

District N-1 Annual Convention Minutes
Newcastle Lions Club
April 25-27 2014

April 26th

Meeting was called to order at 9:15am with the singing of the Canadian National Anthem followed by The American National Anthem.

The Lions Invocation was led by District Governor Lucio Cordisco, followed by a moment of silence for our lost Lions.

Lion Terry Kavanagh moved the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Lion Jamie Penton followed by the Introduction of the Head Table.

Newcastle Lions Club President Joseph Coughlan welcomed the Lions to Newcastle and Lion Paul Matheson; Convention Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Convention.

DG Lucio addressed the Lions with the assistance of Lion Marc Cormier as interrupter. DG Lucio welcomed the club officers to the training schools and all to the Convention.

1st VDG Susan Sangster addressed the Lions welcoming them to the convention and the training.

2nd VDG Doug Small thanked the Lions that participated in the fundraising event for his home club of Pickwauket. 2nd VDG Doug assured all that he is looking forward to serving the Lions next year and wished all Lions a good weekend.

PID Horvath brought greetings from International President Palmer, thanked DG Lucio for inviting him to take part in our District Convention.

Lion Dale Carter Election Chair gave a nomination report and called for nominations from the floor for 2nd Vice District Governor for 2014-2015. PCST Gerry Forsythe nominated Lion Dale Carter, who declined and Lion Terry Kavanagh nominated Lion Brennan Beaumont from Riverview Lions Club, seconded by Lion Brian Kingston. Lion Brennan accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Zone Chair for Zone 1 no nominations.

Zone 2 Lion Paul Gauthier nominated by Lion Jerry Hartz seconded by PDG Gerard Hartigan, Lion Dawn Penton nominated by Lion Jamie Penton seconded by 2nd VDG Doug Small ` election to follow.

Zone 3 Lion Paul Cousins nominated by Lion Jamie Penton seconded by Lion Jerry Hartz, no further nominations Lion Paul accepted.

Zone 4 No nominations

Zone 5 Lori Snyder nominated PCST Gerry Forsythe, Lion Dave Windsor seconded and after trying to confuse the Elections Chair PCST Gerry accepted.

Zone 6 Lion Terry Kavanagh nominated but refused, Lion Marc Cormier nominated by Lion Krista Wilson seconded by Lion John Allain, Lion Marc accepted

Zone 7 Lion Merrilyn nominated

Zone 8 No Nominations

Zone 9 No Nominations

Zone 10 No Nominations, PDG Denzil declined nomination.

Zone 11 Lion Anna Mae Basque elected by Zone

Zone 12 no nominations, Lion Donna Flude was nominated however not in attendance to accept.

Zone 13 Lion Don Doran elected in his Zone

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At 10:50 meeting was adjourned to attend officers' training schools.

Presidents training presented by Lion Heather MacDonald

Secretaries training presented by Lion Paul Cousins

Treasurers training presented by PDG Gerard Hartigan

Membership training presented by PCST GMT Gerry Forsythe

Zone Chair training presented by Lion Brennan Beaumont

Recess for lunch

Speakout at 1:30pm

Information Session with PID Horvath

Sunday April 27th

The meeting reconvened directly after the Necrology Service at 9:45am

The head table was introduced and a call for a motion to close certification of delegates. The motion was made by PDG Denzil and seconded by motion carried.

CST Stewart completed roll call with 118 Lions present representing 28 clubs.

CST reminded that Lion Margaret Dressier is still collecting pop can tabs.

Announcement the Kensington Lions and Summerside Lions will host their joint charter evening and invitations are in the adjoining room.

Report that most clubs have paid their dues and all clubs have paid for directory ads. District is in healthy financial position. CST reminded clubs to get directory ads in for 2014-2015.

Financial Report was made available and CST Stewart moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by PCST Doug Cook question, motion carried.

Reminder to send funds in for APSEA Project as the funds will be presented at MDN Convention Corner Brook.

CST moved to accept the February Cabinet Meeting Minutes as circulated seconded by PCC Rod Wright, question, motion carried.

GLT Coordinator CC Stewart MacDonald gave his report on leadership training and thanked the trainers for conducting the schools the day before. Full report can be viewed on the District Website.

Elections, Lion Dale Carter instructed the Lions from Zone 2 to proceed to the election room for voting, once that was completed the voting for officers for 2014-2015 would commence for DG, and 1st and 2nd VDG. Meeting adjourned for elections 10:10AM

The ticket was drawn for the 50/50 with PDG Bob Kilpatrick winning the 50/50 \$200.00

Meeting reconvened at 10:35AM

Constitution & By Laws Chair Lion Jim Aucoin gave his report on the Notice of Motions that were published prior to the Convention, and to be voted on at this Convention.

Elections Chair Lion Dale Carter took over the microphone to give the election results, Zone 2 Lion Paul Gauthier elected.

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1st VDG Susan Sangster elected to serve as DG for 2014-2015. 2nd VDG Lion Doug Small elected to serve as 1st VDG for 2014-2015 and Lion Brennan Beaumont elected to serve as 1st VDG for 2014-2015. Lion Dale called for a motion to destroy the ballots moved and seconded, motion carried.

