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Spring A-15 Cabinet Meeting Agenda

Lions Year 2019-2020

6:30 PM June 15, 2020

Virtual GoToMeeting

1. Call to Order
2. Memorial Service – PID Art Woods
3. Attendance

Voting Cabinet

DG Tracey Robinson	1 st VDG George Corrin	2 nd VDG Harvey Wood	RC 9 Gerry Runsteadler
RC 37 Gabrielle Paff	RC 51 Jim Davis	ZC 9E Victor Chaux	ZC 9S Gary Eves
ZC 37S Cecilia Fulker	ZC 37W Jody Cherwonak	ZC 51E Garry Ransom	CS Trudy Carter
GLT Dennis Lougheed	GMT Bill Robinson	GST OJ Wilura	LCIF Peter Oswald

Committee Chairs

Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock	PRC Paul Anstett	PDG Thom Herrmann	Lion Brian Martin
Lion Joanne McQuiggan	PDDG George Patton	PDG Nancy Ransom	PDG Diane Smith
PDG Doug smith	PDG Denis Vinette	PID Art Woods	

Also in attendance were approximately 14 other Lions.

4. Welcome – DG Tracey Robinson
5. Protocol – DG Tracey Robinson
6. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda
 - 6.1. Added 12.1 – Two Day Convention
 - 6.2. Added 12.2 - DG Pins Vote Ratification
 - 6.3. Added 16.1 – Lions Centennial
 - 6.4. **Motion** that the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded and carried.
7. District Governor’s Remarks – DG Tracey Robinson

What a way to end the year. I would like to thank all my Cabinet for what you have done and the support you gave this past year. I appreciate it so much. When we are able to get together I have gifts for all of you. Unfortunately we have not been able to get together but when we do I will give them to you.

I would like to thank our IT Lion Ted Ripma, PDG Thom Herrmann and PDDG George Patton for all the hard work they did for the online elections. I think it went very smoothly. Hopefully we don’t have to do it again but if we do they sure know what to do now. It went very well. It’s been a learning curve for all of us trying to figure things out. A lot of communication needing to be done via email or zoom – we as a District have done very well.

It’s hard to believe in a couple of weeks it will be over but I’m hoping as things open up we’ll be able to get together for a celebration August 29th at the Festival Inn. I’m hoping we’ll still be able to have a little get together. We do have Convention pins available and they will be a collector’s item – the Convention that never happened. Cost will be \$5.00.



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Thank you everybody for all you have done – my Committee Chairs, the GAT Team. I appreciate all you have done helping me through everything.

Again it's been a wonderful year. I look forward to seeing you all soon and please invite me out. I look forward to the visits.

8. Transfer of Chair to DGE George Corrin
9. Approval of Minutes of the Winter Cabinet Meeting – January 15th, 2020
Available at <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes2020-01-15.pdf>
- 9.1. **MOVED** to approve the Cabinet Meeting minutes. Seconded and carried.
10. Secretary's Report – *see page 3*
- 10.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Secretary's report. Seconded and carried.
11. Treasurer's Report
- 11.1. Report and Financial Statements as of May 31, 2020 – *see pages 3 - 6*
- 11.2. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements as presented. Seconded and carried.
12. Matters Arising
- 12.1. 2 Day Convention – *see pages 18 - 19*
- 12.2. DG Convention Pins – **MOVED** to ratify the vote by District Cabinet that the District purchases the Convention pins at a cost of \$736.76. Any money raised from sale of pins will go to the District. Seconded and carried.
13. Cabinet Reports – *see pages 7 - 11*
- 13.1. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Cabinet Reports. Seconded and carried.
14. Committee Reports and discussions – *see pages 11 – 16*
- 14.1. Lions Centennial – PID Art Woods
- 14.2. **MOVED** to acknowledge receipt of the Committee Reports. Seconded and carried.
15. Election Results
- 15.1. Results – 2nd VDG Tony Davidson, 1st VDG Harvey Wood, DG George Corrin
- 15.2. **MOVED** to acknowledge the election results. Seconded and carried.
- 15.3. **MOVED** to acknowledge the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Seconded and carried.
16. New Cabinet – 2nd VDG Elect Tony Davidson
- 16.1. Introduction of Cabinet and Committee Chairs – *see page 17*
17. DG-Elect remarks – DGE George Corrin thanked the current Cabinet and GAT Team and then outlined what the upcoming year will look like for the District.
18. Good & Welfare
- 18.1. Rezoning Implementation – as indicated by the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – sending back to LRP to start the steps for rezoning process to be presented at Summer Cabinet Meeting. Will then go to Clubs and then back to Cabinet for Fall Cabinet Meeting.
- 18.2. Lion Bob Pearson – showed a video of a baby hearing for the first time.
- 18.3. Please keep our Lions who are suffering from an illness in your thoughts.
- 18.4. Diabetes Expo – Lion Brian Martin – the Expo will happen in 2021 but Committee will put something together that will show Lions dedication to the cause.
- 18.5. Upcoming Events/Other – nothing further
19. Adjournment by DG Tracey at 7:55 p.m.



