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Summer A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

3:00 PM August 25th, 2013

Bethel Road, Paris Ontario

1. Call to order By DG Denis Vinette at 3:03 PM

Attendance as indicated

VOTING CABINET

IPDG Dr. Dan Ayim	DG Denis Vinette	1st VDG VDG Tim DeBlock	2nd Diane Smith
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC Victor Bovingdon	ZC Ajit Manku
ZC Rae Rotchell	RC Paul Anstett	ZC Marg Overveld	ZC Kevin Banfield
RC Wayne Litt	ZC Rick Banks	ZC Jim Davis	

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lion Ted Bickell (R)	PDG Doug Smith	PCC Tim Cronin (R)	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock
Lion Cindy Grobe	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Gord Hufnagel (R)	Lion Ernie Kaethler
Lion Ferne Lindhorst (R)	Lion Pat Mclean	Lion Adam McMurrin (R)	PDG Karen McNeight
Lion Joanne McQuiggan (R)	PRC Bobert Montgomery	PID Bruce Murray	PCC Dave Overboe
Lion Penny Overboe	PDDG George Patton (R)	Lion Jogn Pepper (R)	IPDG Norma Peterson
PDG Nancy Ransom (R)	PRC John Rothwell	Lion Mary Rothwell	PCC Dave Rumble
Lion Mary Rumble	Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault (R)	Lion Bob Rutter (R)	PCS Ted Rypma
Lion Jeff Sullivan	Lion Raymond Taylor (R)	PZC Charlene Teasdale	Lion Linda Vinette
PDG Larry Wainwright	PDG OJ Wilura	PID Art Woods (R)	

In attendance also were approximately 63 other Lion Members
(R) - Regrets

2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence
4. Welcome
5. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
MOVED by ZC Rick Banks and seconded by IPDG Dan Ayim to approve the agenda as printed.
 Carried.

6. District Governor's Remarks
- Cabinet proudly shows our support for Lions Quest by each wearing a shirt emblazoned with the Lions quest logo and this year's International President's theme, "Follow your dream". Lions Quest is one of only 2 truly and completely Canadian Lions National programs. Please consider your personal support of the number 1 life skill program in all of Canada. This year, the District will be holding 2 new events to develop member and club knowledge and involvement in service and in club support strategies for membership growth and extension.
- Lions Now!** sessions will be a forum where District programs will be displayed and where guest speakers will be invited to share their knowledge and experience in Lions areas of service. These events will be held on October 27th in St Marys and in Innerkip on February 24th.
- A new **Membership Workshop** will be held on January 16th, 2014 in Cambridge dedicated to assisting club membership chairs and committees in implementing their Membership Action Plans for this year and next.
- A combined Region Rally renamed as "Region Challenge – 2014" will be held March 13th, 2014 in St. Clements. We hope this will be a night of friendly competition and fellowship.



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Our membership is aging. We always welcome members, young and not so young. Having said that, we need to explore new and creative ways to gain membership among the younger population of our communities.

We must look towards forming club Branches to help develop community in demographics like “bedroom communities”, retirement areas, young families, etc. We need to be accepting of, and encourage, non-traditional club operations including family gatherings, fewer meetings, more service, and to promote our organization through SIGNATURE projects. Zone and Region chairs have been asked to identify potential opportunities for growth in their respective areas. I believe that there is a desire for “**service to others**” which exists in everyone and that it can be developed and nurtured if we take the time to realize the personal aspirations of the individuals in our clubs and in our communities. Let us commit ourselves in the service of those less fortunate so that we can find fulfillment in our “dreams of service”.

This year, President Barry Palmer, asks us to “Follow our dream”. Lion Barry asks each of us to revisit our dream from when we joined, to act on our dream by increasing our effort to serve and to “follow our dream” and turn it from a dream to reality. In each of us, the dream exists. In each club, there are dreams waiting to be realized. All we have to do is believe and act to make all our service dreams come true.

7. Installation of District Officers by PID Bruce Murray
8. Approval of Minutes of the June 16th, 2013 Cabinet Meeting
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/CabMinJune2013.pdf>
MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by RC Vic Bovington. Carried.
9. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinet
MOVED by CS Dennis Loughheed and seconded by CT Peter Oswald that the actions of the previous District Cabinet be ratified. Carried.
10. Treasurer’s Report
 - 10.1. Report and Financial Statements 2012-2013 - *See Pages 5 through 9*
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Paul Anstett to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report and Financial Statements as presented. Carried.
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Kevin Banfield that the Emergency Reserve be increased by \$3000. Carried.
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Wayne Litt that the DGE Adult Companion International Convention Travel Expense Fund be increased by \$1000. Carried.
 - 10.2. Budget 2013-2014 - *See Pages 10 and 11*
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Marg Overveld that the 2013/14 Budget be approved as presented. Carried.
11. Matters Arising

Whereas there are a variety of District documents governing convention bidding and planning, and
Whereas existing policy documents are out of step with the current realities of convention planning
MOVED by CS Dennis Loughheed and seconded by VDG1 Tim DeBlock that an ad hoc committee be struck to explore consolidation of policy governing bidding for and planning of District conventions and updating to match current realities. Carried.



