



DISTRICT A 15 VIRTUAL CABINET MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 28th, 2021 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM



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**Agenda for the Virtual Fall Cabinet Meeting
Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 7:00pm**

1. Protocol by 1stVDG Tony Davidson
2. Call to Order
3. Welcome, Zoom Etiquette
4. O Canada (Electronic)
5. Moment of Silence
6. District Governor's Remarks
7. Additions to the Agenda and approval thereof
8. Approval of the last Cabinet Meeting Minutes from August 15th, 202.
(<http://a15lions.org/pages/Main/HomePage>)
9. Matters Arising From
 - 9.1 Secretary's Report – Motion required to receive
 - 9.2 Treasurer's Report – Motion required to receive
 - 9.3 Cabinet Reports – Motion required to accept
10. Committee Reports
 - 10.1. LCIF campaign 100 update - Peter Oswald
 - 10.2. Gift of Life - Jessica Bailey
 - 10.3. Convention Committee Report – PDDG George Patton
 - 10.4. Nominations Committee Report – PDG Doug Smith
11. Old Business
 - 11.1. Accessibility Awareness – IPDG Georg Corrin
 - 11.2. Interclub Visits
 - 11.3. Lion Allison Henkell – Youth Camp and Exchange
12. New Business
 - 12.1 New 51East Zone Chair – Bill Robinson
13. Upcoming Events from the District - PDG Tracey Robinson- Diabetes West Chair and PRC Brian Martin - Diabetes East Chair
14. For the Good of Lionism
15. Next Cabinet Meeting Monday, January 17th, 2022, 7.00 PM – Kitchener Lions Club
16. The meeting is adjourned



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Regrets: IPDG George Corrin, ZC9S Bruce Killinger, ZC51W Mike McCourt, PDG Doug Smith, Cecilia Fulker, PDG Kevin Banfield, PDG Doug Smith and PDG Tim Deblock.

1. **Meeting** was called to order by the District Governor.
2. **Protocol** was set by 1st VDG Tony Davidson.
3. **Zoom Etiquette-Lion Jim Keron** apologized for the initial problem with the Zoom prior to reviewing the Zoom etiquette for the meeting.
4. **The District Governor** asked everyone to stand for the playing of O'Canada.
5. **The District Governor** asked while everyone was still standing for moment to respect those Lions who have passed before us and to say a special prayer and for those Lions who are experiencing health challenges and for their families.
6. **District's Governor's Remarks** which he stated would be brief at this moment but he advised he would make remarks throughout the meeting.
7. **Approval of Additions** - Allison Henkell – Youth Camp Committee. – Addition 11.3 added to agenda - Not opposed.
8. **Approval of the Last Cabinet Meeting Minutes from August 15th, 2021.**
(<http://a15liona.ief/pages/Main/HomePage>)**Motion** – VDG1 Tony Davidson, seconded ZC Bill Robinson. Accepted
9. **Matters arising From:**
 - 9.1 **Secretary's Report** – District Governor welcomed the new Secretary to Cabinet. CS Gabrielle stated that she did include a brief written report with the package that was sent out. She has discovered it is a challenging role and is finding that there is a lot to learn. Gabrielle is getting her wet feet, is enjoying working with DG Harvey, the Cabinet and the District. Motion to Receive - no one opposed.
 - 9.2 **Treasurer's Report** – CT Linda advised that All Financial statements were included in the package emailed to everyone earlier. Only adjustment is to acknowledge the receipt of more money from the Clubs. There are only seven clubs who are outstanding with their District Dues which also includes MDA Dues. About \$4,000.00 outstanding so we are very close to completion of receiving these Funds. DG Harvey asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, DG Harvey thanked CT Linda for her report which was so clear and easy to understand. He advised that the work CT Linda is doing is very much appreciated. Any discussion. Asked for motion to accept CT Linda's report. VDG1 Tony Davidson moved to accept the CT's report, seconded by ZC Janet. Motion received.



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- 9.3 **Cabinet Reports** – included in package – DG Harvey commented on the abundance of Reports submitted. Thanks Committee Chairs for submitting clear concise reports Motion to Accept – VDG1 Tony Davidson, seconded, ZC 9S Janet Dawson-Broch.
- 10.0 **Committee Reports** – DG Harvey commented on the abundance of Committee Reports submitted. The most for sometime. Thank you to Committee Chairs for your clear, concise reports.
- 10.1 **LCIF – Peter Oswald**- Report in the package. Couple of things to highlight for the members of the Cabinet and for all of the Clubs that are represented here. This is officially the last Year of Campaign 100 which runs through to the Lion's year June 30th of next year. We have a few months left to sort of put us over the top. There are quite a number of Clubs that made some significant donations, to date. We celebrated a few in our Convention earlier this year with both two Model clubs and six Maple Leaf Clubs at the time. We have some other Clubs that are very close to achieving that Maple Leaf Club status which represents Canadian Dollars \$360.00 over the life of the campaign and I have submitted a report to Cabinet that outlines sort of the gap that some of the Clubs have to achieving that level as well as Model Clubs, quite frankly because there is some opportunity to stretch a little bit and, if a Club between now and June 30th commits to becoming a Model Club or a Maple Leaf Club, you actually have 3 years from the date of that commitment to fulfill that commitment. That means that there is some opportunity to extend the time to raise the funds and make the donation to LCIF and the idea behind that is that we all know there has been some challenges with raising funds over the last 12 to 18 months and some Clubs have commitments ongoing. So, we want to make sure that there is an opportunity there to raise some money for LCIF and Campaign 100 specifically and you are aware of that deadline and the extension for those Clubs that commit to either Maple Leaf or Model Club Status.
- The other thing as a really quick update, we had a bit of a conversation in the pre-cabinet meeting on an overall picture, if you will, of a Campaign year-to-date in Canada. In US Dollars, we have raised just a little over \$2,500,000.00 which is quite a significant number from the Canadian Lions and represents about \$76.00 per member when you look at the number of members that have donated. That compares with the US. They are just a little bit more than ten times bigger than we are and have just a little bit more than ten times in total donations of \$29,000,000.00 and their per member average is about \$104.00. So, on a per member basis, they are slightly ahead of us but that just gives you a bit of perspective in terms of where Canada is. Relative to what our original goal was, we certainly have some opportunity to close that gap yet but keep working on that. One other piece Lion Peter wanted to highlight as well. There will be, he is sure, an annual celebration coming up in January for any new Melvin Jones recipients that have received that fellowship over the last twelve months. So, there is an opportunity there for the donations that have already been made for the equivalent of every US \$1,000.00 that has been donated, there is a Melvin Jones Fellowship



