

**CABINET MEETING
Moncton Lions Club
February 24, 2013**

The Cabinet meeting was called to order at 11:00 by DG Stewart with the singing of the national anthem led by Lion Dale Carter. The Lions Invocation was led by DG Stewart. A moment of silence was observed for deceased Lions and world peace.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Lion Gerry Forsythe, seconded by PDG Denzel Bernard.

The head table was recognized. DG Stewart asked for the Zone Chairs to stand to be recognized (7 present), Past District Governors (9 present), Lioness (2 present) and District Chairs. There was also one potential new member present.

Lion Larry Wallace, president of the Moncton Lions Club, welcomed everyone to Moncton and hoped that we would have a productive day.

DG Stewart introduced the head table. He then recognized the cabinet chairs that were present. DG Stewart also asked past District Governors (11 present) and past CST's (7) to stand to be recognized. He then recognized two members that are attending their first cabinet meeting.

DG Stewart thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked everyone who attended the education sessions yesterday. He stated that "When Lions meet, the problems get smaller". He encouraged retention of members. He has visited 55 clubs to date. He reminded members that visitation is an important part of Lions and clubs should to start visiting other clubs.

1st VDG Lucio also thanked everyone for coming. He is working hard at getting new members and starting new clubs.

2nd VDG Susan thanked everyone for their support after her injury. She also spoke about the USA/Canada Forum telling members that it is a great experience for all members.

The minutes of the November 18, 2013 cabinet meeting were accepted on a motion by PCC Tim Hoban, seconded Lion Paul Matheson. Motion carried. One correction to the minutes was noted. The Annual Convention is being held April 19th – 21st, 2013 (not April 19th – 31st, 2013).

The financial statement was accepted on a motion by CST Susan, seconded Lion Don Smith. Carried.

DG Stewart made a presentation to Lion Jim Aucoin, Peace Poster Chair for Eileen Yae-Jin, runner-up of the Multiple District Peace Poster contest. She was sponsored by the Nashwaksis Lions Club.

PCC Bev Semple brought remarks on behalf of PDG Sam Wells, candidate for International Director. He was unable to attend because of flight problems from Newfoundland.

PDG Kevin Guiggey introduced PCC Rod Wright, candidate for International Director, who spoke to the Lions present.

PCC Tim Hoban reported that at the Cabinet meeting in November 2011, a motion was made to apply for a grant for the Eye Clinic Proposal of Minkinduri, Kenya. This entailed a commitment of \$40,000 from the district.

Multiple District Convention – Lion Jerry Kirkpatrick, chair of the Multiple District Convention gave us some details of the convention. It is being held May 17th – 19th, 2013 at the Crown Plaza, Moncton. Lion Jerry informed us that the hotel rooms are filling up fast. There will be a meet and greet on Friday night, and a Wine and Cheese reception Saturday afternoon.

We then broke for lunch.

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

Alert – no report

CDA NB – Lion Harold Borden reported that a young boy is collecting pennies for Camp Diabest. If anyone has pennies they want to get rid of, bring them to April Convention and Harold will see that he gets them. He now has the 2013 pins. Lion Harold requested that if you send monies direct to the Diabetes Association or is doing your own fundraising, please send him a report. Thank you to everyone who took part in Tag Day. A total of \$1936 was raised. Lion Harold made presentations to Boiestown Lions Club, Naskwaaksis Lions Club and Barker's Point-Northside Lions Club for participating in Tag Day.

CDA PEI – Lion Paul Gauthier reported that 5 clubs participated in Tag Day in PEI with \$925 being raised.

Cavalcade NB – Lion Frank Mills reported that the NB Cavalcade is being held June 15, 2013 in Newcastle.

Cavalcade PEI – PCC Bev Semple reported that the PEI Cavalcade is being held June 1, 2013 hosted by the Kensington Lions Club.

