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Minutes of the Second 2010-2011 A-15 Cabinet Meeting St Marys, Ontario - Sunday Oct 31st 2010-2011

1. Call to order

The meeting of the District A-15 Cabinet was called to order at 10:35 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	ZC37S Mary Ann Ward	ZC37W Paul Anstett
RC51 Denis Vinette	ZC51E Wolfgang Boelke	ZC51W Denise Sutherland	
CC- PID Art Woods (R)	CC – PDG OJ Wilura (R)	CC – PCC Bill Carson	CC – PDG John Brash
CC - PDH Thom Hermann	CC – PDDG George Patton	CC – PCS Ted Rypma	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 (R)	CC – Lion Rudy Boogerman	CC – Lion Lorea Boogerman
CC – PID Bruce Murray	CC – Lion Don Irvine (R)	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 John Paff (R)	CC – PCS Ian Robb	CC – Lion Troy Mills (R)	CC – Lion Ajit Manku
CC – PRC Jack Broadfoot	CC – PZC John Rothwell (R)	CC – PDG Doug Smith	CC – Lion Mary Rothwell (R)

In attendance also were approximately 55 other Lions members. *CC = Committee Chair, (R) = Regrets

2. Welcome

Governor Todd recognized PCCs, PDGs, former Cabinet officers, new Cabinet officers present and welcomed all Lions in attendance. A moment's silence was observed for departed Lions and family as well as members of our Armed Services.

3. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

Moved by RC Denis Vinette, seconded by ZC Wolfgang Boelke that the agenda be adopted. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of the August 22nd 2010 Cabinet meeting

Moved by RC Bill Weiler, seconded by 2nd VDG Dan Ayim, that the August 22nd 2010 Cabinet meeting minutes be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. District Governor's Remarks

- 5.1. Lions Quest is a viable, respected, needed, wanted and essential program, which has fallen into a state of underfunding. A significant debt exists and programs cutbacks have seriously impacted the effectiveness of the program. A two-pronged approach is being taken to restore both its resources and the extent of its program execution to its historical levels. A loan of \$75000 has been approved by MDA to which must be repaid over a two year period. The Lions Quest Champions Program challenges each club to donate an Immediate \$250 to Lions Quest for which the Club will be given a banner patch. Further financial support will be needed on an ongoing basis as well. Reeducation of Clubs regarding what Lions Quest provides, how the training occurs and how to get the program in place in our schools will also be undertaken.
- 5.2. Leash Free Dog Park – The combined District Governor's/District pins are now available at a cost of \$6. Proceeds will go to support the provision of the Leash Free Park at the Breslau facility.
- 5.3. Orientation Nights – New Lions and their sponsors are encouraged to attend one of the New Member Orientation Nights being offered throughout the year. See your Directories for dates and locations.
- 5.4. "Build Up and Not Destroy" – A reminder that we are all volunteers, motivated by a desire to serve. We must not allow personal, club or district differences of opinion to interfere with our ability to do so.

6. Matter's Arising - None



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- 7. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements – see the attached report and statements
Moved by CT Peter Oswald, seconded by ZC Paul Anstett, that the Financial Statements be received as presented. Carried.
- 8. Cabinet Reports – see the attached Reports
Moved by ZC Wolfgang Boelke, seconded by RC Denis Vinette, that the Cabinet Reports be received. Carried.
- 9. Committee Reports - see the attached Reports
 - 9.1. Moved by 2nd VDG Day Ayim, seconded by CT Peter Oswald, that the Committee Reports be received. Carried.
 - 9.2. Lions Quest Banner Batch
 - 9.2.1. Program - see District Governors Remarks 5.1. As of August 2010 Lions Quest debt was \$132,000. A number of individuals have personally funded or worked for no salary. LCI was owed \$265,000, which has been written off in part due to our having made our annual royalty payments where some other countries had not.
 - 9.2.2. Presentations – PID Bruce Murray and PDG Thom Hermann presented patches to; West Cast Lions, Ariss and District Branch Lions, Elora & District Lions, Belwood & District Lions, Burford Lions, Elmira Lions, Guelph Lions, Linwood & District Lions, Guelph Royal City Lions, Sheffield Lions, St George Lions, St Marys Lions, Waterloo Lions, Woodstock Lions and the Woolwich Community Lions.
- 10. Special Presentations & Awards
 - 10.1. Proud Lion
Lions Stephanie Cullings and Jackie Sterenberg of the Centralia Huron Park Lions
- 11. Upcoming Events

