



# A15 VIRTUAL CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES



## PART 1 – SATURDAY APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am, 2021

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### Voting Cabinet

IPDG Tracey Robinson	DG George Corrin	1stVDG Harv Wood	2ndVDG Tony Davidson
CS Debbie Zimmerman	CT Doug Fyfe	RC9 Gerry Runstedler	RC MaryAnn Ward
RC51 Garry Ransom	ZC9E Victor Chaux	ZC9 Bruce Killinger	ZC 51E Gary Lloyd
ZC 51W Mark Koenig			

### Committee Chairs

PRC Paul Anstett	PDDG George Patton	PRC Jim Keron	PZC Paul Lalande
PDG Denis Vinette	GST Nancy Ransom	PID Art Woods	PDG Thom Hermann
PSC Ted Rypma	PDG Doug Smith	Lion Brian Martin	LCIF Peter Oswald
Lion Cheryl Bauman	Lion Kyle Boutilier	PDG O.J. Wilura	Lion Allison Henkell
Lion Lyle Fair	PDG Diane Smith	PDG Nancy Ransom	Lioness Janet Dawson Brock
PRC Cecilia Fulker	PDG Dan Ayim	GMT Dean MacKinnon	GLT Jim Sanders
PR Nancy Chiasson			

## Part 1

1. Call to Order.
2. Attendance as indicated above.
3. Additions to and Approval of the Part 1 Agenda.
  - **Motion** to approve agenda and the additions by 1stVDG Harv Wood seconded by ZC51E Gary Lloyd. Carried by all.
4. Introduction of Honorary Guests. Dr. Cary Green from Indianapolis, Indiana and PID Art Woods.
5. Approval of the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Cabinet minutes. (<http://a15lions.org/pages/Main/HomePage>)
  - **Motion** to approve these last minutes by RC9 Gerry Runstedler seconded by RC51 Garry Ransom. Carried by all.
6. **District Governor’s remarks.**

### Rose Coloured Glasses

This year is still providing us with a roller coaster of a ride. Every day we wake up wondering what the breaking news will be. The whole world is watching what country is leading the way. Its almost as thrilling as the passing of the Olympic torch. But in Canada we all know we are always in first place. A Canadian will adhere to the guidelines to their best. Our Country is not all that old, the Lions are 100 year young. And in District A15 we are number one.



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Since we are all in this adventure together why can we not look through our lens of rose-coloured glasses, maybe a kaleidoscope. The District clubs are being successful in doing the best they can. Nobody could ask more of a Lion.

This Lions year still has lots of things going to happen, clubs are entering a period to elect their new club officers or that task has been completed to bring in another Lions year. This year will create a different approach to elections for some clubs that have not had the ability to meet in person. Virtual meetings are happening everywhere. Some take on the challenge to learn difficult things and some are patient that everything happens for a reason and things always work out. As the District Governor I certainly was not expecting to learn how to use zoom or think I would be trying to understand all the things that are required to host a Virtual convention. I did manage to learn enough to get by. All the cabinet members have worked hard to learn new things to help as many clubs as possible that needed assistance.

Being negative is not going to make things happen faster or different, we need to stay compassionate at every turn. We need to remain loyal to ourselves and our community as well as the marginalized membership everywhere.

I want to thank everyone that is trying to participate in this year’s virtual convention. It has not been easy. On the other hand, it has not been overly complicated. They say that technology is great when it works. I can attest that my computer did not always do what I wanted it to do. This convention could be the first of many Virtual convention or having parts of the future conventions virtual (know as a Hybrid Virtual meeting).

Today we have a convention, we have our families a zoom or phone call away. We have vaccines on its way to help prevent any further erosion of our communities. As lions we shall be there come July 1<sup>st</sup> for next years lions to serve as we have always done, we will want to explode with passion and excitement for the day when we can meet at a gathering of 50 people, with or without masks. Everyone stay safe for the tomorrows, for they are promised to no one.

Enjoy the rest of the convention!

### 7. Secretary’s Report.

Dear District Governor, Fellow Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs, Cabinet Coach, and Past District Governor’s,

As I mentioned back in my August 2020 report this became a brand-new journey. Here we are now with the year almost complete. As I stated then, I was looking forward to working virtually along side of some very experienced Lions who have taken the time to teach me the role and the history of how Lions operate above the club level. Our local clubs are the integral part of our communities and the people who reside in them realize just how much Lions serve and thrive on maintaining



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our moto of “We Serve”. Working with these experience Lions over the last few months have shown me just how involved they are to ensure the Lions Foundation stays and grows to maintain assisting in National issues and needs especially with the specified pillars we have.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time so far as it has grown my computer skills greatly and open doors to Lionism that I have not experience before.

My nature is to help and assist people. It has been a real pleasure to get to know so many Lions out there in all the clubs. For whatever reason they contact me I try my best to assist them.

Everyone, has just been lovely!

I have really enjoyed working with our District Governor George and his wife Barb, PDDG George Patton and PDG Thom Hermann. I thoroughly love their style.

I believe once I have finished my 3-year term as Cabinet Secretary, I cannot wait for the next person to enjoy and take hold of it as much as I have and learn and grow.

Just think everyone, look what has been done throughout this District A15 during a Pandemic!

- **Motion** to approve Secretary report by 1stVDG Harv Wood seconded by ZC51E Gary Lloyd.  
Carried by all.

### 8. **Treasurer’s Report.**

As Doug was new to his role, he managed to find a lot of information through out the Lions he has worked with. He expressed his appreciation to these Lions. He kept his report short due to the time constraints for this part of the Cabinet Meeting. Here are the highlights:

Report is accurate to the end of March.

In March we used both banks; CIBC accounts closed in mid-March, two locked-in GICs still held with CIBC.

All monies are clearly identified as encumbered for specific purposes.

Administration account \$12,180.00 unencumbered (ie free to use as DG/Cabinet approves).

Activities account \$315.42.00 unencumbered (ie free to use as DG/Cabinet approves).

Update on the outstanding GIC’s.

Projected surplus to date of \$9,873.54 with some expenses still to come.

The full report is at the end of these Minutes.

- **Motion** to accept Treasurer’s report by RC37 MaryAnn Ward seconded by IPDG Tracey Robinson. Carried by all.



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### 9. Elections and Credentials Update by PDG Thom Hermann

There are no updates other than they are going very well. District Governor George has a very good chance of becoming Past District Governor!

