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Spring A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
10 AM June 16th, 2013 (GMT/GLT at 9:00 AM)
Belwood Hall

1. Call to Order – By DG Dan Ayim at 10:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 PM and a welcome extended to all by DG Dan Ayim.

Attendance as indicated:

VOTING CABINET

IPDG Norma Peterson	DG Dr. Dan Ayim	1st VDG Denis Vinette	2nd VDG Tim DeBlock
CS Dennis Lougheed	CT Peter Oswald	RC Vaughan Braby	ZC Victor Bovingdon
ZC Jeff Jongeling (R)	RC Paul Anstett	ZC Rev. Dr. Stephen Hendry (R)	ZC Sherman Roth
RC Diane Smith	ZC Charlene Teasdale	ZC Wayne Litt	

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lion Ted Bickell	PCC Bill Carson	PCC Tim Cronin	PDG John Daniels
PRC Charlie Davis	Lion Jim Harris	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Ernie Kaethler
Lion Ferne Lindhorst(R)	Lion Ajit Manku	PDG Karen McNeight(R)	Lion Joanne McQuiggan(R)
PRC Bob Montgomery	PID Bruce Murray(R)	Lion Ken Oliver (R)	PDDG George Patton
PDG Nancy Ransom(R)	PCS Ian Robb(R)	PRC John Rothwell	Lion Mary Rothwell
Lioness Mary Rumble	PCC Dave Rumble	Lion Marysa Rumble-Lauriault	PRC Gerry Runstedler(R)
Lion Bob Rutter (R)	PCS Ted Rypma (R)	Lion Jeff Sullivan(R)	Lion Raymond Taylor (R)
Lion Linda Vinette	PDG Larry Wainwright	PCC Todd Wilson(R)	PDG OJ Wilura
PID Art Woods(R)			

In attendance also were approximately 31 other Lion Members

(R) – Regrets

2. Welcome – DG Dan Ayim welcomed us all and thanked us for taking time away from Father’s Day to attend.
3. Moment of Silence
4. O Canada
5. Setting of Protocol – DG Dan Ayim
At this time DG Dan Ayim turned the Chair over to DGE Denis Vinette.
6. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
PCC Bill Carson added to Item 14.
MOVED by RC Vaughan Braby and seconded by ZC Charlene Teasdale to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.
7. Approval of Minutes of the March 23rd and 24th, 2013 Convention Cabinet Meeting
MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by DG Dan Ayim to approve the minutes of the March 23rd and 24th, 2013 Convention Cabinet Meeting. Carried.
8. New Business
 - 8.1. CNIB, Lake Jo Tractor Purchase Proposal
MOVED by DG Dan Ayim and seconded by RC Vaughan Braby that clubs consider contributing funds through the A15 Cabinet Treasurer towards the acquisition of implements to be used with the already purchased tractor for CNIB Camp Lake Joe. Carried.
Notification will be distributed to all of the clubs in District A15 regarding this initiative and the required equipment on their wish list.

