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A-15 CABINET MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2019
Hosted by KW Community Spirit Lions
Rim Park, Waterloo
Thursday 7:00 PM

1. Call to order

Attendance as indicated:

Voting Cabinet

DG Kevin Banfield	IPDG Charlene Dwyer	1 st VDG Tracey Robinson	2 nd VDG George Corrin
CS Rick Banks	CT Louise Howe	RC Cecilia Fulker	RC Harvey Wood
RC Jim Davis	ZC Tony Davidson	ZC Mark Koenig	ZC Linda Vinette
ZC Jody Cherwonak	ZC Gabrielle Paff	GMT-DC Bill Robinson	GLT-DC Dennis Lougheed
GST-DC O.J. Wilura	LCIF Peter Oswald		

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PDDG George Patton	PDG Denis Vinette	PRC Deb Cserhalmi	Lion Rick Bell
Lion Janet Dawson-Brock	PDG Nancy Ransom	Lion Joanne McQuiggan	Lion Lyle Fair
PDG Dan Ayim	PDG Doug Smith	PDG Thom Hermann	Lion Paul Anstett
PDS Ted Rypma			

Approximately 51 other Lions and guests attended this session.

- 2. Call to order and Welcome – DG Kevin Banfield
- 3. O Canada
- 4. Moment of Silence
- 5. Grace and Dinner
- 6. Protocol – VDG2 Elect Harvey Wood
- 7. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

- 7.1. Added 16.2 regarding the lawn mower for Breslau
- 7.2. **MOTION** that the Agenda be approved as amended. Seconded and carried.

- 8. District Governor Remarks – DG Kevin Banfield

I was looking back and reviewing some of my key goals in shaping the future of our District that were made just over one year ago. These goals were developed by some of the people you see up front here, and were made by listening to comments and concerns that some of you have brought forth in my journey towards becoming the District Governor.

I am happy to say most of the goals we submitted have been achieved!! As with anything some have been started and will finish over the coming year or years.

What I am most happy about is that this group up front got behind those goals and conducted themselves with professionalism during each task. Some of the goals were: a dues increase; waiving dues for Leos; triggers for Re-Zoning; what LRP looks like; Tech Town; and the District Rededication Service, just to name a few. We were also awarded an LCIF Grant for a multi-District Project in Fergus.



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I will admit that as most of my predecessors will say, their year did not pass without some headaches, but they got through those challenges, and so did I.

One such issue was that we had a Club that just could not make a go of it and they voted to disband in early January. Your District Team came up with a plan, proposed that plan and have implemented the plan to save an 80 year old club! You will see in the coming days and months the new face of the Waterloo Lions Club. We thank all past members of the Waterloo Club and look forward to working with the newly re-branded Waterloo Young Lions Club.

As of today our member numbers look ok. Status Quo. We started the year with 1462 members in A15 and today we are even. Saying that, I know of four members that have not been added just yet and six members that still need to be picked up in Transfers. We had a total of 108 dropped members this year with 22 of them due to deaths. 20 or so have moved or been transferred. Deaths and transfers represent 40% of our drops this year. I know we can still do better with the 60% of our lost members. I look forward to seeing and working with our new District Team (which will be led by our DGE Tracey) and see how we can lower that number. I wish the new Cabinet the best of luck.

I want to give a few words of advice now ...

To the new cabinet and to all Club Officers

Please remember you are part of a Board of Directors no matter what we call in in Lions. There are responsibilities that go along with that. If you are not up to speed with those duties and responsibilities I would reach out to senior members within your club, cabinet or council and find out what those duties are. It's up to you. We can try and guide you to where we think you should go, but it is up to you. You as a leader owe it to yourself, your club, Lions International and the global community in which we serve.

Friends, thank you for a great ride this year. I truly look forward to next year serving our MDA as Council Chair and working with the Leadership Team. I would be remiss if I did not thank a few key people that helped me over the years. In fear of missing anyone, as PDG Tim said a few short years ago, I will say thank you to everyone and it has been an honour to serve you. For Jen my wife and Rory, my little man, there are no words to express how thankful and grateful I am to you both. My club – thank you for your continuous support.

I know I have talked for some time and I want to leave you with one of my favorite quotes:

“To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.” Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you friends.

9. Transfer of the Chair and Gavel to DGE Tracey Robinson
 - 9.1. Approval of Minutes of the Convention Cabinet Meeting – April 6 and 7th, 2019 *Available at: Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/2019%20April%20Cabinet%20Meeting%20minutes.pdf>*
 - 9.2. **MOTION** – that the Minutes of the April 6 and 7th, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.
10. Secretary's Report – See attached
 - 10.1. **MOTION** to approve the Secretary's report as submitted. Carried.



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11. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements to May 31, 2019. *See pages 6 through 9*
MOTION to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report. Carried.
12. Cabinet Reports *See pages 10 through 13*
 - 12.1. **MOTION** to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet reports. Carried.
13. Committee Reports *See pages 13 et al*
 - Lion Lyle reported on Effective Speaking. 47 young people attended and did an awesome job. Lyle thanked all the Clubs who helped and contributed. Lion Lyle pointed out that this initiative remains in a negative balance within the district funding report (\$1,758) as the program is costing more and clubs have not contributed enough to carry the program. Effective speaking is looking for more involvement by Clubs both with money and locally in their own communities. There were two seconds and one third from District A15 in the MDA Effective speaking competition.
 - Long Range Planning – Changes to Policy
 - **MOTION** that the following be added to the District Policy Manual:

Rezoning and Timelines Process

Where a District Rezoning is to occur, for whatever reason, the process and timelines are;

Not later than the June Cabinet meeting of the year in which it has been determined that a rezoning shall take place, the District Governor, with the support of Cabinet, shall establish a District Rezoning Committee tasked with proposing a rezoning plan for presentation to Cabinet not later than 10 days prior to the August Cabinet meeting immediately following the creation of the committee at which point it shall be received.

Cabinet shall circulate the proposed rezoning plan to the clubs of the District requesting written club responses no later than 30 days prior to the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

Subject to revisions by the District Governor, (with the support of Cabinet), and the District Rezoning Committee, the rezoning plan shall be circulated to Cabinet not later than 10 days prior to the Fall Cabinet Meeting for a vote.

