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**Minutes of the Winter Cabinet Meeting January 25, 2025**

Plattsville Evangelical Missionary Church Hall, 19 Albert Street E, Plattsville

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. Motion to approve the Agenda with changes. CARRIED
6. District Governor's Remarks:  
DG Bill Robinson talked about increasing membership. We have welcomed 81 new members since July for a net gain of 48, leaving only 30 members away from our goal. He spoke about the importance of reporting service activities to inform and inspire other clubs regarding the type of service/fundraising projects clubs are doing. It also allows LCI to illustrate the impact Lions have worldwide. The number of clubs reporting on service activities is approximately 45 per cent. GST Coordinator Anita Ertel is willing to assist anyone who has difficulty reporting activities on the new portal. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the assistance offered by members of the Cabinet, Region and Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs. PDG Tony Davidson confirmed that we have received more money in grants from LCIF than we have donated to them.
7. Past Council Chair Debbie Dawson presented a medal from IPIP Dr. Patti Hill for outstanding service to PID Art Woods, a Lion for 52 years.
8. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2024, Cabinet Meeting  
Available at:

<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes20241109Nov.pdf>

Moved: SVDG Rick Mallon. Second: ZC51E George Woodley.

Correction to minutes: FVDG Linda Vinette discussed the issue of monies left over from the Convention to be donated to Lions Quest, which was not put in the form of a motion at the previous Cabinet meeting. Discussion re: who profits when the Convention is sponsored by the District versus when it is sponsored by a club (or a collection of clubs). If an individual club (or clubs) is sponsoring the Convention, then the profits belong to them. If the District is sponsoring the Convention, then a policy needs to be put in place with regards to the distribution of the profits. It was decided to send the matter to the Long-Range Planning Committee, who agreed to convene within 10 days, and report back. (PDG Doug Smith would like to have input into the matter) Motion to approve minutes. CARRIED.

9. Guest Speaker MDA Historian Ray Charbonneau via Zoom.
10. Secretary's Report. Motion to accept: CS Dianna Hewitt. Second: RC51 Kevin March. CARRIED
11. Treasurer's Report  
Report and Financial Statements – June 30, 2024—December 31, 2024  
Motion to accept: CT Brian Spivey. Second: SVDG Rick Mallon. CARRIED
12. Cabinet Reports  
Motion to accept Cabinet Reports.  
Moved: ZC51E George Woodley. Second: RC51 Kevin March, CARRIED
13. Committee Reports  
Nominations Committee Chair PCC Kevin Banfield reported on number of nominations received thus far.  
IPDG Garry Ransom reported on the April 2025 Convention (Western Theme).  
Registration is on District A15 website.  
Motion to acknowledge receipt of Committee Reports.  
  
Moved: SVDG Rick Mallon. Second: CS Dianna Hewitt. CARRIED
14. Old Business: None.
15. New Business

#### CLUB REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Motion by IPDG Garry Ransom:

“The GAT, under the supervision of the District Governor, shall be responsible for working with district clubs who wish to take advantage of a district club revitalization program. The program shall be available, upon request to the District Governor, for clubs of 10 or fewer members but other district clubs can request to be considered for the program subject to the agreement of the GAT. Organizational costs to conduct this program shall include, but not be limited to room rental, refreshments, mileage for presenters (based on rules of audit) and marketing in an amount not exceeding \$1,000 per participating club. Funding for this program shall come from the New Club Assessment fund with reimbursement of costs being made upon submission of receipts to the District Treasurer.”

Discussion re: use of Acronyms, e.g. “Global Action Team”, instead of GAT.

Discussion re: establishing a separate fund, as this was originally intended for new

clubs only. Suggestion by PDG Denis Vinette that establishing a separate fund be considered at time of budget planning.

Moved by: IPDG Garry Ransom. Second: SVDG Rick Mallon. CARRIED.

16. Special Presentations and Awards

Award presented to Guelph Lions Club on their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

17. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lions

PID Art Woods, President of The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF announced that RC9 Peter Oswald is now the Fund Administrator. Peter is taking over for Stan Durward.

Discussion re: preference for the use of Pre-Authorized Debit for payment of dues to LCI.

Announcements of upcoming Zone and Joint Zone meetings.

Stratford Lions Club (oldest club in the district) is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on May 3, 2025.

PDG Tony Davidson clarified payment to LCI for Melvin Jones Award.

RC37 Joyce Townson is stepping down. ZC37S Terry McDougall has accepted the position of RC37 vacated by Lion Joyce Townson.

DG Bill Robinson issued a challenge to all clubs to enter a team in the walk of the Coldest Night of the Year, in support of those suffering from homelessness and food insecurity.

18. Next Cabinet Meeting Saturday April 5, 2025, at District A15 Convention – Stratford

19. Motion to adjourn by SVDG Rick Mallon.