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A-15 Fall Cabinet Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM, October 19, 2022 Atwood Lions, Atwood, ON

1. Call to order – 6:59PM – Welcome from Atwood President, Lion Alan Weyers
2. O Canada – led by Lion Chief Alan Weyers
3. Lions Grace
4. Recess for Dinner – 7:07 – Resumption – 7:42
5. Lion Chief AI called for a moment of Silence to reflect on our lost members
6. DG Tony assumes the chair for the meeting.
7. Protocol –1st Vice District Governor, Garry Ransom
8. Approval of the Agenda without changes, Governor Tony.
Moved: 2nd VDG Bill Robinson, CT Linda Vinette CARRIED.
9. District Governor's Remarks

Governor Tony began by remarking that we have already lost a club this year and that its departure not only affects the members and the Lions but in it a way it affects the whole community of Lions: Whether the local or our worldwide community.

Through the service we provide through our five pillars of service, we serve our communities but also throughout the world. PDG Lion Nancy Ransom is asking that all clubs publish their service and activities. This is a great way to tell the world about what we do. PDG Tracey is pleased to see that we have inducted 14 new members but is certain that there are many more not yet reported. We need to report. Lion Jim (Sanders) is working on developing and implementing leadership programs but members a failing to attend. It's disappointing that all this effort goes into the planning but gets cancelled because member fail to participate. Going forward, let's make that extra effort to serve, report service and attend information opportunities. Most importantly, let's not falter in service and report your activities. This will help us all reach out to serve the world.

The August 21st Cabinet Meeting was very poorly attended but tonight, we may be seeing it begin to turn around.

10. Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2022 Cabinet Meeting
Available at <https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20220821Aug.pdf>
Moved: To approve the minutes, 1st VDG Garry, Second – ZC9S Ken, CARRIED.
11. Secretary's Report
CS Denis announced that in trying to allow cabinet and committee reports a little more time to report, he found it challenging to prepare the Cabinet Meeting package for distribution before the meeting. CT Denis stated that, in the future, he will call for reports to be submitted 10 days in advance and that he will then be able to commit to send the reports package and agenda at least 5 days in advance.
Moved: To accept the Secretary's report: 2nd VDG Bill, Second – ZC37W Cecilia. CARRIED.
12. Treasurer's Report
CT Linda presented the District Current financial position. She confirmed that funds from the Cultural Festival and the Reading Action programs have been rolled into the Lions Quest account as approved in

August.

Moved: To accept the Treasurer's Report: ZC9E Juan, ZC51E Kevin. CARRIED

Question arising: PDG Doug Smith asked what had come from PID Art Woods request for details regarding the disbursements on the Leash Free Park account. CT Linda had spoken to Art and provided him the information as requested. Because of this request, CT Linda advised that the information will be provided to members of Cabinet and Committees.

13. Cabinet Reports

GMT Coordinator – 1st VDG Garry (o.b.o. GMT Committee)

VDG Garry stated that they are working on building membership on a multitude of fronts. Their committee consisting of PDG Tracey, VDG Garry, ZC Mike McCourt, ZC Juan Monterozza, ZC Cecilia Fulker and others have been busy setting the foundation for a campaign to develop a long awaited club in Listowel. They have conducted a needs assessment and they hope to hold a membership campaign before the end of the year. They also hope that a new club would be possibly in place in the new year.

In addition, they are working to gain members and new clubs in the urban areas of the District. Considering the number of people. There is a great opportunity to build membership. They will focus on large centres that have had a significant growth in population. The communities are growing but we, Lions clubs, are not. To cover expenses for these campaigns, the District has applied for \$1500.00 USD Grant to pay for those expenses like meetings, planning and possibly a professional looking display booth at malls and events. He's looking forward to working with the team and will keep the Cabinet informed of their progress.

Moved to accept the Cabinet Reports: ZC9E Juan, Second CT Denis. CARRIED.

14. Committee Reports

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Thom Herrmann

PDG Thom began his message describing, in some detail, how Diabetes affects many in our communities. He stated that many people don't realize they have Diabetes, especially Type 2 Diabetes which a lot of us Lions have. In his way, he described how, when unmanaged, Diabetes can lead to dangerous health issues as well as amputations ("Chop"). Lion Thom offered to present at any club or venue: All you have to do is ask. November is Diabetes month: Contact him for tags to help you raise awareness and funds for Diabetes. Diabetes Canada provided certificates of appreciation and PDG Thom proudly presented the clubs with their respective certificates.

Clubs who received a certificate were:

Plattsville & District	Stratford	Copetown
Rockton	Ingersoll	Paris
South Wellington Community	St. George	Kitchener Pioneer
KW Community Spirit	Atwood	Burford
Fergus	Innerkip	

Thank you goes out to all the clubs from us "needle prickers".

Convention Report – PDG Doug Smith

PDG Doug presented the budget for the District A15 Convention 2022/2023 to be held in Brantford on April 14-16, 2023.

Moved: That Cabinet approve the budget presented for the 2022/2023 Convention.

Moved by : 2nd VDG Bill, ZC9E Juan. No Questions. CARRIED.

PDG Doug proceed to remind members that this convention is a joint effort of the Paris, St. George, Rockwood and District and South Wellington Community Lions.

