

**CABINET MEETING  
Rexton Lions Club  
September 9, 2012**

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

The agenda was approved on a motion by PCC Tim Hoban and seconded by Lion Nora Davidson-Wright.

King Lion Dale Carter, president of Rexton Lions Club welcomed everyone to Rexton and expressed the hope that the meetings will be productive.

The head table was recognized. DG Stewart asked for the Zone Chairs to stand to be recognized (9 present), Past District Governors (13 present), past CST's (8 present), Lioness (2 present). He also recognized the newest members of Lions present (3 who have been members for less than 6 months), the longest serving member (Lion Owen Sullivan with 45 years from the Richabuto Lions Club) and the one potential member present.

DG Stewart thanked all members for attending today's Cabinet meeting. The district is now using new forms of communication – e-mail and our new Facebook page. He informed the members that two Lions have been chosen for the Emerging Lions Institute – Lion Dawn Hobbs-Penton and Lion Reg House. DG Stewart was pleased to announce that Portage is chartering a Leo club sponsored by the Sussex Lions Club. DG Stewart informed Lions that the residents of Portage are building a playground in Norton and are asking Lions for help. PDG Paul Baker is coming to the district to hold a session on starting campus clubs. He will work with Saint Thomas University to start a club. A graduate of Portage attending STU is interested in starting a campus club.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lucio encouraged members to keep serving their communities and to seek out new members.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Susan Sangster encouraged everyone to bring one member to the next cabinet meeting. She asked that all clubs make sure that International bills are paid. If clubs are in financial trouble, there is help out there. Clubs only have to contact someone on the DG Team and they will do what they can to help. M and A reports are mandatory. 53% of the clubs in the district are not filing these reports with International. VDG Susan asked Zone chairs to confirm that clubs in their zones are filing reports.

Minutes of the Organizational meeting were approved on a motion by PCC Tim Hoban, seconded by Lion Nora Davidson-Wright. The 2012-2013 budget was approved on a motion by Lion John Murray, seconded by PDG Luke Stennick. The financial report was approved on a motion by Lion Dawn Hobbs-Penton, seconded by Lion Reg House.

VDG reviewed the auditor's report. VDG Susan noted that 2012's Annual Convention cost the district \$1022 with no financial reports from the convention committee. Moved by Lion Dale Carter to ask the Long Range Planning committee to develop clear guidelines including reporting and financial obligations for the Annual Convention by February to move to Constitution and By-Laws Committee for notice of motion in April. Motion seconded by Lion Jim Aucoin. Carried. The auditor's report was accepted on a motion by Lion John Murray, seconded by PDG Denzil Bernard.

Lion Terry Kavanagh reported on his research for transportation to the 2014 International Convention in Toronto.

We then broke for a delicious prepared by the Rexton Lions Club.

Roll call – 33 clubs, 92 members present.

PDG Gerry Hartigan presented an award to PDG George Mitton as recognition of his work as District Governor.

DG Stewart presented the following Lions who have completed the Guiding Lion course with certificates - PDG Boyd Sangster, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Susan Sangster, Lion Gerry Forsythe and Lion Doug Small.

### **District Chair Reports**

**Alert** – Lion Brennan Beaumont informed us that communication has been sent to clubs, but responses are slow getting back. Disasters don't give any warning; we have to be prepared before things happen to assist the community.

**Canadian Diabetes Awareness NB** – Lion Harold Borden reported on the CDA national meeting. He informed us that TAG day can be moved to after Nov 14.

**Canadian Diabetes Awareness PEI** - Lion Paul Gauthier reported that the CDA is questioning why some money is being sent to LCIF. They are wondering if the money should the money be kept in Canada? He promoted TAG day. He reported that over \$17000 dollars was raised at PEI Cavalcade last year.

**Cavalcade NB** – Lion Frank Mills reported that the Cavalcade will be held in Newcastle. The committee is looking for a member from every club to be a contact person.

**Cavalcade PEI** – PCC Bev Semple reported that the Kenningston Lions Club will be hosting the cavalcade and the tentative date is June 1.

**Constitution and By-Laws** – Lions Jim Aucoin & Don Smith reported on a Constitution and By-Laws meeting held this morning. It was decided to post updated Constitution and By-Laws on our website. Appendices A, B, and E have been updated.

**Convention** – PDG Jan Phillips reported that the District Convention will be held at the Ramada in Fredericton with more information to come.

**District Fundraising** – PDG Jan has a fundraising idea and details/tickets will be available at November Cabinet meeting. PDG Gerry Hartigan was the winner of \$90 from the 50/50 draw.

**Cultural & Community Activities** – A letter has been sent to all zone chairs for distribution within the zones.

**Environment** – An e-mail will be sent to all zone chairs with information on how clubs can be involved in environmental projects. Lion Paul Matheson's goal is to have every club involved in some project this year.

**GMT** – Lion Gerry Forsythe recognized Lion Barb from the Irishtown Lions Club who has recruited 9 new members this year.

