

DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CABINET MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 28, 2010 – THORNDALE LIONS CLUB

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

1 st VDG Steve Mahovich	2 nd VDG Wayne Cudney
CS Michael Kresky	CT Eric Dolansky
RC1 Mickey Puddicomb	ZC1E Terry Ouellet
RC2 Peter Seguin	ZC2S Robet Bride
ZC2E John Johnston	RC24 Bob Tanner
ZC24N Bob Radtke	ZC24W Joyce Doucet

Regrets received from

IPDG Evelyn Spiering,

ZC 1W Valerie Burningham,

ZC1C Linda Fowler

ZC2N George Croft

Attendance 67 (12) Presidents, (9) Secretaries, (43) Others

The District Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by DG Lion John Ross with the singing of O'Canada led by PDDG Lion Earl Crisp and then a minute of silence was conducted with the names, since the last District Meeting in August, of deceased Lions being read out by VDG Lion Steve Mahovich.

District Governor Lion John welcomed everyone and asked for the co-operation of those in attendance to sign in on the sheet at the door and to leave their envelopes in the box provided in an effort to recycle as many as possible. The District Governor then set Protocol.

Treasurer's Report: CT Lion Eric Dolansky provided a copy of his report to the Cabinet Officers and advised that \$72,039.08 was currently in the Bank with all accounts as submitted paid as due. The breakdown included \$8,387.81 in Effective Speaking, \$7,468.82 in Lake Joseph Transportation, \$9,583.28 in Youth Exchange, \$19,345.14 in the District's Operating Account and \$1,269.00 in Accounts Receivable to be collected from 6 Clubs who have yet to pay their dues. GIC's continue to be held in the amount totaling \$25,985.03. With no questions arising, M/S Lions Peter Seguin/Bob Radtke to accept the report as presented, carried.

Secretary's Report: Cabinet Officers and Clubs received a copy of the Minutes of the District Meeting held on August 29th in Tilbury. M/S Lions Michael Kresky/Bob Tanner to accept the minutes as presented, carried. There were no errors or omissions.

Correspondence: CS Lion Michael Kresky read a note from Lion Peter Best on Lions' District A-1 – Lions Lake Joseph Centre Transportation Project which had been copied to everyone's file. Letter read and sent from the President of the Belle River Lions Club announced their candidate of 1st VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich as a candidate for A-1 District Governor for the 2011 – 2012 Lions Year. Letter dated November 10th from LCI acknowledging the name change request of the Sarnia Township Lions Club to the Bluewater Lions of Sarnia Lions Club. There were no other correspondence nor business arising from the correspondence.

Guest speakers were then introduced – Lion Barry Burn introduced Lion Suzanne Gunby from Camp Dorset, which is a camp/resort for patients with Kidney disease and who require dialysis. She spoke on the need to replace 10 of 20 dialysis machines that are presently over 10 years old at a cost of approximately \$100,000. In order to raise these funds she requested each and every Lion here now and also all members of the Clubs in the District to click to vote on the current Pepsi Challenge running from November 1 to December 31. She explained on how this charitable donation works and also distributed brochures on the Camp inviting anyone to see the camp through the camp's website at www.lionscampdorset.on.ca Lion Suzanne answered any questions and was thanked by DG Lion John for her presentation. Our second guest speaker was PID Lion Bruce Murray on Lions Quest. He advised that Lions Quest is currently in debt approximately in the area of \$136,000 due to a fraud which is currently before the courts. Lion Bruce also spoke on the Club Champion program and asked each Club in the District to donate \$250.00 to Lions Quest. By doing so the donation would go a long way to reducing outside debts and raise the profile in Schools within this District and allow them to be proactive. Lion Bruce after answering all questions was then thanked by DG Lion John, who then called for a short break.

District Officer's Reports:

1st VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich commented on the learning process he is currently going through in his position with the District and is pleased to report the tremendous impact that we make to those in need both within and outside of our District. He advised on his distribution of "coin cards" to benefit the Leader Dog program. Lastly, he advised that as of January 31st the Tecumseh Lions Club will cease to exist with at least 7 of their members transferring to other Clubs.

2nd VDG Lion Wayne Cudney reported on his work within the District and with the MERL Team and the successes they continue to have. Membership goals and the current status were advised as well as his attendance at Zone and Club meetings with the focus towards the promotion of web sites and leadership development.

Region 1 Chair Lion Mickey Puddicomb took this opportunity to provide the details on the District A-1 Leader Dog program of which she is the District's Chair. Date of the Leader Dog Kick-Off dinner was set for December 7th in Troy, Michigan. As Region Chair she reported on the various activities conducted by her Zone Chairs as advised separately and the Clubs comprising Zone 1 East, Zone 1 West and Zone 1 Central, their completion or status of these activities and successes to date. Zone orientation dates were provided and were advised that the Region 1 Rally was set for February 5th.

Region 2 Chair Lion Peter Seguin acknowledged 9 Clubs in his Region who inducted or are inducting new members and advised that he held a New Member Orientation at a Zone Advisory meeting that was successful. He advised the Region 2 Rally was set for February 11th and a Lion has come forward to offer Clubs within his Region to answer questions and meet the needs of Region 2 Clubs that may want to work with web sites. As Region Chair Lion Peter reported on the current progress on each of his Zone Chairs for Zone 2 North, 2 East, and 2 South as has been separately advised and their successes to date.

Region 24 Chair Lion Bob Tanner provided an overview of what has been happening with his Zone Chairs in Zone 24 North and Zone 24 West outlining the activities of individual Clubs as reported separately and, whose duties also include the sharing of Clubs making up Zone 24 South and their activities. To date the Region has shown a net gain of 4 new members and a Lions Orientation was held played out in a "Lions Jeopardy" format which was successful. Lastly, RC Lion Bob advised that he has the support of both family and Club and is letting his name stand for the 2011 – 2012 2nd VDG.

With no further reports – M/S Lions Steve Mahovlich/Mickey Puddicomb to accept the reports as presented, carried.

District Chair Reports:

DISTRICT A-1 MERL TEAM – Lion Don McKessock reported on the activities of the MERL Team and their progress to date. He expanded on the use of their web page and presentations as well as their forecasts for Club websites, public relations, leadership and learning. He recorded a positive outlook with negative trends appearing to be reversed. He advised that the Team will continue to follow and support these trends in a positive direction.

LIONS QUEST – Lion Sondra Sasse challenged each Club not to turn your back on this program as it meets the needs of students to find answers to questions in a positive way. She passed out 6 Club banner patches to those who donated last year, total donations which amounted to \$1,600.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST – Lion Sondra Sasse had brought with her and had on display 11 posters from 3 schools in Southwest Middlesex for our District Governor to judge for submission as the District's entry at the MDA level. She encouraged other Clubs in taking up this project and approaching the schools in your area. Lion Sondra outlined the program, it's cost and on how to encourage participation.

NO CHILD WITHOUT – Lion Bruce Edwards outlined the District's progress to date noting sponsorship of 27 schools at a cost of \$36,440. Lion Bruce indicated some recent glitches with sponsoring the program

which he is in the process of ironing out with Medic Alert and continues to ask the Clubs in the District to offer their support as a child's protection is most important.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Lion Ron Lindsay passed out thank-you notes and patches for the Clubs supporting the program in 2010. Lion Ron outlined the funding received to date with 32 of 63 Lions and Lioness Clubs in the District participating and he asked those Clubs not yet having made a donation to do so, the suggested minimum amount being \$150 as the contests are soon to begin. Dates beginning in February/March for the Regional Speak-offs as well as the District Speak-Off on March 27th were outlined, with the MDA finals being held at the end of April.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANANDA – Lion Rick Letton advised on the terrific support given last year's Purina Walk for Dog Guides from both this District and across Canada. New facilities and renovations are almost completed at the Foundation. Lion Rick outlined the Foundations current needs and the positive direction they are headed in. Lastly he shared a story of a person sponsored and the profound effect that our support had given her and in turn from her, the profound effect she gave to Lions. Seeing this firsthand, Lion Rick no longer wonders if we do make a difference in what we do and encouraged any Lion or Club to take a tour of the facilities, or attend an Open House when notice is given and in turn meet the people who run the operation.

