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**Spring A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**

7:00 PM June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

St. George Lions Club, St. George ON

1. Call to order and Welcome – DG Charlene Dwyer

Attendance as indicated:

**Voting Cabinet**

DG Charlene Dwyer	IPDG Wayne Litt (R)	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Kevin Banfield	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Tracey Leary
CS Rick Banks	CT Peter Oswald	RC George Corrin	RC Tony Davidson
RC Vic Bovington (R)	ZC Henri Callebert (R)	ZC Cecilia Fulker	ZC Linda Vinette
ZC Harvey Woods	GMT-DC Bill Robinson	GLT-DC Dennis Lougheed	GST-DC O.J. Wilura

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

PRC Paul Anstett (R)	PDG Dan Ayim	PRC Rick Bell	Lion Jason Crowe (R)
PRC Deb Cserhalmi	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock	PDG Tim DeBlock (R)	Lion Lyle Fair
PZC Gerry Haliburton (R)	Lion Allison Henkell	Lion Mark Henkell	PDG Thom Herrmann
Lion Joanne McQuiggan(R)	PDDG George Patton (R)	PDG Nancy Ransom (R)	Lion Garry Ransom (R)
Lion Bob Rutter (R)	PCS Ted Rypma	PDG Diane Smith (R)	PDG Doug Smith (R)
PID Art Woods (R)	PDG Denis Vinette		

Along with 95 other lions who attended.

2. Welcome
3. O Canada, Toast to Queen and Canada
4. Minute of Silence
5. Lions Grace & Dinner
6. Setting Protocol – VDG2 Elect George Corrin
7. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda –
  - 7.1. MOTION to approve the agenda with 15.2 added regarding the 2020 Convention. Seconded and carried.
8. District Governor’s Remarks

It is incredible just how quickly a year can fly by isn’t it? I have been reflecting on my leadership journey here in A15... the Club visits, the induction of new members, installation of officers, anniversary celebrations, events and more. What an incredible honour it has been to get to know the Lions, Lioness and LEOs here in this great District. I have had the opportunity to learn a great deal with valued mentors and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Has your Club maintained or increased its membership this year? Have you completed service projects and promoted those whether it be through print media or social media? Have your Club officers attended District meetings? If so, your Club qualifies for the Club Excellence Award...please ensure to complete the application and email it to me before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

We have made great strides here in A15 these past few years and this year I am incredibly proud of our District Leadership team and their dedication to our Clubs, thank you for being such dedicated leaders. Thank you to our Cabinet Secretary Lion Rick Banks and our CT Lion Peter Oswald for your dedication and team work. Our team has been dedicated to working with our Clubs to assist with membership, leadership and service. Growing our membership is vital but it is also equally important to maintain our current membership, ensuring each and



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every member is valued and is finding their Lions membership rewarding and enjoyable. I have loved visiting your Clubs to interact with you and see the fun and comradery you have.... We have had a lot of laughs along the way, and that is a vital “piece” of our service and that is “to have fun.

We are on course at this time to finish our year in the District on a “positive”/plus note for membership. We have had the opportunity to welcome a new LEO Club and our Lioness Clubs have inducted new members this year too. Well done.

Thank you to all of the Clubs, Zone and Region Chairs who have donated funds to the A15 Autism Assistance Dog Guide sponsorship project...we are so close to our goal...we are just \$3,056.05 to go to reach the target of \$12,000! I can’t tell you how proud I am of our District and it will be an honour to present the cheque on behalf of every Lion, Lioness and LEO here in A15 to our Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide staff.

As I leave the chair as Governor here in A15 I want to leave you with a few thoughts..... Always believe in yourself and your service to those in need, you’re Club (your Lions family) and you’re District! “May the road of service stretch out before you and the bumps along the way be few”. I express my best wishes to DGE Lion Kevin and the incoming Cabinet for next year ..... it has truly been an honour to travel with you “On The Road of Service”!

**9. Transfer of the Chair to DGE Kevin Banfield**

10. Approval of Minutes of the Convention Cabinet Meeting – April 14 and 15, 2018

Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabMinConvApril2018.pdf>

10.1. **MOVED** to approve the Minutes of the Convention Cabinet Meeting as circulated. Seconded and Carried.

