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Spring A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Galt-Cambridge Lions
 Lions Hall, 50 Ainslie St N, Cambridge
 10:00 AM Sunday, June 10th, 2012

1. Call to Order – DG Norma Peterson at 10:02 AM

Attendance as indicated

DG Norma Peterson	1stVDG Dr. Dan Ayim	2 nd VDG Denis Vinette	IPDG Todd Wilson
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC9 Rob Montgomery	ZC9E Vaughan Braby
ZC9S Stephen Hendry (R)	RC37 Henri Callebert (R)	ZC37S Fran MacFarlane	ZC37W Paul Anstett
RC51 John Rothwell	ZC51E Don Irvine	ZC51W Diane Smith	
CC- PID Art Woods (R)	CC – PDG OJ Wilura	CC – PCC Bill Carson	CC – PDG John Brash (R)
CC - PDG Thom Herrmann	CC – PDDG George Patton	CC – PRC Stephen Jones (R)	CC – Jeff Sullivan
CC – Bob Lacombe (R)	CC – Lion Tracy Brant (R)	CC – Lion Marysa Rumble – Lauriault	CC – Lion Joanne McQuiggan (R)
CC – PCC Dave Rumble	CC – Lioness Mary Rumble	CC – Linda Vinette	CC- Lion Bob Rutter
CC – PID Bruce Murray	CC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke	CC – Lion Ernie Kaethler	CC – Lion Raymond Taylor (R)
CC – Lion Ken Oliver (R)	CC – PRC Charlie Davis (R)	CC – Lion Jim Harris	CC – PCC Tim Cronin
CC – PDG Larry Wainwright	CC – RC John Rothwell	CC – PRC Tim DeBlock	CC – Lion Ajit Manku
CC – PDG Karen McNeight (R)	CC – Lion Ted Bickell (R)	CC – Lion Mary Rothwell	CC – PDG Nancy Ranson

In attendance also were approximately 37 other Lions members. *CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regrets

2. O Canada
3. Welcome – A welcome to all attending was extended by Lion President John Haynes of the host Galt Cambridge Lions. The Chair was passed to DGE Dan Ayim and a moment of silence was observed for deceased Lions and all others who have fallen in service.
4. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
MOVED by RC Rob Montgomery and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby to adopt the agenda as distributed. Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes of the April 28th and 29th, 2012 Convention Cabinet Meeting
MOVED by CC Todd Wilson and seconded by ZC Paul Anstett to approve the Minutes of the April 28th and 29th, 2012 Convention Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
6. Matter’s Arising From the Winter Cabinet Meeting
- 6.1. Implementation Date for the Volunteering To Participate in A15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People Policy
MOVED by ZC Paul Anstett and seconded by ZC Fran MacFarlane that the implementation date for the Volunteering To Participate in A15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People Policy be July 1st, 2012. Carried.
- 6.2. Police Check Retention Changes to the Volunteering To Participate in A15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People Policy Manual
 Whereas a Police Check remains the property of the person who obtained it
MOVED by CC Todd Wilson and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby that the Volunteering To Participate in A15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People Policy Manual be amended as follows:
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 The District Governor shall appoint a Member Designate who is responsible for the collection and retention of criminal record checks (and any other sensitive information collected in implementation of this policy). All records shall be secured in a safe storage area separate from District files and under such Member’s control. Records shall be kept for a period of 3 years from the date of receipt after which time they shall be destroyed. The Member Designate shall provide such paperwork where required by police forces to aid those seeking Criminal Record Checks as part of fulfilling their obligations under this policy.



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The name of the Lion Member Designate who has control of receipt and storage of Criminal Record Checks (and any other sensitive information collected in implementation of this policy) shall be published in the Governor's Directory. Through the Cabinet Secretary, the Member Designate shall inform the Lions appointed to oversee each activity when a Criminal Record Check is expiring and that a new Check is required.
Carried.

6.3. Police Check Reimbursement

MOVED by ZC Paul Anstett and seconded by CC Todd Wilson that the cost of police checks be reimbursed by District A-15 upon submission to the Cabinet Treasurer of acceptable proof of payment for a police check for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Volunteering To Participate in A15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People Policy retroactive to November 1, 2011. Carried.

6.4. Volunteering To Participate in A15 Sanctioned Activities Involving Vulnerable People Policy Publication & Distribution Costs

MOVED by VDG2 Denis Vinette and seconded by CC Todd Wilson that the District pay the costs of producing copies of the manual for distribution to PDGs, Chairs and any other affected people (either Lions or non-Lions), posting of the manual on the A-15 website and promotion of the new policy to all District A-15 Clubs.
Carried.

7. New Business

7.1. Domain Name Policy

WHEREAS the District's on-line identity, and ability to communicate via e-mail, is tied directly to the domain "a15lions.org" and the web site to which it directs, the District must closely and carefully maintain control of both the Domain and the Web site content, and

WHEREAS placing the control of an organization's electronic presence totally in the hands of an individual is an unwise practice since, were that individual to suffer severe illness or death, or should that individual become estranged from the organization, it may become difficult or impossible to regain control over these important resources,

MOVED by ZC Diane Smith and seconded by RC Rob Montgomery that the attached Policy addition be made to the District A-15 Standing Policy document:

District A-15 Web and Domain Name Policy

The District A-15 Domain Name, the web site to which it directs, and the e-mail addresses which are associated with it are an integral part of the District identity, and have the potential to directly affect the District's reputation. In order to protect these critical electronic resources, the following procedures need to be put in place and maintained at all times:

1) The domain "a15lions.org" must be registered in the name of "Lions International District A-15", as a non-profit organization.