Region 9 Rally	Nov 22	Galt Cambridge
Region 37 Orientation Night	Nov 29	Stratford
Cabinet Meeting	Jan 31 st	Elmira
- 12. Adjournment – 12:05 PM by Governor Todd Wilson

Respectfully Submitted by Cabinet Secretary Dennis Lougheed
An Audio Record of the proceedings is on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET – Oct 31st, 2010 - Peter Oswald

The financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the Sept 30 bank statements. The financial statements presented here are as at October 15, 2010 and fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- All Clubs have been invoiced for dues for this Lions year. As of Oct 15, there are 16 Clubs with outstanding dues (compared to 17 Clubs same time last year).
- The GIC of \$20,000 matured in July. As interest rates have started to increase modestly and there were surplus funds on hand in the Admin account, a new GIC of \$30,000 was purchased at a rate of 0.80% - rate was slightly better if GIC was \$25,000 or more. This can be cashed in whole or in part any time after 30 days without penalty.
- With respect to Expenses vs Budget, there has been limited activity to date and the report is straight forward. There has been \$1,000 received from MD A for use by the MERL Team and is included as a reduction to their actual expenses.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts as at October 15, 2010 is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at September 30.
- The Breslau Pavilion is shown as a negative liability - we have paid \$6,916 for the curtains installed earlier. To date, 28 Clubs have contributed funds to this project. If 12-14 additional clubs contributed approx \$150 each, we would have this covered.



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Administration
Balance Sheet
As of 15 October 2010

	15 Oct 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	12,398.21
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	58.00
International Director Fund	3,374.48
New Club Assessment Fund	9,054.97
Total Cash	54,885.66
Total Chequing/Savings	54,885.66
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	5,622.00
Total Accounts Receivable	5,622.00
Other Current Assets	
Accrued Interest Receivable	229.68
Convention Gifts	450.00
Total Other Current Assets	679.68
Total Current Assets	61,187.34
TOTAL ASSETS	61,187.34
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	5,773.26
DGE Spouse Travel	2,000.00
International Director Suspense	376.75
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,150.01
Total Current Liabilities	8,150.01
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	3,374.48
New Club Assessment - Contra	9,054.97
Total Long Term Liabilities	12,429.45
Total Liabilities	20,579.46
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	4,839.21
Net Income	15,078.13
Total Equity	40,607.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	61,187.34



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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
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	15 Oct 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	11,340.67
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	1,026.95
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,025.26
CIBC - Trust Account	12,503.13
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	14,261.40
Youth Investments	12,397.94
Total CIBC - Youth	26,659.34
Investments	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
Investments - Other	10,509.64
Total Investments	40,509.64
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,542.71
Total Chequing/Savings	101,607.70
Total Current Assets	101,607.70
TOTAL ASSETS	101,607.70
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	25.00
Diabetes Awareness	300.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	1,026.95
Hearing Conservation	100.00
Hearing Equipment	423.42
Lake Joseph	500.00
LCIF	500.00
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,025.26
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Breslau Pavillion	-1,865.63
Dog Guides	700.00
Leash Free Park	125.00
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	-1,040.63
Lions Home for Deaf People	500.00
LIONS Quest Contra Account	11,340.67
Peace Poster	2,810.48
Sight Conservation	11,306.75
Vision Screening	7,587.75
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	26,659.34
Total Other Current Liabilities	94,064.99
Total Current Liabilities	94,064.99
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	7,542.71
Total Long Term Liabilities	7,542.71
Total Liabilities	101,607.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	101,607.70



