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**A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**

Rim Park, Forbes Room, June 17, 2024 – 7:00PM

Hosted by the KW Community Spirit Lions Club

1. Call to order – 7:03PM
2. O Canada – led by SVDG Linda Vinette
3. Moment of Silence
4. Dinner
5. Protocol – FVDG Bill Robinson
6. Video – “Thank you, dear Lions”, DG Garry Ransom – A compilation of images highlighting Lions Service in District A15 provided as an appreciation from Governor Garry Ransom to the Clubs of District A15.
7. Governor’s Remarks  
DG Garry extended his appreciation to the members of Cabinet, The GAT Team, the Guelph Lions, the clubs of District A15 and especially to his wife for all of her support this year. He thanked PCC Tim Cronin for his mentorship this year. He could always count on Tim for his valuable advice.
8. Approval of the Agenda without changes Moved - FVDG Bill Robinson, Second – ZC Kingsley Ojumoola, CARRIED.
9. Approval of Minutes of the Convention Meeting. Moved – CS Denis Vinette, Second – RC51 Kevin March, CARRIED.
10. Secretary’s Report – Nothing further to report.  
Moved to receive Secretary Report. Moved – ZC37S Rick Bell, Second – FVDG Bill Robinson. CARRIED
11. Treasurer’s Report – Nothing further to report.  
Moved: To receive the Treasurer Report: ZC9C Peter Oswald, Second – RC9 Ray Derouin. CARRIED
12. Cabinet Reports  
Motion to receive the Cabinet Reports: ZC9E Kingsley Ojumoola, Second – ZC9S Ken Linington, CARRIED
13. Committee Reports  
Convention Report – FVDG Bill Robinson  
The convention generated over \$4000.00 of income for the District. There were challenges and these will be considered in the planning for next year’s convention.
14. Motion to receive the Committee Reports: RC9 Ray Derouin, Second – ZC9S Ken Linington, CARRIED
15. New Business
  - a. Signing Authorities

*Moved* that the signing authorities for District A15, for the Lions fiscal year 2024 – 2025, be as follows:  
DG Bill Robinson, CS Dianna Hewitt and CT Brian Spivey and that 2 signatures be required for any financial

transaction. Moved by RC51 Kevin March, Second – ZC9C Peter Oswald, CARRIED

b. Change to the Convention Bid process

**Moved that** “Any club, or group of clubs, wanting to host an A15 convention for the Lions year following the current Lions year, must file a bid with the District Cabinet by the Fall Cabinet meeting of the current Lions year. If no club bids are received by that time, the First Vice District Governor, in consultation with cabinet, shall pick a location for his/her convention and appoint a committee of District members to manage this convention.

The guidelines for the A-15 convention in A-15 policy shall serve as the template for this committee.”

Moved by FVDG Bill Robinson, Second – ZC37S Rick Bell, CARRIED

c. Funding model changes to the New Club Assessment Fund

**Moved that** “Organizational costs relative to the formation of new Lions, LEO or Branch Clubs to include, but not limited to, marketing, room rental and light refreshments in an amount not to exceed \$1000 shall be reimbursable through the New Club Assessment fund.”

Regalia costs covered by the Fund shall include Lions Felt Banner, Large Gong and Gavel, Fine Bank, International Flag Set, Base and Engraved Plate, two Aluminum Flag Poles, Stand and Emblem Tops, Canadian Flag Set, Lions Clubs Flag Set, Club Member Printed Badges, Framing and Calligraphy for Club Charter and New Member Certificates.

Where an article of regalia is donated by a Club or individual, payment of the value of the article, as determined by the Cabinet Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) shall be made to the newly chartered Lions Club.

Moved by FVDG Bill Robinson, Second – RC9 Ray Derouin, CARRIED

16. Awards and Recognitions

a. **Best Environment Project – MDA – Art Woods Golden Tree Environmental Fellowship**

Awarded to Sweaburg and District Lions Club for their Trail Rejuvenation project on a small tract of land called Trillium Woods. This award recognizes the club’s effort in making the trail accessible. The club also helped top dress the trail.

b. **Highest Donation to CNIB Bus Campaign**

Awarded to both Woodstock Lions Club and St. Marys Lions Club.

17. Special motion

PDDG George Patton requested that Cabinet make a decision regarding the \$106.00 raised at Convention from (voluntary) fines levied at the Credential desk.