2) The domain must be carefully preserved by ensuring the registration is never allowed to lapse, and all notices of invoices due against the Domain Name registration, and the Web site server, must be delivered to the official e-mail address of the District Treasurer, "ct@a15lions.org". In order to accomplish this, the "Billing Contact" in the registration record for the Domain, and for the Web site, should be the current District Treasurer. Multi-year Domain registration is recommended. The Treasurer is responsible for paying the invoices for Domain registration and Web site service in a timely manner.

3) All current passwords for managing the Domain, the Domain Name Servers and the Web site must be held in escrow by the District Secretary and the District Treasurer. The Lion responsible for the Domain and the Web site (Technology Chair, or other appointee) should periodically change these access credentials (username/password) and should immediately update the District officers with any changes made.
Carried.

7.2. District Restructuring

WHEREAS the existing number of Clubs within each Zone has become quite large and is expected to grow further,

MOVED by ZC Don Irvine and seconded by RC Rob Montgomery that the current District A15 Cabinet strike an ad hoc committee to examine and recommend options for restructuring the zones and regions within District A15.

MOVED by CC Todd Wilson and seconded by VDG2 Denis Vinette to amend the motion to; that the current District A15 Cabinet request that the Long Range Planning Committee examine and recommend options for restructuring the zones and regions within District A15. Carried. The amended motion was then carried.



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- 7.3. Bulletin Contest Revision Proposal
Please see the attached Bulletin Award Discussion Paper from Lion Bob Rutter
Cabinet agreed in principal with Lion Bob's recommendations and asked that he prepare a specific replacement Award proposal for presentation at the Summer August Cabinet Meeting.
- 8. Secretary's Report *Please see attached report.*
- 9. Treasurer's
 - 9.1. Report & Financial Statements *Please see attached report and statements.*
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Rob Montgomery that Cabinet acknowledge receipt of the report and financial statements as presented. Carried.
 - 9.2. Disposition of Surplus Motion
WHEREAS historical budget surpluses over the past three Lions years total in excess of \$7,800, and
WHEREAS dues collected this Lions year were based on just under 1,500 members, and
WHEREAS our By-laws dictate that surplus funds should be returned to the Clubs,
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by ZC Vaughan Braby that a dues rebate of \$4.00 per member (approximate total \$6,000) be made to Clubs based on the number of members for which District A-15 dues were paid in the Lions year 2011-12. This dues rebate will be credited to Clubs on statements sent out with the Dues Invoice at the start of the Lions Year 2012-13. Carried.
- 10. Cabinet Reports – *See attached.*
- 11. Committee Reports – *See attached*
- 12. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 12.1. Bulletin Contests Awards
 - 12.1.1. Clubs plus 39 members emailed

Burford	Lion Paul Harris Winner (2 per month)
Thamesford	Lion Brian Voight Winner (1 per month)
LC of Kitchener	Lion Don Hogg Honourable Mention.
 - 12.1.2. Clubs less than 40 members emailed

Galt-Cambridge	Lion Louise Reeve Winner
Ariss & D.L.C.	PDG Larry Wainwright Honourable Mention.
Cambridge Highlands	Lion Christine Peynado Honourable Mention.
Guelph L. C.	PDG Thom Herrmann Honourable Mention.
 - 12.1.3. Mailed Category

Kitchener Oktoberfest	Lion George Patton Winner.
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 - 12.2. Long Tailed Lion – Lion Eric Peterson, Fergus Lions
 - 12.3. LCI
 - District Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Chairperson Certificate - Lion Jim Harris
 - District International Relations Chairperson Certificate - PID Bruce Murray
 - International Understanding and Cooperation Banner Patch Award - Glen Morris & District Lions Club (absent)
 - New Horizons Award in Diabetes Education Certificate - Guelph Royal City Lions Club
 - Club Community and Cultural Activity Banner Patch Award - Paris Lions Club
 - Lions International Relations Award Certificate - PCC Bill Carson
 - Leo Club Chairperson Achievement Certificate - Lion Raymond Taylor (absent)
 - 12.4. District Governor
 - Historian Chairperson Certificate of Excellence - PDG Nancy Ransom
 - Rree Planting Certificate of Achievement (1st Place) - Rockwood & District Lions Club (absent)
 - Tree Planting Certificate of Achievement (2nd Place) - Belwood & District Lions Club
 - Tree Planting Certificate of Achievement (Honorable Mention) - Woodstock Lions Club
- Milverton Lions Club (absent)
- 13. District Governor's Remarks
DG Norma expressed her thanks to Cabinet, Committee Chairs and Clubs for their support throughout the years with a special thanks to Lion Eric. Please see the attached inspirational poem written by Lion Norma and read as part of her remarks.
- 14. DG Appreciation Plaque & Pin
On behalf of the District, DGE Dan Ayim thanked DG Norma for years of service and presented her with the District Appreciation Plaque and her IPDG pin



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15. DGE Gavel
DG Norma Peterson presented DGE Dan with a ceremonial gavel and on behalf of the District, wished him well in his year as Governor.
 16. DGE Dan Ayim's Remarks
DGE Dan expressed his thanks to all for their past support in his journey to the role as Governor and promised to work hard on our behalf to maintain our status as "The Best District in MDA"
 17. Adjournment 12:10 PM



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With rainbow wings, the stories we sing
Are proud and true and tall.
We meet, we work, the pitfalls lurk
But all of us feel the call.