### 10. Review Candidates by PDG Doug Smith

The report below was read aloud to the group as PDG Doug was not available at the time.

The following is the report of the A15 Nomination Committee for Voting or Acclamation at the A15 Convention

ZC 9S Lion Bruce Killinger Rockton Lions Club (Acclaimed)

ZC 9E No Candidate

ZC 37S No Candidate

ZC 37W Lion Craig Hebert Exeter Lions Club (Acclaimed)

ZC 51E No Candidate

ZC 51W No Candidate

RC 9 No Candidate

RC 37 Lion Gabrielle Paff Plattsville & District Lions Club (Acclaimed)

RC 51 Lion Mark Koenig Paradise & District Lions Club (Acclaimed)

To Be Voted On

VDG2

Lion Victor Chaux Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

Lion Garry Ransom Guelph Lions Club

VDG 1 Lion Tony Davidson St. George Lions Club

DG Lion Harv Wood Rockton Lions Club

All of the applications were reviewed as complete and accepted as per District Guidelines.

A comment was made by ZC51W Mark Koenig regarding another Lion who sent in his application. However, due to not being President of his club he will be appointed.

11. We are in compliance with all Constitution and By-Law election requirements including those contained in this year’s amendment.

❖ An electronic poll was conducted asking, “What did you enjoy the most about Friday night?” the response was, “Joining from home”.

12. Adjournment at 9:40am.



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### Part 2

13. Part 2 was called to Order by District Governor George Corrin

13.1 Additions to and Approval of the Agenda.

- **Motion** to accept the amendments to the agenda by ZC51E Gary Lloyd seconded by RC9 Gerry Runstedler.

14. **Committee Reports**

- **Motion** to receive Committee reports by CT Doug Fyfe seconded by ZC51W Mark Koenig. Carried by all.

14.1 **Peace Poster Chair**

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to thank Governor George for asking me to be Peace Poster /Essay Chair and to thank incoming Governor Harvey for asking me to be Chair again next year.

We have ordered the kits and they should be arriving from Lions International in the next two weeks. Just send me an email and I will mail them out to you as we did last year. Next Year's Theme is "We Are All Connected" How True.

I know it is very hard to get into the schools, all we can ask is to do your very best for our future.

I would like to thank the TWO clubs who donated this year, Copetown and Woolwich to District A 15. I would also like to thank the THREE clubs who donated to the M D A Level K-W Community Spirit, one of our biggest clubs Thamesford and to our smallest club South Wellington Community Lions Branch Club. Thank you, Clubs.

As I have said many times it usually cost us over \$3000.00 to run the contest. I am pleased to say that A 16 Cabinet donated \$200.00, A 12 Cabinet \$400.00, A 2 Cabinet \$500.00 and the three clubs in A 15 \$350.00. This will really help us and a very big Thank you to the Districts.

I will be M D A Chair again next year, so let's do our very best for our YOUTH

Kindness Matters

Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock



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14.2 **Nominations Chair** was unavailable at the time.

14.3 **Diabetes Chair** was unavailable at the time.

14.4 **LCIF Chair** – Update from this morning. Thank you once again for the support over this past weekend. There were 18 clubs who have donated at total so far of \$32,000.00 and a total of \$5,700.00 from 26 individuals. There is now 2 Model clubs and 5 Maple clubs. Just outstanding!

At the time of finalizing these minutes Lion Peter provided a Campaign 100 update. With club and individual donations the goal was reached in the amount of \$40,052.00 with more coming in.

### 15. **New Business**

15.1 Merging of 2 Lions Clubs. The St. Agatha and New Hamburg clubs. The DG would like to thank the New Hamburg Lioness for contributing to the new membership

15.2 The Name Change of New Hamburg/ St. Agatha club will be Wilmot Lions/Lioness)

➤ **Motion** to accept merge by 1stVDG Harvey Wood seconded by RC9 Gerry Runstedler. Carried by all.

### 16. **Cabinet Reports.**

16.1 **District Governor Club Cancelation U of G** – money from closure was returned to the the Cabinet Treasurer. The original money came from the Monkton Lions and they requested the money be utilized for the Breslau Gates.

#### 16.2 **Breslau Centennial Gates (funds of \$429.72)**

➤ **Motion** for this money to be used for the Breslau Gates accepted by 1stVDG Harvey Wood seconded by ZC51W Mark Koenig. Carried by all.

16.3 **Todd Wilson’s letter** was discussed and is below.

Centennial Posts – LFC Breslau,

District Governor, Cabinet and Lions of A15



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There is currently a quote being provided to LFC for the completion of 4 posts with caps. This quote is coming from a Contractor that currently works for LFC. 2 posts at 40"x40" x 60" in height and 2 posts at 30"x30" x 48" high. This is to complete the field stone around the existing block. The quote is in the sum of \$14 203.20 plus HST.

Beverly Crandell, Executive Director of LFC, is awaiting this quote to be approved. Once approved the work is scheduled to start in the 3 or 4 weeks of July, 2021.

A15 is to transfer the funds to LFC to cover this work. It is my expectation that there is encumbered money held by A15 for this purpose. I believe none of the funds raised for this project have been dispersed to date.

The suggestion of using the remaining encumbered money raised for the leash free area at LFC Breslau was proposed. I am no longer in favour of this as the intent of excess monies raised in 2010-2011 was to be put towards sponsorship of a Dog Guide. This has been done in past in 2017-2018 helping A15 to reach the goal set by sitting Governor Charlene Dwyer. As well a small used (read inexpensive) riding mower/tractor was also purchased for maintenance of the grounds including the leash free area in 2018-2019.

I recommend that if Cabinet wishes to deplete these funds that the remainder is sent to LFC for sponsorship of a Diabetic Alert Dog.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Todd Wilson**

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### **GST Report for April 2021 Cabinet meeting**

I continue to share Club service projects via monthly letters to the Clubs in our District.