Moved by SVDG Linda Vinette, Second – FVDG Bill Robinson that the funds be donated to Lions Quest Canada, CARRIED

18. Changeover

Governor Garry expressed 100% confidence in DGE Bill Robinson and the entire 2024-2025 Cabinet to continue to work to achieve our district goals in the coming years and turned the meeting over to DGE Bill for his comments.

DGE Bill Robinson thanked DG Garry for his service as District Governor and presented him with a Plaque that reflected our appreciation for DG Garry Ransom's effort this year.

DGE Bill briefly expressed his intention to continue with the District goals as were developed. He expressed that this coming year will be one of change. As one example, all District Cabinet meetings will be on Saturdays and will focus more on engagement and presentations / programs and less on the formal meeting. In addition, with concerns regarding privacy, the DGE pointed out that we will not be printing a District Directory this year and that we will rely on online resources like the Lion Portal and our Website for Club, Officer and Member information. This will help ensure that the information is current.

The Cabinet meetings are scheduled for:

Saturday, August 24, 2024 – Stratford  
Saturday, November 9, 2024 - Monkton  
Saturday, January 25, 2025 – Plattsville  
Convention weekend - Stratford  
Saturday, June 21, 2025 – Woodstock

He concluded that official District Governor club visits will not be scheduled this year and the Cabinet will focus on clubs that express a need for assistance. We want to create enthusiasm this year.

Let's go and **Change The World.**

#### 19. Announcements

- a. New Leo Club. There is an effort under way to create a new Leo Club in the Guelph area. DG Garry is working with Lion David Millard on getting this club formed over the next little while.
- b. LFC New Building Funding – Lion Deb Cserhalmi advised that funding opportunities are about to be opened to the general public.
- c. Lions Quest Canada – Lions Quest is holding an online 50/50 draw. This will be a recurring fundraiser. The first one will be drawn on July 5, 2024 – NOON!

#### 20. Adjournment – DG Garry Ransom

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER  
Cabinet Report for June 17th 2024

Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues, we realize there is always room for improvement. The last report contained a publication schedule it is still valid and is part of the next newsletter. The next issue is under construction, looking for submissions and photos, 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 our submissions may find their way into the LION magazine and quality photos are important.

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  
Copetown Lions  
[bulletin@a15lions.org](mailto:bulletin@a15lions.org)  
289-238-8877



Note: The position as editor for the District Governor's newsletter is not a permanent assignment, if any member might be interested in assuming the job please contact the writer. So far I have received zero replies, but I will continue to ask! In case you missed it the editor's position at the LION magazine is available as well.

***Lions International Convention, Melbourne Australia June 21-25:*** Hopefully there will be a compliment of A15 members attending the convention. Unfortunately I will not be going, for those that are please consider taking some photos, especially those involving A15 Lions for our District Governors newletter and the LION Magazine.

Publishing Schedule:

The plan is to have the Newsletter be distributed the second week of the following months, subject to adjustment where required: October, December, February, April and June, the next issue will be after the convention, taking full advantage of all the photo ops and interesting events.



It would be good if we could get your submissions on the first day of the scheduled month, however experience shows this might not be practical in some cases.

Cabinet Report – June 17, 2024

I want to say that I have enjoyed the position of Cabinet Secretary for District A15 over the past 2 years. I've been challenged to work on projects and efforts that helped me develop my technical skills and I look forward to serving the District in any capacity that they see fit.

As a devoted Lion, I will always be available to the clubs and members for technical support as we continue to transition into new technologies. Let me know if I can help.

TTFN,

PDG Denis Vinette,

Cabinet Secretary

(226) 343-0261

[dvinette54@gmail.com](mailto:dvinette54@gmail.com)

## Convention Host Final Report to Cabinet

June 17, 2024

The Convention was a success. We had 223 people register for the convention. Although there were a couple of hiccups with not enough chairs setup for the Opening Ceremony the convention committee was quick to resolve. We had 200+ show up for the opening ceremony and take part in the hospitality area. 114 Breakfast were served and yes the breakfast could have been better with more choices. 77 lunches were served, and the program was excellent, very inspiring. It did go a little long and we apologize for that. At the Banquet we had 80 people in attendance, mixed reviews on the meal and the entertainment was excellent. The learning sessions were well attended and very interactive. Them memorial service was a packed house. The numbers are included in this report on a separate page, we did realize a net profit of \$5211.34 and that was mainly due to the Raffle. Looking forward to the next one.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Kurtz & Bill Robinson