Given the passage of the rezoning plan, and no later than November, a call for Nominations for the Zone Chairs of the new zones shall be made and appropriate elections occur at the next District Convention

Seconded and Carried

- **MOTION** to acknowledge receipt of the Committee reports. Carried.

14. New Business

- 14.1. In response to an email from PDG Tod Wilson regarding the need for a new lawnmower at the Breslau Dog Guide facility a MOTION was made to pay the amount of \$904.00 to Stolz Sales and Service for the purchase of an industrial lawnmower out of the "Leash Free Park" funds collected by PDG Tod when he was the District Governor for use at Breslau. Seconded and Carried.

15. Special Presentations and Awards

- 15.1. PDG Denis Vinette – Lions Quest
We have raised \$18,899 for Lions Quest so far this year. A special presentation was made to the Executive



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Director of Lions Quest, Joanne McQuiggan for appreciation for all the things she does above and beyond her regular duties. A print by Robert Bateman was presented.

15.2. District Governor – Centennial Service Challenge Awards

- O. J. Wilura - Tracey Robinson
- Dan Ayim - Kevin Banfield
- Charlene Dwyer - Wayne Litt
- District Banner Badge

15.3. Club Excellence Awards to the following clubs:

- Cambridge Highlands
- Centralia – Huron Park
- Copetown
- Exeter
- Hillsburgh & District
- Paris
- Rockton
- St. George
- Thamesford

16. DG Appreciation Plaque & Pin Presentation – DGE Tracey presented DG Kevin Banfield with a plaque and PDG pin thanking him for his service for the past year and all the sacrifice that serving as DG entails.

17. DGE Gavel presentation by DG Kevin who wished her the best of luck in her year of service.

18. DGE Tracey Robinson remarks:

It has been fantastic so far. Going to Chicago and meeting other DGE and lots of Lions. It seems like only yesterday that I was battling against my husband (Bill) for the position of VDG. A small part of me thinks he may have gotten the better deal. We will see how the year goes. He does have to lay my clothes out prior to every meeting!

I am excited to start this next part of my journey. The Cabinet has been set and I only need a few more Committee Chairs. I am still looking for an Environment Chair and Diabetes West Chair. Due to the new Pillars of Service, I am looking for a Childhood Cancer Chair and a Hunger Chair. The Environment Chair is especially crucial for this next year with Lions being 100 years old in Canada and our goal to plant 100,000 trees. If you know anyone interested in these roles please contact me.

We are looking to create an ad hoc committee to look at the convention based on PDT Peter's report on last year's convention.

The information for the Directory should be complete in the next few days as I would like to have that complete prior to my leaving on July 3 for the International Convention. Rob Shepley will be organizing the Directory this year.

I will be leaving July 3 and returning on the 20th. Contact George or Harvey if you need anything.

I am blessed to be part of this District and there are so many talented Lions in this group. I appreciate all of your help. I am truly proud to represent this District. I am known as the International Hugger. I am so proud to serve you. Thank you.



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19. Good & Welfare

19.1. Upcoming Events/Other

- Bruce Murray International Youth Camp – International Night Sunday July 21 hosted by Lindon, Rockton and Copetown at the Copetown Community Centre – 23 Youth are coming.
- Lynden Lions – 10th annual golf tournament July 20th.
- Peace Poster Kits are available from Lion Janet Dawson-Brock
- Lion Deb – BMO Poker run is this Saturday. “Put a dog through college”
- Lion Charlene – shared a photo of the autism dog guide donated by the District
- Lion Joanne McQuiggan donated a large stuffed Lion to West Coast Lions
- 50/50 was one by Gary Ransom, who donated the funds to LCIF
- July 27 Stratford Lions is hosting a motorcycle ride to raise funds for the Stratford Hospice.

20. Adjournment



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Secretary's Report – Rick Banks

Just a reminder that there are many ways to say thank you and recognize Lions who have invested significant time and effort in serving others. Most awards are listed on the A15 Lion's website at <http://a15lions.org/pages/Directory/Awards>. In most cases it will be up to the Club Secretary to submit names and complete applications, however; there are some that have to be completed and submitted by the Club President.

I have been on the District Cabinet for six years, the last three as District Secretary. Thank you to all of those Lions who helped be to learn the role and gently nudge me in the right direction. Thanks of course to Dennis Lougheed, Past District Secretary who has great organizational skills and made the transition easier. I have a much better appreciation as to the time and energy that District Cabinet and District Committee members expend in their service to Lions.

Thank you to Trudy Carter who has agreed to take on the role as District Secretary. I know she will do a great job and will learn a lot in the process, as did I. Trudy will have my full support as she learns her new position.

Treasurer's Report to Cabinet – CT Louise Howe

The financial statements are presented today as at May 31, 2019. All bank accounts have been reconciled to their respective statements for May 31st. The financial statements presented here fairly reflect the financial position of the District. There are still a number of expenses to be paid and various items to update before the end of the Lions year. As most of this occurs in June, it will be included in the final report after June 30.

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS

- Our administration account remains in a good position. Various year-end expenses for convention, committee chair honorariums and sundry operating expenses (Leadership Seminar, GMT/GLT expenses) remain to be paid. But I do expect we will end the year in a surplus again.
- If anyone has an expense claim that should be paid through the District, please get it to DG Kevin or myself for processing as soon as possible.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is an accurate reflection of all balances held in Trust as at May 31, 2018.
- Committee Chairs have received a summary of any fund activity for their respective committees to date.
- Balances carried for various Camps and other projects outside the District will be forwarded to that respective organization before June 30.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Peter Oswald for all of his help this past year as well as DG Kevin and the cabinet. I also want to apologize to Peter for being so needy and hope I have not worn out his kindness and patience in assisting me in my position as Treasurer.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2019

