



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®
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Fall Cabinet Meeting - Minutes

7:00 PM, November 15, 2023

Lyle Hallman Pool Complex, 600 Heritage Drive, Kitchener, ON

Short Skit: VDG Bill Robinson, PDG Tracey Robinson, PDG Nancy Ransom, PDG Denis Vinette

1. Call to order – DG Garry – 7:10
2. O Canada – Led by PDG Denis Vinette
3. Moment of Silence
4. Lions Thanks – DG Garry Ransom

These Lions embrace the quest we bear,
We join as friends with food to share.
Before our meal we stop and pause,
Giving thanks for this and for our cause.

5. Dinner -
6. Protocol – FVDG Bill Robinson – 7:53
7. Additions/Changes and Approval of the Agenda Moved: Ken, Second Kevin, CARRIED
8. District Governor's Remarks – DG Garry Ransom

Governor Garry spoke very briefly about the importance of about increasing our membership in support of our Mission 1.5 initiative as mentioned on the Canadian Conversation online meeting.

DG Garry shared that he has a passion for cycling instead. He was out on his bike and came upon a steep hill around what is locally referred to as Mt. Trashmore. A former landfill site in the Kitchener area. Garry said that he really likes cycling. He had to get off his bike at one point because he could not make it all the way to the top. He asked himself: What I am doing trying to go up this hill. In any case, he made it and wondered what he could do to improve his ability to take on these challenges. He explored a few ideas with his daughter and took her advice to build up his cardio so that over time he could get to the top without having to walk. So he took her advice and after a while he found that he could make it to the top, one metre at a time. He didn't expect to get there quickly, just determined to get there.

Lions Clubs are sometimes like this and we need to listen to advice and take the one that we are willing to accept.

FVDG Bill held a session where the clubs were asked "Where will your club be in 5 years?" and asked that they put it on sticky notes. The answer were varied, some said status quo, growing, non-existent, still doing what we are doing, ½ the membership, folded. Each club was thinking something different.

The next question asked was: "Where do you want to be in 5 years". Notes said "Increase membership, 5 more members, a solid admin account, increase the number of members INVOLVED, so a club decided that this is where they wanted to go.

These questions and answers represent the first step in the Global Membership Initiative and Mission 1.5 "at the club" level.

Discuss the options that you have and chose the one(s) that best suit your club. Don't worry about the whole challenge so much. Don't try to conquer the "hill", just focus on the "Meter" in front of you and keep doing it.

9. Presentation: Almaguin Highlands Lions Club – PDG Bill Copeman, Lion Jocelyn Mogel

Recording: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e1GH1Pbpl3dDTAjmZ5SWEgpDFxC7ky57/view?usp=sharing>

Presentations: Candidates for International Director (2025-2027)

PDG Len Day, District A12, Introduced by PDG James Jones

Recording: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IEjvW_T_N-ic7ESyPOaKGv8W1US7lpVL/view?usp=sharing

PCC Debbie Dawson, District A16, Introduced by PCC Todd Wilson

Recording: https://drive.google.com/file/d/14zuVDGQUB1JI7umiiGlhsZsyZHrfrbc_/view?usp=sharing

PDG Dan Sibanda, District A711, Introduced by PDG Terrence (Tebo) Richards

Recording: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CBWEYyISUQINNwzOoWFuTyqP3ZoaDsNo/view?usp=sharing>

10. Approval of Minutes of the August 27, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Moved: CS Denis Vinette, Second: FVDG Bill Robinson, CARRIED

<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports202230827Aug.pdf>

11. Secretary's Report – Nothing to report at this time.

Moved: RC 9 Ray Derouin, Second: RC51 Kevin March, CARRIED

12. Treasurer's Report – Highlights mentioned with Financials to come at a later date.

Moved: ZC73S Rick Bell, Second: ZC9E Kingsley Ojumoola, CARRIED

13. Cabinet Reports

No additional reports.

14. Committee Reports

Nominations : PCC Tim Cronin

- Lion Tim confirmed having received nominations for the position of District Governor: FVDG Bill Robinson and for the position of First Vice District Governor, SVDG Linda Vinette. He has received nominations for the position of Second Vice District Governor at this time. He reminded the ZC and RC that they are eligible to be nominated for the position of Second Vice District Governor.

Youth Exchange – PCC Tim Cronin

- Lion Tim reported that a group of members are working on getting a Youth Exchange program going for the coming year.

Lion Tracey Cronin and PCC Tim will be working on developing the outgoing youth program and will co-chair the program. Lions Allison and Mark Henkell will be handling the Camp and Lions Linda and Denis Vinette handling meals at the camp. This is a group effort and we look forward to working with the clubs in A15 to make this a success. Lion Tim asked the clubs to consider funding this project through donations for meals and the camp. One option is to purchase a Bruce Murray Youth Camp Fellowship.

Convention 2024 – FVDG Bill Robinson

- Co-chairs for the convention are FVDG Bill Robinson (Stratford) and Lion Michele Kurtz (Guelph). Lion Bill said that he wants the convention to be a party and to promote fellowship and celebration for the members in our District. This convention is a District effort and the committee would appreciate if members would volunteer to assist in any way they can.

To accept Committee Reports as submitted.

Moved: ZC37S Rick Bell, Second: ZC51W Cheryl Bauman, CARRIED

15. New Business

Motion to donate \$1000.00 from our Effective Speaking account to support MDA Effective Speaking.

Moved: RC9 Ray Derouin, Second: IPDG Tony Davidson, CARRIED

Motion to approve the Convention 2024 Budget as distributed.

Moved: FVDG Bill Robinson, Second: ZC9E Kingsley Ojumoola, CARRIED

Moved: FVDG Bill Robinson, Second: ZC73S Rick Bell, that the wording of Section 25 DISTRICT A-15 VOLUNTEER SCREENING AND POLICE CHECK POLICY (2016 06 05) be replaced with the following:

25.1 Preamble. It is clearly the intent of this policy to cover Vulnerable Sector checks required only for activities under the direct jurisdiction, conduct and supervision of the District and instituted for those Lions directly appointed by the District as Chairpersons, Sub-Chairpersons and/or coordinators.

25.2 District Programs/Projects/Initiatives/Screening

It is the responsibility of the District Youth Exchange Chairperson to ensure that the District coordinators and volunteers working at the District level with direct dealing with youth be appropriately evaluated, which shall include a police volunteer screening process.

Lions Club members who wish to be involved in the district as a host family, or by volunteering their time and services to youth activities, or in any other capacity involving direct access to youth, will be required to have a Vulnerable Sector check as described in this policy.”

25.3 It follows that District Chairpersons, Sub-Chairpersons and/or coordinators must then conform and perform in line with Province of Ontario’s “Police Record Checks Reform Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/15p30>)”. Detailed definitions and requirements included therein will best serve to be our guide.

Motion CARRIED.

16. Varied Announcements

17. Adjournment, Moved: FVDG Bill Robinson, Second: RC9 Ray Derouin