Convention Host Chairs

2024 Convention Budget/Actual

Income		Budget	Actual
Early Registrations	171 @ \$30.00	6 000.00	5130.00
Standard Registration	52 @ \$35.00	1 000.00	1820.00
Sponsorships (Program Ads)		200.00	0.00
Meals	200 – Breakfast, 100-lunch, 120- Banquet	11 200.00	7328.00
Pin Sales	100 @ \$6.00	600.00	480.00
Raffle Draw Net Proceeds		425.00	3857.73
Rebate from District A15	1331 X 1.40	1 863.40	1832.42
Hospitality Suites	6 @ \$170.00	1 020.00	680.00

Total Income 22 308.40 21 128.15

Expenses

	Budget	Actual
Printing	1900.00	632.49
Liability Insurance	600.00	0.00
Pin Costs 100 @ \$5.02	502.00	452.66
Lanyards and Registration Costs	377.00	
Guest Rooms (DG, Int'l Guest, Protocol Aid)	950.00	989.25
Hospitality Room Costs	150.00	50.00
Complimentary Function Costs (Fri Dinner & Wine & cheese)	1980.00	1363.27
Function Room Costs	3277.00	3277.00
Meal Costs	10681.00	8009.64
Entertainment for Saturday Night	500.00	942.50
Table Flowers	200.00	
International Speaker Gift	100.00	200.00
Total Expenses	21 217.00	15 916.81
Net Profit		5 211.34

VDG Report to Cabinet

June 17, 2024

The year has just flown by. It has been a very busy and exciting year with all the training and planning that has taken place at the Multiple District and International level. It was confirmed at the District Convention that I will be the next District Governor and I feel confident. I have a great team going forward and DG Garry has laid down a great foundation for me to build on next year. When we set goals for the district, sometimes it takes a few years to realize them. That being said, I am continuing to work towards increasing membership, increase service reporting and developing strong leadership going forward. All of the new Cabinet have attended training and will continue to be trained throughout the year. I look forward to serving as your Governor 2024-2025. But for now, I have to go and pack as I leave for the International Convention in the morning.

Respectfully submitted.

Bill Robinson

VDG A-15



## GLT Report – June 2024

As we approach the new Lions Year, District A-15 priorities will continue to support Club leaders through specific and ongoing training. An in-person workshop for Presidents and Secretaries is being planned for August. Planning at the Club level, membership development and marketing Clubs and activities will be among the areas covered. There will also be virtual sessions on topics such as updating My LCI Lion Club database, and introduction to the recently released LCI database and use of the LCI Online Learning Modules.

Past Council Chair, Todd Wilson will chair our District's Global Leadership Team in the coming year.

On behalf of the Cabinet, I extend my appreciation to the current GLT members, Lions Linda Vinette, Ray Derouin, Cheryl Bauman and Ken Linington.

Lion Jim Sanders,

GLT Chair

## District Governor and Cabinet

It has been a busy year with DG Garry. I believe we have helped those clubs that have asked. With that, I will be continuing as GMT for the upcoming year. I look forward to working with all the clubs on getting new members, while maintaining retention. We still have a lot of work to do before the end of this Lions Year. Let's keep DG Garry in the green to finish out his year. We would like to see the clubs grow and help members stay in the clubs to maintain healthy and happy clubs. As members, it is important to find those special service projects in your community to get involved. Get outside the box, try new things, if we stay hidden, nobody will see the good your club is doing.

As you know the New Portal is up and running. You will notice that you no longer need to do your monthly membership reporting, as long as there is no change. You will however still need to enter your new members into the Portal. If your secretary needs help, please consider someone in your club to be the club administrator. This will allow this person to enter information under your club, just as the secretary would. If you need help navigating through the portal, please reach out to any cabinet member.

I don't want to bore you with facts and numbers, but we do need to keep our membership up and our clubs going. If there is anything at all that I, or our team can help with, please do not hesitate to call or reach out via email. We can and will work with you and try to find solutions with your help. We are not alone; we are a team!!