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- 12. New Business
 - 12.1. IPDG Dan Ayim formally announced the charter of the Breslau Lions on June 21st, 2013 and thanked Membership & Club Growth Team Leader, PDG Larry Wainwright along with CC Dennis Lougheed for their efforts in making this a reality.
 - 12.2. DG Denis Vinette announced and congratulated Lion Cheryl Sage of the Breslau Lions on her acceptance to this year's Emerging Lions Institute in Montreal.
- 13. Cabinet Reports - *See Pages 12 through 13*
- 14. Committee Reports - *See Pages 14 through 20*

Cabinet and Committee Chairs who have something to report are asked to please submit their reports in writing by the dates requested by the Cabinet Secretary. Supplemental information arriving after submission may be given at the Cabinet meeting however you are requested to provide a written copy of that supplemental at the meeting.
- 15. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 15.1. Art Woods Golden Tree – Presented by PDG Larry Wainwright to

Lion Aline Chan	Breslau Lions
CS Dennis Lougheed	Breslau Lions
Lion Ernie Kaethler	Breslau Lions
Michelle Barnard	Breslau Lions
Lion Eric Peterson	Fergus Lions
Lion Garry Ransom	Guelph Lions
PZC Charlene Teasdale	Guelph Lions
PRC Robert Montgommery	Waterloo Lions
RC Wayne Litt	Elmira Lions
Lion Debbie Cserhalmi	Woolwich Lions
Lion Lynn McLaughlin	Woolwich Lions
PDG Larry Wainwright	Ariss & District Lions
 - 15.2. 100% Secretary

Lion Bill Cummings	St Jacobs Lions
Lion Lorraine Robertson	Brantford North Lions
Lion Hilda Wainwright	Ariss Lions
PDG Norma Peterson	Fergus Lions
PCC Dave Rumble	Burford Lions
Lion Ferne Lindhorst	Cambridge Highlands Lions
 - 15.3. 100% Treasurer

Lion Lorraine Robertson	Brantford North Lions
Lion Bruce Kurtz	Ariss Lions
Lion Phil Hacock	St Jacobs Lions
Lion Nancy Ransom	KW Community Spirit
Lion Nancy Chiasson	Woolwich Lions
 - 15.4. Certified Guiding Lion - Presented by IPDG Dan Ayim to Lion Kevin Banfield



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- 15.5. CEP Banner Patches – Presented by PDG OJ Wilura
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| Belwood Lions | Drumbo Lions |
| Elora Lions | Exeter Lions |
| Galt-Cambridge Lions | Guelph Lions |
| Kitchener Lions | Paradise & District Lions |
| St George Lions | Sheffield Lions |
| Sweaburg Lions | |
16. Good & Welfare
- 16.1. Old versus New A15 Web Site
The legacy site will disappear on or about September 30th, 2013. Please update any book marks you may have referencing the legacy site.
- 16.2. Lions Quest
Lions are asked to please consider ordering the Lions Quest shirts and/or raffle tickets for the Mercedes Benz car in support of our continuing efforts to pay off the remaining Lions Quest debt and provide funds to this National Lions program.
- 16.3. Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers
The KW Area is extremely short of volunteer drivers and volunteers from other areas are being asked to make additional trips outside their home area. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a driver, please contact Laura Godwin, 519-886-8888 at the Canadian Cancer Society or Lion Don Doyle of the Fergus Lions Club at 519-787-1097.
17. Lions Grace & Dinner
18. Adjournment 4:35 PM



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Summer A-15 Cabinet Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

My first duty today is to provide a summary of the financial statements as at June 30, 2013 to close off the last Lions year. The financial records have been reconciled to the June 30 bank and investment statements. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District as at June 30. The following additional comments are added for clarification:

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- In addition to the Emergency reserve of \$20,000 (essentially funds to operate for 1 year if needed), in Administration we also hold a total of \$16,375 - essentially the funds held in the 'Convention fund' (4,013) & DGE Partner travel (\$1,500) and the accumulation of revenue over expenses. In addition to the admin account, the Balance sheet includes:
 - o The convention gift \$450 is a wagon purchased in Apr/08 to lock up our supply.
 - o Under Accounts Payable (A/P), there is an item received late in June for GLT/GMT and since paid.
 - o There is also a potential payment (estimated at \$750) to the 2013 Convention Committee to be determined once they have finalized the convention report. Any payment would come directly from the Convention Fund.
- the profit/loss vs budget report for the full year to June 30 is also included in the handout.
 - o Total revenue is \$19,365 vs budget amount of \$19,999. There is a small amount of pin money to collect from last Lions year. .
 - o Total expenses are \$14,703 vs a budget of \$19,950. There are various amounts of savings and excess to budget- overall \$5,246 less than budget was spent.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts as at June 30, 2013 is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank and investment records. The statement has also been independently reviewed by Lion Carole Wilson of Woodstock - retired from BDO Dunwoody. Results of her review will be provided directly to Cabinet.
- Balances held in Trust reflect our District Committees for Lion's Quest, Effective Speaking, Youth Camp/Exchange, Peace Poster, Sight Conservation & Vision Screening. Two items of note are raised for clarification:
 - o the actual balance in 2 bank accounts differed by \$200 from the report - Youth Exchange was \$200 more & Effective Speaking was \$200 less - a transfer booked in June was actually deposited in July
 - o Effective speaking account continues to owe \$1,000 back to the Trust account - pending settlement of any final expense claim from May/June 2013.



