Cabinet Meeting

North Rustico Lions Club

November 20, 2011

Cabinet meeting was called to order by DG Gerard at 11:00 with the singing of national anthems. Moment of silence was observed for deceased Lions and for world peace. Lions invocation led by Lion Keith Small.

Moved by Lion Dale Carter for the approval of the agenda with changes in the order. Seconded by Lion Gerry Forsythe. Motion carried.

DG Gerard introduced 1st speaker Ted Grant. He gave a presentation on Mikinduri Children of Hope. This project is for the people of Kenya and helping to improve their living conditions. He is looking for support from our district to build a building for ongoing service. Excellent presentation.

ZC Arline Hachey introduced 2nd speaker of the day from CNIB. She spoke on CNIB and the services provided. Another excellent presentation.

Lions broke for lunch.

DG Gerard felt that the district was making headway with the GMT/GLT programs and with the Club Excellent program.

Head table was introduced by DG Gerard. He asked that all PDGs stand and be recognized. He also recognized Leos, Lioness, and Lionettes. Host King Lion Jason Doucette welcomed everyone to North Rustico. He hoped everyone had a good time at the meet and greet. He thanked the district for the opportunity to host the cabinet meeting.

1st VDG Stewart thanked North Rustico Lions for the meet and greet. He said the presentation on Camp Triumph was excellent. He thanked the Lionettes for the great supper and hoped they did well with their fundraiser.

2nd VDG Lucio reminded everyone to work on inviting a new member.

Auditors Report: Lion John Murray gave his report and stated that accurate reporting of the dues collected was an absolute necessity for budgeting. He gave some recommendations for the district as the practices of the financial situation in our district needs to be changed or we will run out of money. His recommendations: --

==form a financial committee with former auditor, present auditor (as a consultant), CST, and one or two other members. This group should be responsible to ensure that reasonable accounting practices are being maintained on a regular basis. Also the committee should be formed ASAP.

* A financial report should be ongoing to show account activity.
* The Auditor is a consultant to the CST and DG.

Moved by Lion John Murray to accept the Auditors Report. Seconded by Lion Susan Sangster. Motion carried. DG Gerard thanked Lion John for his excellent report.

CST Report: Roll call summation of 76 Lions in attendance.

Moved by CST Bev to accept minutes of previous Cabinet Meeting with correction of the proceeds of the sales of the CD going to Autism. Seconded by ZC John Murray. Motion carried.

CST Bev gave financial update. Budget was presented with changes to indicate we don’t use balance forward as part of our revenue for the year. This should be a separate item outside the budget report. Another change is the cost of the MJF for outgoing DG will be no cost this year as we have accumulated funds for the district which should be used. We added DGE spouse expenses of $1000.00 as per policy that was approved last April. ZC expenses were changed to $100.00 and asked that ZC submit an expense sheet as well as the other district executive. The money in the budget for the 2 Grants was reviewed and according to LCI we need to submit a new proposal by Nov. 30th to spend this money or return it. It was also suggested that if a club made a donation to LFC Memorial Forest for a PDG that they should let the CST, LFC Directors and the LFC Chair know. The club could be reimbursed if they wish so it is not duplicated. Moved by CST Bev to accept the budget for 2011-12. Seconded by ZC Paul Babin. Motion carried.

DG Gerard spoke about the recommendations from the Auditor for a finance committee. Moved by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick for the district to appoint a finance committee. Seconded by PCC Rod Wright. Motion carried.

Chair Reports:

Alert Program—Lion Gerry Forsythe to work on a proposal for the grant money. Has to be in to LCI by Nov. 30th.

CDA NB Liaison—Lion Harold Borden submitted report for filing. Next year Tag Day is one week earlier. Diabetes is on the rise. In NB children under 18 are going to be able to get insulin pumps covered. Children over 18 will depend on their parent’s income.

Constitution & Bylaws—PDG Bob Kirkpatrick said that Lion Jim Aucoin will be a vice chair. He said the district needs more clarification on the expense of the DGE spouse. It should say up to $1000.00 and the cabinet decide on the amount. He said if anyone has changes to be made to contact him by Dec. 31st.