HEARING & WORK WITH THE DEAF - Lion Barb Tuxford spoke on a festival being held at the Robart's School at the end of May. Full details of the festival were advised. She advised that \$100 per Club, if it would be possible would meet the juice/water/snack needs and equipment rentals for the 380 students that will attend the festival.

L.C.I.F. – Lion Don McKessock on behalf of Lion Carolyn Oshell advised that the last grant was awarded to the "Healing Garden" project who outlined the donations made as well as our support to equipment purchases recently made to the Children's Hospital. In 2011 the Lions Community will be having a reception formally acknowledging our support over the last 7 years.

EYES RIGHT – Lion Harry Wismer provided an update on the District's Foundation and, with our continued support, the next equipment project has been identified for the Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor.

WEBMASTER – Lion Curtis Marwood reminded the Lions that our District web site at www.a1lions.ca is a wealth of information. Lion Curtis pointed out that LCI has offered a new free web site service for Clubs and advised how this can be accessed. Newsletter information, a photo gallery, committee's within the District, a calendar of events to name a few are what is available. Lion Curtis also offered to help Clubs with technical issues as able and asked that any errors on pages be referred to him for correction.

2011 – CONVENTION – Lion Don McKessock on behalf of Chair Lion Dave Balmos advised the dates/location for this year's Convention and advised that registration forms were in the Club/Officer's packages. In addition he advised that there is a registration form for the Convention on-line as well and to please register early. Lion Don advised to send all registrations to him and he and the Team are looking forward to making this a memorable Convention for all.

DIABETES AWARENESS – Lion Bev Wirta spoke on diabetes and the work that is currently being done in this area. A ‘Parade of Cheques’ were entertained and cheques from 19 Clubs totaling \$8,698.58 were received with thanks.

With no further reports to be made – M/S Lions Steve Mahovlich/Bob Tanner was made to receive the reports, carried.

OLD DISTRICT BUSINESS – The John Needham file was discussed and it was felt that no further action be taken on this with the file to be closed with the lawyer.

NEW BUSINESS – Lion Steve Mahovlich asked for a minor constitutional change to be considered to amend the dress code from the current “plum” jackets worn. His motion was not seconded however, he wished to get this on a ballot to have it removed from the constitution and would review the District’s Policy Manual prior to our next District Meeting to be held on February 27, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Lion Steve Mahovlich as of the 2011-12 Lions’ year wanted a one year hiatus to temporarily suspend Region Chair positions to allow for the refurbishing of their Position Descriptions and he would make sure for the February 27th District Meeting that the change for this is appropriately vetted with the Constitution & By-Laws Chairman Lion Joe Elliott. Dorchester & District LC having a gaming night on February 19th. Lion Mike Tuxford advised of the Granton LC Car Draw. Lion Curtis Marwood provided the details for the Chatham LC 20th Anniversary breakfast.

DRAWS – Lion Cliff Faulkner won the draw for \$64.00.

CLOSING REMARKS – DG LION John Ross advised that he is impressed with the membership efforts of the District thus far. Currently we have brought in 43 new members – Region 1 (12) Region 2 (19) and Region 24 (12). He suggested focusing on these new Lions and letting them know about Lionism beyond the Club level. He reminded those with new members that our Newsletter is on the web page, he suggested bringing them to the next District meeting on February 27th in Wyoming. And last but not least thanked each of us for caring to make a difference. With that he adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM thanking the Thorndale Lions members for attending to the lunch following.

Motion to Accept as presented:

Seconded:

Any Errors or Omissions:

Result: