

**District A-1 District Meeting
February 9, 2014
Wyoming Lions Hall
Wyoming, Ontario**

Governor Bob Tanner acted as the chairperson with the following District Cabinet Officers in attendance:

IPDG Wayne Cudney	1 ST VDG John Johnston
2 ND VDG Mike Tuxford	CAB. SEC. Cheryl Schleihau
CAB. TREAS. ERIC DOLANSKY	ZONE 1 ZC Ron Rigney
ZONE 3 ZC Ron Reid	ZONE 4 ZC Doug Crockett
ZONE 5 ZC Trigger McLeod	

We received regrets from the following: ZONE 2 ZC Dan Nowlan; ZONE 6 ZC Don Geddy

Also in attendance were 10 Club Presidents, 7 Club Secretaries, 4 Treasurers, 38 Lions, and 3 Lioness which total to 59 Lions; 3 Lioness at the third District Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of "O CANADA" followed by the reading of Lions that have passed away since our last District Cabinet meeting by 1st VDG John Johnston followed by a minute of silence. Lion Eric Dolansky read the list of new Lions.

Governor Bob welcomed everyone in attendance and set protocol.

District Treasurer Lion Eric Dolansky.

Please find attached the financial statements for the District.

Jan 31, 14

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

10000 • District Account

10001 • Scotiabank District A-1 12,580.18

10010 • Effective Speaking 1,759.55

10015 • Hearing Awareness 400.00

10020 • Lake Joseph Transportation 883.33

10024 • Quest 750.00

10030 • Youth Exchange 2,865.05

Total 10000 • District Account 19,238.11

10040 • Cash 33.63

10055 • Scotiabank Effective Speaking 6,989.26

10060 • Royal Bank Lake Joseph Trans. 402.47

Total Chequing/Savings 26,663.47
Accounts Receivable
11000 • Accounts Receivable 1,368.00
Total Accounts Receivable 1,368.00
Total Current Assets 28,031.47
Fixed Assets
16000 • Long-Term Investments
16100 • GIC 1 10000000W7549 10,623.53
16200 • GIC 2 10000000PMBM2 16,336.57
16300 • GIC 3 10000000PMBNH 10,184.05
Total 16000 • Long-Term Investments 37,144.15
Total Fixed Assets 37,144.15
TOTAL ASSETS 65,175.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Equity
30000 • Opening Balance Equity 56,380.29
32000 • Unrestricted Net Assets 11,883.45
Net Income -3,088.12
Total Equity 65,175.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 65,175.62

Motion by Z4C Ron Reid 2nd by 1st VDG John Johnston that the treasurers report to accepted. Carried

DISTRICT CABINET SECRETARY REPORT:

Cabinet Secretary Cheryl reported the November 17, 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 Lion Eric Dolansky, Seconded by Zone 4 Chair Doug Crockett to adopt the minutes as printed and e-mailed. Carried**

Correspondence: Received a copy of 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford nomination and endorsement form for 1st VDG for 2014-2015.

Received a nomination and endorsement form from Lion Eric Dolansky for the position of 2nd VDG 2014-2015

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Officers Reports:

1st Vice District Governor's Report

Introduction;

- Thank Governor Bob
- Introduce myself and my Roles and Responsibilities.
- i.e.
 - o Report Directly to the Governor

- Work with Governor Bob & 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford and both of the Chairs of the Global Membership Team Lion George Croft and the Global Leadership Team Lion Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood.
- Primarily work with and Assist Zone Chairs Lion Jim Rigney of Zone 1, Lion Dan Nowlan of Zone 2 and Lion Ron Reid of Zone 3.
- With the chief objectives of;
 - Growing and maintaining membership within District A1 back to the June 30th 2013 membership level plus one percent by June 30th 2012.
 - Communicating to the membership Governor Bob's objectives for his year as Governor.
 - Exploring the possibilities through the Global Membership Team and the respective Zone Chairs of re-activating or starting new clubs in all zones. Some locations that come to mind LaSalle in Zone 1, Ridgetown in Zone 2, Aylmer in Zone 3, London North in Zone 4, Forest and Thedford in Zone 5 and the gold mine Watford, Corunna, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Alvinston, and Bothwell in Zone 6. And finally why not the reserves Muncie/Delaware, Ipperwash and Walpole Island?
 - Finding new members and developing new leaders among the current members of A1.
 - Work with Mike Tuxford to find replacement Zone Chairs ready to pick up the reins of leadership from any Zone Chairs who may be moving on.
- I will do this by;
- I have not been successful with the buy in of Zones to look at creating new clubs. However I have written that into my Governors goals with the OK of my soon to be 1st and 2nd VDG's the creation of 6 new clubs (1 per Zone) over the next 3 years.
- Therefore I will continue to work with the ZC's and RC's and encourage them to write into their objectives a strategy of how to re-activate or start a new club within their zone and regions.
- Currently we have 2 people that have advised me of their intentions to stay on in their positions leaving 4 Zones that need ZC's Zones 2, 3, 4 and 6.
- We have 3 people who have indicated that they would like to be Region Chairs.
- I am happy to say we have a candidate for 2nd VDG
- I have attended Zone Advisory Meetings in Zones 1, 3, 4, and 6. With meetings in Zone 2 on February 18th and Zone 5 on March 4th in Lucan.
- Have been promoting the District Rally but we need more people to either purchase more cub cars if their club does not have any (see Lion Barb) or register if you have a cub car and are planning to attend the Rally.

