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A-15 CONVENTION MEETING AGENDA April 6, 2025, 10:30 AM Rodeway Inn Festival

1. Call to order: DG Bill Robinson
2. O Canada: FVDG Linda Vinette
3. Moment of Silence for Deceased Lions
- 4.. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda
5. Introduction of International Guest, International Director Elect Debbie Dawson – PID Art Wood
6. District Governor's Remarks
7. Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2025 Cabinet Meeting available at:
<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20250125Jan.pdf>
8. Secretary's Report. Move to acknowledge receipt
9. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025. Move to acknowledge receipt
10. Cabinet Reports. Move to acknowledge receipt
11. Committee Reports. Move to acknowledge receipt
12. Convention Report–Convention Coordinator Garry Ransom
13. Awards & Presentations
 - 13.1 First Timer's Contest – FVDG Linda Vinette
 - 13.2 Environmental Photo Contest – District A-15 Environment Coordinator Allanah Kelly
14. Convention Raffle Results – IPDG Garry Ransom
15. Report from Election Committee and announcement of results – PCC Tim Cronin
16. Motion to destroy ballots
17. New Cabinet
 - 17.1 Introduction–DG Elect
18. DG Elect remarks.
19. Passing of the Campbell, oldest to newest
20. Presentation of Flags to 2025-2026 Convention Host
21. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lionism
22. Closing Remarks – DG Bill Robinson
23. Adjournment

Cabinet Secretary Report 2025 04 06

It's been a very busy and informative time preparing for this Convention Cabinet Meeting. There is a lot to learn, especially about the elections. It's been a positive experience, however, as it has forced me to become more familiar with the Lions Portal and with Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Drives.

No doubt about it, I still have a lot to learn. I haven't been able to master the formatting in MS Word when it comes to doing the minutes in a timely fashion. I'm switching to Google Docs in an attempt to lower the frustration level, thus preventing a stroke. I'm finding it more user friendly. MS Word has changed a bit since I learned the 1997-2003 version. Back in the Dark Ages, when I learned to type on a manual typewriter, we didn't worry about formatting or spellcheck. Life was so much simpler.

It's challenging for us more mature people to adapt to new technologies, and trying to remember what you learned last week, let alone last month. But we persevere. Hopefully, I'll improve with practice.

Thanks for your patience.

Dianna Hewitt, Cabinet Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - April 6, 2025

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Administration Account has been reconciled to the Bank records as at February 28, 2025.

As at February 28th, two Clubs have outstanding balances totalling \$295 related their 2024-2025 District A-15 & MDA dues.

As at February 28th, Convention related credit card payments or e-transfers totalling totalling \$4,250 had been received. Note: The Convention Fund also includes the \$1,779 convention levy (\$1.50 / member) included in our District A-15 annual dues.

District A-15's new three banner display system was purchased in February for \$2,450 and been expensed as Marketing on the Profit & Loss Statement.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at February 28, 2025.

The LCIF \$150,000 US matching grant (approximately \$202,500 CDN) for LFC will directly fund the construction of the Seizure Response Program Classroom and Training Area, a dedicated space designed to provide essential training and support. Disbursement of the matching funds is dependant on the site construction schedule.

In February, District A-15 made a \$1,000 contribution to MDA's Effective Speaking program.

Winners of this year's International Peace Poster Contest and International Peace Essay Contest were recently announced. Instruction kits for the 2025-26 contests have been order from LCI and are now available.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Spivey

Cabinet Treasurer



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at:	February 28 2025	June 30 2024
ASSETS		
Kindred		
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	59,131.58	47,066.63
Total Cash in Kindred	84,018.07	71,953.12
Shares in Kindred	25.00	25.00
Total Cash	84,043.07	71,978.12
District Dues Receivable	387.19	(48.01)
Total Current Assets	84,430.26	71,930.11
TOTAL ASSETS	84,430.26	71,930.11
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
MDA Dues Payable	-	-
Fines to be donated to LCIF	10.00	10.00
Centennial Project Fund	328.97	328.97
Convention Fund	9,617.28	4,455.79
DGE Partner Travel	941.17	3,600.17
Total Current Liabilities	10,897.42	8,394.93
Long Term Liabilities		
International Director - Contra	9,100.25	8,782.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	9,155.58	7,249.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	18,255.83	16,031.58
Total Liabilities	29,153.25	24,426.51
Equity		
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	24,503.60	21,411.23
Net Income	7,773.41	3,092.37
Total Equity	55,277.01	47,503.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	84,430.26	71,930.11



