

# **District A-1 District Meeting**

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Governor Don McKessock acted as the Chairperson, with the following District Cabinet officers in attendance:

DG Don McKessock  
IPDG Mark Mahovlich  
CT Joyce Doucet  
RC1 Joan Cope  
ZC1C Gord Anderson  
ZC 24W Bob Tanner

ZC1E Mike Blonde  
RC2 John Ross  
RC24 Mike Tuxford  
ZC 24N Janet Gawne  
ZC 24S Murray McDonald

Regrets: VDG Ev Spiering  
CS Carolyn Oshell  
ZC1W Marianne Robinson  
ZC2N Peter Seguin  
ZC 2S Wayne Cudney

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by DG Don with the singing of O Canada followed by a “Minute of silence” for the departed members of the Lions family.

**District Governors Welcome:**

**Welcome 3rd District Cabinet Meeting**

Sawasdee ka, Sawasdee khru

Thank-you for coming... and thank-you for remaining in Canada this winter! ☺

Today I will start with some words from IP Al Brandel

“Only by changing and adapting to the prevailing conditions can your club be a beacon of hope and an anchor of stability in troubled times. But if you are successful in this effort the good people of your community will surely recognize what we already know: that it is a great joy and privilege to be a Lion.”

In this statement I see several truths

1. Change is inevitable and change is necessary
2. Change is an opportunity for Lions
3. Being a Lion is a joy and a privilege

In much of what transpires at the District Cabinet Meeting today, I trust that these truths will become even more evident to Lions. If this happens, then we will have been successful

I should also note that this month we celebrate LCIF Week. LCIF is the foundation that has provided \$640 million dollars to worthwhile causes all over the world.. just a great reminder that as a Lion, you belong to a global organization.

**Attendance** 64: (14 ) presidents, (6) Secretaries, (44) Others

**Treasurers Report**

CT Joyce reported that two clubs dues are still outstanding as of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Bank Ledger was emailed to all cabinet members prior to the meeting. A copy will not be posted on the website with the club reports. If you require a copy by email please contact the CS Carolyn.

**A motion to accept by John Ross 2nd by Joan Cope. Carried**

**Bills to be paid:**

- 1) \$142.03 to the treasurer for office expenses.
  - 2) \$200.00 to the Strathroy Lions Club to rent the hall for our meeting.
  - 3) \$701.73 to Gov. Don for the projector system he bought for the District.
- Total \$1,043.76

**A motion by John Ross to pay the bills 2nd by Gord Anderson.**

**Cabinet Secretary's Report**

Copies of the **Reporting Schedule, agenda & minutes** were e-mailed to all Cabinet Officers and all Cabinet Chairs. All clubs and PDGs were emailed the minutes and the agenda for January 25, 2009 meeting.

The Governors newsletter was emailed to each club secretary or president requesting they pass it on to the membership either by email or hard copy.

All clubs and cabinet chairs were emailed requesting information for the club envelopes. No flyers were requested to be emailed for this January meeting.

A thank you to PDG Ray for filling in for me at this meeting.

A motion please to accept the minutes of October 26, 2008 as emailed

**A motion by RC Mike Tuxford seconded by ZC Bob Tanner to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2008, as emailed. Carried.**

**District Officer's Reports:**

**The following reports were emailed to the District Secretary and will be posted with the minutes on the website**

1. Region 1 RC Joan Cope
2. Zone 1 West ZC Marianne Robinson
3. Zone 1 Central ZC Gord Anderson
4. Region 2 RC John Ross
5. Zone 2 North ZC Peter Seguin
6. Zone 2 South ZC Wayne Cudney

7. Region 24 R.C Mike Tuxford
8. Zone 24 South ZC Murray McDonald
9. Zone 24 West ZC Bob Tanner

**District Chair's Reports :**

**The following reports were emailed to the District Secretary and will be posted with the minutes on the website**

1. Retention PDG Jacqui Flood
2. Constitution & By Laws PDG Joe Madacsi

**By-Law changes as presented by Joe Madacsi - A motion by Tim O'Brien to accept changes to be voted on at convention 2nd by John Ross. Carried.**

3. District A-1 Convention PDG Ray Adam
4. Hearing & Work with the Deaf PDG Ray Adam
5. Effective Speaking PRC Ron Lindsay
6. Public Relations & Lion Magazine PCT Mike Kresky
7. Leader Dog for the Blind Lion Mickey Puddicomb
8. No Child Without
9. Communications (Webmaster/Newsletter) PZC Curis Marwood
10. International Understanding and Peace Lion Ann Neill
11. Long Range Planning PDG Dale Taylor
12. Eyesight Sight Conservation Foundation PCC Peter Geene
13. Lake Joseph Lion Peter Best

**Regarding Lake Joe Transportation and Sight First reports Joan Cope made a motion that District A-1 forward a letter to request the MDA Sight Chair to liaise with the CNIB to determine and resolve problems related to Lake Joseph Camp. 2nd. Tim O'Brien. Carried.**

14. Healing Garden PZC Eugene Graham

**A motion was made by Tim O'Brien to close the Healing Garden project as of March 31st. 2009  
2nd by Mark Mahovlich. Carried.**

**Half Time:**

**The Eyes Right parade of cheques totaled \$13,475.99.**

Vice -Chair Lion Harry Wismer presented the final payment of \$11, 344.18 for the new Yag laser at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital to Dr. Lori Teeple, head of the emergency department. The total cost of the laser was \$31,344.18 which the Lions family of A-1 paid for in one year.

**A motion by RC John Ross Seconded by ZC Bob Tanner to accept the Cabinet Chairs Reports. Carried.**

**Old Business**

Lions:

As per DG Don's request I am requesting the funds received as part of the settlement of the Westmount Lions, which I understand will be approximately \$4,000.00, be donated to the St Joseph's Health Care Foundation in support of the expansion of the Ivey Eye Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital in London.

The 6 London clubs (includes Lambeth as they are in London but not part of Zone 2 North) are in unanimous agreement that this is where we would like to see the funds go. Since the funds were initially raised in London the clubs feel the recovered amount should be returned to London.

Although this facility is located in London it should be noted the Ivey Eye Institute draws patients from several Districts, including:

- A-1: 20,634 patients (68% of total); and 57,187 patient visits (66% of total)
- A-15: 3,263 patients (11% of total); 10,473 patient visits (12% of total)
- A-711: 712 patients (2% of total); 2186 patient visits (3% of total).

As you can see, the majority of the patients treated come from District A-1 which, in essence, makes this a District area contribution.

The Ivey Eye Institute is a Canadian leader in the delivery of specialized clinical and surgical eye care. It offers emergency eye care 24 hours a day and treats patients ranging from newborns to seniors. It also provides training to residents and fellows, the next generation of caregivers, and conducts research to help future eye care.

The new space will feature bright, spacious clinical areas equipped with state-of-the-art technology. It will have a diagnostic and screening centre for specialized patient tests, a comprehensive patient resource and education centre, specialized procedure rooms for minor interventions and a cataract suite to ease long waiting lists for cataract surgery.

We therefore request cabinet approve donating of these funds as requested above.

Respectfully,

Lion Peter Seguin

Zone Chair 2N

**RC Joan Cope made a motion that by March 31/09 the in-trust funds from the Westmount Lions settlement be donated to the St. Joseph Health Care Foundation in support of the Ivey Eye Institute expansion at St. Joseph Hospital London on behalf of District A-1 Lions. 2nd John Ross. Carried**

**New Business**

**A motion by ZC Bob Tanner to ask LRP if it was feasible to get another \$500.00 for Cabinet Chair expenses. 2nd by Mike Tuxford. Carried**

DG Don made a presentation on membership growth.

**Closing Remarks DG Don**

**50/50 won by John McColl \$126.00**

**Several Club announcements.**

**A motion by Joyce Doucet to adjourn 2nd by all**

**Respectfully submitted with the help of PDG Ray Adam  
Cabinet Secretary  
Carolyn Oshell**