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**Fall A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**

7:00 PM October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Lions Hall, 125 John St W, Exeter, Ontario

1. Call to order – DG Dan Ayim at 7:00 PM

Attendance as indicate

**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 (R)	ZC Victor Bovingdon
ZC Jeff Jongeling (R)	RC Paul Anstett	ZC Rev. Dr. Stephen Hendry	ZC Sherman Roth
RC Diane Smith	ZC Charlene Teasdale	ZC Wayne Litt	

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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

In attendance also were approximately 48 other Lion Members

(R) - Regrets

2. Moment of Silence
3. O Canada, Toast, Lions Grace & Dinner
4. Welcome - Lion Bruce Hodge of the host Exeter Lions
5. Introduction of Head Table – DG Dan Ayim
6. Setting of Protocol – VDG2 Tim DeBlock
7. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
8. MOVED by VDG Denis Vinette and seconded by ZC Victor Bovingdon to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.
8. District Governor’s Remarks

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to our second Cabinet meeting tonight. I thank you for coming. I also thank Exeter Lions Club for hosting this meeting.

As I travel through our great district visiting clubs, I can’t help but notice how enthusiastic and dedicated Lions of A15 are. I commend you all for your service to the less privileged people within your own communities and around the world. Great projects are being done for improvement of our local communities. “In a world of service” I encourage each club in A15 to support the Reading Action Program, launched by I.P Wayne Madden. Let us remember our annual support for youth programs such as Lions Quest, Effective Speaking, Peace Poster Contest, Vision and Hearing screening for youth. LFC, in Oakville recently completed facility improvements and renovations and are in a position to train more dogs. Your support of Purina Dog Walk fundraising is very much appreciated. This year, the Walk raised over one million dollars which is a new record. Lions Clubs in A15 are encouraged to grow their membership by 5% by June 30, 2013. Equally important is the need for Lions to take advantage of learning opportunities that exist on Lions Clubs International (LCI) website for self – improvement. These will help acquire confidence so that Lions may comfortably aspire to become club and district officers. Please make plans to attend our Officer Training Seminars in the spring. The work that we do in A15 is being recognized beyond our borders; so let us double up our efforts to maintain our high standard.

9. Approval of Minutes of the August 26th, 2012 Cabinet Meeting
- MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by RC Diane Smith to approve the minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Carried.



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10. New Business
  - 10.1. Visitation Award

WHEREAS the conversion in 2010/11 of the District A-15 Visitation Contest to the District A-15 Visitation Award made the previous trophy presented to the winner obsolete, and  
WHEREAS a replacement award was not specified at that time  
MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by ZC Charlene Teasdale that Cabinet approve the design, manufacture and attendant costs associated with a banner patch and year patch to be presented to the annual recipients of the District A-15 Visitation Award. Carried.
  - 10.2. GMT/GLT Plan

MOVED by CS Dennis Lougheed and seconded by RC Paul Anstett that Cabinet approve the adoption of the Membership and Club Growth Chair A15 GMT-GLT Committee Plan 2012-2013. Carried.
  - 10.3. LCIF Community Partnership Community Grant – MDA Proposal

MOVED by VDG1 Denis Vinette and seconded by VDG2 Tim DeBlock that we agree in principle to support the effort to acquire a grant and assist in the development of a workshop in District A15.  
Discussion followed regarding whether or not the motion should be tabled and resurrected via Cabinet eMail pending confirmation of the availability of existing funds raised under Lions Quest.  
MOVED by ZC Wayne Litt and seconded by ZC Sherman Roth to table.  
After clarification from PID Bruce Murray on the availability of funds, the motion to table was withdrawn by unanimous consent and a vote was held on the original motion. Carried.
11. Treasurer's Report – *See Attached Reports*
  - 11.1. Report
  - 11.2. Financial Statements

MOVED by IPDG Norma Peterson and seconded by RC Diane Smith to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements as of September 30, 2012. Carried.
12. Cabinet Reports - *See Attached Reports*
13. Committee Reports - *See Attached Reports*
  - 13.1. MOVED by RC Sherman Roth and seconded by RC Wayne Litt to approve the 2013 Convention Budget. Carried.
  - 13.2. MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by ZC Victor Bovingdon to approve the Effective Speaking Budget as presented in the Effective Speaking Committee Report. Carried.
  - 13.3. District Bulletin – If anyone is in a position to offer assistance to Lion Bob Rutter with Bulletin preparation, they are encouraged to contact DG Dan.
  - 13.4. MOVED by RC Paul Anstett and seconded by IPDG Norma Peterson to fund the cost of additional Charter Membership Kits for the Lynden LEO's Club beyond those provided free by International. Carried.  
Cabinet will investigate making changes to District Policies or By-Laws to make this a standard practice for all future LEO Clubs.
14. Special Presentations & Awards
  - 14.1. Proud Lion – DG Dan Ayim  
Presented to Lions Michelle Barnard and Aline Chan of the Breslau Branch Lions Club
  - 14.2. LFC Certificates & Banner Patches – ZC Charlene Teasdale  
Silver Banner Patches were presented to the; Bayfiled Lions, Fergus Lions, Marsville Lions, Guelph Lions and Woolwich Community Lions.  
Bronze Banner Patches were presented to the Exeter Lions, Innerkip & District Lions, Paris Lions, Wellesley Lions, West Coast Lions, and Woodstock Lions.
  - 14.3. International President's Certificate of Appreciation  
Presented by DG Dan Ayim on behalf of PIP Wing-Kun Tam to IPDG Norma Peterson in recognition of her leadership and dedication.
15. Good & Welfare
16. Adjournment 9:25 PM



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**TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - Peter Oswald**

For September 30, 2012, the financial records have been balanced and reconciled to the bank statements. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District.

