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Winter A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
 10:00 AM February 2nd, 2014
 Lions Hall, 600 Heritage Drive, Kitchener ON

1. Call to order By DG Denis Vinette at 10:05 AM AM
 Attendance as indicated

VOTING CABINET

IPDG Dr. Dan Ayim	DG Denis Vinette	1st VDG VDG Tim DeBlock (R)	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	PDG Doug Smith	PCC Tim Cronin (R)	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock
Lion Cindy Grobe	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Gord Hufnagel	Lion Ernie Kaethler
Lion Ferne Lindhorst	Lion Pat Mclean	Lion Adam McMurrin	PDG Karen McNeight (R)
Lion Joanne McQuiggan (R)	PRC Bobert Montgomery (R)	PID Bruce Murray (R)	PCC Dave Overboe
Lion Penny Overboe	PDDG George Patton	Lion Jogn Pepper (R)	IPDG Norma Peterson
PDG Nancy Ransom	PRC John Rothwell (R)	Lion Mary Rothwell (R)	PCC Dave Rumble
Lion Mary Rumble	Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault (R)	Lion Bob Rutter	PCS Ted Rypma
Lion Jeff Sullivan (R)	Lion Raymond Taylor (R)	PZC Charlene Teasdale (R)	Lion Linda Vinette
PDG Larry Wainwright	PDG OJ Wilura	PID Art Woods (R)	

In attendance also were approximately 26 other Lion Members.
(R) - Regrets

2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence in memory of those Lions and others who have passed while serving the needs of others.
4. Welcome (PDG Denis Vinette) & Setting of Protocol (RC Wayne Litt)
5. Adoption of the Agenda
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Wayne Litt to adopt the agenda as printed. Carried.
6. District Governor's Remarks
 DG Denis reminded us that as a District we continue to show how much we care about service and the administration of our great District. This year's cabinet and committees were asked to innovate and while much has been accomplished, there remains much to do. New Membership Programs have been implemented with the goal of recruiting new members and revitalizing our existing membership. Our feedback is both sought and welcomed.
 DG Denis brought to our attention the need of a family in St Agatha facing significant family expense while their child undergoes major surgery. It is these individual circumstances that arise that along with our identified Lions service projects serve to give us all individual humanitarian purpose.
 As a District, we have gained 17 more members than we have lost. We are the largest District in all of Ontario. We have the highest average club membership however we are not number one with respect to female membership; an area to be considered as an opportunity for growth. Let's invite our families and friends for Family Membership month in April to further grow our numbers and from this, more hands for service.
7. Approval of Minutes of the November 10th, 2013 Cabinet Meeting
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/CabMinNov2013.pdf>
MOVED by RC Vic Bovingdon and seconded by ZC Rae Rotchell to approve the minutes of August 25th, 2013 Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
8. New Business
 - 8.1. MOVED by ZC Jim Davis and seconded by RC Wayne Litt to approve the 2014 Youth Camp Budget as attached. *See Page XXX.* Carried.



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8.2. Whereas the District has recently created the Lions Forum on the District A15 website as an additional communication tool available to members
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by ZC Kevin Banfield to direct Information Technology Chair PCS Lion Ted Rypma to develop an Acceptable Use Policy for the District, which once approved by Cabinet would be part of the standard page footer and part of the Bulletin Board registration process.
Carried

8.3. Jesse’s Journey
An agreement between MDA and Jesse’s Journey, a fund raising project for Muscular Dystrophy, has been signed. The agreement allows Jesse’s Journey to use the Lions Logo in its promotional materials and permits the clubs of MDA (but does not oblige the clubs of MDA) to participate if they so choose. Clubs located along the walk route will be notified of the walk schedule and given further information on how they may choose to be involved.

9. Secretary’s Report – *See Page 4*
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by IPDG Dan Ayim to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary’s Report. Carried.

10. Treasurer’s Report - *See Pages 4 through 7*
10.1. Report & Financial Statements
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Jim Davis to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report and Financial Statements as presented. Carried.

11. Cabinet Reports - *See Pages 8 through 10*
MOVED by IPDG Dan Ayim and seconded by VDG2 Diane Smith to acknowledge receipt of the Voting Cabinet Reports Carried.

12. Committee Reports -
12.1. Ad Hoc Convention Policy Review
Whereas upon review of the existing District A-15 Constitution, By-Laws and Policies with respect to the District A-15 Convention, the Ad-Hoc District Convention Review Committee recommends the following be placed on the 2014 Convention ballot.

Change

ARTICLE I

District A-15 Convention

Section 1. LION’S YEAR CONVENTION SUPERVISION

There shall be a Convention Committee advising the District Governor. This committee shall be composed of the District Governor (as Chair), the First and Second Vice District Governor and the Regions Chairperson (if any), a representative of each of the Host Committees for the two prior, the current and next conventions as voting members. The Cabinet Secretary and Chair of the Constitution and By-Law Committee shall serve as ex-officio and non voting members. ...

To read

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(addition in italics) (balance of section unchanged)

MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by RC Vic Bovingdon that the recommendation of the Ad-Hoc District Convention Review Committee be accepted. Carried.