**GLT** – Lion Doug Small announced that another CEP training will be held in Parkdale-Sherwood in November. He also spoke about some webinars available in the near future. Two members are going to Emerging Lions Institute. The deadline for application for the Senior Leadership Institute is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Lion Doug informed the members that the training for MY LCI is being revamped by International. A Campus Club training session is being held two weeks from today in Moncton. Please let Lion Gerry Forsythe know if you are interested in attending.

**Eye Glass Collection** – Lion Karen Estey-Rideout spoke in Lion Gary's Rideout's absence. She reminded clubs to mark boxes with the club name and number of glasses.

**Lion Ron Evans Bursary** – PDG Boyd Sangster informed the members that the committee is in the process of getting memorial cards to put in funeral homes.

**Information Technology** - Lion Reg House is busy updating and making improvements to the website. A Facebook page has been created to display upcoming events and activities.

**Leo Club** - Lion Reg House is working on establishing a LEO club at Portage. A power point presentation had been prepared to help establish a club. He also reported that there has been interest with the district regarding more Leo clubs.

**Public Relations** – Lion Reg House informed the Lions present that the largest committee in a club is PR. As soon as you become a member, you are being watched as a lion and provide PR for the club and lions as a whole. Lion Reg read a couple of articles published regarding the cabinet meeting.

**International Relations** – PDG Fred Cook reported that LCI has been recognized as the champion of change. He reminded clubs to pay dues on time and to send in monthly reports.

**Lions Quest** – Lion Heather MacDonald informed Lions that she is aware of a resource teacher in the Hampton area using Lions Quest. The Pickwauket Lions Club has helped in obtained some resources and a Quest bear. Lions Quest is selling tickets with the prize being a cruise as a fundraiser.

**LCIF** – PCC Tim Hoban said that he accepted the position because of the humanitarian work the foundation does throughout the world. He is requesting that all clubs appoint an LCIF contact. He asked members to consider making LCIF presentations as clubs, zone and district awards. He also encouraged clubs to honor members with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

**LFC** – Lion Karen Estey-Rideout reported that she sold \$126.00 worth of LFC merchandise today. PDG George will be using the merchandise that she had with her at Rexton's LFC Guidedog Walk. If anyone is interested in anything from LFC please contact Karen and she will try to have it with her at the November Cabinet meeting.

**LFC PEI Director** – Parkdale Sherwood Lions Club presented a cheque for \$10000 to LFC.

**Long Range Planning** – PDG Kevin gave us some thoughts on what Long Range Planning is and what direction the District Long Range Planning committee should take.

**International Director Campaign Chair** – PDG Kevin Guiggey is looking for a theme song for the election at the Multiple District Convention in May.

**Newsletter** – If you are not receiving the district newsletter, please let VDG Susan know. She will send it to any member that requests it. It is also important to review the newsletter at club meetings because it

contains important information. Please send articles and/or pictures for the newsletter to VDG Susan. Remember, when sending pictures identify what the project is and who is in the picture.

**Document Archiving** – Moncton Lions Club confirmed that are looking after document archiving for the district.

**Peace Poster Contest** - Lion Jim Aucoin reminded everyone about this year's contest and encouraged more clubs to get involved.

**Speakout** - Lion Denzil Bernard encouraged clubs to promote the speakout competition with clubs within the district.

**Pins** – Lion Paul Cousins informed members that he has MD and DG pins if anyone want them.

**Protocol** – PCC Bev Semple provided every club an information package on protocol which contains answers to questions that have been asked in the past. If you have any questions, please contact PCC Bev.

**Youth** – Lion Cindi Beaumont reminded members that to get youth involved, you have be active with the youth. She encouraged clubs to be involved with schools and to consider a Leo Club.

**Zone Chair Liason** – PCC Rod Wright was pleased that 10 zone chairs were present for the Zone Chair meeting this morning. He has asked all zone chairs to encourage clubs to set goals for the year. He has also asked the zone chairs to send him an e-mail on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Each Zone Chair is expected to make contact clubs in their zone before that date.

Visitation cards are available.

A person is cycling across Atlantic Canada to raise money for from SOS Children's Villages. Lions clubs within the district are being asked to host her when she arrives in your community.

## **New Business**

The Rexton Lion Club is celebrating 50 years of service. They are planning a charter night soon (date to be announced)

PCC Rod Wright noted that two members were going to Emerging Lions Institute and we should be financially supporting them. PCC Rod moved that at least \$300 would be put aside for each member to help with travel to the institute, seconded by PDG Luke Stennick. Motion carried.

The Moncton Lions Club is holding their annual steak fry on Sept 25.

## **Dates to Remember**

Sept 10 – District Dues to be paid

Sept 30 – Portage Recognition Day

Oct 1 – Deadline for ordering Peace Poster Kits

Oct 15 – International White Cane Day

Nov – Diabetes Month

Nov 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> MDN Fall Conference Corner Brook NL

Nov 3 – CDA Tag Day

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day  
Nov 14 – World Diabetes Day  
Nov 15 – Postmark Deadline for Peace Poster

DG Stewart made a presentation to Lion Dale Carter, President of the Rexton Lions club to thank them for hosting us today.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 with a motion by PCC Tim Hoban.

Yours in Lionism  
CST Susan Stennick