Respectfully Submitted.

Lion John Johnston

1st VDG District A1

2nd Vice District Governor's Report

Good morning at last cabinet meeting we had a well attended school of instruction I was so proud, I am hoping you and your clubs will join us in Sarnia at the convention for even more leadership this time with fun and hospitality

This year has been a great learning experience , I have the privilege of attending a leadership school in Chicago in early March this is with other 2nd Vice District Governors from North America, so I should learn a lot from everyone.

We have some of the best Zone Chairmen in Lions, attendance is up at Zone Meetings and they are kept interesting and informative...including installing new members...keep up the good work Zone Chairs.

As a District and in each Zone we need to keep on top of New Member Orientation and at least have one special get together annually for this purpose. I am open to suggestions on how we can best accomplish this.

Once again I am encouraging you to use my favourite two words "Just Ask" - someone to be a member, someone to come back who may have left your club, some to help with an event, or at a meeting.

Yours in Lionism 2nd VDG Lion Mike Tuxford

Zone 1--- Zone Chair Lion Jim Rigney

Just over half of this Lions year is complete.

This past Thursday ,the Lions of Zone 1 held our second Zone Advisory Meeting with a low attendance of the clubs due to it being Snow Bird Season!

A presentation was done by a member of our local OPP off ice on the Gandson Scam

District Governor Bob Tanner and 1st VDG John Johnston were also in attendance.

PDG Ron Devos is the new Representative for the Campaign for Leader Dog Kennels.

Zone 1 is looking into the Pedia Vision Device that quickly and easily detects vision issues across all age groups as its Zone project.

It is my hope that the last Zone Advisory Meeting to have all clubs in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Jim Rigney

Zone 1 Chair

Zone 2--- Zone Chair Dan Nowlan

Recognizing the fact that Lions Club activities tend to slow during the winter months, I am pleased to say that there has been activity within zone 2.

Based on reports submitted, there has been 13 events held raising more than \$3500 and donations have exceeded \$5000 over the period of October to present .

On the membership front , a few clubs have successfully attracted new members.

Congratulations go out to Kingsville adding 5 new members, Lighthouse Cove adding 3 new members and Tilbury adding 1 new member.

Unfortunately I must also report that over the current Lions year the zone membership has declined by 6 members.

Our next Zone Advisory meeting will be hosted by the Tilbury Club on February 18th.

Respectfully submitted

LION *Dan Nowlan*

Zone 3---Zone Chair Lion Ron Reid

My first order of business is to congratulate the Port Stanley Lions club for sponsoring a new Leo Club. The induction for the new Leo club will be held at the Boston Pizza in St Thomas Tuesday Feb.18th at 5pm. With this induction we will have 3 Leo clubs in Zone 3.

The last advisory meeting was held in St Thomas with all clubs attending and a great attendance by all clubs.

1st VDG John Johnston made a GMT presentation. Our Zone Project was decided on at this meeting. Our Project is to be, donations to Camp Timken, which is a local Scout Camp in need of funds after having been robbed of their outdoor equipment among other needs. Timken being a factory out of St Thomas was their main benefactor, the Scout camp lost their funding when Timken closed its doors

All Zone 3 club visits have been made. All clubs appear to be doing well. Membership is on every clubs priority list.

Dutton district Lions will be hosting our Zone district Euchre tournament on March 27th tentatively. We miss Lambeth being in our Zone so in good spirit we invited them back to join us in this tournament.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Ron Reid

Zone 4---Zone Chair Lion Doug Crockett

Membership: I had the of inducting 6 new members in the Hyde Park Lions Club in January and hopefully 2 more.

Fanshaw College Lions with the assistance of London Central Lions had a membership drive and have brought their up to 36.

Zone Project: We hope to finalize a Fund Raiser for Zone 4 clubs. A Trivia night for May 10th, at the Lambeth community Centre.

The Martins Home for the Hearing and Visually impaired was chosen as our Zone Project. It is made possible with the Purchases of Helen Keller awards across Ontario.

Web Site and Facebook: A member of the Louisiana Lions Club contacted the Lambeth Lions about a bench they had purchased for the local Library. The Lambeth club was able to provide them with the information they required to purchase their own bench. We are unsure as to which site they got our info from. So both site are valuable.

I submit

This report on behalf of Zone 4

LION DOUG CROCKETT

Zone 5---Zone Chair Lion "Trigger McLeod

Continuing my Club visits with in my Zone.