Elections—Lion Don Smith submitted a report for filing. He said it is not too late to be thinking about a district position. He encouraged Lions to think about leadership positions.

Environment—PDG Claude LeBlanc has challenged the members to plant trees. DG would like to reach a goal of 400 trees. This would be about 5 trees/club.

GLT—Lion Doug Small says Faculty Institute is in Ottawa on Mar. 9-12/12. He has information and forms. The Club Excellent Program has trainers who will be ready in Jan. And they will be available throughout the district to help the clubs. Leadership is redoing the way to train club officers. They are trying to make the information more accessible and workable for clubs.

Eye glasses—13,000 pairs of glasses are ready to be shipped this week by Lion Gary Rideout.

Hearing and Speech—Lion Don Spense is getting some reports from clubs on their activity in this program. He will have a report next newsletter on hearing loss and dementia.

LCIF—Lion Norah commented on the presentation done earlier and this shows us what our LCIF money can do. Moved by Lion Norah that the Lions of the district support the application to LCIF for a total grant of $40,000.00 for the Mikinduri project and to partner with the Lions club in Nairobi. Seconded by Lion Doug Cook. Motion carried. She also informed us that you will now be able to get a tax receipt for individuals, businesses when donating to LCIF.

LFC Chair—Lion Mary Small thanked the Lions for purchasing $1300.00 worth of merchandize this weekend. She will have the certificates for those who participated in a Dog Walk this year. There was an error in them so she will present them in Feb. She also has a video on how to do a Walk if anyone is interested.

LFC PEI Director—Director Bev mentioned that LFC can use Canadian tire money to buy a lot of small items for the dogs that they use in training. She has 2 Lions from PEI who have submitted a resume for the Director for 2012-15. These both Lions are in good standing and have been involved with LFC in some manner. A vote by secret ballot for Lion David Blanchard and Lion Doug Cook. Lion Don Smith and ZC Terry Kavanagh will count the ballots. Lion Doug Cook has been elected. Moved by Director Bev to accept Lion Doug Cook as the incoming Director for PEI. Seconded by Lion Jason LaMott. Motion carried. Moved by Director Bev to destroy the ballots. Seconded by PDG Carl. Motion carried.

Lions Quest—Lion Susan Sangster encouraged members to go back to their clubs and promote this program in their schools. If you need assistance contact Lion Susan.

Newsletter—Lion Susan NEEDS your stuff to make the newsletter. Send it to her anytime so she will have it.

Peace Poster Contest & Youth—Lion Jim Aucoin had 5 posters on display and turned them over to DG. He has a new form that should help clubs with the required information. The kits are available at the first of the year to get them to the schools early for the start of the school year. There is not much time in Sept. to get schools ready. He challenged the clubs to order these kits and get involved. He has information on forming a LEO Club and if anyone needs help to let him know.

Speak-out—PDG Boyd said it’s early but come the first of the year time is short. He encouraged Lions to get out to their schools and get involved.

Pins—Lion Paul has pins and is selling constantly.

ZC Liaison—PCC Rod had 6 ZC present with reports handed in. They discussed Camp Triumph which is located on PEI and felt it was a worthwhile project. Info can be found on line at camptriumph.ca. It is a camp for young people whose lives are disrupted with illness at home of another family member. It is about $400.00 for one to go to camp. The ZC reported all the activities in their zones and in the communities. He mentioned if anyone has pop tabs to save them for a young man who is collecting them for his friend who needs a wheelchair. Send them to Barkers Point Lions Club and they will be passed on.

Old Business: Curling is Feb. 25th in Mirimichi. Letters going out to the clubs.

New Business: Moved by PCC Rod to draw up a proposal to spend $3333.33 on PR. Seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

Moved by Lion Gerry Forsythe to draw up a proposal to spend $2324.97 for Alert Program. Seconded by Lion Jim Aucoin. Motion carried.

Dates to remember: Curling Feb. 25/12 in Mirimichi: Cabinet Meeting Feb. 26/12 in Mirimichi.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

CST Bev Semple