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Secretary's Report – Trudy Carter

First thing; just a friendly reminder that PU-101's were due to be submitted on MyLCI on May 15th. There are a few Clubs in the District who have not submitted their next year's executives. It is very important that this information is updated. Not only is it required by LCI but it is also used to update the District A-15 directory.

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. Most awards are due by June 30th and should be submitted to myself or to who is indicated on the award. The club Excellence award should be sent directly to DG Tracey after July 1st using the ipdg@a15lions.org email.

Thank you to DG Tracey thinking of me for the roll of Cabinet Secretary and having faith in my abilities. Thank you to all Cabinet and Committee chairs for sending me your reports in a timely fashion and for encouraging me over the year. Although my tenure is short lived, I had a great time with you all and will remember it fondly. Thank you to Past Cabinet Secretary Rick Banks for starting me off on the right foot and for being there if any questions arose. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Lion Debbie Zimmerman 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. Lion Debbie will have my full support as she learns her new position.

Treasurer's Report – Louise Howe

The financial statements are presented today as at May 31, 2020. 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 committee chair honorariums and sundry operating expenses and chair 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 Tracey 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, 2020.
- Any Committee Chairs who have requested 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.

As of note, we received funds from LCIF Emergency Fund in the amount of US\$10,000 (Cdn \$14,100.00). At the time, there was a growing influx of Covid-19 patients in our district, and we were able to assist Covidhealth Network to purchase any PPE supplies this group of Doctors, and citizen group felt they needed. We know these supplies were/are required in nursing homes, funeral homes and hospitals and this group is set up to purchase and distribute while practicing social distancing minimum touchpoints.

We also received a cheque in the amount of Cdn \$6500.00 from Lions 2020 Centennial Fund, and it will be available for next year's Cabinet to administrate.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- I move receipt of the financial reports as submitted.

Respectfully submitted, have a safe and happy summer.



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Accrual Basis

District "A"-15 Lions - Admin
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2020

	May 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash	
CIBC - Bank Account	24,502.02
CIBC - Investments	32,628.50
International Director Fund	786.48
Total Cash	57,917.00
International Director GIC	6,181.86
Total Chequing/Savings	64,098.86
Total Current Assets	64,098.86
TOTAL ASSETS	64,098.86
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Convention Fund	2,166.05
DGE Partner Travel	4,040.87
International Director Suspense	358.25
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,565.17
Total Current Liabilities	6,565.17
Long Term Liabilities	
International Director - Contra	6,968.34
New Club Assessment - Contra	1,870.56
Total Long Term Liabilities	8,838.90
Total Liabilities	15,404.07
Equity	
Balance - July 1/00 - Net	690.54
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	13,469.56
Net Income	11,534.69
Total Equity	48,694.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	64,098.86



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District "A"-15 Lions - Admin Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2019 through May 2020

	Jul '19 - May 20	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising	250.00	250.00	0.00
Canadian LIONS Summit Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corporate Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Directory	140.00	150.00	-10.00
District Dues			
Dues - Collected	12,180.50		
District Dues - Other	0.00	12,197.50	-12,197.50
Total District Dues	12,180.50	12,197.50	-17.00
Interest Earned	0.00	705.00	-705.00
Leadership Seminar Income	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
MD 'A' Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	2,149.50	2,152.50	-3.00
Pin Sales	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Returned Cheque Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	16,170.00	17,705.00	-1,535.00
Gross Profit	16,170.00	17,705.00	-1,535.00
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	493.09	650.00	-156.91
Awards - Other	97.12	500.00	-402.88
Total Awards	590.21	1,150.00	-559.79
Badges & Patches	951.63	450.00	501.63
Bank Charges	82.87	250.00	-167.13
Bank Service Charges	0.00	280.00	-280.00
Cabinet Expense	3,105.16	2,000.00	1,105.16
Centennial Project	-6,500.00	0.00	-6,500.00
Convention Expense	41.50	750.00	-708.50
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair Expenses	0.00	300.00	-300.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Leo Clubs	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total District Chair Expense	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
District Directories	4,060.92	2,000.00	2,060.92
Global Action Team			
Leadership	113.00		
Global Action Team - Other	-790.90	2,000.00	-2,790.90
Total Global Action Team	-677.90	2,000.00	-2,677.90
Internet	143.96	143.96	0.00
Leadership Institutes	171.04	500.00	-328.96
Leadership Seminar	0.00	3,700.00	-3,700.00
Pins Purchased	1,466.18	350.00	1,116.18
Postage & Telephone	107.40	100.00	7.40
Printing & Stationery	192.34	300.00	-107.66
USA / Canada Forum	900.00	1,500.00	-600.00
Total Expense	4,635.31	17,473.96	-12,838.65
Net Ordinary Income	11,534.69	231.04	11,303.65
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District "A"-15 Lions Clubs Trust Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2020