In addition to the report attached, PDG Doug empathized that we will be holding 2 or 3 events on the Saturday, any one of these would be a welcome activity for Lions. We hope to have a presentation from POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario) regarding one of our pillars (Childhood Cancer) as well as a Strides Walk for Diabetes. He welcomed PDG Thom to take the lead on this. In addition, as part of our support for the Environment, we will have a display of Electric Vehicles from a variety of vendors and possibly hold a parking lot clean up. We request clubs and Zone Chairs to invite us to come and promote this

convention. March 1 is an important date: If we do not have enough registrations, then we will have to cancel this event and advise cabinet of this decision.

Youth Camp Budget – Lion Allison Henkel

DG Tony expressed Lion Allison's regrets for not being able to attend as they are away on vacation. This year, they have planned to host as many as 20 youth. The camp is to be held at the Blue Springs Scout Camp between Rockwood and Acton.

Moved: That the Youth Camp and Exchange budget be approved as submitted:

Moved by 1st VDG Garry, Second – ZC37W Cecilia. CARRIED.

Moved to accept the Committee Reports – ZC9S Ken, ZC51E Kevin. CARRIED

Unfinished Business

Re-zoning – DG Tony Davidson

DG Tony expressed that the conditions in the amendment that led to the tabling of the motion to re-zone (*"To defer any decision of re-zoning until after the pandemic is over"*) has been met as defined in the minutes of October 29, 2020 (*"When free movement of people between cities and countries. When there is a vaccine with a good clinical trial."*)

DG Tony then pulled the original motion for consideration.

1st VDG Garry, who had moved the original motion, requested that the motion be withdrawn. DG Tony asked if there were any objections from voting Cabinet and seeing none, the motion was withdrawn. DG Tony then advised that with all that had gone on in the period from when the motion was tabled to now, such as the loss of 2 clubs and a few others in need of support, as well as the prospect of 3 to 4 clubs looking to transfer to District A15, the current zones as defined in the original scenario would not be in the best interest of the District at this time.

DG Tony proposed that the re-distribution of clubs should happen once we have more information about these possible forthcoming changes and challenges.

Question from the floor: (Lion Alan Fulker, Zurich): Lion Alan wondered how it was that we could do this? We had voted on doing this at the convention in 2020 and the clubs had already chosen to adopt the first scenario and that it was going to be done? How can you overturn that decision?"

After much discussion, it was explained that the By-law changes passed at the Convention in 2020 determines the point at which a re-zoning has to be undertaken, not the process under which it is done. A policy, put in force at the same time, determines the process. In compliance, the process was begun and culminated in the motion to rezone at the 2020 fall meeting recommending the adoption of Scenario 1 as defined in the minutes of the Fall Meeting 2020. This motion, never passed, was tabled until its conditions set out in the amendment were met. With all the changes in the District, Cabinet felt that we need to revisit the re-zoning distribution. DG Tony expressed a need for us to re-evaluate the policy and possibly the By-law. He advised that this task will be assigned to a committee and made responsible to make recommendations on these items.

15. Special Presentations & Awards

Campaign 100 – LCIF Awards

PCT Lion Peter Oswald was pleased to report that District A15 had the largest number of clubs that had either reached the Model Club or Maple Leaf club designation. Lion Peter also reminded us that all of the funds that are donated to LCIF go towards grants. He also said that up to 15% of grant monies can be requested as community grants by the clubs that have met a level of contribution. Much of the funds from our District went through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, our Canadian agency responsible for providing charitable receipts to personal donors. Recently, funds have provided as emergency grant to the Maritimes in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona as well as part of the 2.7 Million US Dollars to provide Humanitarian Relief to refugees from the Ukraine and surrounding countries.

The following clubs were presented with a framed recognition.

Model Clubs: (clubs who donated \$650CDN/member during Campaign 100.)

NOTE: Model clubs automatically are recognized as both Model and Maple Leaf Clubs.

Guelph Lions Club Marsville and District Lions Club (top club \$ per member)
Stratford Lions Club Woodstock Lions Club
Elmira Lions Club Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

Maple Leaf Clubs: (clubs who donated \$360CDN/member during Campaign 100.)

Ayr-North Dumfries Copetown
Elora Kitchener
St Jacobs West Coast

Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit

Lion Peter concluded his presentation reminding everyone that donations of any amount are always welcome through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF!

16. Sight Screening – DG Tony (o.b.o. Chair David Millard)

The new sight screening program supported by the funding from the Cowan foundation, is in need of volunteers (see report attached). Please contact Lion David Millard if you are interested in participating in this pilot project for Waterloo Region schools.

17. Announcements

PDG OJ Wilura – We are looking to organize an Honorary Committee (PDGs) dinner at the Queen’s Inn on November 10. Details to come to the committee members soon.

Lion Bob Pearson advised that there is only limited room in the Lions Magazine and will try and see what he can do to make the pictures bigger and increase write-ups, when possible.

October 27, 2022 – Workshop for Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer’s or any member with an interest in the club leadership.

18. Closing Remarks

As we move forward in this the 2nd Quarter of our Lions year, we need for people to step forward to take leadership opportunities at the District and the Club. If you have an interest, feel free to contact your Zone Chair or members of Cabinet to get the answers that you seek. And remember ... Lions are supposed to have FUN! With that in mind, remember ... TOGETHER WE CAN!

Our next Cabinet meeting will be held on January 19, 2023 – Innerkip Lions.