The MDA Service Contest rules have been revised – the revised time frame for submitting monthly service stories has been expanded to include July, 2020 to April, 2021 time period. I have submitted a story for each of these months to MDA Service Chair Lion Dianne Piggott. They are available on the MDA website; under – [www.mdalions.org](http://www.mdalions.org) then click on the Service Team icon at the left. One story from our District will be selected later this month, by a committee comprised of District Governor George, VDG1 Harvey, VDG2 Tony, and myself to enter THE contest, the winner of which will be announced during the MDA Convention on the May 14th weekend. Did many of you enjoy the virtual Lions Day at the United Nations on





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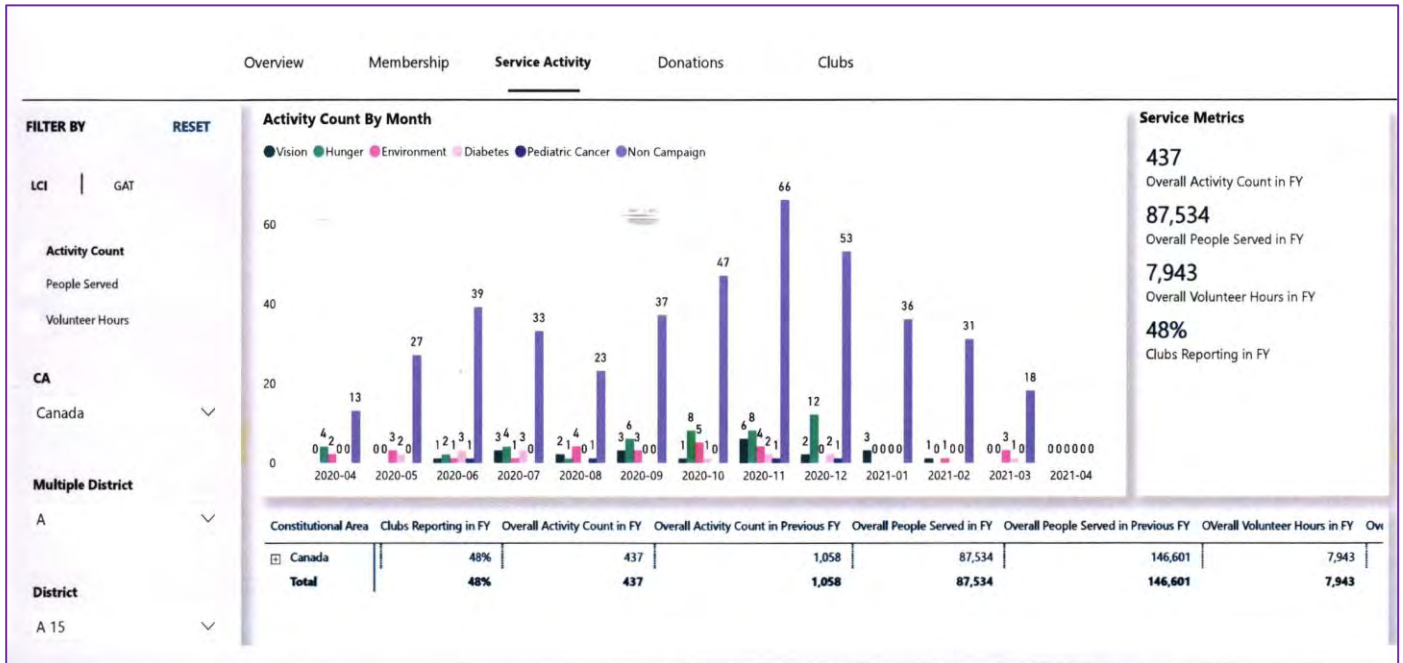
April 10<sup>th</sup>? The speakers were great as were the stories of Lions projects in other countries. Connectivity was a common thread – our need to connect with our communities and our young people, to hear their needs and to work together with them on projects, and through engaging both we can increase membership in Lions.

The Lions of Canada 100 Service Stories Facebook Contest is ongoing – the Hashtag for April is # Environment. I have not heard whether any Clubs in A-15 have been participating in this contest, but I sure would love to!

Per PDG Rob Hill, “the Lions of Canada Centennial is winding down. There are Grants available yet for districts and clubs. There are shirts and pins also available. If you have not planted your trees or completed your centennial project, there is still time.” The 100th Anniversary Celebration ends on June 30, 2021. All clubs who complete their centennial project and report to our District Governor will receive a special banner patch in recognition.

Of the \$6500 Centennial Grant funds in District A-15, there are still some monies remaining available - contact IPDG Tracey Robinson at [ipdg@a15lions.org](mailto:ipdg@a15lions.org).

From LCI Insights – the following snapshot of District A-15 reporting on *MyLion*. We now have 48% clubs reporting our service and sharing new ideas, Way to Go Lions!



Lions, thank you all for your ongoing service and kindness to others in need in our communities.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Nancy Ransom, A-15 GST Co-ordinator





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### Region Chair 51

The three Region chairs in District A15 held the first ever virtual Region Rally on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 48 Lions attended to hear International first Vice President Brian Sheehan speak, learn some District Lions facts, be entertained by some great singing and poetry and just plain well have fun. A big thankyou to Bill Robinson and PDG Denis Vinette for hosting the Zoom meeting. I attended the first interclub virtual meeting held by Ariss and Maryhill Lions club. Members from the South Wellington Community Lions Branch attended the meeting.

I also attended the Ariss and Maryhill 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary virtual meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Ariss and Maryhill Lions club can be very proud of all the achievements they have done, not only for their community but also their donations to National Lions programs such as The Lions Foundation of Canada and Lions Quest.

A big congratulations to Zone Chair Mark Koenig and Zone Chair Gary Lloyd for hosting a virtual Zone meeting in their respective areas. Both were well attended, informative and Lions enjoyed the meeting. I received many positive comments regarding both meetings.

Some clubs are continuing with bottle drives in between lock downs. Marsville Lions are still trying to keep the racoons sober. Atwood, Belwood, and Hillsburgh Lions clubs had outdoor rinks this year. Seventeen Lions clubs in Region 51 are meeting virtually.

Lion Garry Ransom - RC 51

### Cabinet Report

April 17, 2021

### LEO Club Report

District Governor George and fellow Lions:

The USA/Canada Leo Forum that was to be held in person in Calgary this year has now been cancelled. It will be held virtually, July 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration is not up and running as of yet. Please visit: "<https://leosforum.org>" for further information.

As it stands, we still have 1 club that is dormant and the KW LEO Club with 44 members. No Lions Club has made any queries regarding the starting of a LEO Club.

Lion OJ Wilura

LEO Chair



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### Report to Cabinet

#### Tony Davidson VDG2

The Lions family has been challenged with the Covid situation over the year and a bit, but we have managed. Clubs in the District have over come some of the challenges, adapting to the new normal, at least for the time being.

Service and Fundraising activities continue. Some new and exciting ideas have been adopted by Clubs in the District.

Lions have done what Lions do taking care of those in the community that require assistance.

Thank You for your Great work!

Its Convention time and Convention means change. We don't know when all the orders will be lifted but having a positive attitude will help make the time pass.

I look forward to working with the new members of Cabinet elected at the Convention.

**Tony**

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### Lions all -

Each year at the District Convention, we try to hold a 'Strides Walk' to raise money for Diabetes. For the second year in a row, the Convention is Virtual. So... Diabetes Canada has put together a program called Lace Up...it basically is the same as a Strides Walk - form a team, get sponsors, raise money for Diabetes. The Program however, is interactive and teams from all over can touch base and keep abreast of other teams, varying ideas, etc.

Would not this be a Great way to get Lions involved, do something that meets our mandate to support Diabetes Awareness, and share stories and experiences with other Groups. I would like to see a turnout from A-15 - other Districts are involved and a bit of competition could be fun.

Attached are information sheets for all to read, about the Lace Up walk and how to get involved.

Let's get the word out to all Club members and see what we can do.



Team Captain Guide    General Lace Up  
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PRC Brian Martin

Co-Chair Diabetes Awareness-East



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## **Report to Cabinet**

**April 17, 2021**

### **Family and Women’s Membership Portfolio**

Globally the number of women joining the Lions organization has shown steady gains. In Canada, we have continued to do well, with women making up 33.97 % of our membership [as of March 31,2021]. The Constitutional area of South America, Central America, Caribbean, and Mexico leads with female membership at 51.37%.

In our District, as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, we have remained relatively unchanged, since the last report, with 341 women out of a total of 1327\* members.

\*As of today’s writing, our membership is 1322.

Going forward, it is important that we focus on the needs of our members. Our members need to feel validated in their ideas and the service they provide. We have not always done a good job of this in our organization, and it is imperative to do so if we wish to retain members. With this goal in mind, I intend to shift my concentration to new membership initiatives and leadership training. I will finish this year in my role as Family and Women’s membership liaison. Should the incoming Cabinet wish to continue with this portfolio, I will offer my full support.

I encourage each club to perform a critical self-assessment. Are you willing to adapt to change, modernize protocols and welcome new ideas? It is vital to survival.

Finally, I would once again like to extend a warm thank you to all of the Lioness, who have contributed tirelessly to service projects and have contributed to the success of our District. Your efforts are valued.!

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Diane M. Smith***



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

**April 2021**

Governor George, Cabinet, Lions:

With all the Convention material becoming available for the web site, it has been a busy month or two. The Memorial portion of the site has unfortunately been growing, but it does provide more information on each departed Lion.

I now have quite a bit of Convention-related material on the site, much of it supplied by Lion Victor Chaux - a great big *Thank You* to Lion Victor for producing a great deal of excellent material. You may also notice that many of the graphics have multiple web site links associated with them, and depending on where you click on the graphic, you will be redirected to something relevant to where you clicked (much like what has always been available on the Clubs Map)

There is more information on Campaign 100 and the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF on the web site - thanks go to Lion Peter Oswald for all this information, found in the pages linked to the *Lions Programs / LCIF Canada* menu item.

I have also been busy setting up the ballots and ballot distribution for the District electronic vote. Hopefully all will unfold as it should for the vote - Clubs have two full days to distribute the electronic / emailed ballots to Lions Club members who will be voting. The voting registration process should be automatic and painless if the email ballot is used. Of course, if the voting information is passed in print to the Lion who will vote, that will also work, but the registration process will not be quite so automatic. In all cases, a computer and web browser is needed to complete the process.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Lion Ted Rypma, District Technology Chair**

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### LCIF Committee Chair Report to Cabinet for April 17, 2021

DG George and members of Cabinet; Committee Chairs and all Lions of District A-15

In the run up to this convention, a number of messages have been sent out to the District to promote Campaign 100 – LCIF Empowering Service. Thanks to District Governor George and the Convention Committee for making Campaign 100 a key focus of this virtual convention. Thank you to everyone and every Club that have already donated and to those that will either donate or commit this weekend. My goal is to have 100% of our Clubs make a donation this year!

As regular updates for Campaign results will be featured during the weekend, I will provide a more definitive total for our District by Sunday morning. Please tune in. And of course, some of the final reporting will take place after the convention so I will have a fully accurate total for the June Cabinet meeting.

Campaign 100 is about making a difference; changing peoples' lives with your donation. Childhood cancer does not stop during a pandemic. Diabetes does not stop during a pandemic. Funds are needed by the Lions Clubs International Foundation to provide service under the 7 pillars of the program – disaster relief, humanitarian needs, vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer & diabetes awareness.

Please refer to the District website at [www.a15lions.org](http://www.a15lions.org) under LCIF Canada for more details on how to make donations. And, remember that all donations go to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF [www.lionsofcanadaforlcif.ca](http://www.lionsofcanadaforlcif.ca)

Since our last Cabinet meeting, I have:

- Attended 4 monthly calls with District & Multiple District Coordinators across Canada
- Promoted Campaign 100 with virtual presentations to: KW Community Spirit Lions; AND LCIF & Marketing Club coordinators.
- Promoted the Campaign & LCI Tell-a-thon (April 11) across the District
- Held virtual interviews with a few other Clubs (see the results on convention weekend) AND engaged and updated the Cabinet on progress.



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**DISTRICT A-15 IS THE BEST DISTRICT IN MD ‘A’!**

**WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!**

Join us over the weekend. Tune in Sunday morning at 9 am for a final tally on donations received since February 1 – I have a great feeling you will be IMPRESSED by the generosity and support across the District!



**Report to cabinet,**

It’s been a fairly quiet winter. I presented some years of service chevrons to the members of the Lions Club of Paris. The three Region Chairs Held a District A-15 Region Rally for a fun and informative night. I wrote a song for Lions called Roar Lions Roar. I have attended several online Zoom meetings but none in person. We get done what we can and have fun doing it...