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that can be awarded by the Club. Peter would ask you all to give some serious consideration to finding either worthy Lions or other Community members to award this fellowship. Peter helped Woodstock Lions earlier in the year and it was within two to two and half week's time that the request was submitted and back. One last thing, just on a personal note, for all of the individuals at the Cabinet meeting or any within the community that you could honour with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. It is a very simple process to get that done and Peter would be happy to help anyone who reaches out. If you need any help in filling out the application and getting that turned around. The Lions of Canada fund for LCIF is a registered Canadian Charity. You can make your personal donation to that Charity obviously and receive a tax receipt that you can use towards your Income Tax for 2021. Take an opportunity to do that between now and the end of December and that will help both the cause and you personally but also the District. If anybody has any questions, Peter would be happy to try and answer them as well. Contact Peter anytime if you need any information or help. Thank you very much.

DG Harvey thanked Lion Peter and commented that he is doing a wonderful job. DG Harvey also noted that Peter is the top LCIF representative in Canada and we encourage you to keep up the good work. For those who would like to make personal donations, that was an excellent suggestion. Not only do you support the organization but you get an opportunity to write off the expense for Income Tax. DG Harvey stated, from personal experience, he knows it works. Thank you very much, Peter.

10.2 Gift of Life – Jessica Bailey - DG Harvey noted that Jessica Bailey is in Class tonight. So, Lion Tony is going to give her report - Lion Jessica asked Lion Tony to bring everyone's attention to the fact that if 80% of the Club members register with The Gift of Life, the Club will get a patch and, for every year after, they will get a ribbon. First thing that Jessie did was put out a survey for the Clubs. So far, she has received 18 responses. Jessie knows that there are more coming in and she is hoping for a whole lot more. So, if the Club and Committee Members here could check with their Clubs and see whether they can get that moving ahead, that would be a great thing. Thank you.

DG Harvey asked if there were any questions or comments for Lion Tony. DG Harvey also commented that, for anyone that doesn't know Jess, she is a very understanding and dedicated individual. She will make herself available to visit Clubs and explain the programme, if anybody wishes to have Jessie do that.

Question from **ZC37S Lion Lisa Visser** - "Lion Tony, maybe you can leave this for Lion Jessica but do you know how it is being tracked? I can always tell you that our Club is at 80% but how is Jessie going to be able to know".

Lion VDG1 Tony responded – "The Survey that Lion Jessie put out is what is being used by Jessie to gather the information. Lion Jessie will put out a survey to Clubs every year. That is how she is trying to track it".



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Lion Harvey asked **Lion Lisa** if she was satisfied with that response and **Lion Lisa** agreed that she was.

Lion Tony did note one more thing for **Lion Jessie**. **Lion Jessie** continues to have a few issues with her white blood count. Therefore, she might not be able to attend any meetings before Christmas. Hopefully, she will be able to.

DG Harvey thanked **VDG1 Lion Tony** for the update.

10.3 Convention Committee Report – DG Harvey remarked that there is going to be a Convention this year and it will be a live convention and it is going to be a noisy convention. We hope that **Kitchener** is going to be able to understand that we have not had a Convention for three years. So it is going to be a good one. **DG Harvey** asked **Lion George Patton** for his report.

Convention Chair Lion George Patton – Thanks Governor. The major thing in tonight's report is the proposed budget for the Convention which was circulated to all voting members of the Cabinet, I understand. That needs to be accepted or approved tonight so that we can move forward. The basis of this year's convention, as you are all probably aware, is that our convention will be two days. It will run Saturday and Sunday, April 9th and 10th, 2022. So, we have lots of two's to go through here. Two days, 2022. We will see what else we can find to make duplicates here. The convention, basically will have Friday Agenda happen on Saturday and the Sunday Agenda will be very close to what you normally anticipate for a three day convention for Sunday except for one major change. We are having a Convention luncheon on Sunday starting, we hope, about 11.30 a. m. **DG Harvey** has threatened me with the fact that he is going to bring in a speaker. He has not basically hit me over the head with that is as yet but I think that is going to happen. **Lion George** asked **DG Harvey** to confirm that there was someone coming in. **DG Harvey** confirmed that there was a speaker coming in absolutely and a good one. So that will give a chance for everyone to attend that luncheon and hear from the guest speaker at that time. Hopefully, he will be there as usual for the rest of the Convention. So, there should be lots of chances to meet and greet. That is the basis of what will be done going forward. Opening Ceremonies, again, on Saturday Night at 7:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon. We are going to ask as many people as possible to pre-register for the Convention. If you know you are coming then you should be able to pre-register well ahead of time. The Committee will set a deadline in order to get pre-registrations in. It may align with the commitments for voting - good standings for a Club to be able to vote. Don't have details as yet but are working on that. The Memorial Service will also be part of the Sunday morning operation but will be a little later in the morning. Hopefully will start in the 10.00 – 10.15 a.m. range. Voting this year will go back to being in person voting from 7:00 AM to 9 AM. **Lion George** commented that **CS Gabrielle** has not learned as yet what is involved in credentials but she will learn. **Lion George** commented that pretty much is the highlights of where we are at with the Convention. A number of rooms have been reserved at a better rate than what would normally be charged.