- 8.2. District Convention 2017 – Lions Club of Kitchener Host Application
MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by RC Vaughan Braby to accept the application to host the 2017 District A15 Convention submitted by the Lions Club of Kitchener.
Discussion regarding the Future Convention Advisory Committee as described in the current District A15 Convention Policy resulted in an amendment to the motion.
MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by RC Vaughan Braby to amend the motion to read that the application to host the 2017 District A5 Convention submitted by the Lions Club of Kitchener be received and referred to the Future Convention Advisory Committee as described in the current District A15 Convention Policy.
After discussion regarding the long time lines needed to book facilities and the possibility of losing access to the Kitchener Holiday Inn, the amending motion was called and defeated.
The original motion was then called and carried. The Lions Club of Kitchener will host the 2017 District A15 Convention.
- 8.3. Membership Action Plan Template
As first discussed at the January Pre-Cabinet Meeting, Membership Application Plan Template has been developed. A covering letter of application and the template will be sent to all Clubs.
- 8.4. Woodstock General Hospital 2008 Final Standard Grant Report Form & Current LFC Expansion In Oakville
Whereas the Standard Grant Report Form was not utilized when notifying LCIF of the completion of the 2008 Woodstock General Hospital Standard Grant, and Whereas LCIF has referred to it in a Preliminary Review of the current Grant Application for LFC Expansion in Oakville, and
Whereas Cabinet has reviewed the Final Report for GA10728/A-15 Woodstock Hospital MOVED by CS Dennis Loughheed and seconded by IPDG Norma Peterson that the Final Report for GA10728/A-15 Woodstock Hospital be approved. Carried.
9. Secretary's Report - *Please see attached report.*
MOVED by VDG2 Tim DeBlock and seconded by ZC Sherman Roth to acknowledge receipt of the report of the Cabinet Secretary. Carried.
10. Treasurer's
10.1. Report - *Please see attached report and statements*
10.2. Financial Statements
MOVED by CT Peter Oswald and seconded by RC Paul Anstett to acknowledge receipt of the report of the Cabinet Treasurer and the Financial Statements as submitted. Carried.
11. Cabinet Reports – *Please see attached reports.*
12. Committee Reports – *Please see attached reports.*
13. Special Presentations & Awards
PCC Bill Carson noted that District A15's efforts with respect to implementation of the GMT/GLT initiatives lead the way in MDA and presented an MDA Certificate of Appreciation to GLT District Coordinator, PDG Karen McNeight for her efforts with respect to the GLT. PDG OJ Wilura who had previously received a similar recognition for his efforts with respect to the GMT accepted it on her behalf.



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14. District Governor's Remarks

As I near the end of my term as Governor of our great District A15, I want to thank first all members of the cabinet (IPDG, VDGI through to Zone Chairs and all District Chairs) for your tremendous support. As we began the journey, I appealed for open communication and Team Work. You gave me both and more. I appreciate it. Together we managed to jump over the bumps along the way.

Our capable Secretary, Lion Dennis, has given me great support and guidance, steering me clear of the many pot holes. Please join me in thanking Cabinet Secretary, Lion Dennis Lougheed. Together, the Cabinet and I carried President Madden's Theme, "In a World of Service" and my goal for membership growth to Club Presidents and their members. Thank you for embracing both with enthusiasm. To date our membership in A15 has grown by 59. Even without forming a new Club, we continue to lead the districts in MDA in membership growth. We welcomed a new Leo Club in Lynden and I look forward to the day that our rapidly growing Branch Club in Breslau will be chartered.

Let me at this point pay tribute to the tremendous work done by the GMT & GLT Coordinators. Their contribution to our growth and knowledge of Lionism cannot be overlooked. Please remember the free Training Seminars scheduled for June 23rd at Wilmot Recreation Complex, near New Hamburg.

Thank you to members of Galt Cambridge Lions Club for supporting me all the way. I specifically wish to mention PCS Ian Robb, PDG John Daniels and International Counsellor Don Gamble for their guidance.

In conclusion, I appeal to all clubs in A15 to give the incoming Governor the support he deserves.

15. DG Appreciation Plaque & Pin – DGE Denis Vinette

16. DGE Gavel – DG Dan Ayim

17. DGE Denis Vinette's Remarks

DGE Denis Vinette extended thanks to the sitting Cabinet, his home club the Belwood Lions and the incoming Cabinet for their willingness to serve and commit to the continued Team Work that helps run this great District. He noted that we have a significant number of new individuals taking on the role of Committee Chair some of which are quite substantial. He looks forward to being of service and helping all of us fulfill our dreams.

18. Toast, Lions Grace & Dinner

19. Good & Welfare

20. Adjournment – 11:35 AM



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CABINET
June 16th, 2013 – Dennis Lougheed**

Sandy Turney, Executive Director of Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC), submitted for certification and endorsement an LCIF Matching Grant Application for US\$75,000 to DG Dan Ayim. The funds will finance the proposed expansion and renovation of its Oakville facilities in order to enable LFC to acquire additional space for training Diabetes Alert Dog guide teams. The application did not require or commit the District or its Clubs to the raising of funds beyond prior commitments. District A15's response was required by April 30th at the latest. The proposal was circulated to Voting Cabinet along with the accompanying motion with a request to respond by Saturday, April 20th 2013.