11. Secretary’s Report – Changes to the A15 Bylaws and Constitution

11.1. **MOVED** that the Cabinet adopt the revised District A-15 Policy Manual as submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee and circulated to Cabinet prior to the meeting. Seconded and carried.

12. Treasurer’s Report

12.1. Report and Financial Statements as of May 31, 2018 - **See Pages 2 through 5**

12.2. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer’s report and Financial Statements as presented. Seconded and Carried.

13. Matters Arising

14. Cabinet Reports – **See Page 6 and 7**

14.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Seconded and Carried

15. Committee Reports and discussions – **See Pages 8 through 13**

15.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Convention Report for the 2018 Convention. Seconded and Carried.

15.2. Submission for the 2020 Convention Bid by the Stratford Club and the clubs of 37 West. **MOVED** to accept the 2020 Convention Bid by Stratford and the Clubs of 37 West. Seconded and Carried.

15.3. **MOVED** to accept the Committee Reports as submitted. Seconded and Carried.

16. New Business

16.1. None presented.

17. Special Presentations & Awards

17.1. GAT TEAM – Presentation of Special Awards for Service to their Community and Club

John Hines – Guelph Cambridge

Rodger Lystfa – St. George

18. DG Appreciation Plaque & PDG Pin Presentation

19. DGE Gavel Presentation

20. DGE Kevin Banfield remarks



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Thank you for trusting me to the leadership of the District. There are a few changes to next year's Cabinet. Lion Louise Howe will be taking over the Treasurer Role from Lion Peter Oswald. The DG presented Lion Peter with a Lion's Quest Fellowship in honour of his 11 years' service to the District.

Lion Peter thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the District over the past 11 years and that it was a pleasure and honour to serve the District. Thank you very much for the recognition.

The next item is the LCIF Chair. VDG1 Kevin will be stepping down as the LCIF Chair and Lion Peter has graciously agreed to take over this role for the next three years.

Lion Mark Koenig will be taking on the role as Zone Chair for 51W. Lion Harvey Wood will be taking the role as Region Chair 9 and Zone Chair 9S. That fills the cabinet.

A short history of the new Treasurer Louise Howe who joined the Rockton Lions in 2000 and she was the first female member of the club. She has been the Club Treasurer and held most other positions in the club. She and her husband Brian have two adult children. Louise is employed by the Canadian HydroGardens looking after Purchasing and inside Sales. Welcome Louise.

Kevin has tasked the Long Term Planning (LRP) with:

1. identifying their role in the District
2. Looking at the triggers for re-zoning
3. Does the District need their own By-Laws or could we adopt the International by-laws.
4. Review the new club charter supplies and paraphernalia as it relates to cyber clubs.

Kevin would like to concentrate on retention and to think about our changes in communities. We must look at our communities and "tribes" for our club goals. Whether that be people with a common interest such as sexual orientation, tech world, dog guides, diabetes, hunger or sight. We have a number of ongoing discussions around new clubs organized along common interests and not on their "community". I am excited to see how these "tribal clubs" or "specialty clubs" as Lions International refers to them will work out in the future. These clubs will give ordinary people a chance to get together to work with others who have similar goals, regardless of where they live within our district.

Over the next months and years think about the service of your club will affect the community you serve. Hopefully this will create the mechanisms for future service and help your club thrive into the future. Again, if you need help, your Global Action Team is here to help. Global Membership, Global Leadership and Global Service. An active club is a healthy club.

I would like to thank everyone for trusting me with the leadership of the District through the next year. I look forward to working with the new members, the new cabinet and working with you to have a great year in 2018-2019. Thank you.

21. Good & Welfare
  - 21.1. Upcoming Events/Other
  - 21.2. Comment from the floor regarding re-zoning and to remember that some clubs work together closely for group projects and to keep that in mind.
  - 21.3. DG Elect assured everyone that changes will only be made in consultation with clubs.



