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A-15 CONVENTION CABINET MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Rodeway Inn Festival, 1144 Ontario St., Stratford ON

1. Call to order – DG Bill Robinson

2. O Canada – Led by FVDG Linda Vinette

3. Moment of Silence

4. Motion to approve Agenda Moved: RC Peter Oswald. Second: RC Kevin March. CARRIED

5. Introduction of guest speaker by PID Art Woods. Remarks by Endorsed Candidate for International Director from Canada PCC Debbie Dawson

6. District Governor's remarks: DG Bill Robinson thanked everyone for coming, especially Endorsed Candidate for International Director from Canada PCC Debbie Dawson. He thanked Convention Co-Chair PDG Garry Ransom and the Cabinet for all their hard work on the Convention.

7. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2025, Cabinet Meeting. Available at:
<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20250125Jan.pdf>

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

8. Secretary's Report. Motion to approve. Moved: FVDG Linda Vinette. Second: ZC51E George Woodley. CARRIED

9. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements as of March 31, 2025. Motion to approve. Moved: ZC37W Evelyn Albers. Second: ZC9C Neil Stephenson. CARRIED

10. Cabinet Reports received and filed.

11. Committee Reports received and filed. Additional report by PDG Nancy Ransom re: \$167.40 made from the sale of vintage Lions pins, to be donated to Ronald McDonald House, McMaster Hospital (for childhood cancer).

12. Convention Report: Convention Co-Chair PDG Garry Ransom reported 213 Lions pre-registered, plus 5 on Friday, 5 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday for a total of 224 Lions attending the Convention. Caricatures raised \$284 for Lions Homes for the Deaf. Next year's convention will be held in Brantford.

13. Awards & Presentations:

Presented to PRC Lion Neil Hoogendoorn, a 50-year chevron and a 50th Anniversary Charter award. A 50-year chevron will be presented posthumously to Lion Kenneth Blackwell's family.

GAT awards presented to three clubs: Woolwich Community Lions, Thamesford Lions and Freelon Lions.

The First Timer's Contest award presented by FVDG Linda Vinette to Lion Lee Sylvester (Rockwood & District Lions), accepted by RC Kevin March.

Environmental Photo Contest: Awards presented by Environment Coordinator Lion Allanah Kelly for Environment and Service photos. Environment winners: 1st prize Lion Jerry Horak (Glen Morris LC) for Loon photo, 2nd prize Lion Doris Weir (Thamesford LC) for Butterfly photo. Service winner: Freelon LC for Buckthorn photo.

14. Convention Raffle Results: 413 tickets sold. Lion Raymond Black of Stratford Lions won \$1,032.50 in the 50/50 draw.

15. Election Committee Report: PCC Tim Cronin thanked the CS, PDDG George Patton and the rest of the Election Committee for their hard work. PDDG George Patton and PRC Ray Derouin collected \$132.10 in “fines” while checking voting credentials, which they donated to the Cabinet. There were 140 delegates eligible to vote. Sixty-nine delegates registered, and 69 voted. SVDG Rick Mallon was elected First VDG and FVDG Linda Vinette was elected District Governor. There were no candidates for Second VDG.

16. Motion to destroy ballots made by PID Art Woods, seconded by PDG Nancy Ransom. CARRIED

17. Introduction of new Cabinet by DG Elect Linda Vinette:

DG Linda Vinette (South Wellington Community Lions Branch)

IPDG Bill Robinson (Stratford Lions)

FVDG Rick Mallon (Dundas Lions)

CS Dianna Hewitt (Rockwood & District Lions)

CT Brian Spivey (Burford Lions)

RC37 Terry McDougall (Plattsville & District Lions)

RC51 Kevin March (Rockwood & District Lions)

ZC9E Colleen Martin (Copetown Lions)

ZC9S Mary Rumble (Burford Lions)

ZC9C Neil Stephenson (Waterdown Lions)

ZC37W Trudy Carter (Stratford Lions)

ZC51E William Belrose (Guelph Lions)

ZC51W E. George Woodley (Belwood & District Lions)

LCIF Coordinator Tony Davidson (St. George Lions)

GLT Ken Linington (Paris Lions)

GMT Garry Ransom (Guelph Lions)

GST Anita Ertel (South Wellington Community Lions Branch)

GET Tracey Robinson (Stratford Lions)

Vacant: SVDG, RC9, ZC37S

18. DG Elect remarks

19. Passing of the Campbell from the most senior to the most recent Past District Governors in attendance.

20. Presentation of Flags from 2024-2025 Convention Co-Chair PDG Garry Ransom to 2025-2026 Convention Host RC Peter Oswald.

21. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lionism

Remarks by ZC37S Terry McDougall

Stratford Lions 100th Anniversary Celebration May 3, 2025. Tickets available from:

stratford@a15lions.org

22. Closing Remarks – DG Bill Robinson

23. Adjournment – ZC9C Neil Stephenson

Appendix A

District A15 – Special Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type: Special Cabinet Meeting at A 15 Yearly Convention

Date: April 4, 2025

Location: Stratford, Ontario

Time: 7:35 PM – 7:50 PM

Called by: District Governor Bill Robinson

Meeting Chaired by: Past Council Chair (PCC) Kevin Banfield

1. Call to Order

District Governor Bill Robinson officially called the Special Cabinet Meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The meeting was moved from the floor by PCC Kevin Banfield, A15's Nomination Chairperson, seconded by Past District Governor (PDG) Doug Smith, A15 Committee member and approved by all in attendance.

2. Purpose of Meeting

The meeting was called to address matters pertaining specifically to nominations for the 2025–2026 Lions Year.

3. Nominations for Second Vice District Governor (SVDG)

PCC Kevin Banfield led the nomination process for Second Vice District Governor (SVDG) for District A15:

- First Call: No nominations received
- Second Call: No nominations received
- Third Call: No nominations received

Outcome: No nominations were received from the floor. As such, the nomination process was officially closed. As per protocol, and having heard no nominations, the responsibility now falls to the Past District Governors' Association to convene a meeting, review names of potential candidates, and bring forth a recommendation for nomination. Any recommended candidate will be formally appointed after July 1, 2025, by the incoming District Governor.

4. Next Steps

PCC Kevin Banfield confirmed that this process is in full accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution, Bylaws, MDA, and District A15 Policies and Procedures. The Past District Governors' Association will move forward with the review and provide a nomination for SVDG effective July 1, 2025.

5. Announcement of Unopposed Candidates

PCC Kevin Banfield announced the following unopposed candidates for the upcoming term:

- Zone Chair 9E: Neil Stephenson
- Zone Chair 51E: William Belrose
- Zone Chair 37W: Trudy Carter
- Region Chair 37: Terry McDougall
- Region Chair 51: Kevin March

6. Candidate Speeches

Speeches were presented by:

- First Vice District Governor Candidate: Rick Mallon
- District Governor Candidate: Linda Vinette

7. Adjournment

With all business concluded, District Governor Bill Robinson officially adjourned the Special Cabinet Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: PCC Kevin Banfield