

District A-1 District Meeting
June 9, 2013
Tilbury Lions Club House
Concession 8, Quinn Line
Tilbury, Ontario

Governor Wayne Cudney acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

IPDG STEVE MAHOVLICH	1 ST VDG BOB TANNER	2 ND VDG JOHN JOHNSTON
CAB. SEC. RON DEVOS	CAB. TREAS. ERIC DOLANSKY	
Z1 ZC MARY DROUILLARD	Z2 ZC STARR MOODY	
Z5 ZC BARB TUXFORD	Z6 ZC JOYCE DOUCET	

Regrets received from: Z3 ZC ROB NEILL, Z4 ZC SANDY LEADLAY

Also in attendance were 4 Club Presidents, 6 Club Secretaries, 2 Treasurers and 31 Lions which total to 43 Lions at the fifth District Meeting.

The Meeting was call to order at 9:04 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA".

Governor Wayne welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol followed by a moment of silence for the Lions that have passed away since our last District Cabinet Meeting.

Cabinet Treas. ERIC DOLANSKY gave his report as follows:

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis as of 5 June 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

10000 - District Account
10001 - Scotiabank District A-1 14,144.88
10010 - Effective Speaking 1,609.55
10015 - Hearing Awareness 400.00
10020 - Lake Joseph Transportation 4,969.43
10024 - Quest 750.00
10026 - Sick Childrens Hospital 8,000.00
10030 - Youth Exchange 11,040.17
Total 10000 - District Account 40,914.03
10055 - Scotiabank Effective Speaking 3,304.43
Total Chequing/Savings 44,218.46

Accounts Receivable

11000 - Accounts Receivable 108.00
Total Accounts Receivable 108.00

Total Current Assets 44,326.46

Fixed Assets

16000 - Long-Term Investments
16100 - GIC 1 10,540.89
16200 - GIC 2 16,207.28
16300 - GIC 3 10,103.45
Total 16000 - Long-Term Investments 36,851.62
Total Fixed Assets 36,851.62

TOTAL ASSETS 81,178.08

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

30000 - Opening Balance Equity 55,977.88
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets -1,599.39

Net Income 26,799.59
Total Equity 81,178.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 81,178.08

Motion by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford Seconded by Z2 ZC Starr Moody to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried

Cabinet Sec. Ron reported the April 13/14, 2013 District Meeting minutes were e-mailed to all District Cabinet Officers, District Cabinet Chairs, Past District Governors, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries.

Motion by Z1 ZC Mary Drouillard Seconded by IPDG Steve Mahovlich to adopt the minutes as e-mailed. Carried

Cabinet Sec. Ron also reported he has not received any correspondence:

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

1st Vice District Governor's Report

1st VDG Bob reported currently I am busy putting the final touches on the committees for next year. My theme for next year is "Share the Experience". My project goals are to revitalize our district relationship with CNIB and to hold a Lions Quest community workshop in our district. My membership target is 1300 members. The International President's request is to have our vice district governors make some official visits Lion Cheryl Schleihauf is hard at work setting up the district directory. July 28th is the cabinet change over at my home.

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

- 2nd VDG John reported Goals as outlined in St Thomas on Sunday August 26th;
 - *Working directly with my current Zone Chairs in Zones 3, 4 and 5 to identify their individual goals and aspirations for 2013-2014.*
 - Done
 - *Should they be moving on, work with them to identify possible replacements for them within their Zone? Actively promote and develop new candidates to run for the position of Zone Chair.*

We have ZCE in Zones 3, 4 and 5. I would like to take this time to thank Rob Neill, Sandy Leadlay and Barb Tuxford for the excellent job that they did for their Zones and to welcome ZCE Zone 3 Lion Ron Reid Dutton & District, Zone 4 Lion Doug Crocket Lambeth Lions and Zone 5 Lion "Trigger" Douglas McLeod to the 2013-2014 Executive. I thank you for stepping up and becoming the Zone Chairs for your respective zones and look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. You may be unsure of the future but trust me you are going to embark on a very enjoyable and rewarding year. Should you or any of the other Zone Chairs need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me, I am more than happy to help.
 - *Attend a Zone Advisory Meeting in Zones 3, 4 and 5 before the end of November 2012 and 1, 2 and 6 before the end of January 2013.*

- Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Zone 6 meeting on May 14th. However I did keep my meeting in the family when I visited the Mahovlich ranch in Tilbury for an Eyes Right meeting on the same evening.
- *Help to promote the Region Rally concept again within Zones 3, 4 and 5 and bring back the knowledge that it is an honour and privilege to serve your district in whatever capacity you so choose.*
 - Our Region Rally was held on Sunday March 3rd at the Delaware Legion from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. And it was a great success. Special thanks go out to Lion Barb Tuxford who did an excellent job of organizing the event.