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There will be further information with registration forms when they are out, probably sometime right after the New Year to let people know what is happening. Seven Hospitality Rooms have been booked. We will see how many will be needed. Everything is done directly through the hotel, booking your rooms for your stay or booking your hospitality room. These are the highlights of what is happening. There will be additional information as time goes on and everyone is aware. That is the end of my report.

DG Harvey thanked Lion George for the report and assuming the responsibility of a really great convention for District A15.

DG Harvey advised that we do need to accept the budget that was submitted earlier and is in the package. VDG2 Garry moved that the budget be accepted. Seconded by ZC37S Lisa Visser. None opposed

10.4 Nominations Committee Report - PDG Lion Doug Smith is not able to be at Cabinet tonight. He did want to remind us that anyone who is considering going forward with the nomination for 2nd VDG that those open on November 1st.

10. Old Business

11.1 Accessibility Report – IPDG George Corrin – not available for tonight’s meeting.

11.2 Interclub Visits – something that the DG is promoting this year. It is an educational Process. If your Club wishes to visit another Club and find out what they are doing, it is a great experience, not only to meet new Lions but to also see what other Clubs are doing. So, the DG really endorses that opportunity.

11.3 Youth Camp & Exchange – Lion Allison Henkell – More of a starting point of a discussion. We have gone two years without a camp. There is new Lion who has take over the Chair of the Youth Exchange for MDA and she has called a meeting for Saturday, October 30th to have a discussion about arrival dates, sizes of camps and those kinds of things. Mark and Allison have had the discussion. There are still a lot of questions. Looks like they may be able to have people come this year which would not have been possible last year. They are not sure what all sort of questions they have to figure out. One of the big ones for Allison and Mark has been how to figure out how open people are going to be towards hosting. Does not work without people to host the youth. Normally, we would have twenty youth but if you cannot find host families for that many youth, do we look at a smaller camp. Do we host at the Camp. There are a lot of questions that need answering such as insurance, etc. what is required.



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Lion Bob Pearson confirmed that Cope Town would support as in previous years. **Lion Peter Oswald** suggested confirming how the Scout Camp feels, what their concerns are and what their requirements would be.

PDG Thom Hermann suggested that Cabinet authorize the Camp Chair to go ahead and Commence plans as if we were going to hold a Camp. DG asked **Lion Allison** if she would Be agreeable to that. **Lion Allison** said that it would be nice to know that we can begin to plan Knowing that we are not going to commit to any finances or anything like that at least until She has the answers to her questions.

PDG Denis Vinette suggested that **Lion Allison** reach out for assistance with the many tasks involved the organization of the Camp. **Lion Allison** said that there have been people who have reached out in previous years so she is hoping that assistance will be still be there. Always a concern about host families but it usually works out in the end.

Zone Chair Bill Robinson motioned that the Cabinet support **Lion Allison's** efforts with respect to the Youth Camp moving forward. Seconded by **Lion Tony** - Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

11. **New Business** – **Bill Robinson** is our new Zone Chair in 51East. DG Harvey thanked **Bill** for stepping up and accepting that challenge. DG Harvey noted that ZC **Bill** has made good contributions already. Thank you very much. It is appreciated.

12. **Upcoming Events from the District** – Diabetes W Chair - **PDG Tracey Robinson** and Diabetes E Chair - **PRC Brian Martin**. **PDG Tracey** stated we are very excited to come forth with a new kind Of District wide Contest. **Lion Tracey** then asked **Lion Brian** to Continue with the details.

Lions Tracey and Brian are planning a District Wide Strides weekend. The idea being that people in the different clubs can chose what they would like to do. It is a Strides event so not necessarily a walk, run, cycle, jog or dance, whatever. They will leave it up to the Clubs to decide what they want to do. This is all to support the District advancing Diabetes Awareness but also to raise some funds for Diabetes Canada. The format is that the Clubs will get their sponsors, do their bit sometime in the month of November, preferably because that is Diabetes Awareness month and then send their cheques and pledge sheet into the Treasurer. **Tracey and Brian** will take the pledge sheet and take care of the paperwork, getting it to Diabetes Canada so that people who meet the minimum dollar amount will get a tax receipt. When all the Events are concluded, the Treasure will then cut a big cheque to Diabetes Canada on behalf of all the Lions Clubs in District A-15. **PRC Brian** commented that, through **PDG Tracey's** negotiations with **Nicole Hoger,- Diabetes Canada** that we have some incentive awards.

PDG Tracey elaborated on her discussions with **Nicole** who has offered to donate 40 sleep and activity monitors, valued at about \$35.00 a piece. The incentive being that the first one to raise



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\$100.00 since we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Dr. Banting's discovery of treating Diabetes with Insulin would win a monitor. PDG Tracey thanked everyone for raising the funds. **Diabetes W Chair Brian** continued by saying that when it is all concluded, we should make a nice impact, getting some good recognition for the District and should be able to provide Diabetes Canada with necessary funds to continue their research. There were some questions with the handling of it for the tax purposes but Lion Brian feels that has been cleared with Diabetes Canada. So those requesting Tax receipts will in fact get them from Diabetes Canada. This is the programme the chairs have going for November and perhaps at the Spring Cabinet Meeting they can bring up the proposal that PDG Tracey is suggesting. PDG Tracey made a motion that the funds collected from the Strides Event be a Line item for the District Treasurer to carry the funds until the big cheque for Diabetes Canada is cut.

DG Harvey asked for any discussion. He also advised that the motion should be made by a voting Cabinet Member. So motioned by ZC Bill Robinson. VDGT1 Tony Davidson seconded ZC Bill Robinson's Motion. Any opposition. None. Motion carried. Lion Brian advised that notices would be sent to all the clubs before the end of the Month.

PDG Lion Diane Smith - One Question. Lion Diane belongs to the Diabetes Connect Group and in documentation that she has read, it is noted that they separate their fundraising streams for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. Lion Diane stated she is assuming that all that you are talking about is going into the general pool of Diabetes Research. Is that correct? Lions Brian and Tracey confirmed Lion Diane's assumption.

Lion Bob Pearson reminded everyone that they are just about ready to publish the District Governor's newsletter for October. Anybody that has any submissions, these will be needed in the next couple of days. They are doing well but they can always use some more pertinent information. DG Harvey thanked Lion Bob and commented that we are very fortunate to have Lion Bob editing the Newsletter.

13. **For the Good of Lionism** – PRC Brian Martin – Diabetes E Chair – Encouraging all the Clubs in the District to participate in the Blue Light Campaign for Diabetes Awareness. It's not a fundraising venture. It is more of a get out in the Community and promote Diabetes Awareness event. Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club are lighting up their pedestrian bridge. Fergus Lions will be doing theirs. Would like to hear from all Clubs. Suggested the Zone Chairs might canvass their areas, find out if anybody is interested in doing something this year and let Lions Tracey and Brian know so that could be recorded.

VDG 2 Garry Ransom – thanked the Presidents and Membership Chairs for attending the President's workshops. The following Clubs all had representatives at one or both of the Workshops: Bellwood, Cambridge Highlands, Centralia Huron Park, Innerkip and District, Lyndon, Paradise and District, Wellington Community Branch Lions Club, Wilmot/New



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DG Harvey asked if there was anything else for the good of Lionism.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS



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COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR HARV WOOD

Summer has passed and so has Thanksgiving and I cannot think of a better time to say a big THANK YOU to all the Lions who continue to serve, contribute and lead. We are getting through the 4th wave of Covid and we are gradually opening up as public health protocols relax.

Many Clubs have returned to live meetings, sit down meals and members are enjoying the camaraderie of fellow lions. During this reopening phase, many will be able fulfil usual Lions traditions. Service activities are happening and I am hearing hints of Christmas events.

Zone Chairs are making their Club visits as are the Governors. Thank you to the Clubs for being generous with usual Lions hospitality.

When I review the numbers of service activities that have and continue to be made it is absolutely amazing how you, the Lions of District A – 15 contribute.

Our Convention committee led by Lion George Patton is well involved. It has taken from the energy created by our virtual convention of 2021 and has great plans for our first live convention in 3 years. This convention will allow Lions rekindle friendships and share stories from the recent past.

New members continue to be inducted and I am looking for positive membership growth this year. Membership is the responsibility of each of us. When was the last time you invited a person to become a Lion??

Secretary's Report To Cabinet

As you are all aware, this journey as Cabinet Secretary is just beginning for me. So, this report contains few words at this point in time. The role of Cabinet Secretary is, I have discovered, a challenging one with much to learn. So, I ask your patience during this "Learning Curve". I am very pleased to work with DG Harvey and the other members of Cabinet as we continue our work in the Best District in all of MDA.

TREASURERS REPORT TO CABINET

For October 28th, the financial reports have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at September 30, 2021).

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

- All clubs have been invoiced for dues by email for the Lions year. Out of 55 clubs, we have 15 clubs with outstanding dues.
- With respect to Expenses vs. Budget, there has been very little activate and the report is straight forward.

TRUST ACCOUNTS

- The balance sheet for the Trust accounts is a accurate reflection of all the balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as of September 30, 2021
- There are some transfers required to LCIF Campaign 100, Lions Quest Canada and MDA Peace Poster to balance the internal accounting. Otherwise all records are up to date



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at September 30, 2021

ASSETS

CIBC

CIBC - Investments 8,173.88

Kindred

Kindred Emergency Fund Cash 24,886.59

Kindred Cash 52,149.15

Total Cash in Kindred 77,035.74

Shares in Kindred 25.00

Total Cash 85,234.62

District Dues Receivable 11,468.10

Total Chequing/Savings 85,234.62

Total Current Assets 96,702.72

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

MDA Dues Payable 23,170.00

Other Current Liabilities Accrual 1,000.00

Convention Fund 1,941.01

DGE Partner Travel 4,040.87

Total Other Current Liabilities 30,151.88

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Long Term Liabilities

International Director - Contra 7,799.50

New Club Assessment - Contra 1,870.56

Total Long Term Liabilities 9,670.06

Total Liabilities 39,821.94

Equity

Emergency Reserve Fund 23,000.00

Dues Rebate 2020 (4,556.40)