2nd VDG Lion Brennan gave a brief acceptance speech.

Constitution & By Laws Chair Lion Jim continued with the notice of motions:

Article 1V Administration Fund moved by Lion Don Smith seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick, motion carried.

Article 1 District Nominations and Elections moved by Lion Don Smith seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick motion carried.

Article V District Conventions Committee moved by Lion Don Smith seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick, after a brief discussion on advance notice motion was carried.

Item 3 Fundraising Moved by 1st VDG Susan seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick motion carried.

Appendix O Convention Guidelines Moved by PDG Kevin Giggey seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick, after discussion on Hotel negotiations and cut off dates and responsibilities of committee members and whether this notice of motion should be included in policy or stand as a true guideline it was suggested that it should be entered into Policy. After further discussion it was moved and seconded to table the motion, after a vote of delegates 29 voted to table 21 voted not to table.

Item 3: Finances Amend Item Finances to revise the wording of Section B&C, moved by Lion Paul Matheson and seconded by PDG Gerard Hartigan, after discussion on whether the 1st and 2nd VDG expenses were to be equal at \$1500.00 the vote was taken and motion carried.

Proposed Budget for 2014-2015 was presented and Lion Heather made a motion to accept the budget as presented seconded by Lion Michael after the lions had a moment to absorb the budget and a brief discussion the motion was passed and carried.

2nd VDG Doug thanked the lions for their support and spoke briefly about his health and looking forward to the year ahead. He then had the ticket drawn for the fundraiser held by Pickwauket Lions Club for a meat tray valued at \$500.00 winner Lion Roy Layte from Hartland.

1st VDG Susan also thanked the Lions for supporting her and she is looking forward to having an amazing year next year. 1st VDG Susan promised to respond to all requests and questions as quickly as possible.

Cabinet Chair Reports

Lion Brennan gave a brief report on Alert

PCST Gerry read his report on GMT

PCST Doug Cook LFC for PEI presented certificates for clubs that took part in the Dog Walk last year, Campbellton, Pickwauket, Jemseg, Rexton, Barkers point Northside, Sussex, Winsloe, Nashwaaksis, St. Eleanors, Kensington, Hunter River and reminded Lions that this year's walk is May 25th, Lion Paul Gauthier made a presentation on behalf of Parkdale Sherwood for \$5000.00

1st VDG Susan gave a report on behalf of PDG Jan LFC Chair for New Brunswick who could not attend due to other commitments. Newsletter Chair Lion Michael gave his report advising Lions the last newsletter would be the last of May and to send their news items to him. He thanked all who sent items to him.

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NB Diabetes Awareness Chair Lion Harold read his report and spoke on the formation of the plans for this year's Cavalcade (held at Simonds Auditorium June 14th) he reminded Lions tag day can be held anytime. Lion Paul Diabetes Chair for PEI and the new Director for this area for Diabetes advised PEI Cavalcade is going strong and will be held June 14th in Summerside. Lion Gary Rideout advised the eye glasses shipping problems have been resolved and he is accepting eyeglasses again.

PDG Denzil reported on the District Speakout held the previous day and it was successful. The results are in PDG Denzil report.

Lion Jim Peace Poster Chair spoke on the peace Poster results this year and asked clubs to get involved in the Peace Poster. 2014-2015 theme is Peace Love and Understanding.

Lion Reg gave a brief report on IT, PR and Leo clubs as well as the website and email addresses, he suggested each club have a generic email address that can be passed to each year's Secretary solving the many email address changes for clubs changing their secretary. He thanked the Lions for their support.

2VDGE Brennan spoke on the importance of Lions to step up and help DGE Susan to fill the vacant Zone Chair positions.

DG Lucio spoke on the fantastic experience he has had this year and some of his experiences. He reminded the Lions there is still time to sponsor a new club and he thanked the Lions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

AWARDS BANQUET

DG Lucio addressed the meeting and advised that all Lions are very deserving of awards. He presented awards as follows:

LCIF largest donation----- Nashwaaksis Lions Club

LFC largest donation----- Riverview Lions Club

Environmental Award---Souris lions Club

Humanitarian Award---- Boiestown Upper Miramichi

Most Improved Club----Millidgeville Northend

Best District Chair -----Lion Jim Aucoin

Best Zone Chair Lion Anna Mae Basque

DG Appreciation Awards

Convention Chair---Lion Paul Matheson

1st VDG Susan Sangster

2nd VDG Doug Small

GMT Lion Gerry Forsythe

Presidents Objective Engaging Youth New Maryland Lions Club

Appreciation Certificates:

PCC Rod Wright

Zone Chair Liaison Lion Brennan Beaumont

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PCC Tim Hoban

Outstanding Club Secretary Lion Marg Dressaire Barkers Point Northside

Outstanding Club President Lion Lloyd Soucie Fort Kent

Best Club Riverview Lions Club

Lion of the year Lion Steven Cormier

Special thanks to CC Stewart CST for District N-1

DG Lucio for District Governor for N-1 2013-2014 presented to DG Lucio from District N-1

DG Lucio passed out pins banners and scarves to many Lions.