

## DISTRICT A-1 LIONS CABINET MEETING MINUTES

### APRIL 8, 9, 10, 2011 – FOUR POINTS SHERATON – LONDON, ONTARIO

District Governor Lion John Ross acted as Chairperson and called the District A-1 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention to order on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Steve Mahovlich | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Wayne Cudney | IPDG Evelyn Spiering |
| CS Michael Kresky                   | CT Eric Dolansky                 | RC1 Mickey Puddicomb |
| RC2 Peter Seguin                    | ZC2S Robert Bride                | ZC1C Linda Fowler    |
| ZC2E John Johnston                  | RC24 Bob Tanner                  | ZC24W Joyce Doucet   |
| ZC2N George Croft                   | ZC1W Valerie Burningham          | ZC24N Bob Radtke     |

**Regrets received from** - ZC1E Terry Ouellet

Attendance 112 (11) Presidents, (9) Secretaries, (4) Treasurers (88) Others

The singing of both the National Anthem of the United States and Canada were led by PDG Lion Bill Bissonnette followed by a minute of silence being conducted with the names, since the last District Meeting in February, of deceased Lions being read out by VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich.

District Governor Lion John welcomed everyone and then set protocol reminding everyone on the rules of housekeeping and of the attendance/sign in sheet for completion located at the door.

**Treasurer's Report:** CT Lion Eric Dolansky advised that \$51,156.91 was currently in the Bank with an additional \$26,071.76 carried in GIC's. From those balances and segregated were funds as follows: Effective Speaking \$3,267.00, Lake Joseph Transportation \$7,935.25 and Youth Exchange \$13,919.94. To date all accounts as submitted have been paid as due. Lion Eric advised that he handed out cheques to 13 Clubs in the District each in amounts of up to \$150.00 for promotional/advertising expenses as set out by the District and thanked those Clubs for their participation. Motion made RC Bob Tanner, seconded VDG Steve Mahovlich to accept this report, carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Cabinet Officers and Clubs received a copy of the Minutes of the District Meeting held on February 27<sup>th</sup> in Wyoming. M/S Lions Michael Kresky/Mickey Puddicomb 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:**

Region 1 Chair Lion Mickey Puddicomb reported on her Official Visits to both the Zone One West and Zone One Central Zone Advisories. At these meetings, she advised that she conducted a presentation on Orientation which was of benefit to both new and seasoned Lions. Details and results were outlined noting a successful Region One Rally held despite several previous postponements.

Zone 1 East Chair Lion Terry Ouellet (report submitted and read by VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich) had completed all 5 Official Visits and Zone Advisories. In her visits she noted that all Clubs were focusing on making gains in membership and in involving members in various activities in their communities.

Zone 1 West Chair Lion Valerie Burningham provided an overview of her year and advised that she had one Official Club visit yet to complete. She extended her appreciation in having the opportunity to learn and grow as she complimented the Club members on being able to move forward in a positive, rewarding direction.

Zone 1 Central Lion Linda Fowler advised that she completed all of her Zone Advisory meetings and has one Official Club visit yet to complete. Noting that the Clubs from Zone 1 Central are extremely active and entering into their busiest time of the year, both from a fundraising perspective as well as the support they render their communities, has caused membership numbers to grow and strengthen.

Zone 2 North Chair Lion George Croft advised all Official Visits and Zone Advisories have been completed. He outlined membership issues within the Clubs as well as the fundraising activities that are being conducted. He concluded that the member's dedication will have a significant impact in addressing membership building issues and thanked those bringing support to the Zone.

Zone 2 East Chair Lion John Johnson advised that all Club Visits and Zone Advisory meetings have been completed. Details of the Zone Project on Environmental Leadership were outlined and he advised that a Lion has made application for Zone Chair for the coming Lions' year. Membership activities remain strong with a net gain year over year of 10 members. Outlined were six different responses provided from each Club on how they felt they had helped to make someone's life better, helping others in their community or an activity within the community that will provide a future benefit to the citizens or an individual in the community.

Zone 2 South Chair Lion Bob Bride advised that all 3 Zone Advisories and all Official Club Visits were completed. To date, membership has increased 10 members for the Zone and two Clubs have been active in visitations. Members worked 2 gates at the International Plowing match and \$3,500 was donated from a variety of activities to support Camp Dorset as their decided Zone Project.

