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Minutes of the A-15 Convention Cabinet Meeting
10:00 AM June 18th, 2011
Highland Community Sports Centre, Fergus

1. Call to order

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was called to order at 10:00 AM by Governor Todd Wilson, Cabinet Attendance as indicated:

DG Todd Wilson	1stVDG Norma Peterson	2 nd VDG Dan Ayim	IPDG Karen McNeight
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC9 Bill Weiler	ZC9E Gary Bell
ZC9S Rob Montgomery	RC37 Tim De Block (R)	ZC37S Mary Ann Ward	ZC37W Paul Anstett (R)
RC51 Denis Vinette	ZC51E Wolfgang Boelke	ZC51W Denise Sutherland (R)	

CC- PID Art Woods (R)	CC – PDG OJ Wilura	CC – PCC Bill Carson	CC – PDG John Brash
CC - PDH Thom Hermann	CC – PDDG George Patton	CC – PCS Ted Rypma (R)	CC – PRC Stephen Jones (R)
CC – PRC Gary Runstedler	CC – Lion Tracy Brant (R)	CC – Lion Maryssa Rumble – Lauriaut (R)	CC – Lion Joanne McQuiggan
CC – PCC Dave Rumble	CC – Lioness Mary Rumble	CC – Lion Rudy Boogerman (R)	CC – Lion Lorea Boogerman (R)
CC – PID Bruce Murray (R)	CC – Lion Don Irvine	CC – Lion Ernie Kaethler	CC – Lion Raymond Taylor (R)
CC – Lion Ken Oliver (R)	CC – PRC Charlie Davis (R)	CC – Lion Jim Harris (R)	CC – PCC Tim Cronin (R)
CC – PDG John Paff (R)	CC – PCS Ian Robb	CC – Lion Troy Mills (R)	CC – Lion Ajit Manku
CC – PRC Jack Broadfoot (R)	CC – PZC John Rothwell	CC – PDG Doug Smith	CC – Lion Mary Rothwell

In attendance also were approximately 24 other Lions members. *CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regents

2. Moment of Silence

Observed in honor of those Lions and all who serve our country who have passed away.

3. Setting of Protocol & Welcome

Governor Todd accepted the welcome extended by host Fergus Lions Club President elect, Lion Claude Lacroix, set Protocol and welcomed all those in attendance.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Proud Lions was deleted from Presentations & Awards, International Certificates and Recognitions, Lions Quest, District Bulletin and RC Bill Weiler were added.

MOVED by ZC Rob Montgomery and seconded by RC Bill Weiler to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.

5. Minutes of May 7th and 8th 2011 Convention Cabinet Meeting

MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by 2nd VDG Dr Dan Ayim to approve the minutes of the May 7th and 8th 2011 Convention Cabinet Meeting. Carried.

6. Matter's Arising From the 2010/11 Convention Cabinet Meeting

6.1. MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by 1st VDG Norma Peterson to lift from the table the tabled motion that the District A-15 Club Visitation Contest be eliminated. Carried

MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Denis Vinette to withdraw the motion. Carried

6.2. WHEREAS greater participation in Club visitations is to be encouraged, and WHEREAS the current Club Visitation Contest receives minimal participation and is cumbersome to administer MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Wolfgang Boelke that the Club Visitation Contest be replaced with a new Club Visitation Award. *See attached.*

6.3. MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by IPDG Karen McNeight to lift from the table the tabled motion that the filing of a separate District A-15 Monthly Activity Report be eliminated and that where not already included, it's content be added to the LCI Monthly Activity Report. Carried

MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by ZC Mary Ann Ward to amend the motion to read WHEREAS the District A15 Monthly Activity Report duplicates much of the information called for in the LCI Monthly Activity Report, and

WHEREAS the LCI Monthly Activity Report is available to District Officers, that the filing of a separate District A-15 Monthly Activity Report be eliminated and that it's content be added to the LCI Monthly Activity Report, and that where a Club lacking on line reporting capability directs that some other party of their choosing be designated to do so on their behalf we facilitate their doing so. Carried.