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- 21.4. Reminder and invitation from Copetown about attending the International Night. See the Bruce Murray International Youth Camp page for 2018. July 22, 2018.
  - 21.5. Update from Allison Henkell for the Youth Camp. There are 23 youth coming to camp. As of today we have one youth that needs a place to stay. There are only seven hosting families, which means that most hosting families are hosting more than one youth. There are six non Lions families hosting youth. This is an issue that needs to be addressed. There are a number of meals that have no club doing the cooking. It is a lot further for some clubs to drive to Action then it was to go to Brantford. Dates that are still required are Sunday July 15 opening day we need a club for dinner; Monday July 16 breakfast; Thursday July 18 Royal City is doing Dinner; Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> we need brunch. Monday July 23 we need breakfast; Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> we need brunch. Please contact me if your club would like to help. Money is great, but it is better if Lions are there to interact with the Youth.  
Please come to July 14<sup>th</sup> for opening day at BlueSprings Boy Scout Camp for around lunch. Let them know if you are coming if you need lunch since Wellesley club is cooking. There will be three counselors. Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>, they are going to see a Blue Jay's game we could use some people who know the game.
  - 21.6. Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette – two Lions Quest schooldays August 16 in Belwood and August 23 in Thamesford. Contact PDG Denis. No charge for attendance.
  - 21.7. Peace Poster kits are available now from Lion Janet Dawson-Brock. They need to get into the schools. Donations would be appreciated at the MDA level to fund the contests.
  - 21.8. Announcements of fund raisers too numerous to include. Please see the website for more information. Lion Ted indicated that all fundraisers should come to him to be posted. Project dates are going be put on the website. [events@a15lions.org](mailto:events@a15lions.org).
  - 21.9. Some 10 year Chevrons were announced. Robert Hoakes from North Dumfries; Allison Henkell from Woodstock, Christopher Wallen from Oxford.
22. Adjournment



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**Secretary's Report** – A big thank you to the Clubs for getting their information posted to MyLCI. This is a huge help to the incoming Cabinet for planning purposes.

**Treasurer's Report to Cabinet – June 13, 2018**

The financial statements are presented today as at May 31, 2018. All bank accounts have been reconciled to their respective statements for April 30. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District. There are still a number of expenses to be paid and various items to update before the end of the Lions year. As most of this occurs in June, it will be included in the final report after June 30.

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

- Our administration account remains in a good position. Various year-end expenses for convention, committee chair honorariums and sundry operating expenses (Leadership Seminar, GMT/GLT expenses) remain to be paid. But we will end the year with a surplus as there have been no expenditures for the USA/Canada Forum nor for Leadership Institutes.
- If anyone has an expense claim that should be paid through the District, please get it to DG Charlene for approval & onto myself for processing as soon as possible.

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at May 31, 2018.
- Committee Chairs have received a summary of any fund activity for their respective committees to date.
- Balances carried for various Camps and other projects outside the District will be forwarded to that respective organization before June 30.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve the District again this year. I am completing my 11<sup>th</sup> year as Cabinet Treasurer with this report and will be around to finalize the year-end position after June 30. I enjoy providing this service and am happy to provide whatever assistance and direction that the new Treasurer will require to make the transition as easy as possible.

**MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.



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2018-06-06  
Accrual Basis

## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Balance Sheet As of 31 May 2018

	<u>31 May 18</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	13,552.17
CIBC - Investments	32,045.50
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	421.73
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	<u>47,897.41</u>
International Director GIC	6,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>53,897.41</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>53,897.41</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>53,897.41</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	<u>0.01</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	3,784.07
DGE Partner Travel	4,236.43
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>8,020.50</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,020.51</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,421.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>8,292.29</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>16,312.80</u>
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,266.69
Net Income	9,627.38
Total Equity	<u>37,584.61</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>53,897.41</u></b>



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



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10:33 AM  
2018-06-02  
Accrual Basis

## District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 31 May 2018

	<u>31 May 18</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC - Lions Guest Imprest	17,646.65
CIBC - Eff. Speaking Impet	180.27
CIBC - Trust Account	34,531.52
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	23,943.36
Youth Investments	<u>12,911.60</u>
Total CIBC - Youth	36,854.96
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	7,725.36
Trust ST Investment	<u>5,293.76</u>
Total Investments	13,019.12
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,845.49</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>110,078.01</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>110,078.01</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>110,078.01</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	1,350.00
Centennial Project	17,237.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Diabetes Awareness	1,225.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	-1,319.73
Hearing Equipment	703.07
Lake Joseph	600.00
LCIF	1,250.00
LCIF - Special Olympics	250.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Autism Dogs	5,059.00
Dog Guides	2,200.00
Leash Free Park	<u>4,464.91</u>
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	11,723.91
Lions Home for Deaf People	750.00
LIONS Guest Contra Account	25,372.01
Peace Poster	1,888.89
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	2,623.85
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	<u>38,354.96</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>102,232.52</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>102,232.52</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	<u>7,845.49</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,845.49</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>110,078.01</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>110,078.01</u></b>