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS**

All Clubs have been invoiced for dues for this Lions year. A statement was also sent out at the same time to indicate the REBATE that was included as at June 30, 2012. As of Sept 30, there are 28 Clubs with outstanding dues (compared to 15 Clubs same time last year).

With respect to Expenses vs Budget, there has been limited activity to date and the report is straightforward. The miscellaneous item represents the cost of 10 Peace Poster kits paid through Admin but will be recovered in October from the Trust account.

**TRUST ACCOUNTS**

The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at September 30.

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Accrual Basis

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

	<b>30 Sep 12</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
CIBC - Lions Quest Imprest	3,880.11
CIBC - Eff Speaking Impst	153.98
CIBC - Grant Hospital	2,333.19
CIBC - Trust Account	2,935.35
<b>CIBC - Youth</b>	
Youth Exchange Imprest	16,124.14
Youth Investments	12,168.93
<b>Total CIBC - Youth</b>	28,293.07
<b>Investments</b>	
GIC Grant Hospital	30,000.00
QUEST - Investment	6,036.00
Investments - Other	10,000.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	46,036.00
Youth Camp Capital Fund	7,645.11
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	91,276.81
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	91,276.81
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>91,276.81</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Camp Huronda	500.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	153.98
Hearing Equipment	303.07
LCIF - Grant Hospital	32,333.19
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	431.40
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	431.40
LIONS Quest Contra Account	9,916.11
Peace Poster	3,014.72
Sight Conservation	4,493.60
Vision Screening	4,192.56
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	28,293.07
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	83,631.70
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	83,631.70
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Youth Camp Capital	7,645.11
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	7,645.11
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	91,276.81
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>91,276.81</b>



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**District "A"-15 Lions - Admin**

**Balance Sheet**

**As of 30 September 2012**

	<u>30 Sep 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	
CIBC - Bank Account	11,497.02
CIBC - Investments	30,000.00
CIBC USD Account	33.17
International Director Fund	4,125.73
New Club Assessment Fund	5,851.84
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>51,507.76</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	51,507.76
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	7,049.25
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>7,049.25</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Accrued Interest Receivable	121.00
Convention Gifts	450.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>571.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>59,128.01</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>59,128.01</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	-0.03
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	-0.03
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Convention Fund	5,458.12
DGE Partner Travel	1,500.00
International Director Suspense	391.50
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>7,349.62</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	7,349.59
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
International Director - Contra	4,125.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	5,851.84
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>9,977.57</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	17,327.16
<b>Equity</b>	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	20,000.00
Retained Earnings	5,582.55
Net Income	15,527.76
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>41,800.85</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>59,128.01</b></u>



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

	Jul '12 - Jun 13	Budget	Over Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising	0.00	500.00	-500.00
District Directory	335.00	250.00	85.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	13,311.00	13,285.00	26.00
Dues - Rebated	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total District Dues</b>	<u>13,311.00</u>	<u>13,285.00</u>	<u>26.00</u>
Interest Earned	0.00	770.00	-770.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,350.00	1,350.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,349.00	2,344.00	5.00
Pin Sales	54.00	1,500.00	-1,446.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>17,399.00</u>	<u>19,999.00</u>	<u>-2,600.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	17,399.00	19,999.00	-2,600.00
<b>Expense</b>			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Awards - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>Total Awards</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-2,000.00</u>
Badges & Patches	532.09	700.00	-167.91
Bank Charges	8.00	200.00	-192.00
Cabinet Expense	56.48	1,400.00	-1,343.52
Convention Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Global Leadership & Membership	-800.00	3,600.00	-4,400.00
Leo Clubs	0.00	750.00	-750.00
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<u>-800.00</u>	<u>6,850.00</u>	<u>-7,650.00</u>
District Directories	0.00	1,780.00	-1,780.00
Governor's Newsletter	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Internet	84.23	100.00	-15.77
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous	138.57	0.00	138.57
Pins Purchased	1,768.67	1,770.00	-1.33
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	101.70	800.00	-698.30
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,889.74</u>	<u>19,950.00</u>	<u>-18,060.26</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	15,509.26	49.00	15,460.26
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
Other Expense			
Exchange Gain/Loss	-18.50		
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>-18.50</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	18.50	0.00	18.50
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>15,527.76</u></u>	<u><u>49.00</u></u>	<u><u>15,478.76</u></u>



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## CABINET REPORTS

### **1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Denis Vinette**

Since my last report, I had the opportunity to co-host and participate in an MD“A” leadership webinar on August 29, 2012 with PDG Larry Wainwright. In keeping with Lion Larry’s mission to ask our clubs to create and affect a club membership plan, our session was entitled “Fail to Plan ... Plan to Fail!” Being a panelist on a webinar is quite an experience. It can likely be described as Radio Show with a call in segment. You can see a list of attendees and that can make it a little intimidating. We structured the webinar as a discussion, where I interviewed Larry and he responded to the many different aspects of plan development and implementation. With over 35 attendees, and with their overwhelming support to hold future events, Multiple District “A” has approved and made this medium to Districts that wish to hold their own. I believe that we can expect to see many other presentations from this MD“A” investment.