	May 31, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	12,863.05
CIBC - Investments	31,886.48
CIBC USD Account	7.45
International Director Fund	421.73
New Club Assessment Fund	1,870.56
Total Cash	47,049.27
International Director GIC	6,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings	53,049.27
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	-200.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-200.00
Total Current Assets	52,849.27
TOTAL ASSETS	52,849.27
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
A/P USD for LCI	0.01
Total Accounts Payable	0.01
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	3,172.05
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
International Director Suspense	364.75
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,577.67
Total Current Liabilities	7,577.68
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,421.73
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,292.29
Total Liabilities	15,869.97
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	7,689.42
Net Income	5,599.34
Total Equity	36,979.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	52,849.27



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2019

Table with columns for ASSETS, LIABILITIES & EQUITY, and values for May 31, 19. Includes sub-sections like Current Assets, Investments, Current Liabilities, and Total Assets.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2018 through May 2019

	Jul '18 - May 19	Budget	Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Advertising	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
District Directory	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
District Dues				
Dues - Collected	12,401.50	12,427.00	-25.50	99.8%
Total District Dues	12,401.50	12,427.00	-25.50	99.8%
Interest Earned	0.00	742.00	-742.00	0.0%
Leadership Seminar Income	1,425.00	1,450.00	-25.00	98.3%
MD 'A' Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Membership Assessment	2,188.50	2,193.00	-4.50	99.8%
Pin Sales	0.00	770.00	-770.00	0.0%
Returned Cheque Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Income	16,015.00	17,982.00	-1,967.00	89.1%
Gross Profit	16,015.00	17,982.00	-1,967.00	89.1%
Expense				
Awards				
Awards - Cabinet	218.66	400.00	-181.34	54.7%
Awards - Other	474.96	0.00	474.96	100.0%
Total Awards	693.62	400.00	293.62	173.4%
Badges & Patches	787.72	450.00	337.72	175.0%
Bank Charges	82.50	232.50	-150.00	35.5%
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Cabinet Expense	1,464.87	1,750.00	-285.13	83.7%
Convention Expense	864.63	750.00	114.63	115.3%
District Chair Expense				
Comm Chair Expenses	243.22	300.00	-56.78	81.1%
District Chair - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Global Leadership & Membership	2,308.43	2,000.00	308.43	115.4%
Leo Clubs	107.04	200.00	-92.96	53.5%
District Chair Expense - Other	-551.64			
Total District Chair Expense	2,107.05	2,500.00	-392.95	84.3%
District Directories	1,823.60	2,000.00	-176.40	91.2%
Internet	141.08	142.00	-0.92	99.4%
Leadership Institutes	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Leadership Seminar	919.77	0.00	919.77	100.0%
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Pins Purchased	895.24	895.24	0.00	100.0%
Postage & Telephone	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Printing & Stationery	635.58	300.00	335.58	211.9%
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Total Expense	10,415.66	11,519.74	-1,104.08	90.4%
Net Ordinary Income	5,599.34	6,462.26	-862.92	86.6%
Net Income	5,599.34	6,462.26	-862.92	86.6%



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Cabinet Reports

DG – Kevin Banfield

I have enjoyed serving as the District Governor for A15 for this Lions year. I have been impressed with the things we got done in such a short time frame. Looking back on my goals, which were submitted to LCI just over a year ago, I can say we just about got everything done on that list, with the ones we have not achieved just yet currently being worked on. I wish our incoming Cabinet, under the guidance of Lion Tracey, all the best in leading our District forward. I will certainly enjoy to continue working with Tracey at the MDA level while I serve as Council Chair next year.

I want to thank all of the clubs in the District for accepting my theme, “Embracing the Future”, with its special focus on LCIF in the 50th Anniversary of our foundation.

A very special thank you to the members of my family, especially my wife, Jennifer, for continued encouragement and support. Jennifer has made many sacrifices, allowing me to serve our association. Rory has also made sacrifices, usually not being able to be out playing with the kids on the street, when I would be taking him to yet one more Lions meeting or event.

I have to thank the clubs that welcomed him into their clubs when he tagged along with Dad. I am very proud that he was able to join me because of what it has taught him. We lead by example.

Last weekend one of Rory’s friends asked me what Lions was, Rory said: “I got this dad”, and then answered for me. From the eyes of a 5 year old... “Lions have meetings about helping people and the world and they play with puppies” I thought that was the coolest statement - Rory has been impacted by travelling with me over the years.

Thank you also to all of the Cabinet members and the committee chairs for your efforts in making our District run smoothly, and finally thank you to the members my club, The Lions Club of Kitchener, for the confidence that I could do the job. Thank you for your support over the years.

**Please note the membership report at the end of this document

VDG1/DGE – Tracey Robinson

The summer is fast approaching, and so is my year for Governor. I’m so looking forward to serving our clubs in this District as is our TEAM of Cabinet members. Our team of Committee Chairs are there for you as well. We are coming into our 100 years of Lionism in Canada. Let’s make it exciting and fun. I wish you all a great summer. Just an FYI, the summer cabinet meeting has been changed to Wellesley and District on Aug. 18, 2019. The location will be up on the website and the address of the community center. Thank you to all the clubs for your continuous support and advice, and I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year.

VDG2/VDG1 Elect – George Corrin

Thank you for the support you have shown me over the past year, and for attending our 2019 Convention. I look forward to serving as your First Vice District Governor in the upcoming 2019-2020 year.

After our convention, I attended the Friday MDA Convention introducing one of the guest speakers, then I went to the District Officer Training hosted by the New Hamburg Lions, then I was off to Ottawa to participate in the “New Voices Symposium” along with 3 other members from of A15.

I look forward to being part of Tracey’s Team this year.



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RC9/VDG2 Elect – Harvey Wood

Zone advisory meetings were well attended and facilitators focused on topics beneficial to Club development.

New member inductions were a rewarding experience as were 2019/20 Club Officer Installations.

My year as Region Chair has presented interesting challenges and rewards and I am looking forward to serving the District again next year

ZC9E – Harvey Wood

My time as Zone 9 East Chair has been well spent getting to know the membership in the Clubs and the roles that each Club plays in its own Community.

Each Club has its own unique method of fundraising while supporting LCI and other specific causes. Several of the Clubs in the Zone are located in Kitchener and I found each to be supportive of others.