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 1 2024 - February 28 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
District Directory	-	-	-
District Dues	10,803.50	10,803.50	-
Interest Earned	26.34	-	26.34
Leadership Development	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,906.50	1,906.50	-
Pin Sales	10.00	400.00	(390.00)
Leadership Grant from LCI	-	-	-
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	1,100.00	1,000.00	100.00
			-
Total Income	15,246.34	15,510.00	(263.66)
Expense			
Awards - Cabinet	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Awards - Other	102.74	500.00	(397.26)
Total Awards	102.74	1,500.00	(1,397.26)
Badges & Patches	717.71	1,200.00	(482.29)
Bank Charges	178.02	250.00	(71.98)
Cabinet Expense	570.53	1,535.00	(964.47)
Convention Expense	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair	-	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
District Chair - Other	-	300.00	(300.00)
Total District Chair Expense	-	1,400.00	(1,400.00)
District Directories	-	-	-
Global Action Team	1,586.68	2,300.00	(713.32)
Internet	197.85	375.00	(177.15)
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	2,452.09	300.00	2,152.09
Leadership Seminars	-	500.00	(500.00)
Leadership Institutes	-	450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased , District	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Postage & Telephone	11.09	200.00	(188.91)
Office Expense	156.22	500.00	(343.78)
USA / Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Total Expense	7,472.93	15,510.00	(8,037.07)
Net Income	7,773.41	-	7,773.41



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	February 28, 2025	June 30, 2024
Chequing/Savings		
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	12858.83	12858.83
Total - Youth	12858.83	12858.83
Kindred-Trust Account	218605.18	23629.68
Total Cash	236987.39	42011.89
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-67.70	-30.65
Total Cash and Receivable	236919.69	41981.24
Total Current Assets	236919.69	41981.24
TOTAL ASSETS	236919.69	41981.24
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Centennial Project- Gates	1029.20	1820.20
Effective Speaking Acct	1314.01	2314.01
Hearing Equipment	803.07	803.07
Diabetes Awareness	500.00	500.00
Lions Foundation of Canada		
LCIF \$150,000 US Matching Grant	202384.78	0.00
Leash Free Park	1604.86	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	203989.64	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	0.00	5741.78
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00	602.00
Peace Poster	2437.98	1749.53
Vision Screening	2972.94	2972.94
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	15606.81	15606.81
Total Current Liabilities	228653.65	33715.20
Long Term Liabilities		
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	8266.04	8266.04
Total Liabilities	236919.69	41981.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	236919.69	41981.24

VDG Report to Cabinet for April 6th 2025

This report outlines my participation in the 2nd Zone Meetings, where I addressed the topic of membership alongside Global Membership Team Leader PDG Tracey Robinson and Global Extension Team Leader IPDG Garry Ransom. It was truly a pleasure to work with Lion Tracey and Lion Garry. Additionally, it provides insights into my campaign visits to various Lions Clubs as I seek the position of District Governor for the 2025-26 term.

My goal at the 2nd Zone meetings was to provide an enjoyable look at how to gain membership by engaging with individuals with their interests and their backgrounds. One of the most important strategies in attracting new members is to have a welcoming club environment. You must keep members engaged and active and promote programs that can enhance a club's effectiveness. Establishing new clubs where members have a common interest, or activity can also enhance our growth. We need to celebrate our accomplishments as this creates a rewarding environment for our members.