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- 12.2. Additional Committee Reports *See Pages 10 through 17*
MOVED by ZC Marg Overveld and seconded by RC Paul Anstett to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Committee Reports Carried.
13. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 13.1. Club Excellence Awards
 - Exeter Lions Club – Lion Bruce Hodge
 - Fergus Lions Club – Lion Eric Peterson
 - Lions Club of Kitchener – ZC Kevin Banfield
 - KW Community Spirit Lions Club – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock
 - Woolwich Community Lions Club – Lion Vi Radcliffe
 - 13.2. District Excellence Awards
 - IPDG Dan Ayim – District Governor Excellence
 - DG Denis Vinette – 1st Vice District Governor Excellence
 - VDG1 Tim DeBlock – 2nd Vice District Governor
 - PZC Charlene Teasdale – Zone Chair Excellence
 - RC Wayne Litt – Zone Chair Excellence
 - RC Vic Bovingdon – Zone Chair Excellence
14. Good & Welfare
 - 14.1. Early Bird Convention Draw – Winner ZC Ajit Manku
 - 14.2. Clubs are strongly encouraged to announce all of their events via eMails to the Clubs as well as posting on the District Webs site events calendars. Submissions for the website may be directed to IT Chair Ted Rypma or Cabinet Secretary Dennis Lougheed.
15. Lions Grace
16. Adjournment 12:25 AM
17. Lunch



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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

In order to have funding for the 2013/14 Effective Speaking Program in place it was necessary for Cabinet to discuss and subsequently approve via the Internet, the budget submission for 2013/14 as submitted by Committee Chair Lion Ernie Kaethler. Discussion occurred on the District Cabinet Forum between November 11th, 2013 and December 3rd, 2013. Voting was opened on November 27th, 2013 and closed on December 3rd 2013. Votes cast – 10 of 14, all in favor. The budget was approved as submitted. *See Page 17.*

In order to meet a submission deadline regarding certification and endorsement of an application to be sent to LCIF requesting a grant of \$75,000 to be put towards the Lions Resource Centre in Elmira, it was necessary for Cabinet to discuss and subsequently approve via the Internet, said application. Discussion and polling took place between December 12th, 2013 and December 19th, 2013. Votes cast – 10 of 14, all in favor. The motion to support certification carried and Certification has been filed with LCI.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET

The financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements as at December 31, 2013. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- All Club dues have been received.
- Expenses are well within Budget at this point in the Lions year.
- Under New Club Assessment, the outstanding A/P is for paraphernalia for the new Clubs at Breslau and Oxford and a transfer is needed to balance the contra with the bank account (all processed in January).

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at December 31, 2013.



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2013

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	4,580.11
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	3,163.05
CIBC - Trust Account	13,567.48
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	17,570.09
Youth Investments	12,339.30
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>29,909.39</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>69,943.39</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>69,943.39</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>69,943.39</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	1,550.00
Diabetes Awareness	325.00
Diabetes Tag Day	644.45
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	3,163.05
Hearing Equipment	553.07
LCIF	200.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	50.00
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>5,105.90</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	10,658.36
Peace Poster	2,818.90
Sight Conservation	3,593.60
Vision Screening	3,776.56
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	29,909.39
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>62,298.28</u>
Total Current Liabilities	62,298.28
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>69,943.39</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>69,943.39</u>



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2013

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	10,260.36
CIBC - Investments	37,500.00
CIBC USD Account	38.36
International Director Fund	4,517.23
New Club Assessment Fund	4,719.92
Total Cash	<u>57,035.87</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	57,035.87
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>57,485.87</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>57,485.87</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	522.29
Total Accounts Payable	<u>522.29</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	4,844.68
DGE Partner Travel	1,856.00
International Director Suspense	395.25
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,095.93</u>
Total Current Liabilities	7,618.22
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,517.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	3,463.91
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,981.14</u>
Total Liabilities	15,599.36
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	6,395.50
Net Income	11,800.47
Total Equity	<u>41,886.51</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>57,485.87</u>



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10:31 AM

19/01/14

Accrual Basis

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

	Jul '13 - Jun 14	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	250.00	500.00	-250.00
District Directory	260.00	250.00	10.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,438.50	13,472.00	-33.50
Total District Dues	13,438.50	13,472.00	-33.50
Interest Earned	241.32	240.00	1.32
Leadership Seminar Income	1,375.00	1,375.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,371.50	2,377.00	-5.50
Pin Sales	570.00	1,500.00	-930.00
Total Income	18,506.32	19,714.00	-1,207.68
Gross Profit	18,506.32	19,714.00	-1,207.68
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	70.88	1,000.00	-929.12
Awards - Other	197.75	500.00	-302.25
Total Awards	268.63	1,500.00	-1,231.37
Badges & Patches	662.16	700.00	-37.84
Bank Charges	42.23	200.00	-157.77
Cabinet Expense	614.25	1,400.00	-785.75
Convention Expense	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	286.69	3,600.00	-3,313.31
Leo Clubs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total District Chair Expense	286.69	6,600.00	-6,313.31
District Directories	1,656.85	1,750.00	-93.15
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Internet	88.20	25.00	63.20
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pins Purchased	1,764.36	1,800.00	-35.64
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	119.76	750.00	-630.24
USA / Canada Forum	1,200.00	2,000.00	-800.00
Total Expense	6,703.13	19,675.00	-12,971.87
Net Ordinary Income	11,803.19	39.00	11,764.19
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	2.72	0.00	2.72
Total Other Expense	2.72	0.00	2.72
Net Other Income	-2.72	0.00	-2.72
Net Income	11,800.47	39.00	11,761.47



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CABINET REPORTS

1st VDG –Tim DeBlock

A good ol' fashioned winter! Weather wise!