Lions Clubs in the Zone are aggressive and it was rewarding to be a part of the progress over the past year.

ZC51E – Linda Vinette

Thank you, DG Kevin, for allowing me to have the position of Zone Chair. I do feel that 2 years is a benefit for a zone chair to really connect with the clubs in their zone. I'm sure Lion Garry Ransom will be a wonderful Zone Chair for 51E in this coming year.

Z37S – Gabrielle Paff

In the past two months since the Convention, Zone 37S continued in growth and I have had the pleasure and honor to induct six (6) new members – Four new members in Sweaburg on April 25th a total of 5 new members since the beginning of 2019. Plattsville – one new member inducted June 6 for a total of five new members this year. Drumbo - one more new member inducted on June 12 for a total growth this Lions year of four new members. Congratulations and welcome to all our new Lions Members.

I continue to be impressed and amazed at the amount of service work being achieved by all 11 Clubs within Zone 37S. Keep up the good work, everyone.

I have enjoyed my year as your Zone Chair and having the privilege of visiting and meeting and getting to meet so many of our members. I look forward to my new role as Region 37 Chair in the incoming Cabinet of DGE Tracey Robinson and working with ZC37S Cecilia Fulker and ZC37W Jody Cherwonak.

Have a wonderful summer everyone.

Global Leadership Team – Dennis Loughheed

Since the last GLT report the Lions learning Seminars of April 28th, the District Officer Training of May 5th and the final Tech Town workshop of June 8th have been completed. The separation of the District Officer Training from the Lions Learning Seminars and the introduction of the Tech Town workshops has resulted in a redistribution of attendees. While



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numbers at the Seminars were down from last year, the total number of attendees at the combined sessions throughout the year is up significantly.

The Lions Learning Seminars consisted of a broad range of sessions covering club officer roles as well as general Lions growth. Thank you to the many Lions who assisted with the planning and facilitation of these sessions.

A return to dedicating a separate day to District Officer Training resulted in a much more focussed and productive outcome for our new and returning District Officers.

Tech Town 4 was a repeat of Tech Town 1 for those who were unable to attend in September and/or will be new to a club or district officer role in the 2019/20 Lions year. Topics included; an overview of the District, Multiple District and International Web sites, proficiency in the use of the District Email system, the use of MyLCI for monthly membership reporting as required by club secretaries and treasurers and its use by MyLCI by Zone and Region Chairs as a research tool regarding the health of clubs in their purview.

Changes to service reporting from MyLCI to the new MyLion platform effective July 1st are going forward. Instruction in its use for the more critical aspects of service reporting were covered at Tech Town 4 based upon usability as of June 1st. As remaining implementation issues are resolved, the Global Action Team will be responding with additional training sessions and resource links for all users.

For many years we have struggled with how to successfully carry out needed hands on technical training in an efficient manner. Our thanks to VDG2 George Corrin for negotiating and coordinating a very favorable working relationship with Conestoga College as well as the logistics of each session and the facilitators present at each. Although specific plans for next year have not yet been established, Tech Town will continue. Members are invited to send their suggestions to me at glt@15lions.org.

All funds available from the Multiple District and LCI in support of Development efforts have been applied for and the maximum amounts available have been or will be received.

All members are reminded that the application form and criteria for the [Lions Learning Recognition Award](#) is available on the District web site. The submission deadline for this Lions year is June 30th 2019.

Global Service Team – PDG OJ Wilura

Below you will note statistical information regarding service activity reporting on MyLCI as of the June 10th. Again, I thank those clubs for entering their activities.

	Clubs Reporting *	Activities	Lions Hours	People Served
2017-18	53	1,888	70,937	1,031,371 **
2018-19 to date	56	2,006	90,086	295,353

* Not including University of Guelph

** A possible error was made in reporting the number of persons served was made.

2 clubs have not reported any activity during this fiscal year and the “forever never club” is now going into year 4. Contact by the Zone Chairs and I have been fruitless and it is what it is.



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Tech Town 4 prepared attendees how to access and navigate around MyLion which will be used for reporting and entering all club service activities. Training is absolutely required in order to understand this new component. There are videos on LCI website, You Tube presentations and hopefully soon we will have some written instructions on the district website.

I was also involved with District Officer and Club Officer training sessions with the GAT group.

A big thank you to all members who came out to the LFC facility on June 5th and 8th to help with clean up prior to the Rededication ceremony on the Saturday.

LCIF Chair – Peter Oswald

First of all – a status update on Campaign 100 results for this Lions year. The news is good but can always be better. District A-15 leads the way in MD 'A' with the highest amount contributed – USD 25,450 which is about \$4,000 more than the next closest District. THANK YOU.

Where can we improve? To date, 23 Clubs from A-15 have made a contribution to Campaign 100. The best District has almost 60% of their Clubs participating. So, 7 or 8 more Clubs making a contribution would put us in 1st place here as well. And, the number of individual/personal contributors can always be higher. Please consider making a personal donation to support Campaign 100.

ALL FUNDS DONATED by Clubs or persons should be made to **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF** – make the cheque payable to that name. The mailing address is:

**The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
C/O PDG Stan Durward, Box 38
Sunderland, Ontario, L0C 1H0**

The online portal is fully operational and can be found at: <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>. You can make a personal contribution online in less than 5 minutes! The money stays in Canada; tax receipts for CRA are issued for individual contributions; AND all funds donated are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Thanks for your support so far. Reminder – Campaign 100 runs over 3 Lions years. We are almost finished the first year. Next year is really the time to shine with LOTS of donations & extra Fundraisers. As you start planning for Lions 2020 – make LCIF a key priority in your Club.



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Committee Reports

Convention Committee Report to Cabinet – 2019 - PCT Peter Oswald and ZC Gabrielle Paff

The summary of the District A-15 Convention held in Woodstock on April 4, 5 & 6, 2019 is being presented to Cabinet with this report. The Plattsville & District Lions Club together with the Woodstock Lions Club would like to thank all who attended. First of all, a brief summary of the attendance:

- Registration included 328 Lions plus 45 non-Lions; 160 convention pins were sold.
- The Saturday luncheon was attended by 126 and the Banquet was attended by 137.
- There were 111 room nights booked through the convention committee for the Quality Hotel over Friday and Saturday night.