Adjournment – 8:44PM

GOVERNOR'S REPORT – DG Tony Davidson

Summer is over and we are now into Fall, and you are doing an awesome job with service projects and Fundraising for the various institutions you support. It is great to be able to be out in our communities with no restrictions. I thank you for all you have done for Lions during the first quarter.

The district lost a tremendous Zone Chair in 37 South when Lion Lisa Visser stepped down for personal reasons. We are currently looking for someone to step forward to take on the duties for the remainder of the year. We also had a change in our Diabetes Awareness chair with Lion Thom Herrmann taking on the roll.

The Governors Team and the Zone Chair are visiting Clubs and I would like to thank the clubs for the generous hospitality we receive.

We have had many new Lions inducted this quarter and it would be great if we could continue this growth. It is important to attract new members to keep the Clubs active in the community. New members bring new Ideas, and new Ideas bring greater service. Membership is the responsibility for each of us. When was the last time you asked someone to become a lion

The GMT team is working hard to engage all Lions with training workshops. These are both in person and virtual, so I hope the members take advantage of their dedication!

DISTRICT GOALS

As for the District Goals for the year we have 23% of the Clubs reporting service, our goal is 60%.

100% of the zone chairs have been trained

With the desire to have 50% of the Club officers trained we currently have 13% trained

We had a goal to increase the District by 60 members over last year and we are currently down 21 members.

Other Goals can be found on Lions Insights, District Goals

Lions Quest and the Lions foundation have always been important to me. My wish is to have all clubs donate to these worthy causes.

FIRST Vice District Governor – VDG Garry Ransom



I saw this sign in a yard and it took me a few minutes to interpret it but it says our pre-covid time is over, rest in peace. Though we continue and it appears that we will continue to have covid with us for a while, we are getting back to normal but normal will not be the same as pre-covid normal. My daughter works out of her house for a company located in California. She says she will never go back to working out of an office. Working at home allows to have her own schedule and more

time with the family. I was at a meeting in Guelph where a person in Hamilton gave us a virtual tour of the airplane museum where he pointed a camera at the planes and talked about them. Almost as good as being there. We would never have thought that was possible 3 years ago. **So pre-covid time R.I.P.**

What happens in post covid? It is going to be different, some of it is going to be new and it will all be exciting. During my district governor's training it was emphasized to work as a team. No more District Governor's goals but District goals. Lions Foundation of Canada are continuing with virtual graduations not live graduations. While at the US/Canada forum there were many Lions there that belonged to virtual clubs, specialty clubs, clubs that have hybrid meetings, and clubs that meet only after a project. In a recent survey that the membership team conducted more than 50% of our members want training done virtually not in person.

Yet some things will stay the same. I have seen in my visits to Freelon and Burford where the Lions continue to provide great service, where needed, to their communities. Stratford Lions have a special project which they call "Stratford Lions Project Care". Our members still want to socialize but perhaps it will be when we celebrate a project not at a meeting.

So, what is the future of Lions? Hard to tell. We cannot go back to what we had. That door is closed. Just as my daughter will not go back to an office environment because there are too many pluses working from home. We have unprecedented opportunities thanks to Covid. The saving in cost and time conducting virtual workshops cannot be underestimated considering the busy lives of young families.

Businesses that have embraced the new opportunities are thriving. We have the same opportunities. Let's identify and embrace them. Lions have always been able to adapt. We will adapt to help serve those people less fortunate than ourselves. As President Brian Sheehan says "Together We Can"

FVDG Lion Garry Ransom

SECOND Vice District Governor – VDG Bill Robinson

The Lions year is progressing quickly. As we enter the 2nd quarter, I am please to have visited with 9 clubs. All the clubs are busy with service projects or are shaking the bushes trying to increase membership and that is exciting. Unfortunately, we lost a club in the district, and that should serve as a reminder to all of us the importance of succession planning and to gauge member satisfaction. Sometimes we take it for granted that someone will always step up to take over the officer position or chair the committee but what if no one does? Nominations will be opening soon for cabinet positions next year and it won't be long before we are looking at next years club executive. We should start early and find our replacement. The district team is here to assist all the clubs to succeed in achieving their goals.

Respectfully
Bill Robinson

CABINET SECRETARY – CS Denis Vinette

Changes in the Directors and Officers have been made at the Ontario Business Registry.

Going forward, I ask that reports to cabinet be provided in a text form with the least amount of graphic content as is necessary. This will allow for a smaller file for distribution and make it easier for reading apps to navigate for those with visual impairment or blindness.

CABINET TREASURER – CT Linda Vinette

For October 19th Cabinet Meeting, the financial reports have been balanced and reconciled to the bank online balances (reconciled to statements as at September 30, 2022).

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

- All clubs have been invoiced for dues by email for the Lions year. Out of 55 clubs, we have 20 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 an accurate reflection of all the balances held in Trust and all accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as of September 30, 2022.
- Per the Cabinet Meeting motion in August 2022, Balances from the Cultural Festival (217.11) and the Reading Action plan (6.12) have been transfers to the Lions Quest Contra Account.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Vinette



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at Sept 30, 2022

ASSETS

Kindred

Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	59,379.45
Total Cash in Kindred	<u>84,265.94</u>
Shares in Kindred	25.00
Total Cash	<u>84,290.94</u>
District Dues Receivable	12,852.20
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>84,290.94</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>97,143.14</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>97,143.14</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

MDA Dues Payable	22,400.00
Centennial Project Fund	1,000.00
Convention Fund	1,797.60
DGE Partner Travel	3,600.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>28,797.77</u>
Total Current Liabilities	28,797.77

Long Term Liabilities

International Director- Contra	8,451.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	5,334.20
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>13,785.70</u>
Total Liabilities	42,583.47

Equity

Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	21,245.26
Net Income	10,314.41
Total Equity	<u>54,559.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>97,143.14</u>



District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account -July 2022 -Sept 30 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
Income			
District Directory	48.00	120.00	(72.00)
District Dues	10,914.00	10,914.00	
Interest Earned	121.33	120.00	1.33
Leadership Seminar Income	1,375.00	1,375.00	
Membership Assessment	1,926.00	1,926.00	
Pin Sales	85.00	500.00	(415.00)
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA		1,650.00	(1,650.00)
Total Income	14,469.33	16,605.00	(2,135.67)
Expense			
Awards - Cabinet	45.20	1,000.00	(954.80)
Awards - Other Accrual		600.00	(600.00)
Total Awards	45.20	1,600.00	(1,554.80)
Badges & Patches	502.32	800.00	(297.68)
Bank Charges	2.79	100.00	(97.21)
Cabinet Expense	300.00	2,000.00	(1,700.00)
Convention Expense		1,200.00	(1,200.00)
District Chair Expense			
Comm Chair		1,600.00	(1,600.00)
District Chair - Other		300.00	(300.00)
Total District Chair Expense		1,900.00	(1,900.00)
District Directories	1,628.65	1,700.00	(71.35)
Global Action Team		2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Internet	142.00	175.00	(33.00)
Leadership Seminar		1,375.00	(1,375.00)
Leadership Institutes		450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased, District	1,412.18	1,500.00	(87.82)
Postage	51.98	100.00	(48.02)
Office Expense	69.80	560.00	(490.20)
Zoom Licence fee		345.00	(345.00)
USA/ Canada Forum		800.00	(800.00)
Total Expense	4,154.92	16,605.00	(12,450.08)
Net Income	10,314.41		10,314.41



District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

ASSETS	30-Sep-22
Chequing/Savings	
Trust Sight Investment	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	33718.41
Total - Youth	<u>33718.41</u>
Kindred-Trust Account	9614.87
Total Cash	48856.66
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-5.64
Total Cash and Receivable	<u>48851.02</u>
Total Current Assets	48851.02
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>48851.02</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Centennial Project- Gates	1820.20
Effective Speaking Contra Acct	2986.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07
Hearing Conservation	1000.00
LFC Dog Guides	0.00
LCIF- Disaster Relief	0.00
LCIF- Campaign 100	0.00
Diabetes Canada	0.00
Lions Foundation of Canada	
Leash Free Park	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	<u>1604.86</u>
LIONS Quest Contra Account	1573.23
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00
Peace Poster	749.82
Peace Poster MDA	0.00
Vision Screening	3845.30
Youth Camp/ Y. Ex. Contra Acct	26202.37
Total Current Liabilities	<u>40584.98</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>8266.04</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>48851.02</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>48851.02</u>

ZONE 9S – ZC Ken Linington

I have not done a club visit as yet. Starting on Oct. 18 with the Glen Morris Club. All clubs with the exception of Rockton and Paris have confirmed dates, time and locations for Zone Chair visits. The first Zone meeting has been confirmed for December 20 at the Copetown Club.

I participated in a A-15 Leadership planning session chaired by 2nd VDG Bill Robinson.

ZONE 37W – ZC Cecilia Fulker

It feels good to be back in my blue blazer. My first visit was to Monkton Lions. The club is celebrating their 70th anniversary. What a great accomplishment.

The club was excited to tell me about the barn dance. Everyone really enjoyed it. The club also participated in the Homecoming for Monkton working with The Kinsmen Club.

The secretary of the club Lion Emma Payne is a 3rd generation Lion. I have a feeling she is leadership material.

I still have to visit my other clubs to share a meal, share in their pride, share a goofy joke on my part and of course share The District Governors message.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Cecilia

ZONE 51E – ZC Kevin March

Hello Everyone.

By the time we have our Cabinet meeting, I will have visited four clubs in Zone 51 East and inducted five new members. The clubs which I have been to are very happy to be meeting in person again. The clubs in 51 East are realizing that there is a new normal regarding fundraising and serving people's needs. Due to the pandemic, more people and organizations are asking our clubs for assistance, i.e., food banks, schools, hospitals, sporting and recreation groups and various other local organizations. Clubs in 51 East are coming up with new ways to raise funds to assist those in need.

In my recent travels around the zone, I have noticed some clubs have lost catering services due to the pandemic and are having difficulty finding an affordable

caterer due to the increase in food prices. This is proving difficult for clubs who have always enjoyed the fellowship around dinner meetings. I am wondering if clubs in other zones are experiencing the same situation. I would gladly entertain any suggestions to a workable solution to the problem.

I plan to do the rest of my club visits in November and December before inclement weather affects travel.

Respectfully submitted

ZC Kevin March

ZONE 51W – ZC Mike McCourt

Club visits in full swing with many more to go. Clubs are all anxious to have a visit and to learn what other Clubs and the Region are up to. Membership is an ongoing concern and initiative for many clubs.