Future training initiatives.

- Lion Jacqui chaired the Training Seminar that was held at the A1 convention. By all reports it was a great success. Next on the agenda will be a Zone Chairperson's training seminar and another Club Officers Seminar to be held in the fall.
- I attended the MDA Convention in Toronto May 30th to June 2nd.
- Canada/USA forum September 19th to 21st.
- I look forward to working with Lion George Croft in the upcoming year and learning from him the ins and outs of the GMT.
- Finally, I would also like to take the time to thank all of the PDG's for all of the help, encouragement and guidance that you have given me over the past year. Lion Bob Tanner for being such an excellent role model and last but not least, a man who wears his heart on his sleeve Governor Wayne Cudney for helping me understand what I have gotten myself into. All of you have said that being governor will be the most rewarding experience that I will ever have in Lionism. This past year has taught me one thing I do believe you are right. I thank you all.

Motion by Z2 ZC Starr Moody Seconded by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

Constitution & Bylaws – PDG Bill Sasse reported further to my report to Cabinet August 26th 2012, suggesting a thorough review of the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws to ensure that all provisions remain valid, organized and in accordance with the International Constitution and By-laws, I can report the following.

As directed, a review of the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws was conducted. As a result of that review, it was discovered that some provisions are inconsistent with current policy and practices.

A resolution was adopted at the April 30th 2013 Research & Long Range Planning meeting recommending to Cabinet that the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws review continue with a view to re-structuring using the Standard District Constitution and By-laws provided by Lions Clubs International as the model.

The major benefit of adopting the Standard Form District Constitution and By-laws would be that it would be automatically updated each year reflecting any changes that are adopted by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors. These changes would automatically be reflected in the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws following the annual International Convention.

Some of the changes that would be noted under the new format would include:

- Some re-wording of the existing provisions of the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws
- The removal of some provisions currently contained in the District A1 Constitution and By-laws and re-inserted in the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual
- The addition of some new provisions to the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws under the Standard Form District Constitution and By-laws format. The additional provisions would include Dispute Resolution procedures, proper amending procedures, automatic update in accordance with amendments adopted by the Lions Clubs international Board of Directors

The proposed District A-1 Constitution and By-laws in the Standard format would be much easier to maintain and update. The revisions and amendments would be inserted in a much more organized fashion. The Standard format would also provide a District Constitution and By-laws that is consistent with the International Association policy. It would be my recommendation that any provisions that are removed from the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws and inserted in the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual be transferred to the Policy Manual in the exact form that they currently exist in the Constitution and By-laws. The provisions transferred to the Policy Manual, could then be updated with the approval Cabinet to conform to current LCI Policy. The process would continue with a draft document being prepared complete the appropriate explanatory notes for review by Cabinet. If endorsed, it could then be presented to the delegates on the ballot at the annual convention.

Diabetes Awareness-Lion Bev Wirta reported I would like to thank all the Lions Clubs' in the district for their participation in Tag Day, Door to Door Canvassing, monetary support to the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Diabetes camps and the help and support given to individuals affected by diabetes. In April, the Lions/CDA Liason Committee held their meeting to make plans for this year's Tag Day. We have received many comments and recommendations from Lions Clubs across Canada regarding the actual date of the event. The 2 to 3 weekends before Remembrance Day affected many clubs because the members either helped with the local Legions or did not want to compete for monetary support with the Veterans'. The other concern was weather. Depending where you live, late November can be very cold to be standing outside. So the Committee has made the recommendation that the Club's can pick any date between October 15 and November 30 (which is officially Diabetes month) to hold their individual Tag Day. The official date of Tag Day is Saturday, November 16. If your club would like to participate this year, please let me know and I will make sure that you have the supplies required for the day. I have been advised that the manager of the Sarnia CDA office will be retiring on August 31 this year. Sharon Cathcart has been with the

CDA for 25 years and has been a great support and reference for my needs as District Chair but I am looking forward to working with her replacement. On Friday, June 7, I and two members from the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia volunteered at the annual CDA Golf Tournament in Camlachie. It was a great day and three of us raised \$830 from 50/50 sales and doing the putting contest. It was fun and it showed the Lions' association with CDA. I would highly recommend your club participate in these events with your local CDA offices. Thank you Governor Wayne for your support and the opportunity you have given me to be District Chair. Each year as I talk to more people in the community and hear their stories, my passion and commitment grows. Thank you fellow Lions for your support and enjoy your summer.

