,508.60
<b>CIBC - Youth</b>	
Youth Exchange Imprest	31,194.40
Youth Investments	12,739.62
<b>Total CIBC - Youth</b>	<u>43,934.02</u>
<b>Investments</b>	
QUEST - Investment	7,641.08
Investments - Other	5,156.20
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>12,797.28</u>
<b>Youth Camp Capital Fund</b>	<u>7,802.58</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>84,646.45</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>84,646.45</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>84,646.45</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Centennial Project	9,385.70
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	1,004.83
Hearing Conservation	350.00
Hearing Equipment	703.07
LCIF - Measlee	100.00
<b>Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	50.00
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	<u>5,105.90</u>
Lions Home for Deaf People	50.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,240.22
Peace Poster	1,578.96
Reading Action	1,925.00
Vision Screening	2,249.04
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	43,934.02
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>76,843.87</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>76,843.87</u>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Youth Camp Capital	7,802.58
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>7,802.58</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>84,646.45</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>84,646.45</u></b>



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**CABINET REPORTS**

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**1<sup>st</sup> VDG** – Charlene Teasdale

1<sup>st</sup> VDG August Cabinet Meeting Report:

Welcome to a new Lions year and what a year we are heading into with our Centennial Celebrations. Congratulations to the Clubs in A15 as you celebrate your achievements and here's to looking ahead for many more successful years of service. Our International President's theme is "New Mountains to Climb" which to me is a wonderful challenge for us to keep forging ahead in our service to not only Lions International but within our own communities but most importantly to our own Club members. We should all be proud to be a member of such a strong service organization serving those who need our help. We have the opportunity to reflect on our successes and look forward to our future and the challenges that may bring, but I believe that when we work together, care for one another, anything is possible. I look forward to serving with you this year and I am excited for our future! I believe that leadership is another form of service to our own Lions and their Clubs, why not let me share my story with you? As District Governor Lion Wayne says "let's have fun" this year and celebrate our incredible history while we also look ahead to many more years of service!

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG** – Kevin Banfield

"New Mountains to Climb" – Our International President's theme for this coming year rings very true. We are about to embrace the future of Lions Club International, while celebrating our past success. As an organization we have come far in our 100 years of service to our fellow man, yet, there is so much more we can achieve as a club, a district, and within Lions International. I want to challenge each Lion of District A-15 to think about this theme, and to reflect about your personal attitude within your club and yourself. Personally, I believe that attitude is the first building block in overcoming any challenge we may have today, or will have tomorrow. If we take a look at the skills and talents that surround us, it may be that these perceived road blocks would then become opportunities. We as a group should then be able to move those mountains all the while adding value to our great organization. It is important that we remind ourselves always that "We Serve" our communities and the world around us.

**RC 9** – Bill Robinson

Member of the Region 9 Lions Club. I strongly believe that many hands make light work, with this year's theme "Mountains to Climb" When Lions put their minds to it we could just move it out of the way. I am looking forward to serving the District this year and encourage members to talk about all the good that Lions do and don't forget to ask members of the community to come out to an event or a meeting and sample for themselves the good work that Lions do every day around the world.

**ZC 9E** –Ray Derouin

No report

**RC 51** – Debbie Cserhalmi

WOW! What an exciting year this promises to be. 100 years of Lionism: 100 years of service. If we sit back and think about it, how many peoples' lives have been impacted by our works? Did we provide glasses to a child who was struggling? Did we make a family's Christmas better with a gift hamper? Or did we provide a walker for a senior? We help all people through all walks of life. Let me remind you all that our Centennial Challenge is in full swing. I know all of our clubs have been involved in the four areas of service: Engaging our Youth, Protecting the Environment, Sharing the Vision, and Relieving the Hunger. In order to log your hours and earn your patches remind your club secretary to add them to your club's activity log. Have a great year everyone!

**ZC 51E** – Neil Hoogendoorn

No report

**ZC 51W** – Lion Linda Litt

No report

**RC37** – Tracey Leary

For Region 37, I would like to be there to support every club. The International President's theme "New



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Mountains to Climb”, is a great way to start looking forward to helping clubs in our district to climb those mountains and accomplish their dreams of getting to the top!! I look forward to serving again on Cabinet in District A-15.