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

	<u>Jul '10 - Jun 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Directory	50.00	125.00	-75.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	<u>12,809.50</u>	<u>12,835.00</u>	<u>-25.50</u>
Total District Dues	12,809.50	12,835.00	-25.50
Interest Earned	6.61	800.00	-793.39
Leadership Seminar Income	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,260.50	2,265.00	-4.50
Pin Sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>-1,250.00</u>
Total Income	<u>16,426.61</u>	<u>18,575.00</u>	<u>-2,148.39</u>
Gross Profit	16,426.61	18,575.00	-2,148.39
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00
Awards - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>-800.00</u>
Total Awards	0.00	2,150.00	-2,150.00
Badges & Patches	903.44	400.00	503.44
Bank Charges	171.65	350.00	-178.35
Cabinet Expense	66.90	1,600.00	-1,533.10
Convention Expense	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	850.00	-850.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
MERL	<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>-4,500.00</u>
Total District Chair Expense	-1,000.00	5,950.00	-6,950.00
District Directories	1,002.88	1,295.00	-292.12
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	210.00	-210.00
Internet	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Pins Purchased	0.00	1,525.00	-1,525.00
Postage & Telephone	58.05	200.00	-141.95
Printing & Stationery	144.49	600.00	-455.51
USA / Canada Forum	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-1,500.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,347.41</u>	<u>18,530.00</u>	<u>-17,182.59</u>
Net Ordinary Income	15,079.20	45.00	15,034.20
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	<u>1.07</u>		
Total Other Expense	<u>1.07</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>-1.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-1.07</u>
Net Income	<u><u>15,078.13</u></u>	<u><u>45.00</u></u>	<u><u>15,033.13</u></u>



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DISTRICT A15 2011 CONVENTION BUDGET - October 29th 2010

REVENUE

Full Registration 550 @ \$15	\$8,250.00
Non Lions 80 @ \$10	\$800.00
Pins 250 @ \$5	\$1,250.00
Rooms 60 @ 144	\$8,640.00
Hospitality Areas 6 @ \$125	\$750.00
PDG Breakfast 23 @ \$15	\$345.00
Saturday Lunch 200 @ \$15	\$3,000.00
Saturday Banquet 200 @ \$40	\$8,000.00
	\$31,265.00

EXPENSES

Flyers/ Registration Forms/Printing	\$1,000.00
Badge Holders/ Lanyards	\$2,500.00
Standard Rooms 60 @ \$144	\$8,640.00
Suite 4 @ \$200	\$800.00
Wine & Cheese	\$1,200.00
Saturday Lunch 200 @ \$10	\$2,000.00
Saturday Banquet 200 @ \$450	\$8,000.00
PDG Breakfast 23 @ \$15	\$345.00
Flowers / Corsages	\$280.00
Piper	\$100.00
Saturday Night Entertainment	\$1,500.00
Friday VIP Dinner 18 @ \$25	\$450.00
Memorial Service	\$350.00
Tent	\$3,500.00
	\$30,665.00

Net Revenue for contingencies



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CABINET REPORTS

1st VG – Norma Peterson

It's an honour to serve as 1st Vice District Governor and I continue to look forward to more learning opportunities and new friendships in A-15 and other districts as we "shine a light on service" this year. The second weekend in September brought with it my first chance to sit in the "second seat" at the Multiple District "A" Council of Governors meeting in Markham, and for Lion Eric and I to participate in the training on the Friday evening (led by IPDG Lion Karen) for 1st VDGs and their spouses (officially known as "adult companions") ... a great opportunity for learning and getting to know our counterparts in the other districts. Last month, I also attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, along with Lion Eric and 15 others from District A-15. We embraced learning, we embraced diversity, and sometimes we embraced each other! I sincerely wish that more individuals would or could take advantage of these learning opportunities. The Milwaukee Forum was my third such event and I'm hooked ... not just on the workshops or inspirational speakers, including the International President, but the opportunity to bond with our own district members, and to meet and share ideas with Lions from across North America and from Puerto Rico. These forums also provide the incentive to sample local culture in the host city and by travelling to and from the event itself. And those of us who took part in the November 2009 Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago also had a chance to meet together on the Friday evening of the Forum. I've also had the opportunity of visiting three clubs in an official capacity at the time of writing this report (Elmira, Guelph Royal City, and Wellesley) and I'm looking forward to enjoying the company of the Woolwich Community Lions by the time of the cabinet meeting. Thank you all for your hospitality. At Guelph Royal City I had the honour of inducting a new member as well as carrying out a transfer ceremony with the use of IPDG Lion Karen's document for that purpose. Thank you Lion Karen for recognizing the importance of welcoming "gently used" Lions to a new club and for sharing your ceremony with the rest of us. October was rounded out by attending three zone meetings: one in my own zone of 51 East in Ariss on October 4, Zone 9 East hosted by Galt-Cambridge Lions Club on October 5, and 51 West in Linwood on October 20. Each zone meeting had its own "flavour" so to speak but all were very successful events. Congratulations to the respective zone chairs and host clubs! And, of course, we had a great time at the appreciation night for IPDG Lion Karen in St. Pauls on October 16. Thank you again, Lion Karen, for your support and friendship. It was a great honour to serve on cabinet under your leadership ... and thanks to the St. Marys Lions Club for a great party! And, when not travelling to various locations, I can frequently be found at my computer, writing reports, sorting through innumerable e-mails ... and VOTING for Camp Dorset! Speaking of voting, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Ariss & District Branch Club Lions who seem to be leading the way not only in Zone 51 East but probably throughout District A-15! And I'd also like to thank Region 51 Chair Lion Denis Vinette for his dedication to the cause, particularly with the One Last Push, as well as all of the other determined individuals who have been voting repeatedly and constantly, some of them probably neglecting their household chores to do so!