District A-1 Convention-PDG Don McKessock reported this year the District A-1 Convention was held in Leamington ON at the Pelee Days Inn on April 12 -14, 2013. Feedback on the Convention has been quite positive. In fact only 8 suggestions for improvement were received from attendees this year, and for the most part, they were quite minor. Most feedback commented on the fact that the convention was "well organized". It is a tribute to the good work of the convention team that there were few glitches during convention weekend. There were over 452 events to manage and over 150 tasks to be completed ... all this requires a dedicated and co-ordinated effort by the Convention Committee. Thank-you team.

Highlights

- Several changes were drafted for the Convention Policy Manual. These changes clarified convention committee organization & financial guidelines.
- The team worked on a list of 35 improvement items. Major and subtle changes to many convention events were made to resolve 29 of these items.
- 6 Convention meetings were held – plus 1 conference by telephone and 1 conference via internet. Minimizing meetings is important. Each meeting involves up to 1500 travel kms and 20 hours of travel time!
- 4 promotions were sent out prior to the convention to make the Lions family aware of convention events and encourage attendance.
- A record number of breakout sessions (8) were conducted... Not an easy feat considering the time and space restrictions at the Leamington site.
- A list of 20 improvement items, most somewhat minor, have been made available to the 2014 convention team. Each year, we should strive to get better.

Convention Statistics

Attendance: Total 281 including 197 Lions 52 Lioness 6 Leos & 35 guests. Lunch 126
banquet 118 First timers 30

Sales: Pins 159 Draw tickets 186

Financial Summary*

Opening Balance	\$2284
Revenue	\$15764
Expenses	\$15740
Closing Balance	\$2308

*including printing costs for \$259 that have been submitted to District
And now, promotion 1 for the 2014 convention at the Holiday Inn in Sarnia on
April 4-6, 2014. It promises to be even better! See you all there.

Effective Speaking – PRC Mary Mahovlich reported I am proud to announce that the 3rd Place Junior English Winner of the M.D."A" Contest was 13 year old Marissa Muller sponsored by the Petrolia Lions Club. Her topic was "Better Not Bitter". Plans are already in the works for next year's M.D."A" Effective Speaking Contest. District 12 has volunteered to run the contest. I did not volunteer our District. This year 9 out of 10 Districts sent a total of 36 Contestants in 6 categories. 7 of the Districts including ours sent only 3 contestants, due to not having contestants in all categories. The 3 French categories had a total of 10 contestants. Most of our Club & District Contestants were "Junior English" with Only 1 "Intermediate French". 4 clubs had a total of 28 participants with 16 going to the District Contest in Chatham. Donations were received from 27 Lions Clubs and 10 Lioness clubs totaling **\$5,575.00**. Monies spent to date totaled **\$4,554.22** there will be an additional cost for year bars and postage etc. Total cost of the District Contest was **\$858.22** this included plaques \$44.07, Gift certificates \$75, Hall Rental, \$150, Prizes \$550 and \$25.99 engraving. Total forwarded to M.D."A" & Host District was **\$3,696**. This included \$200 start up, \$200 for pins, a \$45 donation per club \$1,620., and **\$1,676** for meals & rooms. Thank You everyone for you support and to Governor Wayne for giving me this position.

Environment – PDG Ev Spiering stated always an important topic however the clubs who are participating in reduce, recycle and reuse are reluctant to report on their activities. Lions be proud of the efforts your club is doing in this area. For those club who are possibly looking for a way to help and maybe raise a few dollars for their club have you ever thought of e-waste (electronic recycling)I was recently introduced to this process through the District chair for A16 Sylvia and her husband Dale McCleave both Lions with the Maple Lions Club if you would like to learn more please email them at lionsewaste@gmail.com, or if you visit youtube you can check out their video under Maple Lions Club.

Lake Joseph Transportation – Lion Peter Best reported I reported in April that this year's project is moving along slowly, but surely and that I intended to have a more detailed report for Cabinet for the June meeting. Unfortunately, it is still a little too early for me to have all the details together to report. However I would like to assure that the project is following its usual course and I expect everything to work out well. The camp dates for this summer are Sunday July 14 to Saturday July 20. The bus charters have been arranged. The cost will be \$1985.00 + hst \$258.05 per trip, totaling a cost of \$ 4486.10, similar to last year. The camper application and reservations have been completed forming a travel list of thirty campers. I am still waiting on final confirmation for the escort accommodation details. A proposal was discussed with the CNIB LJC, which was agreed to in principle, however I am waiting for written confirmation before acknowledging the agreement. Some of our long time repeat passenger campers have indicated they are not interested in returning to the camp for various reasons, however our numbers for service request has not dropped as we have several new eager, excited