Zone 24 North Chair Lion Bob Radtke advised all 3 Zone Advisories and all Official Club Visits were completed. Membership in the Zone has increased 13 members. Zone project is funding two petting zoos, one for domestic animals and the other for exotic animals which will form a part of the Deaf Children's Festival to be held this summer at the Robart's school in London.

Zone 24 West Chair Lion Joyce Doucet provided a list of her highlights in her year as Zone Chair. She noted many positive aspects in being a Zone Chair and with the co-operation of the Clubs in her Zone noted that membership grew. Soon to be received, members of Zone 24 West will attend and receive from the Canadian Diabetes Association the 2011 Outstanding Regional Partnership Award for raising in excess of \$85,000 over the last 15 years through the sale of raffle tickets.

With no further reports made – M/S Lions Bob Tanner/Peter Seguin accept the reports as presented, carried.

**District Chair Reports:**

LEADERSHIP CHAIR – Lion Don McKessock advised that the “Lions School of Training”, in making an effort to reach out to even more Lions’ Leaders was going on the road and will hold at least 2 separate venues/seminars during the month of May. At the seminar team learning will take place and will be structured to allow for continuous improvement. The training period, not expected to exceed 90 minutes will also include a free lunch. School locations and times will be sent out via e-mail and the Lions website.

RESEARCH & LONG RANGE PLANNING – Lion Bill Bissonnette advised the details of his committee’s last meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the discussions, actions and recommendations that were forthcoming. From that meeting the following three recommendations were put forward by Lion Bill and then made into a motion by the Cabinet, for the Cabinet’s consideration as follows:

Motion/Seconded Lions Steve Mahovlich/George Croft “that the District fund up to \$1,000.00 for travel expenses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG to attend the Senior Lions Institute if accepted.”, carried.

Motion/Seconded Lions Joyce Doucet/John Johnson “that the Lioness be able to vote for the Convention site starting in 2012 following the same criteria (1 vote per 10 members per Club) as the Lions”, carried.

Motion/Seconded Lions Steve Mahovlich/Bob Tanner “that By-Law VIII, in its entirety, be removed from the District A-1 Constitution and By-Laws and placed in the District A-1 Policy Manual”, carried. Lion Bill thanked the Cabinet for their support and advised the next meeting of his committee (if necessary) will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined by the Chair.

At this time the International Guest – International Director Daniel A. O’Reilly addressed those present and afterwards, presented Governor’s Appreciation Awards to the Lions Clubs of Poplar Hill & District, Port Stanley, Petrolia, Belmont and Kingsville who collectively increased membership by 31 members and individually, each Club had the most new members year to date. In addition, an Award/Plaque was presented to Lion Al Futcher for his strong efforts and time spent raising money for Diabetes. Finally, a Club Appreciation Award was presented to Lion President Bruce Monteith and the Thorndale Lions Club for their assistance and support provided to District Governor John Ross.

Continuing then with District Committee reports DG Lion John Ross handed the meeting to VDG Steve Mahovlich who called forward Convention Chair Lion Dave Balmos.

2011 DISTRICT CONVENTION – Lion Chair Dave Balmos outlined the possible Convention venues for 2013 and asked for members to review costs and arrive at a preference. VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich, turning the meeting back to DG Lion John Ross, DG Lion John called forward:

BULLETIN CONTEST – Lion Tim O’Brien reported on the contest rules, how consideration and judging took place and the results and the winners were as follows: In the Bi-Monthly category (Zone 24 South) from the Poplar Hill & District Lions Club, Lion Neil Mutch, Editor. In the Monthly category (Zone 24 South) from the Lions Club of Strathroy-Caradoc, Lions Michael Kresky and Crystal Alves, Co-Editors. The overall District winners of the Doc Rumble Trophy were Lions Crystal Alves and Michael Kresky. The two category/award winning bulletins were sent on to the MDA Bulletin Contest Chair, Lion Maureen Hilt for further consideration against bulletin winners from other Districts within MDA.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING – Lion Ron Lindsay provided the results of the District A-1 finals. From 14 speakers in 4 categories, each category winner gave their speech and then the awards were handed out in each of the 4 categories by District Governor Lion John and District Chair Lion Ron Lindsay. Lion Ron thanked all Lions and Lioness Clubs who assisted, noting with their assistance, numbers of speakers in the District continue to go up year over year.