During my visit to Granton at their Breakfasr meeting I presented the club with a 35 year plaque.

Our 2nd Zone advisory meeting was held Feb.4, 2014 in Poplar Hill. I inducted two new members into the Ailsa Craig club. Our Zone project will be to help support the cost of surgery for a local child. 55 members in attendance at this meeting

Respectfully submitted

Z5C Lion Trigger McLeod

Zone 6---Zone Chair Lion Don Geddy

I have completed 4 Official Visits,

2nd Zone Advisory was held in Glencoe, with 68 in attendance, including Governor Bob and 1st VP John.

GLT Chair PDG Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood made a presentation on membership. Dinner was served “Dining in the Dark” style and Shoaib Mazhar CNIB Ambassador as guest speaker.

Next Zone Advisory scheduled for Strathroy; May 8th in Strathroy with plans for fun night being worked on.

The Clubs have made a variety of donations including Lions, and local causes and worked to assist a variety of causes, especially over the Christmas season.

Many different fund raisers are underway or have been completed including small raffles, Auctions, BBQ's, and Christmas Lights etc. Mt. Brydges reports they are near meeting their goal of raising \$150,000. to build a Splash Pad this spring.

All Clubs are working at improving membership. With latest figures showing net growth of 6 and several others with prospects and Cubs awaiting induction

Respectfully submitted
Lion Don

Motion by ZC1 Jim Rigney, Seconded by 2nd VDG Mike Tuxford to accept the District Officer's reports. Carried

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS

The following are the highlights from the District Chairs Reports:

Sight/Work with the Blind PDG John Ross

Governor Bob's dream to breathe life back into CNIB by raising money through toll roads is off to a slow start. To date we have two Lions Clubs, Leamington and Wyoming committed to have a Toll Road in their area for May 3, 2014, with a possible 2 more maybe's.

The information has been sent to Ryan Chin and he is working on getting the municipalities permission to stop traffic on the designated roads.

The monies raise will go to support Low Vision Clinics.

All help will be gratefully accepted and put to good use.

Respectfully Summited.

PDG Lion John Ross

Following PDG John Ross report was Lion Ryan Chin speaking on behave of the CNIB Lion Ryan thanked all who are attempting a Dinning in the Dark meal.

Environment Sandy Leadlay

I have sent out a letter to all clubs with a video link that you and your clubs should find interesting.

Here is the link http://youtu.be/7LLF_kC7JIE.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN CALL SANDY LEADLAY @ 519 268 7980 or STEVE SAUDER AT 519-451 2800 EXT 275
UPPER THAME RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.

BONNIE CAREY is the community relations coordinator for the LOWER THAMES VALLEY AUTHORITY.

BONNIE : can put you in contact with the Conservation person in your area.
You can reach Bonnie at Thames Valley Conservation Authority
RR#1 8849 Irish Drive
Mount Bridges Ont N0L 1W0
TEL: 519-264 2420
Email: Bonnie.Carrie@ltvca.ca

Cost per club approx \$500

I recommend that you try and set up your planting events for late April or early May.

They can help you with the trees needed, contact local Schools, set dates for planting, bring trees to the locations that they are to be planted and supply shovels for the kids that will help you plant the trees.

GREAT PEOPLE TO WORK WITH.

ENVIRONMENT was giving to me back last summer at the Cabinet meeting and I must apologize to all clubs about the PHOTO CONTEST.

I didn't know that it was part of my portfolio. I am asking all clubs to send in the environment pictures to me over the next few weeks and if you have sent them in the past please send again so that I make sure that I don't miss any.

With all the snow and Freezing rain that we have had we should be able to get some really wonderful pictures.

I will have a committee of Lions members review and we will put up the pictures at the April 4,5,&6 convention.

EVERYONE WILL GET A CHANCE TO VOTE FOR THE WINNERS AND THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED AT THE CONVENTION IN SARNIA.

Send pictures TO : SANDY LEADLAY

e-mail sleadlay@primus.ca

Respectfully submitted
Lions Sandy Leadlay

GMT Report to Cabinet,

We continue to work in support of Governor Bob achieving his goal of 1,300 members this Lion's year.

GMT Team members have appeared as guest speakers at the Zone Advisory meetings in Zones 1,4,5 and 6 last fall and 1st VDG John Johnston is scheduled to present the GMT message at the Zone 3 Advisory meeting in Pt. Stanley on Jan. 15th and PZC Sandy Leadlay represent the GMT Team at the Zone 2 Advisory meeting in Tilbury on Feb. 18th. Our handouts include copies of the Club Membership Chairperson's Guide, "Just Ask" booklet and "Membership Satisfaction Guide". Thanks to all Zone Chairs for their cooperation.

1st VDG John Johnston and PZC Sandy Leadlay, our GMT Club Development Team, have been working on identifying locations for potential Branch Clubs and following up re a potential new Campus Club at the University of Western Ontario.

