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## Minutes of the First 2009-2010 A-15 Cabinet Meeting Paris, Ontario - Sat. August 22, 2009

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

Gov. Karen McNeight	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Todd Wilson	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma Peterson
IPDG OJ Wilura	Treas. Peter Oswald	RC51 Neil Hoogendoorn
ZC9E Bill Weiler	ZC9S Gerry Runstedler	ZC37S Henri Callebert
ZC37W Tim De Block	ZC51E Denis Vinette	
CC Dan Ayim	CC Wolfgang Boelke	CC Rudy & Lorea Boogerman
CC Jack Broadfoot	CC Bill Carson	CC John Brash
CC Dennis Lougheed	CC Jim Loucks	CC Tim Cronin
CC Dan Moore	CC John Paff	CC Rob Montgomery
CC John Rothwell	CC Dave & Mary Rumble	CC George Patton
CC Doug Smith	CC Raymond Taylor	CC Marysa Rumble-Laurialt
		CC Joyce Townson
		CC Nancy Ransom
		CC Ted Rypma
		CC Larry Wainwright

In attendance also were approximately 51 other Lions members. Sign-up sheet on file. \*CC = Committee Chair

Governor Karen recognized PCCs, PDGs, former Cabinet officers, new Cabinet officers present, welcomed all Lions in attendance and thanked Past CS Ted for helping out by taking minutes. A moment's silence was observed for departed Lions and family.

Additions to the agenda: 5a - PDG John Brash for a special presentation, Good & Welfare - ZC Denis Vinette. **Moved** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd, seconded by ZC37S Henri that the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried.**

Gov. Karen presented images and information from the LCI convention. The theme of this year's LCI President is **Move to Grow.**

Governor Karen presented **the new District A-15 Cabinet Officers** with their name tags. Jacket crests will be presented when LCI Supply Operation finally makes them correctly.

PDG John Brash, with the aid of Lion Garry Ransom, "inducted" Lion Bill McNeight into the **A-15 DGMSA** - the "District Governor Male Spouses Association".

**Moved** by ZC9E Bill, seconded by ZC51 Neil, that the **June 2009 Cabinet meeting minutes** be received as circulated. **Carried.**

**Moved** by ZC37S Henri, seconded by ZC9S Gerry, that the **actions of the previous District Cabinets** be ratified. **Carried.** IPDG OJ remarked that only eleven applications for Presidents Excellence Awards had been received. All Club Secretaries should review last years Club records and fill out an application on behalf of their President. Due date is September 2009.

Cabinet Treasurer Peter presented the final **District Financial report** for the Lions year 2008-2009. The Lions year ended under budget, with \$2,553 surplus, mostly from the MERL budget. The Hearing Tester account is still in a deficit of \$126. The financial statements have been reviewed by an independent Chartered Accountant. **Moved** by IPDG OJ, seconded by 1st VDG Todd, that the financial report be received as presented. **Carried.**

Treas. Peter presented the **budget for the upcoming 2009-10 Lions year.** Details are published in the Financial report distributed at the meeting and available on-line. Dues remain at \$8.50 per member. Currently the new Club assessment is at \$1.50, with \$9,910 in the New Club fund. This should be ample to look after extension costs, so the \$1.50 levy will be diverted to MERL activities, resulting in no change in dues. Honorarium for Committee Chairs will remain at \$50 for the year. **Moved** by ZC37S Henri, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma, that the budget be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Treas. Peter brought up the matter of funding for the DG-elect and spouse to attend the LCI convention. LCI has capped reimbursement for the spouse at \$500, and this is insufficient when the Convention is held far away (in Australia next year). **Motion** to allocate up to \$2,000 from **surplus funds to cover travel costs**, supported by receipts, for the DG-elect spouse, made by RC51 Neil, seconded by ZC37W Tim. In discussion, PDG John Brash was assured that only reasonable expenses supported by receipts would be covered, to the limit set, subject to availability of funds. **Carried.** PDG Larry Wainwright commented that we should start a Lions-only activity to raise funds in future for this expense. **Moved** by IPDG OJ, seconded by RC51 Neil, that PDG Larry be tasked with an investigation into such an activity. **Carried.** DG Karen thanked Treas. Peter for all the hard work he has put into the budget and financial statements.

DG Karen turned the chair over to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd, for Committee reports.



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**Committee Reports: Convention** Chair PDG Jim Loucks spoke about the 2010 Convention to be held at the River Garden Inn (formerly the Victorian Inn) Inn, April 16 - 18. Hotel cost will include breakfast, and will be less than in Kitchener in 2009. The first Convention Advisory committee meeting will be held Sat. Sep 26, 9:30 AM at the River Garden Inn. The 2011 Convention will be discussed at the October Cabinet meeting.

