

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 Mahovich

VDG Ev Spiering

CT Joyce Doucet

CS Carolyn Oshell

RC1 Joan Cope

ZC1C Gord Anderson

RC2 John Ross

ZC 2S Wayne Cudney

RC24 Mike Tuxford

ZC 24N Janet Gawne

ZC 24W Bob Tanner

Regrets:

ZC1E Mike Blonde

ZC2N Peter Seguin

ZC 24S Murray McDonald

ZC1W Marianne Robinson

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.

Meeting Attendance:

- Ailsa Craig President & 2 others
- Belle River Secretary (Leo Advisor) & 2 others
- Belmont President
- Chatham President & Secretary
- Delaware 2 others
- Essex President & Secretary
- Glencoe 7 others
- Granton 1 other
- Harrow 2 others
- Kingsville Secretary & 2 others
- Lakeside President & 2 others
- Lambert 4 others
- London Central Secretary
- Parkhill 1 other
- Petrolia President & 3 others
- Sarnia 1 other
- Sarnia Township Secretary & 1 other
- St. Thomas President & 2 others
- Thorndale President & 1 other
- Windsor Downtown 1 other

District Governor Don welcomed everyone

Treasurers Report: The Bank Ledger was emailed to all cabinet members prior to the meeting. If you require a copy of the financial statement by email please contact the CS Carolyn.

A motion to accept by ZC Bob Tanner, 2nd by VDG Ev Spiering. Carried

A motion by ZC Janet Gawne, seconded by RC Joan Cope to send \$125 to MD”A” for the Peace Poster Contest. Carried

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 June 14th meeting. Lion Curtis also posted the minutes on the website.

A motion by ZC Gord Anderson seconded by ZC Janet Gawne to accept the minutes of the April 4-5th 2009 meeting as emailed.

Correspondence

- A copy of the revised District A-1 Constitution and By-Laws from PDG Joe Madacsi. Pages 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 and 15 have been revised. Copies of the Constitution were sent to the incoming District Secretary to be sent to the Honorary and Long Range Chairperson (2009-2010), to all incoming Region and Zone Chairpersons, Chairperson of the District Finance Committee, Governor elect and her Secretary, Treasurer and chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws committee (2009-2010). The revised pages to be sent to all Past District Governors, all cabinet members and to all club secretaries of District A-1, so they can update their manuals
- Poster from London North Lions announcing the 55th Anniversary Golf Tournament
- Email from Lion Jim Deslippe asking for assistance to find host families
- Email to advise cabinet of funds (1736.54) from the closed Warwick Lions Club dormant account. Treasurer Joyce will make arrangements to get the funds released to District A-1

District Officer’s Reports:

VDG Ev Spiering

I can’t believe that we are at the end of another Lions year, for some of the club this is a time to wind down but for some they are gearing up for there busiest time. I know this because my own club is busier in the summer than they are in the winter.

What a busy year I have had. I have had the opportunity to 4 Attending Governor Council Meeting where the working of Multiple District A is business of the Day. Attended a Regional Lions Institute, MERL workshop conducted by the MDA MERL Team. Club Anniversaries and have been invited to clubs to induct new members. This is always a thrill for me, as this

means a club is growing. And of course not to mention the many Convention Meetings. This is only too mentioning a few of the things I have attended.

Over the past year we have lost several Lions and Lioness which is always a sad time and I thank the Lions and Lioness who have made it a point to come out to the various Funeral Homes to support the families and to show support to the clubs. For the members who passed away that I did not know personally very well, I am sad that I had not had the opportunity to get to know them better, I am sure however they loved Lions as much as anyone can. For those I did know on a more personal basis the District has lost hard working and dedicated members. New members cannot replace those we have lost but new members only assist in keeping their flame lit so that we can carry on their mission

I have enjoyed this past year, working with the Cabinet. I encourage all of you to consider offering your assistance to the District in the form of a Cabinet Officer or Chair. You have something to offer. And the District will be better because you did

I have just returned from the Lions Foundation of Canada where the DGE were given a tour. It has been a while since I have been there so this past weekend was certainly a treat.

In closing, happy summer keep up the great work you do,

Region 1 RC Joan Cope:

Each club has continued to be active in providing service to their communities and beyond.

Two challenges that remain are: to grow our clubs, particularly to bring in younger members and more women; and to have every club submit required reports on a timely basis. In addition, Z1W was unable to find a Zone Chairperson for next year. At DGE Evelyn's request, Incoming Zone Chairs for 1 Central and 1 East have each agreed to add three Lions clubs to their roster from Z1W for 2009-2010.