GLT - DISTRICT COORDINATOR – Jim Sanders

The District Leadership Team will be presenting a Club Officers Training session via Zoom on October 27th.

Topics will include:

- Building an Agenda
- Running a Meeting
- Membership Reporting
- Updating club Roster
- Updating club info in MyLCI
- Submitting PU101
- Reviewing club statements
- How to pay LCI
- When to pay LCI
- Setting up and running a Zoom Meeting
- Celebrate Success

An invitation has been sent to all Clubs. Please encourage Club Officers with whom you are in touch to pre-register.

GST - DISTRICT COORDINATOR – PDG Nancy Ransom

The Lions of A-15 are busy as ever serving their communities and people in need, as shared in the monthly service story letters to Clubs. I am very grateful to PDG Karen McNeight who has kindly volunteered to join our district Global Service Team! Lion Karen has provided some excellent suggestions for service projects, which were shared with the district clubs.

I encourage our Zone Chairs to reach out to clubs on their visits, and promote joint club activities and projects that involve members of their communities. Service is the key to gaining members.

I challenge each Club to enter every category of our district Club “Challenge for Pride” Service contest.

The GAT Success Story Funding (\$500 USF) was applied for, and has been approved for A-15.

An entry was submitted to the MDA Kindness Matters contest.

Insights – currently 26 % of A-15 Clubs are reporting on *MyLion*; as compared to 55% of clubs reporting at end of last June. Please reach out if you need assistance. This is OUR STORY to share with the world - reporting our activities is essential to Lions International’s relationship with their global service partners. This is OUR NEWS MEDIA - All Lion members can access *MyLion* to read about the activities that are taking place in our District and in Canada.

“Together We Can”

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom, A15 GST Chair

GMT - DISTRICT COORDINATOR – PDG Tracey Robinson

It has been a very busy couple of months. Our membership team has been very busy planning Membership workshops within the district. We had planned one for each Region, first being Region 9 for October 1, 2022. Only 3 members signed up for this workshop and therefore had to cancel. A survey was sent out, with a response from a few members. With the results from this, we have decided to cancel all workshops that were in person and will only be doing a Virtual workshop sometime in November.

We are currently trying to start a club in Listowel. We have been out wondering the streets handing out information and assessments. We are hopeful to have more information within the coming months on our progress.

There has been communication with some clubs in the district to aid in re-building and getting new members. This is always available from our team.

Unfortunately, we did lose a club this year. Some of those members were able to transfer to another club within the district. There has been 9 reported new members come into the district. I know of a few more that have not been yet reported. Welcome new members and thank you to the sponsors for bringing them out.

Keep up the great work in our great district!!!

Respectfully submitted:

PDG Tracey Robinson

BULLETIN & MDA MAGAZINE LIAISON – Bob Pearson

Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues but we do realize there is always room for improvement.

We are holding the October issue until after the cabinet meeting to accommodate LCIF club presentations.

That gives us some lead time to accept additional items for publication. We are always open for business, please forward your submissions as soon as practical. Event advertising is not only allowed but encouraged.

The newsletters are distributed electronically, photo resolution is not quite as important as it is for print versions, however some submissions may find their way into the LION magazine and quality photos are important.

The popularity of the bulletin contest seems to have waned somewhat and there have been no entries in the last couple of years. As a result of feedback from club members it has been suggested that it might well be time to consider changing the format of the bulletin contest to promote more interest within district clubs and the rating system perhaps be based on regular submissions as opposed to a one-time entry for the contest. More to follow.

Timely submissions make for a better product. District clubs and bulletin editors are requested to submit your material to the A15 Editor as soon as practical for the next issue.

Submissions can be in most formats, PDF's are preferred, but most other platforms can be converted. Contact the bulletin editor if you have questions about file formats. Microsoft Word seems to be the most popular format and that is suitable.

Respectfully,
Lion Bob Pearson



Note: The position as editor for the District Governor's newsletter is not a permanent assignment, if any member might be interested in assuming please contact the writer.

COMMUNICATION – PRC Jim Keron

The purpose of the Communications Committee is to provide hybrid zoom meeting facilities for the District A15 cabinet meetings. For clubs interested in hosting a cabinet meeting, our only requirement is to have WIFI accessible in your hall. It's easier if you have a PA system since we can use that and if your hall has a built-in projector that's even better but the only must-have requirement is WIFI.

Additionally, if a club is interested in setting up a hybrid solution for your club meeting I am happy to consult with you. I also have a reasonably detailed paper on how I set up my system which includes some operating considerations. Email me to get a copy at jkeron@uwo.ca This paper has been sent to a number of Lions clubs across the continent.

Jim Keron

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PCC William (Bill) Carson

Nothing to report at this time.

CONVENTION CO-HOST REPORT – PDG Doug Smith

The Convention Committee are working hard to host our Annual District Convention.

Attached is the Proposed Budget and I hope that all have read it and if there are any questions I will entertain them and answer them.

Hearing none, I would ask DG Tony to ask for a motion to accept and approve.

Outline of the Convention

This will be a 3 day Convention held at Brantford Best Western (Brant Park Inn) on April 14 – 16, 2023. Room rates are \$119.00 plus HST per night with Free Parking and a Complimentary Breakfast.

Friday Night - Opening Ceremonies, Candidates Skits and of course Hospitality Suites.