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- All investment funds not held in Bank accounts are in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs). A summary of the GICs held at year-end includes:
 - o ADMIN \$20,000 Emergency Reserve at 0.80% to November, 2013
 - o ADMIN \$10,000 Surplus at 0.80% to November, 2013 (cashable anytime)
 - o YOUTH CAMP \$12,339 at 1.20% to May 22, 2014; available for Camp Costs
 - o YOUTH CAMP CAPITAL \$7,645 at 1.20% to Feb 19, 2014 for Capital Needs
 - o TRUST Vision Screening \$5,000 at 1.55% to May 15, 2015
 - o QUEST Surplus Invested \$6,078 at 0.80% to Feb, 2014 (cashable anytime)

There is an accumulated surplus in ADMINISTRATION of slightly more than \$10,000. Prior to considering any dues rebates to members, the following 3 items are proposed as a use of funds to best protect the District and maintain a strong financial position for the foreseeable future:

- o 1) Emergency reserve - currently established at \$20,000 since 2003. Policy indicates this should be 150% of what we spend in administration. Expenditure over the past 4 Lions years ranges from \$15,000 to \$17,500. I recommend **\$3,000 should be taken from retained earnings and added to the Emergency Reserve.**
- o 2) DGE Adult Companion International Convention Travel Expense Fund (shown on the financial statements as DGE Partner Travel) - established at \$2,000 in 2010. Fund balance will be less than \$1,000 after claim is paid for the 2013 International Convention. **I recommend \$1,000 from retained earnings be added to this fund for future needs.** Policy indicates a separate levy could be established to support this fund. Given the surplus funds we have from operations, I do not consider this necessary at this time.
- o 3) Officers & Directors Liability Insurance - as District A-15 is a provincially chartered corporation and Cabinet members are serving as Officers and Directors of that corporation, a recommendation has been made that liability insurance be considered to protect the personal assets of Cabinet members in the event that an Officer or Director is held personally liable for actions and claims against the corporation. At the time of writing, we do not have the final cost for this insurance but it may be approximately \$1,500. Prior to any final decision being made, Cabinet will be provided with details and cost of coverage for their consideration. To be prudent, a portion of the existing surplus should remain available to cover the cost of this insurance if Cabinet decides to apply for coverage.



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of 30 June 2013

	<u>30 Jun 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	6,375.08
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	30.13
International Director Fund	4,517.23
New Club Assessment Fund	4,719.92
Total Cash	<u>45,642.36</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	45,642.36
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>46,092.36</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>46,092.36</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.03
Accounts Payable	226.20
Total Accounts Payable	<u>226.17</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	4,013.08
DGE Partner Travel	1,500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5,513.08</u>
Total Current Liabilities	5,739.25
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,517.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	4,719.92
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>9,237.15</u>
Total Liabilities	14,976.40
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	5,746.80
Net Income	4,678.62
Total Equity	<u>31,115.96</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>46,092.36</u>



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2012 through June 2013

	Jul '12 - Jun 13	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	460.00	250.00	210.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,294.00	13,285.00	9.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total District Dues	<u>13,294.00</u>	<u>13,285.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>
Interest Earned	399.07	770.00	-370.93
Leadership Seminar Income	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,343.00	2,344.00	-1.00
Pin Sales	1,019.00	1,500.00	-481.00
Total Income	<u>19,365.07</u>	<u>19,999.00</u>	<u>-633.93</u>
Gross Profit	19,365.07	19,999.00	-633.93
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	868.17	1,500.00	-631.83
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Awards	<u>868.17</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-1,131.83</u>
Badges & Patches	531.45	700.00	-168.55
Bank Charges	202.36	200.00	2.36
Cabinet Expense	1,114.09	1,400.00	-285.91
Convention Expense	1,013.64	1,000.00	13.64
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	449.11	1,000.00	-550.89
District Chair - Other	1,400.00	1,500.00	-100.00
Global Leadership & Membership	2,497.60	3,600.00	-1,102.40
Leo Clubs	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Total District Chair Expense	<u>4,346.71</u>	<u>6,850.00</u>	<u>-2,503.29</u>
District Directories	1,633.45	1,780.00	-146.55
Governor's Newsletter	78.93	150.00	-71.07
Internet	376.12	100.00	276.12
Leadership Seminar	746.72	1,500.00	-753.28
Miscellaneous	-0.66	0.00	-0.66
Pins Purchased	1,768.67	1,770.00	-1.33
Postage & Telephone	38.10	200.00	-161.90
Printing & Stationery	485.90	800.00	-314.10
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	<u>14,703.65</u>	<u>19,950.00</u>	<u>-5,246.35</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,661.42	49.00	4,612.42
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	-17.20		
Total Other Expense	<u>-17.20</u>		
Net Other Income	17.20	0.00	17.20
Net Income	<u><u>4,678.62</u></u>	<u><u>49.00</u></u>	<u><u>4,629.62</u></u>



