



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®  
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**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
5. 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
6. 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

7. 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.
8. First Timers Contest – FVDG Bill  
Winner : Lion Chris Mayo, Thamesford Lions

9. Convention Raffle

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize – Hotel Stay at the Quality Inn, Stratford	- Burford Lions Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – Chocolate basket	- Lynden Lions Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize – Assortment of Chocolate items	- Dundas Lions Club
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize – Chocolate Liqueur + Chocolate	- Bayfield Lions Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize – Chocolate Liqueur + Chocolate	- Lion Chris Duncan

10. 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor – Lion Rick Mallon, Dundas	AFFIRMED
For the position of 1 <sup>st</sup> 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

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

DG Bill Robinson	Stratford Lions
IPDG – Garry Ransom	Guelph Lions
1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Linda Vinette	South Wellington Community Lions
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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".