On my Campaign trail for District Governor, I wanted to personally connect with our Lions Members so that they could see what kind of leader I would be. I shared a few of my goals and vision for our District and felt it was well accepted by the Lions that I met. I was constantly looking for individuals that would be interested in taking on a District position on Cabinet or a Committee Chair. Creating a team that will work towards a common goal to make our District the best that it can be is always on my mind. I'm sure we will bring unity and strength to our District with positive reinforcement from the Cabinet.

Congratulations to District Governor Bill Robinson on being elected Council Chair Elect for Multiple District A. His leadership and dedication will surely make a great impact. Wishing him success in this new role!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the convention.

Linda Vinette

1st VDG



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Region 9



Cabinet Report for April 6, 2025

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Region 9

Lions – thank you for all you do to serve your communities.

At our 2025 District Convention, I look forward to seeing many Lions from Clubs in Region 9. The convention provides an opportunity to see and learn about Lions activities outside your local Club AND to make/renew friendships across the District. Take some time to say hello.

Thank you to the Zone Chairs for all of the support you provide to your Clubs. A Special Thank you to Lions in Copetown and our 2nd VGD Lion Rick Mallon for putting on the Region 9 meeting early in March during my absence. This was really a TEAM effort and is a true example of Lions working together to share information and support! THANK YOU.

Carrying on with the Convention theme, some Clubs in Zone 9C and others have been planning already for 2026. The theme and other details will be shared on Saturday and Sunday so watch for that information.

Lastly, as with many Lions in District A-15, I wear more than 1 ‘hat’. I have taken on the role of Administrator for the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. So, I need to put a plug in for our Foundation – LCIF. Recently, District A-15 was the recipient of a grant for over \$200,000 to support the new building & expansion at Lions of Canada Dog Guides. Club and personal donations to BOTH LCIF and the Lions Foundation of Canada make this possible. And for LCIF, I am sure we get more money back from the Foundation than we give. Let’s make sure to ‘balance’ that scale with continuing donations to the Lions of Canada Fund for LICF at [LCIF Canada](https://www.lcifcanada.org)

Let’s finish the Lions year with strong momentum & enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Oswald, Region Chair
Region 9

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Region Chair Report March 2025

Well, it is that time of year again. Spring has officially arrived, the snow is almost gone and we've started planning for the spring and summer service projects and fund raisers. It's also the time to elect your new Club executive. Please make sure to update your executive on the Portal after April 1, 2025.

I will not be running for 37 Region Chair for 2025/26. I have enjoyed serving as Region Chair for the past 2 years and will miss working with the clubs and being a member of the Cabinet. It has been an experience that I would recommend to anyone who feels they may be interested in serving in a leadership roll within Lions.

Zone Chair 37S, Lion Terry has agreed to take on the responsibilities of 37 Region Chair and Lion Trudy from Stratford Club will be moving into the Zone Chair position for 37W. At the current time, there are no candidate for 37S Zone Chair. This is a great opportunity for someone to join Lion Terry and Lion Trudy as they serve on Cabinet in the upcoming year. Contact VDG Linda if you would like more information about this position.

It has been great to see the growth in some of our clubs. The enthusiasm of these new Lions and their willingness to participate in the club activities is what we need to continue to grow and provide the service we do to our communities. Make them feel welcome and give them a job. Some of these new members are the future leaders of our Lions Clubs.

And lastly, I encourage you to reflect on everything you and your fellow Lions accomplished last year through your acts of service and generosity. Together you have made a difference in your communities. Thank you for all your hard work.

I hope to see you in Stratford at the A15 Convention on April 4th, 5th and 6th. Dust off your western hats and boots and come join the fun, food and fellowship.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to your club, please contact me.

Joyce Townson
Region Chair 37
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Report to Cabinet 2025 04 06

RC Kevin March

There were a few meetings I attended this past month. The Region 9 meeting in Copetown on March 4th was very well attended and very informative.

My Joint Zone Meeting was hosted by Woolwich Community Lions in Elmira on March 24th. Their club did an excellent job of hosting, and I would like to thank Lion Sandy Ladd especially for her hard work. The meal was catered by Kennedy's of St. Agatha.