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**District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
Balance Sheet
As of 30 June 2013**

	<u>30 Jun 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	4,080.11
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	1,893.05
CIBC - Trust Account	15,095.37
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	20,905.21
Youth Investments	12,339.30
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>33,244.51</u>
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	6,078.25
Investments - Other	5,000.00
Total Investments	<u>11,078.25</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>73,036.40</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>73,036.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>73,036.40</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Huronda	400.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	893.05
Hearing Equipment	453.07
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>5,055.90</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,158.36
Peace Poster	2,921.02
Sight Conservation	5,643.60
Vision Screening	6,621.78
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	33,244.51
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>65,391.29</u>
Total Current Liabilities	65,391.29
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,645.11
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>73,036.40</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>73,036.40</u>



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TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - BUDGET

My second duty today is to provide a budget for administration of the District accounts for the Lions year of 2013-2014. Our District remains in sound financial position with excellent Cabinet & Committee members to carry out District duties. The budget provided for cabinet approval includes no change in dues or fees for the coming year and will provide for funding operations and committee requests.

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

The budget is based on 55 Clubs with 1,585 members as at June 30, 2013 to provide revenue of \$19,714 for operations.

- Dues remain at the rate of **\$8.50 per member** - invoices go out in September
- Leadership Seminar revenue charged as **\$25 per Club** X 55 Clubs
- Membership assessment of **\$1.50 per member** to support GLT/GMT activities.
- There will again be no New Club Assessment (\$1.50 per member) as that account has \$4,720 on deposit and will support the applicable expenses as outlined in Policy for the current year.
- Various revenues from sales of pins and directories
- Interest income is based on the known amount from administration GIC

The expenses in the budget are based on:

- historic costs in most areas,
- An honorarium of \$50 for each Committee Chair (30 positions) paid in June as has been the practice for a number of years.
- Specific Committee Chair budgets as outlined in the Comments.
- The GLT/GMT activities include budgeted amounts of \$1,500 for the Leadership Seminar, \$500 for Leo Clubs, plus \$3,600 for all other activities.
- To support & encourage Cabinet members to attend the USA / Canada forum, the amount for travel reimbursement is increased to \$2,000 - to be paid out as per policy.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- For information, the other costs to be billed to Clubs for the coming year (as per Policy) include:
 - o International Director's Fund **\$0.25 per member**
 - o Convention Fund **\$1.00 per member**

For Club Treasurers, the total cost to be invoiced will be \$11.25 per member + \$25 for the Club.



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We Serve

District A-15 Lions PROPOSED Budget 2013-2014

District A-15 Lions	Jul '12 - Jun 13		Jul '13 - Jun 14	
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Comments
Income				
Advertising	500.00	500.00	500	UPS & Kitchener Lions
District Directory	460.00	250.00	250	Sold at \$5 each
District Dues				
Dues - Collected	13,294.00	13,285.00	13,472	1,585 X \$8.5
Total District Dues	13,294.00	13,285.00	13,472	
Interest Earned	399.07	770.00	240	on ONLY ADMIN GIC \$30,000
Leadership Seminar	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,375	55 Clubs X \$25
Membership Assessment	2,343.00	2,344.00	2,377	1,585X \$1.50 pp; in place of New Club.
Pin Sales	1,019.00	1,500.00	1,500	10 people X 25 pins X \$6
Total Income	19,365.07	19,999.00	19,714	
Expense				
Awards				
Awards - Cabinet	868.17	1,500.00	1,000	Gifts for Cabinet & CC
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	500	100% Pres, Sec'ty, Treasurer etc
Total Awards	868.17	2,000.00	1,500	
Badges & Patches	531.45	700.00	700	
Bank Charges	202.36	200.00	200	
Cabinet Expense	1,114.09	1,400.00	1,400	Cabinet meals - Cabinet & CC
Convention Expense	1,013.64	1,000.00	1,100	Credentials, Reg'n fee for Cab & CC; Memorial
District Chair Expense				
Comm Chair Expenses	449.11	1,000.00	1,000	LFC& LCIF; Culture;
District Chair - Other	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,500	30 CC X \$50 honourarium
GLT / GMT	2,497.60	3,600.00	3,600	incl Lions NOW!
Leo Clubs	0.00	750.00	500	
Total District Chair Expense	4,346.71	6,850.00	6,600	
District Directories	1,633.45	1,780.00	1,750	
Governor's Newsletter	78.93	150.00	150	
Internet	376.12	100.00	25	Prepaid for 8 years
Leadership Seminar	746.72	1,500.00	1,500	
Pins Purchased	1,768.67	1,770.00	1,800	375 X \$4.11 + HST & freight
Postage & Telephone	38.10	200.00	200	
Printing & Stationery	485.90	800.00	750	
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000	increase
Total Expense	14,704.31	19,950.00	19,675	
Net Ordinary Income	4,660.76	49.00	39	
Other Expense				
Exchange Gain/Loss	-17.20			
Total Other Expense	-17.20			
Net Income	4,677.96	49.00		



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CABINET REPORTS

1st VDG –Tim DeBlock

Lions, I hope everyone had a good summer!