**ZC 37S** – Paul Lalande

I'm really looking forward to working with my 11 Clubs in 37S to do whatever I can to assist & encourage them to reach the goal set out by our Lions Club International President "To serve at least 100 million people by June 2018". One such project is the outstanding participation of all 11 clubs at the Outdoor Farm Show which in and of itself is amazing! I am extremely proud to be a serving member of the "Centennial Cabinet" & looking forward to gaining as much knowledge as possible to take back to the 11 Clubs who will be depending on me for guidance.

**ZC 37W** – George Corrin

No report

**IPDG** – Diane Smith – See Committee Reports

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME OR NO SUBMISSION**

**Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **Convention Advisory** – DG Wayne Litt, **Cultural Events** – PZC Fran MacFarlane, **District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **District International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **Elections & Credentials** – PDG Doug Smith, **Environment** – Jason Crowe, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – RC Paul Anstett, **GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PRC Vic Bovingdon, **LEO** – Tracey Leary, **Lions Quest** – PDG Todd Wilson, **Literacy** – ZC Aline Chan, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **Nominations** – PCC Bill Carson, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **Lions Camps Coordinator** – RC Bill Robinson, **LCIF** – 2ndVDG Kevin Banfield

#### **Bulletin & MDA Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Pearson

Plan of Action:

- Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues.
- Continue with quality submissions to the MDA Magazine.
- Encourage A15 Clubs to ensure they have a bulletin editor in place and there are regular entries for the district bulletin contest. Individual club bulletins will identify future district editors.
- Revisit the need for a district logo.

Observation:

As of the date of this report (August 12th) only a few submissions for the September bulletin have been received from district clubs. It goes without saying that timely submissions make for a better product. It is realized the time of year has much to do with this area and the rate of submissions will increase at the start of the new Lions year.

Submissions can be in most formats, PDF's are preferred, but most other platforms can be converted.

#### **Centennial Coordinator** – PDG Dan Ayim

Since February, 2016, clubs were encouraged to appoint their Club Centennial Chairperson. Few clubs have responded to date. Each club is asked to give it immediate attention and submit a name with contact information to the Cabinet Secretary and the centennial coordinator – [centcoord@a15lions.org](mailto:centcoord@a15lions.org).

#### **Lions Flag.**

I have forwarded to each club president a request from MDA Centennial Coordinator to municipalities for permission to raise Lions Flag on their buildings during 2017 centennial celebration. Each Lions Club will



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supply one or two Lions Flags for this purpose. It is believed that the Council of Governors will give further instruction on the process.

**A15 Centennial Project – Breslau,**

Work has begun on site to take advantage of the nice weather. Many thanks to Lions and Clubs who contributed to the project during summer recess. Donations realized remain at approximately at 35% level. The committee aims at completing the project by spring of 2017 and ready for centennial celebration. I appeal to all clubs especially those which have not responded to requests for donations to give it serious consideration; send your contribution to cabinet treasurer, marked *centennial project*.

**Centennial Service Challenge,**

Lions are still encouraged in service to our communities to engage the youth, assist the visually impaired, relieve hunger and protect our environment. The aim is to benefit at least 100 million people by June 18, 2018. Invite new members to join your club and qualify for centennial membership awards.

Please remember to report your completed projects in MyLCI, indicating number of people benefited, in order to be recognized.

**Convention Report – Co-Chairs PID Art Woods and ZC Linda Litt**

Governor Wayne and Members of Cabinet, the Lions Club of Elmira and the Woolwich Community Lions Club are hard at work planning the upcoming District A-15 Convention, to be held at Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira, Ontario, May 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Accommodations have been arranged at the Courtyard Marriott, 50 Benjamin Road East, Waterloo (St. Jacobs), Ontario, with shuttle service available. Please save the date to join us as we “Celebrate Service.”

**Diabetes Awareness Report – Lion Rick Bell**

Since our last cabinet meeting, things have been going well for Project Bunk Bed. In the latest update from Nicole Holder, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Canadian Diabetes Association, she indicated that over \$50,000 has been donated by clubs MDA. That’s a fantastic amount. We will be making our fundraising intentions known in September after I meet with Nicole.