7. Treasurer's Report *See attached*



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- 8. Financial Statements *See attached*
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by 2nd VDG Dr Dan Ayim that the Financial Report and Financial Statements be received as presented. Carried.
 A request from PDG John Brash regarding the possibility of moving unspent budgeted Award monies to the Leash Free Project was deferred to later in the agenda.
- 9. Cabinet Reports See attached
- 10. Committee Reports
 - 10.1. Research & Long Range Planning
 MOVED by IPDG Karen McNeight and seconded by ZC Gary Bell to refer the recommendation "That District A15 adopt a new policy requiring that individuals obtain a Police (or Justice System) Record Checks or some other form of due diligence vetting anyone involved in running or supporting (i.e., family placements) youth attending the Bruce Murray Youth Camp" to Constitution and By-Laws for reporting at the August Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
 MOVED by RC Bill Weiler and seconded by ZC Rob Montgomery that District A15 adopt a policy of reimbursing the costs of required Police (Justice System) Records Checks for Youth Camp and Exchange participants to the individuals incurring the expense. Carried.
 MOVED by ZC Rob Montgomery and seconded by RC Denis Vinette to refer the recommendation "That District A15 develop and adopt a policy/procedure demonstrating 'due diligence' that we have attempted to verify the 'good character and standing' referred to in our Code of Ethics for anyone who is unable to obtain a Police (Justice System) records check prior to the arrival of attending the Bruce Murray Youth Camp" to Constitution and By-Laws for reporting at the August Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
 MOVED by RC Bill Weiler and seconded by ZC Wolfgang Boelke to refer the recommendation "That District A15 adopt a policy that no child involved in any Lions sponsored function be ever alone with any adult to whom they are not related" to Constitution and By-Laws for reporting at the August Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
 MOVED by IPDG Karen McNeight and seconded by CT Peter Oswald to refer a recommendation that District A15 assign through the District Governor responsibility for identifying and recruiting Candidates for Zone Chair particularly from Clubs who do not regularly provide a Candidate within an eight (8) year period. to Constitution and By-Laws for reporting at the August Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
 - 10.2. Other
 MOVED by ZC Gary Bell and seconded by ZC Rob Montgomery to receive all reports. Carried.
- 11. New Business
 - 11.1. MDA Effective Speaking Financial Shortfall
 WHEREAS the MDA Effective Speaking Contest is faced with a \$2660 deficit for the 2010/11 fiscal year, and WHEREAS steps are being taken to ensure that this does not happen in the future, and WHEREAS MDA has requested that each District consider a one time donation of \$250 to offset this shortfall
MOVED by ZC Gary Bell and seconded by IPDG Karen McNeight to approve a District A15 one time donation of \$250 to help cover the \$2660 funding deficit experienced by the MDA Effective Speaking Contest for fiscal year 2010/11.
- 12. Presentations & Awards
 - 12.1. Lions International Certificates of Appreciation
 PDG OJ Wilura for Environmental Chair work
 Lions Ajit Manku for Cultural and Community Activities efforts
 - 12.2. Lions International Certificates of Achievement
 PCS Ian Robb Diabetes Chair efforts
 Lion Raymond Taylor for LEO efforts
 Lion Jim Harris for Hearing and Speech Action efforts
 - 12.3. Lions Quest – PG Thomm Herrman an Lion Joanne McQuiggan
 100% Zone - ZC Gary Bell 9E, ZC Paul Anstett 37W, ZC Wolfgang Boelke 51E, ZC Denise Sutherland 51W
 100% Region – RC Denis Vinette
 Club Champion – New Hamburg
 Special Recognition for tireless volunteer efforts over many years – PCC Tim Cronin and Lioness Mary Rumble
 - 12.4. Bulletin Contest – Tim Horton’s Gift Certificates
 Monthly 40 or more members Galt-Cambridge
 Monthly 39 or less members St Marys



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Bi-Monthly	40 or more members	Kitchener Oktoberfest
Bi-Monthly	39 or less members	no entrant
Email Monthly	40 or more members	Thamesford
Email Monthly	39 or less members	Stratford
Email Bi-Monthly	40 or more members	Burford
Email Bi-Monthly	39 or less members	Milverton

12.5. Unused Awards Budget Funds

MOVED by RC Bill Weiler and seconded by IPDG Karen McNeight that the budgeted \$1350 under Awards – Cabinet in the Financial Statements be transferred to the A15 Dog Guide Run at the Breslau facility. Carried.

13. District Governor’s Remarks

DG Todd reminded us all of our District’s standing in the larger Lions community and what a pleasure it was to be our Governor this past year. Highlights of the year include; Camp Dorset, Lions Quest, LCIF, 85th anniversary at Brantford, 80th anniversaries at Paris and Woodstock, the 65th at Burford and the 50th at Thamesford, the Total Women’s Show, the Convention and the biggest of all, the induction of new Lions and the presenting of special recognitions to deserving Lions.

Local Maple Syrup was presented to each Cabinet Member as a token of the Governor’s appreciation.

14. DG Presentation

DGE Norma presented DG Todd with the District Governor’s Appreciation Plaque and his PDG pin.

15. DGE Presentation

DG Todd presented DGE Norma with her District Governor’s patch and pin.

16. The 2011/12 Cabinet

DGE Norma reintroduced the 2011/12 Cabinet.