Moved by Cabinet Secretary Dennis Lougheed and seconded by Vice District Governor Denis Vinette;

Whereas Lions Foundation of Canada has submitted a US\$75,000 LCIF Grant Application to A15 Cabinet for certification and endorsement and whereas cabinet has determined the contents of the application to be accurate, Cabinet endorses the said Grant Application.

The results of that Email polling are as follows and the District Governor has responded as was requested.

In Favor – 12 Abstention – 1 No Reply – 2 Opposed – 0

In order to cut down on paper, commencing with the August Summer Cabinet Meeting the minutes of the last Cabinet meeting will no longer be included in the distributed agenda package. Minutes are made available on the District Web site shortly following each Cabinet meeting and are available for review at any time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET
June 16th, 2013 – Peter Oswald**

Financial statements as at May 31, 2013 are enclosed with this report. All accounts have been reconciled to Bank statements as at April 30 & balanced to the online bank information as at May 31 (the monthly bank statements were not available as of June 8 when this report was prepared). The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- Our financial position remains very healthy. There are funds to collect from Pin Sales to be credited in June. As well, interest income is below budget - interest on some non-admin accounts was reinvested with the GIC and increased the balance on the Trust Balance Sheet; e.g. Youth GIC + \$171 & Quest GIC +\$36.
- To date, total revenue is \$19,030. Expenses of \$10,782 have been paid. Expense reports submitted in June total some \$788 plus there is approx \$1,500 in Committee Chair Honourariums to issue.
- It appears we will have a surplus for this Lions year - final report to be provided in August. No action to be taken until then.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The Balance sheet for Trust accounts as at May 31, 2013 is also attached. The balances held for project activity (Camp Dorset etc) will be forwarded to the respective groups in June.
- Chairs have been advised of the detailed transactions for their respective committees for the Lions year.
- Effective Speaking is operating on a tight budget amount given the level of donations received. As of this writing, the expenses for MD A competition have not been submitted. Some additional support from Clubs in the coming Lions year would be beneficial.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of 31 May 2013

	<u>31 May 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	9,719.86
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	30.13
International Director Fund	4,517.23
New Club Assessment Fund	4,719.92
Total Cash	<u>48,987.14</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	48,987.14
Other Current Assets	
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>49,437.14</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>49,437.14</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.03
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-0.03</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	4,013.08
DGE Partner Travel	1,500.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5,513.08</u>
Total Current Liabilities	5,513.05
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	4,517.23
New Club Assessment - Contra	4,719.92
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>9,237.15</u>
Total Liabilities	14,750.20
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	5,731.80
Net Income	8,264.60
Total Equity	<u>34,686.94</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>49,437.14</u>



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2012 through May 2013

	Jul '12 - Jun 13	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	500.00	500.00	0.00
District Directory	460.00	250.00	210.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,294.00	13,285.00	9.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total District Dues	13,294.00	13,285.00	9.00
Interest Earned	399.07	770.00	-370.93
Leadership Seminar Income	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,343.00	2,344.00	-1.00
Pin Sales	684.00	1,500.00	-816.00
Total Income	19,030.07	19,999.00	-968.93
Gross Profit	19,030.07	19,999.00	-968.93
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	868.17	1,500.00	-631.83
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Awards	868.17	2,000.00	-1,131.83
Badges & Patches	531.45	700.00	-168.55
Bank Charges	188.36	200.00	-11.64
Cabinet Expense	718.49	1,400.00	-681.51
Convention Expense	1,013.64	1,000.00	13.64
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	449.11	1,000.00	-550.89
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	1,184.64	3,600.00	-2,415.36
Leo Clubs	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Total District Chair Expense	1,633.75	6,850.00	-5,216.25
District Directories	1,633.45	1,780.00	-146.55
Governor's Newsletter	78.93	150.00	-71.07
Internet	376.12	100.00	276.12
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	-0.66	0.00	-0.66
Pins Purchased	1,768.67	1,770.00	-1.33
Postage & Telephone	38.10	200.00	-161.90
Printing & Stationery	434.20	800.00	-365.80
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	10,782.67	19,950.00	-9,167.33
Net Ordinary Income	8,247.40	49.00	8,198.40
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	-17.20		
Total Other Expense	-17.20		
Net Other Income	17.20	0.00	17.20
Net Income	8,264.60	49.00	8,215.60



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
Balance Sheet
As of 31 May 2013

	<u>31 May 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	7,080.11
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	1,693.05
CIBC - Trust Account	19,901.37
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	21,163.10
Youth Investments	12,339.30
Total CIBC - Youth	33,502.40
Investments	
QUEST - Investment	6,078.25
Investments - Other	5,000.00
Total Investments	11,078.25
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,645.11
Total Chequing/Savings	80,900.29
Total Current Assets	80,900.29
TOTAL ASSETS	80,900.29
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	550.00
Camp Huronda	600.00
Camp Trillium	100.00
Diabetes Awareness	275.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	693.05
Hearing Conservation	100.00
Hearing Equipment	453.07
Lake Joseph	500.00
LCIF	525.00
LCIF - Measles	100.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	1,654.00
Leash Free Park	5,055.90
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	6,709.90
LIONS Quest Contra Account	13,158.36
Peace Poster	3,171.02
Sight Conservation	5,643.60
Vision Screening	7,173.78
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	33,502.40
Total Other Current Liabilities	73,255.18
Total Current Liabilities	73,255.18
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,645.11
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,645.11
Total Liabilities	80,900.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	80,900.29



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CABINET REPORTS – June 16th, 2013

1st VDG – Denis Vinette

I want to take this opportunity to thank the District for allowing me the privilege to serve this District as Governor for the next Lions year. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by a cabinet that is truly eager and committed to service this coming year. Since the last time I reported, I have had the opportunity to share some time with my colleagues on the incoming Council. I believe that we have a very talented and devoted Council of Governors and we will work very well as a team in the coming year. Since my last report, the District Leadership team held a training session for the incoming District Cabinet-elect. Those members in attendance were advised on their responsibilities and were presented videos and information to assist them in defining their goals. As an example of the dedication of our team, I am pleased to announce that we have established our club visitation schedule for next year and have already held discussions about the programs and new initiatives that will be coming on board in the next year.

In closing, I want to thank you, Governor Dan, for the leadership and guidance you have given me along the many years we have spent on District Cabinet. Your quiet, reflective and analytic approach has taught me the value of taking the time necessary to look at things from different perspectives. For that, and for many other reasons, I thank you for your assistance and for your service to Lionism.

2nd VDG – Tim DeBlock

Things have kept rolling since convention!

Personally having been part of installations and inductions for several Clubs reminds of us that we are ever evolving as Clubs, a District and an Association. It is exciting to see new faces in leadership and in members. I would encourage all of us to embrace this time to rejuvenate our spirit of service and be open to explore new opportunities to reach out to those in need.

I am looking forward to being part of the District Team for the upcoming Lions Year and helping DG elect Denis achieve his goals for our District.

I would like to thank the Clubs and in particular the Monkton Lions Club for your support on my adventure in service for the District.

Congratulations on the service you are doing and please keep in mind we are all in this together. So communicate, communicate, and communicate!

IPDG – Norma Peterson

Nothing to report.

RC 9 - Vaughan Braby

Since my Last report I have Instructed at two Orientation Nights I also attended the District a15 Convention. Was at the Waterloo Lions Club 75th Anniversary. Attended a CEP presentation at St Jacobs Lions Den.

ZC 9E – Vic Bovingdon

Nothing to report.

ZC 9S – Jeff Jongeling

No Report.



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RC37 – Paul Anstett

Here we are at the end of another busy and rewarding year in ‘The Best Damn District in Lions’!

Lions, since the last Cabinet meeting, which seems like months ago, a number of things, have kept me very excited to continue serving as Region 37 Chair.

The following are some of my activities:

- Attended & co-conducted the 3rd & final Orientation meeting in Kitchener, hosts Kitchener Lions Club.
- Visited the St.Marys Leo Club and presented a Membership Certificate to a new Leo.
- Visited the Thamesford Lions Club and presented the District Bulletin Award.
- Attended & co-conducted 1st half of CEP in Exeter.
- Completed the 2nd half of CEP in Guelph
- Attended and presented Club Excellence / Zone Chair Excellence Awards in Innerkip.
- Attended District Officer Training Session in Elmira.
- Completed the 2nd half of CEP in St. Clements.
- Attended a meeting of the Exeter Lioness and Installed their Officers for 2013/14 year.

ZC 37S – Stephen Hendry

No Report.

ZC 37W – Sherman Roth

Nothing to report.

RC 51 – Diane Smith

Nothing to Report.

ZC 51E – Charlene Teasdale

Since our last Cabinet meeting I have had the pleasure to visit the Fergus Lions Club and induct 2 new members as well assist VDG1 Lion Denis induct 3 new members into the Elora Lions Club. There has been a good response from the Clubs in Zone 51 East with respect to the Club Excellence/Enhancement Process as well as seeing the increase in membership. I have completed all of my official visits to the clubs in Zone 51 East and it has been a true pleasure to spend time with such dedicated Lions and the creativity in the projects these Clubs are working on is so great to see! I have truly enjoyed and have been humbled with my service as Zone Chair and it has been my honour to serve you and work with you. I wish you all much success with your projects and service in the new Lions year. Thank you to everyone for your hospitality and your warm greetings, you have truly made this year one that I will cherish forever.

ZC 51W – Wayne Litt

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – March 23rd, 2013

NO ACTIVITY

Cultural & Community Activities – Lion Ajit Manku, **District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **Elections and Credentials** – PCC Bill Carson, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **GLT Liaison** – VDG2 Tim DeBlock, **Lions Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – PDG Nancy Ransom, **Peace Poster** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray,

NOT SUBMITTED

Campus Clubs – Lion Ken Oliver, **Diabetes Awareness** – ZC Stephen Hendry, **District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter & PDG Nancy Ransom, **Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **GLT District Coordinator** – PDG Karen McNeight, **GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader** – PDG Larry Wainwright, **GMT Family & Women’s Membership** – Lion Ferne Lindhorst, **Honorary Committee/A15PDGA** – PCC Todd Wilson, **Information Technology** – PCS Ted Rypma, **LCIF** – PCC Todd Wilson, **LEO** – Lion Raymond Taylor, **Lions Services For Children** – Lion Joanne McQuiggan, **No Child Without** – PRC Gerry Runstedler, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PCS Ian Robb, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault.



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Alert – PRC Robert Montgomery,

I have completed and submitted an Alert plan for our district to our District Governor and also to our Incoming Governor. I am now in the process of compiling a district database of professional or skilled individuals in case of an emergency, this is being done so that if there is a disaster Lions of the district can call the people they need too. This database will be compiled by geographical locations to make it easy to know who to contact.

I will be working very closely with our new incoming Alert Chair Adam to assist him in any way he needs.

Thank you again and all the best to Lion Adam as he starts his journey in Lionism as incoming Alert Chair.

We are still in need of Lions to join the Alert Team from Region 51 and Region 37, you can contact myself or Lion Adam via the District directory or website.

Lions of District A-15 I plead to you to get involved with Alert, example being Moore Oklahoma, what would we do or who do we turn to if that were to strike our District.

Camp Coordinator – PRC Robert Montgomery

Well, we are here again at the end of another terrific Lions year. Lions Camp Dorset is having an Anniversary and Open House June 15th and all Lions are invited to attend. Once you are at camp you will notice the new Chapel the was built in the fall.

We are still in need host families for our incoming youth for this coming season and if you are able please contact PCC Dave Rumble or Lions Mary & John Rothwell.

I took part in the cleanup at the youth camp and it was a very poor showing of volunteers from our lovely district that we pride ourselves in, only 13 Lions were there and one of these people was a host parent.

Please contact any of our Camps to see what they are in need of for the upcoming camp season.

The following are links to our camps and their contacts, please use these links for your club donations or submit your donations to our cabinet Treasurer Peter Oswald.

I am in contact with Ryan Chin from CNIB Lake Joseph to find out exactly what is needed for their camp, it was requested sometime ago that they were in need of a new tractor, but this has all changed and new information is forthcoming. campkirk.com

<http://www.dcamp.ca/camp/camp-huronda>

<http://www.camptrillium.com/>

<http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/facility/lake-joseph/>
www.lionscampdorset.on.ca/

a15lions.org for a link to our youth camp

Constitution & By-Laws – PDDG George Patton

Two pieces of new legislation in the Province of Ontario should be brought to the attention of all Lions Clubs (& incorporated sub-districts) in Ontario.