I've been keeping busy with my own club as well. We held an Appreciation Night on March 5th, which was well attended. We recognized a steady contributor to our Lions Community Pantry.

I've dusted off my cowboy hat and polished my boots, and I'm ready to see everyone at the convention from April 4 to April 6.

Thank you

RC Kevin March

Report Zone 9C

March 29, 2025

9C clubs seem to be well on their way to a successful year. There are some areas that need improvement. I am working on the clubs to get reporting their activities into the Lions Portal. This is an on-going learning process for some clubs. I hope to have them working on it by the end of my term.

At this time, I have 6 of the 7 clubs with pictures of their banners submitted for the convention. I am working on the last one and hope to have it submitted before the convention.

Submitted by

Lion Neil Stephenson

Zone Chairman 9C



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Zone 9E



Cabinet Report for April 6, 2025

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9E

The following clubs are in Zone 9E:

1. Kitchener – Waterloo Community Spirit,
2. Kitchener Pioneer,
3. Kitchener Oktoberfest,
4. Kitchener,
5. Bridgeport,
6. Galt-Cambridge,
7. Breslau,
8. Cambridge Highlands.

Club Visitation:

As of March 28, 2025, all club visitations were completed. I connected with and visited most of the clubs within our Zone 9 East for 2024/2025 Lion Year except for Breslau Lions club who are having some challenges with membership.

Most of the clubs visited were doing exceptionally well with service projects and fund-raising activities. However, many still struggle with membership. At every of my visits, I emphasized the need for clubs to use the power of social media to project the club activities and making it visible to the public by this the club would attract prospective members from the community.

Zone Meetings: 1st and 2nd

The 1st and 2nd Zone meeting were completed as scheduled. Both meetings were well attended.

The 2nd zone meeting was held on February 8th, 2025, and hosted by K-W Community Spirit Lions Club. The guest speakers of the day were VDG Linda Vinette, PDG Lion Tracey, and PDG Lion Garry Ransom.

Membership Update: As of March 2024

1. Kitchener – Waterloo Community Spirit:

The current active member count is 13, the club had a 0 drop in membership. There has been no drop in number in the last 12 months. There is a net growth in membership of 1 member. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.



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Zone 9E



2. Kitchener Pioneer:

The current active member count is 16, there is a drop of 1 in membership. There is a net growth in membership of 1 member.

3. Kitchener Oktoberfest:

The current active member count is 11. There has been no drop in number in the last 12 months.

4. Kitchener

The current active member count is 31. The club had an additional 3 members joining the club during the year to date. The club recorded a drop of 7 members with a net negative of 4. The member count 12 months ago was 33. This shows a drop of 3 members. The club is constantly making efforts to increase membership through members introducing families and friends. This year the club inducted 3 members.

5. Bridgeport

The current active member count is 8. The club has not experienced any drop in membership. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

6. Galt-Cambridge:

The current active member count is 12. The club had an additional 2 members. There has been no drop in number in the last 12 months. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

7. Breslau:

The current active member count is 3. The club seems to be struggling with membership. Effort to visit the club proof abortive.

8. Cambridge Highlands:

The current active member count is 7. The club has not experienced any drop in membership. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

Service Activities/Fund Raising Update:

Most of the clubs visited in the zone are all engaged in service activities and fund raising, which I believe will be a good channel to attract new members into the various clubs and generate funds into the club account.

Yours in Service,

Kingsley Ojumoola

Zone Chairperson 9E

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Howdy partners!!! Welcome to my report live from Ranch 37 south!

For those that are going to the Convention I hope you're all having a great time! Most winters are slow and harsh on a ranch, but 37 south has been anything but.

I've kept in touch with all the stables on Ranch 37 south. Ayr-North Dumfries was busy over Christmas with neighbours helping neighbours and walking in the CNOY on a team with Plattsville. Drumbo had their big annual elimination draw. I attended that one and boy was it a lot of fun. They raised a lot of money to support their service project at the playground. They're still running euchre every two weeks as well.