2nd VDG – Dan Ayim

How fast time flies! I have informally visited clubs to socialize, exchange ideas and discuss district and international programs/projects that need support. I believe such intercourse is needed to bring members up to date on the direction of current and future events in Lionism. It was a pleasure to participate in fund raising activity with St George Lions and I appreciate the invitation to take part in inducting a new member in to St Agatha & District Lions Club. Congratulations to Ariss & District (Branch) Lions Club on successfully hosting a Zone Advisory meeting in Zone 51 East. At the time of writing this report, I have completed one official visit; the reception was cordial and hospitable. By the time that cabinet meeting is held, I will have completed another official visit at which I look forward to inducting a new member into our organization.

RC 9 – Bill Weiler

Three Region Chairs have been meeting planning the Orientation Nights to be held on Nov 29th, February 8th and March 29th – Lots of information coming forward. Region 9 Rally will take place on November 22nd at Galt Cambridge Lions Club, 50 Ainslie Street, Galt, Cambridge. Anticipating representation from all clubs in Region 9. Will have a speaker discussing the dialysis machines at Camp Dorset, the need for new ones and how that service operates. This nurse has served at Camp Dorset and therefore has first hand information to share with us on the Camp Dorset situation. I will start to make club visits in November.



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ZC 9E – Garry Bell

At the time of this report I have officially visited 3 clubs in Zone 9 East. Cambridge Highland Lions Club on September 16th, Bridgeport Lions Club on September 28th and my own home club Galt Cambridge Lions on October 19th. I have received membership plans from a number of clubs but not all and I have been stressing the need for all clubs in Zone 9 East to have their membership chairs to submit a membership plan as soon as possible.

October 5th I hosted my first Zone Meeting at the Galt Cambridge Lions hall all clubs in Zone 9 East were represented. We had a number of visitors 1st VDG Norma & Eric Peterson, Region Chair Bill Weiler, Region Chair Dennis Vinette and PDG Tim Cronin. Fun and fellowship was had by all. I am truly enjoying being Zone Chair for 9 East and I am very proud of the Clubs in my Zone and the work they do for the betterment of community and self. Remember to be a “Beacon of Hope” in the community and to keep the “Fire Within” burning bright.

ZC 9S – Rob Montgomery

I have visited the following clubs to date; Glen Morris & St. George and I was well received by both. Both clubs are in good standing and have a positive future. I have my first zone meeting November 24th and hope to see all of my clubs in attendance.

RC3 7 – Tim DeBlock

Things seem to be “ramping up” in Region 37. We can tell by the activity reports that the Clubs are busy Serving in many different ways. There have also been some inductions of new members! ZC Mary Ann and ZC Paul have been out visiting and by all reports are furthering Lionism in the Region. I attended the Zone Meeting for 37s and all Clubs had representation. Hooray!! I am looking forward to 37W’s meeting in late Nov. The Roadkill Café never disappoints. Our Region Rally is drawing near and I would encourage all to attend. The evening’s theme will be, The More We Learn About Each Other, The Further Our “Beacon” Will Shine. We are working on the evening and if it can come together and provide as much awareness and learning as it has for the three of us, it will be well worth your while attending. We even get a little excited and giddy when we get rolling on some of the amazing things we are part of just because we are LIONS! I would be amiss not to mention the Leadership Forum in Milwaukee that several from our District attended. Great learning from the sessions but even more from the many new Lions we had the privilege of meeting. Also, learnt new things about some old friends! And it is easy to see why our International President is where he is. He delivered an excellent address!

