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## Minutes of Fifth – 2010 A-15 Cabinet Meeting Plattsville, Ontario – Sunday June 13, 2010, 10:00 A.M.

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet Meeting was called to order at 10:05 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	RC Charlie Davis
ZC37S Henri Callebert	ZC 9S Gerry Runstedler	TRC Ted Rypma	IPDG O J Wilura
CC Dan Ayim	CC Wolfgang Boelke	CC Rudy & Lorea Boogerman	CC John Paff
CC Dennis Loughed	CC Bill Carson	CC Ernie Kaethler	CC Larry Wainwright
CC Dave & Mary Rumble	CC Doug Smith	CC Larry Wainwright	CC Jack Broadfoot
CC Rob Montgomery	CC John Brash	CC Nancy Ransom	CC Ajit Manku
CC George Patton	CC Linda Palmer	CC Jim Harris	CC Ian Robb
CC Ken Oliver			

Regrets: PDG Jim Loucks, PID Bruce Murray, PDG Dan Moore, CC Joyce Townson, CC Tracy Brant, CC Stephen Jones, CC Raymond Taylor, PCC Tim Cronin, PID Art Woods, CC Stephen Jones, CC Harvey Wood, CC Troy Mills, CC John Rothwell

In Attendance also were approximately 70 other Lions Members. Sign-up Sheet on file. \*CC=Comm. Chairs  
Governor Karen welcomed all to and thanked the Plattsville Lions for hosting the Cabinet Meeting.

PDG Larry Wainwright led everyone in the singing of O'Canada. There was a moments silence held in memory of our Lions who have passed on.

**Additions & Approval of Agenda** – No additions. **Moved** by DGE Todd Wilson, seconded by ZC 37S Henri Callebert to approve the agenda. **Carried**

**Moved** by PDG OJ Wilura, seconded by ZC 37W Tim De Block to receive the minutes of April 2010 Cabinet meeting as distributed. **Carried.**

**Treasurer's Report** – Report in package. Treasurer Peter is confident that we will end the year with a surplus. Money has been coming in for the curtains at Breslau and encourages that Clubs to continue to send in their contributions. Thanked DG Karen for allowing him to service on her Cabinet.

**Moved** by CT Peter to receive the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by ZC 9E Bill Weiler. **Carried.**

CT Peter spoke on the motion from last August meeting to creating a travel fund for DGE Spouse for International Convention. Constitution & By-Laws PDDG George Patton has written up a policy addition to be added to our Policy Manual covering this fund. This will be called THE ADULT COMPANION INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TRAVEL EXPENSE FUND. Cabinet all have copies and after explaining this policy it was: **Moved** by RC9 Charlie Davis to accept this policy, seconded by RC51 Neil Hoogendoorn. **Carried.**

### **Region Chair Reports**

RC 9 – Charlie Davis – report in package. Thanked DG Karen for a great year and also thanked his Zone Chairs for all their hard work.

RC 37 Penny Overboe – no report. RC Penny had the pleasure of inducting new members at Centralia-Huron Park and the St. Marys Leo Club. Thanked Karen for her leadership and the hard work of her Zone Chairs.

RC 51 Neil Hoogendoorn – report in package – would like to see each club donate \$30.00 towards Convention Hospitality Rooms expenses. This would allow Lions running for office in smaller Clubs to be able to receive some funding. This will be referred to the Long Range Planning Committee.



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**Zone Chair Reports – 9E, 9S, 37S, 37W, 51E, 51W** – reports in package.

All thanked their Clubs and also thanked DG Karen for allowing them to serve on her Cabinet.

### **Cabinet Committee Reports – DG Karen**

Convention – report in package – there was a surplus of \$2672.42. Some recommendations for the future:

1. Reduce the number of Convention pins ordered
2. On Registration Forms - have a deadline for requests for rooms and meals
3. If Governor's Cabinet agrees – recommend to Constitution & By-laws Committee to add a section to the Convention Policy
  - (a) Cabinet Members & Cabinet Comm. Chairs have their registration for Dist. A-15 Convention be paid by District.
  - (b) A more suitable gift should be given to International Guest rather than the large Conestoga Wagon which is expensive to purchase and to ship.

