

# DISTRICT A-1 DISTRICT MEETING

August 29, 2010

Tilbury Lions Club – Quinn Line

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District Governor Lion John Ross acted as Chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

IMPD Evelyn Spiering	ZC 1C Linda Fowler
DG John Ross	ZC 1E Terry Ouellet
1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Steve Mahovlich	RC 2 Peter Seguin
2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Wayne Cudney	ZC 2S Bob Bride
CS Michael Kresky	ZC 2E John Johnston
CT Eric Dolansky	RC 24 Bob Tanner
RC 1 Mickey Puddicomb	ZC 24N Bob Radke
ZC 1W Valerie Burningham	ZC 24 W Joyce Doucet

Regrets received from:

ZC 2N George Croft

Attendance 76 (16) Presidents, (9) Secretaries, (51) Others

The District Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by DG Lion John Ross with the singing of O'Canada by PDG Lion Don McKessock and then a Minute of Silence was conducted with the names, since the last District meeting in June, of deceased Lions were read out by VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich.

District Governor Lion John welcomed everyone. DG Lion John asked for the co-operation of those in attendance to sign in and leave their envelopes in the box provided in an effort to recycle as many as possible. The District Governor then set protocol. District Governor John encouraged everyone to stay after the meeting to enjoy the fellowship and lunch that follows – cost \$6.00 per person being a barbecued hamburger or sausage and a variety of salads and thanked the Tilbury Lions for putting on the lunch.

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District Governor John then called forward PDG Lion Allister Cameron to Install the District Officers for the 2010 – 1011 Lions year with each officer in turn agreeing to accept their positions and responsibilities.

**Treasurer's Report** - Bank balances as at August 29, 2010 as follows:

Effective Speaking	\$ 3,617.00
Lake Joseph Transportation Committee	\$ 6,535.25
Youth Exchange	\$ 6,477.86
District A-1	\$ 9,745.41
GIC's (3)	<u>\$25,933.90</u>
Total Cash on hand	<b>\$52,309.42</b>
Accounts Receivable (dues for year)	<u>\$10,638.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<b><u>\$62,947.42</u></b>

Motion/Seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented made by Lions Steve Mahovlich/Valerie Burningham, carried.

Treasurer Eric advised that he will be sending via e-mails a request for budgets to Lions of District A-1.

He then outlined outstanding invoices (2) to be paid of \$147.28 & \$16.10 totaling \$163.38.

Moved/Seconded by Lions Steve Mahovlich/Valerie Burningham were made to pay the outstanding invoices, carried.

### **Cabinet Secretary's Report:**

Hard copies of the District minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> had been circulated as well as being e-mailed prior. Agenda and Reporting Schedules were e-mailed to all Cabinet Officers and all Cabinet Chairs. All Club Presidents and Club Secretaries were e-mailed the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> District meeting, a notice of the meeting to be held today as well as the Agenda for this meeting. It was then requested that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

Moved/Seconded by Lions Bob Bride/Bob Tanner that the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as printed and circulated, carried.

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### **Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received for presentation at this time, therefore no business arose and no motion(s) were needed to accept. That being said, Clubs were asked to check their envelopes for 2 District Directories for their use, as well as one sheet containing a list of changes to be made. District A-1 Invoice for dues are included. The Agenda for this meeting and a list of reporting officers are included. A proposed Club allowance for advertising the promotion of Lionism in their community together with some types of examples attached. The District A-1 Governor's, August 2010 Newsletter issue. Issue #2 – 2010 Update on Leader Dogs for the Blind. Letter of Appeal from Leader Dog Chair Lion Mickey Puddicomb to keep Leader Dogs for the Blind in your budget this year. Notice of the date, time, location, cost and format for the Region 1 Rally from RC Lion Mickey Puddicomb. A letter detailing and promoting a new Visitation Award as established by our Governor. A notice on the full details of an upcoming fundraiser to be operated by the Lambeth Lions Club.

### **Guest Speakers (2):**

**MERL Extension Chair** PDG Lion Dale Taylor – Spoke on this as an important part of increasing membership. Pointed out both fellowship and common interests benefitting the community. Outlined different types of Clubs that can be formed. Advised he is willing to assist all Clubs and members to meet with possible members with a mind to forming any type of Club.

**MERL Membership Chair** RC Lion Bob Tanner – Outlined goals to assist membership promoting the “Fun” in Lions. Outlined doing a Community Assessment – Does the Club have a wish list of what they need to get done and how we can assist as a community service group. A future desire is to create a tool to make Clubs stronger, this will be provided to cabinet. Club assessments can be done with the use of a facilitator to gain the benefit. To work on increasing membership a Club should set a goal, make a list of names, have Lions talk to those on the list, invite them to a meeting and ask and explain what Lions do.

District Governor Lion John thanked the speakers for their valued presentations and advised that it is his intent to have two more speakers for the next Cabinet meeting at the end of November. A short break was then announced by the Governor.

**FOLLOWING THE BREAK** – DG Lion John called for the **District Officer's reports** which were presented as follows:

IPDG Lion Evelyn Spiering – No Report

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich – Spoke on the many accomplishments of our membership to our communities and the pride each Lion carries in the accomplishments of the goals they set out to achieve.

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1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Steve recognized that numbers of members continue to be on the decline and suggested ways that may be being overlooked such as recognition within the Club to their members for individual ...contributions to their projects or ensuring that fun and fellowship be a predominate aspect at their meetings. The importance of wearing your Lions' pin always and as a matter of habit was stressed not only to demonstrate your pride in this Organization to the public, but also to create an opportunity for the public to have the opportunity to see the emblem and inquire about service initiatives and goals that the Lions may focus on as they work within both the community and the world to meet needs of people.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Wayne Cudney – Looking forward to working with both the MERL and Club Membership Teams. Outlined the importance and value of Orientation meetings in the District. Spoke on the need and importance to not only retain existing members but to also recognize that by attracting new members, the opportunity to have them assist in their community while at the same time build sound leadership skills are qualities that a lot of prospects are not aware are available. Lion Wayne emphasized the need to keep lines of communication open and to place importance on displaying dedication and commitment to all members in your respective Clubs.

RC 1 Lion Mickey Puddicomb – Advises she is prepared to assist all Zone Chairs in her Region and would be pleased to focus on new member orientation and looks forward to attending at least one Zone Advisory meeting in each Zone. Details on her Region Rally to be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> in Chatham were advised and a flier enclosed with each package for Clubs in Region 1.

ZC 1E – Lion Terry Ouellet – Will support the Clubs in her Zone praising their accomplishments and encouraging them to be more open to the community. She has booked RC Lion Mickey Puddicomb to do an orientation for both new and old members as guest speaker for her first Zone Advisory meeting.

ZC1W – Lion Valerie Burningham – Is promoting open communication with Clubs in the Zone and encouraging membership growth. Her first Zone Advisory meeting is set with a Leader Dog staff member as the Zone Chair's guest speaker.

ZC1C – Lion Linda Fowler – Goals include Club and membership retention as well as positive net growth assisted via the efforts of not only the MERL Team but also through inter-club friendship and fellowship. Community promotion will be encouraged in assisting each Club to establish a web-site if not already done. First Zone meeting is set with PRC Lion Ron Lindsay presenting on Effective Speaking.

RC2 Lion Peter Seguin – Advises that the Region Rally has been set for February 11<sup>th</sup> in Lambeth. Three Zone Meetings are scheduled for this year at which a new member orientation presentation will be held with PDG Lion Dale Taylor as Extension Chair assisting in the session.

ZC2N – Lion George Croft – (Report submitted) – Will be focusing on membership growth of 2 new members per Club and the possibility of acquiring a 5<sup>th</sup> Club for London assisted by Extension Chair PDG Lion Dale Taylor. RC Lion Peter will be giving an orientation session at a Zone meeting in October.

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ZC2E – Lion John Johnson – Will be focusing on membership with a net increase of 2 new members per Club to further enhance community involvement, fresh ideas , new projects and fundraisers. PDG Lion Don McKessock will be the guest speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> Zone meeting focusing on Club Leadership and their roles and responsibilities in their respective capacities. A further Zone meeting has scheduled RC Lion Peter Seguin addressing new member orientation.

ZC2S – Lion Bob Bride – Will be focusing on membership with an increase of 2 new members per club and more. Promotion of Interclub Visitations will be made boosting both enthusiasm and bringing forward new ideas. The encouragement to attend other Club's functions and with this to enjoy both the fun and fellowship each has to offer. All 6 Clubs in the Zone are involved in the International Plowing Match for the entire run of the event. RC Peter Seguin is a guest speaker for the October Zone Meeting and will be conducting an orientation for all new members in the Zone.