**District A-15 Technology Report – Lion Ted Rypma**

I wish to report that all pages on the District web site have been updated with information for the 2016-2017 Lions year. The Club and Cabinet directories contain current information, and have been updated as corrections have come in.

Most Cabinet members, Committee Chairs and Club Secretaries look after their own e-mail needs, with their ability to send to Cabinet and to the Clubs in the District by logging in to the Google Mail site. If assistance is needed with this task, Cabinet Secretary Rick and I will be happy to assist. Please visit the web site Publications/Use of Technology section and read the E-Mail and Communications Guidelines found there.

I would also like to point out a few things about the web site:

- Cabinet officers and Committees may maintain their own information on the site if they wish to do so;
- Pictures can be relatively easily uploaded to the site;
- The site has a "Search" function to help in locating information;
- A "Recent Changes" link is available to help in monitoring site content changes;
- All Cabinet, Committee and Club Directory information is maintained in a database on the web site;
- The site will function even if active content (JavaScript/Java/Flash) is turned off in the browser.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler**



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A-15 Lions do it consistently RIGHT, especially with regards to supporting this excellent Opportunities for Youth program which promotes growth of character and develops civic potential in our community.

**Summary Highlights:** -- at the MDA Effective Speaking finals held in (A-4) Ottawa, early May 2016, 4 of our 6 entered contestants (total field of 43) placed: 1 First; 1 Second; 2 Thirds. A sincere thanks to ALL Clubs for strong financial support and numerous individual Lion volunteers, especially St George LC for hosting the A-15 District finals. The excitement and satisfaction experienced was really incredible. Just ask someone who was there!

**Forward-looking Information:** -- Contest Speaking Categories are finalized as: SENIOR (Eng - French) Gr. 12, 11 & 10; INTERMEDIATE (Eng - French) Gr. 9, 8 & 7; JUNIOR (Eng - French) Gr 6, 5 & 4). At our A-15 District level only, we will hold a Pre-Competitive level contest (Eng - French) Gr. 3, 2 & 1) with shorter (2 minute speech OR poem recitation) requirement.

Please note the following confirmed dates & locations: --A-15 District finals will be held on Sat. Apr. 1st, 2017, hopefully again at St George (LC sponsored). The MDA finals will be held in St Catharines, Ontario on Fri / Sat May 5th & 6th, 2017.

Dedication & Teamwork has always been District A-15's track record. Let's keep it up. I am honoured to be part of A-15 Lions who serve our communities and our youth. Information is readily available.

**Environment** – Jason Crowe

**GLT District Coordinator** – IPDG Diane Smith

DG Wayne has asked me to co-ordinate the leadership program for our District this year. Together with our GMT coordinator, Jim Keron, we are planning several learning opportunities for Cabinet, for club officers as well as the general membership. There will be a leadership workshop, with a focus for the zone and region chairs immediately prior to the first Cabinet meeting. There will be two Membership workshops in October. We will keep you posted as the programs develop.

We will also provide ongoing information and support for the zone and region chairs to help them in their duties and in particular in the running of their meetings. Please feel free to contact me at [glt@a15lions.org](mailto:glt@a15lions.org) with any comments, suggestions or concerns. I will do my best to help.

**GMT District Coordinator** – PRC Jim Keron

I recently stepped into this position and I am still trying to figure out which way is up. Thanks to Lion OJ Wilura for a good briefing sitting in the shade of his back yard last month. I plan to carry on much of what was done last year but will likely be bringing some of my own thoughts to the position. Chief among these at the moment is a good orientation program for new members. We tried this at the joint zone meetings last year but did not seem to get as many new members out as we hoped. The solution needs to be to take it much closer to the club but this requires a significant labour input to deliver it. Another aspect we will be pushing is CQI (Club Quality Initiative) – the old Club Excellence Program. It never hurts to take a good close look at what is working in your club and areas where improvement would enhance the clubs success.

