

Cabinet Meeting
September 21, 2014
Dorchester NB

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Susan. DG Susan thanked the Lions that came in and pitched in to set up tables for the meeting and down stairs for the lunch.

The meeting was opened with the signing of the Canadian National Anthem.

We are short flags and we are not aware where they have gone.

A moment of Silence for World Peace and deceased members of our Lions family.

First Vice District Governor Doug led us in the Lions Invocation.

Motion for approval of the agenda Lion Gerry seconded by all in favor motion carried

Welcoming remarks from Lion Dan Matthews from Dorchester Lions, housekeeping as well if anyone is interested in visiting the den let him know at lunch time.

District Governor Susan introduced the head table. DG Susan recognized the Zone Chairs present, as well as all cabinet chairs and Past District Governors. DG Susan called for any new members present as well as all Lions and thank you for coming.

DG Susan reviewed information from the DG Organizational Meeting in Harvey. From the August meeting in Dartmouth of the Council of Governors they discussed the Fall Rally which was held this weekend, Friday and Saturday. DG Susan asked that everyone complete the form available on how we enjoyed the Fall Rally as set forth this year. The Friday evening meet and greet was very enjoyable. DG Susan discussed the RCMP Musical Ride which comes around every four years. The information is on the RCMP website.

MDN Convention in Cornerbrook returned a surplus of \$1977.43 back to the Multiple, numbers were not as high as we would like to see, and we had 24 Lions plus 1 from N-1.

Council Chair Scott thanked all Lions that participated in the APSEA Program which was a great success. Playground is completed and grand opening is taking place this month.

We are looking for a district and Multiple District Quest Chair and DG Susan asked that anyone interested to get in touch with her. We are also looking for an International Convention Chair to follow through the next few years in preparation of our 100 year celebration.

DG Susan addressed her objectives; continue the building blocks that began with PDG Stewart and PDG Lucio, both were successful in having positive growth. DG Susan shared her goal of two new clubs as well as working on Leo Clubs, which is already underway. As well there is some interest in branch clubs, a stepping stone to a traditional club.

CEP is still alive and this is an amazing program, we have facilitators trained that will come in and assist your club in growing membership and strength. We have successful cases of this program.

International president Joe has introduced the Club Blueprint, available online at International.

There is a step by step process.

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Club membership goals, were given to the Zone Chairs and I am asking that all clubs complete this form to commit to where their growth plans are. Hopefully we can get these to present at the November Cabinet Meeting.

The directories are available please collect them, Zone Chairs as well please pick up and distribute. DG Susan is starting her club visits and she is very much enjoying that aspect of the position. The clubs want to hear about what is coming with International.

Lion David McAndrew has the MD pins both new and older ones, please check with him if you are looking for pins.

First Vice District Governor Doug thanked DG Susan. VDG Doug emphasized membership growth; if we do not grow we will die, and some will anyway as natural progression. The old Just Ask or the New Ask 1, if you know someone just ask them to come along. Carry some info with you all the time, club, LCI and membership application. VDG Doug told a story about the Rotarians and Lions, the Rotarians are giving away parking at the hospital. If you want a race we need to race in membership with Rotarians. We should do 100 acts of service as a District. We will be 100 years old.

DG Susan thought 100 acts of service was a great idea. We could borrow it.

Second Vice District Governor Brennan, all protocol has been done, I am interested in the number of people here today, to keep me intimidated I would like to see the numbers double. I found some of the duties I need to perform are rewarding time consuming and costly, one of the things I learned was I was expected to attend the USA Canada Forum, it is a series learning seminars. Very knowledgeable, this year the seminars were done in 3 languages, 2 full days, next year it will be three full days. There were many seminars, Lion Cindi and I attended. VDG Brennan spoke on the forum further. VDG Brennan spoke about the Lions and how PID, Directors, International Presidents were all just Lions.

There was one guest speaker that touched me and showed us what Lions do, all the great work we do in service and support of people.

VDG Brennan encourages the Lions to attend a Forum, the next one in Grand Rapids Michigan next September.