Honorary Committee & Long Range Planning – IPCC Bill Carson – report in package – IPDG OJ Wilura will be the Chair of this Committee next year and the next PDG's Association meeting will be held on Mon., Nov. 29/10 at the Queens Inn in Stratford at 7:00 p.m. PID Bruce Murray chaired the formal dinner at the MDA Convention and introduced the incoming International Pres. Sid Scrugs. Lion Bill also encourages Lions to attend the Memorial Service at Breslau.

Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation – IPCC Bill Carson - report in package – had a poster showing the amount of funding that is donated into Lions Clubs International and the funding that are donated back to our Districts. We need to make contributions to LCIF a priority in the next year. Judge Brian Stevens announced that we are very close to being able to produce official receipts in Canada. Lion Bill would like to be part of the Zone Meetings and will come to any club if invited. Thank you to DG Karen & Cabinet for the opportunity to service as Ambassador this year.

Election & Credentials – PDG John Brash – report on was in April minutes. Thanked Karen for having him serve as Credential Chair at the Convention.

Long Range Planning – PDG OJ Wilura – report in package. Curtains were installed at Breslau last week. Please send your contributions to the District Treasurer. It was a pleasure to serve on the Cabinet.

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton – no report

Technical Resource Chair - PZC Ted Rypma – nothing to report

Information Technology – PRC Stephen Jones – no report – DG Karen appreciated all Lion Stephen's help this year in getting information out to all the Clubs.

District Bulletin – Lion Tracy – no report – ZC Gerry Runstedler will be our District Bulletin Editor for 2009-10.

Articles for the Lions Magazine will still be sent to Lion Tracy and a copy to Lion Gerry. Lion John Daniels won an award at the MDA Convention as editor of the Lions Magazine.

### **Committee Report – DGE Todd Wilson**

Youth Camp & Exchange – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble – Thanked all those from the District that were at the camp clean-up. Five Oaks were exceptionally please will what was accomplished. Special thanks to Lions Rudy and RC Charlie who went out to the camp on the holiday weekend to help PCC Dave replace the old sinks. Will be hosting 27 youths this year and are still in desperate need of host families for four youth. Have seven youth going out of the District to various countries. Meal Chair Lion Rudy has to confirm three meals and the rest have been taken care of thanks to the Clubs. International Night will be celebrated on Sunday, July 25 at the Paris Fairgrounds. All are invited. Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Thanked DG Karen for the privilege of serving District A-15. PCC Dave & Lion Mary have accepted the challenge of being Youth Camp Chair for 2010-11 and thanked Lion Rudy & Lorea for doing a great job in looking after the meals, also, Lion Marysa for taking care of the Outgoing Youth.

Lions Opportunities for Youth – PZC John Rothwell – report in package

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler – report in package – Thanked the Innerkip club for hosting the Contest this year. Guelph will be host next year and more information will be forthcoming. A first place winner in Toronto from the St. Agatha Lions Club was invited to speak at the MDA Convention; there was also a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner from the Community Spirit Lions Club. A \$200.00 donation from the Clubs for this program would be appreciated.

Leo Chair – Lion Raymond Taylor – DGE Todd spoke on the great job Lion Raymond as Leo Chair. Leo Shal, St. Marys Leo, spoke at the MDA Convention. She was very well spoken in representing our District.

Lions Service for Children – PZC Dennis Lougheed – report in package

Sight Screening - RC Charlie Davie – report in package

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

Lions Quest – PDG Nancy Ransom – Thanked all the clubs that supported the Special District Lions Club Fellowship in honour of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thanked DG Karen for the privilege of serving this year.

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

Lions Foundation of Canada – PDG John Paff - report in package

Diabetes Awareness – PCS Ian Robb – report in package – tag day was successful. Hope to get 30 Clubs in our District with Tag Day being on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Action/Alert Program – Lion Troy Mills – no report

Health Sciences Project – ZC Bill Weiler – report in package – we have been asked to join a team to increase the specialist in our area. There is a shortage of 30 specialists but in our district they have predicted there will be no shortage of doctor in five years.

Environment – PCC Tim Cronin - report in package

No Child Without Medic Alert – ZC Gerry Runstedler – report in package – program will continue next year. Appreciates everyone who has gotten involved in this program.

Service to Seniors – Lion Harvey Wood – no report

Culture & Community Activities – Lion Ajit Manku – no report

Camp Chair Coordinator – Lion Rob Montgomery – report in package – Camp Dorset is in need of some new equipment. Thanked DG Karen for allowing him to serve.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma thanked the Committee Chairs and Cabinet, especially DG Karen for all their support this year. Also, get your MMR's in for the month of June.