ZC 37S – Mary Ann Ward

Although I haven’t started my personal visits with all the individual Clubs in my Zone, we had a very successful Zone meeting on the 19th of October with the Innerkip Lions as host and 42 in attendance. All Clubs were in attendance and gave a summary of their summer activities and the plans for the next few months. So many different ways to help people in their communities and beyond always is exciting to hear and they all deserve the title “Beacons of Hope”. I am very proud to be a part of this amazing group. Guest speakers for the evening were; PCC Lion Bill Carson with an interesting talk about LCIF, PCC Lion Dave and Lioness Mary Rumble with a video presentation and talk about the incoming and outgoing youth and our procedure for each. RC Lion Tim gave a brief talk about the Region Rally coming up and the Orientation Nights with encouragement to all to attend. A raffle was held by caterer Lion Buzzy distributing a lot of the food left from the Farm Show. A small presentation was made to Lion Chief Ian for work done as host. A lot of fun and sharing was held by all and we adjourned at about 9:30.

ZC 37W – Paul Anstett

Attended the Canada/USA Forum. To date I have completed the following Official Club Visitations:

St.Marys Lions Club on Tuesday, October 5th

My home club Exeter Lions Club Wednesday, October 13th

Centralia-Huron Park Lions Club on Thursday, October 21st.

I have also attended the Zone 37S Zone Meeting in Innerkip on Tuesday, October 19th. I plan to attend the rest of the clubs in Zone 37W by Jan 19th, 2011. Many Lions in Zone 37W have been actively voting on the Pepsi website ‘Refresh Everything’ for the benefit of Camp Dorset. Many thanks to PDG Lawrence (Larry) Wainwright and Lion RC 51 Denis Vinette for their support in this endeavor. Please Note: Due to a scheduling conflict the Zone Meeting originally planned on Wednesday, November 10th has been changed to Wednesday, November 24th in Exeter at the Lion’s Den. All attendance numbers should be to me by November 17th.



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RC 51 – Denis Vinette

Since my last report, each Zone has held its first Zone Advisory meeting. Zone 51 East held its meeting in Ariss and Zone 51 West held its meeting in Linwood. Although well attended, some clubs did not make an appearance and the Zone chairs and I will endeavor to visit these clubs to make clear how valuable their participation is to the well being of the District and to the benefit of their own club. I strongly believe that the time spent at these gatherings are an essential part in keeping clubs abreast of current and long term direction in Lionism and in providing the opportunity for members to exchange ideas and information with their area clubs. Requests for funding for Lions Quest were made repeatedly, as well as at many club meetings I attended and I believe, in due time, all clubs in the Region will recognize the value of supporting such an important program. Additional requests for club support of the Camp Dorset request for funding is actively being promoted. By working with the clubs and others, I have attempted to raise additional awareness of how the Pepsi Challenge can provide an opportunity for us to raise \$100,000.00 for Camp Dorset with only a very modest effort on the part of individual members. In collaboration with Lion VDG Norma, we have enlisted the graduates of the Senior Lions Institute (2009) to participate in the email voting and have received some very positive feedback. At this point, at least two District Governors will be emailing their members to do the same!

I continue to informally visit the clubs in the Region and am promoting Region activities, including the Region Rally at Paradise and District on November 25, and hope to make this event a success by having 100% club participation. The "Orientation Night" planning has been progressing well. RC Tim, RC Bill and I are refining our agenda and presentations as of this writing.

ZC 51E – Wolfgang Boelke

We are well into our Lions Year, I have made my Official Visits to the Belwood & Dist.Lions Club - Elora Lions Club - Fergus Lions Club - Hillsburgh Lions Club - Rockwood Lions Club - Marsville Lions Club, All Clubs are doing well, there have been new members Inducted. Clubs are planning fund raising & Christmas with Santa. Attended the US/ CAN Forum in Milwaukee, WI.with the rest of Lions from District A-15, we all learned a lot and had fun. I had the Opportunity to speak with our International President Lion Sid L. Scruggs III & his lovely Wife Judy. Thank you to the Ariss and District (Branch) Lions Club for hosting my Zone meeting on October the 4th 2010 at Kurtz Auction Barn. We had a great Meal & Fellowship, 4 great Speakers, Club reports were heard from 8 Clubs. A Zone meeting is so important to all Clubs in your Zone and I had the opportunity to bring a Guest it was his 3rd meeting and after the zone meeting he asked how can I become a member? All I did, I handed the Lion Cub a Membership Application, & He will be Inducted on Nov.10th 2010 into the Guelph Royal City Lions Club. The Ariss and District Branch Lions Club issued a challenge to all in A15 to participate and or beat them in voting for camp Dorset and the Pepsi Challenge Since they have started and up to October 24 have voted over 4600 times . Since the Voting Started September 1, they have voted over 6000 times. As of this report they were voting 280 times a day and are shooting for 300 for the next week Many of the Clubs in my zone are voting daily and doing their best to better the Ariss Club. Thanks to all for your efforts and support on this very worthwhile project for new Dialysis machines. I have 3 more Official Visits to do and they will be done in November.