It seemed to go by quickly especially when one is trying to prepare for a year of fulfilling dreams and challenging ourselves to new service. And the schedule is starting to fill up.

Most of the planning and goal setting and figuring out roles for this Lions year is or has been done with the work of achieving them left before us. Respecting that we are all busy I encourage us to embrace existing programs and events and for sure explore some of the new being introduced by IP Barry and DG Denis. As promoted by VDG2 Diane a little bit of stretching might help to discover some new passion from being involved in Lions.

When I was reading PDG OJ's goals and action plan for the Global Membership Team it reminded me that we are all part of each other's success and thus service. Not just those mentioned in chair capacities! Let's talk and share stories and ideas and help make this a great adventure in reaching out to others!

2nd VDG – Diane Smith

In preparation for my position as your 2nd Vice District Governor for this year, I attended the MDA convention at the end of May. This convention allowed me to learn more about the structure and leaders within the multiple district. I was also able to meet our current International President Barry Palmer and to take a session for incoming District Officers.

I attended a 2nd VDG training workshop in June. We came away from the workshop appreciating the support we have in one another and the ability to share our knowledge.

I will do my best to be part of the "team" for District A-15. I welcome your questions, opinions and thoughts about our district at all times.

IPDG – Dan Ayim

At their meeting in Hamburg, Germany, LCI Board of Directors approved Lions Foundation of Canada's (LFC) standard grant application which District A15 endorsed during the past Lions' year. The funds are for the expansion of LFC's Oakville facility to provide room for training a sixth service dog for Diabetes Alert.

A matching funds report together with signed grant agreement documents have been forwarded to LCIF so that grant funds may be released.

Many thanks are due to all clubs in our district for your support of LFC through your contributions to LCIF.

RC 9 - Vic Bovingdon

Thanks to the following clubs for their help in making the LPGA event at Grey Silo a success; K W Spirit, Waterloo, Woolwich and Oktoberfest Lions Clubs. I attended the induction of six members to the Breslau Lions Club. Congratulations on your charter.

I attended services Steven Sproul (Kitchener Pioneer) and Ian Rob (Galt Cambridge). Thank you for your dedication and years of service.



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ZC 9E – Ajit Manku

It is my pleasure to serve as Zone Chair 9East under the leadership of DG Denis Vinette.

It is said that they who do dream, they do the most. We are the dreamers and do something. Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein were dreamers. They all dreamed something wonderful.

One of my dreams is to see all clubs must operate at the highest level in service, communication, leadership and membership satisfaction. These objects are achievable through Club Excellence Program (CEP) workshop. I will be happy to arrange a CEP workshop for your club.

In July, I visited Breslau Lions Club to witness the induction six members that night. The club plans to induct three more new members at their next meeting. Congratulations to all new members and their sponsors. I am hoping all the clubs will follow this example of induction in their clubs. The Presidents with Membership Chairs are requested not to forget to submit an action plan for their Lion year.

ZC 9S – Rae Rotchell

RC37 – Paul Anstett

My Region Chair activities since our last meeting in June have been limited to:

- Attending the Officer's Training Session in New Hamburg.
- Planning my upcoming year and communicating with RC 9 Vic & RC 51 Wayne to begin creating the new Orientation Presentation.

ZC 37S – Marg Overveld

It was my honor to install the officers of the Ingersoll Club for the 2013-2014 fiscal year during their year-end dinner meeting. This club is actively involved in many service projects within the community. I look forward to meeting all the Lions in 37S and visiting their clubs throughout my year as their Zone Chair.

I attended the District Officer Training Session in Elmira and the Leadership Seminar at the Wilmot Recreation Centre. Special thanks to the GLT for focusing on teamwork and providing us with a wealth of information. May we have the wisdom of wolves as we move forward in Lions this year.

As a new Cabinet member, I am fortunate to be working with an experienced team of dedicated Lions. This will be a year of learning for me.