Constitution and By-Laws – Lion Jim Aucoin informed the members present that a Notice of Motion will be distributed before the Annual Convention.

Convention – PDG Jan Philips reported that she has made tote bags and she is selling them for \$15 to raise money for convention. There are 25 rooms left in the hotel. She reminded everyone to make cheques payable to Barker's Point- Northside Lions Club. Advertisements for the convention program are being sold at a rate of \$25 for a half page and \$50 for a full page ad. During the Meet and Greet on Friday night, there will be a Chinese auction and a "Miss Lion Pageant" held. It was noted that there is monies in the budget for the Annual Convention. PCC Rod Wright moved that the district give a cheque for \$1006.62 for the convention and any monies left over will be passed back to the district, seconded by PDG Kevin Guiggey. Carried.

Cultural and Community Activities – Lion Margaret Dressaire reported that in October we had 8% of the clubs reporting activities. As of February, we have 25% clubs reporting activities. She encouraged all clubs to forward their monthly activity report to her. Lion Margaret reported that she has a request from Barker's Point-Northside for pop can tabs to be given to a young boy collecting them for a wheelchair.

Drug Awareness – No report

Elections – Lion Dale Carter reported that Lion Doug Small has been nominated for 2nd VDG Governor. He encouraged zone chairs to ensure that they find replacements

Environment – Lion Paul Matheson encouraged all clubs in the District to participate in at least one environment project this spring. Lion Paul informed the membership that the Newcastle Lions Club will be hosting a Dining in the Dark fundraiser for CNIB (check the CNIB website for info)

GMT – Lion Gerry Forsythe has a problem, we are not bringing in enough new members. He challenged us to increase membership in district by 5%. He also encouraged “Men only” clubs to encourage female members. Of the 79 clubs in the district, 40 clubs have less than 20 members. Lion Gerry encouraged clubs to look at participating in the Club Excellence Program. There is a pilot project in which LCI wants 3 clubs in the district to participate in this project for CEP (Lite). If you club is interested, please let Lion Gerry know.

GLT – Lion Doug Small reported that Leadership had a good day yesterday. Seven members participated in CEP Facilitator training and 4 members in Guiding Lion training led by VDG Susan. One member, Lion Nora Davidson-Wright, is attending the Senior Leadership Institute this weekend.

Eye Glass – Lion Gary Rideout reported that he has received over 2500 eyeglasses this month and 2000 eyeglasses in December. He has not packed any eyeglasses recently because it has been too cold.

Hearing and Speech – No report

Honorary Chair – No report

Information and Technology – Lion Reg House reported that the District website has had over 10000 hits. He encouraged all members to visit and utilize the website. Any updates for the directory can be found there. Lion Reg also encouraged any clubs with upcoming events to forward them to him to be posted on the website. Facebook is also being utilized. He cautioned members when posting things to Facebook -- please consider how it will be perceived by the general public.

PR – Lion Reg House reported that he has been busy with Public Relations this year. He reminded members that everyone is responsible for PR in the district.

Leo – Lion Reg House reported that Portage Leo Club now has 15 members, with a large turnover. They are finally a project that will be worked on by both genders. Riverview Lions Club is close to starting a Leo club.

International Convention Transportation – No report

Lion Ron Evans Bursary - PDG Boyd Sangster reported that he will not get the memorial card until next week, but he will get them to the zone chairs within the next couple of weeks.

Lions Quest – 2nd VDG Susan reported that the Quest fundraiser tickets went out in December and some are trickling back in. She asked everyone to get tickets sold and back in. The Multiple District has received a promotional grant for \$990.

LFC – Lion Karen Estey-Rideout reported that she has sold \$200 of LFC merchandise today and \$228 since the last cabinet meeting. If you want merchandise for your Dog Walk, please let Lion Karen know.