DG Susan turned over to CST Heather, who did roll, President, Secretary how many members. Roll call taken. CST reported the cabinet is in possession of the District Funds and the account will remain at The Royal Bank. 42 clubs have paid dues; there are 10 advertising invoices outstanding. All Invoices have been sent as of August. Directory has had many changes already and copies are available. Monthly membership reports are necessary even without changes; there are 67 clubs without membership reports. We need the activities reported so we can track our service. I am here to assist you the Lions just ask. We reviewed the changes that have come in since.

Recognition to Lion Kathy from Riverview Lions Club.

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Financial Report, any questions, CST made a motion to accept the Report as submitted, moved by CST Heather seconded by PDG Gerard. Motion carried.

DG Susan asked for approval of the minutes from the District Convention, moved by PDG Denizil seconded by Lion Don Smith, motion carried.

No Correspondence.

PDG Gerard Auditors Report. PDG Gerard reminded us it was almost lunchtime. PDG Gerard reminded the Lions that we have tickets for the 60th Charter in Summerside. Guest Speaker Judge Brian. PDG Gerard reviewed the Auditors Report for the Lions and called for a motion to approve. PDG Gerard noted that the Zone Chairs had not been paid out but this expense will be rectified. PDG Gerard submitted a written report. PDG Gerard noted a few expenses that were over spent but with understanding. Some expenses were underspent because the same person held multiple positions. PDG Lucio did not submit any expenses until August. The maximum was allowed. Lion Sonny noted the surplus was not shown on the Budget for this year. Motion to approve seconded by Lion Lornette Motion Carried.

DG Susan thanked DG Gerard. PDG Gerard took pictures at the fall rally and is selling those pictures.

Break for Lunch.

DG Susan announced 26 Clubs and 86 present at the Cabinet Meeting. Presentations from PDG Lucio, of awards not presented at annual convention. PDG Lucio addressed the Lions. Thanking them and letting them know how much he enjoyed his year as DG.

Visitation Certificates: 20 or less members Pickwauket Lions Club; 21-29 members Kensington Lions Club; 30 members and more McAdam Lions Club.

International Presidents Certificate Lion Paul Matheson for chairing the convention

Most Eye Glasses: Charlottetown Lions Club

Lion Gary Rideout eye glass chair, for sorting and preparing the eyeglasses for shipment.

For support with Portage Leo Club Lion Clifford Hayes from Sussex Lions Club. Working with Youth. Certificate for PDG Luke Stennick

PDG Stewart to present awards he was not given the opportunity to do before.

Presidents Retention Award for 2013 in a World of Service Upper Nashwaak Lions Club, Vernon River. 2012-2013 Club Presidents Excellence Award: Riverview Judy Maltby, Barkers Point Northside Lion Norah Davidson Wright.

Zone Chairs that achieved the excellence award PDG Luke Stennick, Lion Merrilyn Murphy, Lion Jamie Penton, Lion Wayne Hicks.

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This award is for a dedicated Lion who deserves so every bit of this, District Governor Susan.

PDG Stewart thanked the Lions for all their hard work. DG Susan asked PCC Bev, PDG Jan, PCST Doug to come forward to present a Judge Brian Stevenson Award to Lion Mike Menzies for all the work he has done, given to him by this employer. Lion Michael encouraged the Lions to attract more immigrant Lions to the organization.

DG Susan presented to PDG Stewart the DG Excellence Award to her friend and PDG Stewart.

DG Susan presented to Lion Heather MacDonald an extension Award for chartering the Saint John South End Lions. DG Susan explained the work necessary to continue to work with new clubs.

DG Susan reviewed the Presidents Theme in highlights as time was passing

Take back to your clubs IP Joe encourages us to work with clubs and record the activities under environment and youth. LCI has guaranteed to the World that we as Lions will accomplish 100 million acts of service, so we must report our service on line. Paper versions will not be recorded, we must get registered online.

We are also looking at the convention in Chicago so go back to your clubs and encourage plans to attend the International Convention in 2017. DG Susan pointed out her ASK 1 pin and encouraged all to wear the ASK 1 pins. We have ordered a few and will distribute, you can order from LCI, carry a membership application. Please make sure you have the new membership kits signed by IP Joe.