I'm pleased to report that Region 1 clubs are increasing their memberships, with several making gains this past Lions year. Congratulations to those clubs!

Worthy of note are the Membership Growth Plans recently developed by four clubs whose numbers have been quite low for some time. The Stoney Point Lions had set a goal of 6 new members by June of this Lions year and they brought in 5!! Way to go! The Wheatley, Stoney Point, Essex and Tecumseh Lakeside Lions plan to bring in a total of 8- 12 new members in 2010.

If our Region 1 clubs each set a similar net target in 2009-2010 of two new members, Region 1 will increase by 34 members – an attainable goal to strive for.

Lion President Mickey of Chatham calls it a team effort. About three weeks ago, Lions International at last recognized Chatham's Lion Aldo for his previous 19 years service in Chile. In 2010 he will now be able to celebrate 50 exemplary years of service in Lions. Congratulations Lion Aldo!

The dedication of Region 1 Zone Chairs, Lions Gord Anderson, Z1C, Mike Blonde, Z1E, and Marianne Robinson, Z1W is much appreciated. Thank you for jobs well done.

It has been a great pleasure serving this past year as Region 1 Chairperson and an honour to work with such a fine group of Lions in the District A-1 Cabinet. I thank Governor Don for the opportunity and for his leadership.

Region 2 RC John Ross

It is known that in the wild an average life span of a Lion is 6 to 10 years. That is about the same amount of time it takes to go from Zone Chair to Past District Gov. The lion is one of the fastest in the wild kingdom, and I have started to notice each year seems to be picking up speed. I have a better understanding why we are called Lions.

As my year as Region Chair is coming to a close my up coming year as VDG is picking up speed at a much faster pace. The most important thing I have leaned over the past year is the value and importance of the training that Lions, offer.

From Leadership School, MERL Institute, each preparing you for the next step in Lions. Not only as a better Lion but a better leader and person.

I would like to say it was a pleasure working with the different clubs and getting to know more of their needs and more important getting to know the members that are doing the work. "Congratulation" to all members.

Gov. Don, Thank you for your confidence in me to go forward, keep your cell phone on I'm sure I'll be calling for help.

Region 24 Mike Tuxford **No written Report Submitted**

ZC 24S Murray McDonald

Zone visits: 5 of 6 completed; I was unable to reschedule the last club. It is scheduled as the first visit in the fall.

Advisory meetings 3 completed. The last meeting was somewhat disappointing attendance was down and only one club was completely prepared. Suspect some of the problem was the time of year and farmers being on the land.

Interclub visits were encouraged at the beginning of the year and for the most part this went quite well. There were two clubs that hosted multiple clubs at one time. One was very successful the other was reported as disappointing due to poor attendance. Again, this may have been because it was held late in the year and the majority of members are from rural communities.

The Strathroy club recently celebrated their 85th anniversary!

Three clubs in the Zone did very well recruiting new members. Delaware, Strathroy and Poplar Hill. The Poplar Hill Club recently recruited 7 new members with the able assistance of the District Governor, well done!

Activities: All clubs within the zone have carried out successful fundraisers to date, with the following major events remaining to be held:

Poplar Hill: “Lobo Union School Picnic BBQ & Parade, followed by Chicken Dinner”, June 13, 2009;

Melbourne: “Melbourne Lions Annual Chicken BBQ”, June 13, 2009;

Ilderton: “Annual Ribs and Tails” June 19, 2009;

Strathroy: “Annual Turkey Festival”, last weekend in June.

Zone 24w Bob Tanner

To date I have completed all of my 5 club visits. I have held 3 zone advisory meetings. We in zone 24W have approved 2 fundraising events.

Our annual Lawn tractor draw featuring 2 tractors an exclusive Spa day and a 19” flat screen tv. The was completed last Monday June the 8th and early estimates show that we made \$7000. We held a Fundraising Jamboree with all proceeds to benefit the “Pat Mailloux Eye Centre”, our new eye surgery clinic. We made \$9,000

At our zone advisory meeting we have had a speaker to inform us on different ways to Tail twist and increase the “fun”. We did get a large laugh at Governor Don’s expense. At our second meeting a promotions specialist spoke to us about the basics of promoting our clubs and projects and at our last zone meeting we heard the speeches from both of the MDA finalists from our district.

All five clubs in 24W are extremely active and have completed many fundraising projects and made many incredible contributions to their communities.

Zone 24 North Chair Janet Gawne

Our final Zone Advisory meeting of this Lions year was held in Lucan on April 20th, 2008. All five clubs were represented and we inducted eight new Lions at that meeting: 6 members for the Lucan club, 1 for the Arkona Lions and 1 for the Parkhill Lions. All club visits have been completed for the 2008/2009 Lions year.

Motion by VDG Ev Spiering Seconded by ZC Bob Tanner to accept the Cabinet reports. Carried

District Chair’s Reports :

Constitution & By Laws (Joe Madacsi)

I am pleased to report that the 11 proposals that were put on the ballot were voted on and passed by the District A-1 delegates. Therefore these changes have been incorporated

into the Constitution and have taken effect immediately following the closing of the District A-1 convention April 03-2009

On April 14th 2009 the newly revised District Constitution and By-Laws were forwarded to Governor Don for his signature and that of the Cabinet Secretary. Distribution of the revised Constitution will be at the discretion of the Governor.

Governor Don it was a pleasure to serve under your leadership for the year 2008-2009, and I wish you the best in all your new endeavors.

Effective Speaking (Ron Lindsay)

I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to be the Effective Speaking Chair this year. It certainly has been an exciting and rewarding challenge.

Thanks to the Clubs who have made your donations. All of the money is required to Finance the Annual Program.

Donations were up this year 42 Lion Clubs 10 Lioness Clubs
52 Lion and Lioness Clubs have donated this year to support this rewarding program that helps our children to learn self-esteem and motivation. Last year were 45 Clubs. There are 64 Lion/Lioness Clubs in District A-1

The program involved over 3000 participants throughout District A-1 and the MDA. From the Club Level to District and MDA.

The Speakers from the District Speak off that was held 29 March 2009 advanced to The MDA Finals in Toronto 1st and 2nd of May 2009

Once again this year we did not have any French Candidates

Our Speakers that went to Toronto were asked to attend and present their Speech's on Sunday Morning 13 April 2009 from
8:45am– 9:30am before the Memorial Service. This timing seemed to work by the comments of the Lion Family that attended, so we will use this time at next years Convention for the District A-1 Finalists.

The problem with not having French Speakers has to be addressed and the Club Effective Speaking Chairs will be asked to get to the Catholic Schools and Bi- lingual Schools to see if we can promote this worthy program.

Thanks again for your Club support and to all the Lions that helped in the Club, Region and District Speak Offs, ***You are My Hero's***.

If you have not donated to the program, please think about us for next years Donation. For those Clubs that have supported the program your 2009 Banner patches will be sent out to you again. To the Clubs that have donated for the first time your Effective Speaking Crest and 2009 Banner Patch. These will be available in October 09 after our MDA Effective Speaking meeting in Toronto in September 09.

I will be staying on as you're A-1 Chair by the request of Governor Elect Lion Evelyn Spiering. Lion Doug Riehl will be along again this year also and thanks Lion Doug for your Mentoring.

Please support us again next year when we send the request asking for your cheque for \$125.00 in October 2009 for the 2009/2010 Program.

This concludes my report and I have turned all cost of the program to the District Treasurer.

This is a District Program and a great one for our youth.

Remember the Youth of Today are Canada's Future Leaders

Leader Dog for the Blind (Mickey Puddicomb)

LEADER DOG DISPLAYS

District A-1 Convention in Sarnia

District A-1 School of training, display, demonstration and taught session

Essex Lions Club's Guide Dog Walk, display and potential trainer, Raffle \$40.00

Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Educational Fair, display and demonstration

St. Joseph's Church display and talk with children

Four men's group gathering, display and talk.

LEADER DOG'S 50/50 RAFFLE

Drawn at the Chatham Lion's 60th Anniversary winner and Leader Dog both received \$1,340.00 Thank you to all 30Lions, 9 Lioness, 1 Leo Club and individuals who made this possible.

LIONS – Belle River, Essex & District, Kingsville, Leamington, Blenheim Centennial, Chatham, Lighthouse Cove, Stoney Point, Tilbury, Amherstburg, Harrow-Colchester, Windsor Downtown, Dorchester, London Forest City (Byron), Dutton & District, Hygate & District, Port Stanley, Rodney, St. Thomas, Granton, Luncan, Parkhill, Ilderton, Melbourne & District, Poplar Hills, Strathroy, Petrolia, Sarnia, Sarnia Township & Wyoming.

LIONESS – Arkona, Grand Bend, London Central, London East, Mount Brydges, Port Stanley, South Windsor, Springfield & Wheatley.

LEOS – Petrolia.

SENT LEADER DOG SUPPLIES (golf tees & pamphlets) – to the St. Davis District Lions Club, this is the third year I have done this. Nine clubs join together in a golf tournament. One way of Leader Dog being advertised in the St. Catherine area.