I presented the Club Membership Chair training session in St. Thomas on November 17th – thanks to all Lions who made time in their busy schedules to attend. I will be doing a similar presentation on Saturday, April 5th, during our District convention.

Your GMT Team is ready to assist all clubs achieve their growth objectives, applying for CEP workshops and establishing new clubs, branch clubs and campus clubs this year.

Thank you Cabinet Secretary Cheryl for reading this report during my absence on vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion George Croft, District GMT Coordinator

GLT Report for February 6, 2014



“Great minds together great leaders tomorrow” (A 15)

Governor Bob,

After the last District Cabinet Meeting, the Learn to Lead sessions for the Presidents, Vice Presidents Treasurers Membership Chairs & Club Secretaries, went well with a good attendance. The evaluations were very positive.

Topic	Lead Presenter	Assistant	
President & VPs	Lion John Johnston	IPDG Wayne	
Secretary	Lion Jacqui Flood	Lion Cheryl Schleihau	
Treasurer	Lion Eric Dolansky	Lion Sondra Sasse	
Membership Chairs	Lion George Croft	Lion Grant Oliver	

For the convention there will be 11 one hour sessions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair,
Some topics suggested:

Topic	Lead Presenter	Assistant
Web Site (2hrs)		
Fundraising		
Eat that Frog		
Tail Twisting made Fun		
Public Speaking		
Meet the PID		
Ask		

The GLT has been promoting the CEP at the Zone Advisory Meetings.
Hopefully, we receive some clubs interest in enhancing their club.

The date for the Certified Guiding Lion session has not been booked yet. Waiting for better weather as well as looking for members interested in becoming a CGL.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Jacqui Flood PDG
GLT Coordinator

BREAK FOR 'EYES RIGHT' ANNUAL MEETING.

L.C.I.F. PDG DonMcKessock

My report to you will focus on 3 numbers

LCIF has formed a partnership with GAVI , a Global Alliance to improve children's health through improved access to vaccinations. Through this partnership 450,000,000 children will receive immunization against childhood diseases, including measles – rubella . This is to be achieved by the end of 2017 – with \$30,000,000 raised by Lions and working in partnership with WHO, Unicef, Red Cross, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and others. This is the power of Lions working together through LCIF.

The second number (15) is the number of District A-1 Clubs that have contributed to LCIF this year. It makes me feel extremely happy to report this number.. it is already more than double the number of Clubs donating to LCIF in any of the last 5 years and we are just \$100's from our \$12,000 goal! Thank-you Lions. There is still a challenge – there are still more than 30 Clubs who have not yet donated to LCIF this year.

The third number is 1. That number represents one Lion. It is a small number, but it is the number that makes the previous two numbers a reality! This is the magic of LCIF. Lions working together can make a huge difference.

So Lions, we still have more work to do - this will only happen if you take the time to learn more about LCIF

You can peruse the LCIF page on the A-1 website to get more information – but I really would like to talk with your zone or club.

Note that donations to our Canadian Arm of LCIF “Canada Fund for LCIF” is tax deductible for donations of 20\$ or more.

Thank-you for this small measure of your time and for the generosity of your service.
Respectfully submitted.

Lion Don McKessock
District A-1 LCIF Chair

HEARING AND WORK WITH THE DEAF REPORT FEB 9, 2014

A new home for people who are deaf/blind has been built in Northwest London. The home is operated by Deaf Blind Ontario which operates another home for people who are deafblind in London. That home was purchased by the Lions and Lioness clubs of MDA through Lions Homes for Deaf People

The new home cost in excess of \$700,000 and was paid for by provincial and municipal governments and Lions Homes for Deaf People

The 4 clients in Lions Martin House come from various places in Ontario and one of them is from London.

The staff are fully trained “intervenors” who are the eyes and the ears of the clients.

Annie Sullivan was Helen Keller’s “intervenor”.

Upon first seeing the home, one thinks it is just another home in the subdivision. Within the exterior, is a home specifically designed to meet the needs of the clientele. Can you imagine trying to wake up and get people who can’t see or hear and get them out of a burning building in the middle of the night? That is why the home has its own fire hydrant, sophisticated fire prevention/retardant system that meets every possible code.

There is a 47 minute fire delay throughout the building.

Since the causes of loss of vision and hearing are also the same causes of mental retardation, heart defects, physical disabilities,etcetera, some of our clients have disabilities in addition to their deafness and blindness. The home has a fully completed basement area to make excellent use of the building. To make this work, there is an elevator between the basement and main floors.

Hallways are very wide with “trailing rails” they can use to move about the building.

Lambeth Lions provided \$2500 to pay for the appliances

Lambeth Lions recently got out their carpentry tools and built receptacles for garbage and recycling at LMH. PDG Lion Dale Taylor can enlighten you on this project.

Each client has his/her own bedroom.

Total staff complement is 15 fully trained intervenors (some full time and others part time).

Staffing varies throughout the day according to the needs of the clients including up staff throughout the night.

The Lions clubs of Zone 4 have decided to make LMH the recipient of their Zone Project for this Lions’ year.