Hickson and District provided a free skate on December 27. They also celebrated not one, but two Melvin Jones Fellowship awards prior to Christmas! Congratulations Diane and Brad for your unwavering commitment to community service.

Ingersol had a good run in Hockeyville 2025!! They competed against other communities across Ontario and made it to the final round of cuts. Great effort! Coming up on May 25 Ingersol is having a spiritual psychic event. Watch online for details.

Innerkip has some great stuff coming up too. April 18 Good Friday is their fish fry. May 3 their having a ReuseAPoolAZooHa. It is a free swap meet! Watch on their facebook page for more details.

Thank-you to Plattsville for hosting the winter Cabinet meeting. Upcoming, they are having an Easter Scavenger hunt for the kids in town. They also are selling flowers for Easter and Mothers Day. Something new they started last year and sold out! They also host euchre every two weeks. Plattsville also had several members walking in CNOY Woodstock.

Thamesford has been their usual busy selves. Thanks for hosting the recent joint zone meeting. Coming up on April 6 is their Spring Market with about 30 vendors! They are also doing scrap metal and e-waste drop-off April 12. Also watch for their Easter Sunday breakfast and brunch on April 20.

Thank-you to Wilmot Lioness for hosting the winter zone meeting. Woodstock Lions had walkers participating in the CNOY. Sweaburg Lions have a pancake breakfast March 29 and April 5. Details on their facebook page. They also host monthly euchre.

I also performed a few induction ceremonies. It is a cause for celebration when we welcome new members into our stable. I welcomed two in Wilmot, two in Drumbo and two in Ingersol. Plattsville also welcomed a new member.

i apologize if I missed anything, but I am proud of the work Lions are doing at Ranch 37 south. Keep up the great work, make your mark and help each other. I've also been going to Clubs and handing out Chevrons in person. A great achievement and recognition for members.

Zone Chair Terry McDougall

Ranch 37 south WE SERVE

37W Zone Chair Report

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to visit the clubs in zone 37w, and it was great to see all the familiar faces again.

It's been another interesting year as the zone chair for 37W, and again it started off with a few inductions into some of the lions clubs.

I always had a companion from the club to travel with me and I very much appreciate them for joining me.

There are a number of clubs in our district, not just the zone, that are struggling to keep their membership numbers up and some are doing great. We also have a number of clubs that are not reporting their activities in the lions portal and we need to help any club that is unsure of how to do this.

I was not able to hold a zone meeting before the end of 2024 and it took 2 tries to get a zone meeting in March. The weather didn't cooperate with us. There was a small group at the meeting and I believe that everything went well. A fun skit was performed and our guest speakers were very informative about how to get more members in a club. We had a few rounds of trivia and prizes were handed out to some members, then we held a 50/50 draw which was won by Lion Raymond.

I'll be stepping down as the zone chair, but it was an interesting position to do. Thanks for a couple years of serving the district and all the best to LION Trudy in her adventures next year.

Yours in Lionism, 37W Zone Chair, Evelyn Albers

Zone Chair 51E Report

Submitted by: Zone Chair 51E – E. George Woodley

January - March 2025

This quarter I was able to reach out to all my Clubs in Zone 51E.:

Belwood has been active in getting ready for our Effective Speaking Contest for High School students on March 29, 2025. Both English and French will be judged during the day. We are also preparing for our Pike & Walleye Derby com, to be held on May 24/25, 2025. We are still engaged in our monthly bottle drive.

Elora has reported that they have a roadside cleanup and charity dinner planned for the spring. They handed out two Melvin Jones awards last week to a couple of lifelong members in recognition of their many decades of service.

Marsville & District are actively involved in their bottle drives. It should be noted that there is a certificate waiting for them for being a 50-year Chartered Member.

Guelph Royal City had a pancake breakfast on family day and run their monthly euchres.

Fergus Club is involved in the annual Home Show planning which is well under way. The Show runs May27 28 &29.