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2018-06-02  
Accrual Basis

## District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2017 through May 31 2018

	Jul '17 - Jun 18	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	130.00	200.00	-70.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,350.50	12,350.50	0.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<b>12,350.50</b>	<b>12,350.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Interest Earned	97.36	435.00	-337.64
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00		
Membership Assessment	2,179.50	2,179.50	0.00
Pin Sales	675.00	1,080.00	-405.00
Returned Cheque Charges	7.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,389.36</b>	<b>18,195.00</b>	<b>-805.64</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>17,389.36</b>	<b>18,195.00</b>	<b>-805.64</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Awards</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	66.70	400.00	-333.30
Awards - Other	496.39	450.00	46.39
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>563.09</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>-286.91</b>
Badges & Patches	416.90	700.00	-283.10
Bank Charges	76.12	300.00	-223.88
Bank Service Charges	7.00		
Cabinet Expense	1,667.36	1,800.00	-132.64
Centennial Project	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Convention Expense	681.35	750.00	-68.65
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	212.04	600.00	-387.96
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
Global Leadership & Membership	250.79	1,900.00	-1,649.21
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>462.83</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>-3,837.17</b>
District Directories	1,967.60	2,000.00	-32.40
Internet	146.47	150.00	-3.53
Leadership Institutes	0.00	540.00	-540.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	1,543.87	1,535.00	8.87
Postage & Telephone	96.05	250.00	-153.95
Printing & Stationery	133.34	350.00	-216.66
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,761.98</b>	<b>18,175.00</b>	<b>-10,413.02</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>9,627.38</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>9,607.38</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,627.38</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>9,607.38</b>





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**CABINET REPORTS**

**DG Charlene Dwyer**

Happy spring! Clubs are busy with their spring activities and I love reading about your activities. From all reports it looks like all of the Walk For Dog Guides here in District A15 were successful, well done! What a time we had with weather for our District A15 Convention, thank you to everyone who braved the weather to attend and we sure did miss those who were unable to make it, the weekend was wonderful and the service projects on Saturday afternoon were well received. We were also very happy to have our own Lions International Director from Canada Lion Tom Gordon and Lion Gillian join us. Despite the weather the Convention was a success and I thank the Convention Host Committee, the Guelph Lions Club and the Guelph Royal City Lions Club for the great work in organizing such a fun weekend, thanks once again to all Lions, Lioness and LEOs who attended. It is hard to believe we are in the final weeks of our current Lions year already. It has been a pleasure to install new members, celebrate anniversaries and serve with such a dedicated team of Leaders here in A15. I especially want to thank our Cabinet Secretary Lion Rick Banks and our Cabinet Treasurer Lion Peter Oswald who have done an amazing job. To my fellow Cabinet members, thank you for being a part of our District A15 Leadership Team this year, you have all done a wonderful job of serving our Clubs and you should be very proud of your leadership journey. We were thrilled to welcome to our District this year the KW LEO Club, these youth have already hit the ground running and providing service to their community, well done!

Thank you to all of the Lions, Lioness and LEOs who have donated to the A15 Autism Assistance Dog Guide project, we are hopefully going to reach our goal of \$12,000 to sponsor an Autism Assistance DG Team on behalf of every Lion, Lioness and LEO in A15, we only have \$3,056.05 to go to reach the goal! There's still time to donate if you wish too, please send funds to our District Treasurer. Please ensure that your Club is striving to provide a satisfying and fulfilling membership opportunity to your existing members, it is always wonderful adding new members to service but it is equally important to retain your current membership. Please note that LCI will not be providing a credit for members dropped after June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Has your club maintained its membership or increased your membership? Have you held events/service projects & promoted them? Please apply for the Club Excellence Award 2017-2018, submissions will be received up to August 31, 2018.

Thank you once again for instilling your trust in me as your District Governor this past year, it has been an honour to serve you and Russ and I thank you for your warm hospitality and your dedication to service. It has truly been an honour to travel with you "On the Road of Service"!

**VDG1 – Kevin Banfield**

Since my last report, I have been intent on planning for next year and listening to what our members would like to see happen within the district in the future.

It has become very clear to me that we talk a lot about getting new members out to join our clubs. This is important, but so too the need to address how our rosters have dwindled - why do we see good people leaving?

Perhaps better questions to ask are why these people joined, and how much was done to fulfill their wish to make a difference for their community. What more can we all do for them, for our club, and for each other?

I would suspect in a lot of cases it comes down to something very simple.

Everyone has a clear expectation of what they are joining and what they will receive as self-gratification. Listen to our younger members, instead of saying 'Come do what we do'. Ask them, 'What do you want to do?' Knowing their wants and needs could help us all with member retention and also gaining new members.



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So if your club has a number of younger, creative people, can your club be an incubator to develop new and interesting ways to address our traditional issues? Absolutely! To make it happen, you would need to realize that one aspect of emerging generations is their desire to have an impact now. This means they will not wait 5 years to be elected Chair of the Fundraising Committee before seeing their ideas in action. If it's not happening today, they'll walk away.

Relinquishing some measure of control will not be easy for everyone, but with some small steps to start, the habit will become easier, and even rewarding. Our young Lions will still look to the veteran for advice, and come to value the century of service given and the traditions built in that time. Allowing these emerging leaders to reinvent our clubs, we can navigate a path to securing our survival.

**VDG2 – Tracey Robinson**

**Region Chair 37 – George Corrin**

For the 2018/2019 the Z.C are 37W Jody Cherwonak – 37S Gabrielle Paff and your R.C is Cecilia Fulker. During my terms as Z.C and R.C I was able to present to several clubs “outside looking in” as a power point presentation of their service activities, fund raisers and donation per individual club. Club members were surprised on how much work they collectively do as a club within their community as well as outside of their community. These presentations will continue to happen to keep the process going and to increase our awareness within the district.

In the upcoming year I look forward to continuing my service on the A15 Cabinet

**ZC 37W Report – Cecilia Fulker**

It has been a rewarding experience. I have inducted new members and will also have an opportunity to induct the officers for the Burford Club. I am so looking forward to meeting more Lions. This year has gone fast. I would not change a thing. Next term will be a wonderful learning experience. I feel having great Lions for my upcoming Zone Chairs will make my new role even easier. Thanks Lion Gabriel and Lion Jody for becoming a part of Team Awesome.

**Zone Chair 51E – Linda Vinette**

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I inducted three members at the Fergus Lions Club, attended training seminars at New Hamburg and attended the MDA Convention on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> in St. Catherine's. Thank you, DG Char for allowing me to take on the position of Zone Chair. I've enjoyed my year and I look forward to a repeat performance with DGE Kevin.

**Zone Chair 9S – Harvey Wood**

The 2017/2018 Lions' year has been a great year for the Clubs located in Zone 9 South. Membership has increased, fundraising activities have grown and service has expanded into new areas.

The Membership is comprised of wonderful people and it has been my pleasure to work with this forward thinking group of Lions.



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**Committee Reports**

**2018 A-15 Convention Committee – PDG Nancy Ransom, Gary Ransom, Bob Keleher**

**LIONS DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION FINAL REPORT – JUNE, 2018**

The Guelph Lions and The Guelph Royal City Lions would like to thank everyone who attended our District A-15 Convention, held at the Guelph Holiday Inn, April 13-15, 2018.

We had a total of 372 registrations, 102 luncheons, and 115 banquet meals.

We held two special service projects –

- a) Strides Walk for Diabetes – Thank you to A-15 Diabetes Chair Rick Bell and PDG Denis Vinette, for organizing the Walk. In spite of the icy weather conditions, \$1605 was collected in pledges from Lions; which as PDG Denis said, was enough to send a child to camp.
- b) Eye Glass Sorting Event – Thank you to the Guelph Royal City Lions who organized and supervised this event. The Lions sorted and boxed 6061 pairs of eyeglasses that afternoon!

Financial Report: (attached)

An invoice for expenses pertaining to District A-15, has been forwarded to District Treasurer Peter Oswald for approval at the June cabinet meeting.

Our host committee, the Guelph Lions and the Guelph Royal City Lions, felt the convention went well, and we hope all the clubs in A-15 enjoyed the weekend.

Thank you to IPDG Wayne and Lion Linda Litt, and PDG Diane Smith, for their advice and assistance, during the planning stages.

We wish next year’s convention hosts, the Plattsville Lions and Woodstock Lions, all the best.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**LIONS DISTRICT A-15 FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT CONVENTION APRIL 2018**

**EXPENSES**

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>650</b>	
<b>Hotel Function Rooms</b>	<b>3530</b>	
<b>Meals</b>	<b>9436</b>	
<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>575</b>	
<b>Convention Pin</b>	<b>536</b>	
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>(Overnight Package for Two - courtesy of Guelph Holiday Inn)</b>
<b>50/50 Draw</b>	<b>237.5</b>	
<b>Printing \$1000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(Printing - courtesy of Lion Garry Ransom, The UPS Store #82)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15669.5</b>	

**INCOME**

<b>Registrations</b>	<b>5600</b>
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<b>Ads, Sponsors</b>	<b>1475</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>1350</b>
<b>Meals</b>	<b>6875</b>
<b>Convention Pin</b>	<b>820</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>2750</b>
<b>50/50 Draw</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>19345</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>\$3,675.50</b>

**Constitution and By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton

The 2017-18 year was busy for Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) with several changes being required to the A-15 C&B brought on by changes made by International to the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws (SDC&B). Some of these changes were straight forward but there were also changes requiring a re-working of definitions at the District A-15 level to bring us in line with the SDC&B. These were presented to Cabinet at the winter cabinet meeting and approved by voting delegates at the convention in April. Unfortunately, it is our understanding that some of these changes are going to be immediately revoked by International at the start of the next fiscal year so expect more changes requiring action by the committee in 2018-19.

Besides this activity, I participated in a review of the Policy Manual (which will be approved at this cabinet meeting) as well as working with others on additional resource materials which were requested by Cabinet. Several clubs and members of Cabinet contacted me during the year seeking guidance about matters relating to constitutional questions at the club level. I was able to direct them to the pertinent items in the Standard Club Constitution and Bylaws or provide direction.

**Environment** – Lion Jason Crowe

**Family and Women’s Membership** – PDG Diane Smith

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, a seminar on Family and Women’s membership was held at the MDA convention. It was a well-attended seminar with approximately 40 participants. We had the pleasure of having incoming IP Gudrun Yngvadottir, her husband PID Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, PID Art Woods and our current ID Tom Gordon, join us for the seminar. The format was an informal “round table” discussion.

Some interesting points covered included:

- Currently District A5 leads in Women membership in our Multiple with 41.68 %
- MD 109 [Iceland –home of our incoming IP] has the highest per capita general membership in the world with 6.6 Lions per thousand population
- There was a good discussion on the challenges going forward –we must look at the creation of specialty clubs, business and ethno-centric clubs as solutions rather than trying to gain members into already stagnant clubs
- Branch clubs are a route to increased membership
- We need to reduce the number of “must-attend” meetings –use GoToMeetings and social media such as the following platforms:
  - Lions of Canada



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- Cyber Lions Group
- More Women in Lionism
- Lions SMiLE-Social Media including Lions/Leos Everywhere
- In a recent social media discussion the question was raised as to what “tradition” in Lionism is holding the organization back and among the top answers-the requirement for the wearing of white jackets and non-inclusive prayer
- Lion Gudrun informed us her theme will be related to New Visions

At the completion of the meeting I spoke individually with several Lions and Lioness who described several challenges they are facing in their clubs. Overall it was a fruitful session and incoming IP Gudrun stated to me she found it helpful to get a local perspective.

Thanks to the convention planning committee for allowing me the opportunity to facilitate this session.

**LCIF –1<sup>st</sup> VDG Kevin Banfield**

I would like to thank everyone who has supported OUR foundation over the past year.