**Honorary Committee** – IPDG Diane Smith

A major role for the IPDG is to head up the Honorary Committee, which is made up of our Past District Governors. I sent out a quick survey and based on the results, there will be two meetings this year for the PDGs. I am hopeful we can have a discussion on effective ways to promote leadership and foster interest in the general membership building-the two major challenges facing Lions today.

If any member has thoughts about the role of PDGs –please let me know. We have a great deal of talent in the Honorary committee of this District! Forward any comments or concerns to me at [ipdg@a15lions.org](mailto:ipdg@a15lions.org)



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**LCIF –RC Kevin Banfield**

**Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan**

**Lions Services For Children – Interim – District Team**

**Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann**

**Peace Poster & Essay For the Visually Impaired – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock**

**Sight Conservation and Screening – PDG Tim DeBlock**

I hope you have had a good summer. With every year come changes and the 2016-2017 Lions year is sure to be full of them. Under the direction of DG Wayne we have combined the Hearing & Speech Action with the Sight Screen & Conservation committees. I'm sure there will be a few growing pains but with more pairing the two screening programs together it seemed like a good fit. We are expanding with both programs in one new school board and partnering the hearing screening component with an existing sight screening program in another board. I believe this trend will continue as we realize results of offering both to these children.

The McMaster group's pilot project with the vision screening has a proposal to continue the second phase this year. I have presented it to our DG but details have not yet been confirmed as they are waiting on approval from their supervisory body. I do have a report of the preliminary findings from year one if anyone would like me to forward it to them.

I am waiting to present a budget to Cabinet in anticipation of screening groups who are in contact with their Boards communicating an official request for police checks. I am only aware of two such requests and they are from the west side of our District.

I am available for Clubs and Lions who would like to explore possibilities for their own communities.

**Youth Camp & Exchange – Allison and Mark Henkell**

Allison and Mark provided a good verbal report to the membership about the impact that the Youth Camp & Exchange program has made to their life. More will follow including the budget.

There were some questions around relocating some of the items that were donated over a period of time at the camp.



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**District A-15 Effective Speaking 2016 - 2017 Proposed Budget**

**Receipts: - estimated-**

Donations from 32 Clubs @ \$ 200.00 per ..... \$ 6 400.00  
 Portion submitted to MD'A'-- 32 x \$ 45.00 ..... (-) \$ 1 440.00  
**Total receipts - income ..... \$ 4 960.00**

**Expenses:**

A-15 District Competition prize monies, if **all** categories have participants:

	1st	2nd	3rd	
Pre-competitive <b>English</b> .....	(\$50 + \$40 + \$30)			\$ 120.00
Pre-competitive <b>French</b> .....	(\$50 + \$40 + \$30)			\$ 120.00
Junior <b>English</b> .....	(\$90 + \$75 + \$50)			\$ 215.00
Junior <b>French</b> .....	(\$90 + \$75 + \$50)			\$ 215.00
Intermediate <b>English</b> .....	(\$100 + \$80 + \$60)			\$ 240.00
Intermediate <b>French</b> .....	(\$100 + \$80 + \$60)			\$ 240.00
Senior <b>English</b> .....	(\$125 + \$100 + \$75)			\$ 300.00
Senior <b>French</b> .....	(\$125 + \$100 + \$75)			\$ 300.00
Participant's <i>Certificates &amp; Frames</i> .....				\$ 75.00
<b>Total.....</b>				<b>\$ 1 825.00</b>

Postage re correspondence, etc..... \$ 25.00  
 Year Bars & Patches for Club Banners..... \$ 55.00  
 Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) ..... \$ 90.00  
 Judges Honorariums ..... \$ 225.00  
 District Convention, Lunch for contestant(s) and Guardians.. \$ 210.00  
**Rooms**/one night accommodation at MDA finals-5 / 6 rooms.....\$ 900.00  
**Meals**, for 5/6 contestants/families at MDA finals ..... \$ 1 350.00  
**Total .....\$ 2 855.00**  
 (estimated) **Total Expenses .....\$ 4 680.00**

**Youth Exchange program 2015-16 - Lion Lorea and Rudy Boogerman**

15 youth from 15 countries, 28 days in Canada, 10 spent together at camp.