We originally budgeted a surplus of \$1,919 (attached includes \$80 in service charges added). In our actual results, revenue was below budget with fewer Lions attending all functions. We were able to make up some of the gap with a silent auction. Thank you to all that participated in the auction and the raffle & 50/50 draw on that weekend. Our expenses were impacted primarily with the additional costs (\$1,881) to source food for Friday hospitality night.

The District convention policy indicates that the recovery of costs for the International Guest, District Governor, Protocol Chair, Cabinet Secretary & Cabinet Treasurer (and their spouses/partners as applicable) can be requested following the presentation of this report to Cabinet. Therefore, the actual financial results are presented in 2 columns

- Pre-recovery of costs provides for a shortfall of \$1,344.
- With the recovery amount of \$1,939 (rooms, meals, registrations etc - a breakdown has been provided to the Cabinet Treasurer), a surplus of \$595 is generated.

We recommend approval of our final report and request reimbursement in the amount of \$1,939. Once received, final expenses will be paid & Plattsville & Woodstock will each receive 50% of the surplus plus their original deposit.

Finally, on behalf of the committee, we offer the following items for consideration:

- For the next host committee, consider an increase to the registration fee (perhaps to \$20) to defray higher expenses & to lessen the reliance on raffles, auctions etc.
- For the District, if the convention format (over 3 days) is to remain:
 - o Electronic payment options are prevalent but the establishment of service on a 'one-off basis' by a host committee each year is cost prohibitive or inconvenient. We recommend the District review options to have this available on an ongoing basis – the host committee for a given year may be able to 'piggy-back' onto that service.
 - o As costs have risen for meals & rooms, the existing policy of only providing recovery AFTER the final report is submitted leads to the convention committee carrying a large amount (in this year, over \$1,900) for 2-3 months. This policy should be reviewed to establish some amount of reimbursement (say 50%) on the convention weekend with the remainder to follow when the final report is submitted.
 - o Finally, while each host committee is encouraged to make their convention 'their own', the options & costs to operate the traditional hospitality room(s) on Friday night can have an impact on a) campaigning District Officers & their clubs and/or b) the host committee and the 20% or so of Lions that attend the convention. An option should be reviewed to increase the convention levy to spread these costs across the entire District.



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- An alternative that we understand is being considered is to reduce the convention to 2 days – which would reduce costs for all involved.

**** see financials Pg. 19**

Diabetes Awareness – West – Lion Rick Bell

Since this is my last report as Diabetes Awareness Chairman-West, I would like to thank DG Kevin for allowing me to serve the District in this capacity. I would like to thank my other half, Lion Brian Martin for his help and insight. Thank you to Lion Ted Rypma for pleasantly tolerating my blunders with the email system. Finally, I would like to thank PDG Denis Vinette for his leadership and guidance over the past few years.

Judging from activity that I notice in the District, clubs are more aware of the impacts of diabetes and are making an effort to support programs related to diabetes. That is good and I hope that clubs continue to do that. Just a note about the Strides Walk at the convention. About a dozen enthusiastic walkers raised over \$2,900. That is \$1,300 more than the previous year. I wish to congratulate the Lions who participated.

In closing, good luck to my successor and thank you for the privilege of serving

Family and Women’s Membership – PDG Diane Smith

We have heard a lot this year about Women in Lionism and understandably so. Our Canadian membership has seen growth success and this is due in large measure because of an increase in female membership. In Canada, the percentage of memberships has reached 32.4%. All Constitutional areas are doing well, with Constitutional area 3 [South America, Central America, Caribbean and Mexico] almost at gender parity with women representing 49.3% of the Lions population.

To celebrate Women in Lionism in Canada a ***New Voices Symposium*** was held in Ottawa on May 30th. I had the pleasure of attending and several keynote addresses were delivered. We heard from:

Madame Sophie Gregoire Trudeau
Honorable Myriam Monsef
International Vice President Brian Sheehan
Lion Lori Sheehan
Canadian International Director Tom Gordon
Lion Dr. Gail Tanner
Madame Rachel Pierre
Lion Paul Baker

The day concluded with a cocktail reception attended by several Members of Parliament all of whom acknowledged the great service Lions provide.

Please plan to join the upcoming webinar **Beyond the Horizon and Year in Review** to be held on Friday June 21st from 10-11 am EDT.



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Historian report – PDG Nancy Ransom

Thank you to those Lions and Clubs who have donated club pins and other materials for the District collection. A special thank you to St. Jacobs Lions and Lion Janet Dawson Brock, who have contributed a large number of pins. I hope to have a complete set of charter and early Lions and Lioness pins to make a display for the fall cabinet meeting.

I will continue to forward articles for the District Newsletter and MDA Lion magazine.
Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Information Technology – PCS Ted Rypma

I wish to thank the Lions of A-15 for allowing me to serve another year looking after the District web site. As always, I have enjoyed working with Cabinet and Committee Chairs keeping data up-to-date. The web site belongs to all Lions, so please feel free always to provide input, content, and ideas.

There are always areas of the web site that could benefit from more input from Committees - it is a great way to let the Lions know what is being done in all the areas Cabinet, Committees, and Clubs are involved in.

Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Deb Cserhalmi

There is big news concerning the Lions Foundation of Canada.

The Board of Directors of LFC Dog Guides Canada would like to announce that, after significant reflection, Sandy Turney will be stepping down from the Executive Director role on approximately September 1, 2019.

The Board appreciates Sandy's 20 years of leadership and dedication to the operation of LFC and respects and supports her desire to move to a position allowing more personal time as she moves to a contract position on a part time basis. In her new role, Sandy will be managing a capital campaign associated with the pending acquisition of a new parcel of property and will assist in the design of a future new training facility for our Dog Guide programs. There will be more exciting news on this future project as details are finalized over the coming months.

The Board has retained the professional services of Promeus Inc., an executive search firm headquartered in Toronto, to work with a five (5) person Search Committee, established by the Board, whose objective is to find the most suitable candidate to lead the Foundation as we move forward with this next chapter of our history.