Besides the regular routine of visiting Clubs, inducting new members, CEP presentations, attending various meetings, and assisting DG Denis in achieving his dreams for our District, I have started preparing for the upcoming Lions year of 2014-2015. On line assignments, workshops, goal setting, creating plans, committee chairs, team members, what has worked before, what might work better....holy smokes!

Some days, this work can seem far removed from our actual hands on reaching out and helping others. However it is creating a greater appreciation of the role that our administration plays in the success of our Association. The key for me is to find the balance between the paper work and the people work. After all "Service" is about people!
How do you do it?

2nd VDG – Diane Smith

Since the Cabinet meeting of November 10th, I, along with other members of my club acted as flag bearers in the K/W Santa Claus Parade. With all the Lions representation in the parade it is a wonderful way to showcase the presence of Lions in the community.

As the District Governor's representative I have made an official visit to St. Agatha and Bridgeport. I have also attended Zone meetings in Elora, Rockton, K/W Community Spirit and Woolwich.

Our Governor has made a real effort this year to provide information and support to all clubs within the District. With that goal in mind, a workshop for strengthening membership was held on January 16th and I was happy to be a contributor to the program.

I have been able to conduct a Club Excellence Process session with the Kitchener/Waterloo Community Spirit Club. I encourage all clubs to participate in this valuable exercise.

IPDG – Dan Ayim

Nothing submitted

RC 9 - Vic Bovingdon

Nothing submitted

ZC 9E – Ajit Manku

It gave me pleasure and honour to present club awards to the following Lions during my official visitations to the following clubs and congratulations to the recipients for your service to the world largest service organization:

- **Cambridge Highlands Lions:**

Malvin Jones Fellowship
Helen Keller Fellowship

Bruce Murray Youth Camp Award

Lion Janice Lajeunesse
Lion Dan Marcotte
Lion Jennifer Chaput
Lion Christine Peynado
PDG Lion Nancy Brash
Lion Ferne Lindhorst

- **Galt Lions**

30 Year Chevron

20 Year Chevron
30 Year Chevron
40 Year Chevron

Lion James Harris
Lion Jim Lindhorst
Lion Herman Boehmer

Cambridge

- **Kitchener Lions**

10 Year Chevron

30 Year Chevron

Lion Adrian Weerheim
Lion Darren Inder
Lion Gregory Buder
Lion Kevin Banfield
Lion Raymond Black
Lion Gary Dunn



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- **Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions**

10 Year Chevron

Lion Bruce Aitchison

Lion Michael Young

Lion Denny Pym

Lion Joan Tufts

Lion Ormond Boan

Lion Roy Gingerich

Lion Sandra Bunsch

Lion Susan Kimpel

Lion Dean MacKinnon

Lion Larry Clements

Lion Robert Clements

20 Year Chevron

30 Year Chevron

40 Year Chevron

- **Kitchener Pioneer Lions**

10 Year Chevron

Lion Vernon Harker

Lion Wendy Shamoon

- **Brelsau Lions:** A warm welcome to new member Lion Claudia Eyre.
- **Zone Meeting:** It was held at the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions on January 20, 2104. I wish to thank the entire club members for hosting the Zone Meeting. My special thanks also go out the guest speaker, Lion Nicole Holder of Canadian Diabetes Association, for underlining diabetes facts and pertinent information. The importance of Membership Satisfaction Guide was examined.

Lastly, just wanted to say thank the Kitchener Lions for inviting my wife, Surinder, and I to their Christmas Party. It was a great fun - lovely food and entrainments.

ZC 9S – Rae Rotchell

At time of preparing this report I am approaching some 150 hours of zone chair activity. It has been an interesting, informative, and most enjoyable venture. My approach to my clubs as zone chair is to remind clubs that service without fun is a disservice to one's self and one's club ultimately leading to problems and their own demise. With little or no reports or records from previous years my Mandate has been to provide clubs with an active and current connection to Cabinet and the appointed chairs and vice versa. Currently I have visited all clubs in my zone on at least one occasion and have chaired a Fall and Winter zone meeting. Both had almost perfect representation with some 70 + participants. We've heard reports or presentations from CEP, Environment, LFC Guide Dogs, Homes for the Deaf/Blind, Effective Speaking, Sight Conservation, Hearing and Speech Action, Lions Now, Culture, Convention Hosts, and the 2014 International Convention. It has been my privilege to attend CEP Training, all official cabinet meetings and a dozen club social, official or fund raising events. These clubs include Breslau, Brantford North, Brantford, Cambridge, Lynden, Rockton, Paris, and St. Mary's. I thank my clubs and Cabinet for their support and look forward to serving them again next year.

RC37 – Paul Anstett

Region 37 continues to thrive with activity. 2013 closed out and 2014 opened with great things happening.