17. DGE Norma Peterson’s Remarks

DGE Norma thanked her home club for all of their support during her pursuit of the Governorship. We were encouraged to take up the “I Believe” motto of our incoming International President Tam who talks about “expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees. We will believe in nurturing our future by involving more young people and Leos in all that we do. Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us.” Lion Norma expressed her gratitude to us for placing our trust in her and promised to do everything she could to honor that trust. She reviewed her Committee assignments for 2011/12 year. One of her goals is an expanded Public Relations and Communication effort including the use of newer technologies such as Facebook.

18. DGMSA

PDG John Brash, Lions Bill McNeight and Garry Ransom welcomed Lions Eric Peterson to the A15 District Governor Male Spouses Association with appropriate attention paid to the serious nature of and responsibilities which go with membership.

19. Grace

20. Adjournment 12:25 PM



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TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET
June 18th, 2011 - Peter Oswald

The financial records have been reconciled to the bank records of May 31, 2011. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

The Balance sheet for ADMIN reflects a bank balance of some \$20,000 in addition to our emergency reserve (as well as funds for International Director & New Club Assessment). There will be various expenses to pay out in June but we remain in a very solid financial position with a surplus expected for the year.

Revenue totalling \$20,222 exceeds budget as we sold more pins (still some funds to collect) and interest was reallocated from a maturing GIC. There is 1 outstanding account for some advertising that was recently invoiced.

For Expenses, we are generally within budget. There are a number of expenses to be paid out in June.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

There are a few items received in May that have yet to be deposited. A full summary of project funds will be provided when the year-end report is finalized. Committee Chairs have received a report re: funds for their area of interest. At this stage, Trust Funds for various projects will be forwarded in June as follows:

Camp Dorset	\$4,000
Camp Huronda	\$100
Camp Trillium	100
Cdn Hearing	450
Lake Joe	\$1,800
Cdn Diabetes	\$950 + \$316.12 received for Tag Day activities after the initial submission
LFC	\$2,000
Lions Home for the Deaf	\$1,000

All together, almost \$11,000 will be forwarded for these projects.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2010 through June 2011

	Jul '10 - Jun 11	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	250.00	0.00	250.00
District Directory	120.00	125.00	-5.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,807.50	12,835.00	-27.50
Total District Dues	12,807.50	12,835.00	-27.50
Interest Earned	1,393.28	800.00	593.28
Leadership Seminar Income	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,260.50	2,265.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	2,090.95	1,250.00	840.95
Total Income	20,222.23	18,575.00	1,647.23
Gross Profit	20,222.23	18,575.00	1,647.23
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	112.42	1,350.00	-1,237.58
Awards - Other	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Awards	112.42	2,150.00	-2,037.58
Badges & Patches	615.95	400.00	215.95
Bank Charges	203.65	350.00	-146.35
Cabinet Expense	1,580.98	1,600.00	-19.02
Convention Expense	457.53	1,100.00	-642.47
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	356.50	850.00	-493.50
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
MERL	1,841.62	3,500.00	-1,658.38
Total District Chair Expense	2,198.12	5,950.00	-3,751.88
District Directories	1,370.13	1,295.00	75.13
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	210.00	-210.00
Internet	63.38	150.00	-86.62
Leadership Seminar	141.74	1,500.00	-1,358.26
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	3,769.99	1,525.00	2,244.99
Postage & Telephone	88.05	200.00	-111.95
Printing & Stationery	271.62	600.00	-328.38
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	12,373.56	18,530.00	-6,156.44
Net Ordinary Income	7,848.67	45.00	7,803.67
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	1.07		
Total Other Expense	1.07		
Net Other Income	-1.07	0.00	-1.07
Net Income	7,847.60	45.00	7,802.60



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration
Balance Sheet
As of 31 May 2011

	<u>31 May 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	5,499.59
CIBC - Investments	35,000.00
CIBC USD Account	1.02
International Director Fund	3,751.23
New Club Assessment Fund	9,054.97
Total Cash	<u>53,306.81</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	53,306.81
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	250.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>250.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>54,006.81</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>54,006.81</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	5,773.26
DGE Spouse Travel	2,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,773.26</u>
Total Current Liabilities	7,773.26
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	3,751.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	9,054.97
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>12,806.20</u>
Total Liabilities	20,579.46
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,889.21
Net Income	7,847.60
Total Equity	<u>33,427.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>54,006.81</u>