**MERL** PDG Larry Wainwright noted that the MERL team has a significant budget, but the results have been worthwhile: District *A-15 has shown membership increases over the last five years*. However, retention is still an issue.

This year there will be a new *award for Membership Chairs* - information will be published in the Governor's Newsletter.

**Moved** by RC51 Neil, seconded by ZC9E Bill, that the District order 100 pins at the cost of \$2.09 each. **Carried.** The **Plus One / I'm the One** pins will remain unchanged, in the purple and gold colours. **Moved** by ZC51E Denis, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma, that the District order 175 of each pin at a cost of \$1.10 each. **Carried.** Region Chairs have been retained this year by request of Governor Karen. **Moved** by ZC37S Henri, seconded by ZC9S Gerry, that the *roles and responsibilities of Region Chairs* be published as District Policy, and be made available on the District web site. **Carried.** **Moved** by IPDG OJ, seconded by RC51 Neil, that the *Proud Lion Award* be modified to allow new Lions one year to complete the award, and that sponsoring a new Lion be one of the requirements. **Carried.** The information on the web site will need to be changed to reflect this. The web site will have a representative Membership Plan from each Zone, for use by all Clubs in the District.

The web site will have information about the committee reporting structure.

**Youth Camp/Youth Exchange** Chair PCC David Rumble and Lioness Mary - PCC Dave noted the new Bruce Murray Youth Camp sign at the entrance to Five Oaks, thanks to the Exeter Lions Club. The turnout of 195 at the International Night was outstanding. There were 21 youth this year and 17 host families, some new. Next year's exchange will be from July 3 to July 31, with Camp July 17 - 27, and International Night July 25 in Paris. There were a few visa problems this year, especially with the student from Mongolia. Lion Dave thanked the District for all the help and involvement. The Paris Lions Club presented the proceeds from dinner at International Night to the Youth Camp Committee.

**Opportunities for Youth:** PZC John Rothwell spoke on behalf of Leos, Effective Speaking and Peace Poster. Lions Clubs should endeavor to be involved with schools where possible.

**Services for Children:** PZC Dennis Lougheed spoke on behalf of Sight, Hearing and Lions Quest. He indicated a survey will be coming to all Lions Clubs this fall, asking for an enumeration of community services for children. More information will be coming out with a mailing.

**LFC** Chair PDG John Paff indicated his report is in the meeting package, and mentioned that dogs are now being trained for helping with autism.

**Emergency Action / Alert** Chair Troy Mills explained the program.

**Health Sciences Project** Chair ZC9E Bill Weiler indicated his report is in the meeting package. As a special note, he noted that a special research chair dedicated to diabetes treatment is being created as part of the new medical facilities.

**No Child Without - Medic Alert** Chair ZC9S Gerry Runstedler noted that in a conference call with MD"A" Chairs, it was mentioned that other Districts have co-chairs to assist - we should consider implementing this.

**Camp Chair Coordinator** Robert Montgomery indicated his report was in the meeting package. A new date for the Camp Dorset clean-up is still being determined. DG Karen spoke about Camp Dorset and showed pictures. She also noted that Lion Robert is now a Director of Camp Dorset.

**Moved** by ZC37S Henri, seconded by Treas. Peter, that the reports be received as presented and distributed. **Carried.**

### **Awards Presented:**

- Art Woods Golden Tree Awards were presented by PDG Larry Wainwright, to the following:
  - Hilda Wainwright, Fergus; PDG Larry Wainwright, Fergus (x2); PDG Doug Smith, Hillsburgh; Erik Westermann, St. Jacobs; Jack Broadfoot, Thamesford; ZC51W Freda Walker, Woolwich Community; Louise Reeve, Galt-Cambridge; PDG Dan Moore, Paris; PDG Nancy Ransom, K-W Community Spirit; PDG OJ Wilura, Kitchener; 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma Peterson, Fergus; Eric Peterson, Fergus; ZC51E Denis Vinette, Belwood; DG Karen McNeight, St. Marys; Treas. Peter Oswald, Woodstock.
- Club Efficiency Award for 2008-09, K-W Community Spirit Lions Club, PDG Nancy Ransom, Secretary
- DG Karen presented a special thank-you to Lion Garry and PDG Nancy Ransom for all their hard work on the District Directory



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- 100% Secretary and Treasurer awards will be handed out at the direction of DG Karen (list attached)

**Upcoming events:**

- USA/Canada Forum Sept 18 - 20, Memphis.
- West Coast Lions Golf Ball Drop August 28
- Ingersoll Lions are holding a Harvest Fest *today*
- Marsville Lions 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration October 24

**For the Good of Lionism:**

IPDG OJ Wilura noted that *LFC donations were down last year*. There is a three year waiting list for dogs now! *We need to do better*. Bayfield Lions had the most pledges for dog walks in A-15. Next year the *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dog Walk* will be held *Sun May 30*.

DG Karen noted that PDGs willing to assist Clubs with ceremonial task such as inductions, installations and other such duties now have an asterisk (\*) next to their names in the Directory.

Extra directories (beyond the two available at no cost to each Lions Club) are available at \$5 each.

Lioness Mary Rumble presented Camp group photos to DG Karen and IPDG OJ.

Lion Ken Oliver noted that he has used eyeglass collection boxes available.

**Adjournment at 17:00.**

The Paris Lions served BBQed burgers, dogs and corn to the assemblage, and led the assembly in the Lions grace.

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Lion Ted Rypma for Cabinet Secretary Georgina McGregor  
Cabinet and Committee Reports and an Audio Record of the proceedings are on file.



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**More Awards, 2008 - 2009 Lions Year**

PRESENTED		EARNED	
Date	Location	Lion's Name	Lion's Club
<b>Art Woods Golden Tree Award</b>			
Aug 22, 2009	Five Oaks Cabinet mtg	Hilda Wainwright	Fergus Lions Club
"	"	PDG Larry Wainwright	Fergus Lions Club
"	"	PDG Doug Smith	Hillsburgh
"	"	Erik Westermann	St. Jacobs
"	"	Jack Broadfoot	Thamesford
"	"	ZC Freda Walker	Woolwich Community
"	"	Louise Reeve	Galt-Cambridge
"	"	PDG Dan Moore	Paris
"	"	PDG Nancy Ransom	K-W Community Spirit
"	"	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma Peterson	Fergus
"	"	Eric Peterson	Fergus
"	"	ZC Denis Vinette	Belwood
"	"	DG Karen McNeight	St. Marys
"	"	Treasurer Peter Oswald	Woodstock

**District A-15 Club Involvement Contest - 2008-2009**

1. K-W Community Spirit Lions Club      Secretary PDG Nancy Ransom      7279 points

The following Clubs achieved greater than 5000 points:

- 2. Cambridge Highlands Lions Club      Secretary Margaret De Boer      6360 points
- 3. Fergus Lions Club      Secretary Gary Waterhouse      5805 points
- 4. Woolwich Community Lions Club      Secretary Shelly Taylor      5515 points
- 5. Paradise & District Lions Club      Secretary Ted Rypma      5439 points
- 6. Belwood Lions Club      Secretary Wayne Robson      5398

Note that it is the *reporting of what a Club does* that gains points, not what a Club does. Any Club is capable of achieving excellent involvement, no matter the size, and no matter the amount of money raised. ***Don't keep it a secret - tell everyone!***



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**Awards, 2008 - 2009 Lions Year, cont'd**

**100% Secretaries 2008 - 2009**

K-W Community Spirit Lions	PDG Nancy Ransom
Cambridge Highlands Lions	Margaret De Boer
Fergus Lions	Gary Waterhouse
Woolwich Community Lions	Shelley Taylor
Paradise & District Lions	Ted Rypma
Belwood Lions	Wayne Robson
Thamesford Lions	Dan Fisher
St. George Lions	Bob Valens
Paris Lions	Dave Arsenault
St. Marys Lions	Georgina McGregor
Lions Club of Kitchener	Don Hogg
Bayfield Lions	Gerry Stirling
Marsville & District Lions	Elly Hoogendoorn
Centralia-Huron Park Lions	Harvey Hillman
Guelph Royal City Lions	Bob Keleher
Vanastra & District Lions	PDG Jim Ryan
Wellesley & District Lions	Darrell Kirby
Bridgeport Lions	Janet Fronchak
Innerkip Lions	Barb Pallister
Atwood Lions	Cory Cockwell
St. Jacobs Lions	Bill Cummings
Elmira Lions	Lee Clemens
West Coast Lions	Diane Carson
Glen Morris Lions	John Graham
Elora Lions	Don Potter
Sweaburg & District Lions	Rick Bell
Milverton Lions	Rick Banks
Ayr - North Dumphries	Bob Cooper
Woodstock Lions	Sandy Callebert
Exeter Lions	Don Thompson
Guelph Lions	PDG Thom Herrmann
Kitchener Pioneer Lions	Marg Montgomery
New Hamburg	James Arkell

**100% Treasurers 2008 - 2009**

Lions Club of Kitchener	Kevin Banfield
Cambridge Highlands Lions Club	Ferne Lindhorst
Galt Cambridge Lions Club	PDG Don Gamble