The official opening of LMH will take place during the month of June. The exact date and time is not available as DBO has to coordinate that date with provincial, municipal and Lions officials. Once that date is determined, invitations will be sent out.

Lions Martins Home is an outstanding example of how the Lions, Lioness and Leos of Multiple District “A” are meeting the empowering statements of Helen Keller when she challenged us to be “Knights of the Blind”. Helen Keller wasn’t blind. She was deaf/blind like the clients we serve.

You should also be aware that through the efforts of Lions Homes for Deaf People, we have Lions McInnis Home in Brantford which serves 14, Lions Mercel Home in London which serves 5 clients and now, Lions Martins Home in London which serves 4 clients

with the potential to serve 5. All of this is possible because of the financial support provided by the Lions, Lioness and Leos of Multiple District "A". One of the major ways LHDP raises the monies required for its many projects is through the purchase of Helen Keller Fellowships. The support of District A-1 will assist LHDP in retiring the \$188,000 mortgage we have on the home.

I would encourage all Lions to award Helen Keller Fellowships in their clubs, I have a list of clubs who contributed last year with me if you need any information and you can go to www.deafblindontario.com to see Martin House.

Hope to see some of you in June at the dedication of Martin House in London, it is well worth the visit to see our Lions dollars at work.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Barb Tuxford, PZC
Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Chair

District A-1 Constitution & By-laws Committee Report

Just to re-cap, during the last Lions' year, Cabinet directed that a thorough review of the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws be conducted to ensure that all provisions remain valid, organized and in accordance with the Lions Clubs International (LCI) Constitution and By-laws.

Following a review, it was discovered that some District A-1 constitutional provisions were inconsistent with current District A-1 policies and practices.

After the matter was further reviewed by the Research & Long Range Planning Committee, a recommendation was made to Cabinet, by that Committee, to restructure the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws, using the LCI Standard Form District Constitution and By-laws as the model.

A draft District A-1 Constitution & By-laws was then developed in the 'Standard Form' and presented to Cabinet for review and comment, in August 2013.

By adopting the Standard Form, any changes would automatically be reflected in the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws. (Changes are adopted by the LCI Board of Directors during their meeting at the LCI annual convention.) This action is in accordance with Section 2 of Article IX of the proposed revised A-1 Constitution and Bylaws.

The review was conducted by Cabinet and modifications were suggested that would allow for the positions of Region Chairpersons (when used) and Zone Chairpersons to continue to be elected positions rather than being appointed as provided by the LCI Standard Form. Those changes were incorporated in the final draft.

Also some minor revisions to Article VIII - 'Dispute Resolution Procedures', which were included in the latest LCI Standard Form District Constitution are also included in this final draft.

The final draft being presented today contains comments, in italics, at the start of the pertinent section, along with the rationale for the change.

The revised document does not eliminate any existing rules governing the operation of District A-1, but does add some provisions that are essentially procedural in nature. Some of the changes that you will note under the new format include:

- Some re-wording of the existing provisions of the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws
- Moving some of the provisions currently contained in the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws to the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual
- The addition of some new provisions to the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws. The additional provisions would include Dispute Resolution procedures, proper amending procedures, and automatic update in accordance with amendments adopted by the LCI Board of Directors

The final draft also includes necessary modifications, highlighted in yellow, to the Standard Form to adapt to District A-1 procedures.

Since changes would be inserted automatically when using the Standard Form, the proposed District A-1 Constitution and By-laws would be much easier to maintain and update. The revisions and amendments would be also inserted in a much more organized and timely fashion. The Standard Format would also ensure that the District A-1 Constitution and By-laws is always consistent with LCI policy.

I recommend that Cabinet entertain a resolution as follows:

1. That the attached proposed Standard Form Constitution, as revised, be circulated to each club in District A-1 in accordance with By-law VI of the current Const & Bylaws, which reads as follows:

Section 2. Proposed amendments to the Constitution or proposals for District A-1 projects shall be in writing and in the hands of the Cabinet Secretary not less than sixty (60) days prior to the official opening date of the Annual District A-1 Convention.

Section 3. No amendments shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing by the Cabinet Secretary to each Club not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Annual A-1 Convention with notice that the same will be voted on at said Convention.

2. That the circulation to each club also be accompanied by a copy of this report, or relevant portions, to provide further explanation of the proposal.

3. That the ballot presented to delegates at the Annual Convention state, "The document entitled "District A-1 Constitution and By Laws under the jurisdiction of District "A" and Lions Clubs International, revised and amended April 15th 2012" be repealed in its entirety and replaced by the document entitled, "District A-1 Constitution and By-Laws", adopted in accordance with LCI Standard District Constitution, official publication of Lions Clubs International, LA 4 7 13, as Revised July 9, 2013."

4. If approved, by voting delegates at the Annual District A-1 Convention, provisions that are removed from the existing District A-1 Constitution and By-laws be transferred to the District A-1 Policy and Procedures 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 as required, with the approval Cabinet.