Respectively submitted,

GMT Team members

PDG Tracey Robinson

ZC Peter Oswald

ZC Kingsley Ojumoola

RC Kevin March



## Historian Report - June 17, 2024 Cabinet Meeting

I have very much enjoyed receiving all the Club stories connected to Lions Club pins. Although pins are not as popular as they once were, these stories are a vital part of our District history. I know our Clubs have many more stories to share, not only about club pins, but also about the amazing service you have given to your communities over the years. All materials loaned will be returned to your Club. Thank you Lions for all you do to help others, and enjoy your summer.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy

A-15 Historian

**District A15**  
**LEO Cabinet Report**  
**June 17, 2024**  
**Waterloo, ON**

Governor Garry, Cabinet Officers & Fellow Lions:

Initially, I had nothing to report concerning the District LEO program. But within the last week, two items have come forth.

- 1) The KW LEO Club has disbanded due to a lack of youth being interested. Young Lions and the Leos Department of LCI have accepted the cancellation. There is a chance of the club being resurrected in another area of Kitchener and we are working at it. We have until October this year to do so or that charter is gone forever. However, a new club and name can be created if need be.
  
- 2) A presentation will be made in Guelph for a Leo Club in that area. The meeting will be held at the Shelldale Family Center on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We may be able to give an update on the possibility at the Cabinet meeting

Yours in Service

Lion O.J Wilura

District A15

LEO Chairperson

District A15 Lions

June 17, 2024



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
**DOGGUIDES**



# A15 LFC Chair Cabinet Meeting Report

## Dog Guides Update

The Sunday, May 26, 2024 National [Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides](#) saw 200 communities across Canada lacing up their walking shoes to raise money for Dog Guides. Donations made by June 30<sup>th</sup> count towards this year's total.

Waitlists for the Diabetes Alert and Facility Support Programs are now open. Read the [Discovery Package](#) for these programs before applying.

A new puppy play area has been built for the Puppy Nursery in Breslau which will give puppies more space to play outside, get fresh air, and help in puppy development and enrichment.

The Oakville [Ride for Dog Guides](#) will be taking place on Sunday, June 23, 2024. The fun motorcycle ride starts at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in Oakville and ends at our Breeding Facility in Breslau. Registration begins at 8:45 am with departure at 10:00 am. The event will include a scenic ride with three poker run stops along the way, entertainment, barbecue lunch in Breslau, an on-site raffle and the opportunity to meet some Future Dog Guide puppies. Visit [Ride for Dog Guides](#) for more information.

## 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.

A huge thank you to the District A15 clubs who hosted a Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides Walk for their community. Congratulations to the Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club whose team placed second on the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides Teams leaderboard for the amount their team raised. Congratulations as well to the Innerkip and Woodstock Lions Clubs for organizing a Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides event for the first time this year.

## Volunteer Opportunities

For individuals who live close to the Dog Guides training facility in Breslau, ON, they are looking for volunteers to work directly with the dogs in training. They need volunteers who are willing to commit to one shift per week. These shifts can be scheduled anytime between 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday – Sunday. Volunteers must be 18 years or above and must submit a current Criminal Record and Judicial Matters police record check or level 2. The Dog Guides volunteer lead is able to provide an endorsement letter if needed. Volunteers also must attend a few on-boarding/training sessions with our Dog Guide Instructors at our facility in Breslau.

Volunteers are an essential part in training our Dog Guides. When a volunteer works with dog guides in training, it helps alleviate stress the dogs may feel from living and working in the kennel environment. Volunteers may walk dogs, brush/groom dogs, sit and settle with dogs, or provide enrichment through brain puzzles.

Please contact Evelyn Marshall if you are interested in volunteering at [emarshall@dogguides.com](mailto:emarshall@dogguides.com) or 905-842-2891 ext 267.

## Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it is 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 can continue supporting its volunteers/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*

# The Difference Report

Hello Fellow Lions!

I have some updates on the progress of the new Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides training school.

First of all, thank you to all the clubs and individual Lions who have donated. The total raised is 3.5 million from Lions throughout Canada. We hope to raise 4.5 from Lions. I am thrilled to announce that District a15 has raised over \$500,000 of that amount. You are making such a difference for those who have or will receive a dog to make their lives easier.

We have a hole....and then some! The construction has begun and it's moving along right on target. I am enclosing some recent pictures of the progress.

The fundraising will be opening to the public with a media blitz. At that time there will be a link on the Dog Guides website with updates including pictures, videos and more information. The building will be opening early in 2026 if all goes well.

Thank you all for your support and I'm still here to give clubs a presentation.