passengers. The physical ability of clients is changing as we are tending to be assisting more functionally challenged vacationers, which is making our service all the more valuable to those with few vacation options. It also emphasizes the need for two bus escorts. The campers and their families have been expressing joy and appreciation that we are continuing, as without what we are providing they would have little to look forward to for their summer. The tentative travel schedule is planned to leave Windsor Sunday July 14, 2013 at 7:30 am and arrive in London at the MacDonald's at hwy 401 and Wellington Rd at 9:30am for our annual brunch stop over. It would be appreciated if I can have some Lion volunteers to meet us and assist. We will be departing at 10:30am for our trip north. Please advise if you will be coming out to participate and share in the excitement of the campers. With each report as I try to describe the value of this service, I find that I am unable to come close to that of experiencing the opportunity of offering this service to those who get so much from it. Please remember it is only with your support that this project can continue to keep serving those in our communities. I would like to encourage each club to give a little, to ensure the wheels keep on rolling so that the blind and visually impaired campers in our area can travel safely, conveniently and affordably to and from the camp.

Our service brings, them a sense of independence and pleasant memories.

Photo Contest – PDG Ev Spiering reported thanks you to Lioness Nancy Wright, Wheatley Lioness Club and Lion Dale Armstrong Dorchester Lions Club for your submissions into the Districts Photo Contest. I am envious of those who can capture the perfect photo. The winner was Lioness Nancy Wright; her photo was then submitted to the MDA Photo contest. And I am happy to announce that Lioness Nancy's photo was once again victorious. Her Photo will now be sent to LCI for their contest and will be on display in 2014 in Toronto.

Research & Long Range Planning – PDG Bill Bissonnette reported at our last Long Range Planning meeting on April 30, a number of items were discussed:

- Lions Home for the Deaf- A new home is being built in NW London and is being named for Gary Martins of the Lambeth Lions Club. We need to support this through Helen Keller donations.
- **Recommendation to Cabinet that we adopt the LCI Standard Form District Constitution & Bylaws incorporating provisions of our existing District A-1 Constitution & Bylaws.**
- **Recommendation to Cabinet that District A-1 re-institute the International Director Fund @ \$1.00 per member per year capped at \$25,000.**
- **Recommendation to Cabinet that the District Secretary start a Motion Book.**

C0-Youth Exchange Inbound – PZC Lion Curtis Marwood stated I am glad to report that plans for the 2013 District A1 Lions Youth Exchange programme and the Lion Al Betterley Camp are almost complete. I have host families for 14 youth (11 girls and 3 boys) from 16 to 22. They represent 12 countries. The plan to recruit host families early this year had its frustrations but in the end was successful and made my life much easier knowing that I had host families before I accepted the youth. However, waiting for the

host families meant frustration for the youth and their district chairs. They are anxious to know in February. We could have had the opportunity to have more youth if I had more host families earlier. We will continue to encourage you to help recruit hosts and try to get the hosts to respond earlier. I deeply appreciate the support of the district in enabling us to continue to have a youth exchange. I know I put the pressure on but this year we were trying to make a change to an earlier schedule. In the end, it has been good. I want to thank all the host families this year, especially the new ones. The camp leadership team of Lioness Carrol Vincent, Lion Bob Book, Lion Cheryl Schleihauf and I have met to finalize the camp schedule. The camp team will be meeting again July 3 after the youth arrive and have settled in to their first host family. The youth arrive on June 29. I am still waiting for some of the tickets from the youth so I can plan the pickup arrangements. I will be asking the hosts for the first week to consider helping. The host family change over will be on July 10 at the North Buxton Community Park. Chatham Lions will be hosting the lunch for the youth and their hosts. Camp begins on July 20. We will be asking the hosts of the second term to bring their youth to the camp by 12 noon. Lunch will be provided at the camp for the youth and their hosts at 1 pm before the opening ceremony.

The camp schedule will include trips to

Sunday - Fort Malden in Amherstburg and Windsor River Cruise,

Monday – Canada’s Wonderland

Tuesday – Rondeau Park, with a guided walk and swimming.

Wednesday – Niagara Falls – dinner by Chippewa Lions

Thursday – Lions Foundation (Oakville) and Arkona Rock Glen.

Friday – (July 26) International Day – Host Families and Lions invited for dinner and closing ceremony.

Saturday – to the airport.