ZC 51W – Denise Sutherland

Since the August Cabinet meeting I contacted clubs not in attendance and proceeded to get the directories out to the clubs. I have followed up on late reports. I made my first official visitation to the St. Agatha Club on October 19th last. The first of our Zone Advisories was held on October 20th last in Linwood. There are inductions planned for November for new Lions.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO ACTIVITY TO REPORT

A15 Five Oaks Liaison – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris, **Information Technology** – PRC Stephen Jones, **International Relations** – PID Bruce Murray, **Protocol** – PID Art Woods, **Technical Resources** – PCS Ted Rypma, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lions Rudy & Lorea Boogerman, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault,

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

Alert - - Lion Troy Mills, **District Bulletin**– PRC Gerry Runstedler, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Joan Edenborough, **LEO** – Lion Raymond Taylor,, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **MDA Lions Magazine Correspondent** – Lion Tracy Brant, **MERL** -, **Extension** – PZC John Rothwell, **MERL – Family & Women’s Membership** – Lion Mary Rothwell, **MERL – Membership** – PRC Jack Broadfoot, **MERL – Revitalization** – vacant, **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

REPORTS RECEIVED

Camp Coordinator – ZC Rob Montgomery

I would like to thank all those Lions and clubs that took on the Pepsi voting for Lions Camp Dorset, but we still have along way to go to have these new machines. Most or all of the cabins have been renovated as we speak. I’m hoping to bring back here in January our cleanup date. To all clubs of A-15 if you would wish to donate to the camp for these machines please let me know.

Convention Host – PID Art Woods

The Convention Advisory Committee is active and well. See attached Budget.

Moved by 2nd VDG Dan Ayim and seconded by CT Peter Oswald that the submitted 2011 Convention Budget be received. Carried.

We anticipate 700 -800 registrants so are planning on a BIG tent on the Friday evening. Free breakfasts will be provided on Saturday and Sunday mornings courtesy of the Elmira and Woolwich Community Lions. Free coffee and tea will be available throughout the weekend. A Hydro equipped “camping/RV” facility is planned with cost to be determined. Shuttle service will be provided between the Hotel in St Jacobs and The Elmira Lions Hall. No dance on the Saturday evening but entertainment to be announced. Saturday Club hosted lunches will be encouraged/solicited.

Cultural & Community Activities – Lion Ajit Manku

Lions International Festival will celebrate the cultural diversity in our communities at the United Kingdom Club of Cambridge, 35 International Village Drive, Cambridge on March 5, 2011. Further information will be forthcoming.

Diabetes Awareness – PCS Ian Robb

The year is off to a great start. Participation in the 2nd annual Tag Day on November 13, 2010 is growing. 18 clubs are participating, covering many stores. The materials will be delivered to the clubs at the cabinet meeting. Plans for Diabetes Awareness Breakfast are well underway and should exceed previous years. We could achieve 1 breakfast in each Zone. On Nov 14 the St Agatha Lions are holding a Dash For Diabetes. I can be available to any of the Zone Chairs or individual clubs, if needed.

Elections & Credentials – PDG John Brash

VDG and DG candidacy declarations for 1011-2012 open Nov 1st 2010. RC and ZC candidacy declarations for 1011-2012 open Jan 1st 2011. Submission forms are available on the District WEB site and are to be sent to the Cabinet Secretary.