Please consider a year end donation to The Difference campaign. Please include that the donation goes to The Difference in your memo line.

Cheques should be made out to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and mailed to  
Lions Foundation of Canada  
152 Wilson St,  
Oakville, ON  
L6K 0G6

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*Respectfully submitted by Lion Deb Cserhalmi, Chairperson  
Team Ontario Lions Campaign Leadership Committee*





## Cabinet Report from Region Chair 51 Kevin March June 17, 2024

It's been a very interesting and busy year for me as a Region Chair. Since my new Zone Chair for 51 East resigned in September 2023, I have been wearing two hats, one as Region Chair for 51, and one as Zone Chair for 51 East. It's been a pleasure to induct 6 new members from 3 different clubs. The Lions Community Pantry Project in Rockwood is a joint venture between Rockwood and South Wellington, started in July of 2023 by Lion Anita Ertel and Lion Dawn Raynard. At the 51 East Zone Meeting, GST District Coordinator Anita Ertel spoke on service projects and reporting.

Rockwood & District Lions, with help from South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch and Janice Fleming (Childhood Cancer Chair), was the first club in District A15 to hold a Pajamas & Pancakes fundraiser for POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario), followed closely by Listowel Branch Lions. I'm happy to report that between the two clubs, we were able to donate \$1,500 to POGO.

51 West Zone Chair Lion Cheryl Bauman organized an excellent Joint Zone Meeting for Region 51, with Lion Deb Cserhalmi of Floradale speaking about the new building for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

As Zone Chair for 51 East, I managed to attend one Lions meeting for most of the clubs. Discussion centred around common issues like the need to recruit new members and also find alternative methods of fundraising in the wake of the pandemic.

I'm looking forward to a new Lions year as Region Chair, with a new Zone Chair for 51 East.

RC 51 Kevin March

## June 2024 Sight Screening and Conservation Report-

Region of Waterloo - Screening is now complete with over 5400 students screened, at 140 schools. A referral rate of 50 percent was observed (over 2700 referrals).

Huron Perth Region - Screening is ongoing with completion on June 10th. The Screening data will be available in early July. Over 1360 children were screened this spring at 45 schools.

Screening in other health units of our district has not occurred this year. Wellington/Dufferin/Guelph, Oxford and Brant Health units have opted for other policy's to educate families about the need for vision checks.

Other - Lions continue to collect used glasses and submit these glasses to Calgary or Montreal for reuse around the world.

Looking Ahead - It is very likely vision screening will resume across our District this Fall. We will require more Volunteers! Please consider joining a team and feel free to ask family or friends to join! This program is an excellent gateway into Lionism! Many non-Lion vision screening volunteers have joined a vision team then have joined a Lions Club!!!

Lastly, a well deserved Thank You to the volunteers for their efforts to accomplish this important Lions program. A special Thanks to the Lions volunteers of District A-9 that helped out in the westerly areas of our district, and the Waterloo School of Optometry staff who schedules the screening events and performs administrative functions.

Yours Truly,  
Dave Millard  
2024 Sight Screening and Conservation Chair

Report To Cabinet, Mon. June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

My visits to the clubs are complete for this year and I look forward to assisting clubs with their induction of new members or wherever I'm needed. Don't hesitate to ask. I've appreciated being part of a great Governor team and I feel we have made a mark in our future in Lionism.

The New Portal will be a learning curve but together we will succeed. After all this year is about Changing the World and to do this, we as Lions, must change and adapt.

Although I attended only a portion of the MDA convention, the energy of the Lions in attendance was exhilarating. Congratulations to Lion Debbie Dawson for succeeding in becoming our Canadian International Director Elect.

Next year will bring new ideas which will keep the energy flowing. I look forward to working with DGE Bill and 2nd VDGE Rick and the entire District team. Here's to our bright future in Lionism.

Yours in Service

Linda Vinette

## **District A-15 Technology Report**

**June 2024**

Governor Garry, Cabinet, Lions:

I wish to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to serve again as the Technology Committee Chair and District Webmaster. My goal is to provide assistance in communicating to Lions and Clubs in the District, and to provide a technical resource where possible. I hope I have in some way achieved these goals.

With increasing focus on, and expectations of, privacy, it will be interesting to see how the information on the District web site changes in the coming years.

I would like to mention again that the web site is set up so any committee chairs who are up to the challenge can have control over one or more pages on the site for their committee.