The Board is excited to share this announcement with you. We will continue to share news with you over the coming months.

I'm sure we will be informed about new donation opportunities in the future.

A big thank you to all clubs and individuals who participated in this year's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. If you haven't hosted a walk yet, the fall is a lovely time for a walk as well.

Another thank you to all the clubs and individuals who have sponsored a team this year. When I started attending



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graduations eight years ago there were very few sponsors. Lately, I've seen more and more clubs sponsoring teams. Many are small clubs who sponsor teams over three years of fundraising. The independence you give to the individual receiving the dog is priceless. Not only are you giving that person safety and security, you are also giving their family and friends a feeling of comfort knowing there is an extra layer of protection for their loved ones.

Please remember, I'm always available for your events (with puppies in tow) or to speak to your club or non-Lions group.

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

Ten years ago, at PDG OJ's convention, I was campaigning for the position of Zone Char 51 East. As part of my campaign, Linda and I handed out over 250 small tree saplings to the Lions, Lioness and guests in attendance. To-date, I have had the pleasure of receiving pictures of many of these trees; for that I am truly thankful.

After the convention, Linda and I had about 40 trees left over and we planted them throughout our property. We have enjoyed watching them grow and are amazed that the same species, of the same age, having grown on the same property **are of such vastly different sizes**. The smallest is approximately 3 feet tall and the largest, over 25 feet "for sure". Some struggle to survive while others seem to be growing far beyond expectation. I can't help but think of the reasons why trees of the same batch are of such varied dimension.

Like people, trees, I expect, are especially affected by their environment and their surroundings. Soil condition, water table, constant shade or abundant sunshine, proper drainage, etc. You probably already see where I'm going with this. **ALL Kids** need a solid "footing" and a well "grounded" environment to flourish. To grow strong and sturdy for the future they will assuredly face. Lions Quest, like the environment, provides the foundation and nourishment that help build positive youth in our country and the world. I ask: remember my trees when you consider the potential that comes from the programs that Lions Quest provides.

I am pleased to report that:

- 1) We held our 3rd Lions Quest Ambassador Workshop in Ingersoll on May 16, 2019. The session was well attended and I would like to thank the Ingersoll Lions for providing their den for this event. From the discussions I had after the workshop, I feel confident that we will be holding a Community Workshop in that area in the very near future.
- 2) We held a Lions Quest "Principal's Breakfast" on May 29 in Guelph. This meeting was held to present the new program and to invite the principals to encourage their teachers to attend a Lions Quest Schools based workshop. Although lightly attended, ID Tom Gordon, who presented at this venue, took the time to discuss strategies to promote Lions Quest in the schools. From our discussions, we came away resolved in our mission to keep promoting Lions Quest through the schools and taking new methods forward in getting the program into the hands of educators in the Upper Grand District School Board.
- 3) On June 1, 2019, we helped support a ½ day Community Workshop at the Lions Hall in Palmerston (Wellington County). There were 18 in attendance and there was a lot of discussion regarding the material presented. Lion Joanne McQuiggan was the presenter and this event was promoted as part of the Safe Communities Wellington initiative for "Kids Week".



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- 4) There will be a 1 day School Based Workshop to be held at the Guelph Golf and Country Club on August 20, 2019. This date was chosen to coincide with the school board Learning Week and allows the teachers to attend without the challenge of funding and engaging substitute teachers. **As always, teachers and school staff from any school board in District A15 are welcome (and urged) to attend.**

I want to end by saying that it has been an honour and a pleasure to work in this capacity in our District this past year. We began the process of developing a team of Ambassadors and this coming year, we will be expanding our engagement of Lions Quest Ambassadors within their respective communities. As the slogan says, "It's a great day, every day, at Lions Quest!"

Literacy Report – PZC Aline Chan

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Literacy Chair for A15. I have had the privilege to visit several area clubs to talk about this Lions initiative. Many clubs had adopted it as a regular program.

I do hope that those clubs that think that literacy is not as important as feeding the hungry are more enlightened. Lions can help parents play a critical role in ensuring their children develop literacy skills. It is important that children are exposed to reading in their daily activities.

Thank you for welcoming me into your Clubs and helping us foster a love of reading to children.

Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Hermann

The Committee was instructed to clarify the process of rezoning and report to the Spring 2019 Cabinet meeting. The following is the clarified report:

Resolution for the Cabinet

TRIGGERS FOR REZONING

1. **The Governor may trigger a rezoning process at any time,**
2. **Voting Cabinet shall also retain the privilege of initiating a rezoning process at any time**
OR
3. **When a Zone exceeds 8 clubs or decreases below 4 clubs (in order to ensure alignment with LCI's zone/region size policy) a rezoning process will begin.**

We are agreed that this is a two-step process which includes;

1. The creation of a policy document which outlines the process and timelines which must be met once it is determined that a District Rezoning is to occur. ***This document can be added to the District Policy Manual at any Cabinet Meeting.***
2. A By-Law change which removes a currently required member ratification of a District Governor (with the support of Cabinet) directed District Rezoning and defines some specific conditions in which it will occur. ***Such a change can only be made by the membership at a District Convention.***



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Resolution for Cabinet

Proposed Rezoning and Timelines Process

Where a District Rezoning is to occur, for whatever reason, the process and timelines are;

1. Not later than the June Cabinet meeting of the year in which it has been determined that a rezoning shall take place, the District Governor, with the support of Cabinet, shall establish a District Rezoning Committee tasked with proposing a rezoning plan for presentation to Cabinet not later than 10 days prior to the August Cabinet meeting immediately following the creation of the committee at which point it shall be received.
2. Cabinet shall circulate the proposed rezoning plan to the clubs of the District requesting written club responses no later than 30 days prior to the Fall Cabinet Meeting.
3. Subject to revisions by the District Governor, (with the support of Cabinet, and the District Rezoning Committee), the rezoning plan shall be circulated to Cabinet not later than 10 days prior to the Fall Cabinet Meeting for a vote at the Fall Cabinet Meeting.
4. Given the passage of the rezoning plan, and no later than November, a call for Nominations for the Zone Chairs of the new zones shall be made and appropriate elections occur at the next District Convention

Notes

1. *The Rezoning Committee can be struck earlier than June if time permits,*
2. *The plan clearly states what Cabinet must do (i.e. receive it in August and vote on it in the fall.)*
3. *The power remains with the Governor so there is no ambiguity as to who may/must be consulted.*
4. *This timeline is suggested in that it allows candidates to know the boundaries of the Zones & Regions in which they would be running before they file their papers in November (or later). At the next convention, clubs would be voting in their new Zones/Regions but the rezoning doesn't take effect until July 1 of the year Lion's Year following the years in which the convention was held.*

Peace Poster/Essay – Lion Janet Dawson-Brook

This is my final report for the Peace Poster /Essay Contest for District A15. "Kindness Matters"

As I have said many times before, I felt that the theme this year "Kindness Matters" was one of the best themes that Lions International has ever chosen. Without Kindness, what do we have?