Once the member is registered the member will receive a welcome from the International President.

Lion Gerry has new kits ordered. DG Susan would like to be able to induct your new members when she comes to visit your clubs.

Report from Lion Gerry Forsythe GMT, Lion Gerry stated we had a growth in membership last year, two years in a row. Now we are sitting at a minus 3. Sometimes we lose Lions for nonattendance nonpayment we have to find out why this is happening and try to correct. DG Susan has an objective to reduce the drops by 10% this year. Attached.

DG Susan reviewed the payment time limits for dues to LCI, they are now 90 days. DG Susan reviewed the Financial Suspension time limits.

Report PDG Stewart GLT, protocol has been established. PDG Stewart has offered his training at your clubs, or Zones. CEP was discussed. Mentoring is important. I am building a GLT training team and looking for a bilingual trainer. I have requested the Zone Chair send their ideas for training to me so we can schedule training. Full report attached.

Zone Chair Liaison report 8 Zone Chairs attended. They have received a lot of information, please welcome them and respect them.

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DG Susan asked the Zone chairs to come forward and receive their Zone Chair badges for the year. PDG Jan Phillips Lions Foundation of Canada for New Brunswick, PDG Jan thanked the Lions for their support donations are up. The Memorial Forest is going well. One of the Lions created a website of the memorial forest www.lfcmemorialforest.org

PDG Jan has promotional CD's, we have several fundraising events. PDG Jan is looking for her replacement to take affect October 2015.

Lion Doug Cook LFC PEI Director, we have had 152 clients graduate and we plan on 160 this year. Donations continue to rise and PEI had the largest percentage increase across Canada.

PDG Denzil Speakout Chair, encourages more clubs to participate in the Speakout. PDG Denzil is trying to increase the number of speakers allowed, thinking we can allow more from each Zone. Harvey may have a speaker as well this year.

Lion Don Smith, Constitution and By Laws are setting up rules for CDA, putting language together for appointing a CDA representative. Budget for peace poster, Rules for who can nominate from the floor Zone Chairs.

DG Susan asked for a motion for Peace Poster to go to the November Cabinet Meeting. We can change the date for this year but cannot change policy. Approved.

Lion Bill ODonnell newsletter chair, honored to hold this position. Name the newsletter will be voted on at the November Cabinet meeting. Lots of pictures please.

Lion Paul Gauthier, CDA Tag day November 22nd please do not interfere with Remembrance Day. Three clubs have requested kits. Lion Paul shared what his club did last year.

Lion Reg House, CDA NB spoke on Tag day as well, reminding Lions not to sell during poppy sales. Cavalcade will be hosted by Riverview, Lion Cindi Beaumont is chairing, May 9th 2015. More info will follow. Moncton will man the Tag day November for CDA.

Lion Reg spoke briefly on the website. Report Attached. Lion Reg spoke about the forming of a new Leo Club in Jemseg.

Lion Marg Dressiere, Cultural and Community activities. Lion Marg is asking for the clubs to send in their reports. The pop tabs raised over a million. We are still collecting tabs.

DG Susan thanked Lion Stewart and Lion Boyd for the great lunch.

DG Susan called for old business none

DG Susan shared the request from an individual looking for support for a new van as he is a paraplegic. Documentation has been received, the individual is from Woodstock.

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Lion Dan stated a basic van is 100,000.

Lion Bill ODonnell shared the BB Board, it is a benefit corporation, and they offer a very easy website for a nominal fee. Lion Bill brought the URL for the Lions to look at when they go home. Price is \$60.00 per year.

DG Susan asked Lion Dan to come forward, Lion Dan advised the Dorchester Town put together a token bag for the lions. DG Susan thanked Lion Dan for his assistance and presented him with a certificate and her DG Pin.

PDG Stewart mentioned the expense for USA Canada Forum this year to Puerto Rico. PDG Gerard suggested that we review the expenses and we will revisit at the November Cabinet Meeting.

Moncton Steak Fry invitation Tuesday night. Moncton advised several activities they are having at the club.

Important dates to remember.

Lion Dan attending Emerging Lions Leadership

Motion to adjourn Lion Gerry.