

DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CABINET MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2011 – WYOMING LIONS CLUB HALL

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
ZC2S Robet Bride	ZC1C Linda Fowler
ZC2E John Johnston	RC24 Bob Tanner
ZC24W Joyce Doucet	ZC2N George Croft
ZC1W Valerie Burningham	IPDG Evelyn Spiering

Regrets received from

RC2 Peter Seguin	ZC24N Bob Radtke
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Attendance 64 (16) Presidents, (6) Secretaries, (42) 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 Lion Tony Beaulieu followed by a minute of silence being conducted with the names, since the last District Meeting in November, 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. DG Lion John thanked the Wyoming Lions Club for hosting today and advised that lunch will be available right after the meeting. DG Lion John also advised that a few Clubs have yet to pay their MDA dues and to please go back and check to make sure your Club has paid. 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 \$48,981.95 was currently in the Bank with all accounts as submitted paid as due. He was pleased to report all Clubs have paid their District dues. To date he advised that only 5 Clubs have submitted bills for payment with regard to the District's offer on covering advertising expenses. He reminded those present that the deadline for requesting payment and receipts submitted is Saturday, March 19th. Examples of brochures and placemats were shown. With no questions arising, M/S Lions Bob Tanner/Steve Mahovich 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 November 28th in Thorndale. M/S Lions Michael Kresky/Linda Fowler to accept the minutes as presented, carried. There were no errors, omissions or business arising.

Correspondence: CS Lion Michael Kresky advised that there was no correspondence received to read. Any items that had been received were requested to be copied by the sender and placed in the envelopes for all Clubs, District Chairs and Officers to have. Accordingly, there was no business arising.

District Officer's Reports:

1st VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich advised that as of January 31st the Tecumseh Lions Club ceased to exist with at least 9 of their members transferring to other Clubs. To facilitate this properly it was a learning experience. District membership stands at 1205 with 74 new members versus a drop of 52, a net gain of 22 members. He encouraged all Clubs to keep up the good work and to continue asking others to join. Lastly he spoke on the rewards of serving at the District level and encouraged Lions to step outside of your Club to expand your learning and as others have done, continue to make District A-1 stronger.

2nd VDG Lion Wayne Cudney reported on his work within the District, in visitations, Zone Advisory meetings, Region Rallies and inductions. He is focusing on both, the promotion of Web Sites for all Clubs as well as the promotion of membership and the development of leaders. He is encouraging all Lions' members to consider moving forward to the District level to expand their leadership in a Cabinet post.

Region 1 Chair Lion Mickey Puddicomb advised attending one Zone Advisory meeting held since last report with the two others having been re-scheduled and to be completed within the next 3 weeks. The Region Rally was also re-scheduled and is currently set for Monday, March 14th. Further, she advised a successful Effective Speaking contest held last week in Chatham being run by Chair Lion Ron Lindsay.

Region 2 Chair Lion Peter Seguin was pleased to report that his 'New Member Orientation Program' has now been given at all 3 Zone Advisory meetings in Region 2. With the Zone Chairs making membership a priority, he advised that membership is now the highest it has been in the past 5 years. All 3 Zones have projects identified and are underway to achieve them. Region Rally was held with 60 Lions attending and a net profit of \$450.00 for the evening was donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada. Presently Zone 2N has a candidate for Zone Chair and he is endeavoring to secure one for 2 East and 2 South.

Region 24 Chair Lion Bob Tanner advised that his Cowboy/Cowgirl themed Region Rally was held and a net profit of \$350.00 was donated to the 'Eyes Right' Foundation. Candidates have been secured for Zones 24 North and South and he continues to work towards securing a candidate for 24 West.

With no further reports made as each Zone Chair has copied 1st VDG Steve and their respective Region Chair to be included within their Region's report – M/S Lions John Johnston/Valerie Burningham to accept the reports as presented, carried.

District Chair Reports:

YOUTH EXCHANGE – Lion Evelyn Spiering advised of 10 accepted students to date and is anticipating around 18 for District A-1. Lions/Lioness donations to date amount to \$1,910.00 and as is the case further funds and host families are requested. In addition, Lion Evelyn is available to speak to Clubs or at Zone Advisory meetings to make a presentation and answer any and all questions pertaining to the program. Hosting begins for July 2-13 and July 13-23 with the camp beginning July 23 and ending on the 30th. Your Club's assistance financially or in any capacity would be very much appreciated.