Ariss and Maryhill have a lot going on:

- 1) Bottle Drive for April 12, 2025**
- 2) Spring Tea for April 13, 2025**
- 3) Pansy Plant Sale with plants to be picked up April 12, 2025**
- 4) Scratch Ticket Raffle - with draw date on March 17, 2025 - St Patrick's Day.**

Rockwood & District have been very busy with events such as the Wellington 4H of Ontario, Boy Scouts, Camps Dorset and Kirk, East Wellington Community Services, JDRF and Sponsored Walks, and Lions Foundation - Dog Guides. They also provide donations to the already listed organizations, as well as Campfire Circle, Rockwood FC, Girl Guides, Rockwood Minor Ball, and Sunrise.

South Wellington is busily engaged with monthly bottle drives, along with the Rockwood & District Club.

That's it for now. Thank-you.

E. George Woodley, Zone Chair 51E

Belwood & District Club 1st. Vice President & Club Secretary.

LCIF Report to Cabinet March 2025

What would do if there was a disaster in your area? Do you know who to contact if you need help? LCIF may be your answer!

If you are looking for money to help with a major service project, LCIF may be able to help through grants!

Donations from Clubs and individual members enable LCIF to do this!

This year, LCIF granted over \$200,000 to our District for the Lions of Canada Dog Guide facility in Oakville. Our District has received more from LCIF than we have contributed.

LCIF requested that our District commit \$37,200.00 to their causes.

We need to rally our Clubs and members to increase contributions to meet the commitment LCIF has requested. The importance of this funding cannot be overstated, as it supports vital programs and services that make a significant difference in our community.

At this time there has only been \$13294.00 donated which is 35.74% of the request.

A challenge was put forward at the First Cabinet meeting for all Cabinet members and all Past District Governors make a pledge to The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. I thank all who have donated. There is still time for everyone to match the challenge.

I will have a table at convention and a computer so members can drop by and make donations.

Yours in Lionism

LCIF Chair

PDG Tony Davidson

District A15
LEO Cabinet Report
April 25, 2025
Stratford, ON

Governor Bill, Cabinet Officers & Fellow Lions:

As previously reported, District A15 has 2 LEO Clubs: Bridgeport-Guelph and Kitchener. Both continue to work with their parent clubs with various activities.

No other district clubs have shown an interest in sponsoring a LEO Club.

We hope to see a few LEO members in attendance at this convention. If you happen to bump into one of the members, take a few minutes to talk to them.

This is Leo Awareness Month and further information can be found at this link:

<https://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=2267004&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=e2590d3f83e94838b9c6f5b2ca01d321&elqaid=40824&elqat=1&elqak=8AF5AE3B6AC364B2087F22A45BBAF0259D795DA9C85E2AAADC514BC9BC25278BBEFA>

Yours in Service.

OJ

Lion O.J Wilura
District A15
LEO Chairperson

Cabinet Report – March 28th, 2025

Sight Conservation and Screening Report for A15

District A15 Vision Screening Activities:

Region of Waterloo (ROW) – Vision Screening in the ROW will conclude in a week or so. Over 40 Lion members, friends of Lions and University of Waterloo Students/Staff have volunteered weekly to accomplish testing of over 4900 students at 125 schools!

A **HUGE** Thank You to these folks for their help in getting this important service project completed.

Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPPHU) – Vision screening will resume again in April 2025. Four Teams have been assembled to complete the Huron Perth area schools. One Team from District A9 will help as well.

Help is needed in the West Coast area/Exeter area where two volunteers are required.

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Region (WDGR) – This health unit will rely on education and other programs to help with children's vision needs.

Brant Oxford Region – These health units will rely on education and other programs to help with children's vision needs.

Other:

Eyeglass and hearing aids continue to be recycled across A15. Recycled items are forwarded to CLERC in Calgary.

The Lions Club of Kitchener will assist a new Canadian student to visit an Optometrist for a follow up eye examination.

Regards

Lion Dave Millard

2024/2025 Sight Conservation and Screening Chair

April 2025 Historian Report to Cabinet

I continue to be optimistic that more A15 Clubs will share hilites of your past history – stories, photos, news articles, about the service you have provided in your community. Email is perfect, and all materials loaned, such as club scrapbooks, will be returned to your Club after scanning.