Retained Earnings 22,463.79

Net Income 15,973.39

Total Equity 56,880.78

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 96,702.72



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 2021 - Sept 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
Advertising	0.00	300.00	-300.00
District Directory	0.00	200.00	-200.00
		0.00	0.00
Dues -	11199.97	11254.00	-54.03
Total District Dues	11199.97	11254.00	-54.03
Interest Earned	7.44	120.00	-112.56
Leadership Seminar Income	1375.00	1375.00	0.00
			0.00
Convention Levy	1853.60	1853.60	0.00
New Club Assessment Fund	1986.00	1986.00	0.00
International Director Fund	331.00	331.00	0.00
Membership Assessment	1986.00	1986.00	0.00
Pin Sales	75.00	500.00	-425.00
Pin Sales Patti Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Return Cheque Charges	0.00		
Total Income	18814.01	20005.60	-1191.59
Gross Profit	18814.01	20005.60	-1191.59
Expense			
Awards			
Awards - Cabinet	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Awards - Other Accrual	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Awards	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Badges & Patches	280.98	1000.00	-719.02
Bank Charges	5.11	200.00	-194.89
Cabinet Expense	39.01	1120.00	-1080.99
Convention Expense	0.00	1853.60	-1853.60
District Chair Expense	0.00		0.00
Comm Chair	0.00	1750.00	-1750.00
District Chair - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total District Chair Expense	0.00	2050.00	-2050.00
District Directories	1450.04	3500.00	-2049.96
Global Action Team	-356.68	1986.00	-2342.68
Internet	140.74	175.00	-34.26
Leadership Seminar	0.00	1375.00	-1375.00
Leadership Institutes	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Pins Purchased + Patti Hill Pins	1281.42	1630.00	-348.58
Postage & Telephone	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Printing & Stationery	0.00	300.00	-300.00
New Club Assessment Fund	0.00	1986.00	-1986.00
Trf of International Director fund	0.00	331.00	-331.00
Zoom Licence fee	0.00	349.00	-349.00
USA / Canada Forum	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Expense	2840.62	20005.60	-17164.98
Net Ordinary Income	15973.39	0.00	15973.39
Net Income	15973.39	0.00	15973.39



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	30-Sep-21
Chequing/Savings	
Trust Sight Investment	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33718.41
Total - Youth	<u>33718.41</u>
Kindred-Trust Account	10509.46
Total Cash	49751.25
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income on GIC & Acct	<u>-109.85</u>
Total Cash and Receivable	49641.40
Total Current Assets	<u>49641.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>49641.40</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Camp Huronda	0.00
Centennial Project	1820.20
Cultural Festival	217.11
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	3186.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Hearing Conservation	1000.00
LCIF- Campagne 100	500.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	<u>1604.86</u>
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	750.00
LIONS Quest Canada	600.00
Peace Poster	1490.20
Peace Poster MDA	100.00
Reading Action	6.12
Vision Screening	3845.30
Youth Camp / V. Ex. Contra Acct	<u>25452.37</u>
Total Current Liabilities	41375.36
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	<u>8266.04</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	8266.04
Total Liabilities	<u>49641.40</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>49641.40</u>

Report to Cabinet

VDG1 Tony Davidson

Since our cabinet meeting, I have had the pleasure of attending the September MDA Council meeting taking on the Governors roll as the Governor was unable to attend. After the Council meeting, I attended training offered through MDA. I cancelled my registration to the USA/Canada forum in Iowa in September due to restrictions at the Canadian border and other restrictions.

On behalf of DG Lion Harvey Woods, I have been visiting Clubs and had the pleasure inducting 10 Members into the Innerkip Lions Club. The Ingersoll Lions Club has a few perspective members. I will be Visiting the Burford Lions, Guelph Royal City Lions, KW Community Spirit Lions Kitchener Pioneer Lions, Stratford Lions, and the Rockton Lions in October. Most of the meetings are in person meetings and some with meals depending on meeting location. Most Clubs are involved with service projects in some form as restrictions are slowly lifted.

I look forward to working with our Governors team, visiting the Clubs in the District, and the Training I will receive as I continue to improve Lionism.

VDG2 Cabinet report

I am looking forward to starting my club visits on October 12th with a visit to Hickson Lions club. In the meantime, I attended a MDA campaign 100 workshop in Markham. This is the last year of the campaign and I am sure that LCIF chair Peter will have more to report at the cabinet meeting.

A Zoom Zone Chair workshop was held in September. We have an excellent group of Zone Chairs and I look forward to working with them during the Lions year.

The VDG2s in MDA have been meeting by Zoom once a month. We have had 2 meetings and it is interesting to hear of the successes and challenges that each District has. Though growing membership is a common challenge, District 7-11 has continued to grow their membership. One branch club in 7-11 had 5 members two years ago and now they are the Thistleton New Era club of 117 members! It is interesting how they grew their membership and I look forward to having one of the organizers present at a Guelph Lions Club meeting.

Some of the major changes that I have observed are some District have transitioned from paper directories to electronic directories and some Districts have moved to no Region Chairs. Visiting with other Districts is similar to visiting with other clubs. We can learn from their successes, and then apply that education to our own District.

I would like to thank all the clubs in District A15 for their hard work and being able to adapt their meetings, service projects and fund raising to Covid-19 protocol. Lions in District A15 have certainly shown how innovative they can be.

Respectively Submitted

Garry Ransom
VDG2 District A15



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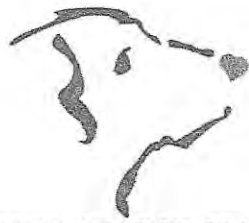
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LIONS HOMES OFFER A PLACE TO GROW

District A15 Lions

October 14, 2021



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOGGUIDES

A black and white photograph showing a group of about seven people walking their dogs on a paved path. The dogs are of various breeds, including a large white dog, a small dog, and a dog with a harness. The background shows trees and a building.

A15 LFC Chair Cabinet Meeting Report

Dog Guides Update

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has had a busy fall starting with its September virtual graduation for teams in the Autism Assistance, Hearing, Canine Vision, and Service programs. This is the link to watch the September 1, 2021 graduation: <https://youtu.be/opVsxBUqho4>. After needing to stop breeding until the spring of this year, Dog Guides welcomed three new litters this fall. This brings the number of litters born in 2021 to approximately 15 with more still to come.

As an essential business, the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides operated through the COVID-19 pandemic. Dog Guides' instructors supported the 1100 active Dog Guide teams across the country and are now providing virtual and modified training for new Dog Guide recipients. Puppy staff provided training and support for the over 400 volunteers who foster future Dog Guide puppies. Fundraising through COVID 19 has been a challenge for the foundation. In September Dog Guides sent an appeal letter to Lions Clubs for donations to support the foundation. Dog Guide teams can be sponsored for as little as \$4,000 which can be paid over three years, or Lions Clubs can purchase items from the Wish List (<https://www.dogguides.com/wishlist.html>). There are many ways to help Dog Guides (<https://www.dogguides.com/donate.html>).

Dog Guides documentary on the foundation and how it navigated the pandemic: <https://tinyurl.com/242cdwuw>.

District A15 Support for Dog Guides

It costs \$35,000 to raise, train and place a Dog Guide, which are provided to qualifying Canadians with medical and physical disabilities at no cost. With no government assistance, the foundation relies on fundraising events and donations from many sources including Lions Clubs.

As always, District A15 Lions Clubs have been working hard to support Dog Guides. The following are fundraising initiatives and activities known by the LFC Chair at the time of this report:

- Atwood Lions Club donated \$25,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides
- District A15 Lions Clubs are selling 2022 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars. Order calendars online at <https://www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends> or purchase them from a district club.
- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club
 - Trick or Treat for Dog Guides Online Facebook Auction: <https://tinyurl.com/477bjzh8>
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club
 - Holiday Spending Money 50/50 Draw (contact raffle@mbblc.org)

In the News:

The following is a local news article known to the LFC Chair at the time of this report on how District A15 Lions clubs have supported Dog Guides:

- Midwestern Newspaper Corp wrote an article on the Atwood Lions Club's \$25,000 donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides: <https://tinyurl.com/huxpwc7y>

Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it's needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support from Lions Clubs such as those in District A15, the foundation has been able to continue providing assistance to its fosters, staff, and Dog Guide teams during a very difficult time.

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together – African Proverb

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, District A15 LFC Chair

LCIF Committee Chair

Report to Cabinet for October 28, 2021

Your Foundation, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) continues to support those in need through millions of dollars in grant funding & has supported Lions relief efforts globally. A significant portion of the funds donated by District A-15 have come back to A-15 by way of grants. Funds to support these grants & programs come from Lions and Lions Clubs. For Campaign 100, we have ONE MORE YEAR to go! Read on to see more good news and new developments!

DEVELOPMENTS

Campaign 100 donations through to June 30, 2022 are ALL part of our results. There is just over 8 months left to make history – make a donation. If a Club commits to become a Maple Leaf Club or a Model Club- the deadline to fulfill that commitment has been extended by 3 years to June, 2025. GREAT NEWS!

ALL donations earn credits towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) – this is for BOTH Clubs and individuals. Most Clubs in A-15 have built up credits and can award 1 or several MJFs. Reminder – once the equivalent of US \$1,000 has been donated, ONE MJF will be available. If you have or will be making a personal donation and want to transfer the MJF Credit from your name to the benefit of your Club, there is a simple process and a 1-page form needed by LCIF to make this happen.

RECOGNITION

Consider awarding a MJF to a deserving Lion or member of the community. A special Melvin Jones Day will be held sometime in January to honour all the recent MJF recipients as a group. Let's see how many MJFs District A-15 can award issue this year.

ONE MORE YEAR 2021-22

District A-15 is a Leader in Canada in Campaign 100. We have 6 confirmed Maple Leaf Clubs; 2 more recently completed their commitment; Several Clubs can achieve Maple Leaf status with a steady commitment over the next 3 years. All of the Cabinet now has a detailed list of Clubs with an Action Plan to follow. Our focus for this year includes:

- Additional commitment from **Clubs regularly donating to LCIF**. Can we get 3 more Model Clubs and 6 more Maple Leaf Club commitments?
- **Increased personal donations** – especially by December 31, 2021 for this tax year. 100% of your donation goes to support the communities where Lions work! A donation to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF garners a personal tax receipt. If your Club has been challenged with fundraising options, perhaps individual Lions and family members will consider making a personal donation to make up the gap.
- Finish the Campaign with **100% of District Clubs participating**.

Donations go to:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
C/O Stan Dunward
Box 38
Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0

Or, Make a donation online at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/>



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Global Membership Team – Report to Cabinet October 28, 2021

Governor Harv and members of Cabinet

Over the past few months (5 to be exact), the Membership Task Force has endeavored to develop a plan of action. These plans would be focused on the 3 areas of focus as presented in the Global Membership Approach in addition to an additional effort to build Zone focused awareness. Clubs will be encouraged to adopt the Global Membership Approach in developing their own Membership growth and satisfaction programs.

I will now outline the various tasks that I and the Task Force will engage in to help bolster the membership numbers in District A15.

- 1) New Clubs.
 - a. With the assistance of a few very enthusiastic new members, we will work to forming a new club or club branch focused exclusively on Diabetes. We hope to have this underway by mid-November.
 - b. We will attempt to build one of the existing club branches into a full club within the next 12 months.
 - c. We will develop a plan to create a club (or club branch) in Listowel. This area has been approached a few times before but we feel that focusing on a specific community need will help us get a footing in that community.
 - d. We will work on expanding our presence in urban communities by focusing on needs and service opportunities.
- 2) New members in existing clubs,
 - a. I will develop a membership plan template that will allow clubs to explore their own potential in gaining members by the end of October
 - b. I will expand on the “Ask one” and “Bring One” campaigns that have been effective in the past.
 - c. I will ask the clubs for an opportunity to present on the importance of membership growth and satisfaction to ensure continued club survival.
 - d. I will stress the importance of respecting and engaging new members and new member ideas.
 - e. We are developing a short skit to both entertain and deliver the importance of being prepared to accept new members into the clubs. Scheduled debut: Zone 9 East meeting in November!
- 3) Service as a Membership Growth and Health Tool
 - a. GST Chair, PDG Nancy Ransom is working on this by integrating the importance of Service in Membership Growth into her program.
 - b. Service activities that heighten club membership potential will be highlighted by the Task Force on an ongoing basis.
- 4) Zone Relevance (Local District Initiative)
 - a. We will encourage members to visit other clubs in their Zone. Whether in person or online.
 - b. Provide examples of Zone (or multi-club) successes in each of the Zone (when possible)
 - c. I will ask the Zone Chairs to invite a member of the GMT to attend and make a short pitch to the members about the importance of keeping the Zone in their sights as a next step in service.
 - d. We will work with the District Governor to develop a Zone Hospitality room program to allow clubs to display and promote the membership, leadership and service successes.

Governor Harv: There is a lot here and a lot to do. These ideas, and many others, have been discussed and I, and the members of this task force, we will try our very best to meet your membership goals and aspirations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Denis Vinette, GMT Coordinator

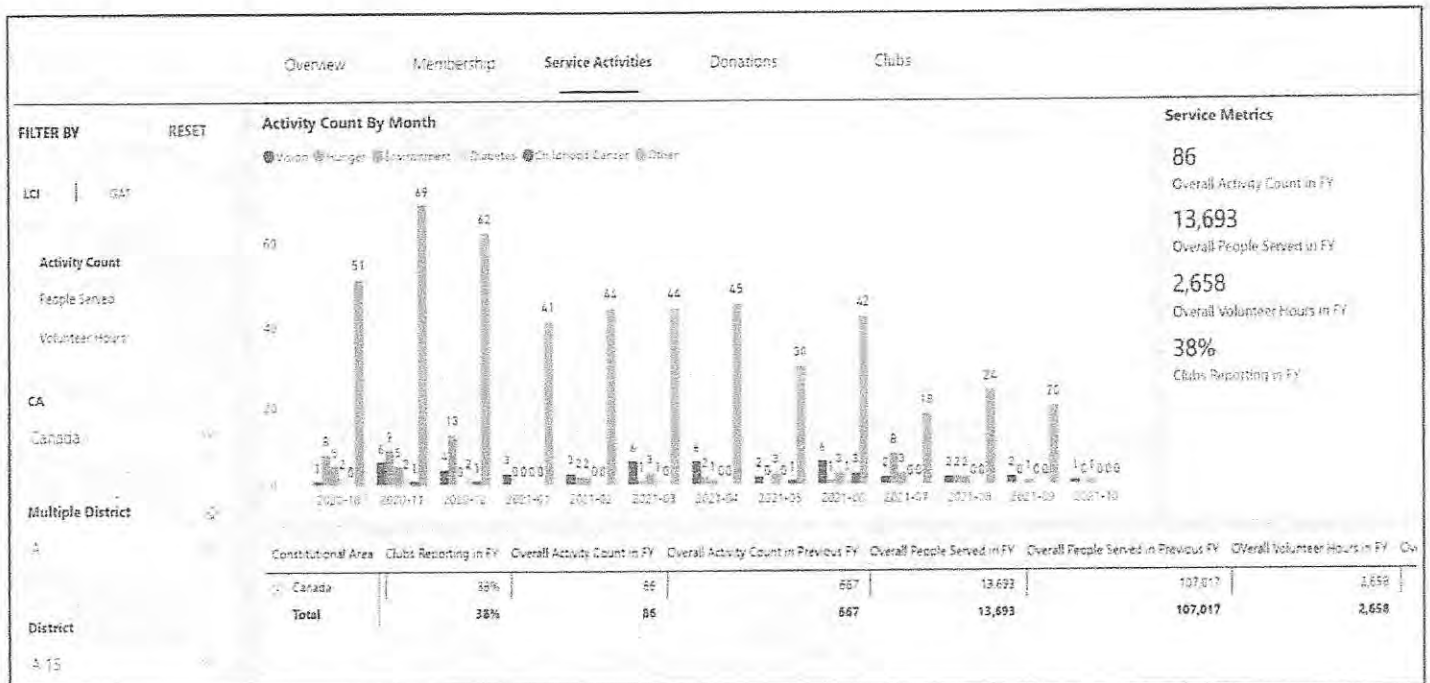
GST report for October 28, 2021 A-15 Cabinet meeting

The Lions of A-15 continue their many diverse service activities, as shared via the monthly service letter to clubs. Materials for service projects, project planners, and club service toolkit have also been shared with the clubs.

MDA Kindness Matters Contest – no submissions from A15 clubs – but with their permission I forwarded an entry from the Lynden Lions Club, the story of their sponsorship of an Imagination Library (free monthly book program) for area children up to five years of age. The Lynden Lions have funded this program locally for five years, providing books for literally hundreds of young children.

A-15 Challenge for Pride Service Contest – The expanded (version r.1) contest has been distributed to the Clubs; with the addition of a sixth category “Other” to include Lions activities (Community Betterment, Youth, Elderly, etc.) which do not represent one of LCI’s five Global Causes. Six Service “champions” will be recognized at the June cabinet meeting.

LCI Insights - Reporting to MyLion - 38 % in A15 reporting as of October 01, 2021 – our numbers are rising and thank you to those Clubs who are reporting to MyLion. Remember all volunteer hours can be reported, including meetings (regular, planning, speakers). Please contact me if you need help to get started. District Governor Harvey and all Clubs would be so very proud if we achieved 100% activity reporting from A-15!



Thank you Lions for helping those in need in your communities and the world.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy*

Lion Nancy Ransom, A-15 GST Co-ordinator

ZC51E

Report To Cabinet

I would like to take this opportunity to thank DG Harvey for the appointment of this position. The Zone Chair position is a fun position and important one as well. I have been in contact with just about all of the clubs in my zone, one club is being a little elusive, but I am certain I will make contact soon. I have visited with the South Wellington Community Branch Club, Guelph Lions Club and the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club at the time of this report. I was able to meet with members of the South Wellington and the Ariss and Maryhill clubs in person and the Guelph Lions Club virtually, it was very exciting to see even during the pandemic Lions are still serving the communities and make it a better for the members of their communities. Scheduling visits have been a bit of a challenge because of all the Covid restrictions implemented by the townships and the Ontario Government, we are playing it day by day and I am confident that we will be able to get together either in person or virtually. The first Zone meeting is scheduled for November 2. The Guelph Lions have offered up the venue to host the 51E Zone Meeting and I am grateful for that. In closing I thank DG Harvey for the opportunity to serve on cabinet and have made myself available to assist in any way I can.

ZC51E Bill Robinson

Lions Quest

Report to Cabinet

As we start off another school year in a pandemic, we are faced with more challenges than ever. The program is needed more now than it ever has. With the support of the Lions of A15 I am confident that we can get the word out to all the educators in the District, to let them know that the program is available and that training is now being done virtually and as a result – no traveling. (Pants are optional)

Funds are needed to be able to make this program available to the individuals that can help our young people become the leaders of tomorrow. I ask the clubs in the District to consider a contribution to the Lions Quest program and if you have already contributed, Thank you. If you have any questions or wish more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Here is a link you may find interesting.

What the Heck is Lions Quest? - [What the Heck is Lions Quest for the Lions Family - YouTube](#)

Look us up on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and check out the videos on the Lions Quest Canada YouTube channel. Don't forget to like and subscribe.

Lions Quest Chairperson

Bill Robinson

Historian Report for October 28, 2021 A-15 Cabinet Meeting

Club pin stories continue to spark interest in district A-15; and it is great to receive past photos and articles to add to these pin stories. I have scrapbooks to return to a couple of clubs when gathering for meetings becomes possible again, and I hope to borrow more items of historical interest from clubs going forward, to add to our district history.

Respectfully submitted, Lion *Nancy*

PDG Nancy Ransom, A-15 Historian

ZONE CHAIR 9 EAST

Janet Dawson Brock

October 6, 2021

My fellow Lions: I have attended most of the meetings that the Cabinet put on for the Zone Chairs. It was very informative.

I had my first visit with the Lions Club of Kitchener by Zoom and looking forward to visiting with all of the clubs in 9 E.

I have mailed the directories out to the Clubs.

I am asking all of the Lions in 9E and interested Lions to set aside Thursday, November 18 for our Zone Meeting. It will be an Academy Award performance. Place to be determined

Thank you, Governor Harvey for asking me to be a Zone Chair for 9E

Kindness Matters

Lion Janet Dawson Brock

9E Zone Chair

Gift of Life Chair

I have officially sent out the Gift of Life program information and starting survey.

I will not be at the meeting because I have class. Can not miss class.

Jess Bailey - GOL chair

Leo's Chairperson

"No Report"

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Constitution and By-Laws

Nothing to report from Constitution and By-Laws

Respectfully submitted by PCC Lion Bill Carson, Chair.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the report of the Nominations Committee:

As per the District A15 Constitution, Nominations for the position of 2VDG will be open for acceptance on or after November 1st, 2021.

Please use the official Nomination Form found on the District website. Otherwise your form will be returned and asked to fill out the proper one.

HONORARY COMMITTEE

Nothing to report at this time

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

No report available at this time

Peace Poster/Essay Contest

Lions and Leo's

I would like to thank all of the clubs that have asked for a Peace Poster /Essay Kit. I have mailed out 11 kits. It is certainly down from the past, but I understand how hard it is to get into the schools. All you can do is try.

The winners will be picked by November 15,2021 and mailed to Governor Harvey and he will pick out the winner.

If the clubs can make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. It is needed most at the M D A level.

Please mail checks to M D A Treasurer Dave Hewitt.

Hopefully the winners will be able to attend the M D A convention in Kitchener in May.

Kindness Matters

Lion Janet Dawson Brock

Peace Poster Chair for A 15 and M D A

DG Harvey Wood

Hearing Chair Report

As Covid 19 restrictions are subsiding, we will slowly at first, we will try to accomplish some tasks with the Hearing Loss. Once a person loses any of their hearing, they cannot get it back. With hearing aids, it only amplifies the surrounding noise. Hearing loss is non-discriminatory, not based on financial worth, or based on where we live. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

The Lions Homes for the Deaf, still needs our District Clubs to support their initiative so they can continue to provide their great services to the people that are deaf, and deaf & blind. Their main fundraising action is done, through the Lions Clubs when they make a \$500.00 dollar donation. When this donation is made and the attached document is completed and submitted, the Lions Club will then have the privilege of presenting the Helen Keller Fellowship to any member of their club, or to an individual in their community whom they believe has earned the privilege of such an honour. Hopefully as the clubs gain momentum in this Lions year 2021-2022, they will budget for this Helen Keller Fellowship.

Soon we shall start collecting hearing aids for refurbishing and then re-distributing to other areas locally and worldwide. More information to come.

Let's continue to work with the Canadian Hearing Services (formerly known as the Canadian Hearing Society). This organization has also faced struggles to provide their services because of the pandemic. With one of their coordinators, we would like to make club visits and make a presentation that their experts have developed on hearing loss. This presentation outlines what clubs can do with the proper tools, to assist members to have a better experience when attended meetings or while they are working on service activities.

Respectfully submitted

George Corrin