LFC NB Director – PDG Jan Phillips that the fundraising for Walk for Guidedogs went over 1 million dollars last year. She encouraged all clubs to participate in Dog Walk. If your club decides not you hold a walk, maybe your club could look at sponsoring a youth group or other community group to hold one The Fredericton Area Dogwalk is not Fredericton Lions Club walk but a walk for a group of clubs within the Fredericton area that participate. PDG Jan also recognized Lion Gary Rideout's mention in the Lions Magazine

LFC PEI Director – Lion Doug Cook reported that the 30th anniversary of LFC this year. He also reported that the foundation is starting a 6th program this fall, Diabetic Dog Guide. They are projecting that \$1

million is needed to get program up and running. The Dog Guide school had 153 graduates last year and already have had 50 graduates this year. It currently costs \$150 to plant a tree in the Memorial Forest but the cost is going up to \$200 on June 30. Lion Doug has been invited to make a presentation at UPEI Veterinary College and will be doing this in the near future.

Long Range Planning – PDG Kevin Guiggey reported District N-2 has a LRP committee of 7 members. He would like to see this here so you can have others to bounce ideas off of. District N-2 also has a PDG association who met and act as a group that could advise the sitting district governor. It was moved by PDG Kevin that a PDG advisory committee be formed in this district. Seconded by PDG Denzil Bernard. Carried. PDG Kevin noted that there are only 77 members present at the cabinet meeting. Why are more members not attending and how can we improve attendance? PDG Kevin reported that District N-2 is developing a program to define the role of a sponsor. They will share this with us when it is ready.

Newsletter – 2nd VDG Susan reported that the next newsletter is still in the works and should be early in March. If you have something to submit, please get it in within the next two days.

USA/Canada Forum – 2nd VDG Susan reported that it is an excellent experience for all lions.

VDG Susan Moved “anytime a request for funding comes from any source when the request is greater than \$5000, be affirmed of 66% clubs in the district before it can be passed. “ Lion Paul Matheson seconded. This will be submitted as a Notice of motion for the convention. Lion Rod amended the motion to move to the Constitution and By-Laws . Lion Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Peace Poster – Lion Jim Aucoin reported that the peace poster contest has concluded for this year. The District winner was Eileen Yae-Jin, a student of the Nashwaaksis Middle School, sponsored by the Nashwaaksis Lions Club. The Peace Poster contest has started for 2013-14. The theme for this year's contest is “our World, Our Future.” Please consider sponsoring a contest in 2013 - 2014.

Speakout – PDG Denzil Bernard reported that he has heard of a couple of clubs participating in the speakout. He encouraged more clubs to get involved.

Pins - Lion Paul Cousins reported that pin sales are down this year. He encouraged any interested clubs to see him at the end of the meeting to purchase pins.

Protocol - PDG Bev Semple reported that the flag etiquette has been sent out as well as instillation ceremonies.

Zone Chair – PDG Rod Wright reported that zone chair meeting was held this morning. He asked all clubs to send out PU-101 forms as soon as you hold your elections and send to the DGE and CST. He has asked zone chairs to call clubs to remind this of this.

OLD BUSINESS

Lion Doug Cook questioned the motion for each club to donate \$550 for the commitment for the Eye Clinic Proposal for Minkinduri, Kenya.

PDG Jan thanked all clubs who participated in district fundraiser. She has received \$1975 to date with the profit of \$1600 after prizes paid out. PDG Jan reported that 39 clubs participated – 21 from New Brunswick and 18 from PEI. She asked that District Fundraising be made a standing committee. It was moved by Lion Doug Cook and seconded by PDG Kevin Guiggey that District Fundraising be made a standing committee. Carried. The draw then took place. Nackawic Lions Club won 3rd prize, Barker's

Point won 2nd prize and 1st prize went to Rexton Lions Club. The 50/50 draw was won by PDG Denzil Bernard with a prize of \$135.00

NEW BUSINESS

DG Stewart presented a certificate of appreciation to the Moncton Lions club for hosting this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 on a motion by PDG Luke Stennick