With kisses and hugs and heart-string tugs
We share our lives in good.
We cook, we sweep, we laugh, we weep
For the world and neighbourhoods.

On wings so soft, we hold aloft
The goals of A-15.
Good vision for all, big or small
All in a world of green.

Like moths to the light, we're drawn to the plight
Of those who need our service.
For sick or poor, we ask for more
In speeches calm or nervous!

On brilliant wings, the joy we bring
Goes to those who need it most.
In cities or towns, we smooth their frowns
From Marsville to West Coast!

With wings that soar and voices that roar
Our work should always be seen.
Far and near, we conquer their fear
As the Lions of A-15!

Inspired by IPDG Lion Karen McNeight's butterflies
but dedicated to all the Lions, Lioness, Leos
and their supportive families in District A-15!

Lion Norma J. Peterson
November 2, 2010



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Spring A-15 Cabinet Meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET

June 10th, 2012 – Dennis Lougheed

In late May the following time sensitive matter was dealt with via Internet communication and vote.

Whereas, during the short period of their formation, no funds have accumulated in the administration account of the Cambridge LEO Club, and

Whereas, the LEO Conference is scheduled for May 25 - 27, 2012 at Howard Johnson Hotel in Markham, ON

Moved by ZC Paul Anstett and seconded by CS Dennis Lougheed to subsidize five members of the Cambridge LEO Club with \$250 to attend the LEO Conference on May 25-27, 2012 providing that there is sufficient funding available.

Subsequent discussion and examination of budget and past LEO Conference funding practices lead to a friendly amendment from CT Peter Oswald, which was accepted by the mover and the seconder.

Moved to support five members of the new Cambridge Leo Club to attend the LEO Conference for May 25-27, 2012, the budgeted amount for the Leo Committee should be increased from \$500 to \$750. The funds are to be allocated to the respective Leo Clubs in District A-15 as a prorata share based on the number of Leos and Club Advisors that attend the Conference.

The motion carried with 13 in favor and 2 no response.

As it appears we will operate with a surplus again this year, the Cabinet Treasurer will adjust other budgeted amounts as needed in order to accommodate the additional \$250.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET

June 10th, 2012 - Peter Oswald

Financial statements as at April 30, 2012 are enclosed with this report. The accounts have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements for that date. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District. As this report reflects only 1 additional month since the report provided at the Convention, there is only a small number of updates.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- On the Balance Sheet, the USD account shows a negative balance as a cheque was issued to LCI prior to month end and the transfer at the Bank into the USD account was completed early in May.
- To date, total revenue is \$18,380. Expenses of \$8,811 have been paid.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- No major changes here. Balances in accounts for Projects outside the District will be sent to the organizations this week.

Lions Quest balance at April 30 included \$6,150 of Club donations that have since been forwarded to Lions Quest Canada.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration
Balance Sheet
As of 30 April 2012

	30 Apr 12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	15,080.19
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	-993.41
International Director Fund	4,125.73
New Club Assessment Fund	7,291.01
Total Cash	55,503.52
Total Chequing/Savings	55,503.52
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	450.00
Total Current Assets	55,953.52
TOTAL ASSETS	55,953.52
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.01
Total Accounts Payable	-0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	5,240.32
DGE Partner Travel	2,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,240.32
Total Current Liabilities	7,240.31
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,125.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	7,290.81
Total Long Term Liabilities	11,416.54
Total Liabilities	18,656.85
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	7,821.00
Net Income	8,785.13
Total Equity	37,296.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	55,953.52



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2011 through April 2012

	Jul '11 - Apr 12	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	532.50	500.00	32.50
District Directory	286.00	150.00	136.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,702.00	12,894.00	-192.00
Total District Dues	12,702.00	12,894.00	-192.00
Interest Earned	390.20	850.00	-459.80
Leadership Seminar Income	1,325.00	1,300.00	25.00
Membership Assessment	2,247.00	2,275.00	-28.00
Pin Sales	898.25	1,250.00	-351.75
Total Income	18,380.95	19,219.00	-838.05
Gross Profit	18,380.95	19,219.00	-838.05
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Awards - Other	171.73	500.00	-328.27
Total Awards	171.73	1,850.00	-1,678.27
Badges & Patches	689.15	620.00	69.15
Bank Charges	193.99	200.00	-6.01
Cabinet Expense	998.00	1,200.00	-202.00
Convention Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	974.76	900.00	74.76
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00
Global Leadership & Membership	980.14	3,200.00	-2,219.86
Leo Clubs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total District Chair Expense	1,954.90	6,350.00	-4,395.10
District Directories	1,652.63	1,582.00	70.63
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Internet	97.49	180.00	-82.51
Leadership Seminar	144.28	1,700.00	-1,555.72
Miscellaneous	-9.71	0.00	-9.71
Pins Purchased	1,770.68	1,780.00	-9.32
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	406.80	800.00	-393.20
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	9,569.94	19,162.00	-9,592.06
Net Ordinary Income	8,811.01	57.00	8,754.01
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	25.88	0.00	25.88
Total Other Expense	25.88	0.00	25.88
Net Other Income	-25.88	0.00	-25.88
Net Income	8,785.13	57.00	8,728.13