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 31 May 2011

	<u>31 May 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	6,440.67
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	2,097.95
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,063.19
CIBC - Trust Account	29,187.64
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	18,433.82
Youth Investments	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total CIBC - Youth	30,433.82
Investments	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
QUEST - Investment	15,000.00
Investments - Other	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Investments	55,000.00
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>132,765.98</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>132,765.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>132,765.98</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	4,000.00
Camp Huronda	100.00
Camp Trillium	100.00
Diabetes Awareness	950.00
Diabetes Tag Day	316.12
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	2,097.95
Hearing Conservation	450.00
Hearing Equipment	423.42
Lake Joseph	1,800.00
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,063.19
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	1,500.00
Leash Free Park	5,657.83
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	<u>500.00</u>
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	7,657.83
Lions Home for Deaf People	1,000.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	21,440.67
Peace Poster	3,430.48
Sight Conservation	11,748.71
Vision Screening	7,211.08
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	<u>30,433.82</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>125,223.27</u>
Total Current Liabilities	125,223.27
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,542.71</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>132,765.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>132,765.98</u>



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CABINET REPORTS – June 18th, 2011

2nd VDG – Dr. Dan Ayim

How fast time flies! During the short interval since my last report, I have continued consulting with clubs in the district, participating in their activities and in particular helping to build membership in the LEO club being formed in Galt Cambridge Lions Club. These active, yet unchartered LEO's, held a successful yard sale at the Lions Hall recently. It was a pleasure to be among many attendees at MDA Convention in Ottawa where I renewed acquaintances, exchanged ideas, attended MERL seminars, had lots of fun and made new friends. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the cabinet this year.

IPDG – Karen McNeight

Thanks to DG Todd for all of his efforts on behalf of the District.

RC 9 - Bill Weiler

It has been another successful year for the Clubs in Region 9, and I wish you continued success as you move forward into the 2011 – 2012 Lions Year. We urgently need some of our members to come forward and serve as Zone Chairs. Our future as an organization depends on new leaders with new ideas and enthusiasm. Please accept my thanks for the privilege of working with you this year. It has been very constructive, and the Orientation meetings along with RC Denis Vinette and RC Tim DeBlock show how working together creates great accomplishment and fun. We will do a presentation at the Leadership Forum on June 5th.

ZC 9E – Garry Bell

It has been a busy month of May. May 6, 7 & 8 was the A15 convention in Elmira, where it was decided by the Lions of 9 East and 9 South to elect Lion Robert Montgomery as the Region 9 Chair for 2011/2012. Congratulations to Lion Robert and I wish him all the best for the coming year. May 26, 27, 28 & 29 was the MDA convention in Ottawa. It was a great convention with training sessions provided by the MERL team all Saturday and a Banquet on Saturday evening. I had a great time. May 30 Lions and Guests witnessed the Charter of the 53 Lions club into District A15, Congratulations to the Ariss and District Lions Club, 26 members strong and growing. June 2 I had the privilege of inducting a new member at the Cambridge Highland Lions Club, Christine Peynado congratulations, and may you have a long and prosperous lions career.

ZC 9S – Rob Montgomery

This has been an amazing year of learning and fellowship, working with some amazing Lions of 9S. Everything they do for their club, community and each other. I wish all Lions of 9S all the best and thank you for all you have done. I wish Lion Chief Stephen from the Paris Lions good luck and it is going to be a pleasure to work with you next year. Governor Todd, I thank you for this amazing year and it has been a pleasure also to work with you and your Cabinet. Governor Elect Norma, I look forward in working with you and your Cabinet. To all Lions I thank you from the bottom of my heart and lets have another amazing year. I look forward to seeing everyone after our summer break. Remember!
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RC37 – Tim DeBlock

Our Lions Calendar is winding down or maybe we should say the coming Lions Year is winding up! Congratulations to Region 37 and to the District on a incredible year. We don't have to do to much reflecting; with our contributions to our communities and Lions Quest and Camp Dorset and LCIF's work in Japan etc. etc. etc, to both celebrate the past and the future. We do Serve! And maybe even more apparent by our accomplishments is that we CARE! Good luck to the new Cabinet and to all the Clubs in A-15. Next years adventure shows much promise.



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ZC 37S – Mary Ann Ward

Thanks to the Ingersoll Lions Club, RC Tim and to Cabinet for your support and patience. This year has been a great experience of learning. The Clubs in my Zone have been very receptive of my visits. I have been able to induct new members in Sweaburg & Woodstock and will be doing three more at Innerkip. Additionally I was able to help the Innerkip Lions with the presentations of Melvin Jones Fellowships.

ZC 37W – Paul Anstett

Thank you to District Governor Todd and Cabinet and Zone 37W for a great year in Lionism. The Convention was a wonderful experience and will certainly be remembered for years to come. I wish to extend to District Governor Elect Norma and the new Cabinet congratulations and I look forward to another year of Service in Zone 37W, Region 37 and the best damn District, A-15 in the world.