On Saturday afternoon at our upcoming convention, PDG Doug Smith and I will have a table with vintage Lions pins available with proceeds to Childhood Cancer.

Thank you Lions for all you do to help others in need, and enjoy our Convention!

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy

A-15 Historian

Research & Long Range Planning Report to A15 Cabinet - April 5 2025

Meeting of the Captioned committee was convened by the undersigned Chair in St Jacobs on Feb. 22/25 (as inclement winter weather had precluded earlier scheduling).

In attendance were Lions PDDG George Patton - Chair C&BL's, PCC Tim Cronin - Chair Nominations, Lion PDG Diane Smith, with regrets from Lion DG Bill Robinson.

From Minutes of Jan25/25 Cabinet meeting the following motion was made and carried:

"Correction to minutes: FVDG Linda Vinette discussed the issue of monies left over from the Convention to be donated to Lions Quest, which was not put in the form of a motion at the previous Cabinet meeting. Discussion re: who profits when the Convention is sponsored by the District versus when it is sponsored by a club (or a collection of clubs). If an individual club (or clubs) is sponsoring the Convention, then the profits belong to them. If the District is sponsoring the Convention, then a policy needs to be put in place with regards to the distribution of the profits. It was decided to send the matter to the Long-Range Planning Committee, who agreed to convene within 10 days, and report back. (PDG Doug Smith would like to have input into the matter) Motion to approve minutes."

Item #1 -

We referred to A15 Policy & Procedures updated 2019 and more specifically referenced the following:

"The Convention Budget and Registration Fees shall be prepared by the Host Committee and be approved by the District Cabinet at the second District Cabinet meeting in the Fall."

Our discussions focused upon this obviously well considered recital and we proceeded with discussion.

Our committee was not convinced of need of amending Policy & Procedures.

Inasmuch as the Cabinet was to have approved Convention Budget earlier in the Lions Year it would appear it is then within their jurisdiction to make such determination at final Cabinet Meeting immediately following subject convention and its summary report presented that date.

Item #2 - (stimulated by working through the above matter)

Subsequent to our meeting Lion Chair of C&BL's reviewed LCI guidelines and determined there was no such direction documented by LCI influencing such matters at District Conventions.

It is the opinion of this committee that it would best remain open to the discretion of Cabinet of the day to enjoy the apparent degree of flexibility to make such ruling from year to year.

Lion PDDG George Patton, Chair R&LRP raised with committee a matter that we endorse:

“The question of funding from general revenue or establishing a separate fund (which is needed for pre-convention expenses) needs to be determined. The convention fund levy may not be sufficient. When a budget is passed at the fall meeting, should funds be separated at that time from general revenue or budgeted as a line item in the budget passed in August?

Recommendation: Some \$ limit or control must be placed on those running the convention for the district.

Cabinet needs to determine how this is handled and create specific wording in convention policy in my opinion.”

We endorse the forgoing recommendation for consideration of Cabinet, with onward submission to the appropriate committee formal admission to A15 Policy & Procedures.

if supported by Cabinet.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion PCC Bill Carson,
Chair of Research & Long Range Planning Committee

District A-15 Technology Report

April 2025

Governor Bill, Cabinet, Lions:

I have attempted to keep the District web site up-to-date this year, but am finding that fewer Clubs, Committee Chairs, and Cabinet Officers are providing up-to-date input. The Directory pages are updated with new information as I receive it or become aware of it.

I would ask that as Clubs have events planned, and advertise them, that they send the information to me, together with any posters to be distributed. As soon as I receive these, I try to get them on the "District Events" page and calendar in a timely manner.

The Memorial portion of the site has fewer pictures available this year, as obituaries with pictures have been a bit scarce. If available, I post both obituaries and pictures.

The "History" section of the web site has a growing directory of past District officers and past Club officers available, by year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Lion Ted Rypma
District Technology Chair
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