	<u>May 31, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
CIBC- Lions Quest Imprest	4,164.24
CIBC - Eff.Speaking Impst	4,486.13
CIBC - Groves Hospital	99,970.03
CIBC - Trust Account	30,897.34
CIBC - Youth	
Youth Exchange Imprest	8,131.09
Youth Investments	13,473.80
CIBC - Youth - Other	800.00
Total CIBC - Youth	<u>22,404.89</u>
Investments	
Trust ST Investment	5,418.61
Total Investments	<u>5,418.61</u>
Youth Camp Capital Fund	8,082.95
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>175,424.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>175,424.19</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>175,424.19</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Camp Dorset	1,950.00
Camp Huronda	800.00
Camp Kirk	1,350.00
Camp Trillium	750.00
Centennial Project	17,487.33
Cultural Festival	217.11
Diabetes Awareness	1,300.00
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	2,986.13
Hearing Conservation	500.00
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Homes for Deaf A-15	850.00
Lake Joseph	1,450.00
LCIF	
LCIF - Campaign 100	1,200.00
LCIF - Other	500.00
Total LCIF	<u>1,700.00</u>
LCIF - Groves Hospital Grant	100,000.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Dog Guides	200.00
Leash Free Park	1,604.86
Lions Foundation of Canada - Other	100.00
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>1,904.86</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	4,164.24
Peace Poster	1,402.16
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3,845.30
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	23,904.89
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>167,371.21</u>
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Cabinet Reports

District Governor – Tracey Robinson

Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Wow, what a way to end the year!!! I have to say, even with the way it ended, I really did enjoy serving our District as your Governor. Yes, it was disappointing not having a convention, and I was sad not being able to get to all the clubs that I had intended to visit before my year was up. There is always next year, and I will still be available if you would like me to come to your club for a visit. I hope that everyone is doing well and being safe during this time. I still encourage clubs to try to engage in some service activities. There are many things that our District can do for others in this difficult time. I would like to thank everyone for all their support and encouragement over the last year. It will definitely be a year to remember, that's for sure.

I would like to thank the Exeter Lioness Club (40 Years) and the Brantford North Lions Club for all the hard work and dedication that they have provided in our District and their communities for the last number of years. It will be incredibly sad to see them go. Our hopes are that they will find another club to fulfill their needs as individuals.

I would like to wish DGE George Corrin and his Cabinet all the best in the upcoming year.

Thank you to the Clubs and the Cabinet for a great year. I appreciate all that you do in District A-15!

1st Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect – George Corrin

As your newly appointed District Governor Elect, I would like to take a few moments to personally thank all those who voted for me in the recent election, and to thank everyone who has supported me over the last 4 years on my journey to reach this position. I appreciate the confidence that you have placed with me, to represent the Lion members within the A15 District. I hope everyone had the opportunity to see the video that the District Governor Team put together and was posted on the A15 website.

Prior to COVID-19, I have enjoyed being part of the planned Joint Zone Meetings and 2 Spaghetti Dinners (New Hamburg and Sheffield). Over the last few months, I have also been involved in several learning opportunities. These sessions included MDA Lion Quest training, and training in St. Charles, Illinois for those individuals around the globe who currently hold the position of District Governor Elect. It was remarkably interesting to meet individuals from various countries around the world and hear the exciting service activities that they are involved with. Unfortunately, several other activities that I wanted to attend have been cancelled, but I have enjoyed the communication that we are still able to do by phone, email, and other virtual venues.

We have seen several changes over the last few months due to the COVID-19. For the first time in our District's history, we have exercised electronic voting procedures, been trained on how to set up and conduct Zoom meetings and looked at new opportunities to interact with our club members virtually, and still perform service activities in our communities.

I look forward to the future of either Zoom / Face to Face meetings enjoying new service projects.



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2nd Vice District Governor – Harvey Wood

Here we are at the end of another Lion's year. Normally we anticipate a new year in Lionism filled with interesting, creative, successful and fun events that lie ahead.

But 2020 has proven to be a game changer for everyone in every Lions Club in every Country on the planet. We all face an unsure and murky tomorrow. We will have new protocols and new ways to plan and carry out our projects. But, as they say, we are not alone; we are all in this together.

Serving with a common purpose is not unusual for Lions members, it is the very mature of our existence.....that we would rise to the challenges of society and uphold the oath that we took when we joined Lions. We can and will adapt different ways to continue with our important community work whether it be across the road or across the world.

For more than 100 years, through all kinds of crises and situations, we Lions have reached out when people needed assistance. This moment in time is no different. The unique events carried out by your Club will continue to offer support to others.

We will make ways to succeed under the new "normal" and, when we come out of this pandemic on the other side, we will be proud of the ways in which we grew, developed and changed for the better while maintaining the close camaraderie we have found in Lions.

I am optimistic that by sharing our ideas and continuing to work together we will achieve a new level of excellence to which we can look forward.

Region Chair 9 – Gerry Runstedler

Not much has happened this year since the devastation of Covid-19 but we are moving forward in spite of it. I made a visit to Paradise and district on January 23rd and it turned out to be a very busy but fun night. On February 4th we held a Region 9 Joint Zone Meeting in Paris and we had a good turnout. I have been asked to continue in my role as Region 9 Chair for the coming year and have accepted the challenge. Yours in Lions Service. Roar Lions Roar.

Zone Chair 37S – Cecilia Fulker

This has been a changing year for all of us. I want to take this time to thank everyone for support in running for 2nd Vice. Congrats to Lion Tony. I have counted the money and have a bank draft for Camp Huronda in the amount of \$400.00 thanks to the generous donations in Lion Larry my ceramic lion not a person. It is a year that will go down in Lion history. Together we will move forward to serve in a whole new way. Thank you Tracey and going forward the new cabinet will be there to serve for all of us. Thank you.