Lion Ted Rypma  
District Technology Chair  
<http://a15lions.org/>



## **TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - June 17, 2024**

### **ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT**

Administration Account has been reconciled to the Bank records as at May 31, 2024.

Subject to a final year end review, the dust has settled on the 2024 District A-15 convention leaving a positive balance in the Convention Fund of \$4,456.

- Any one with unsubmitted expenses should submit them before June 30th.

### **TRUST ACCOUNTS**

Trust Accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at May 31, 2024.

In May/24 a total of \$1,022 was expensed to support two speakers attending the MDA Effective Speaking competition. This was in addition to District A-15's November/23 \$1,000 donation to MDA Effective Speaking.

Approximately \$7,300 designated for various Camps (e.g. Lion's Camp Dorset, CNIB Lake Joe) and other projects outside of District A-15 will be disbursed to their respective organization by June 30th.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Spivey

Cabinet Treasurer



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

## Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at:	<u>May 31</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>June 30</u> <u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Kindred</b>		
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	49,852.17	42,928.44
Total Cash in Kindred	<u>74,738.66</u>	<u>67,814.93</u>
Shares in Kindred	25.00	25.00
Total Cash	<u>74,763.66</u>	<u>67,839.93</u>
District Dues Receivable	(48.01)	(20.80)
Total Current Assets	<u>74,715.65</u>	<u>67,819.13</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>74,715.65</u></u>	<u><u>67,819.13</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
MDA Dues Payable	-	-
Fines to be donated to LCIF	10.00	-
Centennial Project Fund	328.97	328.97
Convention Fund	4,455.79	99.58
DGE Partner Travel	3,600.17	3,600.17
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,394.93</u>	<u>4,028.72</u>
Long Term Liabilities		
International Director - Contra	8,782.50	8,451.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	7,249.08	5,263.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>16,031.58</u>	<u>13,714.58</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	24,426.51	17,743.30
<b>Equity</b>		
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	21,411.23	21,245.26
Net Income	5,877.91	5,830.57
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>50,289.14</u>	<u>50,075.83</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>74,715.65</u></u>	<u><u>67,819.13</u></u>



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 1 2023 - May 31 2024

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
<b>Income</b>			
District Directory	162.00	200.00	(38.00)
District Dues	11,254.00	11,254.00	-
Interest Earned	33.22	150.00	(116.78)
Leadership Seminar Income	1,425.00	1,425.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,986.00	1,926.00	60.00
Pin Sales	290.00	400.00	(110.00)
Leadership Grant from LCI	-	500.00	(500.00)
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	1,000.00	1,685.00	(685.00)
			-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,150.22</b>	<b>17,540.00</b>	<b>(1,389.78)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	887.18	1,000.00	(112.82)
Awards - Other	-	500.00	(500.00)
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>887.18</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>(612.82)</b>
Badges & Patches	519.34	1,200.00	(680.66)
Bank Charges	227.93	100.00	127.93
Cabinet Expense	2,359.58	2,900.00	(540.42)
Convention Expense	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<b>District Chair Expense</b>			
Comm Chair	-	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
District Chair - Other	-	300.00	(300.00)
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>(1,400.00)</b>
District Directories	1,293.73	1,300.00	(6.27)
Global Action Team	1,260.97	1,000.00	260.97
Internet	162.15	175.00	(12.85)
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	-	300.00	(300.00)
Leadership Seminars	573.73	500.00	73.73
Leadership Institutes	180.69	450.00	(269.31)
Pins Purchased , District	1,460.23	2,500.00	(1,039.77)
Postage	168.88	100.00	68.88
Office Expense	377.90	1,315.00	(937.10)
USA / Canada Forum	800.00	800.00	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,272.31</b>	<b>17,540.00</b>	<b>(7,267.69)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>5,877.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,877.91</b>