RC 51 – Denis Vinette

Region 51 is alive and well and our numbers keep growing. I can truly say that we have had another great year of service from our Region and, if I may be allowed ... from our District as a whole. The success of our efforts came from the individual and combined effort of every member in every club in every zone in District A-15.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the members of our district, cabinet and especially to DG Todd Wilson for the experience and knowledge I gained in my travels and in service throughout the District this year. DG Todd gave the Region Chairs of District A-15 the opportunity to contribute by providing the mandate for the Orientation sessions. I know that I will always be grateful for that challenge and for the experience I received from working with 2 great Lions: Lion Bill Weiler and Lion Tim DeBlock.

In closing, I would like to wish Lion John Rothwell the very best in his "opportunity" as Region Chair 51 in the coming year. May you enjoy the fellowship, experience and joy that this great Region will undoubtedly supply.

ZC 51E – Wolfgang Boelke

Thanks expressed to District Governor Todd, Cabinet and the newly chartered Ariss & District Lions.

ZC 51W – Denise Sutherland

COMMITTEE REPORTS – June 18th, 2011

NO ACTIVITY TO REPORT

MERL – Extension – PZC John Rothwell, **MERL – Family & Women’s Membership** – Lion Mary Rothwell, **Elections & Credentials** – PDG John Brash, **Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods

REPORTS NOT SUBMITTED AT PRINT DEADLINE

A15 Five Oaks Liaison – Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault, **Alert** – Lion Troy Mills, **Cultural & Community Activities** – Lion Ajit Manku, **District Bulletin** – PRC Gerry Runstedler, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Joan Edenborough, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris, **Information Technology** – PRC Stephen Jones, **LCIF** – PCC Bill Carson, **LEO** – Lion Raymond Taylor, **LFC** – PDG John Paff & IPDG Karen McNeight, **Lions Quest** – PCC Tim Cronin, **MDA Lions Magazine Correspondent** – Lion Tracy Brant, **MERL – Chair** - 1st VDG Norma Peterson, **No Child Without** – PRC Gerry Runstedler, **Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Don Irvine, **Peace Poster** – Lion Joan Edenborough, **Public Relations & Lions Information** – Joanne McQuiggan, **Services For Children** – Lion Don Irvine, **Sight Conservation & Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Oliver, **Sight Screening** – PRC Charlie Davis, **Technical Resources** – PCS Ted Rypma, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth** – Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault



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REPORTS RECEIVED AT PRINT DEADLINE

Camp Coordinator – ZC Rob Montgomery

All of our camps are getting ready for their upcoming season. Don't forget the big celebration at CNIB Lake Joseph in Aug. The following is a brief report from Steve Woolman at Camp Dorset:

Well finally the snow is all gone and the ice on the lake left about a week and a half ago! And with the buds starting on the trees the black flies will not be far behind!

Through out the winter months of 2010 & 2011 we saw a lot of things going on at camp from work weekends to weekly rentals!

To start we had, as you know the Lions Camp Dorset Mini Golf and then the Elmira Lions Snow Fari and a weekend later the Lions Camp/Tall Pines Poker run fundraiser! This was a well-attended event and saw the camp receiving a check in the amount of \$8,024.18! Many Thanks to all the volunteers who work the many hours it takes to put this all together! We also so saw the Canadian 3rd Rangers use the camp for another week in March for training and then in April the OPP for 8 days for their training!

Now the work! Your Lions Camp has seen many changes over the last couple of years and the winter/spring of 2011 is no exception! Cottage #9, the Angus Lions cottage was renovated just like the 3 motel units and cottages 10,11,12 & 14 where before it! And I can tell you what a difference it has made in these places! This is all Thanks to all the Lions, Lioness and Leo who helped fund these projects!

As winter was coming to an end, I sat down and started a list of all the jobs that need to be done, but some times just get over looked! I can tell you, this is the year for catch-up and the groups that have been up have had no shortage of work! Saying that I would like to thank the Lions from Parry Sound Club and friends along with Lions from A-15 who where all here in April.

The month of May will see Lions from Welland, Lionshead, Shelburne and Chippawa.

Then in June A-9 Lions will be hereon the 10th, along with the main clean up with Lioness Marriette starting on June 15th and running until the Friday the 24th with camp opening on the 26th!

Please note: Normally there are two weekends for work here! But this year there is only one, so book early if you would like to help out!

Big projects for this spring will be the LIST! (And the list is getting shorter) Along with the Chippawa Lions Trailer Park washrooms that will be totally renovated before the opening of camp at a cost of around \$10,000.00? (Depending on what we find?)

So in closing! Thank you for all you do to promote Lions Camp Dorset!

Convention Committee – DG Todd Wilson

The final Financials will be presented at the August Cabinet Meeting. Feed back on the Convention was all very positive. Registration packages for non-attendees were distributed along with some back ordered Convention Pins.

Diabetes Awareness – PCS Ian Robb

Nothing to report since the Convention other than to point out that individual Beer Stores are still permitted to authorize "Case For A Cure" campaigns.

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

This final report to DG Todd's A-15 Cabinet gives me the opportunity to say mega THANKS, to the many Lions volunteers who have contributed to the success of this Opportunities For Youth program. Thirty-one (31...of 52) clubs of our district have contributed – as they were able. We started "in the black" and ended that way. Let's keep the commitment growing. The MD"A" finals were held in Toronto on April 30th, 2011. The 39 contestants, in 6 categories, included A-15's four (4) – of five - first place winners from our Guelph District finals. Amandreo Cortes, Guelph LC, placed FIRST, received \$1 000.00 and was invited to present his speech at the MD"A" Convention in Ottawa on May 27th, 2011. Charlotte Hackner, Guelph LC (Junior/French) placed SECOND. Morgan Wase, St Agatha & District LC (Senior/Eng) placed THIRD. Nathan Bos, Sheffield LC presented well. They did our district proud. All students excelled. Thank You, Gov.-elect, Norma Peterson for your support, ... your being there.

I would ask all the clubs in our district to continue their support of this very worthwhile program. Please budget a minimum of \$200 for 2011-12; ...could I be so bold as to suggest \$245? – District pays a \$45 per club levy to MD'A'. Do what is possible; it will be well spent and greatly appreciated.



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I sense that the understanding of and commitment to this valuable 'Beacon of Light' Youth project is strengthening. Information and encouragement is available in the form of a District A-15 winner presenting his/her speech at your club, at which time the planning mo-jo (motivational juices) can be to move. Just give me a call ...a connect.

Environment – PDG OJ Wilura

I am pleased to announce that Lion Marianne Ferguson of the St. Marys Club was the winner of the Environment Photo contest. This "winter scene" photo will now go on to the MD"A" competition next year. Thank you to all those Lions who participated.

On June 1st the grounds at the LFC Breslau Facility were cleaned and groomed by approximately 54 Lions in preparation for the Rededication Service which was held on June 4th. Approximately 300 Lions from across Canada gathered for that ceremony. As per tradition, the Governors Elect for 2011-12 and their spouses were in attendance. There were 136 new trees planted in memory of Lions or family members. Several wall plaques were also added honouring service dogs that have passed on.

I would like to thank the following Clubs who had members come out to assist in the cleanup process:

Ariss, Belwood, Bridgeport, Elora, Guelph, Kitchener, Paradise, Paris, St. George, St. Jacobs, Sheffield, Woolwich Community, Zurich and last but not least, not only for the work but for the refreshment and food, the Elmira Club.

I would also like to extend many thanks to the LFC personnel, Brenda and Jason as well summer staff, Cori and Betty for their help.

Health Sciences Project - RC Bill Weiler

This Lion's year will see the close of the Health Sciences Project.

Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions club will allow us to work their Oktoberfest Tent at the beginning of Oktoberfest and that money will go to Groves Memorial Hospital for funding of their AV unit. There is still a balance on this unit of approx. \$5,000 and a number of our clubs are looking into doing something for this Hospital. Any outstanding commitment still to be received will go towards the \$5,000 still owing on the unit at Groves in Fergus.

I would like to thank all the Clubs who donated to this extremely worthy cause, and to show that Lions contribute to their communities to support vital needs for all citizens.

We are graduating 28 Doctors each year, after which they go into a residency program for 2 years to become family physicians, and then into our communities to serve our citizens.

It has been an honour for me to represent A15 in this project, and I sincerely thank everyone for their contribution to the Health Sciences Project.

LFC – PDG John Paff & IPDG Karen McNeight

We are encouraged to hold our Dog Walks in the designated month of June and are reminded of their tremendous public awareness of Lionism potential. We are also encouraged to consider as well as promote to the public fostering of dogs.

Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann

The District A15 Research and Long Range Planning Committee (portfolio) has reported to a Cabinet meeting three (3) times in this Lions Year. Several members of Cabinet and several other Lions have been wondering about the role of a R&LRP since normally it is a silent ignored District resource. The R&LRP is a resource to the Governor and the Cabinet that normally considers questions, situations or policy that are referred by the Governor (or the Cabinet as a whole) to the R&LRP. The R&LRP then investigates and makes recommendation to the cabinet for action. The Committee does not form, revise or take action on any item. It simply makes recommendations.

Items Reviewed since the last Cabinet meeting at the District Convention

1. Police Checks for those involved in running or Supporting the Bruce Murray Youth Camp

For the last few years (under the watchful eye of PDG O J Wilura) we have been submitting individuals to the OPP and have received superb service in obtaining Justice System Record Checks. It has been non-cost bearing and served us well.

Recently we have been notified that that the OPP will no longer be offering their service and any person needing a Justice System check will have to visit their local constabulary and request a Justice Records Check. These checks will no longer be expedited and have a fee attached. Because these checks are investigating individuals working with children the checks will not only look for the presence of any "record" but also may be checked against "predator"



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lists. Thus the check may also require fingerprinting or some similar type of physical identification (DNA Swabs?). This year most of the checks may have been completed but for next year we will have to require that checks be requested early and the District may consider reimbursing individuals for the cost of those checks. For those individuals without checks we will need to take some form of 'due diligence'.

A backup system demonstrating due diligence on the part of District A15 may have to be instituted to check those recruited too close to camp to allow a normal check. This could be in the form (with the permission of those requiring a check) to speak to others in the community that they are of "good character and standing". This summer it will have to be quick and rudimentary in the form of a reference or recommendation check.

Over the summer, with the advice of our solicitor and members with Justice System experience, A15 needs to solidify this procedure and make it District Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That District A15 adopt a new policy requiring that individuals obtain a Police (or Justice System) Record Checks or some other form of due diligence vetting anyone involved in running or supporting (i.e., family placements) youth attending the Bruce Murray Youth Camp.

RECOMMENDATION

That District A15 adopt a policy of reimbursing the costs of required Police (Justice System) Records Checks to the individuals incurring the expense.

RECOMMENDATION

That District A15 develop and adopt a policy/procedure demonstrating "due diligence" that we have attempted to verify the "good character and standing" referred to in our Code of Ethics" for anyone who is unable to obtain a Police (Justice System) records check prior to the arrival of attending the Bruce Murray Youth Camp.

2. Recommendation for demonstrating "Due Diligence" as regards any A15 Youth Project

What about individuals who are involved with Effective Speaking, the Peace Poster and vision or auditory screening? should they also be required to have Justice System Record Checks?

In consultation with individuals involved in these projects across Ontario the consensus is no. Most sub-districts require that at least 2 individuals (non related) be the minimum in a room with underage children. This demonstrates our attention to possible problems and is considered to demonstrate due diligence.

RECOMMENDATION

That District A15 adopt a policy that no child involved in any Lions sponsored function be ever alone with any adult to whom they are not related.

3. Review of Recruitment of Zone Chairs.

I was asked to restate my recommendation about the continuing problem of recruiting of Zone Chairs. As I stated in my review of the situation last Fall, we have a real problem with clubs who rarely or never (i.e., in the last 20 years) have produced Candidates for Zone Chair. There are more than a dozen of such clubs in A15. (Re. report of Aug 2010) It is my contention that the Lions Leadership System offers the opportunity for each and every club to continue developing individuals in leadership skills (beyond the ability to say "When I Was ____") typical of Lion Leaders above the Club level.

With a Zone designed to have 8 clubs it is reasonable to suggest that each club should provide a Candidate (a successful past president) for Zone Chair at least once every 8 years..

It is not part of the Lion Leadership system to continue, year after year, reappointing Region and Zone Chairs because of lack of Lions coming forward. Continuing does not mean "Improving leadership".

It is further reasonable that the role of Region Chair should be to identify Clubs and possible candidates for such office.

RECOMMENDATION

That District A15 add to the specific duties of Region Chairs to identify and recruit Candidates for Zone Chair particularly from Clubs who do not regularly provide a Candidate within an eight (8) year period.

4. Subsidies for small clubs wanting to run a Candidate for Zone Chair

It has been again requested that a subsidy be provided by the District available to small clubs to run Candidates for District office.

It must be noted that several small clubs (e.g., Vanastra & Hillsburgh) have over the last 20 years regularly provided and supported Candidates for District level office (including a successful Candidate for Governor). In each case these clubs have planned for these candidacy and help fund raising specifically for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

That District A15 not provide Clubs with subsidies to small clubs in order to run candidates for District office.



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RECOMMENDATION

That District A15 encourage clubs to hold special fund raisers in order to support Candidates for District office and encourage all Lions to get involved when these occur.

I apologize for the short time between the receipt of this report and the June Cabinet meeting. There is a good but not cogent reason for this and as Walter Cronkite used to say, "And that is the way it is".

I thank Governor Todd and the cabinet for the opportunity to serve this year and wish DG in waiting Norma and here cabinet all the best next year

MERL – Leadership – PDG Doug Smith

In August and September, the committee promoted the USA/Canada Leadership Forum and arranged for a shared ride with a member from A-4. Sixteen A15 members attended. In January a Leadership/Membership Workshop was conducted as a Dor to Door membership Drive in Hillsburgh and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. Candidates were encouraged to run for District Office throughout January, February and March. On May 30th the Ariss and District Lions became a chartered Club. The annual Leadership Seminar was again a success and thanks were extended to the new Hamburg Lions for once again hosting the event. We had two guests from A-12, 104 participants with 34 of 53 clubs in attendance. We do have four clubs who have not been in attendance in the past three years.