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of 30 April 2012

	<u>30 Apr 12</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC - Lions Quest Imprest	8,699.95
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	61.64
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,333.19
CIBC - Trust Account	10,834.99
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	16,674.05
Youth Investments	12,000.00
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>28,674.05</u>
Investments	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
QUEST - Investment	6,036.00
Investments - Other	10,000.00
Total Investments	<u>46,036.00</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>104,284.93</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>104,284.93</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>104,284.93</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	1,450.00
Camp Huronda	100.00
Camp Trillium	100.00
Diabetes Awareness	750.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	61.64
Goderich Tornado Relief	800.00
Hearing Conservation	250.00
Hearing Equipment	203.07
Lake Joseph	1,300.00
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,333.19
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	585.00
Leash Free Park	1,299.98
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>1,884.98</u>
Lions Home for Deaf People	1,000.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	14,735.95
Peace Poster	3,057.03
Sight Conservation	4,293.60
Vision Screening	5,646.31
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	28,674.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>96,639.82</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>96,639.82</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,645.11
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>7,645.11</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>104,284.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>104,284.93</u>



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CABINET REPORTS

1st VDG – Dr. Dan Ayim

Since the District Convention, the following is a summary of my activities:

- Attended cabinet officers leadership seminar – St Jacobs Lions' Den
- District leadership seminar for all club officers – Wilmot Recreation Complex
- Celebrated with fellow Lions – 35 years in service at Belwood & District Lions Club and the Guelph Royal City Lions 25th anniversary.
- Participated in White Cane fundraising activities
- Attended LEO club meetings and toured with them the facilities of Cambridge Shelter for homeless people.
- I was there at Breslau memorial forest and Dog Guide facilities when Dr. Win-Kun Tam, International President, planted a tree.
- As this report goes to press, I am preparing to attend orientation sessions at Dog Guides school in Oakville, ON; and then to MDA Convention in Niagara Falls, ON.

2nd VDG – Denis Vinette

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Governor, members of Cabinet, committee chairs and all the clubs and members of District A15 for the privilege of serving you as 2nd Vice District Governor in this Lions year. I have enjoyed the opportunity and I am committing myself to be as engaged this coming year to help continue to make our District the #1 District in MD"A" ... and in all of Lions worldwide.

This year, however, is not yet over. As a member of our Global Leadership Team, I have participated in a Club Excellence Process session with Lion OJ Wilura. As a result, we believe that the club will begin anew to consider other avenues of service and member development that will make this initial effort worthwhile. To date, many clubs are considering going through the process and we, your District Team, are there at your disposal to help where we can.

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum is taking place in Tampa Bay, FL on September 13-15, 2012. I have asked many members throughout the District about their plans to attend, and I am pleased with the response so far. Like I've said before: if you have never attended, give it a try and if you have, but not for a while, try it again "for the first time". This year, as committee chair to promote the forum, I am compiling a list of names with contact information of those who I know will be attending. In mid-August, I will prepare a small 1-page list / card so that we can all keep in touch when we get there and simplify the process of coordinating the fellowship activities we ALWAYS enjoy.

As my successor, I welcome Lion Tim DeBlock into the position of 2ND VDG. I know, from experience, that Lion Tim will provide the leadership and commitment that we need for a strong A15.

To close, I say: I have had a great year! We have had a great year! I am looking forward to serving you once again "In a world of service"!

IPDG – Todd Wilson

Thank you to all the Lions of A15 for supporting the Governor's project for 2010-2011 a reality. You took up the challenge to be Beacons of Hope and supported the project from the very beginning.

The A15 Dog Guide Run at the Lions Foundation of Canada Breslau facility is operational; the trainers are now able to safely exercise the dogs of leash. The benches donated by Belwood and District Lions are located outside of the run as the trainers indicated they would like no obstacles in the area for dogs to collide with. These benches will allow visitors a shady place to sit while visiting our Memorial Forest and to watch any of the dogs exercising in the run.

An extra thank you is extended to the Galt-Cambridge Lions for their substantial donation that covered the cost of the majority of the fencing. The Marsville Lions, well Lion Neill Hoogendoorn, ever resourceful secured a donation of the exact fencing being used and personally delivered it. The Elmira Lions, Guelph Lions and several others from various clubs brought out tractors, trailers, shovels, rakes and healthy appetites and made the installation of all the materials fun filled days.

International President Tam visited the LFC Breslau facility on May 16th. There was a good crowd of Lions from A15 there to welcome him and show some of the great work we do. President Tam planted a 30 foot oak tree, the largest tree he has planted this year, with the assistance of a tree spade truck. There were many photos taken with the President and a good time had by all. Thank you to those that were able to attend and represent A15.

This is my last report as a member of voting cabinet; I thank all the Lions, Lioness and Leos that I have worked with over the past five years. It has been a wonderful experience.



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RC 9 - Rob Montgomery

Well, our year is just about ended and it has been an amazing journey as Region Chair for Region 9. I would like to thank my wife, the Waterloo Lions and all Lions of Region 9 for allowing me to serve as their Region Chair. I have to date completed all of my duties and have had the opportunity of meeting our International President at the tree planting in Breslau. I personally look forward to the challenges in the future as I continue this journey, wherever it may lead. Best wishes for the new cabinet members 2012-2013.

