



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®
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Winter District A-15 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Lunch: 1:00PM, Meeting 2:00PM, January 27, 2024

Plattsville Evangelical Missionary Church Hall 19 Albert Street E, Plattsville

1. Call to order – 1:00PM
2. O Canada – 2nd VDG Linda Vinette
3. Moment of Silence
4. Lions thanks – DG Garry Ransom
These Lions embrace the quest we bear,
We join as friends with food to share.
Before our meal we stop and pause,
Giving thanks for this and for our cause.
5. Lunch
6. Protocol – 1st VDG Bill Robinson
7. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda
Amended to add LCIF Award presentations.
Moved: RC9 Ray Derouin, Second, ZC9E Kingsley Ojumoola.
8. District Governor's Remarks – *See Addendum*
9. Presentation – Lion Anita Ertel, Lion Dawn Raynard
Link to recording in *Addendum*.
10. Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Cabinet Meeting
Available at: <https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes20231115Nov.pdf>
Moved to approve: 1st VDG Bill Robinson, Second, ZC37S Rick Bell.
11. Secretary's Report – Nothing to Report at this time
Moved to receive: ZC9E Kingsley Ojumoola, Second, RC51 Kevin March.
12. Treasurer's Report
Financial Reports, as at December 31, 2023
Q: PDDG Rick Mallon: Can the leash free park and the centennial fund be integrated into the District general fund? After discussion, the Governor advised that Cabinet will discuss how we might go forward on this.
Q: PDG Doug Smith asked if the Leadership budgeted items were being allocated and expended to leadership for the District and as a funding opportunity for emerging District Leaders. DG Garry Ransom indicated that we are holding leadership training and that we have applied for a leadership grant to help with this.
Moved to receive Treasurer's Report: IPDG Tony Davidson, Second, RC37 Joyce Townsend. CARRIED
13. Cabinet Reports
Moved to receive Cabinet Report: ZC37S Rick Bell, Second, CS Denis Vinette.
CARRIED
14. Committee Reports
 - LFC – Lion Deb Cserhalmi reported on the LFC Building campaign as well as suggested that we could look at funding a covered area for the “dog moms” from the leash free and centennial project.
 - Nominations – PDG Doug Smith advised that nominations have been received for the following positions.

District Governor – 1st VDG Bill Robinson, Stratford

1st Vice District Governor – 2nd VDG Linda Vinette, Rockwood and District

2nd Vice District Governor – PDDG Richard Mallon, Dundas

Region Chair 51 – RC51 Kevin March, Rockwood and District

- Convention 2024

1st VDG Bill Robinson (convention co-chair) advised that the convention (April 5-6-7, 2024) planning is well underway and that registration forms are available in paper form and online at our website homepage. Draw tickets are now available and will be distributed to the clubs soon. All ticket stubs need to be returned to the committee no later than March 22.

Early registration closes March 1.

Motion to receive the Committee Reports: ZC51W Cheryl Bauman, Second, ZC9E Ray Derouin. CARRIED

15. New Business

- Motions

a) Constitution and Bylaws – George Patton

Changes were outlined by CB&L Chairperson, PDDG George Patton.

Motion to send the resolutions in items one and two of the bylaw report to the next A-15 convention for a vote by the voting delegates.

Moved by 1st VDG Bill Robinson, Second, ZC Kingsley Ojumoola.

CARRIED

PDDG George asked that Cabinet to consider defining a procedure for candidate demonstrations at the annual convention.

b) LCIF Grant application for LFC

District Governor Garry explained the request. Following discussion, a motion was made that District A15 endorses the Lions Foundation of Canada application to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a \$150,000 USD Matching Grant for the new training school.

Moved by IPDG Tony Davidson, Second, ZC51W Cheryl Bauman.

CARRIED

16. Awards and Recognitions

Club Excellence Awards – 2023

Club excellence awards were presented to:

- Guelph Lions Club
- Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club
- Thamesford Lions Club

LCIF Awards - 2023

IPDG Tony presented Model Club awards to:

- Marsville and District Lions Club
- Cambridge Highlands Lions Club
- Lions Club of Kitchener
- Woodstock Lions Club

17. Good & Welfare

Pyjamas and Pancakes - Lion Dianna Hewitt, Rockwood and District Lions presented a passionate report on a new club activity in support of the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) that will be held on Family Day, February 19, 2024 . see link to recording in *Addendum*.