Saturday Morning - Honorary Committee Meeting, Cabinet Meeting, Luncheon with Guest Speaker regarding Pediatric Cancer Support.

Afternoon Service Activities – Environmental Electric/Hybrid Cars Display and a Roadside Cleanup. While we are walking doing the Cleanup, it will double up as a Stride for Diabetes Walk. With some assistance form the District Marketing Committee, local Press/TV will be asked to promote Lions not only in Brantford but also in District A15. **DON’ T PLAN ON HAVING AN AFTERNOON NAP!**

Saturday Evening – Governor’s Ball featuring our International Guest as Speaker. Entertainment to follow.

Sunday Morning – In Person Voting, Memorial Service, Cabinet Meeting and Closing Ceremonies.

In closing, this Convention may determine if we have any future Conventions. If we do not have sufficient registrations by March 1, the event will be cancelled. Plan “B” ... would be left at the decision of Cabinet.

Respectively submitted,

PDG Doug Smith

Convention Co Host

ZC Ken Linington

Convention Co Host

2023 Convention Budget

Income		
Registrations	300 @ \$25.00	\$7500.00
Sunday Morning Registration	20 @ \$15.00	300.00
Sponsorships		2000.00
Meals	(140 @ \$30.00 + 140 @ \$55.00)	11900.00
Pin Sales	200 @ \$6.00	1200.00
Raffle Draw Net Proceeds		1000.00
Rebate from District A15	1284 @ \$1.40	1798.00
Hospitality Suites	6 @ \$170.00	1020.00
Total Projected Income		<hr/> 26718.00
Expenses		
Promotion		\$2000.00
Printing		2000.00
Bank Fees		300.00
Liability Insurance		500.00
Pin Costs	200 @ 5.75	1150.00
Lanyards and Registration Costs		800.00
Guest Rooms (DG, Int'l Guest, Protocol Aid)		1100.00
Guest Room Compliments		200.00
Hospitality Room Costs		1020.00
International Supper		800.00
Complimentary Function Costs		700.00
Function Room Costs		2500.00
Meal Costs		11900.00
Entertainment for Saturday Night		1000.00
Music Copyright Fee		75.00
Total Expenses		<hr/> \$26045.00
Projected Profit		\$673.00

ELECTIONS & CREDENTIALS – PDG Thom Herrmann

No Report.

HISTORIAN – PDG Nancy Ransom

The monthly club pin stories are ongoing; and I plan to share monthly, past projects from our district that involved club partnerships and multi club service projects.

I invite clubs to forward stories and photos about your pins and of joint projects to share with all.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom, A15 Historian

HONORARY COMMITTEE – IPDG Harvey Wood

Nothing to Report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PCS Ted Rypma

Nothing further to report at this time.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – PID Art Woods

LCIF – IPDG Harvey Woods

Campaign 100 – Special Presentation.

LEO ADVISOR – PDG O.J. Wilura

District A15 still only has 2 LEO Clubs in this district, KW with 8 members and Lynden with 3.

KW Leo is presently restructuring with a new President Ashton Chan. A further effect of the pandemic is shown by the drop of members who have lost interest as a result of not being able to carry out meaningful service within the community.

Lynden President Ruth Brooks advises that they are trying to rejuvenate their Leo Club with new young members. Again, the loss of members is due to a lack of being able to meet and provide service.

I can only reiterate the final paragraph from my last report. The youth in our district are very important and we should be able to support them by adding more Leo Clubs in A15. For only \$100 per year your club could influence many of our young adults. The hyperlink below can provide more information or you may contact me.

[Start a Leo Club | Lions Clubs International](#)

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Lion OJ Wilura

LONG RANGE PLANNING – PCC Kevin J. Banfield

Nothing to Report.

NOMINATION – PCC Tim Cronin

It is already time to start thinking of the 2022 2023 Leadership of our District.

The District A15 Policy allows for nomination and campaigning for DG, VDG1 and VDG2 to commence November 1. Zone and Region Chair candidates may be nominated and start campaigning January 1st.

The A15, MDA and LCI Constitutions and Bylaws dictate the requirements for the respective positions. I will leave it to the perspective candidates to become familiar with these requirements. I would ask that perspective candidates complete the required forms, available on the A15 Website under <https://a15lions.org/pages/Directory/A15Pubs>, to be submitted to the cabinet secretary.

The requirements as set out in the Constitution and Bylaws will be confirmed and the candidate will be notified that they may start campaigning.

Historically there are seldom enough candidates for Region Chair and Zone Chair and candidates are acclaimed to the position. This does not mean that the candidates do not need to campaign - the campaign is a good way to prepare for the position they wish to hold.

I would ask all District Officers to promote and encourage eligible Lions to seek office.

If there is no candidate for Zone or Region Chair, the District Governor may appoint a Lion to fill the position.

I would recommend to Cabinet that Long Range Planning make recommendations to formalize the procedure and requirements for appointment to Zone and/or Region Chair positions

Respectfully Submitted.

ACCESSIBILITY – PDG George Corrin

District Governor Tony Davidson Good day, Each Club is effectively dealing with the up coming Accessibility Legislation. Each club does have free access from their own municipality for further information as to the process to follow if required. They still have until the year 2025 to have what they can in place. Kristina Engle has requested that we attach a possible available grant to the appropriate clubs. Respectfully submitted Lion George Corrin

Good day Lions,

I received Great News on an Accessibility Grant. This is a fantastic opportunity if your Club Facility needs an accessible washroom, ramp, accessible doors, accessible lifts, etc. I learned you will need two quotes with your application to prove that this is a project about which you are serious.