### **MERL Team**

Membership - PRC Jack Broadfoot – report in package – membership has been on the increase this year and thanked PDG Larry for allowing him to serve on the MERL Team.

Extension Chair – PRC Dan Ayim – report in package – since the report, there has been a request for information regarding another Leo Club. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Revitalization – PDG Dan Moore – report in package – three Clubs have been revitalized.

Leadership – PDG Doug Smith – report in package – thank you to the presenters at the Seminar. There were 125 participants and the new accommodations were great. Would like to see more Clubs participate. The next Seminar will be on June 4, 2011 at the same location. The 2010-11 Canada/USA Forum will be on Sept 23 -25 in Milwaukee, WI.

Coordinator – PDG Larry Wainwright – Our Seminar is the envy of many other Districts in MDA. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Merl Chair in this District. Thank you to DG Karen for allowing him to serve on her Cabinet as Merl Chair. DG Karen presented PDG Larry with her star pin.

**Moved** by RC Charlie Davis to received Cabinet Reports, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Norma. **Carried**

### **Awards**

DG Karen reminded Clubs of some Awards: 100% Membership Applications - send to Cabinet Secretary

Art woods Golden Tree Award - send to PDG Larry Wainwright

Long Tail Awards were presented to the following Lions: Ellie & Neil Hoogendoorn, numbers 56 & 57

Norma & Eric Peterson, numbers 58 & 59

### **DG Karen's Remarks**

It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Governor this year. I am over whelmed by all the different people I have met and the energy & enthusiasm that is in the Clubs. Everyone does such a great job. Thank you to a great Cabinet and star pins were presented to all the Cabinet Members. Could not have done it without them and really appreciate all the hard work they have done this year. All Club members are stars and it is you that make things happen. Thank you to all the Committee Chairs. Thank you to DGE Todd for all his help and wish him the best in his year as Governor. DGE Todd presented DG Karen with the PDG Plaque and Pin. DG Karen presented DGE Todd with the Governor's Pin.

### **DGE Todd's Remarks**

**Moved** by ZC9E Gerry Runstedler to approve the bid for the 2013 Dist. Convention from the Galt Cambridge Lions, seconded by ZC37W Tim De Block. **Carried**

1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting will be held at Five Oaks, Sunday, Aug. 23/10, 3:00 p.m. Paris Lions will be providing a BBQ Canada/USA Forum – Sept. 23-25, 2010 – Milwaukee, WI.

Club Suspension Due to Unpaid Dues and Money owing to International – If \$1000.00 US or \$20.00 US per member is owing, the suspension has been changed from 150 days to 120 days.

District Governor Project – would like to see a Leash Free Park at Breslau and will be looking for donations from the Clubs for this project which will cost about \$20,000.00. Please put this in your budget for next year.

Move To Grow has been our International Theme this year and A-15 has led the way with a plus 62 members.

Congratulations to everyone in A-15 for leading the way. The theme from our new International President, Sid Scrugs, is a Beacon of Hope for the up coming year. He is asking Lions to participate in four main global action campaigns. They are Youth, Blindness, Hunger and Environment. There has been an essay contest added for the blind which will be run together with the Peace Poster Contest. It will be a 500 word essay and is an opportunity for the visual impaired to get involved.

DGE Todd spoke on his goals for next year and encourages all Lions to get involved with Youth in our community. His theme for this year is the Fire Within. Please continue to look around for the fires that are waiting to be lit and provide the necessary spark thru service so that those fires may burn brightly along side ours. The Cabinet for next year was introduced.

### **Good of Lionism**

Lion Paul Anstett - Exeter holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cowboy Diet – Aug. 2/1- \$20.00 ea.

Lion Wolfgang Boelke – selling ticket to help a family with expenses for their 13 year old daughter who is going thru treatments that are not all covered by OIHP

Fergus Lions BBQ – info will be sent out

Lioness Mary Rumble – in need on 4 host families for the youth coming to camp

Lion Gary Bell –Galt Cambridge will be honouring Lion Jim Bloomfield on his 60<sup>th</sup> year in Lions. Jun.15/10 - \$25.00

Lion Norma – collected bottles and the return of \$38.05 was given to the Lions Quest

50-50 draw was \$161.00

### **Adjournment**

**Moved** by DGE Todd for adjournment at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by RC Penny Overboe. **Carried.**