The first is the new Corporations Act

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_10n15_e.htm] which, I believe goes in effect later this year. It will require changes to the by-laws of all incorporated Lions clubs & sub-districts in Ontario. For instance, proxies must be allowed as a form of voting at AGM regarding elections of officers and by-law changes. And there are other changes visa vie powers of classes of membership etc.

The second is the new disabled persons act ['Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act' (AODA)] which affects every club running any event or project in which the public participates. Similar to Health and Safety Policies and Procedures which every club must have in place including, in addition to or separately, workplace policies and procedures regarding harassment, bullying and discrimination, specific information must be provided to all volunteers working at the event or project as to how people with disabilities will be accommodated. A very comprehensive training video produced by Region of York and available on YouTube is being used by many organizations due to its quality may be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4v6u1x36L4>

I would urge cabinet to request that M.D. 'A' immediately have competent persons examine both pieces of legislation and provide all clubs and sub-districts in M.D. 'A' with, at a minimum, a 'heads up' but more usefully, direct instructions as to what actions are required to bring clubs into compliance with these pieces of legislation.

One question, which should be asked, revolves around how these changes affect club and sub-district compliance with standards set by the International Association.



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Convention Host – PCS Ian Robb, PDG John Daniels

The final report will be presented at the Summer August cabinet meeting.

Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler,

With this report, I would like to express appreciation for the many positive energies shared, the working together with various A15 Clubs and with MD'A' personnel to make this 'Opportunities for Youth' program a noteworthy success, AGAIN !

At our A-15 Effective Speaking Contest held in St George on March 2nd, we had five(5), of a possible six(6), first place winners moving on to the MDA final in St. Catherine. Maggie LaRonde, Breslau Club, Senior English; Laura Bender, Fergus Club, Intermediate English; Avinash Pandey, K-W Community Spirit LC, Intermdte French; Tarryn Swanek, Guelph LC, Junior French; and Sarah Chaytor, Guelph LC, Junior English.

At the MDA finals in St Catherine there were 34 contestants entered from 9 (of our 10) Districts. Laura Bender, Fergus, placed First, Avinash Pandey, K-W Commy Spirit & Lori LaRonde, Breslau, placed Second, and Tarryn Swanek, Guelph, placed Third, ... in their respective categories.

WELL DONE! Competitors representing A-15, you have proven yourself and made us proud of your achievements!

Next years MDA Convention will be held in District A-12 at Deerhurst (Huntsville) on the May 4th week-end. All Effective Speaking program events will have to be held prior to this event, which means that our A-15 Club contests should be held In February 2014, our A-15 District finals in early March 2014.

Environment – Lion Linda Vinette

I would like to thank Governor Dan for allowing me to serve as your District Environmental Chair this year. I've enjoyed serving our District.

The Environmental Photos submissions for judging at our convention in March were spectacular. We have wonderful Lion photographers in our District. They were all winners and the one with the most votes was Lion Naomi Freiburger from Woolwich Community Lions. Lion Naomi's photo was submitted to the Multiple District "A" Convention in Richmond Hill. The Photo winners from all the District in MD'A" were judged by the attendees on May 30th to June 1st and District A-15 rocks. Lion Naomi's photo came in third and in second placed was a previous submission by Marianne Ferguson of the St. Mary's Lion and the first place winner was from Nancy Wright from the Wheatley Lionesss.

On May 22nd a group of 5 Lions had a work party at the Breslau Memorial Forest replacing worn out plaques & stands. Thank you for your participation.

At the MD"A" Convention on June 1st , 1st Vice President Barry Palmer announced that one of his plans for his year as President is to continue planting trees. A goal for the Lions of the world has been set to plant 100 MILLION TREES by the year 2017 which will commemorate the 100 years that Lions have been in existence. I believe this is attainable.

On June 1st many Lions from District A-15 attended Mount Forest Lions dedication service for the William D. Moody Park. They reported the Crimson King Maple tree that was planted last fall by Lions from District A-15 in memory of PID William (Bill) D. Moody survived the winter and is in full leaf. Thank you to the Lions that attended this honouring event.