## District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>March 31, 2024</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>		
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	14405.44	33718.41
Total - Youth	14405.44	33718.41
Kindred-Trust Account	28623.83	19409.78
<b>Total Cash</b>	48552.65	58651.57
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-28.64	-14.60
<b>Total Cash and Receivable</b>	48524.01	58636.97
Total Current Assets	48524.01	58636.97
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	48524.01	58636.97
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Camp Dorset	1000.00	0.00
Camp Lake Joe	1000.00	0.00
Centennial Project- Gates	1820.20	1820.20
Effective Speaking Acct	2264.01	3936.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07	803.07
LFC Dog Guides	1000.00	0.00
LCIF Canada	2371.00	0.00
Lions Homes for Deaf	1575.00	0.00
Diabetes Awareness	500.00	0.00
<b>Lions Foundation of Canada</b>		
Leash Free Park	1604.86	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	1604.86	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	5741.78	4841.78
LIONS Quest Canada	318.00	0.00
Peace Poster	1680.30	649.53
Peace Poster MDA	0.00	0.00
Vision Screening	2972.94	3795.58
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	15606.81	32919.78
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	40257.97	50370.93
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04	8266.04
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	8266.04	8266.04
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	48524.01	58636.97
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	48524.01	58636.97



# *DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS*

## **Zone 9E**



### **Cabinet Report for June 17, 2024**

**To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9E**

The following clubs are in Zone 9E:

1. Kitchener – Waterloo Community Spirit,
2. Kitchener Pioneer,
3. Kitchener Oktoberfest,
4. Kitchener,
5. Bridgeport,
6. Galt-Cambridge,
7. Breslau,
8. Cambridge Highlands.

#### **Club visitation:**

During the 2023/2024 lion year, most of the clubs listed above were visited except for Kitchener and Breslau that the District Governor visited.

I had the opportunity of conducting the installation of club officers of the Cambridge Highlands for 2024/2025 lion's year.

#### **Zone Meetings: 1st and 2nd**

Two zone meetings were organized, one in the fall (November) and the second in the winter (February). These two zone meetings were well attended. The events would not have been a success without the host clubs. Thanks to the Cambridge Highlands and Bridgeport for their act of service and commitment to hosting the two-zone meeting.

The 1st Zone meeting was a breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 25th in Cambridge and was hosted by Cambridge Highland. The meeting was well attended with a meal served. Our guest speaker Lion Kevin March (RC 51) covered for Lion Anita the GST coordinator. We had a breakout session; the focus of the discussion was on service activities that our clubs in the zone are doing and how they could incorporate more services activities that will gear towards attracting new members within their community.

The 2nd zone meeting was a breakfast meeting held on February 24th in Kitchener and hosted by Bridgeport Lions club. The special guest was PDG Lion Tracey, our GMT coordinator, who was accompanied by Lion Bill, 1stVDG. The meeting was packed with a lot of new insight on how to grow membership and highlight of resources available on the lion's portal.



## *DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS*

# **Zone 9E**



### **Membership Update: As of April 2024**

**1. Kitchener – Waterloo Community Spirit:**

The current active member count is 17, the club had 1 drop in membership. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

**2. Kitchener Pioneer:**

The current active member count is 16, there is no drop in membership.

**3. Kitchener Oktoberfest:**

The current active member count is 11. Membership is below 15. The club has experienced 3 drops in membership. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

**4. Kitchener**

The current active member count is 34. The club had an additional 6 members joining the club during the year to date. The club is constantly making efforts to increase membership through members introducing families and friends.

**5. Bridgeport**

The current active member count is 8. Membership is below 15. The club has not experienced any drop in membership. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

**6. Galt-Cambridge:**

The current active member count is 10. Membership is below 15. The club experienced 1 drop in membership. The club is making efforts to increase membership through various services activities.

**7. Breslau:**

The current active member count is 3. Membership is below 15. The club seems to be struggling with membership. No information on what the club is doing to increase membership.

**8. Cambridge Highlands:**

The current active member count is 8. The club increased membership by 1 during the year to date. The club seemed to be struggling with membership increase. Suggestion was made to the club on how to increase membership during the club visit.

### **Service Activities/Fund Raising Update:**

Most of the clubs visited in the zone are all engaged in service activities and fund raising, which I believe will be a good channel to attract new members into the various clubs and generate funds into the club account.



## DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS

# Zone 9E



The 2023-2024 lion year has been a learning experience for me and would not have been a smooth journey if not for the support and cooperation that I received from all our Lions in Zone 9E and some of our great leaders who guided me throughout the journey.

Finally, I want to say a very big thank you to the District Governor Garry for asking me to be part of his team for 2023-2024 after returning from the Lions International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.