Linda and I attended the VDG and Spouse Training Session held in Markham on Friday, September 7th, 2012 and found the knowledge that each of us received of great value. At this point, VDG training will continue and 1 day from the DGE training at the International Convention will be downloaded to the Multiple District in order that a local flavor might be given to a part of the program.

Lastly, but by no means least, I had the pleasure during the past year of promoting the Lions USA/Canada Leadership Forum program for District A-15. I want to thank everyone (all 21 members) for making the journey. I want to make special mention of our first timers, Lions Ajit Manku (Galt-Cambridge), Shirley Ruller (KW Community Spirit), Bea Dechert (Woolwich Community) and Diane Smith (Woolwich Community) on attending and on sharing their experience with many of us. Lions; we can truly be proud of all who attended and chose to make this a part of their personal development.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Tim DeBlock**

We are a part of a Great Team!!

DG Dan’s encouragement of a team concept and International President Wayne’s theme of “In A World Of Service” seem to be creating a willingness to get involved and share some new ideas on Cabinet this year. I hope we can create this kind of environment with the Clubs and our Members to be inclusive in our work. Imagine what that team will accomplish!!

### **IPDG – Norma Peterson**

The hectic pace of serving as district governor has been replaced by the less time-consuming duties of immediate past district governor, but they do include attending the various pre-cabinet meetings such as the most recent one on September 30 in Kitchener, hosted and chaired by 1st VDG Lion Denis Vinette.

Earlier last month, Lion Eric and I travelled by car to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa, Florida where we enjoyed the leadership training opportunities and inspirational speakers at the event as well as the camaraderie of the 20 or so other Lions from A-15 ... plus the potential to meet close to 2,200 other participants. But our “journey” itself also highlighted the sense of belonging to the largest (and best) service organization in the world. On one of our side trips on the drive home, we stopped in Marietta, Georgia to check out their local museums. One of the venues was closed so the visitor’s bureau suggested the museum at the fire hall, containing several vintage fire vehicles and other memorabilia. There we came across a fire rescue van donated in 1950 by the Marietta Lions Club. The next day, while visiting the Bluegrass Heritage Museum in Winchester, Kentucky, we chatted with the woman in charge of the museum about Lions and she talked about how much Homer Ledford (of the Cabin Creek Band) had “loved his Lions!” His work vest and a smiling photo of him at one of his club meetings were displayed in the case along with his musical instruments. On September 20, we arrived home safely after our 11-day “road trip” ... energized and uplifted by all of our experiences!

### **RC 9 - Vaughan Braby**

No report at this time.

### **ZC 9E – Vic Bovingdon**

No report at this time.

### **ZC 9S – Jeff Jongeling**

No report at this time.



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**RC37 – Paul Anstett**

Thank you to the Lions of Region 37 and to my home club for your support.

Lions, as we enter the second quarter of this Lion year I hope that all the Clubs in Region 37 have been putting the finishing touches to their Membership plans and getting ready to submit if they have not already sent them in.

Plans are underway for the Region Rally to be hosted by the St. Mary's Lions Club on Thursday, November 29. Details to follow.

Presentations are being prepared for the Orientation Nights in 2013.

I thoroughly enjoyed a recent visit to the Woodstock Lions Club and heard Zone Chair 37S Stephen Hendry's message to his new home club.

**ZC 37S – Stephen Hendry**

No report at this time.

**ZC 37W – Sherman Roth**

Nothing to report at this time.

**RC 51 – Diane Smith**

In mid-September I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Tampa Florida. This leadership forum provided numerous opportunities to meet new Lions and exchange ideas and information. The seminars were constructive and all of them seemed to focus on the value of communication.

I attended the Plowing Match in late-September and had an opportunity to volunteer for a few hours. Events, such as this, not only showcase Lions but also provide an opportunity to work with other service organizations. I would encourage all clubs in the Region to consider partnering with other Lions clubs as well as other service groups.

The zone meeting for Zone 51E was hosted by the Marsville and District Lions Club on October 1st. A new member was inducted and he was warmly received into the Lions family.

At the time of writing this report, I have not yet attended the zone meeting for Zone 51W. It will take place on October 4th with the St. Jacobs Lions Club acting as host. At both of the zone meetings club members are being given information about CEP [Club Excellence Process] delivered in a fun skit format.

My goal throughout this Lions year is to act as a resource for all clubs and individual members of Region 51.

**ZC 51E – Charlene Teasdale**

At the Cabinet Meeting in August I was very honoured to be sworn in as the Zone Chair for 51 East. Since that time I have been in communication with the Clubs in 51 East promoting events and keeping members informed of items of interest.

