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**Minutes of the Summer Cabinet Meeting August 24, 2024**

Stratford Royal Canadian Legion, 804 Ontario St., Stratford, Ontario

1. Call to order – DG Bill Robinson
2. O Canada – Led by FVDG Linda Vinette
3. Moment of Silence
4. Protocol – FVDG Linda Vinette
5. Approval of the Agenda without changes, DG Bill. CARRIED
6. District Governor’s Remarks:

Although it is usually a quiet time during June, July and August, that has not been the case for a lot of us. Tracey and I started our journey to the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia the day after the last Cabinet meeting.

While we were at the Convention, we were able to receive our final training and instructions before being sworn in. It was a lot of fun and a lot of walking. We met with some old friends and got caught up with what is happening around the world, and it is just amazing some of the projects that get taken up by some clubs. Clubs just like ours, all it takes is one person with an idea to transform that into a project that impacts a whole community or simply providing the necessities to someone who by no fault of their own lacks the basic needs that you and I take for granted every day, like food and clean water.

It is difficult to do some of these things alone. There are many sayings. “Alone we can do so little but together we can do so much” or “I can plant a tree, but together we could plant a forest.”

We have to be open minded to change. We need to learn how to listen, not just hear, but listen to what some of the new members are saying. They are just like you and I. They want to make a difference in their community or improve the quality of life for someone less fortunate. They may have a different perspective; it doesn’t mean it’s the wrong way, just a different way. Let’s embrace these new ideas and see what happens. For example, if we did not embrace the internal combustion engine way back when, we would still be getting around on foot or horseback.

The International President’s message is simply “Make your Mark”. A lot of us are doing that now and it is great to see more and more clubs getting the brand recognition working for us. People will want to join the team that is making a difference in their community and around the world.

And let’s face it, it’s a lonely job working by yourself. I shouldn’t say that some of us have the voices to keep us company, but we are limited to what we can do. So, when we have others that want to join us on our journey, welcome them, educate them on our traditions and let’s create some new traditions that will be debated on in 30 years.

The district goals are available to everyone to review. You can find them on the LCI website or on the Lions Portal. These goals are for us to strengthen our association, and I am confident when we work together, we can accomplish anything.

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2024, Cabinet Meeting

 *Available at* [*https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes20240617Jun.pdf*](https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes20240617Jun.pdf)

 Moved: FVDG Linda Vinette, Second: ZC51E George Woodley, CARRIED

1. Motion to Ratify the Actions of the Previous Cabinets

 Moved: RC9 Peter Oswald, Second: SVDG Rick Mallon, CARRIED

1. Secretary’s Report.

Motion to accept: CS Dianna Hewitt, Second: 37W Evelyn Albers, CARRIED

1. Treasurer’s Report
2. Report and Financial Statements – June 30, 2023-2024

Moved: SVDG Rick Mallon, Second: ZC37S Terry McDougall, CARRIED

1. Budget 2024-2025. Adopted as presented. Moved: CT Brian Spivey, Second: ZC37W Evelyn Albers, CARRIED

Discussion: Questions regarding cost savings from using a digital form of the directory as opposed to print format, and providing snacks/drinks at Cabinet Meetings as opposed to meals. DG Bill Robinson advised on the re-allocation of funds and pointed out that Cabinet is covering the costs of the snacks and drinks. Questions were raised this year’s pins, and whether the selling price will cover the cost of manufacturing.

11. Cabinet Reports

 Motion to acknowledge receipt of Cabinet Reports.

 Moved: ZC51E George Woodley, Second, RC51 Kevin March, CARRIED

12. Committee Reports

Motion to acknowledge receipt of Committee Reports

Moved: SVDG Rick Mallon, Second: CS Dianna Hewitt, CARRIED

13. Speed Learning Session:

* Art of Recognition (PDG O.J. Wilura)
* Lions Quest (Joanne McQuiggan)
* Marketing (Ken Biehler)
* Facebook Live (PDG Tracey Robinson)
1. Old Business: None
2. New Business: None
3. Special Presentations and Awards

DG Bill Robinson presented the Art Woods Golden Tree Award to Lion Jim Keron and Lion Sheldon Wade, both of the Thamesford Lions Club. Congratulations.

1. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lions
* Lion Todd Wilson thanked Lion Darryl Nichol of Rockwood & District Lions Club for getting the signs made and installed on the gates at the LFC Breslau Breeding Facility.
* 37 South Farm Show, September 10, 11, 12, 2024
* KW Community Spirit for KW Diabetes Walk, Oct. 3, 2024
1. Next Cabinet Meeting Saturday November 9, 2024 1:00PM, Monkton, ON
2. Meeting Adjourned.