I felt we had a very successful year in District A15 with many new clubs being involved. The winner for the District was sponsored by New Hamburg Lioness. Unfortunately we didn't have any Essay Contestants this year.

The Youth supper was very well attended at the MDA Convention. Thanks to PDG Evelyn Speiring. We had well over a 120 at the dinner. The winner from MDA Peace Poster, Sara was in attendance along with the winner of the Essay Contest from Blyth, Ontario. Mikayla spoke and read her essay, she will be a champion in whatever she does.



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We still need donations from the club, so please put us in your budget for next year. It costs about \$3000.00 to run the program.

I look forward to working with Gov. Elect Tracey Robinson and CC Kevin as I am going to be the MDA Lions Peace Poster/Essay chair again. I will also be the Peace Poster/Essay Chair again for District A15. Thank you Tracey and Kevin for asking me.

Sight Conservation & Screening – PDG Tim DeBlock

A very busy year is coming to an end in the Vision Screening program. Our volunteers screened over 12,000 children. Some of the volunteers participated in pilot projects with 4 Health Units and 5 School Boards to develop new programs and collaborations for the fall. I am very optimistic from all this work we will have agreements in place over the summer. On behalf of the children I would like to thank the Clubs, members and friends of Lions for their time and input. We do a lot of work administratively organizing, developing and reporting but the hands on work by you is the lifeline of our service. I am looking forward to ideas on getting more hands involved to share with these children.

Unfortunately due to the challenges Mother Nature shared with us this spring I will be unable to attend the Cabinet Meeting. Thank-you DG Kevin for your leadership and support and I am looking forward to the year ahead in support of DGE Tracey.

Youth Exchange – Mark and Allison Henkell

Unfortunately we have had one youth who had to drop out of the exchange due to health problems so we have 23 coming from 20 different countries. Once again, we will be staying at the Blue Springs Boy Scout Camp, located outside of Acton.

The youth will arrive in Canada on Saturday, June 29th and camp will open on Saturday, July 13th. We would welcome any Lions who would like to attend the opening ceremonies at the camp. We just ask that you let us know you are coming as there is a BBQ lunch provided.

International Night will be Sunday, July 21st, and once again we are being hosted by the Copetown Lions and the evening is being hosted as a coordinated effort between Copetown, Lynden and Rockton Lions clubs. We welcome all of you who are able to attend, please connect with Bob Pearson if you are able to join us so we can ensure there is plenty of food. A donation will be accepted to help offset the cost of the meal. The entertainment is free!

We have 4 counsellors this year, Mark and Allison are still Directors, our daughter Jenna will be a counsellor and Mark's brother Pat will be joining us as a driver/counsellor.

A big thanks to our host families for stepping up and taking our youth into your families. It is a great experience! The youth and host families are as follows:

Name	Country	Host	Host City
Regina	Mexico	Carl Swanson & Dawn Elliott	Guelph
Aune	Finland	Carl Swanson & Dawn Elliott	Guelph
Jenny	Northern Ireland	Doug & Caroline Carberry	Embro
Ziga	Slovenia	Doug & Dawn Henshaw	Plattsville



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Louis	France	Emidio & Barbara Melara	St. George
Davi	Brazil	Emidio & Barbara Melara	St. George
Matas	Lithuania	Gerry & Germaine Glaves	Paris
Pedro	Brazil	Gerry & Germaine Glaves	Paris
Flavia	Hungary	Gord & Deb Eddy	Woodstock
Yareth	Mexico	Gord & Deb Eddy	Woodstock
Livia	Brazil	Ian & Karen Culley	Woodstock
Erica	Hong Kong	Mark & Allison Henkell	Woodstock
Rasmus	Estonia	Mark & Allison Henkell	Woodstock
Elena	Germany	Mike & Linda Jeffreys	Woodstock
Pavla	Czech Republic	Mike & Linda Jeffreys	Woodstock
Lior	Israel	Pat & Chalene Henkell	St. Thomas
Emily	Taiwan	Peter & Lorna Oswald	Waterdown
Esther	Belgium	Peter & Lorna Oswald	Waterdown
Elisa	Italy	Ron & Marie Hoogkamp	Woodstock
Ruben	Netherlands	Troy & Darla Harrett	Woodstock
Peter	Slovakia	Troy & Darla Harrett	Woodstock
Amelia	Poland	Victor & Mary Alderson	Grand Bend
Charlotte	England	Victor & Mary Alderson	Grand Bend

Thank-you to all the clubs who help make this camp possible by coming and cooking a meal, taking us out for a meal, sending a cheque, and hosting us in various ways. Your assistance is appreciated!