I am very excited to be on Cabinet and our meetings have been very interesting and I believe that we are moving forward with some exciting change and events in the upcoming year.

October 1st was my first Zone Meeting hosted by the Marsville Lions Club and it was a most enjoyable evening with members from each Club from the Zone in attendance. A very fun and informative presentation was made by the GMT/GLT Team to promote the Club Excellence Program as well as a new member was inducted into the Marsville Lions Club.

The Clubs in Zone 51 East are making great efforts to have their Membership and Activity Reports filed on time. There is positive potential growth for the Zone as Clubs are achieving increasing their membership.

In October I will be beginning my Zone visits to the Clubs and I look forward to meeting you and discussing your Clubs challenges as well as your success! Together when we work as a Team, nothing is impossible. I am looking forward to the coming months!

**ZC 51W – Wayne Litt**

No report at this time.



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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NO ACTIVITY**

**District Bulletin** – Lion Bob Rutter, **Constitution & By-Laws** – PDDG George Patton, **District International Relations** – PID Art Woods, **Essay For Visually Impaired** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **GLT Liaison** – VDG2 Tim DeBlock, **Lions Opportunities For Youth** – Lion Jeff Sullivan, **Lions Services For Children** – Lion Joanne McQuiggan, **Long Range Planning** – PDG Thom Herrmann, **Protocol** – PID Bruce Murray, **Youth Camp Exchange Director** – RC John Rothwell & Lion Mary Rothwell

**NOT SUBMITTED**

**Five Oaks Liaison** – Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault,  
**GMT Family & Women’s Membership** – Lion Ferne Lindhorst , **Hearing & Speech Action** – Lion Jim Harris,  
**Information Technology** – PCS Ted Rypma, **Lions Quest** – PCC Tim Cronin, **MDA Lions Magazine Liaison** – Lion Bob Rutter, **No Child Without** – PRC Gerry Runstedler, **Public Relations & Club Visits Liaison** – PCS Ian Robb, **Sight Screening** – PRC Charlie Davis, **Youth Camp Meal Chair** – Lion Ted Bickell, **Youth Camp Outgoing Youth**– Lion Marysa Rumble –Lauriault, **Youth Camp Chair** – PCC Dave Rumble & Lioness Mary Rumble,

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**Alert** – PRC Robert Montgomery,

At this time there is nothing to report regarding Alert, but I would like to have 2 Lions from each Region to learn and understand Alert and what it has to do with our District. If anyone is interested please contact myself alert@a15lions.org and I will be more than willing to assist you with information and a website.

2nd Vice Tim and I will be discussing different ideas as to how to make Alert better for the District.

**Campus Clubs** – Lion Ken Oliver

Campus Club funded jointly with KW Community Spirit Lions Club a Guide dog during 2011-2012 year. The dog graduates on Oct 17. Campus Club donated monies to sponsor four Optometry students who were part of Campus Club on mission to Malawi where the students were helping with eye care and vision checking in a Lions sponsored hospital. Three students went on vision checking missions to other countries with Luxottica/Lenscrafters during 2011-2012. No activity during summer as student was away. First meeting was Sept 26th, 2012 to attract new members as most students have graduated. Good turnout for the free PIZZA! Organizing meeting for 2012-2013 year will be Oct 17th.

**Camp Coordinator** – PRC Robert Montgomery

There is nothing to report on the camps at this time. I will be contacting the camps as to their needs and goals for the upcoming seasons ahead. If there are any questions please email campcoord@a15lions.org.

**Convention Host** – PCS Ian Robb, PDG John Daniels

*Please see the attached proposed Convention Budget Page 32*

Arrangements for March 22, 23 & 24, 2013 are on track.

Our International guest will be the sitting ID for Canada, Marvin Chambers.

LFC has agreed to put on a demo of Guide Dogs in action on Saturday afternoon, following the luncheon. This will be free to registered Lions and partners, and to children accompanied by a registered Lion.

More events are in the planning stages and registration forms are circulating and available on the A-15 web site.

**Cultural & Community Activities** – Lion Ajit Manku

District A-15 Lions International Festival will celebrate the cultural diversity in our communities on March 2, 2013 at the United Kingdom of Cambridge Club, 35 International Village Road, Cambridge. This year, we are celebrating the Ukrainian culture. For your entertainment, Ukrainian group “PRYVIT” will perform traditional folk dances that will beat the Laws of Gravity. So remember to make a note on your planner to attend the District Festival. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Diabetes Awareness** – RC Paul Anstett on behalf of ZC Stephen Hendry  
Clubs seeking Diabetes Tag Day materials are to see RC Paul.





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**District Historian** – PDG Nancy Ransom,

Another great Lions year is under way, and we are all busy with our various Club activities once again.

This is just a quick note to say hello at summer's end, and to let you know I will continue to collect and copy historical memorabilia from the clubs in A-15.

I was very pleased to receive articles of interest from approx. 20 Clubs last year. Basically the stories and photos were scanned and saved as pdf files, then returned to their owners.

It would be wonderful to receive at least a little history from every Club at some point this year.

There has been some delay in the initiation of this information onto the District website; this area is out of my ability and the people helping with the technical aspect have been very busy, but I haven't given up on them.