5. That the District A-1 Constitution & By-laws Committee be responsible to maintain and update the District A-1 Policy and Procedures Manual.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Bill Sasse, PDG
Chair, Constitution and By-laws Committee

A telephone vote was taken by 1ST VDG John Johnston regarding the perspective changes to the Constitution. This was followed up by requesting each Cabinet member to email Lion John their vote.

**The motion was read by Gov. Bob that the Cabinet supported the vote to put forth the changes to the clubs for their vote at the District Convention April 4-6, 2014.
(One Cabinet member voted NO. Motion was carried)**

International Convention PDG Bill Sasse

The 2014 International Convention in Toronto is fast approaching. In less than 5 months, the Lions of MDA, the official host of the convention, will welcome tens of thousands of Lions from across the globe to celebrate at our international convention. But, there is still much work to be done in preparing for this exciting event.

We can support this venture in 3 ways including:

1. register to attend the convention
2. provide financial support
3. volunteering

1. Attending the Convention

The convention offers an ideal setting to reunite acquaintances and make new friends. Attendees learn about other club and district projects. Those who attend make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters. Convention-goers can look forward to an inspiring week of business and pleasure, as we unite to shape the future of our great association. Festivities include our own amazing culturally diverse International Parade of Nations, along with informative and interesting seminars, lively plenary sessions, the gala International Show, and the election of LCI's 2014-2015 International President.

Just a reminder, up to the date of the convention, volunteers will be able to register at the early bird rate of \$110.

2. Financial Support

Funding is required to host this event. Many Clubs have been generous in their response to the appeal for financial assistance. Clubs that have not yet donated are asked to consider a donation. The campaign for private donations also continues.

Tickets are still available for use of the Molson box at the Air Canada Center for a game between the Leafs and the Red Wings on Saturday, March 29, 2014. The draw will be held March 1, 2014. The winner receives 10 seats in the Molson's box, 5 rooms at the Royal York and dinner at the Hot Stove lounge.

3. Volunteers

Fifty (50) volunteers are required from District A-1. 22 Members have volunteered to date, so we are not yet half way to our target. Volunteers can seek more reasonable accommodations and use the public transit systems to travel to the Convention activities. If going for a day, volunteers may wish to park and use the GO train. City transit and GO trains go to Union station which is only a short walk to the Convention Center and the Air Canada Center where most activities take place.

All volunteers will be provided with special Convention vests for identification.

Some volunteers are asking about dress for the parade. Dress remains the same – safari shirt, white pants and white shoes. Some Lions might have safari shirts that they will not be using and could make them available to members that do not have a shirt. As hosts, MDA will be last in the parade. Lions with host convention vests can follow after the MDA official dress group if they wish. The safari shirt may be worn any time during the convention and serves to identify you as a Lion of the host Multiple District.

You may register to volunteer by filling out the application in the brochure, that was distributed, and either return it to me or to the address indicated in the brochure. You may also register online at lionsconvention2014.ca website. The Volunteer form can be found at lionsconvention2014.ca/committee/forms/VolunteerForm.php.

The brochure lists the various duties that volunteers will be asked to perform. Sergeant-at-Arms is an example of a duty that may appeal to many. It is not a security duty as the name may seem to imply. The Sergeant-at-Arms position provides support for LCI at the Metro Toronto Convention Center and the Air Canada Center. Sergeant-at-Arms volunteers will also experience some of the core events at an International Convention

while giving directions, keeping lines moving, answering questions, monitoring campaign display guidelines and general crowd management.

Volunteer Accommodation

The MD 'A' designated hotels are the Cosmopolitan and the Intercontinental, which are located very close to the convention centre. There has been considerable discussion and concern expressed for the need to arrange for less costly accommodations for volunteers. Negotiations will be ongoing with various sites and LCI.

Shirts & Pins

Souvenir convention pins and shirts continue to be available for purchase. The golf shirts, with the 2014 Convention logo, are available here at a cost of \$40, including tax, and come in red, black or light green in both men's and women's sizes.

We also have convention pins available @ \$5 each. There is a series of 3 pins (mini, medium & larger pin). The complete set may be purchased for \$12.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Bill Sasse, PDG
Host Committee A-1 Ambassador
2014 LCI Convention, Toronto

Lions Camp Dorset Report Feb.9, 2014

I am glad to report that the gator has been purchased and with a couple more clubs donating we're able to put a lift kit on the dump box. Governor Bob and I were going to deliver it to the camp on January 30 but due to weather and road conditions up north it was recommended by our Camp Manager Steve Woolman to wait 2 or 3 weeks until the conditions improve.

The week of June 13 – 20 2014 at the camp is what I call Sun, Fun & Bug week. Where else can you go where you get a free cottage, two meals a day and the fun of sharing time with other Lions, Lioness, Leos and other volunteers that go up to the Camp to get it ready for the dialysis families for the summer.