My Region Chair activities have been numerous and continuous since the November Cabinet Mtg:

- Attended a CEP/CG Workshop in Markham on Sat/Sun, November 2 & 3/13.
- Attended Oxford Lions Club Charter Night celebrations in Woodstock on Sat. November 9/14.
- Attended the first Zone 37W meeting in Exeter on Wed. November 13/13.
- Assisted VDG1 Tim & a few Monkton Lions and the Marsville Lions at the Marsville Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Marsville Public School on November 30/13.
- Attended Charting New Waters event in Cambridge on Jan. 16/14.
- Attended the pre-Cabinet meeting in New Hamburg January 21/14.
- Assisted PDG Karen McNeight with final CEP presentation at Waterloo Lions Club January 23/14
- Plans are underway with RC9 Vic & RC51Wayne for the Region Challenge to be held in St. Clements, hosted by the Paradise & Dist. Lions on Thursday, March 13/14.
- The Lions Quest – THREE FREE TEES project is ongoing.



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- The Clubs in 37S & 37W continue to be active in their respective communities.

ZC 37S – Marg Overveld

Since my last report, I made my official visits to the Ayr-North Dumfries, Ingersoll, Innerkip, Sweaburg, Thamesford and Woodstock Lions Clubs. Thanks to all the clubs for their hospitality and making the evenings fun and memorable. During my visits, I had the privilege to induct a new member into the Ayr-North Dumfries, Ingersoll and Innerkip Lions Clubs. Congratulations to most of the clubs in 37S for reaching out and increasing their membership. Well done! It's amazing how much you find out by visiting other clubs. All the clubs are unique in their own way providing excellent service to those in need within their community. Great work Lions!

I attended the Charter Night for the Oxford Lions Club which included entertainment by many of the 30 members. What an exciting night! Curling in the Sweaburg Lions Bonspiel and walking in the "Walk for Memories" challenge by the Thamesford Lions Club were both great examples of teamwork in action. Our second Zone Advisory Meeting was held in Drumbo. Thanks to Drumbo Lions Club for hosting the meeting, to Lion Nicole Holder for her presentation on the partnership between the Lions and the Canadian Diabetes Association and to all the Lions for their participation. I also attended the Membership Forum "Charting New Waters" in Cambridge, the Ingersoll Lions 75th Anniversary Celebration and the Pre-Cabinet Meeting in New Hamburg. I am learning so much about the best District in Multiple District "A".

ZC 37W – Kevin Banfield

Nothing submitted

RC 51 – Wayne Litt

Nothing submitted

ZC 51E – Jim Davis

We started 2014 with a zone meeting on Jan 8 in Elora. Seven of the nine clubs were present. All clubs have submitted reports. All clubs have submitted membership plans for the current Lions year and are actively pursuing these plans. I have enjoyed my visitations to those clubs that I have attended. There are only 2 visitations left at time of writing this report. The next Lions Now event is to be Feb. 24. My goal is to have all 9 clubs from Zone 51E at this event.

ZC 51W – Rick Banks

Nothing submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME OR NO SUBMISSION

District Bulletin – Lion Bob Rutter, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GLT District Coordinator** – PDG Karen McNeight,
GLT Liaison – VDG1 Tim DeBlock, **GMT Club Success Team Leader** – RC Paul Anstett, **GMT Lions Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **GMT Family & Women's Membership** – Lion Ferne Lindhorst, **Information Technology** – PCS Ted Rypma, **LEO** – Vacant, **Lions Services For Children** – Lion Joanne McQuiggan, **Peace Poster** – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock, **Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion John Pepper, **Honorary Committee/A15PDGA** – IPDG Dr Dan Ayim, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Rutter, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PDG Norma Peterson, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray, **Youth Camp Exchange Director** – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault

Alert – Lion Adam McMurrin

I hope that everyone in A-15 had a Happy Holiday season. Well it's time to get back to work and continue the work I have started by putting together the District Alert files in case of any unforeseen tragedy. This will be an ongoing database that needs ongoing attention. Looking forward to the next Lions Now presentation as the last one in St. Mary's was awesome. I have nothing further to report at this time, if anyone from any Region would like to join the Alert Team please contact myself.



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Camp Coordinator – PRC Rob Montgomery

I hope that everyone had a great holiday and I would like to wish everyone in the District Happy New Year.

There is not much to report at this time of the year, but Lions Camp Dorset is holding another Family Day Hockey Tournament this February 17th. Our local Community Medical Centre is in need of funding for a Phase 3 expansion. I have also included the Facility report from Camp Dorset for all clubs to view.

As reported in the last couple of years the cabins and units are being very well maintained and maintenance issues are minimal thanks to Camp staff and Lions Family volunteers.

Cabin # 1, the Dorset Cabin, has been completely renovated thanks to the generous donations from the Dorset Lions Club.

Thanks to the Wasaga Beach Lions Club who have taken over sponsoring the Dofasco Cabin it is currently being completely renovated at a projected cost of \$15,000.00.

Cabin #2, the Hamilton Central Cabin is on the list for a major renovation. Hamilton Central Lions have already made a donation towards this major renovation.

Cabin #3, the Hamilton East Cabin is also on the list for a renovation in the near future.

Four other cabins are being considered for renovation down the road but at present they are meeting the needs of the Camp.

Steel roofing has been donated and next spring it will be put on Cabins 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

Camp Manager Steve Woolman had a very successful campaign to raise funds for a permanent mini-putt course and a shuffleboard court. Funds were also donated for new bunk beds, picnic tables and cedar chairs. Thanks to all those clubs and individuals who donated.

The next project is to replace the aging and deteriorating wooden deck chairs. Each cabin and unit needs two new ones and manager Steve says he can build user friendly chairs for about \$100.00 each. We encourage the clubs who sponsor a cabin or unit to consider donating to this project so we can have most of them ready for next year's dialysis season.

The sound system in the rec hall meeting rooms has been replaced and greatly improved thanks to a donation from the Jain Social Group.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of Director Barry Burn a new gator is being purchased by money from A-1 Lions.

Many other improvements have been made to our facilities thanks to the efforts of Camp Staff, Lions work parties and work parties from the Beaver Creek Correctional Facility

I would like to visit any club to make aware of these camps and what they offer to the youth and families. I now have some valuable literature to hand out as well.

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton

Two matters have come for action since the last cabinet meeting.

Firstly, is the investigation, along with Long Range Planning, of an outside supplier for our required background checks for those working with vulnerable people at district sanctioned activities. The results of this investigation are provided in a separate report.

Cabinet has received this report. Action has been deferred pending further investigation.

Secondly, is the matter of proposed constitutional changes which must be put before the voting delegates at the A-15 Convention in April. The only proposed change of which I am aware comes from the ad hoc committee examining the aspects of our constitution, by-laws and policy dealing with our convention. Again, this is coming before Cabinet as a separate item but, when received by Cabinet, shall become part of this report. That proposed change shall be the only one which will be circulated for consideration at our convention.

Convention Host 2014 – Lion Gord Hufnagel

This year's A15 Convention will be held on April 11 – 13 to celebrate our District Governor Denis Vinette's term. DG Denis' theme this year, and for the Convention, is "Service – the Spice of Life"

Located in Guelph at the newly renovated Holiday Inn, your committee is striving to make this a most enjoyable and informative event.

Our international guest will be Sid Scruggs III, Past International President. Using as his presidential theme A Beacon of Hope, Past President Scruggs made service to others – the core principle of Lions clubs around the world-the focal point of his presidency.

A most important aspect of each convention is the election of a new executive for the coming year. This year all candidates will perform at the Friday night opening ceremonies providing entertainment not only to their own zone but to all of A15 Lions as well. Then of course, there is the Hospitality evening with food and beverage for all.

Carrying through with the fun, we have organized comedy for both the Saturday lunch, and the Governor's ball. Entertainment, inspiration and fund raising are the focus for Saturday.



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The Ford Motor Company will be making a \$20 donation to Lions Quest for each Lions Family signing up for a test drive of a Ford vehicle.

Sunday is wrap up with voting and District A-15 Memorial Service, remembering those Lions who have passed. Each club has been handed or mailed a convention package containing registration forms and draw tickets. The registration form allows multiple registrations, including meal and room registration. Room rates are very reasonable at the hotel and each night includes two free breakfast. An Early Bird Draw of one free night of accommodation is offered for those registrations received on or before the February 2 Cabinet meeting. Registrations delivered with payment at the Cabinet meeting will be included in the draw. The Convention package also includes draw tickets, a book of 30, which if bought complete costs only \$50.00. A return envelope for cheque and stubs is included. This year, a number of prizes are being offered so that odds of winning have increased substantially. This is OUR convention, an opportunity to renew friendships or make new ones, to learn, and to revitalize our enthusiasm. As Lions -WE SERVE. Service – The Spice of Life

Cultural & Community Activities – ZC Ajit Manku

The tickets for Irish Festival are on sale - \$20.00 per person! Do not forget to bring your family and friends along with you to the festival which will be held on Saturday March 1, 2014 at United Kingdom Club of Cambridge, 35 International Village Drive, Cambridge. It is time to celebrate with fun the Irish Cultural. For further details, visit the A-15 website. We are planning to publish an International Cultural Cook book. I am requesting all the clubs and their members to submit their favorite cultural recipes to me at your earliest. All the funds raised from the sale of this cook book will be given to Lion Quest.

Diabetes Awareness – Lion Cindy Grobe

Please contact Cindy to ask your questions about Diabetes Awareness and the availability of speakers etc.

District Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

History collection in District A-15 is very slow.

A letter has been sent in January to all Clubs, requesting collection of memorabilia from District A-15, and specifically for our first year 1976-77, under District Governor Dougald Campbell, of Elmira Lions – this for the purpose of a Display at our upcoming Convention.

Again without the input from you, the Lions of A-15, this will not be possible.

What better time than mid-winter, to dive into those boxes and albums, and uncover the historical treasures of our Lions District!

Should you discover interesting artifacts from any period, please forward to me by email or bring them with you to the upcoming Cabinet/Zone meetings. I will return them safely to your Club at a subsequent meeting.

“We can each do a little but together we can do a lot.”

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

Thank you Cabinet and Lions of District A-15 for the privilege of serving and promoting this excellent Opportunities for Youth program which develops individual student growth of character and promotes the civic potential in our community.

I have had the opportunity to attend a number of Zone meetings (3) and Club meetings to share information and promote enthusiasm for this program. A BIG thank-you to the 14 Clubs who have made a generous donation to this worthwhile project. We have reached about 48 % of our annual budgeted needs. Therefore, the financial appeal, for Clubs with some available 'Spare Cash' is still 'on-the-table'. Funds may be sent to District A-15 Treasurer: Peter Oswald, District Clubs holding Effective Speaking contests include: Fergus LC, Feb 27th; Guelph LC, March 18th; Belwood & District LC, Feb 25th; Breslau LC, Feb 10th.

Thirty-five (35) to forty(40) speech contestants are expected at our finals this March.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Please note the following confirmed dates & locations:

A-15 District finals will be held on Sat March 29, 2014, (8:30 for) 9:00 am start at, St George German Public School, in St George hosted by St George LC

The MDA finals will be held in London, Ontario and hosted by the St Thomas LC on Fri / Sat May 30 & 31, 2014.

Let's all spread the message and passion about this program. Some Clubs are really 'on board' by holding local contests AND contributing generously to this Opp/Youth program. Others do their part by sending a budgeted contribution.



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Every District A-15 Lion, not only those on Cabinet must 'lead the way' and show their club's commitment to this 'Opportunities for Youth' project. Don't let our youth down. Dedication & Teamwork in a Spirit of Service has always been District A-15's distinction. Let's keep it up. It's great to be a part of A-15 Lions who serve our communities, our youth, & our future, in a spirit of willingness, excellence and fun.

Elections & Credentials – PDG Doug Smith

This year we are trying something new. District Cabinet Candidates for the year 2014/15 have the opportunity to post your biography on the District Website. In order to keep this manageable, we ask that your biography only be submitted no electioneering. Submissions are limited to 100 words or less and are to be submitted to PDG Karen McNeight email glt@a15lions.org.

Friday Night at the Convention, Candidates can choose between Introduction and Speech and /or Demonstration.

Demonstrations are encouraged. Time limits will be enforced.

Saturday Cabinet Meeting Candidates will be introduced and recognized only – no speeches.

Voting will be Sunday from 7:30 – 9:30 am.

We still have a lot of positions still unfilled so ---- Talk to me

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

The scheduled date for the Breslau Memorial Forest cleanup will be Wed. June 4th. As before, we would ask our Lions of A-15 to volunteer to move & spread mulch, Cleanup flower beds and trim trees and hedges between the hours of 12 noon and dark. Please add this date to your Lions to do list.

The date for the Breslau Memorial Forest Memorial Dedication Service is Saturday June 14th. At that time, we will be displaying a slide show of the trees and plaques that have been photographed in the last 2 years.

Submissions for the Environmental Photo contest flyers are starting to come in. What talented Lions we have in our District. As stated before... The criteria for Environment Photo Contest are;

Lions from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings. The Photo must be an unaltered, black-and-white or colour photo (without people) of the environment in the following Contest categories: 8"X10" photos of Animal Wildlife, Landscapes, Plant Life & Weather Phenomenon.

Please send your Environmental Photos to me by March 31st, 2014. I'll be happy to accept your Photos at the District Cabinet Meetings, Zone Meetings, Region Rallies & Lions Now event. I look forward to your submissions.

I will be participating with a booth at the 'Lions Now' event on Monday February 24th in Innerkip. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Essay For Visually Impaired / Peace Poster – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock

Unfortunately we did not have an entry for the Essay Contest this year.

We had a number of entries for the Peace Poster Contest. The theme this year was "Our World, Our Future" and it was amazing what the students thought of when they were painting.

Thank you to the Cambridge Highlands, Ariss and Ingersol Lions Clubs for trying, unfortunately they did not have any entries.

Thank you to the St Agatha, Elmira, and Thamesford Lions for your entries.

This was the first year that the Lioness Clubs were involved. Thank you Lioness Jan Boucher from the New Hamburg Club for all the work that you did.

The overall winner for District A-15 was the New Hamburg Lioness Club's entry by Greg Yeoman. Congratulations Greg. A presentation of a cheque for \$250.00 will be made at a school assembly in the near future.

I would really like to encourage all of the lions clubs to get involved next year. The kits are ready now and you can order them from Lion's International. Don't wait until the fall; make contact with the schools now and see if they are interested. Make sure you go through the school system.

I would also like to encourage all of the Lions Clubs to make a donation to the Peace Poster Contest, so that we can continue this very worthwhile project.



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GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wiliura

We have 3 Club Enhancement Processes (CEP) in works and we are available to any club, not only for CEP but any other presentations or guidance they may require. The Just Ask and Membership Satisfaction Guides have been placed on the district website as well as the Membership Pulse newsletters from LCI.

A CEP Banner Patch was presented to the St Jacobs Lions Club and a CEP Facilitators Certificate to PRC Vaughan Braby. The Membership Forum at Cambridge Highlands held on January 16th was well attended and we covered quite a bit of information in trying to create dialogue and an exchange of ideas amongst those present.

The “How Are Your Ratings” mini quiz was explained and we encourage all clubs to do this quiz at least once a year. There are 4 main questions with 3 sub statements requiring a rating between 1 and 5.

- 1) How do you feel about your club?
- 2) How do you feel about your club meetings?
- 3) How well does your club do the following?
- 4) Any wishes or frustrations you feel towards your club?

The quiz can be found in the latest edition of the membership Pulse.

Again our team is ready to help out any club that would like assistance and it is just a matter of asking.

LCI Convention 2014 –PDG OJ Wiura

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE LIONS CLUBS CONVENTION?

Toronto, Canada, a very robust community and the host of Lions Clubs International 97th Convention in 2014. With conventions being held there in 1934 and 1964, it is obvious the City has much to offer. If one attends the event it gives an opportunity to rekindle friendships with some of the Lions from around the world, met at previous conventions or, as a first timer to meet news Lions from afar. You can attend the Plenary Sessions, which are quite spectacular and a chance to feel the spirit of Lionism at its best. The seminars are more informative especially now with rise of social media.

International Night at the Air Canada Centre with Neil Sedaka promises to be a great show.

The Exhibit Hall at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre will be interesting just to find out what new programs LCI has to offer, meeting and talking to those Lions who are just walking around and watching the exchanging of club pins.

The many booths in the hall provide a wealth of information such as bringing you up to date on our fight against Preventable Blindness, how our Lions Clubs International Foundation is helping those in who have suffered from the result of natural disasters. As well, information on membership strategies, Lions Quest, E Clubs, souvenirs and much, much more. You can participate in the parade, with Lions from various countries and enjoy the colorful costumes, the music and the festive atmosphere.

In order to attend any venue, even as a volunteer, you must be register with LCI.

You can apply online: <http://lionsconvention2014.ca> and click on the VOLUNTEER tab. Host Volunteer registration at \$110 US is valid until June 1st.

Only 152 days to go from today’s A15 Cabinet meeting.

LCIF – PCC Dave Overboe & Lion Penny Overboe

We are reminded that 100% of every dollar donated to LCIF is used for charitable work. Nothing is used for administration. Check with either Dave or Penny to establish how much past donation credit you have available for the warding of Melvin Jones Fellowships and consider doing so.

LFC – PZC Charlene Teasdale

Happy New Year Lions! First off I want to thank all of the Lions, Lioness and LEOs for their wonderful support in 2013 for our Foundation. This past year ended on a very successful note with the launch of our sixth Dog Guide Program, the Diabetic Alert Dog Guide and this wonderful program is already making a difference, as well we had a graduating class of Autism Assistant Dog Guides in December.

I wish much success to the teams participating in this year’s Canine Challenge being held at our Oakville Training Facility on January 25th. Please remember that our spring Open House will take place on Saturday, April 5th from 10am to 2pm. Our largest fund raiser The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides National Walk date is set for Sunday May 25th. For those already involved with a Walk, I thank you, for those Lions Clubs in A15 who are not involved with a Walk, please contact me, I would love to come speak with you and assist with organizing a walk, or help you to participate with other Clubs with their Walks. Every dollar is crucial for supporting our Foundation.

Thank you for your continued financial support and everything you do, because without you Lions, Lioness and Leos, disabled Canadians would not have the independence they so rightly deserve from the benefit of a Dog Guide. Thank you.



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Lions Quest – PCC Tim Cronin

Thank you!

A15 again leads all of Canada in donations to Lions Quest. It is this continued support that will keep Positive Youth Development at the fore front and give us the tools to spread the word across our district and country. Thirty-one of our fifty-eight clubs have donated almost \$15,000. It would be really great if the other 27 clubs would make A15 a 100% district.

I would also like to thank those District Officers that are directing their speaking donations to Lions Quest. This money is deposited with the District Treasurer to support training teachers and Positive Youth Development community workshops in our district.

Those of you who have read the “Lions Quest” newsletter will have read the article about the training of “Full Day Kindergarten” teachers in the Niagara Catholic District School Board. (If you haven’t read it yet, check it out on line at Lions Quest.) This proves that the Lions Quest Program is still relevant and needed.

At this time we have not scheduled any teacher workshops in A15 even though the Lions Quest Office (Thanks mostly to Kay Nelles) has been in contact with the board offices. Joanne tells me that Lions Quest is working on reformatting part of the program so it can be broken up into smaller bites. Hopefully this will give us another way to make the program available to teachers. We will wait for further developments.

“Positive Youth Development” is still being promoted through Community workshops.

We are partnering with the OPP (Staff Sergeant Jack Hunjan) of Fergus to put on a workshop in Wellington County.

The second event is a “Train the Trainer” 2 day Workshop March 18 & 19 at the Family Centre in Kitchener.

Anyone working with youth should be urged to attend either event.

If we could convince a Lion to take the Train the Trainer event we could spread the Positive Youth Development word even faster. Check online at Lions Quest for the details.

As always all I need is an invitation to present Lions Quest at any Lions event, just call.

Sight Screening & Conservation – Lion Pat McLean

The Lions eye screening volunteers have been very busy over the past few months especially in the Guelph and Waterloo Region areas. Many thanks to all those who give their time every week in the schools assisting with the vision tests.

With statistics to the end of November, the Guelph Royal City club has tested 599 students from 11 schools with a 78% participation rate. The referral rate for these schools was 41%. The Guelph Lions club has tested 705 students from 14 schools with an 80% participation rate. They have referred 44.5% of the students tested. The Fergus club will begin their testing early in February, once the Guelph clubs are finished and the equipment is available.

In Waterloo Region with statistics to the end of December 2013, the Kitchener clubs have completed 26 schools for a total of 2088 students screened. They have achieved a 75% participation rate and have referred 26% of the students. The Cambridge club completed 17 schools, screened 1134 students, have a 78% participation rate and referred 22.75% of students. The St. Jacobs/Woolwich clubs have completed 15 schools, screened 1175 students, and have an 82% participation rate. They have referred 32% of the students screened. In total, 5,701 junior and senior kindergarten students have had their vision tested. Way to go volunteers!

Still on vision screening, a training session was arranged in Kitchener for the new refractor. Members from several clubs attended and I will be demonstrating it at screening sessions over the next few weeks for Guelph and Cambridge clubs. District Governor Denis and I attended a meeting at Waterloo Region School Board which may bring improvements to our program. One of the weaknesses has been the lack of follow up to ensure that parents take their child to an optometrist. With some changes at the board organization level, this work may be possible. It’s still in the discussion process, but it sounds promising.

I will be attending the Lions Now event in February to promote vision screening. Lion Karen Cronin of St. Jacobs spoke at the Zone 9S meeting in Rockton this month. I hope to get to more of these events and educate clubs on the value of this work.

Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble

The Youth Camp needs additional host families and additional camp attendee applications are still arriving. In the past hosting responsibilities have sometimes been shared over two or more host families. Camp cleanup is scheduled for May 10th, 2014. Cabinet members are asked to promote Youth Camp involvement and in particular the need for host families when making their club visits. It should be noted that man power hours given to the camp expand the hours of camp access Lions are allotted.



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2014 Youth Camp Budget Proposal

	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	Proposed Budget 2014
Transportation	\$ 4,426.21	\$ 4,901.26	\$ 4,500.00
Name Tags	\$ 87.01	\$ 79.10	\$ 100.00
T-Shirts	\$ 970.91	\$ 857.33	\$ 1,200.00
Icecream for everyone	\$ 130.00	\$ 98.75	\$ 140.00
Maid of the Mist	\$ 192.15	\$ 315.00	\$ 380.00
Imax/Minolta Tower - Skylon 4d	\$ 327.75	\$ 287.40	\$ 340.00
Oh Canada Eh	\$ 1,175.93	\$ 1,070.05	\$ 1,200.00
Wonderland	\$ 991.00	\$ 862.50	\$ 1,200.00
Dinner at Wonderland	\$ 500.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 640.00
Dinner- Mandarin	\$ 747.95	\$ 699.62	\$ 800.00
CN Tower	\$ 328.50	\$ 270.07	\$ 400.00
Rogers Centre _ Jays Game	no game	\$ 308.00	\$ 450.00
Display Boards	\$ 47.58	\$ 50.88	\$ 100.00
Groceries	\$ 559.60	\$ 312.17	\$ 300.00
Pizza	\$ 313.69	\$ 174.42	\$ 250.00
Set-up dinner & breakfast	\$ 91.25	\$ 151.14	\$ 125.00
Flash Drives (Thumb Drives)	\$ 248.24	\$ 235.06	
Toronto Tours	no go	\$ -	?? No go
Meals -no club		\$ 450.87	\$ 250.00
Airport Hotel - arrival expenses	\$ 173.77	\$ 377.49	\$ 375.00
John Wedge - National Anthams	\$ 67.69	\$ 33.84	\$ 75.00
Youth Exchange Pins/ptchs	\$ 325.00	\$ 271.83	\$ 300.00
Backpacks	\$ 25.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 250.00
Waterbottles		\$ -	do not need any
Mascott for 2014	\$ 56.50	\$ 55.94	\$ 65.00
misc supplies	\$ 193.00	\$ 595.02	\$ 200.00
Galaxy theatres	\$ 232.50	\$ -	\$ 325.00
Skating	\$ 125.50	\$ -	\$ 150.00
New Laptop		\$ 866.34	
Picnic Tables		\$ 548.05	
\$200.00 Transportation Fees	\$ (3,800.00)	\$ (4,000.00)	
Total	\$ 8,536.73	\$ 10,492.13	\$ 14,115.00
			less bus fees



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District A-15 Effective Speaking
2013 - 2014 Proposed Budget

Receipts:

Donations from 32 Clubs @ \$ 200.00 per	\$ 6 400.00
Portion submitted to MDA 32 Clubs @ \$ 45.00 per	(\$ 1 440.00)
Income	\$ 4 960.00

Expenses:

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

	1 st	2 nd	3rd	
Pre-competitive English	\$75	\$60	\$40	\$ 175.00
Pre-competitive French	\$7	\$60	\$40	\$ 175.00
Junior English	\$90	\$75	\$50	\$ 215.00
Junior French	\$90	\$75	\$50	\$ 215.00
Intermediate English	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$ 240.00
Intermediate French	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$ 240.00
Senior English	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$ 300.00
Senior French	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$ 300.00
Participant's Certificates & Frames				\$ 65.00

Sub Total (Prizes) \$ 1 925.00

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	\$ 800.00
Meals, for 5/6 contestants/families at MDA finals	\$ 1 350.00

Sub Total (Other) \$ 2 755.00

Total Expenses \$ 4 680.00

Net Revenue \$ 280.00