ZC 9E – Vaughan Braby

I would at this time thank the DG Norma for asking me to take part in her Cabinet as Zone Chair for 9 E.? It has been a very satisfying year. Also I would especially like to thank all the Clubs in the zone for making my job as Zone Chair rewarding. The MMR's have been constantly handed in the dues have been paid. Once again THANK YOU for your hard work. Since last report I have not been very active because of surgery, but I have Inducted 3 new members At Kitchener pioneer. Attended The District Convention. Did a Presentation along with ZC Diane for the new incoming Zone Chairs, Attended the Leadership Training at New Hamburg. Did my last Visitation to my Lions Club. I would like to welcome Lion Vic Bovingdon & Lion Jeff Jongeling for accepting to be Zone Chair for Zone 9E & 9S. You will not regret this move. I also would like to thank CS Lion Dennis for all his help and keeping us informed about everything in the district, also thank you for answering the many phone calls that I had with you. I am looking forward to working for Region 9 as Region Chair for 2012-2013.

ZC 9S – Stephen Hendry

None submitted

RC37 – Henri Callebert

None submitted

ZC 37S – Fran MacFarlane

I want to thank every club in 37South for the hearty welcome I received at their meetings and events. The enthusiasm for Lionism and their own club makes the job of zone chair very rewarding. Each club has their own focus and projects but also they recognize the tremendous value of sponsoring Lions International programs. The International theme "I Believe" is embraced in Zone 37 South. I was happy to induct new Lions and attend many Lions functions in Zone37South and throughout District A15. I have gained many new Lion friends and had a lot of fun during this year. As always cooperation between 37S clubs, notably, at the Outdoor Farm Show, tree planting and this year a joint Purina Dog Guide Walk at Weinerfest in Embro. Some clubs have started the Club Excellence Process. This will map the future for growth and excellence in the Zone. Keep up the good work in Zone 37South

ZC 37W – Paul Anstett

Wow, another year of Lionism has come and gone. Indeed, my second year as Zone Chair was as rewarding as the first one. Since the District Convention, I attended the Officers' Seminar at New Hamburg. It was great to see a well-attended function once again. Kudos to the New Hamburg Lions Club. Thank you to Zone Chair 37S Fran for an enjoyable year together in Region 37, Governor Norma and Cabinet. It was a pleasure working with you and serving the Lions of Zone 37W & District A-15. This year saw many new experiences and some great Zone meetings held in Exeter, Zurich and Stratford. Thank you to these Clubs for hosting. Thank you to the Zurich Lions Club for supporting Lion Sherman Roth as he steps up to serve as Zone Chair 37W for 2012-13. I am looking forward to continue working with Lion Sherman and the new elected Cabinet in the coming Lion year. Thank you to my home club, Exeter for their support in me as I step into the Region 37 Chair role. I am looking forward to serving as Region 37 Chair and working with the newly elected Cabinet in the coming year. "I Believe" the coming year will be full of new learning, growth in membership, great accomplishments and more great fellowship in the best damn District in Lions.



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RC 51 – John Rothwell
None submitted

ZC 51E – Don Irvine

All clubs in Zone 51E have gained new members except Marsville and Elora. They have all had a busy year with many projects that have involved each other. The Zone project has been successful, as we have purchased many bracelets, with one being used to locate a autistic boy in 15 min. This saved a lot of mental torment for the parents and tax dollars for Wellington County. There is still much work to be done with the bracelets as it gains in popularity more funds are needed to help those that can't afford. At this time I would like to thank all the clubs for their support, this has been a fun year serving as the Zone Chair. Thank you to the cabinet for their guidance and support, with special thanks to secretary Dennis for his patience and advice, but most of all thank you DG Norma Peterson your console I have benefited from greatly. The value of becoming a Zone Chair can't be understated I would recommend all to take on the position as you truly are rewarded from the membership of each club. The friendships formed through the visits are so very positive.

ZC 51W – Diane Smith

Since the last Cabinet meeting of April 28/29 at the Convention, I participated in the workshop for incoming zone chairs that took place in St. Jacobs on May 5th. The following day I attended the Leadership seminar in Baden, hosted by the New Hamburg club. I had the privilege of conducting the session for club presidents.

I was happy to attend the 25th anniversary of Guelph Royal City Lions on May 10th. I was honored to meet our International President, Wing-Kun Tam, when he visited the Breslau breeding facility to plant a memorial tree, on May 16th.

On May 29th, the Woolwich Community Lions Club conducted a very successful Purina Walk for Dog Guides. I was happy to be involved with the walk and our club was grateful to two members of the St. Jacob's Lions Club for handling the BBQ duties.

Over the course of this year I have asked the Lions of my zone for feedback on how we might grow and improve in carrying out the Lions mandate. I have received many constructive ideas and hope to implement these in my duties next year as Region Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO ACTIVITY

Alert – Lion Bob Lacombe, Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton, District International Relations – PID Bruce Murray, Elections & Credentials – PDG John Brash, Essay For Visually Impaired – Lion Jeff Sullivan, GMT Club Success Team Leader – PRC Tim DeBlock, Protocol – PID Art Woods, Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison – Joanne McQuiggan

NOT SUBMITTED

Cultural & Community Activities – Lion Ajit Manku, Diabetes Awareness – ZC Stephen Hendry, District Bulletin – Lion Bob Rutter, Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler, Five Oaks Liaison – Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault, Honorary Committee/A15PDGA – PDG Karen McNeight, GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader – PDG Karen McNeight, Information Technology – PRC Stephen Jones, Lions Quest – PCC Tim Cronin, Lions Services For Children – ZC Don Irvine, Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Herrmann, MDA Lions Magazine Liaison – Lion Tracy Brant, Sight Conservation & Campus Clubs – Lion Ken Oliver, Youth Camp Meal Chair – Lion Ted Bickell, Youth Camp Outgoing Youth– Lion Marysa Rumble -Lauriault

RECEIVED

Camp Coordinator – RC Rob Montgomery

Another year has come and almost gone, but our Lions Camp Dorset is alive and doing well. Great news, the camp now has a Chapel on site built by various Lions and people associated with the camp.