ZC 37W – Kevin Banfield

RC 51 – Wayne Litt

ZC 51E – Jim Davis

ZC 51W – Rick Banks



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME OR NO SUBMISSION

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton, **Convention Host 2014** – Lion Gord Hufnagel, **District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter, **District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **Effective Speaking** – Lion Ernie Kaethler, **Elections & Credentials** – PDG Doug Smith, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GLT Liaison** – VDG1 Tim DeBlock, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – RC Paul Anstett, **GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion John Pepper, **Honorary Committee/A15PDGA** – IPDG Dr Dan Ayim, **LCIF** – PCC Dave Overboe & Lion Penny Overboe, **LEO** – Lion Raymond Taylor, **Lions Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Lions Quest** – PCC Tim Cronin, **Lions Services For Children** – Lion Joanne McQuiggan, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Rutter, **Peace Poster** – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray , **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PDG Norma Peterson, **Sight Screening & Conservation** – Lion Pat McLean, **Youth Camp Chair** – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault,

Alert – Lion Adam McMurran

My plan for the year is to collect information from District Lions to create a database for all to access. The database will contain information as to who in the District is a doctor, nurse or any special skill that could be helpful in a crisis.

Camp Coordinator – PRC Rob Montgomery

Welcome to another year in Lions. Our camps have been busy as usual and by the next report or before I should have a wish list from the camps as to their needs for the next season. I am currently working on something special for our next Convention for all Lions of A-15.

Cultural & Community Activities – ZC Ajit Manku

Every year District A 15 celebrates cultural diversity in our communities. In the past, we have honored, the Indian, Greek, Ukrainian, and Chinese cultures. This lion year, we plan to commemorate the Irish Cultural with loads of bia and coel agus craic starting at 6:00 p.m. The festival will be held at the United Kingdom of Cambridge Club, 35 International Village Road, Cambridge. The date is March 1, 2014, so please mark this date on your calendar. Watch out for further details in the near future.

Convention Report 2013 - PCS Ian Robb & PDG John Daniels

Please accept our apologies for the delay in this report.

There were 417 Lion registrants, 15 LEO registrants, 8 Lion guests along with 61 non Lions with a total registration of 501. Registration fees were not charged for the LEOS.

There were 80 room nights and 12 hospitality rooms over the both nights. The Saturday luncheon had 123 attendees and the Governor's Banquet, 146.

The 50/50 Draw winner was the Linwood and District Lions Club and a check in the amount of \$1220 was presented to President Nick Dorscht by Lion Don Gamble and wife Charlotte.

Two hundred and seventy of the three hundred pins were sold.



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A special thanks to PID Art Woods, PDG OJ Wilura, PRC Charlie Davis along with the Galt Cambridge Lions for stepping up on Saturday when due to illness, Co-Chair Lion Ina Robb was unable to continue. A note to next years Committee. Our International guest arrived on Thursday instead of Friday and we therefore encountered the cost of three rooms for the extra night for ID Marvin, DG Dan and Protocol Aid PID Bruce. Rules of audit from LCI and I assume A15 are for two nights only (our guests should be made aware that extra nights would be at their own expense.)
 All in all, a successful conventions with lots of fun and fellowship.

DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION CAMBRIDGE 2013

REVENUE			AMOUNT
Lion Registrations	417	x 17	\$7,089
Non-Member Registrations	61	x 10	\$610
Guest/Leo Registrations	21		
	TOTAL	499	
Pins	270		\$1,350
Room Nights	80		\$10,840
Hospitality Suites	12		\$1,800
PDG Breakfast			\$200
Saturday Lunch	123		\$2,214
Saturday Dinner			\$5,840
50/50 Draw Net			\$1,220
Program/Advertising			\$275
TOTAL			\$31,438
Revenue Not Realized - Assumed District would cover			
Registrations		Received	
	Assumed \$860	\$816	-\$44
Dan/Marvin/Bruce/Peter/Dennis		Received	
	Assumed \$1,761	\$555	-\$1,206
REVENUE TOTAL			\$30,188



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**EXPENSES**

Banking Fees		\$51.73
Convention Pins	300	\$765.10
Liquor Permit		\$75.00
Convention Shirts		\$1,035.85
Liability Insurance		\$395.28
Convention Supplies (Lions Store)		\$180.64
Sling Pouch		\$1,007.44
Printing		\$1,381.99
Piper - Andrew Hutton		\$75.00
Band - John Moorhouse		\$300.00
Singers - Glen McDonald		\$250.00
Ian Robb - expenses		\$587.45
John Daniels - expenses		\$250.85
Ron Eitzen - expenses		\$106.75
Hotel Costs		\$22,147.26
EXPENSES TOTAL		\$28,610.34

NET	\$1,577.66
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Diabetes Awareness – Lion Cindy Grobe

In preparation for my first year as Chairperson for Diabetes Awareness for District A15, I have been very busy researching and writing speeches to give whenever I am asked to speak at various Lions Clubs within our district of A15. Currently I have a small speech explaining diabetes retinopathy and one that lets people know the results of donations and research.

I was invited to attend the Kitchener Diabetes Annual Meeting in May of this year by Lion Nicole Holder of the St. Agatha Lions Club. It was an amazing event. So many altruistic people give of their time to this worthy cause. The speakers at the meeting were very interesting. I took notes and did some research on my own about these amazing people and the research they have done. No wonder we are seeing so many amazing medical breakthroughs that are making life easier for those with diabetes.

On July 30th, I held a meeting of the Diabetes Awareness committee of the Galt-Cambridge Lions Club. To date, we have decided to hold a diabetes breakfast on March 27th, which is diabetes awareness day. Our plan is to have the breakfast, blood testing and hopefully a yoga or zumba class running concurrently. We are going to investigate the possibility of running a zumba class once to weekly, a dance and possibly a support group for diabetics. Our plan is big but our intention is to start small with the breakfast and one other activity.

I believe to be an effective leader, I must be a good role model and thus, a new twist to the breakfast, thanks to the wonderful committee I have. They are Lions Jim Harris, Ela B. and Lion Dennis Daniels. We are accountable to 1st Vice John A.

I am meeting with Lion Nicole Holder from the St. Agatha Lions Club to develop ideas to promote diabetes awareness on Aug. 15th.

I have also sent an e-mail to Province Wide to see if our District Governor and myself can appear on the show to promote Lionism and Diabetes Awareness.



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Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

The Photo cataloguing of the trees & donor plaques at Breslau LFC facility has been proceeding very well with 2400 trees completed. We only have a little over 200 trees left to photograph. The pet wall has also been photographed thanks to Lion Ted. Thank you so very much too all the Lions that participated in the exciting project. Once we've photographed all the trees we will start processing the photos for viewing on a website. This will allow Donors the opportunity to see the plaque and tree that was planted in memory of Lions that have passed and/or their loved ones.

Future things to think about are taking photos for the Environmental Photo Contest at the 2014 District convention, planning fall roadside cleanups, raking leaves at community play grounds, parks & elderly neighbours that need a hand.

GLT District Coordinator – PDG Karen McNeight

I will be attending MD"A" GMT/GLT Workshop in Markham in September.

I am currently working in conjunction with District Gov. Denis, and GLT partner IPDG Dan Ayim on the "Lions Now" session in October.

And last but not least - Lions All! -

Get ready to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas from September 19th to 21st.

See <http://usacanadalionsforum.org/questions.html> for Q & A about the forum and

<http://usacanadalionsforum.org/matrix.html> for the Seminars Matrix

GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wiliura

We start off this fiscal year with 3 clubs booking the Club Excellence Process and these will be completed by the end of October.

Any other club wishing a presentation on the program, please do not hesitate in contacting any CEP Facilitator or your Zone Chair. Just as a short note, at the LCI Board meeting in Hamburg this past July, Zone Chairpersons are now officially part of GMT. (They have been in our district for the past 2 years) If you feel your club is running, as it should be, I refer to you the 2 following publications.

JUST ASK (LCI publication number ME300 EN 3/13)

This is a short document that lays out "a new member recruiting guide for clubs". It is broken in 4 steps. 1) Various methods of inviting a new member to be part of your club: 2) Creating your club's growth plan: 3) Implementing your club's growth plan: 4) Welcoming new members and involving them in your club's activities.

MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION GUIDE (LCI publication ME301 EN 3/13)

This is another short guide on how to keep your members happy and coming back. A 2 step approach, first of all by defining members' satisfaction for your club and secondly creating your own membership satisfaction plan.

These are two valuable tools that can keep your club vibrant and member satisfaction at its top level. They can be ordered from LCI at no cost or downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org just by entering the publication number in the search area.

GMT Family & Women's Membership – Lion Ferne Lindhorst

Thank you to Gov. Denis for asking me to be part of the Global Membership Team.

As the Family & Women's Membership Committee Chair, I am looking forward to another year of working with the Lions Clubs of A-15 - I will be contacting the Membership Chairs to offer my help.



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Information Technology – PCS Ted Rypma

I am pleased to report that all pages on the District web site have been updated with information for the 2013-2014 Lions year. The Club and Cabinet directories contain current information, and have been updated as corrections have come in.

Most Cabinet members and Committee Chairs 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. It appears the Cabinet and Committee Chairs have transitioned their e-mail accounts to their replacements as appropriate. Hopefully Club officers have done the same. If assistance is needed with this task, Cabinet Secretary Dennis and I will be happy to assist. Please visit the web site Publications section and read the E-Mail and Communications Guidelines found there.

I am also happy to report that the new collaborative District web site is now up and running. Although the old site is still there behind the scenes, I expect that it will disappear in a few months time, so be sure to replace any stored or bookmarked links into the old site. There are a number of major improvements resulting from these changes:

- Cabinet officers and Committees may now 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;
- An RSS feed will eventually be set up on the Site Changes page;
- All Cabinet, Committee and Club Directory information is maintained in a database on the web site;
- The site will run even if Javascript is turned off in the browser.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

LCI Convention 2014 –PDG OJ Wiura

For the past year I have been providing reports on various committees of the 2014 Convention Committee. This report deals with the District Governors Elect Seminars. PCC Todd Wilson heads the committee that is responsible for recruiting volunteer personnel for these key duties exclusively for the DGE Seminar: 1) Registration & Gift Distribution 2) Classroom Set-Up 3) DGE Shuttle 4) DGE Opening Ceremony 5) DGE Hall Monitors & Runners

Registration & Gift Distribution Committee

In the registration area there will be numerous stations set up to record DGE attendance, distribute information packets, pick up translation headsets, pick up gifts, etc. and volunteers working here will be guiding DGE's to the correct stations and assisting with the distribution of materials and gifts. It is recommended that a minimum of 4 volunteers per shift are required to ensure adequate coverage.