Thanks to the following clubs who will be providing meals and paying for some of the trips: Mt. Brydges Lions, Belmont Lions, Windsor Lioness, Glencoe Lions, Chippewa Lions, Strathroy Lions, St. Thomas Lions and Lambeth Lions.

And finally, because of some longer trips this year, our expenses will be somewhat more. If your club has not contributed to the Youth Exchange program, there is still time to do so.

Youth Exchange Outbound –PDG Ev Spiering reported Although we only have two students travel abroad this summer I did receive other enquiries and for whatever reason the students chose not to participate but the seed has been planted, this I am sure. One of the questions that have been reoccurring each time a student asks is “Can I travel with my friend?” My answer is always the same when applying to Youth Exchange program it is unlikely that a chair will take two students from the same area. This is a chance for our students to not only represent our District but to experience another culture, So when the clubs are being ask or looking for students please highlight the opportunity to meet new people, experience a different culture... who knows what doors or window will open. Information regarding the Youth Exchange Program can be found on the international web site at www.lionsclubs.org I had 3 students apply, but only 2 will be travelling this year. Anthony DiGiuseppe Sponsored by the Thorndale Lions Club will be travelling to Belgium and Julianna Schiller (Effective Speaking participant) sponsored by the

Delaware Lions club will be travelling to Portugal. Let's all wish them both safe travels and fun.

Motion by 2ND VDG John Johnston Seconded by IPDG Steve Mahovlich to accept the District Chairs reports. Carried

OLD BUSINESS

If your Lions Club is planning on making a donation to the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto please make cheques payable to: **DISTRICT A-1** and send to District Treasurer Eric Dolansky, 308 Homestead Court, London ON, N6G 2E9 don't forget to mark in the memo space Sick Kids Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion by 1ST VDG Bob Tanner Seconded by IPDG Steve Mahovlich That we adopt the LCI Standard Form District Constitution & ByLaws incorporating provisions of our existing District A-1 Constitution & ByLaws. Carried**
 - **Motion by IPDG Steve Mahovlich Seconded by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford that District A-1 re-institute the International Director Fund @ \$1.00 per member per year capped at \$25,000. Carried**
 - **Motion by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford Seconded by Z1 ZC Mary Drouillard that the District Secretary starts a Motion Book. Carried**
 - **Motion by IPDG Steve Mahovlich Seconded by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford that the District A-1 Policy Manual be updated by the Constitution & Bylaws committee as needed. Carried**
 - **Motion by Z6 ZC Joyce Doucet Seconded by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford to give \$9,000.00 as startup money for the District A-1 Youth Exchange Committee. Carried**
 - C0-Youth Exchange Inbound PZC Lion Curtis Marwood spoke on the District Policy on Police Clearance Certificates and stated in light of the time delays and costs of obtaining Police Clearance Certificates for the Youth Exchange Program, I would like to make the following recommendations that a policy be approved as follows:
 1. That all first time hosts be required to obtain a Police Clearance Certificate.
 2. That Lions or Volunteers who have not hosted the previous year be required to obtain a Police Clearance Certificate.
 3. That Lions or Volunteers who host consecutive years be required to obtain a Police Clearance Certificate every 5 years.
 4. That a valid Police Clearance Certificate for other agencies dated within the previous year of the beginning of the Youth Exchange Program be accepted for the District A-1 Lions Youth Exchange Program.
- Motion by 1ST VDG Bob Tanner Seconded by Z5 ZC Barb Tuxford to accept the 4 recommendations and to add this to the District A-1 Policy Manual. Carried**

- 1ST VDG Bob Tanner spoke on how hard it is to obtain a plum coloured jacket that the District Officers wear, so after some discussion; **Motion by 1ST VDG Bob Tanner Seconded by 2ND VDG John Johnston to change the colour of the District Officers jacket from plum to navy blue. Carried**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ June 16---St. Thomas Lions Club Father's Day Car Show
- ❖ June 19---Tecumseh-Lakeside Lions Club Draw
- ❖ June 21/21--- Lucan & District Lions Club Tractor Pull
- ❖ Sept. 14---Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club Poker Run
- ❖ Oct. 18--- Lambeth Lions Club Memory Box Fundraiser

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Wayne stated that MD "A" has had the largest increase of membership out of all the Multiple Districts in the Canada & the USA. Also Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has ok'd a \$75,000.00 Grant for the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Governor Wayne thanked everyone for attending the District Cabinet Meeting and the Tilbury Lions Club for hosting the fifth District Cabinet Meeting.

This meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
Submitted by,

Lion Ron Devos

District A-1
Cabinet Secretary