There are a variety of jobs available suited to all ages and talents. It is not all work and no play as we have fishing, swimming in the lake or indoor pool, Tennis courts, basketball and hopefully our new permanent mini golf will be ready.

So please check out our website and sign up for our Sun, Fun & Bug Work Week

Respectfully Submitted:
Lion Barry Burn

LIONS QUEST REPORT
CABINET MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2014

At the start of this Lions' year, DG Lion Bob and I visited the executive office of Lions Quest Canada. Following the upheaval at Quest, we strongly felt, as I know many of you did too, that many concerns and questions needed to be addressed.

We were warmly welcomed and many answers and explanations were forthcoming. We were assured that safeguards were in place to avoid further serious financial issues. However, there still exists some disconnect between the head office and what is expected, how Lions Quest functions and what type of support is available from head office.

Interestingly, while we were speaking with the executive director, a member of the team was preparing to fly out west, to Fort McMurray Alberta, where they continue to have a working relationship with an oil company. The specifics of this relationship were not clearly explained but did seem to be an ongoing partnership and a mutually rewarding one as well.

Also while there, we learned that Lions Quest Canada had received funding from LCIF. This funding is earmarked for sponsoring community workshops throughout MDA. These community workshops are a way of Lions Quest to present their program to the community at large, with the intent of peaking interest amongst the general public. Perhaps now with the LCIF funding, program material may be readily available for distribution - something that has been sorely lacking in the past.

Notably District A-1 has been selected to receive a portion of these funds (up to \$2000) to offset the expense of hosting a Lions Quest community- based workshop. We also have money in our District A-1 Lions Quest account that could be earmarked for a workshop.

DG Lion Bob and I are now in the process of securing a Lions club, within our district, to host a Lions Quest community workshop. Any Lions, Leo or Lioness Club interested or perhaps interested in forming a partnership to promote a workshop?

While attending MDA Council meetings in Toronto, I have had the pleasure of interacting with MDA Lions Quest Chair, Lion Charles Liddle. Notably, I learned that my concerns regarding Lions Quest were neither exclusive nor new. I was able to develop a rapport and entered into a dialogue with a fellow Lion who was keen to listen. We exchanged ideas, including my own unique Lions Quest PowerPoint presentation. Through interaction with other Lions, I have learned that some districts approach the program differently, in their own distinctive way. One district has even promoted the program at the kindergarten level.

I sincerely hope that continued interaction with interested parties will generate new, effective ways of implementing this worthwhile program in our district.

I thank both DG Lion Bob and 1st VDG Lion John for their continued support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted
PZC Lion Sondra Tilley Sasse

Lions District A1 Youth Exchange - Feb 9, 2014

Governor Bob, Lions:

In November, I knew I was not going to be able to attend the meeting, but I had intended to send a report to the secretary to read. However, I was somewhat preoccupied with preparing for my trip to Palestine/Israel and did not get it done.

In October, the YE team met to begin planning for next year. We prepared a tentative schedule of activities for the Camp. We considered a list of items for a wish list. I met with the MD'A' Youth Exchange chairs in Markham and we confirmed the dates for the program (June 28-July 26).

Although the information for the 2014 International YE Directory had been completed by the end of October, it was lost in cyber-space and did not get posted until January. After I sent the information to the International chairs in mid January, the requests for places have been coming in. I have also sent a memo to clubs with the program details and requests for host families. I sent a request on Friday to former host families asking if they would be able to host again this year. I have received commitments from 2 families.

I have received requests for 17 places from 13 countries/Districts. I have received 5 applications. I just sent another letter to International YE Districts who had requested places to invite them to send their applications. Although we are behind schedule from last year, I am expecting some replies soon. We moved the dates up this year. I asked for host families by February 15 and told the sending chairs that we hoped to confirm applications by March 1. We set these dates so that I could assure the youth that I would have a host family for them in time for them to make their plans early. I also committed to you that I would only accept the number of youth for whom I have host families. Therefore, I am asking those who might be thinking about hosting this year to let me know soon.

I am sure that you all believe this is a worthwhile program. I trust that you will do your best to encourage Lions and friends to agree to be host Families, but we need to ask them to make a decision soon. The email has a simple on-line form to do that. The long application form can be filed later. And remember that if you hosted last year, or have a Police Clearance Certificate from another service activity, you don't need another one this year.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Curtis Marwood.

District A1 Lions Youth Exchange Wish List

Item	Number	Estimated Cost	Description
Tents	5	\$150.00+/-	Large enough to accommodate 2 persons, standing up, with a vestibule
Mattresses	20		Foam, 4" thick, firm, single bed size
Pillows/slips	30		Standard size
Blankets	20		Double size
Towels	20		Bath size

Large tubs	5	Large size \$30. approx. Available at Canadian Tire	For storage of sleeping bags, towels, pillows, blankets
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Convention A-1 PDG Ev Spiering

District A-1 Convention will be held at the Holliday Inn in Sarnia on April 4-6, 2014
Planning is well under way.