For gift distribution approximately 12 volunteers assist with unpacking boxes (usually filled with briefcases), placing a gift packet in each briefcase and then moves the briefcases to the designated gift distribution station. This gift package may change.

Classroom Set-Up

In order to facilitate training for the 750 plus incoming DGE's, each DGE is assigned to a classroom sorted by language with the objective of trying to keep each classroom with which results in approximately 28 to 30 individual classrooms. Volunteers working on this team are responsible for unpacking and distributing the correct classroom materials and quantity to each classroom. About 20 volunteers are needed to assist with this task.



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DGE Shuttle

It is very fortunate that at our convention all DGEs will be staying at the Sheraton and training will also be there. Thus, we have no need for shuttling.

DGE Opening Ceremony

The DGE Opening Ceremony typically lasts between 1 to 2 hours, however, it is one of the most important events of the seminar that kicks off their training and highlights the vice president's program. The ceremony is held in a large auditorium that has the 1500 plus seating capacity needed for the DGE's, their spouses, the International Family and any other invited guests. This Host Committee team will assist LCI staff with crowd control, badge checking and directing guests to available seats. Again the number of volunteers needed for this is about 15.

DGE Hall Monitors & Runners

The 8 Host Committee volunteers (per day) are responsible for: 1) Controlling interruptions to the classroom by questioning visitors before permitting entry to a classroom 2) Collecting daily attendance sheets from each classroom and bringing to the DGE Leadership office 3) Collecting and delivering copy requests received from Group Leaders 4) Other duties as assigned by the DGE Seminar office staff.

LCI and the 2014 Committee will provide training for all positions prior to the convention. I encourage you to volunteer by visiting; www.lionsconvention2014.ca and under the volunteer section you will find many duties to choose from.

LFC – PZC Charlene Teasdale

I hope all Lions are enjoying their summer and are refreshed and ready to embrace our new Lions Year! The staff and volunteers at the Lions Foundation of Canada have been busy raising and training future Dog Guides and there have been new litters of puppies being born over the summer that will be looking for foster families in September. I encourage the Clubs of District A15 when setting your budgets for the upcoming Lions year to please continue to include LFC and if possible increase your support. We are truly making a difference and the “Opening Doors to Independence” campaign needs your support! Thanks again for all you do and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like me to come speak to your Club or assist with fund raising. See you all again soon!

We are really excited to have successfully received approval for the LCIF grant through A15 under IPDG Dan's submission. This will be a huge help in the completion of our client residence rooms. The construction is just started with the work expected to be complete in the early fall.

The Diabetic Alert Dog Guide program is underway with the first dogs in training and scheduled for a November graduation. Sponsorship for this program is \$8,000. Applications have been received.

The 2012/13 Purina Walk for Dog Guides results are also just being finalized as the financials are about to go to audit. We did surpass last years level and once again the \$1 million level. That is great news and we are counting on the walk to continue to grow. Individual walk totals (which include all donations received to June 30) will soon be released.

Our client levels dropped slightly last years but we are set on a growth path moving forward and are expanding our breeding to meet the needs of the programs.

We are currently in need of sponsors for Hearing Ear Dog Guides, Autism Assistance and the new Diabetic Alert Dog Guide programs. A huge way to support is to host a walk, if your Lions Club is not already hosting or supporting a Walk.

Our fall Open House date has been set for October 26th 10-2. Lions Clubs are encouraged and welcome to set up their own dinner or lunch tour date for their Club at mutually convenient times.



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Overall Contributions from July 1, 2012 to June 30th, 2013 for Ontario is up 2.53%
Contributions for District A15 2011/2012 were \$92,953.09 (which was amazingly high) as opposed to 2012/2013 of \$71,446.47, which is great, hence what looks like a high percentage drop at 23% but Sandy Turney says it is all good.

Youth Camp Exchange Director – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell

We would like to thank all the family's that hosted and helped with another successful youth exchange. Without these host families there would not be a youth camp and exchange once again we thank you very much

A15 hosted 20 youth from 11 countries with 11 host families from 9 clubs in the district. A special thank you to the host family's that stepped up at the last minute to ensure that all the youth were hosted.

A special thank you to the Leo's within our District for helping.

We would like to encourage more clubs to become involved in hosting youth next year so Mary and I will be visiting clubs during the fall to give presentations on the youth exchange.

We would like to thank all the clubs that provided support for the youth camp at 5 Oaks. It was a great success and all the youth were grateful for all your support. Without this the camp would not happen

We would like to thank the Governor for allowing us to continue with the youth exchange this year and look forward to the continued support of the all clubs in the district.