Spring cleanup weekend is on the 15, 16 and 17 of June if any Lions are interested in attending.

A personal thank you to all clubs that have made donations to the camps.

Please contact Lion John and Mary Rothwell if you are interested in being sponsoring a youth for the camp this coming summer.

Have a great summer to everyone and hope to see everyone come September.



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District Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom,

I would like to thank Governor Norma for the opportunity to serve - it has been an enjoyable year.

Thank you to the Lions of A-15 for their contributions to our district history; please continue to send submissions (historian@a15lions.org) whenever you unearth an interesting story or photo, as the historical data collection will continue to be ongoing.

There will soon be a link on the District website where you will be able to view this information.

Have a wonderful summer!

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

The International tree planting count at the time of the report is 9,633,143 and Canada is up to 38,804. District A-15 has planted close to 9,500 trees & I'm hoping that your tree planting counts have been reported on the MMR's to get recognition for our District.

The William D. Moody Playground in Mount Forest just received a Trillium Grant for construction. After consulting with PDG Lion Doug Smith, it was decided we should plant our Crimson King Maple donated by District A-15 in memory of PID Lion Bill Moody in the fall to avoid damage during the park construction.

The Environmental Project called "Plant a Row & Grow" has now been adopted by KW Community Spirit Lion as well as the Innerkip & Belwood Lions. This will provide excess fresh Garden produce to the Food Banks, etc. for many families in need. If you did not receive my email introducing this Lion Project please send me an email and I will be happy to forward it.

The Environmental Photo Contest winner for District A-15 for this year was PDG Nancy Brash, a lovely fall forest scene with a river flowing through it. Thank you everyone for sending your wonderful Environmental Photos & start thinking about next years Photo contest.

My husband, Lion Denis, has made some headway in writing the program to catalogue the Trees & Donor plaques at Breslau Lions Foundation of Canada facility. This environmental project was introduced so donors can view the Tree and Plaque that was planted in memory of their loved ones. We'll start our photography venture soon as the trees are almost in full leaf. I'll keep you updated on dates for this future effort.

Breslau LFC facility cleanup is on Wednesday, June 6th 2012 starting at 1pm and the Memorial Forest Rededication service will be on Saturday June 9th 2012 at 10.30am. Since these days will have past by the time we have the cabinet meeting, I will report the outcome at that time.

It is an honour to be asked by DGE Dan to continue to be your District Environmental Chair for 2012-2013.

Thank you to all clubs and members for your support in this past Lions year.

Convention Host – PDG OJ Wilura & PRC Charlie Davis

The convention was held on April 27, 28 and 29, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Kitchener. Our returning guest this year was Past International Director Dr. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta.

Overall we had 501 registered, which included Lions, Lioness, Leo members and spouses. There was no cost to the Leo Club membership to attend. A financial report has been submitted.

For some statistical information:

- All clubs in the District except one (1) attended
- 26% of the district membership registered for the convention
- Of those registered, 94 % attended the Friday night opening and hospitality
- Of those registered, 22% attended the luncheon
- Of those registered, 33% attend the Governor's banquet

The convention concluded with a financial loss for several reasons:

- We expended more money on entertainment as well as provided them with 5 meals
- The 50/50 draw produced approximately \$750.00 less
- Pins sales were down from the previous convention – down 17%
- Less attended the luncheon – down 30%
- Extra food for the Hospitality Night - plus 15%
- Less Lions members registered but more spouses

I must say, from the comments received, that the Banquet attendees really enjoyed Saturday night as we had Major Hooples Boarding House Band entertain us.

We had the pleasure of welcoming the new Breslau Branch Club, the new LEO Club from Cambridge and a transfer club from A711, Lynden Lions.



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Thanks to Governor Norma and those who supported the convention. Good luck Galt Cambridge Lions and we will see you all at the convention in 2013.

Revenue			Expenses	
50/50 Draw		\$638.00	Badges/holders/Lanyards	\$1,045.00
Convention Pins	197	\$985.00	Printing/Name Cards	\$512.93
Friday - Candidates Hospitality		\$3,400.00	Convention Pins	\$2,135.00
Friday - Hospitality Rooms		\$450.00	Draw Prize	\$319.00
Governor's Banquet	168	\$6,720.00	Flowers - Corsages	\$79.00
PDG Breakfast	18	\$270.00	Friday Night Governor's Dinner	\$544.00
Registration - Lions & Lioness	416	\$7,072.00	Friday - Hospitality Food	\$3,000.00
Registration - Spouses	75	\$750.00	Friday - Hospitality Beverages	\$2,343.20
Registration - LEOs	No charge		Friday Hospitality Rooms	\$450.00
Room - 1st night	42	\$5,552.40	Governor's Banquet	\$6,924.60
Rooms - 2nd night	28	\$3,710.60	Memorial Service	\$250.00
Saturday Luncheon	108	\$1,944.00	PDG Breakfast	\$310.00
	Total	\$31,492.00	Piper	\$75.00
			Registration Forms + Stamps	\$74.31
District Reimbursement			Reserved Rooms	\$9,386.00
Convention Policy - Section "H"		\$779.40	Reserved Rooms - Guests	\$528.00
Registration - District Officers		\$459.00	Rooms - Business Sessions	\$590.00
	Total	\$32,730.40	Saturday Luncheon	\$2,700.00
			Special Occasion Permit	\$25.00
Hotel Reimbursement		\$264.40	Supplies	\$195.08
	Total	\$32,994.80	Voting	\$150.00
			Wine & Cheese Reception	\$1,885.00
			Total	\$33,521.12
Loss		-\$526.32		
Assets				
Convention Pins		\$1,150.00		
Lanyards/Badge Holders/Supplies		\$110.75		
Beer & returns		\$870.00		
	Total	\$2,130.75		
Gain	Total	\$1,298.68		
Entertainment		\$2,500.00		
Over Loss	Total	-\$895.57		