You can "lend" the items to me at various Cabinet and zone meetings throughout the year, and they will be returned in like manner.

**Effective Speaking** – Lion Ernie Kaethler

District A-15 Effective Speaking  
 2012 -2013 Proposed budget

**Receipts:**

Donations from 35 Clubs @ \$250.00	\$ 8750.00	
Portion to MD'A' -- 35 x \$ 45.00	- \$1575.00	
<b>Total receipts – income</b>		<b>\$ 6175.00</b>

**Expenses:**

A-15 Competition Prize Money, if all categories have participants:

Pre-Competitive English (\$90 + \$65 + \$50)	\$ 205.00	
Pre-Competitive French (\$90 + \$65 + \$50)	\$ 205.00	
Junior English (\$100 + \$80 + \$60)	\$ 240.00	
Junior French (\$100 + \$80 + \$60)	\$ 240.00	
Intermediate English (\$125 + \$100 + \$75)	\$ 300.00	
Intermediate French (\$125 + \$100 + \$75)	\$ 300.00	
Senior English (\$150 + \$125 + \$100)	\$ 375.00	
Senior French (\$150 + \$125 + \$100)	\$ 375.00	
Participants Certificates & Frames	\$ 65.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$ 2305.00</b>
Correspondence to Clubs - postage, etc	\$ 25.00	
Club Banner Patches & Bars	\$ 65.00	
Supplies - A-15 Competition	\$ 90.00	
Judges gifts	\$ 155.00	
District travel & meals expenses	\$ 100.00	
District Convention, lunches for contestants & families	\$ 100.00	
MDA meetings expense	\$ 100.00	
MDA rooms/meals at provincial [MDA] finals.....	\$ 2200.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$ 2835.00</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 5140.00</b>
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This very worthwhile Opportunities for Youth project promotes vision and growth potential in the youth we serve and will bring future benefits to our communities through quality leadership and committed service.

Dates & location have been set for:

... MDA Finals, Sat May 2nd weekend, 2013, in St Catherines, District A-2 hosting;

... A-15 District Finals on Sun March 3rd, hosted by the St George Lions Club, Zone 9 South.

Therefore, Club sponsored competitions by which contestants moving forward to District are selected, will have to be completed before the end of February.

Information has recently been sent out to all the clubs encouraging support of this important district project by holding local club sponsored Effective Speaking contests and making budgeted contributions to our District Treasurer.

Last year's budget was overspent and received a loan injection, from Cabinet. Expenditures will be reduced, as painlessly as possible and hopefully donations from the clubs will marginally, maybe significantly, increase.

Members of A-15 Cabinet, and especially Zone Chairs can assist by encouraging individual clubs to consider supporting this valuable Opportunities for Youth program.

Dedication & Teamwork in a Spirit of Service has always been District A-15 track record. Let's not let it falter. I look forward to sharing the spirit of this project with many of you at Zone or Region meetings in the near future. It is great to be a part of Lions who serve our communities, our youth, our future, in a spirit of excellence, willingness and fun.

Information and support is always available.

**Elections & Credentials** – PCC Bill Carson

Perhaps it would seem that there would be little need of a report from this Chair at this occasion.

On the contrary, it would seem the timing is entirely appropriate for all Zone and Region Chairs to react to our need for you to liaise with our GLT Chair in making preparation to ensure that not less than two Lions from your respective Zones are preparing to equip themselves to become candidates to take over your leadership role. Five months from now those Lions will be hopeful of winning election and the opportunity to serve this District through the Cabinet where you now serve.

By date of our next Council meeting there will be Lion candidates putting final touches on arranging for their Club's nomination in a bid to become one of our newly elected Members of voting Cabinet.

District A15 is recognized as fielding the best of the best leadership in MDA & the world of Lionism..

The challenge has already begun and we need to forward a full slate of two or more candidates for all elected positions being Zone & Region Chair, & for the privilege of being elected as the new 2nd VDG..

We must not delay in attending to this as a major priority.

You owe it to A15 to ensure we continue to lead with our best Lions.

The time is now – search them out and bring them to us.

**Environment** – Lion Linda Vinette

The Photo cataloguing of the trees & donor plaques at Breslau LFC facility is concluded for this year as the trees are dropping their leaves. My sincere thanks to our District Governor, the Breslau Lions Branch Club, Guelph Lions, Waterloo Lions & the Belwood Lions for volunteering at this worth while environmental project. We have completed the first 900 trees and will continue the project next year.

It's a wonderful time of year to take pictures of the vibrant fall leaves. Plan to participate in the Environmental Photo Contest. The categories are of local Animal Life, Landscape, Plant life & Weather Phenomenon in an 8"X10" photo. Please submit your photos to me by Friday, March 8th 2013. Display & Voting will occur at our 2013 District Convention. The winning photo will be sent to the 2013 MDA convention in Niagara.

The tree planting donated from District A-15 in Memory of William D. Moody at the Mount Forest playground is now planned for this October in conjunction with the tree planting by the Mount Forest Lions.

**GLT District Coordinator** – PDG Karen McNeight

The Leadership Seminar Dates for 2012/13 that will include separate dates for Cabinet Officers and Club Executives are pending. PDG Karen gave a humorous but very engaging presentation on CEP emphasizing that while officially titled the Club Excellence Process the District GLT/GMT Teams prefer the phrase Club Enhancement Program and encourage us to view it as a set o tools that will enhance the talents and abilities of our member's and thus strengthen each of our clubs.



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**GMT Membership & Club Growth Team Leader – PDG Larry Wainwright**

Membership Plans

Club Membership Plans are arriving very slowly with only seven clubs submitting a plan to the date of this Cabinet Meeting. I encourage all Clubs to work closely together in the preparation of their Membership Action Plan. Membership Chairs and their Committee along with the club President should be preparing a plan outlining the direction they see their club going for the coming year. Consideration should be taken of a Club Excellence Process, a Community Needs Survey, Club Survey, Membership Growth and Retention of present members. The Club Plan should be presented to the club membership for their input and approval before submitting.

Let us all strive to once again achieve 100% participation from all of the clubs in District A 15.

Cabinet and Committee Chairs Plans

Gov. Dan has challenged all members of his Cabinet and all District Committee Chairs to prepare and submit their plan for this Lions year. To the date of this report including Gov. Dan four reports have been received.

Leos

I am pleased to announce that the Lynden Leo Club was officially chartered September 28, 2012 there club number is 117915. To the date of this report 22 young men and ladies have signed up to be members of this club. A date for the clubs Charter Night will be set very soon. Notification will be sent to the District Cabinet and Clubs of District A 15. Our congratulations to Lynden Lions Club for sponsoring this Leo Club. The forming of a Leos Club is in progress in one other club in District A 15 with at least two more clubs considering the forming of a Leos Club. May I suggest that every Lions Club in A 15 should be investigating the possibility of having a Leos Club working along side. The future of Lions in our District is our youth; do not let this opportunity slip past.

Guiding Lions

It is our goal this year to expand the Guiding Lions Program throughout the District. It would be fantastic to have a minimum of one Guiding Lion in each club; two would be even better. A Guiding Lion can be an asset to his/ her Lions Club as well as an asset to the District Gov., Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and the Global Membership, Global Leadership Team. Please look at your club and recommend names to your Zone Chair so the Guiding Lion Program can be organized and training begun. Maybe a long time Lion in your Club could be the asset that we are looking for.

Remember every Lion retained is a Plus in Membership. New Members bring new ideas, enthusiasm and more help for projects. Make sure you take every opportunity in your community to promote your club through community projects, pictures and stories for the local media and visibility within your community. Be excited about being a Lion and invite a friend, Neighbour, Relative and Fellow Worker to join you in Lions so they too can help in nourishing the lives of those less fortunate while nourishing themselves.

**GMT Club Success Team Leader – VDG2 Tim DeBlock**

The GMT/GLT are working together to get the word to the Clubs about looking at ourselves as Members, Clubs, Communities and Lions to see how we can be part of this "In World Of Service". We have been involved, and hope to be part of the remaining, initial Zone Meetings to provide some clarity and create some interest in the Clubs exploring how the Club Excellence Process fits them. I would encourage all of us to be open to the possibilities this process could create for us.

**GMT District Coordinator – PDG OJ Wilura**

Please remember to develop a Club Membership Action Plan which can be derived from completing the club & community assessments. Doing this will equate to:

Positive Growth = Positive Community Involvement = Position Attitude

Listed below is some statistical information from Lions International.

Canada is down 364 members since July of this year but MD"A" is a positive 11. If we can keep 1 of the 5 members that leave we would have an overall increase of Lions in our country, that's just 1 member.

Worldwide:

- 45% of our clubs have fewer than 20 members
- 53% of our clubs have an average of 23 members
- Majority of those members leaving are in the 4 to 5 years of service bracket
- Only 7 % of our losses are due to death
- Last year we added 245 clubs but cancelled 353 clubs
- 60% of the clubs did not support a new club.
- 34% of the clubs had no new members.



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- 22% of clubs have no WMMR/MMR submission in 3 months
- 3% of clubs have no officer submissions
- 5% of clubs have a financial balance over 90 days

When a members moves, I encourage club secretaries to speak to that Lion and suggest a transfer to a club in or near their new location.

Should you need assistance in creating a membership plan, please don't hesitate in contacting any GMT or GLT member. Assist, ... that is what we do.

**Honorary Committee/A15PDGA – PCC Todd Wilson**

The MDA PDG luncheon was held in Markham on Saturday October 13.

The A15 Honorary Committee will meet on Tuesday October 30, 2012 in Stratford at the Queens Inn.

**LCI Convention 2014 – PDG OJ Wilura**

In mid August the Directorship of the Committee met with the members from LCI Convention staff for a "2 year out" inspection. From all accounts it appears that LCI was very pleased with the facilities to be used as well we managed to establish the actual parade route. Some of the 2014 members will be off to Hamburg next July to promote the Toronto Convention as well as to see how specific functions of the conference operate.

To give an overview of the committee, here is the list of Chairs and Directors with the subcommittees.

Host Chairperson – PID Carl Young

Vice Chairs – PDG Stan Durward and PID Art Woods

*Subcom Stan: Fundraising, Subcom Art: Host Night*

Treasurer – PDG Chris Weerdenburg

Secretary – PDG George Hostick

Director of Finance – PDG Dr. Jack Bishop

*Subcom: Souvenirs & Pins Sales, Promotions and Publicity & Website and Communications*

Director of Hospitality and Transportation – PDG Alex Watson

*Subcom: International Family Transport, Interpreters, Greeters, Welcome Centre, RV & Trailer Park, City Hospitality & Home Office*

Director of Manpower – PCCs Ron and BJ Finlay

*Subcom: Sergeant at Arms and Crisis Management*

Director of DGE Seminars – PCC Todd Wilson

*Subcom: Classroom Setup, DGE Shuttle, DGE Opening Ceremonies, Hall Monitors and Gifts & Registration*

Director of Parade PDG OJ Wilura & Deputy Director Z/C Vic Bovingdon

*Subcom: Bands, Snacks and Refreshments, Band Housing, Floats & Parade Volunteers*

Working with Toronto Tourism and LCI, the 2014 website <http://lionsconvention2014.ca> will continue to grow and provide more information to the Lions of the world about, not only Toronto but Ontario and Canada. The volunteer form, should anyone wish to join us in the various categories of work, has been modified and is posted on that site. As you can see by the structure, a lot of help will be required to make this memorable event a success.

As mentioned in the previous report the 2014 Convention is self funding, so again this year we have the Toronto Maple Leaf and Boston match up in March with dinner in the Hotstove Lounge, watch the game from the Molsons box and an overnight stay at the Royal York Hotel. You and nine friends could be attending if you purchase a ticket. The only glitch at this time is the NHL lockout but hopefully this will change.

We have golf shirts with the 2014 logo in green, red and black in both men's and women's sizes for sale. The first of 3 convention pins is also for sale.

**LCIF – PCC Todd Wilson**

Your support of LCIF is crucial in enabling Lions around the world meet the needs of those that we serve, those who's lives we make a difference in each and every day. On average LCIF grants \$30 million US around the world, yes even in Canada. Most recently in A15 with a matching grant to the Woodstock Lions for equipment at the Woodstock hospital and a matching grant to help provide the veterinary clinic at the Lions Foundation of Canada facility in Oakville. Yes your LCIF donations help abroad, but also at home.

Both Zone Chairs Lion Charlene Teasdale, 51E, and Lion Wayne Litt, 51W, have offered time at the respective Zone Meetings to bring forward information on how you, individually, and your Club can support LCIF. I thank them for the opportunity and time on their busy agendas.



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Midway through the previous Lions year exciting news was received. The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF was approved by Canada Revenue Agency to provide tax receipts to individuals that make a donation to LCIF. I have included the form with this report. It is also available on the A15 web site in the "Forms and Publications" section, or by the following link – [www.a15lions.org/forms/lionsofcanadafundlcifdonation.pdf](http://www.a15lions.org/forms/lionsofcanadafundlcifdonation.pdf)

**LEO** – Lion Raymond Taylor

The Lynden LEO's Club chartered on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with 22 members. Their Charter Night will be held Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**LFC** – ZC Charlene Teasdale

Happy Fall everyone! I had the honour to attend the LFC Open House at the Oakville facility on September 29<sup>th</sup> as well as attend my first MDA LFC Meeting. It was wonderful to view this truly amazing facility again to meet the dedicated staff and trainers. By the attendance of the public for the open house, I would say the day was a major success with silent auctions, displays as well as demonstrations of the various programs!

Sandy Turney, Executive Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada explained that the Foundation's future growth first needs a growth in donations, especially sponsor donations and, if there is one topic that came out of the meeting it was the need for all of us to focus on encouraging Clubs and individuals to consider donating monies to the Sponsor programs which provide the base monies for dog training (\$20,000 per dog). At the same time we need to continue encouraging more clubs to participate in the Purina Walk for Dog Guides, all monies of which go towards providing any and all shortfalls of the Sponsor donations.

On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 a graduation ceremony for the most recent 17 dog guides, 12 of which will be going to Ontario recipients will occur. The next Oakville Centre Open House will occur April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and the Annual Canine Challenge will be held Feb 2, 2013.

I would be most happy to come to your Clubs to speak about the Lions Foundation of Canada and provide you with more information. I am truly honoured to be the District A15 Director for LFC and I encourage each an every one of you Lions members to arrange a visit to the facility in Oakville where you could hold a meeting and have a tour provided to you, the friendly staff would be more than happy to assist you with this.

**Peace Poster** – Lion Jeff Sullivan

There are approximately 9 clubs participating in the peace poster contest this year. While we didn't reach my "15 in A-15" goal this year, it is nearly double the participation over last year and I hope that we will continue that trend next year.

A reminder that each winning poster being submitted to Governor Dan and I for judging must have an official sticker from the peace poster kit attached to it, and must postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Also, please stress with contestants to stick to the stated dimensions for the posters so we do not have to disqualify any entries like we did last year.



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**Proposed Budget Convention 2013**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Number expected</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total Expected</b>
Registrations - Lions	400	\$17.00	\$6,800.00
Non-Lions	50	\$10.00	\$500.00
Room nights	110	\$135.00	\$14,850.00
Luncheon	115	\$18.00	\$2,070.00
Governors Ball	170	\$40.00	\$6,800.00
Pins	250	\$5.00	\$1,250.00
Hospitality Rooms	4	\$150.00	\$600.00
PDG Breakfast	30	\$10.00	\$300.00
50/50 Draw			\$1,000.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>			<b>\$34,170.00</b>
			\$0.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
Rooms	135	\$123.50	\$16,672.50
Luncheon Meals	125	\$14.00	\$1,750.00
Governors Ball - meals	190	\$37.00	\$7,030.00
Entertainment		\$500.00	\$500.00
Facility Costs		\$1,525.50	\$1,525.50
Memorial Service - Flowers		\$100.00	\$100.00
Quartet		\$250.00	\$250.00
Wine & Cheese		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
PDG Breakfast	30	\$9.00	\$270.00
Friday Night Dinner	20	\$25.00	\$500.00
International Guest - Limo		\$300.00	\$300.00
Room refreshments		\$300.00	\$300.00
Coffee & Water for meetings		\$500.00	\$500.00
Head table Wine (Saturday)		\$100.00	\$100.00
Flowers for Ladies		\$100.00	\$100.00
Pin cost	250	\$3.00	\$750.00
Printing & Miscellaneous			\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$33,148.00</b>
			\$0.00
<b>NET RESULT PROJECTED</b>			<b>\$1,022.00</b>

The Host Committee is responsible for the following:

1. Flowers and room refreshments for the District Governor and International Guest
2. Table flowers and/or candles at all functions
3. Head Table wine (when appropriate)
4. Bouquet for Governor's spouse and International Guest's spouse
5. Decorations/refreshments for the District Governor's reception prior to the Governor's Ball
6. Complete weekend for DG and Protocol Aide
7. Rooms for CT and CS, if needed



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**Membership and Club Growth Chair A15 GMT-GLT Committee Plan 2012-2013**

**District Governor**

- To work with all members of Cabinet and District Committee Chairs to prepare and submit a plan for their position or committee.  
*(Once the plans are prepared and submitted Gov. is to give the plans to the first vice district Gov. and second vice district Gov. so they can keep in contact with the committee chairs that have submitted their plans to see if they are working and where they might be able to help them. A review by the first and second vice district Gov. as well as the governor should be done on a regular basis timeframe to be decided by the governor with input from his first and second vice.)*

**Club Presidents**

- With Membership Chair and Committee prepare and submit a plan for their Lions Year. The plan to follow the GM & GL M.A.P. (Membership Action Plan) criteria. (a template will be made available to assist).
- To work with Club Secretary to ensure that WMMR's are submitted on time each month.
- To investigate the need for a club survey and if required prepare a survey (a template could be made available).
- To investigate the need for a CEP. (What is required and whom to contact could be made available)
- To ensure that the Club has a Membership Chair and 2 other members on the committee.
- To ensure that Club Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair 100% forms are submitted if they fulfill the criteria.
- If help is needed contact your Zone Chair

**Membership Chairs**

- With Club President prepare a Membership Plan which should include the GM & GL M.A.P. (Membership Action Plan) criteria. Present plan to club membership for discussion and approval. Submit to District Membership Chair. (A template will be made available).
- Encourage Club Members to participate in the ART WOODS GOLDEN TREE AWARD criteria.
- If a Club Survey is suggested, assist the Club President in the preparation of the Survey.
- To make sure that each Club Agenda allows time for the Membership Chair.
- If help is needed contact your Zone Chair

**Zone Chair**

- To work with all Club Presidents and Membership Chairs and committees in their Zone to prepare and submit a Membership Plan.
- To work with Clubs in their Zone to assure WMMR's are submitted every month on time. If a Club is having difficulty in getting the WMMR's filled out or submitted offer to assist. If problem continues contact your Region Chair for assistance.
- To provide to their Region Chair a list of potential Leaders (for the Club and or District) from the Clubs in their Zone.
- To encourage Club Members in their Zone to get their GUIDING LION CERTIFICATE. (We should have at least 2 in every Club).
- Provide names to Region Chair for follow up.
- To promote to the Clubs in their Zones the ART WOODS GOLDEN TREE AWARD.
- Try to find Communities in your Zone that could be potential sites for a Branch or full Lions Club.
- If such a community comes to light, find a neighbouring Club to be a sponsor.
- To encourage Clubs in your Zone to investigate the forming of a LEO Club.
- Keep your Region Chair up to date on your activities.
- If help is needed contact your Region Chair

**Region Chairs**

- To work with the Zone Chairs in getting Club Membership Plans.
- To assist Zone Chair's if they are having difficulty getting Club Membership Plans.
- To follow up on Zone Chairs recommendations of Club Members for Club and or District Leadership.
- Follow up Zone Chairs request for assistance with recommended Clubs having difficulty or not sending in WMMR's
- To follow up the names submitted by the Zone Chair for GUIDING LION TRAINING.
- Keep all appropriate members of Cabinet and pertinent Committee Chairs informed of your progress.
- If help is needed contact the 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor.
- Region Chairs are to work together in the preparation of an Orientation Program for the District and present it to each Region.