**Lion Gerry Runstedler RC9**

**REPORT TO CABINET.....HARV WOOD 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Here we are, Convention time and drawing towards the end of another Lions year. This year has been like no other. We have been meeting virtually all year and it is considered to have been a successful year. The virtual medium has provided for communication, conversation, sharing of challenges and results. Normal fundraising activities have been hampered but most Clubs have persevered and some have even uncovered alternate and new methods of fundraising. Going forward, the future is a bit hazy but we are looking ahead with positivity, anxiously awaiting a return to a “near normal”.



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It has been quite a year. I have learned a lot, thanks to our District Governor and Lion Barb. I have talked to the Clubs in 37 and acquainted myself with most of them and realized that a lot can be and has been done during Covid. I may not have done much to contribute but have enjoyed the time i spent and don't regret any of it. My confidence has grown and i want to thank everyone for the experience. Looking forward to next year

**Thanks again to everyone.**

**RC 37 MaryAnn Ward**

Lions Foundation of Canada Chair

Cabinet Meeting Report



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Respectfully submitted by,  
Cheryl Bauman, District A15 LFC Chair

- **Motion** to accept Cabinet Reports by RC Garry Ransom seconded by 1stVDG Harv Wood. Carried by all.

### 17.Awards Presentations:

17.1 **IPDG Tracey Robinson** announced 2019/2020 awards.

PRC Paul Anstett of Exeter Lions received the International Presidents Medal Award.

Lion Blair Cressman of Wellesley & District Lions received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Award.





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PDG Charlene Dwyer of Royal City Guelph Lions received the International Presidents Leadership Medal Award.

Lion Brian Martin of the Fergus Lions received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Award.

Lion Mike Connor of Ingersoll Lions received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Award.

All of these members are unique in their own way bringing clubs and members together as a team in The District. Immediate Past District Governor Tracey Robinson appreciated all of them for everything they continue to do. IPDG Tracey also stated, she wanted to thank them for assisting her during her tenure as District Governor as they “truly” deserved these awards.

17.2 **District Governor** handed out Peace Posters to Lions across the District for their “Acts of Kindness”

17.3 **New Voices** – 2ndVDG Tony Davidson was not available at the time.

17.4 **International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.**

17.5 **International Presidents Award** was received by LCIF Peter Oswald. A member of the Woodstock Lions club for over 25 years. Lion Don Robertson was his Boss in the club and his Boss at the bank he worked at. Three years as the LCIF chair, the Districts Cabinet Treasurer and mentor for years. He has brought Campaign 100 awareness to all of the clubs and through his efforts he has mentored our new Cabinet Treasurer and District Governor and provides Leadership to anyone who is in need. Thank you, Lion Peter.

17.6 **International Presidents Leadership Award** was received by PDG Tim DeBlock. A member of the Monkton Lions. Always supportive, and works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure events happen and take place. Displays leadership and support to everyone he works with and set a high standard within the District A15. Thank you, Lion Tim.



# A15 VIRTUAL CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES



## PART 1 – SATURDAY APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am, 2021

## PART 2 SUNDAY APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> @10:00am, 2021

### 18. Report from Election Committee/Announcement of Results by PDG Thom Hermann:

A very successful outcome of voting. 80% of eligible votes were cast.

Your District A15:

2ndVice District Governor Elect is Garry Ransom

1stVice District Governor Elect is Tony Davidson

District Governor Elect is Harvey Wood

**Congratulations to all members!**

➤ **Motion** to destroy electronic ballots. **This will be deferred to the June 2021 Cabinet Meeting.**

### 19. District Governor introduced the newly elected District Governor Elect.

Harv expressed his appreciation to everyone. It was 5 years ago that Harv met George and Barb at a Zone meeting in Lynden it was very evident that George’s goal was to become District Governor. With respect to Covid they have done a wonderful job! Harv thanked everyone who supported Campaign 100. Harv also wanted to stress his appreciation to everyone who helped him achieve this goal of becoming District Governor Elect, especially his number one fan and supporter Eleanor.

Harv and his team will have 3 main strategies. Membership, lead by PDG Denis Vinette, Service, lead by PDG Nancy Ransom, LCIF Campaign 100 lead by Peter Oswald. One last item he mentioned was that this term is one year and will be bridging the gap between George and Tony and he see’s himself more of a Caretaker rather than a Governor.

### 20. DGE introduced his new Cabinet for 2021/2022

- ❖ IPDG George Corrin
- ❖ ZC37W Craig Hebert
- ❖ RC37W Gabrielle Path
- ❖ RC37S TBD



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- ❖ RC51 Mark Koenig
- ❖ ZC51W Mike McCourg
- ❖ ZC51E Gary Lloyd
- ❖ RC9 TBA
- ❖ ZC9 TBA
- ❖ ZC9S Bruce Killinger
- ❖ CS Deb Zimmerman
- ❖ CT Doug Fyfe
- ❖ 2ndVDG Garry Ransom
- ❖ 1stVDG Tony Davidson
- ❖ DG Harv Wood

### 21. DG Remarks

It is at this time I would like to express my appreciation to my “better half” Barbara, for everything and endlessly putting this convention together. I cannot thank “everybody” enough for what they have done to have a successful virtual convention for 2021. The virtual team was just fabulous, Jordan, Kyle, Daniel and Steve superb workers! Thank you! Harv has a great year ahead of him and a fantastic cabinet with him. I wish him all the best and I look forward to when we can all be together in person.

### 22. Passing of the Campbell by PZC Cecilia Fulker

Lovely video presentation.

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Governor George, before closing.....

Before the official closure of this cabinet meeting and virtual convention the District Governor mentioned his appreciation to the District and to all who has participated and the 29 clubs who put this together. It was certainly a team effort as we cannot do things alone. Yesterday, Today and tomorrow. Today is all we have, Today is a good day, Today is a wonderful day. Yesterday is gone and will be forgotten, can't change anything that we want now, we can only change ourselves for today. Tomorrow is promised for no one. Please enjoy your day do what you think is the right thing to do and be as positive and happy as you move forward as a Lion in our Districts with our service attitudes and behaviours in our hearts.

### 23. Adjournment and Official Closure of the A15 Virtual Convention.

- **Motion** to officially close the cabinet meeting and convention by District Governor Elect Harv Wood seconded by RC9 Gerry Runstedler. Carried by all.

## Cabinet Treasurer's Report

### Convention 2021 Cabinet Meeting : Apr 16 & 17

All income and expenditure \$ reconcile with the relevant 2021 Mar 31 bank statements and GICs held.

Attached to this Report are :

#### **A March 2021 Monthly Financial Report**

- identifies Income and Expenses at March 31, including Unencumbered (freely available) Cash and Encumbered (set aside) cash; for Encumbrance details see B below;
- the transition from CIBC to Kindred Credit Union [KCU] completed in March, thus transaction records for both banks are shown;
- two locked-in GICs remain with CIBC, upon maturity in July and December this year money orders will be sent to me for deposit into KCU, possibly as further GICs or Other Savings : yet to be determined and approved by 2021-2022 Cabinet;
- the 2020-2021 to-date full Income Journal and the full Expense Journal are available upon request.

#### **B Encumbrances Summary (set-aside \$)**

- identifies net amount of all Encumbrances (ie net of any income and any expense); the full Encumbrance Journal (all transactions) is available upon request.

#### **C GIC and Other Savings Report**

- identifies GICs matured, cashed-out, remaining & locked in, Other Savings (none at present).

#### **D Administration Budget (approved 2020 Oct 29) identifies by line item as at Mar 31 the :**

- total income budgeted, received, and any surplus over deficit (green), or deficit over surplus (red);
- total income summary at the end;
- total expenditure budgeted, made, and any surplus over deficit (green), or deficit over surplus (red);
- total expenditure summary at end;
- projected total end of year budget surplus (green) or deficit (red); **Note** : income and expenditures yet to occur before Jun 30.

Lion Doug Fyfe  
A15 Cabinet/District Treasurer  
2021 Apr 12

**A15 Administration Bank A/C [AD] : 56-02211 (CIBC : A/C closed)** {Encumbrances now in KCU A/C except GIC 06 : remains with CIBC until maturity (2021 Dec 17)}

Chq #	Date	\$ Amount	Payable to	Approved	Comments	Bank Stmt
		19,599.00	< B/F from Feb		includes any deducted encumbrances	
		25,088.57	< Total Mar Income	-	GIC G03 cashed-out (\$25,069.54); CIBC A/C \$ adjustment (\$19.03)	2021mar31
001918	Mar 03	44,871.12	Lions District A15 Administration A/C KCU	2021 Jan 17	Transfer of funds to new KCU AD account (CIBC AD account closed)	2021mar31
bank	Mar 31	0.00	CIBC	-	Monthly Fee service charge	2021mar31
		44,871.12	< Total Mar Expense			
		-19,782.55	< Monthly Balance			
		0.00	< Current Balance; A/C closed			2021mar31

**A15 Activities Bank A/C [AT] : 56-02319 (CIBC : A/C closed)** {Encumbrances now in KCU A/C except G05 : remains with CIBC until maturity (2021 Jul 16)}

Chq #	Date	\$ Amount	Payable to	Approved	Comments	Bank Stmt
		23,159.42	< B/F from Feb		includes any deducted encumbrances	
		13,771.28	< Total Mar Income	-	GIC G04 cashed-out (\$13,771.28)	2021mar31
000896	Mar 03	36,930.70	Lions District A15 Activities A/C KCU	2021 Jan 17	Transfer of funds to new KCU AT account (CIBC AT account closed)	2021mar31
bank	Mar 31	0.00	CIBC	-	Monthly Fee service charge	2021mar31
		36,930.70	< Total Mar Expense			
		-23,159.42	< Monthly Balance			
		0.00	< Current Balance; A/C closed		0.00 < Current \$ Balance exc Encumbrances	2021mar31

**A15 Administration Bank A/C [AD] : 4511465-01 (KCU)** {Encumbrances now in KCU except GIC 06 which remains at CIBC until maturity (2021 Dec 17)}

Chq #	Date	\$ Amount	Payable to	Approved	Comments	Bank Stmt
		16,709.62	< B/F from Feb		KCU account not opened until 2021 Feb 01	
		45,519.09	< Total Mar Income	2021 Jan 17	Club Dues paid; tx all remaining CIBC AD A/C \$; KCU A/C interest	2021mar31
000003	Mar 17	1,000.00	Ariss & Maryhill LC	2020 Aug 16	Donation from A15 Centennial Fund : ? Project	
000004	Mar 17	500.00	Elmira LC	2020 Aug 16	Donation from A15 Centennial Fund : ? Project	
000005	Mar 17	1,000.00	Paradise & District LC	2020 Aug 16	Donation from A15 Centennial Fund : ? Project	2021mar31
000006	Mar 17	27.03	Lions Clubs International	-	U o Guelph Campus LC (cancelled LC; US\$21.50)	2021mar31
bank	Mar 31	0.85	KCU	-	Monthly Fee service charge	2021mar31
		2,527.88	< Total Mar Expense			
		42,991.21	< Monthly Balance		47,520.78 < Bank A/C Encumbrances	
unencumbered cash		12,180.05	< Current Balance		59,700.83 < Bank A/C Balance exc Encumbrances	2021mar31

**A15 Activities Bank A/C [AD] : 4511465-02 (KCU)** {Encumbrances now in KCU A/C except G05 which remains with CIBC until maturity (2021 Jul 16)}

Chq #	Date	\$ Amount	Payable to	Approved	Comments	Bank Stmt
		26,140.73	< B/F from Feb		KCU account not opened until 2021 Feb 01	
		40,182.96	< Total Mar Income	2021 Jan 17	Tx all remaining CIBC AT A/C \$ and \$all ES, LQ, YO; KCU A/C interest	2021mar31
bank	Mar 31	0.00	KCU	-	Monthly Fee service charge	2021mar31
		0.00	< Total Mar Expense			
		40,182.96	< Monthly Balance		66,008.27 < Bank A/C Encumbrances	
unencumbered cash		315.42	< Current Balance		66,323.69 < Bank A/C Balance exc Encumbrances	2021mar31

**Monthly Summary : 2021 Mar**

<b>A15 Administration Bank A/C [AD] : KCU {excludes GIC 06}</b>	
	36,308.62 < B/F from Feb
	45,519.09 < Total Mar Income
	2,527.88 < Total Mar Expense
	42,991.21 < Monthly Balance
unencumbered cash	<b>12,180.05</b> < <b>Current Balance inc Encumbrances</b>
	59,700.83 < Current Balance exc Encumbrances

<b>A15 Activities Bank A/C [AT] : KCU {excludes GIC 05}</b>	
	49,300.15 < B/F from Feb
	53,954.24 < Total Mar Income
	36,930.70 < Total Mar Expense
	17,023.54 < Monthly Balance
unencumbered cash	<b>315.42</b> < <b>Current Balance inc Encumbrances</b>
	66,323.69 < Current Balance exc Encumbrances

**Certified Correct**

Lion Doug Fyfe  
Treasurer, District A15  
2021 Mar 31

**Note 1** Any Items highlit in yellow at Bank Statement are yet to be deposited by Payee.  
**Note 2** Cheque signatories : DG, CT, CS

**Encumbrances and 4/6 GICs transitioned from CIBC to KCU between 2021 January & March**

March has the consolidated record

**Current Encumbrances Summary**

<b>Total AD + AT</b>	<b>127,177.04</b>	<b>Total all Encumbrances</b>	0
AD	55,694.66	Total all AD : KCU Bank A/C + CIBC GIC 06	
AT	71,482.38	Total all AT : KCU Bank A/C + CIBC GIC 05	

**GIC and Other Savings Summary**

Detailed chronological record available upon request (*GIC-Savings Journal*)

Current Summary attached to Monthly Cabinet Report (red : matured/cashed-out)

<b>Purchase \$</b>		<b>Mat/c-o \$</b>
<b>13,647.99</b>	<b>&lt; - - Current GIC Totals AD + AT - - &gt;</b>	<b>67,132.69</b>
<b>8,173.88</b>	<b>&lt; - Totals AD - &gt;</b>	<b>39,619.51</b>
6,315.00	G01 - International Director's Fund [ID] (matured 2021 Feb 01; in AD A/C)	6,327.05
24,847.00	G03 - Emergency Reserve Fund [ER] (cashed-out 2021 Mar 01)	25,069.54
8,173.88	G06 - surplus \$ for interest [AD]	8,222.92
<b>5,474.11</b>	<b>&lt; - Totals AT - &gt;</b>	<b>27,513.18</b>
8,257.00	G02 - Youth Capital [YC] (matured 2021 Feb 25; in AT A/C)	8,266.04
13,649.00	G04 - Youth non-Capital [YN] (cashed-out 2021 Mar 01)	13,771.28
5,474.11	G05 - Vision & Hearing [VH]	5,475.86



**ENCUMBRANCES SUMMARY at 2021 Mar 31**

<b>Purpose : Administration</b>		<b>Type</b>
Items in red are matured or cashed-out GICs		
<b>\$</b>	<b>Decode</b>	
<b>127,177.04</b>	<b>Total all Encumbrances</b>	
<b>55,694.66</b>	<b>Total all Administration Encumbrances</b>	
<b>47,520.78</b>	<b>Admin : General (Bank A/C)</b>	<b>Bank</b>
8,173.88	GICs only	GIC
0.00	Other Savings only	Savings
<b>8,173.88</b>	<b>Total GICs + Other Savings</b>	
1,000.00	Centennial Fund (Discretionary) [CD]	Bank
3,528.05	Convention Levy Fund [CV]	Bank
4,040.87	DGE Partner Travel	Bank
<b>0.00</b>	<b>Emergency Reserve Fund [ER]</b>	<b>GIC 03</b>
25,069.54	Emergency Reserve Fund [ER] (ex G03)	Bank
<b>0.00</b>	<b>International Director's Fund [ID]</b>	<b>GIC 01</b>
8,568.76	International Director's Fund [ID] (ex G01)	Bank
0.00	Invoices o/s to be paid	Bank
1,400.00	Leadership Seminar Fund [LS]	Bank
0.00	MDA (flow-through = 0.00 if fully paid)	Bank
3,913.56	New Club Fund [NC]	Bank
0.00	Surplus funds for \$ Interest	tdb
8,173.88	Surplus funds for \$ Interest	GIC G06
<b>0.00</b>	<b>Suspense : to be designated</b>	<b>Bank</b>
<b>12,180.05</b>	<b>Unencumbered (freely available) \$ at Mar 31</b>	

<b>Purpose : Activities</b>		<b>Type</b>
Items in red are matured or cashed-out GICs		
<b>\$</b>	<b>Decode</b>	
<b>127,177.04</b>	<b>Total all Encumbrances</b>	
<b>71,482.38</b>	<b>Total all Activities Encumbrances</b>	
<b>66,008.27</b>	<b>Activities : general (Bank A/C)</b>	<b>Bank</b>
5,474.11	GICs only	GIC
0.00	Other Savings only	Savings
<b>5,474.11</b>	<b>Total GICs + Other Savings</b>	
17,487.33	Breslau : Pillars, Gates, Plaque [BG]	Bank
1,000.00	Camp : A15 Youth & Exchange	Bank
1,412.50	Camp Huronda [CH]	Bank
812.50	Camp Kirk [CK]	Bank
1,412.50	Camp Lake Joseph [CJ]	Bank
812.50	Camp Trillium [CT]	Bank
600.00	Diabetes	Bank
2,986.13	Effective Speaking [ES]	Bank
0.00	Invoices o/s to be paid	Bank
1,550.00	LCIF A15 Campaign 100 [L1]	Bank
200.00	LFC : Dog Guides	Bank
750.00	Lions Home for Deaf People [HD]	Bank
2,414.24	Lions Quest [LQ]	Bank
1,852.16	Peace Poster / Essay [PP]	Bank
<b>0.00</b>	<b>Suspense : to be designated</b>	<b>Bank</b>
5,474.11	Vision & Hearing [VH]	GIC G05
0.00	Vision & Hearing [VH] (when G05 matured)	tdb
<b>0.00</b>	<b>Youth : Capital [YC]</b>	<b>GIC 02</b>
8,266.04	Youth : Capital [YC] (ex G02)	Bank
<b>0.00</b>	<b>Youth : non-Capital [YN]</b>	<b>GIC 04</b>
24,452.37	Youth : non-Capital [YN] (ex YO A/C + G04)	Bank
<b>315.42</b>	<b>Unencumbered (freely available) \$ at Mar 31</b>	

**GIC / Other Savings Summary**

Red text = updated upon Maturities / Cash-outs

A-P	p	Purchase \$	Description	~ Maturity \$	G/S
<b>Tot</b>		<b>13,647.99</b>	<b>&lt; - - Current Totals AD + AT - - &gt;</b>	<b>67,132.69</b>	
<b>AD</b>		<b>8,173.88</b>	<b>&lt; - Current Totals AD - &gt;</b>	<b>39,619.51</b>	<b>Tot</b>
ID	b	6,315.00	G01 - International Director's Fund [ID] (temporarily encumbered in AD A/C)	6,327.05	G01
AD	a	24,847.00	G03 - Emergency Reserve Fund [ER] (temporarily encumbered in AD A/C)	25,069.54	G03
AD	b	8,173.88	G06 - surplus \$ for interest [AD]	8,222.92	G06
<b>AT</b>		<b>5,474.11</b>	<b>&lt; - Current Totals AT - &gt;</b>	<b>27,513.18</b>	<b>Tot</b>
AT	b	0.00	no GIC - AT [AT]	0.00	
ES	b	0.00	no GIC - Effective Speaking [ES]	0.00	
LQ	b	0.00	no GIC - Lions Quest [LQ]	0.00	
VH	b	5,474.11	G05 - Vision & Hearing [VH]	5,475.86	G05
YC	b	8,257.00	G02 - Youth Capital [YC] (temporarily encumbered in AT A/C)	8,266.04	G02
YN	b	13,649.00	G04 - Youth non-Capital [YN]	13,771.28	G04

**District A15 : 2020-2021 Administration Budget : Income** (approved 2020 Oct 29; subsequent changes in red)

#	Item	\$	Income Description	Received	Balance
1	<b>2020-21 Invoiced Income to Admin A/C</b>				
2	- Advertising	300.00		0.00	-300.00
3	- Centennial Project	0.00	\$6,500 removed to Activities A/C per IPDG Tracey		
4	- District Directory	200.00	Club Members purchase for themselves	0.00	-200.00
5	- Interest Earned on GICs	234.59	Actual interest at maturity (G01) and at cash-out (G03)	234.59	0.00
6	- <b>Annual A15 Dues Invoices to Clubs</b>		40/56 Clubs paid as at 2020 Oct 31		
8	- District Dues	11,560.00	1,360 Members at \$8.50	11,560.00	0.00
9	- Membership / New Club Assessment	2,040.00	1,360 Members at \$1.50	2,040.00	0.00
10	- MDA Dues	23,730.00	Flow-through : all monies collected are forwarded to MDA	23,730.00	0.00
11	- Convention Levy	1,360.00	1,360 Members at \$1.00	1,360.00	0.00
12	- International Director Fund	340.00	1,360 Members at \$0.25	340.00	0.00
13	- Leadership Seminar	1,400.00	56 Clubs at \$25.00	1,400.00	0.00
14	- <b>Total invoiced amounts to Clubs</b>	<b>16,700.00</b>		<b>16,700.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
15	- Pin Sales (DG)	500.00	Sale price \$5.00 ea : sell 100 (A15 Policy)	0.00	-500.00
16	- Pin Sales (Patti Hill)	200.00	Sale price \$5.00 ea : sell 40	100.00	-100.00
17	<b>Total Projected Income to Admin A/C</b>	<b>18,134.59</b>	= \$41,980.00 - \$23,730.00 MDA Dues (flow-through)	<b>17,034.59</b>	<b>-1,100.00</b>

Budget can be amended by Cabinet approval : Change Management.

**District A15 : 2020-2021 Administration Budget : Expense** (approved 2020 Oct 29; subsequent changes in red)

#	Item	\$	Expense Description	Spent	Balance
<b>18</b>	<b>Expenses against Admin A/C</b>				
19	- Awards : Cabinet	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00
20	- Badges & Patches	1,000.00	Cabinet, GAT, Committee Chairs	920.98	79.02
21	- Bank Charges : monthly; cheques	300.00		415.49	-115.49
22	- Cabinet Meeting Meals	600.00	Jan Cabinet Mtg only (others via Zoom); <b>RC &amp; ZC mileage</b>	192.28	407.72
23	- District Officers' Zone/Joint Zone Meals	300.00	per A15 Policy Manual inc Convention, Sections 14,15	32.64	267.36
24	- Centennial Project	6,500.00	Discretionary Fund per IPDG Tracey	4,500.00	2,000.00
25	- Convention	750.00	May be virtual : Zoom licence costs ?	0.00	750.00
26	<b>- District Chairs</b>				
27	- Committee Chairs	900.00	Honorarium	0.00	900.00
28	- Committee Chairs	300.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	300.00
29	- Global Action Team (GLT; GMT; GST)	2,000.00	Venue Rental	0.00	2,000.00
30	- A15 Opportunity Maps	500.00		89.86	410.14
31	<b>- Total District Chairs</b>	<b>3,700.00</b>		89.86	3,610.14
32	- District Directories	3,500.00	350 copies @ \$10.00 inc HST	3,767.42	-267.42
33	- Internet	150.00	Annual Website Hosting Fee	0.00	150.00
34	- Leadership : Institutes	500.00	ALLI and ILLI Training (Registration Fees)	0.00	500.00
35	- Leadership : Seminars	1,500.00	Presentation materials, food and soft beverages.	0.00	1,500.00
36	- Annual Youth Camp Liability Insurance	0.00	Any additional premium coverage cost paid by Youth Committee	0.00	0.00
37	- District Pins Purchase	900.00	200 @ \$4.35 inc HST	864.05	35.95
38	- Police Vulnerable Person Check Fee	0.00		0.00	0.00
39	- Postage & Telephone	700.00	Increased from \$250.00 on Oct 29 due to COVID-19	140.95	559.05
40	- Printing & Stationery	650.00		618.66	31.34
41	- Transfer of International Director Fund \$	339.25		0.00	339.25
42	- USA-Canada Forum	0.00	Cancelled for this Lions Year due to COVID-19	0.00	0.00
43	- Zoom Licence Fee	500.00	Annual Hosting Fee (2 Licences)	373.38	126.62
44	- <b>LFC in memory of Lion Carole Woods</b>	<b>100.00</b>		<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
45	- <b>Patti Hill Pins Purchase</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>100 @ \$5.00 inc HST</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
46	<b>Total Projected Expense from Admin A/C</b>	<b>23,489.25</b>		<b>12,515.71</b>	<b>10,973.54</b>
47	<b>Projected Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>-5,354.66</b>	= Line 17 - Line 46	<b>Projected EoY Surplus / Deficit at date below &gt;</b>	<b>9,873.54</b>

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