GLT District Coordinator – PDG Karen McNeight,

The District Officer Training was completed - A big "Thank You" to those who presented. The A-15 Leadership Seminar was well attended. The Fundraiser Presentation will be forwarded to Cabinet Secretary.

Thank you again to: New Hamburg Lions for hosting, Paul Mackie's daughters for Babysitting and to all those that Lead Presentations. MD"A" is to hold a CEP Facilitator training in Markham on August 18th and 19th - Interested parties who have been approached before, will be approached again. Will be working with Region Chairs re: Orientation Nights this summer. Thanks to Governor Norma, DGE Dan, Vice Denis and the GMT/GLT group for their patience as I struggled unexpectedly with health, and medication, issues this year.



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GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura

I strongly believe that the District Officers and the Leadership training during the first weekend in May were very well attended. It seemed this year that more and more questions were being posed and that we could have gone longer in some of the sessions. PDG Karen did a great job facilitating the event.

We just completed the Club Excellence Process with Drumbo and now working with Sheffield on their next step.

Regardless of which club we help or talk to, the main issues are: membership growth, community projects and the recognition of the club in community. The first 2 issues heavily rely on a “plan”. What do we want? How do we get there? What can we do? Who can help? Is it feasible? Without a plan, you are doomed to being where you are, lacking new members and failing in community projects, it’s about as simple as that. The failure here also impacts the last concern, a bond between the club and the community or the lack of knowledge by the community of what we do. We can donate money for this and for that in our towns but without a proper process, nobody really knows who we are. With no plan, we fail again.

Our International President for next year, Wayne A. Madden states that his theme for 2012-2013 will be “In a World of Service”. This theme “calls on Lions to not only celebrate our world of service but to expand our impact, rising up to meet new challenges. To do that, we need to grow our membership and build stronger clubs.”

GMT & GLT are here to help any club in this district with their challenges and to achieve their goals so they may better impact their community and it’s just a matter of asking.

GMT Family & Women’s Membership – Lion Mary Rothwell

As regards the Total Woman Show. I feel we made a good showing and had lot of numbers for the Club Membership Chairs to call.

Hearing & Speech Action – Lion Jim Harris

This year has been again been very successful. We, being my wife and members of the Galt Cambridge Lions Club have tested approx. 950 Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten students at the public schools in CAMBRIDGE, with 145 being referred. That is approx. 16%. We have also done two child fairs and will be doing one more in June. The Lions of A-15 have given to the Canadian Hearing Society hearing aids. (approx 110).

LCIF – PCC Bill Carson

The combined two year total contribution goal for District A15 has been met.

LEO – Lion Raymond Taylor

**February 19, 2012 - Several members of the St. Marys LEO Club participated in "Camp Attawapiskat In Tillsonburg" and raised funds for the people of Attawapiskat, Ontario by camping out in a cold shed, and experiencing some of the similar conditions that the people of this northern First Nations community experience every day.

**March 8, 2012 - The St. Marys LEO Club sponsored an assembly at St. Marys DCVI for their guest speaker, Wesley Prankard of Niagara Falls, who spoke on his experience and fund raising efforts for the people of Attawapiskat, Ontario.

**March 15, 2012 - Several members of the St. Marys LEO Club and advisors were guests at the Charter Night for the Cambridge LEO Club.

**March 2012 - Throughout the month of March, the St. Marys LEO Club sold Solid Milk Chocolate Easter Bunnies for the St. Marys Lions club for total sales of \$576.00.

**April 27, 2012 - Members of the Cambridge LEO Club, the Village of Embro LEO Club and the St. Marys LEO Club attended and participated in the opening ceremonies and Parade of Banners at the District A-15 Lions Convention in Kitchener, Ontario.

**May 15, 2012 - The St. Marys LEO Club were guests of the St. Marys Lions Club for their annual Lions/LEO Dinner meeting at the Golden Pond Restaurant with 15 LEO's in attendance.

**May 25, 26 & 27, 2012 - Members of the St. Marys LEO Club along with the Village of Embro LEO Club and the Cambridge LEO Club attended the Multiple District 'A' LEO Conference in Markham, Ontario

LFC – PRC Wolfgang Boelke

Since my last report Apr. 29-2012 I have send out a Letter for a final appeal in recognition of P.D.G Lion John Paff's 25 plus years as District A-15 Chair Lions Foundation of Canada. Please help me so we get to our goal of all 53 clubs to donate to a great cause. Thank you in advance. I will have an update at the Cabinet meeting on June 10st 2012.