2011 DISTRICT A-1 CONVENTION – Lion Dave Balmos outlined the plans for the upcoming District A-1 Convention and advised that to date we have 156 registered participants. Lion Dave confirmed the prices of both the lunch and banquet held at the Convention site as non-negotiable with the Four Points Sheraton. Lion Dave encouraged all to attend and as a special matter, advised that it will be allowed should Clubs wish to sell tickets to their own functions.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Lion Ron Lindsay outlined the funding received to date with 43 of 63 Lions and Lioness Clubs in the District participating and he asked those Clubs not yet having made a donation to consider this worthwhile project. It continues to be difficult to get students to participate because of the present school system and Boards. However, progress albeit slow continues to be made and the District will now be having speakers in both the English and French categories.

HEARING & WORK WITH THE DEAF - Lion Barb Tuxford thanked the Lions & Lioness for their financial support to date with \$2,980.00 received to partially cover the costs of the Deaf Children's Festival to be held on May 25th & 26th at the Robarts School in London. She continued to encourage each Club to assist with a donation of \$100 per Club, and appreciated Zone 24N who are supporting the 'Petting Zoo' as their Zone project. Details of the festival were made known, as well as support received from Corporate sponsors. She invited Clubs who may wish to donate items for goody bags that 300 items would be needed. If so, Lion Barb asked that you advise her of the nature of the item(s) and requested that these be brought to the District Convention to save everyone on shipping costs. Presently 300 deaf children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 from across the Province will take part in the festival, with 80 students coming and staying overnight the day before.

L.C.I.F. – Lion Don McKessock on behalf of Lion Carolyn Oshell advised that a grant from the L.C.I.F. Humanitarian Programs Department in the amount of CDN\$21,240.00 was received and completed our \$250,000.00 commitment to the "Healing Garden Project" at the Children's Hospital in London. The funds were used to purchase a pediatric cardio-echo machine. A reception, open to all Lions on a first-come first-serve basis is to be held on March 30th in honor of our District's contribution as well as the Lions from District's A-2, A-9, and A-15. Given the grant disbursement being made in January 2011 in accordance with LCIF's wishes, verbal approval was given by Cabinet and now formal approval is requested. M/S Lions Steve Mahovlich/Linda Fowler that Cabinet formally support the transaction of \$21,240.00 from L.C.I.F. to the Children's Hospital /Health Foundation through the District's books, carried. DG Lion John Ross then spoke on the package in all envelopes from Lion Carolyn Oshell.

At this time a 15 minute break was called with the meeting to continue at 10:45 with Eye's Right.

DISTRICT A-1 LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION / EYE'S RIGHT – Chair Lion Dr. Harry Wismer called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM and in his opening remarks gave an overview on what has transpired with the Foundation during the past year. On hand was Jason Patterson from the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Windsor who in addressing those present received a cheque for \$25,000 toward the purchase of surgical equipment used for corneal transplants. We were advised that the donation of corneas is no longer on the back of a Driver's Licence and that when receiving a new/renewal licence that there is a form to complete and send back should you wish to donate same. To date it is not on the back of the Lions' card yet it is on the back of the Legions' card. We were advised that a Cornea has no blood supply and does not damage. With advanced methods, the donation of two corneas can allow several people to regain vision.

(The following is carried as part of the District A-1 Minutes of February 27, 2011.) Minutes of the Foundation's 19th Annual Meeting were read and passed, as well as the audited Financial Statements year ended June 30, 2010 and Auditor's Report presented and passed. An appointment of an Auditor for 2010 – 2011 for the year ended June 30, 2011 was made. This was followed by the Nominating Committee Report and Election and Announcement of Board members, Lion Harry Wismer agreeing to continue as Chair. Lastly a 'Parade of Cheques' from the Clubs in the District contributed today \$19,690, which Lion Harry Wismer advised puts the Foundation in receipt of just over \$600,000.00 during the past 20 years. At the conclusion of the Parade of Cheques, the District A-1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation's Board of Directors adjourned their meeting and turned matters back to District Governor Lion John Ross.

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS con't

DISTRICT A-1 MERL TEAM – Lion Don McKessock advised of an overall membership increase of 6 (71 new Lions) as of January 30. In addition, plans are underway for an ethnic Club in the London area. Leadership/School of Instruction is being planned for early May possibly in Sarnia. Lastly, with 29 of 47 Clubs having a website, a regional website support group has been established.

NO CHILD WITHOUT – Lion Bruce Edwards outlined the District's progress to date noting that previous glitches have now been resolved. Lions Clubs in the District have sponsored schools and as well, are in the process of investigating sponsorship. Lion Bruce advised this, being his last year as Chair, that he was willing to share any information and resources with the new Chair.