The New Horizons Program has launched a Call for Proposals (CFP) under the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Small projects component. You can apply between September 7, 2022, and November 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). If you need help or accommodations, please send us an email before November 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) will communicate decisions to applicants within 16 weeks from the closing of the application period.

Information on the application requirements and process can be found in the Applicant Guide on the EAF Small funding webpage

<<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social/development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html>> .

For any questions, please contact us <<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social/development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html#h2.08>> .

Please note: ESDC will be holding information sessions

<<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social/development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html#h2.08-h3.01>> .

I hope this information is helpful and some of the Lions Clubs are able to apply for this Government Grant to make this facility a little more accessible.

Yours in Service,

Lion Khrisstina Engel

Multiple District 'A' Accessibility Chairperson

Email Address: kengel@lionsa16.com Phone Number: 905-252-7004

CHILDHOOD CANCER – Sue Martin

I have sent an email to all clubs in District A-15 introducing myself again. I asked each club to let me know they received the email and encouraged them to plan for some project to support the focus area of Childhood Cancer. I have offered ideas and resources for projects as well.

I have made a connection with Meaghan Moore of Ronald McDonald House of South Central Ontario. She has made presentations to both Guelph Lions and St. George Lions Club. As a result of these presentations both clubs made generous donations to RMHSCO.

PDG Jamie Jones, GLT Coord. A12, MDA Childhood Cancer Chair, has offered an invitation to all Childhood Cancer Chairs to take part in a Zoom Meeting on Oct. 20th. I have registered for this event.

Lion Sue Martin

DIABETES AWARENESS – PDG Thom Herrmann

Verbal Presentation to come.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Lion Lyle Fair

No Report.

GIFT OF LIFE – Lion Jess Bailey

Nothing further to report at this time.

HEARING & SPEECH ACTION – PDG George Corrin

District Governor Tony Davidson Report on Hearing For the year Lions 2022 2023 A15 has 3 Lions that sit on the Hearing Board of Directors, they are Lion Janey Dawson Brock, Lion Gary Eves, and Lion John Pepper.

They all do with the other board of Directors a fabulous job in being creative with making the lives of the blind and deaf members of our communities better.

As a reminder for all the clubs I have attached a document that each club can apply for the Helen Keller award with a donation to their cause, and fund raiser.

Also please look at their web site very interesting.

Respectfully submitted George Corrin
(Inclusion)

HUNGER – PRC Victor Chaux

No Report.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA – Lion Cheryl Bauman

[Dog Guides Update](#)

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has almost returned to pre-COVID operation with lots of puppies being born and long-distance clients staying for training at the Oakville facility. This fall, Dog Guides celebrated the graduation of more than 40 graduates in 7 Dog Guides program. This is the link to watch the October 4, 2022 graduation: <https://youtu.be/kblW4E5oC-Q>. Watch the new

Dog Guide video which highlights its seven different programs:

https://youtu.be/qaz_OZ9Uktw.

Dog Guides will be hosting its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 15 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Join the meeting virtually by registering at

<https://www.dogguides.com/events/annual-general-meeting-agm/>.

The foundation launched a new website this fall with a section for how [Lions Clubs](#) can help support Dog Guides. Teams can be sponsored for as little as \$4,000 which can be paid over three years, and clubs can recognize the dedication and service of individual Lions with a fellowship.

Become part of [Dog Guides new facility](#). Contact [Deb Cserhalmi](#) to have a club presentation on the new state-of-the-art training school or receive information on how District A15 clubs can support the project.

Tickets are available for the [LFC Dog Guides 50/50 Fall Online](#) Raffle until November 10th.

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:

- The Sheffield Lions Club held a Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides event on Saturday, September 24th.
- The Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club and Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club teamed up with District A711 Halton K9 Lions Club and Toronto Green Capes Lions Club on September 24th for the Paws for a Cause event which raised money for Dog Guides and to help with Dog Guide graduate vet bills.
- District A15 Lions Clubs are selling 2023 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars.

Order calendars online at

<https://www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends> or purchase them from a participating district club.

- Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club
 - Autumn Days Online Facebook Auction:
<https://tinyurl.com/2fcwvz4e>
- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club
 - 50/50 Draw (contact raffle@mbblc.org)

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 as the demand for trained service dogs grows.

*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

LIONS QUEST – Lion Barbara Melara

No Report.

PEACE POSTER & ESSAY FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED YOUTH – Lion Debbie Nelligan

We have had an overwhelming response to this year's peace poster and essay contest. There are 20 kits out throughout the district. Congratulations Lions. I am looking forward to seeing what our talented students will submit to us. This year's theme is "Lead with Compassion".

A reminder to the clubs the posters must be delivered to me by the week of Nov. 7th. Please contact me for arranging pickup.

It is great to see the clubs back into the schools supporting our youth.

Sincerely, Lion Debbie Nelligan

SIGHT SCREENING & CONSERVATION – Lion David Millard

In May 2022, preparations commenced to resume vision screening in the Region of Waterloo Public and Catholic schools assessing senior kindergarten children. Due to Covid issues the last screening efforts were conducted in the fall of 2019/spring 2020.