DONATIONS – Year end amount, that I am aware of for District A-1 is \$20,319.00

Lets hope to have that a little higher next year.

THANK YOU – District Governor Don McKessock for allowing me to be part of your year and being your Leader Dog Chair. It was a true pleasure working along side of you.

LEADER DOG EMERSON, will never forget your dedication to his school and his work as recognizing him at the District A-1 convention with his Governors Appreciation Award.

No Child Without (Bruce Edwards)

Since the April Convention, there has not been a lot of activity in the “*No Child Without*” program. I have visited a joint meeting of the Petrolia Lions and the Sarnia Lions Clubs and a business meeting of the Tecumseh Lions Club. Petrolia Lions will be sponsoring Hillcrest Public School in their area, and Tecumseh Lions are hoping to sponsor four schools, two of these are quite large student populations, in the near future. I was very encouraged by both of these visits.

I have recently received verification that the Blenheim Centennial Lions have sponsored two schools in Blenheim and are strongly considering the Separate School in the 2009/2010 year. Congratulations to them.

We are still working with the Wyoming Lions to sponsor four schools in their community. One of these is a Christian School which is the only school under their particular board of education. This is, I believe a first across Canada, for a small board to be brought into the NCW program as a result of Lions activity.

As I reported to earlier District Meetings, I have concentrated work at the Zone level in our first year of “*No Child Without*”. Governor elect Lion Ev has asked me to stay on for another year. I will be trying to involve more A-1 Lions at the Club level in the 2009/2010 Lions year. I have already committed to visit Stoney Point Lions early in September 2009, and am open to invitations to more Clubs in the autumn months.

I would ask Clubs to call me directly when you have questions regarding the “**No Child Without**” program, or about the viability or reliability of the MedicAlert Foundation. Remember that Lions Clubs of Canada were not recruited to help with this venture, we **volunteered** though International Director Lion Terry Graham to help with this important program.

Youth Exchange (Jim Deslippe) No written report

Still need 2 host families. 27 Lions & 3 Lioness Clubs contributed to date for a total of \$6005. July 31st is International Day at camp. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Lion Jim so dinner arrangements can be made.

Leadership: (PCC Dave Balmos) No written report

81 attended the Leadership Forum in May. The 2009-2010 Leadership Forum is scheduled in May at the Union Gas building in Chatham.

Convention (PDG Ray Adam)

Bank Balance \$4418.49

Motion by ZC Janet Gawne Seconded by RC Joan Cope to accept the District Chair Reports. Carried

New Business

PRC Steve Mahovlich inquired about mileage and hotel expenses for the MERL team.

A motion by ZC Janet Gawne, seconded by VDG Ev Spiering to send to Long Range Planning for consideration, with input from the MERL Team, mileage and hotel expenses for the MERL Team. Carried

Old Business

Lake Jo: A meeting has been set up with John Rafferty or later this month

Cabinet Chairs wishing to apply for additional expenses are to contact the Cabinet Secretary next week to make application. There is \$500 total as per motion at the District meeting January 25, 2009 and the maximum is \$100 per request.

**Respectfully submitted
Cabinet Secretary
Carolyn Oshell**

June 26th by email

As per our District Meeting minutes on June 14th DG Don requested that the cabinet chairs send in any requests for extraordinary expense in 2008-2009. I have only one request. Lion Steve Mahovlich for travel to MERL Meetings on (2) occasions. "Motion to approve the following expenses for extraordinary expenses incurred in 2008 - 2009:

Amount	Paid to	Expense
\$100	PRC Lion Steve Mahovlich	Travel to MDA MERL"

This will be in accord with the motion passed earlier by cabinet (see below)

The first 2 responders by email are to be noted as mover and seconder. All responses to be documented in minutes. A majority of affirmative response will carry the motion.

At the April 5th meeting: Motion by Janet Gawne, seconded by John Ross that upon request, a maximum of \$100 per individual cabinet chair (to a maximum total of \$500 in the Lions year) be considered for expenses by cabinet upon application. Receipts will be required. Carried

June 29th by email

Moved by RC John Ross, seconded by VDG Ev Spiering that PRC Steve Mahovlich be reimbursed \$100 for MERL travel expenses.

Ayes from ZC Mike Blondie, ZC Gord Anderson, ZC Peter Seguin, ZC Murray McDonald, ZC Tim O'Brien, VDG Ev, RC John Ross, ZC Janet Gawne

No response from RC Joan, RC Mike, ZC Marianne, ZC Wayne, & IPDG Mark.

**Respectfully submitted
Cabinet Secretary
Carolyn Oshell**