The Memorial Forest cleanup on June 5th was a wonderful success with 60 Lions members from A-15 coming out to help. Thank you to all that participated and special thanks to the Elmira Lions for providing food to feed the many and to PCC Tim Cronan for bringing his tractor with a loader to finish the job when the other tractor broke down .

It is an honour to be asked by DGE Lion Denis to continue to be your District Environmental Chair for 2013-2014.

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

GMT Club Success Team Leader – VDG2 Tim DeBlock

As my journey as Club Success Team Leader comes to an end, I realize how in awe I am from my experience with the Clubs of all the unique and amazing personalities that make up our Clubs. Many different gifts and contributions are being shared to help build and sustain our Clubs in their communities.

This past year really seemed to be a jump start on the number of members willing to look at things around them and at themselves in order to serve. This was reflected in the number of CEPs initiated. The number of new projects also indicates our willingness to reach out in new ways. Congratulations!

It has been a great learning experience working with the GMT/GLT the last couple years in this capacity and I look forward to being part in my new capacity.



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GMT District Coordinator – PDG O. J. Wilura

The Club Excellence Process has been delivered to 7 clubs this year. In addition 2 clubs completed as test program for LCI called CEP “Lite”. Additionally, presentations have been done for another 4 clubs and at a Zone Meeting.

As more and more clubs get to understand what the process is all about they have become interested. I suggest your club book early for the next fiscal year.

We have trained 7 additional Facilitators and they are more than willing to offer their time to help you club become stronger.

To me, it is disheartening that clubs who have not submitted a plan of any sort for this year, who are low in membership numbers, have few members attending meetings and have lost members are not coming forth for a little assistance. Our process is not to take over and demand but to guide and support as best we can.

Our team looks forward to the next fiscal year and we would like to really thank DG Dan for his encouragement and allowing us leeway to do what we have to get done.

Hearing & Speech Action – Lion Jim Harris

On behalf of the lions of A-15 I was able to send to the Canadian Hearing Society over 450 hearing aids.

At the end of Feb. in the Cambridge schools, (with the eye screening group) we were able to screen 1550 jr. and sr. Kindergarten children. Of the 1550, there was 187 referred, which is approx. 12%.

The hearing screening is best done at the same time as the eye screening, so as to not disturb the students twice. At the end of the screening tests we were able to finish at the same time. (This was because of the way Richard (eye screening Chair) had set it up.

LCI Convention 2014 – PDG OJ Wilura

I have been giving you an overview of the various committees that comprise of the 2014 Host Committee and this report will deal with Transportation and Hospitality. Lead by PDG Alex Watson, this group, as with others, has various sub committees and they are as follows;

- Interpreters
- Greeters
- Highway Welcome Centers
- RV & Trailer Camps
- Host Night
- City Hospitality
- Host Office & Booth

Some of these subcommittees have another working support unit within.

This committee, of all of them, will more than likely need the most volunteers. Interpreters at the airport, at hotels and at the convention centre to assist those who speak very little English. Greeters, who can also be used as Interpreters, will be at various locations to guide our guests and answer questions. Border crossings that have Fuel/Rest Centers close to border crossings will be manned by Lions to welcome and provide information to those who are driving to Toronto.

An evening reception for our International Family, Executive, Board Members, Past Presidents, International Directors and other Lions is another responsibility which may include a meal somewhere unique to the city. City Hospitality includes a welcoming gift, invitations to civic leaders and the welcome banner and signs that will be posted around the city.

Finally, a Host Office for volunteers, to rest and relax or where to find out what and where their assignment is. Daily briefing and updates will be discussed at this location as well as meetings for the Sergeant at Arms and required Training. Visiting Lions may also attend just to get some answers they need. The Convention Booth is manned continually with 4 volunteers to respond to queries from our guests.

I could go on and on about this committee but I suggest you view the volunteer form on our web page or even contact PDG Alex Watson at aandjwatson@yahoo.ca for more information.

Volunteer information can be found at <http://lionsconvention2014.ca>



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LFC – ZC Charlene Teasdale

Well it has certainly been an exciting time for the Foundation since my last Cabinet Meeting Report. I have had the pleasure to take my LFC Dog Guide display to the University of Guelph College Royal Dog Show, as well as participating in the Cambridge-Highlands Lions Open House. It was truly an honour to speak on behalf of The Lions Foundation of Canada at the Lions Club of Kitchener PDG Meeting. The “Pennies for Puppies” campaign has been going very well and I thank all of you for donating your pennies. A very successful Open House was held at the LFC training facility in Oakville with an overwhelming attendance! The excitement is building with the “Opening Doors to Independence” project which will raise \$1 million over the next three years as well as the development of the sixth program which will be the Diabetic Alert Dog Guide. On May 26th in over 220 cities across Canada the Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides were held and from reports that have come in so far from these events, the total is looking very promising indeed! Thank you to everyone who hosts and supports one of these Walk for Dog Guide events, you are truly helping to make a difference. I believe this past year there has been a tremendous amount of exposure to the general public about the Dog Guide programs and the wonderful work that our dedicated staff and volunteers are doing on behalf of the Lions Foundation of Canada both in Oakville and Breslau! We as Lions can be very, very proud of OUR Foundation. Thanks again for all you do and I encourage all Lions Clubs in A15 to continue with your support to LFC. I would love to come visit you and speak about all the wonderful news from the Lions Foundation of Canada.

Lions Quest – PCC Tim Cronin

This report summarizes the Lions Quest activities for this Lions Year.

There were two main challenges this year.

The first affecting our primary focus on of introducing Lions Quest Programs in our schools. The teacher job action prevented us from promoting our program, as we would like to have. (Our Last workshop was Aug 2012)

Our second challenge was to support Lions Quest Canada with contributions to keep our Lions Quest Office functioning.

We in A15 were very successful in doing our Part.

I would like to offer a very big Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who presented Lions Quest Fellowships and purchased the draw tickets from Lions Quest.

This lion’s year we did present two community workshops, the first in Monkton May 9 and the second in Kitchener June 4. Reading from the participants remarks they were very well received.

Plans are in the works for a Community Workshop in Centre Wellington/Fergus this fall

In addition to the treasurers report on our finances we have some funds available at Lions Quest.

The following outlines our activity at Lions Quest

November 2011 – paid deposit on workshops - \$11,250

Aug 27/12 Lions Quest workshop -- \$5,250

May 9/13 Monkton Community workshop - \$1,729.97

June 4/13 Kitchener Community workshop - \$1,603.63

Total applied against the deposit on account - \$8,583.60

Funds remaining on account - \$2,666.40

Funds sent to the district can be for Lions Quest Programs, (these we use to help pay for Workshops) or for Lions Quest Canada.

I will be asking Treasurer Lion Peter to transfer any funds that were sent to District “A15” that were slated for Lions Quest Canada to be forwarded as soon as possible.

Sight Screening – PRC Charlie Davis

I would like to thank all the Lions and Clubs that have helped make the Eye Screening program the success that it is.

I hope that I do not miss anyone with the list below;

Lions Club of Kitchener, KW Community Spirit, Woolwich, Fergus, Guelph. Guelph Royal City, Waterloo, Galt Cambridge, New Hamburg, Wellesley, Marsville, Hillsburg, Rockwood, Ariss, Paris, Bridgeport, Breslau, St. Jacobs, Linwood

This year In all 138 schools participated. 9618 children were screened. 3104 were referred.

As I leave the District Eye Screen position I would like to give special thanks to PDG David Whitehead, PZC Ron Ross for their help over the years as this program would not be where it is without them.

I hope that everyone will continue with the new Chair and give her the help that I have received.



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Youth Camp Chair – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble

This year the turn out for the Camp clean up was light and a great deal of work remains to be done. Clubs are asked to emphasize the importance of participating in this day as many hands make small work. Please contact PCC Dave with regard to the work remaining and how you might be able to contribute.

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

We are very excited that we have 20 youth from 11 countries in the exchange program.

We are desperately looking for host families for the youth from the 29th June to camp on the 13th July and after camp from the 23th July to the 27th July. This can be done as a club project. If interested please contact us.

Do not forget the international night in Paris on the 21st July