This project is a collaborative effort involving the Regional Public Health Department, the LCIF, the Cowan Foundation, the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and District A-15 Lions Clubs.

In addition to completing the vision screening there will follow up actions to determine if children that require an Optometrist check have actually seen an Optometrist. The data generated from the program will be studied to measure the impact and the cost/benefit of the vision screening program. It is believed that this collaboration will serve as a model for a nationwide early eye care program for children.

Over the last six months participants have been:
sourcing and allocating funds for the project (LCIF and Cowan),
gathering the equipment required/assessing the existing equipment (UW),
recruiting volunteers for vision teams,
scheduling the vision screening events, and
training the volunteer teams.

It was projected that 7 teams are required consisting of 7 team members to accomplish the number of students needing testing and concluding the project in March 2023. To-date we have enough volunteers for 6 teams, some teams way short of the 7 team members. A team can get by with 5 members but this leaves no room for illness, vacation periods or other needs to get away. The time commitment is high where over 20 days of testing will be required conducting screening (for one day per week).

Unfortunately, only enough volunteers to start 6 teams have been recruited, with some teams short of members. More team members are required.

The teams assembled and rough number of team members are:

UW School of Optometry Team - Students will rotate throughout the program. No additional members required.

Kitchener Team - Currently 5 team members, 2 volunteers required.

Bridgeport Team - Currently 5 team members, 2 volunteers required.

St. Jacobs Team - Currently 7 or more team members. No additional volunteers required.

Cowan/Cambridge/Rockton Team - Currently 4 team members, 3 volunteers required.

Elmira/Linwood Team - Currently 3 team members, ideally 4 volunteers required.

For the time being others will assist this team to get going.

In summary about 11 volunteers are needed to round out the above teams; then an additional 7 volunteers would build the seventh team

Regards,
Dave Millard

(reports provided after Club and District distribution was sent)

YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE – Lion Allison Henkell

Budgeting for the camp this year is difficult. We are going to have to take a good look at the agenda and see what will need to be adjusted based on what activities survived COVID. Additionally, the cost for pretty much everything has increased significantly since we last ran the camp in 2019. When we are making adjustments to the agenda, we will endeavour to find activities that fit within our budget overall although the line-by-line items may be inaccurate. For example, there is a Pow Wow that we have seen advertised and we thought it might be good to add something to our agenda to highlight our First Nations, we would replace that with something else on the agenda and try to keep the cost similar.

Mark and I are looking at having 20 youth, the two of us and likely two other volunteers. That should allow us all to fit in two 12 passenger vans. We often take another vehicle "just in case". We wouldn't want to have a medical issue or something and have it throw a wrench into everyone's day because one of the vans is tied up. When we are back from vacation, we will submit the information

to YEC to get our camp on the International website and we should begin receiving applications, likely in December.

Youth Exchange Program Budget

July 2023 Camp

	2019	2020	2023	
	Actual	Budget	Budget	
Donations received from clubs	18,000	20,000	20,000	
Camp fees collected	<u>5,750</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	
	<u>23,750</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	
Airport Arrival expenses	355	400	400	
Blue Jays Game - tickets, parking, dinner	1,054	1,100	1,200	Room for youth & leaders to wait
Camp accommodations	7,910	8,000	9,000	Budget based on going back to Blue Springs
Camp supplies and groceries	2,444	1,500	1,800	Groceries, bug spray, sun screen, supplies
CN Tower	912	800	1,000	
Eaton Centre - parking & lunch	566		580	
Glow Zone	429	400	450	mini golf & laser tag & arcade
Hornblower	582	600	750	
Ice Cream for everyone	148	150	180	
Fort George	141	120	150	guided tour and parking
Liability Insurance	573	575	600	
Mandarin	-	1,000	-	restaurant is now closed, we will have to figure something else out
Name Tags	198	200	220	
Niagara Falls Lunch	-		500	
Niagara Falls parking	-		100	free with Skylon dinner
Niagara Falls Supper - Skylon	1,052	950	1,000	
Police Checks		100	100	
Pizza	120	150	150	
Rockwood Conservation	-	200	200	we didn't do this in 2019 because of timing of events
St Jacob's Horse Drawn Tour	418	375	400	
Subway Lunch (Foundation Visit)	310	400	480	
Transportation	5,189	5,500	6,875	
T-Shirts, Polo, Jackets etc	1,242	1,100	1,320	
Wonderland Tickets/Parking/Dinner	1,680	1,500	1,650	
Youth Exchanges pins/patches		200	200	
	<u>25,323</u>	<u>25,320</u>	<u>29,305</u>	
Overage (Shortfall)	(1,574)	(320)	(4,305)	

Budget assumes we will have 24 in camp this year and don't need to use 3 vehicles

ZONE 9E – ZC Juan Monterroza

Hello to all A15 Lions,

This year as Zone Chair 9E will be a fantastic opportunity to meet all Lions members and know our future path after a big break, all are in favor and to meet in person.

Meetings with all clubs in our zone start in a good pace and so far, I have visited two clubs with a huge ambition to grow up on members and community activities.

Also, I have very active with the membership committee trying to get all clubs training to get more members to our clubs.

Lion Juan

ENVIRONMENT – ZC Juan Monterroza

I am still working on a master plan with all Zone Clubs and present a draft of activities to have environment green year.