*I would like to leave you with one of Melvin Jones' famous quote, which said, and I quote "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." It was upon that principle that our motto "We Serve" emerged. And the rest, as they say, is history.*

Yours in Service,

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## Zone Chair 9 South Report for June 17, 2024 Cabinet Meeting

It has been a pleasure to connect with the 6 Clubs in Zone 9 S and participate in a number of other activities at the District level. Here is a summary of the activities with comments:

- April 9, participated in a meeting with the Brantford Club and DG Gary, PDG Tony and GMT Tracey. The Brantford Club is an aging club with few new members. DG Gary and GMT Tracey lead an exercise to develop a plan with a goal of finding new members.
  - They used a technique (SWAT Analysis) to engage the Club members to enhance their service to the community.
  - Brantford has free access to a community hall
  - The Brantford Club was Chartered in 1926
  - Some Action Plan service items included: tree planting at the Lions Park; eye glass collection; a breakfast offering to support Ball Hockey in the area
- April 13, Paris held a successful Maple Syrup Festival.
  - Strodes, a local butcher, supplied all the sausage (2,400 pieces)
  - Tim Hortons, donated, 200 cups of coffee and 100 cups of hot chocolate
  - live music was provided by a number of local artists
  - there were 55 other fenders participating in the day long event
  - the pancake and sausage not used at the event went towards a breakfast in Brantford's Victoria park with roughly 100 people served
- May 15, Contact with the Brantford Club identified some new service projects
  - a BBQ for a local nursing home
  - doing a BBQ to support the local "Cruise Night" in the parking lot at Lions Park
  - planting trees in the Lions Park is scheduled for late summer
- June 4, new member (Onur Yildirim) induction as well as installation of next years Board of Directors for the Paris Club
- The Paris Club operates a food wagon with a significant commitment in the fall. In order to staff the food wagon, volunteers from the public as well as an arrangement with both the Glen Morris and Burford Lions is in place.
- A joint effort between the Paris Lions and the Paris Optimist is in the planning stage, in order to raise funds for a common interests between the two organizations.

This is my last report as ZC. It has been a great experience working with the people at District A15. It has been a great experience interacting with the Clubs in the Zone. Seeing clubs interact and help each other has been particularly rewarding for me. Lions offers so many ways to gain organizational skills and leadership skills.

District A15 Lions

June 17, 2024

# Zone Chair 51W

## Cabinet Meeting Report

Thank you to all the clubs of A15 who made me feel incredibly welcome during my Zone visits this year. I appreciated meeting everyone and learning more about your clubs.

I look forward to once again visiting District A15 clubs next fall and being of service as your clubs gear up for another busy year supporting your local communities, the district, and individuals around the globe.

Let me know if your club is hosting an event or has any news so that I can share the information with the rest of the District Lions Clubs.

Enjoy the summer and keep safe.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". - Mahatma Gandhi*

*Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, Zone Chair 51W*



## *DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS*

# **Zone 9C**



Cabinet Report for June 17, 2024

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9C

Lions – as we are now in the final month of our Lions year, it is worthwhile to look back and assess our results. We should remind ourselves of the many amazing service and fundraising activities that were carried out in our communities. Every Club has successful events, visible activities and great community involvement to celebrate. Share those successes! Tell the District (reporting). Tell the community (marketing via Social Media and other venues). Make sure ALL of your members know they are valued. Volunteering your time and expertise is what REALLY makes our service organization a KEY part of your community.

When you look around your community, undoubtedly you will see many physical items that have been created or added as a result of Lions hard work – in some cases over many years. Baseball diamonds, walking trails, playground equipment, a community park or pavilion, and of course the Lions logo & sign - ALL of these show everyone that Lions support the community.

But what about the other part of our community support that is not as easy to see. Has your Club provided medical equipment or eyeglasses to a senior? Have you helped improve literacy for youth or provided food donations to those less fortunate? Did your Club host a Dog Guides Walk for LFC? Have you or your Club made a donation to LCIF to support humanitarian activities locally and around the world? Reminder – the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is a registered Canadian charity! Perhaps our organization has made you a stronger Leader through training and development activities you completed. We have a lot to be proud of and a great basis to invite interested people as new members.

Unfortunately, the membership for the 7 Clubs in Zone 9C is down 10 members to 196 to the end of April. We all still have time to turn this around before June 30. Let's continue to share our story and get people involved.

And finally, thank you to all of the Lions in Zone 9C for ALL that you do to make you community better. As well, thank you to District Governor Garry for asking me to be part of his team for 2023-24. Best wishes to all for a wonderful summer.