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS REPORT

District A 15

Results as of: 05/31/2019

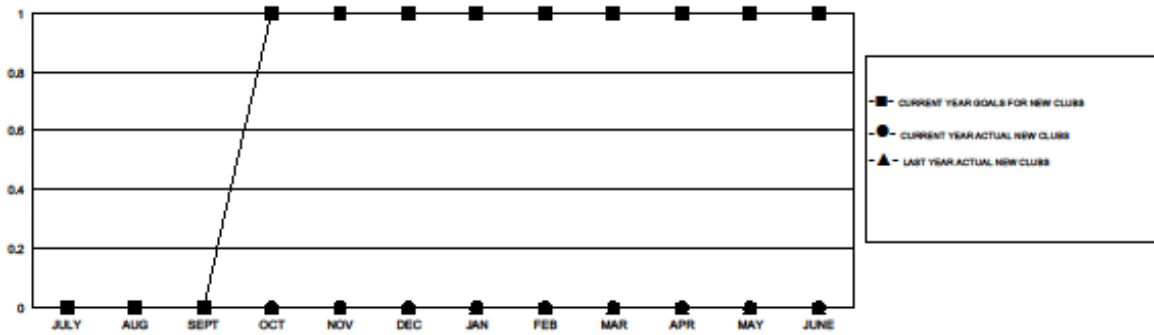
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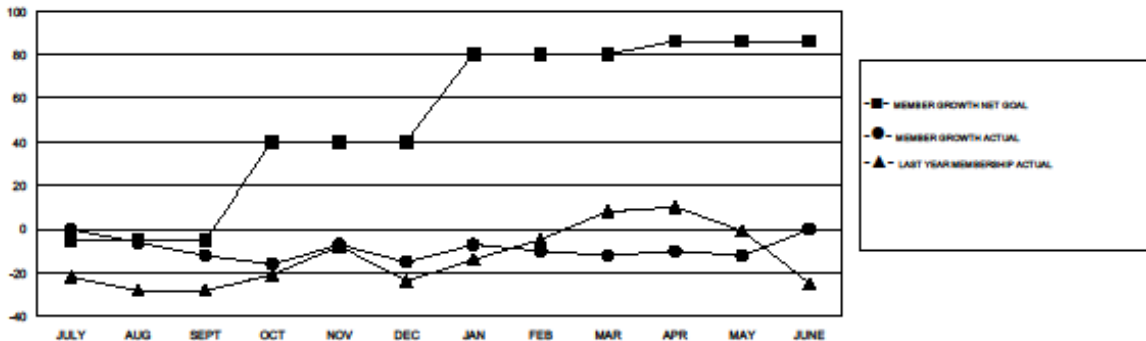
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Clubs				Members			
RESULTS FOR 2018-2019				RESULTS FOR 2018-2019			
QUARTER	NEW CLUB GOAL	NEW CLUBS	DROPPED CLUBS	QUARTER	MEMBER GROWTH NET GOAL	MEMBER GROWTH ACTUAL	DROPPED MEMBERS ACTUAL (including inactive)
JULY/AUG/SEPT	0	0	0	JULY/AUG/SEPT	-5	24	24
OCT/NOV/DEC	1	0	0	OCT/NOV/DEC	45	33	34
JAN/FEB/MAR	0	0	0	JAN/FEB/MAR	40	22	17
APR/MAY/JUNE	0	0	0	APR/MAY/JUNE	6	26	25

GOALS AND ACTUAL NEW CLUBS CUMULATIVE



GOALS AND ACTUAL MEMBERS CUMULATIVE



DROPPED CLUBS: 0	31 CLUBS OF 59 ADDED 1 OR MORE NEW MEMBERS	GENDER DISTRIBUTION MALE 1,088 (74.16%) FEMALE 379 (25.84%) Women Percentage Fiscal Year Goal: 25%
DROPPED MEMBERS	CLICK HERE FOR CUMULATIVE MEMBERSHIP DATA	TOTAL FAMILY UNIT MEMBERS 188
DECEASED 22		FAMILY MEMBERS PAYING HALF DUES 95
CLUB CANCELLED 0		
OTHER 78		
TOTAL 100		

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Convention Budget Tracker

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2019 District A-15 Convention - Financial Summary

REVENUE

ITEM	APPROVED BUDGET			ACTUAL RESULTS			Notes/Comments
	Number	\$\$\$\$/unit	Total \$\$\$\$	Pre-Recovery	Include Recovery	Units	Recovery amounts
Registration - Lions	425	17	7,225	5,428	5,577	328	149
- Non Lions	50	15	750	675	675	45	
- Leos	20	10	200	0			
Convention Pins Sold	225	5	1,125	765	800	160	35
PDG Breakfast Sat Am	30	10	300	0			
Sat Lunch	150	25	3,750	2,950	3,150	126	200
Sat Banquet	200	45	9,000	5,760	6,165	137	405
Hospitality Space	8	150	1,200	1,050	1,050		
Hospitality Food			0	525	525		
Program Advertising	6	50	300	660	660		
Rooms - Quality Inn	110	115	12,650	11,615	12,765	111	1150
50/50 Draw			350	355	355		
Raffle fundraiser			500	690	690		
Silent Auction			0	869	869		
TOTAL			37,350	31,342	33,281		1939

EXPENSES

ITEM	APPROVED BUDGET			ACTUAL RESULTS			Notes/Comments
	Number	\$\$\$\$/unit	Total \$\$\$\$	Pre-Recovery	Include Recovery	Units	Recovery amounts
Pins Purchased	250	4.5	1,125	999	999	250	
Printing, Office, registration	1900	1	1,900	1,415	1,415		
Flowers & Gifts			0	400	400		
VIP Dinner - Fri Night	24	30	720	470	470		
Sat Am PDG Breakfast	30	15.00	450	0	0		
Sat Lunch	160	24.75	3,960	3,308	3,308	125	
Fri - Hospitality Food			0	1,881	1,881		
50/50 Draw expenses	1	250	250	0	0		
Cheese trays for Hospitality	4	75	300	881	881		
Wine for Hospitality event	400	6	2,400	1,331	1,331		
Sat Banquet - Quality Inn	210	44.5	9,345	6,548	6,548	144	
Banquet - Piper & Anthems	1	125	125	125	125		
Sat Night entertain	1	1000	1,000	600	600		
Quality Hotel - Conf. Rooms	1	2300	2,300	2,831	2,831		
Quality Hotel - Guest Rooms	107	108	11,556	11,050	11,050		
Quality Hotel - Hospitality			0	763	763		
Bank Service Charges			80	85	85		
Raffle Prizes			0	0	0		
TOTAL Exp.			35,511	32,686	32,686		

Surplus/Deficit	\$1,839	-\$1,344	\$595
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