Zone Chair 51E – Garry Ransom

Zone 51E June report

As you can read in the following reports, the clubs in Zone 51E are alive and well during the Covid-19 pandemic. They are still meeting while maintaining social distancing, supporting each other and their community and some clubs doing it with a sense of humour. As can be seen, change causes some doors to be closed but some doors are opened for new opportunities. I would like to thank the clubs in Zone 51E for your kindness and great hospitality. For making me feel welcome at your meetings and allowing me to listen to your stories about your club. It was indeed a great honour to be your 2019-20 zone chair person.

Elora - submitted by Lion Carl Lankinen

We've had about 2 Zoom meetings since that time. We haven't had any other activity given the lockdown and physical distancing situation. We cancelled our Spring Fireworks event and our Canada Day event. The only event that we have on our calendars for



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this year will be the Santa Clause parade at the end of November. Hopefully, things have improved enough by then that it can move forward; otherwise, this year will not have any positive cash-flow.

Fergus - submitted Lion Eileen Perkins

The Board of Directors of Fergus Lions have been meeting once a month via computer technology. (WEBEX) The executive remains the same for 2020-2021. The cancellation of the Home and Leisure Show meant that our major fundraiser does not exist. We have assessed each member an additional \$25 dues and encouraged those who can to pay two years dues. Lion Eileen challenged the members to bring in \$25 from the return of beer and wine bottles, contacting neighbours and friends to contribute. We are also searching for a caterer for our monthly dinners. The Dog Walk is an important project for many of our members.

Guelph Royal City Lions - submitted by Lion John McGee

We have been holding our meetings via Zoom since the beginning of Apr. and are continuing. The attendance has been good. It is a means of keeping in touch with each other. It also allows for a checking on members who are going through health and other aging problems. A notable positive thing from the zoom meetings is that we have been joined by 3 young people, we have connected with through PIN (People and Information Network). Much to my surprise they came back for another zoom meeting, last week. We old Lions didn't scare them off. They may not become members, but are willing to help us with things, such as euchre setup. This requires physical work, and we have few of our own members still capable of doing it.

In our zoom meetings, we are planning for the future, as best we can, when we are allowed, to do things. We are tentatively scheduled to hold our club retreat, combined with our wrap up BBQ and installation of officers, all together in Aug. We have also tentatively scheduled other service activities for Sept. and our roller skating fund raiser a full year late in May 2021.

We have done 2 donations, one to the Food Bank and another for children's food programs, to assist during the pandemic.

Ariss & Maryhill - submitted by RC Jim Davis

We have not done anything since the shutdown. We had our first euchre party early March just before the shutdown, raised a few dollars. Our elections took place back in April, all reported to LCI. Larry Wainwright is our incoming President. We are planning a tree planting project for the fall. Lion Larry and Lion Hilda have been active in the Dog Guide walk fundraising.

Marsville & District- submitted by Lion Neil Hoogendoorn

The Marsville Lions Club would be proud to submit their activity report for the past 3 months of March to June.

We would love to say that we did nothing at all, and we were following the rules, stay home and do not interact with others outside your household 5, but alas, it is hard to keep a lion caged. Although we have left the masses to starve and fend for their own breakfast, at a much higher cost, for the last 3 Saturday's of the month, we have continued to collect alcohol bottles and beer cans. From the continued success of this venture, we feel sad that we do not hold shares in the beer store or the LCBO. Less people to add to the pool of bottles and cans, and yet a rise in numbers collected. It is proving to be a challenge to make the returns, and the Hoogendoorn's shed looks like a brewery gone wrong, probably only causing the raccoons to be fumed into a drunken state. Our meetings have taken on a more relaxed look, as it is a phone and the lazy boy that dominate the scene and lots of "fireside" chats with each member to make sure that they are safe and well. We are trying to keep touch biweekly as we would in our regular meetings, but it is not the same as the round the table conversation is missing. I am sure that we will have lots to catch up on with each other when we can have our meeting, at a table, as long as we are all separated by Plexiglas and wearing masks and gloves (especially since we are all elders in our community save 1).

Happy to report that we are all well, and holding up through this time.

Rockwood & District – Submitted by Lion Kevin March

- We supplied some medical equipment to members of the community.
- We are sending some of our larger wheelchairs to Uganda this week.
- We inducted three new Lions members on March 4, 2020, our last Lions general meeting before the pandemic.
- We have hired a local contractor to cut the grass at Waterside Park during the summer.
- We have authorized the sponsorship of a branch Lions Club to help serve the health care needs in Wellington County.
- We have decided to maintain the same executive for 2020-2021 as we have had for 2019-2020.



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- We held our first executive meeting since Corvid 19 on Thursday May 28, 2020 at the treasurer's workshop while maintaining social distancing.
- We donated \$90 to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada) virtual house party on June 14, 2020. (JDRF House ParT1D for a Cure)
- We donated \$100 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides for the BMO Oakville Ride for Dog Guides, which is postponed until 2021.

Guelph – Submitted by Lion Herb MacDonald

The Guelph Lions Club has been meeting via Zoom video-conference since March 6th. For most meetings, we have been joined by a guest speaker from among the Lion leaders throughout the District. We have found that it is a practical way of staying in touch with our members as a group. Tail Twister, Lion Jenn has developed some creative ways of extracting fines such as trivia questions but has yet not been able to collect the fines.

We continue to receive request for support. We are also taking the time to discuss ideas to create awareness of the Club's contribution to the community which will enhance fund raising and recruitment of new members and project volunteers.

Rogers has not been able to accommodate the Lions TV Bingo since mid-March due to insufficient space for their volunteers and staff to comply with social distance requirements.

We look forward to learning creative fund raising and service ideas by other Clubs.

GLT District Coordinator – PCS Dennis Lougheed

The Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, the recommendations from Health authorities and legislation passed by all levels of government resulted in the curtailing of most Lions activity including a good deal of consultation and direction coming from International. We all await an eventual return to some sort of new norm as the virus is better understood, protective measures are better understood and safe practices established. Once that begins to occur, we will be faced with the task of redefining how we continue our "We Serve" legacy.

Club Secretaries are reminded to ensure that their club membership data is current and that the officers for 2020/21 have been entered at MyLCL. That data is critical for online and print directory production.

This June marks the end of my three year term as District A15 Global Leadership Team Coordinator. Control and use of the glt@a15lions.org email address have been transferred to my successor, Lion Jim Sanders of the Guelph Lions Club. GLT development and communication now rests with Jim and the rest of the 2020/21 District A15 Global Action Team.

My personal address going forward from this date is dennloug@gmail.com. Please update your address books accordingly.

I thank all of you for your hard work, involvement and cooperation throughout my term. It has been my pleasure to serve.



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GST District Coordinator – PDG O.J. Wilura

District Governor Tracey, Cabinet Members and Lions:

Below you will note statistical information regarding service activity reporting on MyLion as of May 31st.

	Clubs Reporting	Activities	Lions Hours	People Served
2018- 2019	56 out of 58 * - total clubs - 59	2,261	96,715	312,367
2019 to this report	40 out of 57 ** - total clubs - 59	935	44,240	141,346

* Not including University of Guelph

** Not including University of Guelph and Waterloo (both are populated with students at this time).

As you will note 17 clubs have not entered any activities. I may suggest that the present climate that surrounds us may be one of the key contributors for the decrease in service.

Specific activities: Diabetes (21), Environment (27), Childhood Cancer (7), Hunger Relief (27), Vision (48) and other (805)

For those clubs still having trouble reporting, please go to your MyLion home page and on the top blue line click on “**Support**” which will provide you with excellent information as well as all the updated information.

https://lionshelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us?flash_digest=b2792c6cf6d0888518b741f08aacfeb49857ff65

If there are any issues or concerns with MyLion, please contact any of the GAT members.

Respectfully submitted

Committee Chair Reports

Lions Centennial – PID Art Woods

We are 1 year into our Lions Centennial in Canada. Everyone is encouraged to come up with a Centennial project in their community and to also plant trees. Our goal is 100,000 trees. Please that DG Tracey has applied for and received her \$6500 CDN matching grant in her celebration of the Centennial cause. If anyone wants a Centennial shirt please contact PID Art Woods for one. Pins and buttons are also available.

LCIF – PCT Peter Oswald

Lions; these unusual times affect every Club and change the way we go about our daily lives & support our Communities. The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is responding to the needs of Lions around the world. So, my report will start with some key updates from LCIF and then provide more info for District A-15 (all amounts below are in USD unless noted).

LCIF announced that the timeline for *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* has been **extended by one additional year, through June 30, 2022**. The LCIF Board of Trustees recently concluded its virtual board meeting on May 21, 2020 and voted to make this decision based on our current realities. We must give ourselves the time necessary to realize our full potential for this campaign, for the future of our foundation. To date, Campaign 100 has raised US\$151,804,119 worldwide.

In Canada, the latest LCIF Trustee report from PID Garnett Davis includes:

- **Canadian Lions have donated \$568 232 for this year, for a Campaign total of \$1.75 million.**



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- Worldwide Grants approved for 2019-2020—181 Grants for a total of \$38,593,669. In Canada, 10 Matching Grants were approved for a total of \$376 000. In addition, there were 7 COVID-19 Emergency Grants approved for a total of \$70,000. One of these grants for **US\$10,000 was received by District A-15** and used to buy Personal Protective equipment for frontline health workers.

In District A-15 (to April 30)

- Donations have totalled almost US\$38,000 for this year (over CAD \$50,000) for a Campaign total of US\$75,000. WOW!!! Two-thirds of the Clubs have donated this year. THANK YOU!
- MD 'A' has donated US\$205,000 with District A-15 providing the largest share at over 18%.

I know all of our Clubs are going to face a fundraising challenge now and for the near future. Many Clubs key events are held in the summer months and many have been cancelled or changed. This is going to impact some of our ability to raise money – but it does NOT bring it to a halt. So, please consider a donation to LCIF as one of your Club priorities. And, as individuals, please consider that you **saved some money by not attending your Club Meeting or your District Convention. Make a donation to LCIF – the cost of a meal, or the cost of registration!** It all helps!

THANK YOU again for your ongoing support. Reminder – Information & forms are available and Online donations can be made at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>. For cheques, please send to:

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

For questions and information, please reach me at lcif@a15lions.org or call me at 519-537-0683. I want to send a special shout out to DG Tracey – she did an amazing job supporting Campaign 100 all through the year. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Lions Quest – PDG Denis Vinette

As we are all aware, the world has changed since my last report. This has been a difficult time for all including the staff at Lions Quest.

Although we had 2 community workshops in the works before the pandemic, we have had to put them on hold. That said, the past 9 weeks have given the District Chairpersons from across Canada to discuss opportunities and strategies to deliver Lions Quest core values to communities and others. At this time, Lions Quest Canada is in the process of developing a virtual community workshop. The content and program delivery will be tweaked to allow for team discussion and breakaway room idea development. In a sense, the current Covid-19 situation might allow us the breathing room to develop a virtual program; something we've been wanting to do for quite some time.

Since February, the District Chairs and Lions members have participated in online sessions with the staff at Lions Quest. In the most recent Zoom meeting, District chairpersons explored various methods and opportunities to promote Lions Quest during this lockdown. Some of these are:

- Use the District Newsletters and Websites to share information
- Send regular emails & updates out through the District email distribution system
- Provide online training, and include in District online training
- Use teachers to tell the stories to Lions – shows the impact the program has
- Contact Zone Chairs and ask to present at their upcoming zone meetings



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- Offer to present at Zoom meetings – club, Zone, District, and/or one dedicated to Lions Quest
- Do a virtual training with the cabinet members.
- Share the resources

Each of the online presentations / meetings were recorded and one in particular; “What the Heck is Lions Quest” webinar is a good base to start from for those interested in getting a more detailed information on the various aspects and programs offered by Lions Quest.

In some Districts, Lions chairpersons have sent “gratitude” letters out to Lions Quest teachers. These have been well-received, and some educators have responded already. If you, as a Lions member or member of Cabinet, would like to do this, please contact me and I will get you the necessary information.

Please note: The promotional contest (tickets) has been extended to October – please consider purchasing these and not toss them out. If clubs need more tickets, please let me or Lions Quest know...

In conclusion, I want to thank the District Governors and Cabinet of the past 3 years for allowing me to serve. It has been a privilege to help support such an important Lions service.

Stay Safe.

Peace Poster/Essay – Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock

This is my final report for 2019-2020 "Journey of Peace"

I am pleased to report that all Peace Posters Kits were distributed to our Lions/Lioness Club and the winner was from the Thamesford Club for 2019 /2020.

Becca Porter

Age 11

She was from Thamesford Public School

A check for \$250.00 was sent to the Lions who presented it to her.

The winner from M D A was

Krishna Shinde

Age 12

From Mississauga

She received a check for \$1000.00. Unfortunately she did not win at the International level
Her quote was "Journey of Peace Begins With Inner Peace."

I will be the chair again for District A-15 and at the M D A level for 2020/2021

The theme this year is "Peace Through Service"

I have all the kits here and I am not sure how we are going to get them to you. If I have to mail them to the clubs we will. This will be an extra expense so try to send a little donation if you can. I have printed the same yellow and blue posters to go along with the mailing.

It has been a different year and we as Lions and Lioness will pull together and keep on serving our communities in some way as we have done for the past 100 years



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District A-15 Historian – PDG Nancy Ransom

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer with your families, to all Clubs in A-15. I have a few scrapbooks to return to clubs at some time in the near future. We look forward to a time when we can all meet in person again and be able to pursue more of our activities and programs.

Thank you to Governor Tracey, for all your diligence during these unusual times; and for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted.

Lions Foundation of Canada – PRC Deb Cserhalmi

I hope all is going well for our A-15 family in these strange times. As you can well imagine this has affected the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

The training school has been closed down, except for vet services and some office staff. All the dogs that were in training went back to their foster families or puppy sitters. The trainers contact the foster families once a week to offer advice and training tips. It's a busy season for the vet clinic. Blood tests are being done and heart worm and flea and tick meds given out. The breeding program is on hold but puppies are still being picked up once they are old enough.

As of now, the new facility is being put on hold. Sandy Turney has been let go. The property has been purchased but the current building has not yet been sold. New building plans are being looked into.

This spring's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides was a virtual campaign. The total raised was \$247,511 as of June 5. The walk took a major hit of about one million dollars.

The dogs have been on a break since mid-March. Fosters have been asked to keep the dogs until at least July 7. This includes dogs who were already in class.

With all the uncertainty and disruptions, donations have fallen. No classes mean no teams to sponsor. The dog walk raises over one million dollars a year and this has taken a large hit. Lions clubs are unable to fundraise in person. Dog Guides does have money in reserve and will probably be able to get some funding from the government program to run day to day. Once this is over and classes restart, money will be tight, so please keep LFC in mind once fundraising begins again.

Convention Committee – GMT Bill Robinson/PDG Karen McNeight/PDG Tim DeBlock

The 2020 convention has official come and gone with only one incident – THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

It was shaping up to be a successful convention with lots of registration coming in at a steady pace up until we cancelled it. It did take a little time to get the finances organized and the refunds processed and we are satisfied all money collected has been returned and all outstanding expenses paid, with one exception. The cost of the Convention Pin was absorbed by District and any money collected



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from the sale of those pins will go back to the District. The committee has been directed by the clubs of 37W to use the funds left over from the advertising to be used to offset any cost associated with the Governor's Banquet scheduled for August 29/20 if all goes well.

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Lion Joanne McQuiggan

While “Youth” may not be one of the 5 global causes – it continues to be one of the 8 focus areas for our organization and surrounds our work in the 5 key areas. (The other two not listed in the global causes are disaster relief and humanitarian initiatives.) Children & youth will be the greatest social and economic victims of this current pandemic, and the impact on their lives will last for a long time. It is more important than ever to support our initiatives for children & youth.

In addition to Leo Clubs, Effective Speaking, Peace Poster, Youth Camps & Exchange, Literacy, and Lions Quest – there are other opportunities for our clubs to serve. Involve youth in meaningful ways in your service activities, support adults who are there for our children & youth (teachers, coaches, volunteer leaders, etc.), or you could celebrate young people who are stepping up and making a positive contribution to your community.

The Lions Young Leaders in Service Award allows Lions the opportunity to give formal recognition to young volunteers within their community, ages 12-18, who have completed 50 or 100 hours of community service, within a 12-month period. This is a great way to recognize young people who contribute to our service projects. Information is available in the Resources section at www.lionsclubs.org.

District Leo Club – PDG O.J. Wilura

Basically this is the report as last time. We have 2 active LEO Clubs in our district.

Lynden LEO Club with a membership of 8.

KW LEO with a membership of 41.

I have sent out numerous emails regarding the forming of LEO Clubs but have received no replies of interest other than the club noted below. This is an easy Youth orientated program where a club sponsors a LEO Club with a cost of only \$100.00 per year. What a way to help our youth develop their leadership skills with the opportunity to service within their respective communities.

I had the opportunity to do a virtual meeting presentation to the Guelph LC in May. I also sat in on the virtual the USA/Canada LEO Leadership Foundation Forum held this past week on Saturday and Sunday. Interesting presentations and ideas along with an in depth view of the structure of a LEO Club.

Respectfully submitted

Sight Conservation and Screening – PDG Tim DeBlock

I would like to thank DG Tracey for the opportunity to be part of her “Team”. Watching your journey to Governor and the impact you have made on the District has been inspiring. You have coined several events as things that did not happen due to COVID but congratulations on the many wonderful things that did!

There is not much activity to report on in our vision programs due to the current situation. I do anticipate several challenges going forward with the vision screening protocols. That will be work to be done. With some hesitation this will be my last report as I am stepping aside as chair. It has been amazing to work alongside our members and see the difference your service is making in our communities and beyond. Thank-you!

Yours in service, PDG Tim



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Family and Women's Membership – PDG Diane Smith

The New Voices initiative began two years ago under the leadership of our International President, Lion Gudrun. At that time, the goal was to nurture greater membership in the number of females in our organization. Current figures indicate we are doing well, with female membership reaching 30.8% globally. In Canada we have surpassed this figure, by achieving 33.13 % in our Constitutional area. In District A15, as of our April figures, we have 363 female members comprising 25.6% of our Membership.

This year, our International President, Dr. Choi, set as his motto *Diversity Bridges All Divides*.

The New Voices initiative has continued but with a broader focus. We have been asked to embrace diversity in the makeup of our clubs and we have been asked to focus on under-represented populations. This can be done through the formation of specialty clubs, based on such areas as special interest, youth , shared challenges or cultural experience . It is my opinion that this farther reaching scope of the New Voices initiative is a much needed change to insure the health of our Lions organization going forward.

At this year's International advisory committee meeting held in May, it was decided to continue the New Voices program in order to recognize the importance of diversity, younger members and women in our organization. That being said, it is my understanding that some Districts will be discontinuing the New Voices portfolio . This is the result of these Districts feeling they are well represented by women.

I encourage all to think about this question -how do I want my club to feel and what do I want my club to look like going forward ? We need change if our organization is going to succeed.

I would like to thank District Governor Tracey for her leadership this year. It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

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District Cabinet and Committee Chairs

CABINET	
Position	Name
IPDG & Council Chair	Tracey Robinson
District Governor	George Corrin
1 st Vice District Governor	Harvey Wood
2 nd VDG	Tony Davidson
RC 9	Gerry Runstedler
RC 37	MaryAnn Ward
RC 51	Garry Ransom
ZC 9E	Victor Chaux
ZC 9S	Bruce Killinger
ZC 51E	
ZC 51W	Mark Koenig
ZC 37W	
ZC 37S	
Cabinet Treasurer	Duane Malcolm
Cabinet Secretary	Debbie Zimmerman
GLT	James Sanders
GMT	Dean MacKinnon
GST	PDG Nancy Ransom
LCIF	Peter Oswald
COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Bulletin & MDA Magazine Ed	PRC Paul Anstett
Centennial Chair	PDG Dan Ayim
Childhood Cancer	Contact VDG1 Harvey Wood
Club Visits Liaison	Nancy Chiasson
Constitution & By-Laws	PDDG George Patton
Convention Co-Host	Jim Keron/Barb Corrin/Jack Broadfoot
Diabetes Awareness East	Lion Brian Martin
Diabetes Awareness West	Contact VDG2 Tony Davidson
District A-15 Convention	Jim Keron/Barb Corrin/Jack Broadfoot
District A-15 Awards	RC9, RC37, RC51
Effective Speaking	Lion Lyle Fair
Elections & Credentials	PDG Thom Hermann
Environment	ZC Mark Koenig
Family & Women's Specialist	PDG Diane Smith
Future Convention Advisory	DG George Corrin
Hearing & Speech Action	DG George Corrin Thamesford
Historian	PDG Nancy Ransom
Honorary	PDG Tracey Robinson
Information Technology	PRC Ted Rypma
Leo Clubs	PDG OJ Wilura
Lions Foundation of Canada	PRC Deb Cserhalmi
Lions Quest	Contact VDG2 Tony Davidson
Literacy	Contact VDG1 Harvey Wood
Long Range Planning	PDG Thom Hermann
Nominations	PDG Doug Smith
Peace Poster/Essay	Lion Janet Dawson-Brock
Police Check Gatekeeper	PDDG George Patton
Protocol/International Relations	PID Art Woods
Special Olympics	Contact VDG1 Harvey Wood
Tech Town	VDG2 Tony Davidson
Vision - Sight Screening	Contact VDG1 Harvey Wood
Youth Camp & Exchange	Allison and Mark Henkell



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Two Day Convention

Below is a report to Cabinet which was presented last fall (2019)

Long Range Planning – PDG Thom Hermann – The committee was mandated by the Governor to examine our present convention structure with a view to determining if there were alternatives which might increase attendance and reduce costs. The committee had a detailed discussion during which it reviewed various convention options and provides the following recommendations:

1. That A – 15 go to a two-day (one night) convention format on a Saturday/Sunday to replace the present three day Friday/Saturday/Sunday format
2. That there should be wide ranging discussions regarding the structure and elements of this new convention format.
3. That a group be assigned to implement the new format and that this body should consult broadly of this implementation

Feedback which was to be made at the Convention Cabinet meeting will be provided tonight as well as a suggested template for a two day convention.

A committee of DGE George Corrin, PDG OJ Wilura and ZC 37S Cecilia Fulker was formed to determine potential formats regarding a 2 Day Convention.

2 Day Convention in District A-15 – Document 1

- 1) Voting, can be done electronically before convention Results at a pre-determined time
- 2) Nomination 5 minutes max per nominee to present themselves to Members
- 3) Opening ceremony: Adoption of convention rules and agenda
- 4) Reports of the Election and Credentials committee
- 5), Hospitality
- 6) AGM / Cabinet meeting
- 7) Governors Reception Dinner/ Hospitality /ENTERTAINMENT
- 8) Memorial Service
- 9) Introduction of new Cabinet
- 10 Closing Ceremonies
- 11 Banner Presentation static or parade
- 12) Opportunities for Lions supported committees to Present displays

2 Day Convention in District A-15 – Document 2

Saturday

- 10:00 am to 3:30 pm – Registration & Credentials (if start time agreeable with the hotel)
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Cabinet meeting
- 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm – Open forum - presentations
- 4:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Opening Ceremonies – Campbell Acknowledgement
- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Convention Banquet
- 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm – Wine & Cheese Reception
- 8:30 pm – midnight – Hospitality

Sunday

- 7:00 am to 9:00 am – Registration & Credentials
- 7:30 am to 9:30 am – Voting
- 9:45 am to 10:30 am – Memorial Service
- 10:45 am to Noon – Business Cabinet – Election results – new Cabinet introductions



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Display tables 1:00 pm Saturday to noon on Sunday.

Voting could be replaced by the electronic version we used this year which would free up time both days for other items such as leadership training sessions or presentations of programs.

Discussion – DG Tracey asked that with the schedules proposed could we not have both the 3 Day and 2 Day Convention structures in the Policy and Procedures so that the DG of that year would have the option of choosing either the 2 Day or 3 Day Convention.

RC 9 Gerry Runsteadler asked if hotels would be okay with having only 1 night's room rentals with the use of 2 full days. PDDG George assured that the hotels would be fine with the format.

GLT Dennis Lougheed pointed out that the proposed 2 Day Convention documents are just being proposed at a discussion at this point and is not yet a policy.

2nd VDG 2 Harvey pointed out that from tonight's discussion the committee looked to have the Cabinet endorse the 2 Day Convention and send it back to LRP to come back.

It was suggested that the 2 Day Convention should be adopted into the Policy sooner rather than later being that it's 2nd VDG Harvey's year that's affected so he has the option to choose either a 2 Day or 3 Day Convention.

LRP recommends we discuss in fall Cabinet Meeting and then come back with 3 & 2 Day Convention agendas for the Winter Cabinet meeting to be adopted into policy.

DGE George Corrin mandates that the 3 & 2 Day Conventions be sent to LRP.