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Lions Opportunities For Youth – Lion Jeff Sullivan,

Since the date of my last report, I was pleased to make a presentation about Effective Speaking, the Peace Poster Contest and Project Pride at the Leadership Seminar on May 6th. I also volunteered at the MD 'A' Effective Speaking finals in St. Catharines on May 13. It was a successful event, and I look forward to spending the whole weekend with them in 2013. I know that our own Lion Ernie worked hard as part of the committee organizing the event, as well as making sure that our A-15 finalists were looked after, and once again I say thanks for all of his hard work in running this program for our district. At the contest, I also had the pleasure of meeting the incoming MD 'A' Opportunities for Youth Chair and we shared some ideas with each other. I look forward to our continuing efforts next year. Finally, for any clubs who are starting to think about lining up speakers for the next lions year, please keep in mind that I am happy to attend your club to speak about opportunities for youth programs anytime. Thank you to DG Norma for allowing me to serve as both the Opportunities for Youth and Peace Poster chairs for our great district this year. I feel like I have only gotten my feet wet up to now, and so I am also thankful to DG Elect Dan for asking me to serve in these capacities again next year.

Peace Poster – Lion Jeff Sullivan

Since the date of my last report, the 2011-2012 A-15 Peace Poster Contest winner, Chanel Wase, was presented with her awards at a ceremony held at the Woolwich Community Lions dinner meeting on April 30th. Thank you to District Governor Norma, DG Elect Dan, and Lion Eric Peterson for your attendance and participation at the event, and most of all, a heartfelt thank you to Lion Chief Elaine Racey and the Woolwich Lions for graciously hosting us, and generously paying for dinner for Chanel and her family, and the cost of engraving the memorial plaque. Your support made a special evening for Chanel and her family

Lions, as of the time I'm writing this report, only two clubs have taken me up on my offer of a free peace poster kit to use in running their 2012-2013 Peace Poster/Essay contest. We're aiming for 15 participating clubs in A-15 this year (15 for A-15), so we need at least 13 more clubs willing to host a contest. We're the best district in Lionism, and I know we can do this! Email me by June 20th, and I'll provide you with a free Peace Poster Contest Kit. Let's achieve 15 for A15, shall we?

Sight Screening – PRC Charlie Davis

The eye-screening program was another great success thanks to the members of the A15 teams. I am not going to mention the clubs, as I am afraid that I might miss someone but thank you to every club and member who participated. In all 102 schools were seen, 3923 children screened, 1444 referred which is 36.8%.

Special thanks are extended to Lion Ron Ross who tabulated the numbers and arranged the dates with the WRDSB. The Board is on board again this year and will be arranging the dates with the schools for us.

Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble,

District A2 has lost access to their camp facilities and has asked to share Five Oaks with us this summer. Five Oaks has sufficient physical resources to accommodate the request. A2 will be providing the funds for each of their campers. The impact upon clubs providing meals is being communicated with each club in the next week.

Youth Camp Exchange Director – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell

We are very excited that we have 20 youth from 15 countries in the exchange program.

THERE ARE STILL YOUTH WITHOUT HOST FAMILYS

We are desperately looking for host families for the youth from the 30th June to camp on the 14th July and after camp from the 24th July to the 28th July. This can be done as a club project. If interested please contact us.

Do not forget the International Night in Paris on the 22nd July



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DISTRICT BULLETIN CONTEST DISCUSSION PAPER

As Lions Clubs International moves toward complete digitalization of communications with members and individual Clubs and Districts, it may be time to revisit the question of the local bulletin competition.

The present structure of the competition criteria stresses membership – that is 40 or more members or 39 or less members in each Club – rather than content as its core requirement. Additionally, it subdivides participation into two categories: print and electronic, with an additional four sub-categories for monthly and bimonthly publication.

With only 54 clubs in the District, is it necessary to have eight potential winners in the bulletin contest? Would the prestige of winning not be greater if the competition was more limited? Would such a competition provide incentive to be more creative and innovative?

The present District competition demands only consistent and continued publication to qualify. There is no requirement for creativity, design, or for content. The intent, no doubt by drafters of the criteria, was to ensure a Club commitment to continued contact with its membership.

There is no present requirement for a Club to commit to participation in the contest. Indeed, only a handful of the District's 54 Lions Clubs have been in regular contact with the Bulletin Editor sufficient to qualify for this year's competition.

As we embark on a movement to greater and greater digital communication, whether mobile or static in nature, there is a new paradigm that will see the emergence of dependence upon instant communication and contact. For the foreseeable future, however, print contact will continue as we enter into this transitional period while individual Lions adopt devices for contact by computer, tablet or Smartphone. It is also a near certainty that design and printing of the present printed documents are done digitally or electronically.

If we accept that we must move forward in the next few years to fully adopt the digital age, the only discussion relevant is to determine what the content of the bulletin should be, how to assess its relevance to its membership, and what makes for the best publication under given circumstances.

Therefore, I recommend you consider moving to a model similar to the International competition:

That the District bulletin contest adopt entry form requirement;

Entry to be based on a single Club entry selected by the entrant from the current year;

Judging to be based on content, creativity and relevance to its target audience – i.e. Lions membership or for general public consumption;

A panel of judges be selected by Cabinet to review and rate all entries;

Size of the publication, the number of pages, can vary depending upon Club requirements but would not influence overall judging criteria;

A single winner be awarded and a minimum of two honourable mentions to be made at the annual convention. Additional honourable mentions can be made under exceptional circumstance by the committee.