LEO LIAISON – Lion Mary Mahovlich advised that she has extended a welcome to all Leo's to attend the upcoming District Convention. Plans for activities promoting Leos as well as providing Leos with activities of interest are and have been put together during the Convention week-end. Fundraising and challenges were also outlined by Lion Mary and, in attending an MDA Leo Conference, advised that the Leos voted to form a LEO 'MDA District'.

LEADER DOG – Lion Mickey Puddicomb advises she is willing to visit Clubs as a guest speaker. The recent Leader Dog Kick Off Dinner went well with a parade of cheques totaling \$43,412.00. Lion Mickey will be going to the MDA Convention in Ottawa to speak on behalf of the Leader Dog school and would appreciate getting a ride to and from Ottawa, of which she will share travel expenses.

LAKE JOSEPH TRANSPORTATION PROJECT – Lion Peter Best advised plans are still being finalized for this year's camp which is set for July 10th to July 16th. Buses have been chartered with the cost totaling \$4,294.00 and forwarded to the District Treasurer for payment. Our District's project is to provide safe, convenient, low-cost transportation to and from the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre for blind, deaf-blind, visually impaired, their escorts and guide dogs. Your Club's continued financial support is still very much wanted.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – Lion Joe Elliott was advised of two proposed amendments to the District Constitution with respect to the change in attire for Elected District Officers. In examining the proposed amendments/motions brought forward it was noted that notification in writing and in the hands of the Cabinet Secretary fell short of the 60 day deadline, by 11 days, prior to the official opening date of the 2011 Annual District A-1 Convention. Accordingly, if this is to be acted upon, constitutionally these amendments put forward would be voted upon by the District membership at the District Convention in 2012. M/S Lions Bob Tanner/Wayne Cudney to defer any motion to have these amendments included for the 2011 Convention to the 2012 Convention, carried – Opposed (1) 1st VDG Lion Steve Mahovich.

WEBMASTER – Lion Curtis Marwood advised us on updates to the District A-1 web site to include new pages for web sites for Eyes Right and the MERL Team. Clubs were advised to notify Lion Curtis of new web sites and address changes to keep the District informed. The Governor's newsletter is also posted on the District web site and Editor Lion Dave Graham welcomes articles of interest and photographs of Lions activities for publication. The February issue is already posted on the web site. The A1 Lions Google Group for District A-1 Lions is available to announce events, send newsletters, or to share news of successful ideas. Members of the group may send e-mail messages to the group using the address a1-lions@googlegroups.com

LIONESSE LIAISON REGION 24 – Lion Mike Tuxford reported on his visits and experiences with the various Region 24 Lioness Clubs as being a positive and fun experience as they do their work for the benefit of their communities.

With the reports being concluded M/S Lions John Johnston and Wayne Cudney that the District Chair reports be accepted, carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS – A form for District A-1 Candidate Nomination and Endorsement was brought forward as appended to these minutes – M/S Lions George Croft/Bob Tanner that this be adopted as the form for use by a Club to notify the District of a nomination for District Governor, 1st or 2nd VDG or Zone Chair, carried. CT Lion Eric Dolansky reminded everyone that March 19th was the last date to claim an advertising rebate from the District.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Several Club announcements were made from the floor, as follows:

- CHATHAM LIONS – Breakfast next Sunday
- THORNDALE LIONS – March 26, Social Gaming Night
- PETROLIA/WYOMING/SARNIA LIONS – March 13 – 4th annual fundraising jamboree to benefit Charlotte Engelhart Hospital
- PETROLIA LEOS – Mother’s Day Breakfast
- LUCAN LIONS – Car Draw
- BELLE RIVER LIONS – Collecting soaps/lotions etc. from Hotels forwarding to Salvation Army
- DOWNTOWN WINDSOR LIONS - March 25th BBQ & Auction Fundraiser

DRAW - \$130.00 won by Lion Peter Geene who, in turn, generously donated the sum to Eyes Right.

CLOSING REMARKS –DG Lion John Ross asked everyone to leave your envelopes in the box provided at the back table. He asked the Zone Chairs to please take any envelopes/packages that need to go Clubs in their Zone who were missing from today’s meeting. Also, if you have PDG’s in your Club who are not in attendance today, would a member from that Club or failing their attendance, the Zone Chair take their envelopes. Lastly, DG Lion John spoke on the Convention and what to expect. Both Friday and Saturday will have a lot of fun. For Sunday, if you wish to be part of the Lions’ Choir, please contact either Lion Joyce Doucet or Lion Don McKessock. DG Lion John thanked the Wyoming Lions being our hosts and for attending to the lunch following.

With no further business – Lion Wayne Cudney moved for adjournment at 11:55 AM, carried.

Motion to Accept as presented:

Seconded:

Any Errors or Omissions:

Result: