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# DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

## Minutes of Third 2009 – 2010 A-15 Cabinet Meeting Drumbo, Ontario – Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, 11:30 A.M.

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 11:45 A.M. by Governor Karen McNeight, with the following present:

Gov. Karen McNeight	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Todd Wilson	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma Peterson
Treas. Peter Oswald	Sec. Georgina McGregor	RC51 Neil Hoogendoorn
ZC51E Denis Vinette	ZC51W Freda Walker	RC37 Penny Overboe
ZC37W Tim DeBlock	ZC9E Bill Weiler	ZC9S Gerry Runstedler
CC Dan Ayim	CC Wolfgang Boelke	CC Rudy & Lorea Boogerman
CC Denis Lougheed	CC Bill Carson	CC Ernie Kaethlet
CC John Paff	CC Larry Wainwright	CC Dave & Mary Rumble
CC Rob Montgomery	CC Joyce Townson	CC John Rothwell
		CC Jim Loucks
		CC Dan Moore
		CC Doug Smith

Regrets: IPDG OJ Wilura, RC Charlie Davis, TRC Ted Rypma, ZC37S Henri Callebert

In Attendance also were approximately 65 other Lions Members. Sign-up sheet on file. \*CC=Comm. Chair

All in attendance were welcomed by Drumbo Pres. John Demeulenaere, who then turned the meeting over to Gov. Karen. Gov. Karen welcomed everyone and thanked the Clubs for their warm welcome on her official visits. She also encouraged Lions that if needing assistance, to contact any Cabinet Members or the Merl Team and also encourage Club members to run for office. A presentation of 100% President Awards were given to Club Presidents in attendance by Gov. Karen.

Governor Karen recognized PIDs, PCCs, PDGs, former Cabinet Officers, Club Officers, and all other Lions in attendance. A moment's silence was observed for departed Lions and family.

Additions to Agenda – None. **Moved** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd Wilson, seconded by ZC51W Bill Weiler to accept the agenda. **Carried**

**Moved** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd, seconded by ZC 51W Freda that the **Oct. 25/10 Cabinet Meeting Minutes** be received as circulated. **Carried**

**Financial Report** – report is in the package. Any Club wishing to send a donation to the Haiti Relief Fund can do so or send the donation to CT Peter and he will make sure donations will be sent to LCI on their behalf.

**Moved** by CT Peter, seconded by ZC9E Bill to receive the report as presented. **Carried**

### Cabinet Reports

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd Wilson – Report submitted. Congratulations to Clubs that have committed to the Haiti Relief Fund. As the Region Rally's were separate this year, Lion Todd would like some feed back or criticism, ideas or if the Clubs enjoyed the Rally's presented in this manner. Membership is going in the right direction this year and we will continue to work on getting new members. Lion Todd thanked Lion Denis for the Youth Information Package he put together and also thanked the Zone Chairs for well run and well attended meetings.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma Peterson – report submitted. Encouraged Clubs to submit their MMR to International. Contact Lion Norma with names and photos of any deceased Lion in their Club before the Convention in April.

**Region Chairs** – Charlie, Neil and Penny – report in package and had nothing new to report.

**Zone Chairs** – Bill, Gerry, Denis, Freda, Henri and Tim – reports in package ZC Tim reminded Lions of the Zone Meeting in Stratford on Mon., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at Queens Inn.



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### **Committee Reports Gov. Karen**

Honorary Comm. & LCIF Report – CC Bill Carson- report in package. – Spoke on the relief for Haiti. LCIF has now received 1.4 million dollars and donations are still coming in. Supplies, tents, food and doctors have been sent and Lions are still there working to help in any way. 100% of money collected is used for the relief efforts. For more information, go to the LCIF web site.

Convention Host – PDG Jim Loucks – report in package – added that there is a full breakfast included. The dining room only seats about 45 people but you can take a tray of food up to your room.

Moved by Lion Jim, seconded by Lion Todd to accept that the Elmira & Woolwich Lions Club to co-host the 2011 Convention. **Carried**

Elections & Credentials – PDG John Brash – report in package. Update on the candidates for nomination for 2010-11 ;: DG – Todd Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Norma Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – John Rothwell & Dan Ayim, RC9 – Bill Weiler, RC37 Tim De Block ,RC51 – Denis Vinette & Freda Walker, ZC 9E – Robert Montgomery & Gary Bell, ZC 37S Mary Ann Ward, ZC 37W Paul Anstett. Still need candidates for ZC 9S, ZC 51E & ZC 51 W.

At the A-15 PDG Association Meeting it was decided not to have an election to be voted in as a member of this Association. Dist. Gov.'s will now automatically be a member of the Association.

Long Range Planning – O.J. Wilura – report in package

Constitution & By-Laws –PDG George Patton – report in package

Technical Resources – PZC Ted Rypma – report in package

Dist. Int. Relations – PID Art woods – report in package

### **Meeting turned over to Chairs 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's for their Committee Reports**

#### **Committee Reports – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd Wilson**

Youth Camp Exchange – PCC Dave & Lioness Mary Rumble – report in package – There are now 10 youth registered from various countries and are expecting more to come in with 5 youth going out. If supplying meals, please keep in mind that Five Oaks is completely **PEANUT FREE**. Host families are need or host clubs. Need financial support to keep the camp going. Camp clean-up is scheduled for Fri., May 7<sup>th</sup> & Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget about the Bruce Murray Fellowship Award with a \$400.00 donation. A Camp Mascot (a teddy bear) was introduced which will be at the camp this year. His name is "Bruce" and he was born on Jan. 19<sup>10</sup>. He was bought for a fun thing for the youth while they are here. On June 12 at the McGuinus Home for the Deaf & Blind in Brantford there will be a celebration of their 25 years with 10yrs. in the same place. More details will be for-coming.