GOVERNOR’S VISITATION AWARD – District Governor John Ross outlined the criteria of this Visitation Award and based on the results submitted was pleased to present the Award to the President and members of the Chatham Lions Club.

District Governor Lion John Ross then advised that any further District Reports would then be continued the next day (Sunday) and called forward Ryan Chin for an update on Lake Joseph ...

LAKE JOSEPH – Ryan Chin advised that the camp at Lake Joseph on August 6<sup>th</sup> will be their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday event and all Lions are invited as they are incorporating the Birthday event with an Appreciation Day for Lions. He advised that June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, is scheduled as the Lions work week-end. Lastly, he acknowledged and thanked Lion Peter Best who has for over 20 years continued to co-ordinate the transportation services to Lake Joseph.

At this juncture DG Lion John Ross asked for an adjournment with further reports and business to be carried through to the next day (Sunday) which was granted.

BANQUET – SATURDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> -- Hosted by District Governor Lion John Ross and Lioness President Martha Berze, with International Director Lion Daniel A O’Reilly as guest speaker. As part of the banquet, awards were presented by our International Guest as follows -- **LEADERSHIP AWARDS** to Lion Darlene Priestly and Lion Don McKessock, each of whom have lead the way in many roles in Lions with each demonstrating that when empowered they can get the job done. **LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LION SID SCRUGGS** recognizing exemplary service to Lion Gail Tanner and Lioness Sherry Wismer in their work with Eyes Right and to Lion Dave Graham for his work with the Governor’s Newsletter. **MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARDS** standing in recognition of Humanitarian work, were presented by the District to Lion Curtis Marwood (Chatham Lions) and Lion Dale Taylor (Lambeth Lions). Each presentation met with a standing ovation.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> – MEETING WAS OPENED AFTER THE NECROLOGY SERVICE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF DISTRICT REPORTS BY DG LION JOHN ROSS.

YOUTH EXCHANGE – Lion Evelyn Spiering advised 21 Youth will be arriving and one Host Family is needed for each period July 2 to 13 and July 13 to 23. The Youth Exchange Camp in Mt. Brydges will be from July 23 to 30 and there will be an Open House with all invited to attend. Lion Evelyn indicated the Youth Exchange account is carrying a current balance of \$8,825.42.

EYES RIGHT – Chair Lion Harry Wismer advised that our pledge of \$75,000 to the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital in Petrolia has been completed purchasing cataract surgical equipment. The annual meeting held in Wyoming received Lions/Lioness/Leo Club donations of \$19,690.00. The project now underway is a \$75,000 pledge over 3 years to supply the Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor with state of art equipment for corneal transplantation. The first payment of \$25,000 has now been made.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Report read -- as submitted by Chair Lion John McColl – Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wardsville Golf Club following our final Cabinet meeting. Starting at 1PM both an 18 hole and 9 hole shotgun start followed by a steak barbecue and prizes starting at approx 5:30PM. Barbecue tickets only are available at \$15.00 each and must be ordered prior to June 5<sup>th</sup>. Golf Registration forms are in Club Secretary's hands and registration deadline is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Appreciation was given to Clubs who have donated \$25.00 towards the purchase of prizes.