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Effective Speaking – Lion Ernie Kaethler

The Lions Effective Speaking program sponsored by MD"A" has been serving school age children for over 60 years and has generated confidence and leadership in many youth, from A-15. Building on the efforts of Lions Mary Ann Ward, Ingersoll LC and Ferne Lindhorst, Cambridge Highlands LC who have "strengthened and matured" this program, last year's program ranged from successful to exciting with "in-the-black" accounting and improving delivery-of-service. The contestant participation of the last two A-15 Finals, held in Innerkip, April 2009 & 2010 was manageable and successful. Maintaining a goal of 35 - 45 contestants for the district competition, to be held in Guelph on (Sat) April 9, 2011, is reasonable. Based on the contestant participation of the last two A-15 Finals, the categories of French, Intermediate and Senior were numerically under-represented. This will receive encouragement and focus as existing club sponsored Effective Speaking contests are held in Feb/March 2011. Last year 35 of 53 Lions (& Lioness) clubs gave financial support to this youth project. Naturally, staying "in the black" with some room to grow is desirable. I believe that an increased participation of two(2) or three(3) clubs who will organize Effective Speaking competitions in their community or/or who will assist geographically neighboring clubs, in a new or existing Effective Speaking effort, is an achievable goal. Communicating encouragement to all clubs with information, ideas and helpful materials. Meeting Lions of all A-15 Clubs at Zone, Region or District meetings and rallies, for the cause of our Youth, who are our leaders of tomorrow. We want to keep the fire within burning to ensure the success of this "Beacon of Hope" venture for our community's youth.

Environment – PDG OJ Wilura

The District A15 Environmental Photo contest is in full swing. Every club in A15 can have a competition within the club and then submit their winning photo to me by March 31, 2011. The photos should measure 8" by 10" and depict the following.

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

April 2011 has been designate Environment month by LCI. You and you club may wish to visit:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/lions-green-team/index.php> and see what suggestions the LCI Green Team has for community environment projects. Air, water and the earth are the most important factors we have for sustainability. We, as Lions can do our part through education, conservation, recycling and planting of trees to ensure a bright future. The Breslau LFC facility ground clean up is set for Wednesday, May 25, 2011, rain or shine, with the Rededication Service on Saturday, June 04th.

Health Sciences Project - RC Bill Weiler

Attended 51E Zone Meeting held at Ariss Lions Club. Spoke about need for funds to support an audiovisual unit for Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus. We need \$17,000 to purchase this unit so we can continue to give the best training possible to our new medical students studying in this region to be family doctors. On October 8th \$2,500 was raised for this unit through the Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club donating all donations at the Oktoberfest Tent Entrance to the Groves Memorial Hospital audiovisual unit along with an additional \$7500. A big thankyou to Oktoberfest Lions. We will continue to work on raising money for this unit. We need Doctors in this area, and by giving them a first class education, and showing them that this region wants them to practice here creates an atmosphere of keeping them in our region when they graduate. The unit at Cambridge Memorial Hospital is now paid for, with the final donations coming from the Galt Cambridge Lions Club and the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club. Cambridge Memorial Hospital is very grateful for your support.

Honorary Committee – PDG OJ Wilura

No further news in this area other than to reiterate and encourage club that have not yet contributed to the Breslau pavilion project, to do so. We are only asking for \$150.00. The installation of a power supply to the pavilion is still being examined. The Association meets as a whole on Monday, November 29th at the Queens Inn, Stratford at 7:00 p.m. with the second meeting on the Saturday morning of our 2011 Convention.



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LCIF – PCC Bill Carson

This is a prime opportunity to remind Cabinet of the mandate that requires advising and encouraging all Clubs in District A15 that there is a renewed commitment by our Governor & this Chair to meet & exceed a goal of \$24,000 US new funding from A15 to LCIF this Lion year. Lion Gov. Todd and this Chair have been privy to breakdown information provided by LCIF outlining A15's contributions in the past decade. We excelled during CSF II, and have since fallen back somewhat. At the same time, we have continued to earn matching fund grants for such causes as Woodstock Hospital & signing for the \$75M grant for the expansion of LFC facility in Oakville, to the credit of District A15. Visitations initially are being accommodated by Zone Chairs at their Fall meetings. Lion DG Todd has endorsed a commitment to see this Chair visit 20 % of all Clubs in the District in order that we may bring a direct presentation where we feel we can add some emphasis to the good work already being reported by LCIF. I shall be contacting the president of those Clubs and requesting the opportunity to speak to their membership at a regular meeting in the near future. For 2010-2011, Contributing Member pins at the Bronze (\$20 US), Silver (\$50 US) and Gold (\$100 US) are available through me. Clubs are being updated on their exiting potential to present Melvin Jone Awards based upon their current contribution credit at LCIF. We look forward to developing a greater appreciation and in turn more generous funding of our great Lions Foundation.

LFC – PDG John Paff & IPDG Karen McNeight

Lions Foundation Canada has been very active over the Summer Months. We have completed a Veterinary Facility in Oakville with a full-time veterinarian. By having this service in house, we save many dollars in the treatment and well being of our dogs. We now train and graduate Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs, Autism, and Special Needs along with Special Skills Dogs. We graduate more than one hundred teams per year as well as replacement dogs who grow too old or have been injured or killed while in service. The Need for Dogs continues to be great and we must continue to fund our Dog Program so those in need may be given a hand up as they live with their dependence on a dog. In A-15, we have supported our Foundation from the start and we must continue to help those in need, supporting our motto "We Serve".

Lions Quest – PCC Tim Cronin

Lions Quest is alive and well in "A 15". Lions Quest Canada has had some financial problems that are being addressed by PID Bruce Murray & PDG Lion Thom Herrmann. I wish them much success. I have attended Zone meetings in 51 East & West and 9 South promoting Lions Quest. At these meetings I have reminded all clubs to read and take action on the letter received from the Governor Todd in support of Lions Quest. Since the financial well being of Lions Quest Canada is of the utmost importance I have not brought forward any other fundraising BUT I always remind everyone what the "40 Developmental Assets" are and why they are important to our youth and how the Lions Quest Program can help provide them for our youth. I have arranged with Gov. Todd to have Lion Joanne spend an hour with the Cabinet immediately following the Cabinet Meeting to help you better understand the Lions Quest program and to provide you the information that you need to take to your Clubs. Please always wear you "QBEAR" on your lapel as you travel the District. It will remind everyone that you are a Lions Quest Supporter and therefore young people are important to you.

As always let our youth know you support Barbara Coloroso's 6 messages.

"I believe in you"

"I trust you"

"I know that you can handle this"

"You are cared for"

"You are listened to"

"You are very important to me"



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MERL – Chair - 1st VDG Norma Peterson

I'm pleased to present a very brief update for this particular cabinet meeting. My other report as 1st VDG more than makes up for the brevity of this one.

The MD "A" MERL training workshop was held on the weekend of October 16 and 17 but the Saturday date conflicted with the appreciation night for IPDG Lion Karen so we certainly didn't send our usual complement of eager students! The "Plus 1/I'm the 1" pins arrived in my hands the day after the last cabinet meeting but through my travels to various meetings, I've distributed over half of them to many of the cabinet members, and those who missed out can obtain them on the day of the cabinet meeting. And I've been invited to speak about MERL at the January 4th meeting of the Glen Morris & District Lions Club. Membership as of September is down somewhat but we anticipate the usual October improvement. Membership Chairs are reminded to submit their Club plans to MERL – Membership – PRC Jack Broadfoot.

MERL – Leadership – PDG Doug Smith

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum once again had a large representation in attendance (17). From all reports, it was an excellent learning experience for all that attended. I was told "What Happens in Milwaukee Stays in Milwaukee." Not having been there the rest is only hearsay. However pictures do not lie and I have a lot of pictures in my possession. From University Campus Pub crashing to dancing to being a bunch of cheese heads, it appears that some serious A-15 Team Building was accomplished. I would recommend that the information for shared rides/and or accommodation be continued with more emphasis on posting of the information sooner in the Lions year. Another helpful bit of information would be cell phone numbers for those people traveling by car for emergency assistance to other Lions. And yes Lion Neil does have a cell phone. Plans are underway for the A-15 Leadership Seminar in Baden on June 4th, 2011. Ideas and presenters are always welcomed.

Sight Screening – PRC Charlie Davis

The eye screening of children in JK/SK has begun in the District with teams in Cambridge, Fergus/Guelph, Kitchener and Waterloo.

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

Nothing major to report at this time. Things are in place and we expect to start hearing from the Chairs of the World regarding Youth Exchange. Just today we received a request from Belgium. We need the clubs to support the program, financially, with their assistance for meals, and with their physical help as well. Please do not forget about the Bruce Murray Fellowship. A \$400.00 donation entitles you to honour a club member or a member of your community. Perhaps even a former or current host family.