PDG Steve Mahovlich is responsible for registration forms are available on the A-1
website.

Please book your rooms directly with the Hotel.

PDG Don McKessock is responsible for the Memorial Service on the Sunday at the
Convention. If your club has lost a member during this Lions year, please provide Don
with a picture of them and their years of service as a Lion.

EFFECTIVE SPEAKING

PDG Evelyn Spiering reported some of the dates at the club level.

The District speak-off is March 2nd in Chatham starting at 1pm. Please come and support
the speakers.

The MDA speak-off is in London at the 4Point Sheraton on Wellington Rd on May 31,
2014 starting at 9am.

District A-1 Lions' Lake Joseph Centre Transportation Project Chairman Lion Peter W. B. Best

February 9, 2014

<p>Objective: <i>To provide safe, convenient, low-cost transportation to and from the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre for blind, deaf/blind, visually impaired, their escorts and dog guides</i></p>

I regret and apologize that I cannot be present to present this report in person, as
I am attending to some important personal business, however I would like to
assure you that I have been actively involved with getting this season's
Transportation underway,

Camp dates have been set for Sunday August 17 to Saturday August 23. The
period was switched from previous July to August so that our campers could
enjoy a more active session.

I have received confirmation that Elaine will accompany me again this year to assist on the trip. She has experience working with many of our campers and she is well liked and appreciated.

I have been in contact with several of our campers, and with this weather they are even more excited about making their summer plans. There has been interest expressed from some new potential campers.

After sending out for charter quotes, Batter Bus Lines was by far the best price. I have forwarded the paper work to our District treasurer to forward our charter requests along with a deposit to secure our coaches.

We have a 30 bed reservation that is valid until February 28, 2014. We are currently 2/3 full. I have sent out reminder emails to past campers to inform them of the application deadline, urging them to not delay. Several phone calls will have to be made to those that do not have email. I have made arrangements for those who need assistance filling out their applications.

There remains a number of details to be worked out with the camp that will be resolved as we move along.

I will have more details in my next report.

I have asked our District Secretary to distribute my fund request for your support to keep this project rolling. The benefit of your generosity enables those with vision challenges an opportunity to participate in activities that would not otherwise be available to them.

This project is service that creates smiles, laughter and joy.

YIL Thank you, once again for giving me the opportunity to be part of this valued service to the blind and visually impaired in our great District, and I hope you are proud of what we do and will continue your generous support.

***“If they can’t get there, they
can’t benefit”***

This project is our opportunity to serve. *Thank you for your support.*
District A-1 Chairman Lion Peter Best



peterbest@sympatico.ca or by phone 519 944-5595

We Serve

Lion Peter requested the deposit of \$400 be paid to the Bus company transporting the clients to and from the Camp.

Motion by Lion Doug Crockett 2nd by Lion Ron Reid to pay the Deposit for the Lake Joe Transportation. Carried

Governor Bob, fellow Lions

Congratulations to the Port Stanley Lions Club for making the Port Stanley Leos Club the 5th Leo Club in District A1. Congratulations again, job well done. Leos can be found assisting their sponsor club or elsewhere in their community with bingo, movie nights, fundraising events or assisting with Lion's functions.

The big challenge is to maintain memberships as these Leos go off to college, university or other ventures.

I look forward to meeting more Leos at future events and at the convention. So congratulations again to Port Stanley.

Respectfully submitted Lion Bob Book
Leo Chairperson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Lion Gayle Cudney reported the St Thomas Lions are hosting the MDA 2014 Effective Speaking Event in London on May 31, 2014.

Lion Gayle Cudney requested help from the District with a donation of \$2000 seed money to cover the cost of lunch for the Judges, plus gifts, as our club volunteered to do this event, we do not want to our club in jeopardy over this. We are also looking for Volunteers that day. So if you can help, please let me know. We would also like to use the Cabinet flags, International flags, sound system and Banner.

Submitted by Lion Gayle Cudney

After much discussion

A motion by Z4C Doug Crockett 2nd by Z3C Ron Reid that the District donate \$2000 to MDA Effective Speaking Host Committee. Monies to be taken from our District Effective Speaking account.

CARRIED

DRAWS

The 50/50 Draw for \$128.50 was won by Lion Max Hoffman of the Belmont Lions Club.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

PDG Dale Taylor asked if there had been any discussion regarding changing our Zones. Discussion on this topic will be turned over to the Long Range Planning committee

Clubs please consider buying someone in your club a Helen Keller Award. All monies raised goes toward building the new Home for the Deaf in London.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING REMARKS

Governor Bob then thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Including the District Lioness President Joyce Leal, Lioness Roemary Kennedy and Lioness Sherry Wismer

The next District Meeting will be held April 5, 6, 2014 in Sarnia during the District A-1 Convention

This meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. Motioned by 1st VDG John Johnston
Submitted by,

Cheryl

Cabinet Secretary

Lion Cheryl Schleihau