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**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF**

 **LIONS CLUB**

### **A-­‐15 Convention Meeting Minutes**

#### April 7, 2024 – 10:30AM

##### Stratford Quality Inn and Conference Centre

1. Call to order – 10:43 AM
2. Governor’s Remarks – DG Garry Ransom (See appendix “A”)
3. Approval of the Agenda – Moved to approve the agenda RC9 Ray Derouin, Second: ZC 9C Peter Oswald, CARRIED
4. Approval of Minutes of the January 27, 2024 Cabinet Meeting

Moved to approve the minutes: ZC37 Evelyn Albers, Second: ZC51W Cheryl Bauman, CARRIED

1. Treasurer’s Report

Report as at March 31, 2024. Funds received for convention will be attributed after all receipts are sorted out.

Moved: To receive the Treasurer’s report: ZC37S Rick Bell, Second: FVDG Bill Robinson, CARRIED

1. Cabinet and Committee Reports

Diabetes Chair PCS Trudy

 Lion Trudy reported that the Strides walk had 8 participants for a ½ hour walk.

 Best dressed: Lion Melissa Hart

 Best Poker Hand: Lion William Belrose

 Most donations over $100.00 – Lion David Shell

 The walk raised over $1500.00 for Diabetes.

Environment Contest – RC Joyce Townson

 Best Environment Photo ; Lion Carol Massel, Wilmot Lion Lioness

 Best Lions Environment Project Photo: PDG Nancy Ransom, KW Community Spirit

Spin the Wheel – SVDG Linda Vinette

 The hospitality fund raiser raised $263.00 for LCIF

Caricature Artist – Trevor Poole (sponsored by the Guelph Lions Club)

 Raised $375.00 for Lions Home for the Deaf

Moved: To accept the Cabinet and Committee Reports: IPDG Tony Davidson, Second: FVDG Bill Robinson CARRIED

1. Convention Report – FVDG Bill Robinson

 Registered Attendance : 230+

 Breakfast: 130, Lunch 87, Banquet 90

 Pin Sales : almost sold out.

 Lion Bill asked that attendees please complete the survey.

 The Convention will be held in Stratford again next year.

1. First Timers Contest – FVDG Bill

Winner : Lion Chris Mayo, Thamesford Lions

1. Convention Raffle

 1st Prize – Hotel Stay at the Quality Inn, Stratford - Burford Lions Club

 2nd Prize – Chocolate basket - Lynden Lions Club

 3rd Prize – Assortment of Chocolate items - Dundas Lions Club

 4th Prize – Chocolate Liqueur + Chocolate - Bayfield Lions Club

 5th Prize – Chocolate Liqueur + Chocolate - Lion Chris Duncan

1. Election Report – PDG Thom Herrmann

 Thanks go to the election committee for their assistance.

 From a potential of 132 delegates, 74 were registered and 74 voted.

 The credential committee raised $108.35 from fines collected.

 The proposed Bylaw changes AFFIRMED

 For the position of 2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Rick Mallon, Dundas AFFIRMED

 For the position of 1st Vice District Governor – Lion Linda Vinette, Rockwood & District AFFIRMED

 For the position of District Governor – Lion Bill Robinson, Stratford AFFIRMED

 Moved that the ballots be destroyed: ZC37S Rick Bell, ZC37W Evelyn Albers, CARRIED

Moved that the Constitution and Bylaws be renumbered, and pagination be adjusted, to reflect the changes as a result of the bylaw changes approved. CS Denis Vinette, IPDG Tony Davidson CARRIED

1. Presentation of the 2024/2025 Cabinet – DG Elect, Bill Robinson

 DG Bill Robinson Stratford Lions

 IPDG – Garry Ransom Guelph Lions

 1st VDG Linda Vinette South Wellington Community Lions

 2nd VDG Rick Mallon Dundas Lions

 CS Dianne Hewitt Rockwood & District Lions

 CT Brian Spivey Burford Lions

 LCIF Coordinator Tony Davidson St. George Lions

 GLT Coordinator Todd Wilson Elmira Lions

 GST Coordinator Anita Ertel South Wellington Community Lions

 RC37 Joyce Townson Woodstock Lions

 RC51 Kevin March Rockwood & District Lions

 ZC9C Neil Stephenson Waterdown Lions

 ZC9E Kingsley Ojumoola Lions Club of Kitchener

 ZC37S Terry McDougall Plattsville & District Lions

 ZC37W Evelyn Albers St. Marys Lions

 ZC51E E. George Woodley Belwood & District Lions

 ZC51W Cheryl Bauman Woolwich Community Lions

 Vacant – RC9, ZC9S and GMT Coordinator

 DG Elect Bill stated that his journey to this point has been long but rewarding. He believes that

 relationships & leadership are important factors in our success.

 He thanked DG Garry and mentioned that we will continue to build on the foundation laid out this past year

 Adjournment – 11:47

Appendix “A”

Opening Remarks – DG Garry Ransom

First of all, I would like to thank all the clubs and Lions that have support this year’s

convention. The first convention at least in my time that was hosted by the district. And

next year’s convention will also be hosted by the district.

There are many people to thank but I have a number of people that would like to say a

special thanks to.

Our convention hosts FVDG Bill and Lion Michele. Michele was also responsible for the

registration desk and the team that organized the games on Friday night. FVDG Bill

instigated a new registration system to allow for the use of credit cards to pay for the

registration and a system to keep track of those that registered. Our Cabinet Secretary

Denis who was the MC for the opening ceremonies on Friday. My wife PDG Nancy who

helped with the parade of banners and many other behind the scenes operations. PDG

Doug Smith who chaired the Saturday night banquet, worked at the registration desk

along with Michele and was always available to help where required. SVDG Linda who

organized the memorial service and PID Art who chaired the service. Our cabinet

treasure Brian who we dumped all this extra responsibility onto to keep track of the

expenses and incomes from the convention. The ZCs and RCs that were very willing to

help when required.

We made changes and we need everyone to complete the survey by scanning the QR

code found on the convention program. Did anyone miss the cabinet meeting on

Saturday?? A few observations are we did all the planning without any in person

meetings. Yes. there were some that inspected the facilities and the tasted the meals

but the planning was all done by zoom and emails. We did figure out how to tie in

registration to credit card payments. The world does it so it is time for District A15 to do

it. We have members in our district that know how to make these technological

changes and we need them to step forth. Not only does our convention needs to

change but also our youth program and it needs to change now not sometime in the

future. We all need to participate in this change.

As President Patti Hill says “ we are not here to maintain the status quo”.