With no further reports made from the floor, Motion/Seconded Lions Peter Seguin/Steve Mahovlich to accept the reports as presented, carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AWARDS/DRAWS – Lioness Rosemary Kennedy advised the Lioness Penny Sale raised \$1,705.00 with 77 prizes graciously donated with proceeds donated through Lion Don McKessock to the Convention Committee. Lion Bev Wirta advised that the Canadian Diabetes 50/50 draw carried a prize of \$175.00 and was won by Lion Mike Tuxford who graciously donated it back to Diabetes Calvalcade, which adds to the amount of \$6,240 received during the Calvalcade Presentation of cheques.. Lion Bev also advised the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tag Day raised across Canada \$21,900 of which 9 Clubs in our District raised \$3,497.58 of that amount. We were also advised that 12 people took the Banting House Tour. Two tickets for the 'Skippy Draw' were drawn and the Kingsville Lions Club and, Lion Tammy Willinger from the Belle River Lions Club won. A pin presentation from the Convention Committee and a Memory Box with pins from Lion Bill Bissonnette were presented to ID Lion Daniel A. O'Reilly. ID Lion Daniel in turn presented his friendship banners to Lions Dave Balmos, Wayne Cudney, Steve Mahovlich, Dale & Lindy Taylor and DG John & Bonnie. Strathroy Caradoc pin draw was won by Lion Bob from Ailsa Craig and Lion Bob from Chatham. London Central Lioness baskets went to Lioness Carol Vincent (Flowers) and Lion Barb Tuxford (Spa). London Central 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 28<sup>th</sup> – open house Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

CONVENTION CHAIR COMMENTS – Lion Dave Balmos advised that 274 registered for the Convention with 267 attending. Lunch was attended by 153 with 181 at the banquet. For the 2013 District A-1 Convention – Pelee Motor Inn-- Leamington was the choice.

ELECTION RESULTS – Lions listed as follows for the 2011-12 Lions' Year – IPDG John Ross, DG Steve Mahovlich, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Wayne Cudney, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bob Tanner, Secretary Ron Devos, Treasurer Joyce Doucet, Zone Chairs 1E Mike Blonde, 1W Valerie Burningham, 1C Mary Drouillard, 2N Sandy Leadlay, 2E Leslie Youngson, 2S Rob Neill, 24N Barb Tuxford, 24W Sondra Sasse, 24S Grant Oliver, and two 3 Year MERL Positions GLT Jacqui Flood and GMT George Croft. Motion/Seconded Lions Bob Tanner/Wayne Cudney to destroy the ballots, carried.

LIONESSE RESULTS – Lioness President Martha Berze advised that Lioness Ruby Hunter is the incoming President with Lioness Trudy Brown as Secretary – two positions are yet to be filled.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF LIONISM – Lion Mickey Puddicomb acknowledged that from the Skippy Draw Leader Dog has benefitted from the draw in receiving over \$1,000. Lion Mark Mahovlich presented a special gift to his brother (Incoming District Governor) Lion Steve. Rob Neill presented Joe Elliott with the Rob Speiring Award. From 161 Entries on Sunday – Carol Balmos won the \$100 Esso gas card on the Sunday draw. Joyce Doucet recognized Gail Tanner as the Choir winner. 1<sup>st</sup> Year Lion Contest won by Lion Lydia Bolger from London East. Lion Sondra Sasse reported that Amber Mikkelsen sponsored by the Glencoe District Lions Club won the District Peace Poster contest with the MDA winner being sponsored by the Selkirk & District Lions Club and the international winner being from India. Lion Sondra Sasse advised that Lions Quest promoting positive youth development through positive intervention is readily and eagerly available. To access the program, Quest may be contacted directly or you may make contact with her as District Chair. Lions Quest Canada contact information was provided. Lion Mickey Puddicomb provided her advices on providing a package for a potential Leader Dog graduate as well as the support she has received within the District and the help she has given outside our District. Ticket sales at the Convention on merchandise raised \$217.00 for Leader Dog and was won by Helen from Belle River Lions Club. Lion Curtis Marwood advised to announce events go to <https://groups.google.com/forum#!forum/kentpres>. This will allow you to send newsletters or to share news of successful ideas or activities. Web sites can be set up using the Lions template at <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/>. Lastly he encouraged all to visit the District A-1 web site at [www.a1lions.ca](http://www.a1lions.ca).

CLOSING REMARKS – DG Lion John Ross gave thanks to ID Lion Daniel and his wife Maryanne, to this year's District Cabinet and for the support received from his Club and the Lions in District A-1 to allow him to have the ability to travel and proudly represent the District.

With no further business to be conducted and in closing the District's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention DG Lion John received a Motion for Adjournment at 12:05 PM from VDG Lion Steve Mahovlich.

**Motion to Accept as presented:**

**Seconded:**

**Any Errors or Omissions:**

**Result:**