Innerkip Fish Fry – PZC Fran MacFarlane, March 29 (almost soldout).

18. Adjournment – 3:36pm

ADDENDUM

1) District Governor's Opening Remarks

I would like to thank the Plattsville Lions club for hosting our meeting.

Wow, we are over half way through this Lions year. I want to thank our ZCs and RCs for their help. They are the heroes of our cabinet. Not only have they done club visits, organized zone meeting but they have also assisted the GAT chairs with their responsibilities.

We have accomplished so much!!

There have been 82 Lions International online courses taken. Everything from club officer training to public speaking to servant leadership. Last year only 4 courses during the same time frame.

Today we are -9 members in the district. Last year we were -23 members so we are making progress. Your GMT coordinator PDG Tracey and myself are confident that we will be plus by June 30th.

At this time our district has served 89,176 people. That is with 64% of our clubs reporting their service. At this rate and with 100% of our clubs reporting then we would have served almost 140,000 people. Could we serve 250,000 by year end? Thank you everyone for living up to our motto "We Serve".

DG Garry did a PowerPoint presentation comparing setting goals for a bike ride to a club setting goals and an action plan to add service projects.

2) Special Presentation – Rockwood Community Pantry

Lion Dawn Raynard & GST Chair Anita Ertel spoke on having a passion or idea and sharing it with others. Talking with the people you associate with each day, brings new ideas for service project, volunteers or possibly new members.

After they discussed that the growing number of working families struggling to afford basic living expenses has doubled since 2021, exceeding \$800,000 individuals visiting our food banks each month.

The idea to start a community pantry in Rockwood was embraced. Starting with some flyers around the area, a few boxes of food donated from our local grocery store. Five individuals were served the first week and this has grown each week. We moved into the saint Johns Anglican Church fellowship hall, free of charge, and are currently serving hot soup and rescued/donated food items to approximately 30 individuals each week.

We would like to encourage other clubs to begin their own pantries or food service projects and offered to be open for advice or assistance if needed.

Recording can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eFxYEvZKrwxB7i8k2F-hzdgg9ESSaxSx/view?usp=drive_link

3) POGO Fundraiser – Rockwood and District – Lion Dianna Hewitt

... imagine you're the parent of a young child with cancer facing Chemo, Radiation, surgery, or all three. In addition, you have the added expenses of travel to and from Sick Kids, or McMaster or Ottawa, parking, food at the hospital, childcare for other siblings, lost wages while one parent stays with the child.

And imagine the fear and worry that your sick child may not live to see 4, or 5, or 8, or 12 years of age because s/he has cancer. I'm sure each of us knows a family that lives from paycheque to paycheque, struggling to pay for rent, groceries, car payments, etc.

Suddenly, the family now has a sick child who needs weeks or months of extra medical care in a hospital a long way from home. And when or if s/he recovers, there will be a need to be monitored for years in case it comes back.

POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario) offers medical, financial, and emotional support to families going through this devastating experience. The funds they raise offsets some of the financial expenses involved.

Once a child is diagnosed, POGO assigns a nurse to that family who stays with them until the child turns 18 years of age.

Did you know ...

POGO maintains a Province wide database of every child who has or has had cancer in Ontario. Oncologists, family doctors and researchers need constant access to the database. They do receive some government funding to maintain only the database.

The funds that we raise goes to support the families of children with cancer. Rockwood and District Lions is holding a Pyjamas and Pancakes Breakfast to raise monies for POGO. You can donate online by going to Pyjamas & Pancakes and searching Rockwood and District Lions.

Please consider a donation, no matter how small to support our event on Family Day, February 19th, and please consider hosting your own Pyjamas and Pancakes event. POGO will design and provide all the necessary advertising and help however they can. Lions provide the place and the pancakes, with the proceeds going to POGO. I know there are Lions Clubs with experience making pancakes. Thanks.

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https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WYQAWRYI37EpLnVsSqYoBzf4Zy1OPOao/view?usp=drive_link