I am coming to the end of my three year term in this role for the district. I have had so much fun talking about LCIF and how it helps our global world, but also how we in A15 have benefitted over the years from grants awarded by LCIF.

I know in the coming weeks there will be more information with regards to some goals the foundation has, and they may seem overwhelming, but I am confident we as a district will do our part to support these targets.

Thank you again for supporting OUR foundation.

**Leo Committee – VDG2 Tracey Leary**

**Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Debbie Cserhalmi**

It's been another busy season for our Lions Foundation. From the birth of new puppies, to dog walks to graduations, it's been another successful year.

The annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides held its national walk day on May 27. I have no totals yet, but it seems like another successful year. Several walks are still planned for the fall. I would personally like to thank all those who hosted, participated and sponsored walkers.

I am glad to see more of our clubs sponsoring Dog Guide teams. The sponsorships cost from \$4000 to \$12,000 and can be paid for over three years. I've attended a few graduations this year and I am so happy to see so many Lions clubs across Canada sponsoring teams. Sponsors are invited to their team's graduation and trust me, there's not a dry eye in the house.

Our next event is the Ride for Dog Guides. The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions and the Rockwood Lions are joining together to run this event. There is a new route this year starting at the Oakville School and ending at the breeding facility in Breslau. The ride includes a poker run and delicious pulled pork at the end. Sign up at <https://www.dogguides.com/ride/>



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Please consider awarding your club members with some of our awards and fellowships. Find out more info here: <https://www.dogguides.com/forms/DG13R-AwardProgramBrochure%5Bsm%5D.pdf>

Have a great summer everyone and if you need any puppies for your events please contact me. They are a big hit and they promote just one of the wonderful things we support as Lions.

**Lions Opportunities for Youth** – Joanne McQuiggan

**Lions Quest** – PDG Denis Vinette

I want to begin by thanking the Cabinet and the Governor for the opportunity to serve as Lions Quest chairperson for District A15. During this year, we have been able to receive a grant for funding either School based workshops or Community workshops and many clubs have generously considered this program as part of their donations.

At this time, I am looking for club(s) or community (ies) to host a workshop in July and possible a second one in October. Being that I am new to this portfolio, I am having difficulty in developing interest and awareness in all clubs in the District. I will be sending out an additional “last minute” request to the clubs by June 10 and hope that something will of this come.

I have had the pleasure (and opportunity) to have Lion Joanne McQuiggan, Executive Director of Lions Quest Canada close at hand to help through some of the process and hope to be able to accomplish our goal of \$15,000.00 in funding for District A15. Considering that we have 56 active clubs, this amounts to approximately \$300.00 / club. Surely not an onerous request. Some clubs donate less, some donate more. For all donations, I offer my sincere appreciation for their funding.

I would like to conclude by appreciating all clubs that see this program as an extension of the important service that we, as Lions, provide FOR OUR YOUTH. Keep your monies coming and help make this service, Lions Quest, near the top of your donation planning for next year.

**Literacy** – PZC Aline Chan

**Global Leadership Team – District Coordinator** – Lion Dennis Lougheed

District Global Leadership Development Funding, available from LCI and in support of the Lions Learning Seminars of April 29<sup>th</sup> to a maximum of \$200 US (\$252 CAD) has been applied for.

We extend our thanks to the many attendees of the Lions Learning Seminars on April 29 (approximately 125) and especially to the many Lions who helped with organization and delivery of sessions throughout the day. A review of the evaluation sheets submitted reveals overwhelmingly enthusiastic support for the new format. Many thoughtful suggestions were submitted and plans are now underway to expand the offerings for next year by six additional sessions based upon those suggestions. We hope to see an even greater attendance next year.

Plans are also beginning for a series of hands on, computer lab delivered, on-line instructional workshops to be titled A15 Tech Town. These workshops will be offered throughout the 2018/19 Lions year. Further information will be released as it becomes available.



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Based upon Officer update information posted to MyLCI, an email was sent to all 2018/19 Club executive members which listed some of the most useful documents and resources available to them in performing their roles next year. Copies of these emails were also sent to all club secretaries. Check your Email Inbox and/or with your Club Secretary if you have not received your copy.

International has given notice that revisions to the organization of the LCI website are to be implemented on or about July 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, the MyLION smartphone app is being expanded to desk top systems. Its facility has been enhanced and may replace MyLCI as the Service Activity reporting tool. As more information is made available it will be forwarded to you.

A revised New Officer Induction Ceremony support resource has been published by LCI which supports the new Model Club Structure introduced this past Lions year. It has been distributed to all those who might potentially be called upon to induct club officers.

The Long Range Planning committee assisted the Global Leadership Team with the revising of the A15 Cabinet and Committee Appointee Job Descriptions Resource Guide. That document serves as a reference for Cabinet members and Committee Chair appointees

**GMT – District Coordinator – PRC Bill Robinson**

**GST District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura**

Though we are under the Governor's goal of 100,000 service hours, so far we have surpassed last year's hours by roughly 10,000 hours. We also have more service activities and people served by clubs this year.

As I look at the reporting of service by clubs I am dismayed with the same 5 clubs not submitting anything. Though I see on Facebook and district messages they are hosting events, they are still not providing this information. Emails and attempts by Zone Chairs and other District Officers have failed. But on the bright side, I see a lot of great events by other clubs who wish to share their successes. And, we have until the end of this month for a miracle.

I know Secretaries are busy and this is one of the reasons why a Global Service Chairperson in the club has access and the ability to report service hours. This will continue into the next fiscal year.

One aspect of my position was to ensure all clubs had a Global Service Chairperson and I noticed that on the Officers for the "Next Fiscal Year" some clubs did not fill this position. This prompted me to ask LCI Legal Branch if there were any ramifications in not filling various positions on the Board. The reply was and is self-explanatory:

***While the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws provides recommended positions for a respective Lions club, a club is not required to fill such positions. Practically speaking, each Lions club is an independent legal entity and if they choose not to fill certain positions, that is at the discretion of a Lions club.***

**Hearing & Speech- PRC Paul Anstett**

I wish to report on the following donations submitted to District Treasurer Peter Oswald during the 2017/2018 Lions year.

August 18, 2017 a donation of \$500 was received from Cambridge Highlands Lions Club, as well as on March 24, 2018 another \$750 donated from Cambridge Highlands Lions Club. On June 02, 2018 a donation of \$500 was received from the Bayfield Lions Club.



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District Treasurer Peter forwarded the first \$500 to Lions Homes for Deaf People on October 15, 2017 and has informed me that the balance will be forwarded by June 30, 2018.

On behalf of Lions Homes for Deaf People I thank Cambridge Highlands Lions and Bayfield Lions for your generosity.

Thank you District Governor and Cabinet for allowing me to serve A15.

**Nominations Committee** – PDG Doug Smith

**Peace Poster & Essay for Visually Impaired Youth** – Lion Janet Dawson-Brock

I am pleased to report that the Youth Supper at the MDA Convention was very successful. We had 121 in attendance. We heard from some of the Effective Speaking Winners which is always a highlight for me.

SheeAhn Hunter winner of the Peace Poster from A 4 was in attendance and received her check for \$1000.00

Ariella Drapeza A 7-11 was the winner of the Essay Contest and she also received her check for \$1000.00 Their families were in attendance and were able to spend the evening with us.

I will have the Peace Poster Kits in St. George for next season. The theme is KINDNESS MATTERS, which I feel is an excellent theme. We all need to be kind to one another.

I have been reappointed MDA Chair for the Peace Poster/Essay for 2018/19 again and I look forward to working with the Council and Lion Evelyn Speiring.

Again I am appealing to all of the clubs in A 15 to make a donation to the Peace Poster /Essay Contest at the MDA level.

**Sight Screening & Conservation-** PDG Tim DeBlock

Congratulations to the Lions of A15 for their many hours of service in the Sight Conservation and Screening programs. We have made some headway in coming alongside local Public Health Units to facilitate screening programs with certain School Boards. Baby steps and much patience needed.

It has been a privilege to be part of DG Char's team this year and I am looking forward to being part of DGE Kevin's adventure.

**Special Olympics Chair** – PRC Robert Montgomery

**Bulletin Editor** – PZC Gerry Haliburton

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

**Youth Camp Coordinator** – PRC Bill Robinson





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