12 families volunteered to accommodate the Youth. A big thank you to those families.

The last two Youth were notified of their host family on June 15. The Youth arrived on June 23 and returned home on July 23, with some exceptions.

29 Lions Clubs either provided or sponsored a meal. Thanks to all those clubs. There was not one complaint that we heard from any of the Youth.

The financial support from the District is solid and greatly appreciated. The account continues to be healthy. The final camp expenses have been submitted.

The use of the Five Oaks facility has come to a close. There was an offer to possibly use the facility next year with minimal guarantee of conditions and available staff. It has been decided to sever our ties with Five Oaks given the uncertainty of their situation. A new location is currently being sought.



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Lions Allison & Mark Henkell (Oxford Lions Club) have accepted the position of Youth Exchange Co-Chairpersons and will be looking for other Lions to assist them with their endeavours in this program.

We want to thank all the Lions Clubs and Lions of District A-15 for their continued support of the YEP. Thank you also to Lion Allison and Mark for their assistance over the past two years and wish them all the best as they begin their journey as the Co-Chairpersons of the program.

**2016 Youth Exchange Program Expenses**

<b>Youth Exchange Program</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Proposed 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>
<i>Transportation**</i>	<i>4804.36</i>	<i>4800.00</i>	<i>3841.36</i>
<i>Name Tags</i>	<i>126.56</i>	<i>125.00</i>	<i>72.32</i>
<i>T-Shirts, Polo, jackets etc...</i>	<i>1534.93</i>	<i>1,200.00</i>	<i>986.50</i>
<i>Ice cream for everyone</i>	<i>128.05</i>	<i>140.00</i>	<i>127.90</i>
<i>Maid of the Mist (Hornblower)</i>	<i>471.10</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>462.17</i>
<i>Imax/(Skylon Tower)/ Aerocar</i>	<i>145.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>	<i>477.00</i>
<i>Niagara Falls Supper</i>	<i>869.54</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>739.00</i>
<i>Wonderland</i>	<i>948.09</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>700.37</i>
<i>Subway (Foundation Visit) NEW</i>			<i>300.00</i>
<i>Dinner at Wonderland &amp; parking</i>	<i>260.00</i>	<i>300.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Dinner- Mandarin</i>	<i>750.00</i>	<i>800.00</i>	<i>650.00</i>
<i>CN Tower</i>	<i>588.03</i>	<i>600.00</i>	<i>647.94</i>
<i>Blue Jays out of town replaced by Brantford Red Sox &amp; Lazer Quest</i>	<i>372.00</i>	<i>450.00</i>	<i>479.60</i>
<i>Display Boards</i>	<i>61.60</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>50.04</i>
<i>Groceries</i>	<i>452.48</i>	<i>400.00</i>	<i>337.27</i>
<i>Pizza</i>	<i>248.06</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>261.43</i>
<i>Set-up dinner &amp; breakfast</i>	<i>100.52</i>	<i>225.00</i>	<i>243.31</i>
<i>Flash Drives (Thumb Drives)</i>	<i>221.16</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>St Jacobs Horse drawn tour</i>	<i>252.00</i>	<i>300.00</i>	<i>175.50</i>
<i>Meals -no club</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Airport Hotel - arrival expenses</i>	<i>155.48</i>	<i>375.00</i>	<i>163.65</i>
<i>John Wedge - National Anthems</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>75.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Youth Exchange Pins/ptchs</i>	<i>275.00</i>	<i>300.00</i>	<i>272.75</i>
<i>Backpacks</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>





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<i>Water bottles</i>		-----	None Required	None required
<i>misc supplies</i>		<i>888.81</i>	<i>800.00</i>	607.36
<i>misc supplies details:</i>	Promo/Conv'tn(\$161.86)			Promo/Conv'tn(\$12.65)
	Clean Up (\$239.60)			Clean Up (\$124.38)
	Supplies (\$396.97)			Supplies (\$305.84)
	Program Prep (\$90.38)			Program Prep(\$164.49)
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,652.77</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>11,995.47</b>

\*\* Each camp participant paid a camp transportation fee of \$250.00 - Total collected - 15X \$250.00= \$3,750.00