

CABINET MEETING

Newcastle, NB

February 26, 2012

Meeting called to order by DG Gerard at 11:10.

Singing of both National Anthems which were started by proud to serve Lions.

Moment of silence for World Peace and deceased members This was followed by the Lions Invocation.

Moved by Lion Gerry Forsythe for approval of the agenda and seconded by Lion PDG Rod Wright. Motion carried.

DG Gerard remarked that every Lion who curled had a great time and thanked the Host Lions for their hard work.

DG Gerard introduced the Head Table. He invited all the PDGs to stand and be recognized. He recognized Leos, Lioness, Lionettes as well but none present.

King Lion Robert Muzzerall of Newcastle Lions Club welcomed everyone.

1st VDG Stewart spoke about the curling and everyone had a great time. He spoke about the USA/Canada Forum and this year it is in Tampa, Florida. He also spoke on the Club Excellence Program. He reviewed some numbers which reflected our losses on a 5 year trend.

2nd VDG Lucio spoke about inviting your friends to your meetings and increasing your membership. He also invited everyone to go to the USA/Canada Forum this year with him.

Roll call was conducted by CST Bev with 65 members in attendance. Lion Gerry challenged Lions to spread the word to try to increase members to the cabinet meetings. VDG Stewart moved to make Lion Gerry Chair of this project.

GLT Lion Doug Small presented leadership training on the Club Excellence Program. There will be new training set up in March for Lions to cover the

District. There have been clubs in touch with Lion Doug willing to take part with this program. Any club interested just need to contact Lion Doug. He also reminded Lions that on the LCI site there are several ways to gain more education.

Minutes had been circulated for review. Moved by Lion Gerry Forsythe for approval of the minutes. Seconded by Lion Michael Hambrook. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes: Clarification was made of the finance committee for the District. It is composed of the DG, CST, outgoing DG, outgoing CST and VDG's. The incoming DG shall be the committee chair.

Financial statement was reviewed. The unused grant money from LCI for Alert and PR were returned as requested from LCI as the proposals that were submitted were not accepted. Billings for the 2nd half of the dues have been sent out. There are a few clubs in arrears for the 1st half of the dues. Moved by Lion John Murray for the approval of the financial statements. Seconded by Lion Terry Kavanagh. Motion carried.

Correspondence: There have been clubs requesting visitation cards. CST Bev got 2 quotes from printers. There have been other cards printed in the past. ZC Terry Kavanagh and PDG Rod Wright will both get quotes and bring them to the April meeting.

District Chair Reports:

ZC—PDG Rod said there were 3 ZC present and they all had positive reports. They showed the clubs were working hard in their areas.

USA/Canada Forum—VDG Lucio encouraged any Lion to attend.

Pins—Lion Paul Cousins has sold pins and has more. Contact him and he can invoice your club.

Speakout—PDG Boyd Sangster says we have 2 speakers for April.

Ron Evans Bursary—PDG Boyd Sangster would like to see more clubs involved in this bursary for the students at Portage. It was suggested that Memorial cards be placed in Funeral Homes. Moved by PDG Boyd to get a quote for printing Memorial cards and bring the information back to the April meeting. Seconded by Lion Gerry Forsythe. Motion carried.

Peace Poster/ Leos/ Youth—Lion Jim Aucoin reported the Peace Poster District winner from Nackawic was sent off to the MD. He hasn't heard how it finished. He created a score sheet for judging the peace posters to help the judges. This was turned over to Constitution and By-Laws. He announced that Campbellton Lions Club is working hard at getting the final paperwork done for an exchange student. Lion Jim has information on LEO Clubs and contact him if you need any help. He said Grand Washademoak Lions Club have LEO vests that could offset some cost.

Newsletter—Lion Susan Sangster has the February edition ready and just waiting for the information on the April Convention. She thanked Lions for all their input.

Lions Quest—Lion Susan Sangster stated there was an article in the Lions Magazine that troops were using Lions Quest. She needs letters of support to help her in moving forward for the grant. She is still looking for more input from the PEI clubs as well.

PEI LFC—Director Bev Semple encouraged Lions to continue supporting the Foundation with their dollars. Some new equipment was on display for promoting the Foundation. A new recipient for a CVC (Canine Vision) dog guide has been placed in Tignish.

District LFC Chair—Lion Mary Small handed out certificates for Dog-Guide Walk to participating clubs. She also had a fistful of Canadian tire money that she has collected.

LCIF—VDG Stewart spoke on the forms for donations to LCIF through the Canadian site. This is not for paying International dues.

Eye glasses—Lion Gary Rideout thanked clubs for their glasses.

GMT—VDG Stewart working on getting information out to the clubs.

Elections—Lion Don Smith stated that forms need to be filled out for District positions by deadline. Paperwork has been received for 1 ZC and DGE, 1st VDG. He is pleased to announce that paperwork has been received for 2nd VDG....Lion Susan Sangster.

Constitution&By-Laws—Co-Chair Lion Jim Aucoin brought forward Notice of Motion for travel expenses for spouse of DGE. Also notice of motion to submit a judge's score sheet for peace poster contest for policy manual.

Convention—Summerside on April 27-29/12. More information to follow next week.

Cavalcade PEI—Sponsored by Kensington Lions Club on June 9, 2012. Location is at Kensington High School.

Cavalcade NB—sponsored by Nackawic Lions Club on June 16, 2012.

NB CDA Liaison—Lion Harold Borden reported that the Harry Newman Award could no longer be purchased with accumulating funds but only of the full amount of \$800.00. He is sending out a letter to the clubs to let them know of existing funds. He is also trying to change the date of Tag Day.

Alert—Lion Gerry Forsythe says nothing has happened so far but Spring is coming and high water in some places. He encourages Lions to keep watch in case help is needed.

Old Business: Riverview Lions Club collected pop tabs and presented them to PDG Rod for the individual saving for a wheelchair.

New Business: Lion Paul Matheson mentioned the International Convention in 2014 is in Toronto. He said it was a great opportunity for Lions to attend. He questioned if any more thought had taken place for a bus for interested Lions. Lion Rod and Lion Jim had additional input. VDG Stewart stated as part of his committees next year that he appointed Lions Paul, Jim, Rod to form this committee to arrange, promote and get shirts for this convention.

Dues—At the May Convention in 2010, it was passed by the MD to increase MD dues by \$1.50 per year per member. This for some reason didn't get picked up and put in our books to charge our members the increase but the District has been paying it out. We picked it up after the Nov. Cabinet meeting. We can't do anything about last year but we can fix it this year to get us straight. CST will send out a separate billing for this year for the \$1.50 per member to the clubs to cover the extra money to the MD. This explains some of the deficit in our budget over the last 2 years. The dues structure is \$3.50(MD) and \$4.75(District) for a total of \$8.25 semi-annually per member.

Dates to Remember: District Convention April 27-29 Summerside, PE

Report PU101 by May 15/12

MDN Convention May 18-20 Antigonish, NS

50/50 draw was won by Lion Gerry Forsythe for \$107.00. The District is to donate to a charity of the DG's choice. The \$107.00 will go to LFC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Yours in Lionism

CST Bev