RC24 Lion Bob Tanner – No report submitted.

ZC24N – Lion Bob Radtke – Will be focusing on the goals of the District Governor that being membership retention, an increase of 2 members per Club and the promotion of Club visitations.

ZC24W – Lion Joyce Doucet – No report submitted.

With the reports completed – Motion/Seconded Lions Bob Tanner/Steve Mahovich to accept the reports as presented, carried.

DG Lion John then called for the **District Chairman's Reports** which were presented as follows:

MERL – Extension Chair PDG Lion Dale Taylor – Outlined 7 types of Clubs that exist within the Lions International Organization. He pledged his support to Extension and asked to be advised on contact people in a community that he could work with in forming a Club, new or existing community location.

LIONS QUEST – Lion Sondra Sasse – Spoke on the frustrations of bringing the Lions Quest program on a larger scale to District A-1 and will endeavor to build on the committed District Chair's before her. The challenge to get School Boards to LISTEN was outlined and a 5 point plan was set out to try to accomplish this. Lions Quest is a valuable tool that any Board or private school can use and she encouraged each and every Club in A-1 to develop a Quest committee and to strengthen this is willing to come to a Club, Zone as a presenter. The Lions organization has the product, the Clubs with her as the District Chair need to get people to genuinely take an interest and introduce this into their schools.

PEACE POSTER – Lion Sondra Sasse – The program that is available on the Lions International web-site, allows children the opportunity to be creative and express themselves by way of a theme. Methods of advertising this program were outlined and it was stressed that through the Club's support and to make it as effect as possible, schools need to be contacted early in the school year. The long-term benefit to each community can also be felt as children can associate with the Lions Organization early to consider adding additional future support to our organization.

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NO CHILD WITHOUT – Lion Bruce Edwards – For each Club to obtain additional knowledge about the program, we were directed to visit the web-site [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca) and contact Lion Bruce for further information. Consideration to adopt a school in your local community can be assisted with Lion Bruce as the Club's key contact. The program offers an excellent opportunity for communication between Lions Clubs, schools and parents of the children. Presently we have 25 schools sponsored in District A-1.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Lion Ron Lindsay – Encouraged Clubs to appoint a Chairperson and he will act as a mentor to assist with an aim to have more speakers from more Clubs for this year's contest. This is a rewarding program for children adding to positive improvement and development. Donations toward the program were in a suggested minimum amount of \$150.00 per Club or what a Club may afford.

DIABETES AWARENESS – Lion Bev Wirta – The success of 6 Clubs in District A-1 and across Canada, assisting in the initial World Diabetes Tag Day were outlined and this positive effort has led now to a second annual Tag Day scheduled to be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Letters were sent to each Club in the hope that more will join in, and support this one day fundraising event. With November being Diabetes month in Canada, DG Lion John has asked that we have our annual 'Diabetes Parade of Cheques' as part of the Cabinet meeting set for Thorndale on November 28<sup>th</sup>. An appeal was made for Clubs to contact Lion Bev to participate in the World Diabetes Tag Day and for your support toward the Cavalcade of Cheques.

LEADER DOG – Lion Mickey Puddicomb – Information will be mailed out to Lions & Lioness Clubs announcing the upcoming Leader Dog Kick-Off Dinner set for December 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the meal and fellowship, the evening will feature a parade of cheques. Additional information on Leader Dogs and a Leader Dog Update are in your Club packages. Lastly, Lion Mickey advises that she and Leader Dog Emerson are available to Clubs as guest speakers.

LAKE JOSEPH CENTRE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT – Lion Peter Best – Full report covering the Camp for the 2010 year (July 11 to July 17) was made including a Financial Statement total expenses \$4,304.40 on revenues of \$4,250.42 reducing the initial advance/float from the District of \$500.00 by \$53.98 to cover. Communications with CNIB – Lake Joseph staff indicate an improved and now a continuing agreeable working relationship. Thirty-Two vacationers and 3 guide dogs were transported, and enjoyed the camp, its activities and noted a positive variety of improvements year over year which addressed their concerns from previous year(s). Our continued support for this service is warranted and one we can take pride in providing.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Lion Bill Bissonnette – (Read) The first meeting will be held on September 30 in Belle River at 7PM. We anticipate having a report for the next District meeting.