MERL – Membership – PRC Jack Broadfoot

Thank you Lions Club Membership Chairs for all your input of your Plans over the last two years. It is very rewarding to read them, pass them around and to see the good results as our Membership Numbers grow in our Great District of A 15. As time changes so do we and also our organization. In our new Lions year the MERL Team will change and it will be called the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team. I thank both PDG Karen and DG Todd for the opportunity to have been part of your Team.

Past District Governors – PDG OJ Wilura

The committee had a breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 7th at the convention. Various items were discussed but nothing that would require attention. International Director Carl Young joined the group and provided a few short comments. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the Woolwich Community Lions for providing the meal.

The annual PDG steak dinner took place on May 16th at the Lions Arena in Kitchener. In appreciation for service to Lionism, IPDG Karen was presented with the traditional gift, a replica of the Conestoga wagon. The dinner next year will be on Monday, May 7th.

Vision Screening – PRC Charlie Davis

The eye screening is now complete for this year.

Thanks to many Lions from many clubs we were successful in doing all but one of the clubs in the WRDSB and many of the schools in Guelph, Fergus and Brantford.

A personal thanks to Lions Ken Reeve, Eileen Taylor, Maryanne Steadman and Ron Ross for their leadership in making this program the success that it is. In the WRDSB there were 4419 screened with 1286 referred to an Optometrist for examination.

A meeting has been held with the Executive Superintendent of the WRDSB to see what can be done to encourage the parents of the other 47% of the children to become involved with the program.

Thank you for allowing me to be involved with the District in this capacity.

Youth Camp Meal Chair – Lions Rudy & Lorea Boogerman

District Governor Todd: Our regrets for not being able to attend this Cabinet Meeting but a family commitment has taken priority. We want to thank all the clubs who have stepped up to offer their assistance to provide a meal at this year's Youth Camp. There were some minor adjustments made and the clubs involved readily accepted those changes. 28 meals have been scheduled and 29 clubs from this great district of ours will cover them. We really can't thank them enough for their support and making our job that much easier. Some of the clubs have been involved for so long, a tradition has been established and most do not want to deter from it. No sense in upsetting the apple cart – we're sure you will agree. Details of the number of participants (youth and camp counsellors) plus any dietary needs will be forwarded to each individual club shortly if not already received. Thanks again to all Lions and clubs involved.



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Youth Camp/Youth Exchange - PCC Dave and Lioness Mary Rumble

As of this report June 5th, we have accepted 21 applications from youth visiting A-15 this year. Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France (Island of St. Martin), Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden. There are currently three of these youth anxiously awaiting a host family.

Please keep in mind that each \$400.00 donation entitles you to name a Bruce Murray Fellowship recipient, to honour a member of your club or to honour an individual within your community.

We have had two very successful, although wet, clean up days this year and we would like to express our thanks to the Lions that showed up for this and to the St. George Lions Club for providing lunch on May 14th. The first attempt left us inside the dinning centre where it was at least dry and much was accomplished. Following the wind storm there were two trees that came down in the main area and several were cleaned up and moved from the walking trails, they were disposed of on June 4th, in and out of the rain.

Lions Rudy and Lorea Boogerman are stepping down and Lion Ted Bickell will be taking on their role. Next Year Lions Dave and Lioness Mary Rumble will be stepping down one level in the organization with Lions John and Mary Rothwell taking on their role.



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District A-15 Club Visitation Award Proposal

To replace the current Visitation Contest

- Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Secretary
- Submit To:** Cabinet Secretary (followed by District Governor)
- Submission Deadline:** June 30th of the Current Lions Year
- For Awarding:** August Cabinet Meeting of the Following Year

Rules:

1. The District Governor's club is not eligible.
2. Awards are available in two separate categories
 - a. For clubs of 24 or fewer members as of July 1 of the current Lions year, at least two (2) members must attend the meeting of another club
 - b. For clubs of 25 or more members as of July 1 of the current Lions year, three (3) members must attend the meeting of another club
3. Ten (10) visits to ten (10) different clubs must be made during the Lions year
4. Members of the A-15 Cabinet making official visits will not count as one of the two (or three) required members.
5. Campaign visits cannot be counted as Club visits for the purpose of the recognition award.
6. "Borrowing" of Club paraphernalia:
 - a. Must be restricted to the Club gavel or gong or other small item not vital to the Club's operation
 - b. Other property removal, without the Club's permission, will disqualify a reported visit
 - c. The Club must be informed as soon as possible after the "borrowing" about how and where to retrieve their property
7. Applications must include
 - a. Names and dates of Clubs visited and participating members
 - b. Club Membership as of July 1st of the Lions year in which the visits were made
 - c. Date of application