**Moved** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd, seconded by ZC9S Gerry to approve the Youth Camp Budget. **Carried**

Youth Camp Meal Chair – Lion Rudy Boogerman – please get in touch with Lion Rudy if your Club is willing to help out with meals while the Youth are at camp.

Lions Opportunities for Youth – PZC John Rothwell – report in package. Thank all clubs who participated in the Peace Poster Contest and thanks to the Woolwich Lions for hosting the event. Lion John would like to see some names put forth for the MDA PDG Assoc. Student Award, also don't forget to have students help at events as it helps them in getting their volunteer hours.

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler – report in package – Innerkip Club will be hosting the District finals. Please support with donation.

Peace Poster – Woolwich Lions – report in package

Leo Chair – Lion Raymond Taylor – report package – Best wishes to Lion Ray as he recuperates from a heart attack.

Service for Children – PZC Dennis Loughed – report in package – The information package that PZC Dennis created in now on the Dist. Web Site, please use it. He would like us to give some thought to using the youth for Lions projects.

Sight Screening – RC Charlie Davis – report in package – VDG Todd would like to thank the Clubs for participating in Sight Screening in the schools.

Hearing & Speech Action – Lion Jim Harris – report in package

Lions Quest & Thrive – PDG Nancy Ransom – report in package – the Quest & Thrive Program are in need of financial help.

## **Committee Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma Peterson**

Lions Foundation of Canada – report in package – On Feb. 20/10 there will be challenge of an obstacle course with 4 persons to a team. More info will be sent to the Clubs.

Diabetes Awareness – PCS Ian Robb – report in package. Lion Ian would like to hear from Clubs in 51W & 37S on hosting a Diabetes Breakfast.

Emergency Action/Alert Program – Lion Troy Mills – report in package – Lion Troy encourages Lions Club to submit their Emergency/Action Plan to him with the name of you Chair Person.

Health Sciences Project – ZC Bill Weiler – report in package, nothing to add.

Environment – PCC Tim Cronin – report in package

No Child Without Medical Alert – ZC Gerry Runstedler - report in package – this program was launched in Nov. 2006, Lions Clubs became involved in Feb. 2008. Since then Lions across Canada have raise \$312 thousand dollars. There are 5000 schools in Canada and 3800 children in the program. There is a waiting list of 2500 schools that have requested the program. If any Clubs would like to become involved, please get in touch with Lion Gerry.

Service to Seniors – Lion Harvey Woods – no report

Cultural & Comm. Activities – Lion Ajit Manku – report in package – Please get your numbers in for the Lions International Festival ASAP. Cost of \$20.00 per person. He would like to see 200 tickets sold.

Camp Chair Coordinator – Lion Rob Montgomery – report in package – Clean up for Camp Dorset will be on Apr. 30 – May 2. ( This has now been cancelled. A later date will be scheduled.)

## **Meeting turn back to Chair DG Karen**

### **Merl Team Report**

Coordinator PDG Larry Wainwright – reports in package – Lion Larry thanked the team for all their hard work. This time last year we had 32 of 52 Clubs submitting membership plans and at this meeting we 48 of 52 clubs that have submitted plans. We have a membership plan from the St. Marys Leo Club and also a plan from the newest Branch Club, Ariss & District.

Membership – PRC Jack Broadfoot – We have been well received in all the Clubs. Lion Jack encourages us to invited people in the community to come out and see what Lions is all about. Last report we were at a plus 26 members for this year.

Extention – PRC Dan Ayim – We are looking for locations in the district where we can form new clubs.

Revitalization – PDG Dan Moore – revitalize your Club by adding new members. Your club contributes to Merl , so use it starting Sept, not in Jan. Encourage new Lions to get their Proud Lion Award.

Leadership – PDG Doug Smith – A-15 Leadership Seminar in Baden, May 15 with registration at 8:30a.m. and seminars starting at 9:00 a.m. Your registration is paid for, so please try to attend.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held in Milwaukee, Sept. 23 – 26, 2010.

Family & Women's Membership Development – PZC Joyce Townson – Has been a good growth in the women in Lions Club. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Woman's Day will be held on Mar. 21/10 I Cambridge. Registration at 9:30 a.m. with program from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CC John Rothwell presented the gavel to the Secretary of the new Ariss & District Lions Club.

**Moved** by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma, seconded by ZC51E Denis that the report be received as presented & distributed **.Carried.**

DG Karen spoke on the Convention on the dress. Friday is a fun night, so dress as your favorite character, lunch Sat. is casual and the Banquet is more formal.

### **Up Coming Events**

IPDG O J's Appreciation Night – Feb. 19 in Kitchener (email Charlie Davis on tickets)

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Day - Mar. 21/10 in Cambridge

Ingersoll Rib & Tail Night – Feb.10/10

Thamesford Family Day – Feb.15

Marsville – Feb. 1/10 – Appreciation Night

Innerkip – Community Challenge (email will be sent out for this event)

Paris – Feb. 20/10 – Dinner & Dance at Paris Fair Grounds. Proceeds towards Lions Park.

Lions International Festival – Mar.13/10 – United Kingdom Hall in Cambridge

**50 -50 Draw** - won by PDG John Brash

### **Good & Welfare**

RC37W Penny Overboe asked if there was any way Lions can get info on how much money LCI has sent to Canada. DG Karen to look into the matter.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Todd for adjournment at 2:15 p.m.