LCIF – Lion Carolyn Oshell – (Verbal) A 12 minute video presentation on the humanitarian work we do around the world is available on DVD to all Clubs. She was presented with a lounge chair with thanks.

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EYES RIGHT – Lion Harry Wismer – (Read) No report at this time.

WEBMASTER – Lion Curtis Marwood – Obtained and registered for 2 years, a domain name for District A-1 [www.a1lions.ca](http://www.a1lions.ca) at a total cost of \$34.95 and account submitted for reimbursement. District A-1 Directory is posted on the web-site in PDF. Corrections are updated as advised/received. Governor's Newsletter for August posted on the web-site [http://www.a1lions.ca/Newsletter-Issue\\_1-Aug2010.pdf](http://www.a1lions.ca/Newsletter-Issue_1-Aug2010.pdf). Clubs & Members are encouraged to send their photos as a JPEG attachment – no more than 100KB with a short description to be included in the District's photo gallery and/or calendar and events page found at <https://sites.google.com/site/a1lionscalendar/>. Lastly, notices of Club events can be sent to [curtis.marwood@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.marwood@gmail.com) for posting. This records a calendar of events for all Clubs in the District.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Lion John McColl – (Read) Confirms that the Wardsville Golf Club has been reserved for the final District/Cabinet meeting & Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Golf registration forms will be e-mailed in February 2011 for distribution to all District A-1's Lions Clubs. Lion John advised that we can follow the same format as the previous year or he is open to any suggested changes.

DISTRICT A-1 2010 CONVENTION – Lion Bill Bissonnette – (Read) Reported for Chair PDG Lion Dave Balmos that the final net profit for the event was \$2,068.96.

With no further reports to be given – Motion/Seconded Lions Wayne Cudney/Bob Tanner to accept the reports as presented, carried.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE DISTRICT REPORTS**

Moved/Seconded Lions Steve Mahovich/Bob Bride to transfer \$53.98 to the Lake Joseph Centre Transportation Project bringing the float from District A-1 back to \$500.00, carried.

Moved/Seconded Lions Bob Tanner/Valerie Burningham to pay the account of the Webmaster of \$34.95, carried.

Moved/Seconded Lions Mickey Puddicomb/Joyce Doucet that \$1,000.00 is to stay with the Convention Account with the balance to be transferred back to the General Account, carried.

### **OLD DISTRICT BUSINESS**

After discussion, Moved/Seconded Lions Peter Seguin/John Johnson to discharge the lawyers from any further action pertaining to the Westmount Lions Club against John Needham, carried. Committee overseeing the action to advise our Solicitor's accordingly.

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### NEW BUSINESS

Moved/Seconded Lions Bob Tanner/Wayne Cudney that District A-1 will support each Club that advertizes for new members in their community with a monetary contribution of up to \$150.00 for the 2010 – 2011 Lions year. This may include a one time membership drive or an ongoing membership campaign, carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lion Mickey Puddicomb encouraged all to read their Leader Gog magazine in their Club folder.

Lion Dale Taylor spoke on their fundraising night on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to benefit their Memory Box program. Social @ 5PM – Dinner @ 6PM with entertainment by Roy LeBlanc to follow. Cost \$35.00 pp. He also thanked all Lions for the support given to Lion Adriaan Van Dongen and his family.

Announced by the Hyde Park & District Lions of their upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being held at the Byron Legion on November 13<sup>th</sup> \$35.00 pp Social Hour 6PM to 7PM – Dinner at 7PM

St. Thomas Lions announced their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Labour Centre – Princess Ave.

Rob Spiering Memorial Golf Tournament is on September 26<sup>th</sup> – 4 man scramble format beginning at noon – cost \$75.00 pp

### CLOSING REMARKS

DG Lion John Ross advised that for those who may be interested, the Treasurer may have a limited number of District Directories left for sale.

DG Lion John then thanked the Tilbury Lions for allowing us the use of their hall as well as their efforts made in putting on the luncheon following adjournment.

Lastly DG Lion John Ross thanked us for coming and wanted to remind us that “Volunteers build your community and get excited about getting the job done.”

MOVED/SECONDED FOR ADJOURNMENT – Lions John Johnson/Valerie Burningham @12:03PM, carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT

SECONDED

ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS:

VOTE: