

ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 27-29, 2012

Hosted by St. Eleanor's Lions Club

Summerside, PEI

Convention was called to order on April 28th/12 by DG Gerard Hartigan at 9:10. Both national anthems were sung. Moment of silence was observed for World Peace and remembering Deceased Members of the Lions Family followed by the Lions Invocation.

Moved by Lion Paul Matheson for approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by ZC Terry Terry Kavanagh. Motion carried.

DG Gerard welcomed everyone to Summerside. Welcome given by host club St Eleanor's to convention. Convention Chair Lion Gary Gaudet thanked the District for allowing St. Eleanor's to host the convention. DG Gerard thanked Lion Gary and St. Eleanor's for stepping up and chairing the convention. DG Gerard introduced our guests from Lions International, ID Dave and Lion Marie Hajny, for the weekend. DG introduced the head table and recognized PDGs, LEOs, Lioness, Lionettes.

Lion Don Smith reminded everyone of the election procedure. He has the paperwork on the persons for DG and VDGS. He has 7 of the 13 Zone Chairpersons positions filled. He asked clubs to check with CST Bev if they were unsure about their club dues.

Lion Doug small spoke on the 4 schools that would be presented: President, Secretary, Treasurer and ZC.

Moved by Lion Don Smith for approval of the minutes of the February Cabinet Meeting. Motion seconded by Lion John Murray. Motion carried.

Moved by PDG Luke Stennick and seconded by Lion Norah Davison-Wright for approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 2011. Motion carried.

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Meeting was reassessed for the Training Schools.

Dg Gerard called meeting back to order at 10:00 on April 29, 2012. No business arising from the minutes.

Roll call was taken by CST Bev with 119 members present and 2 Lioness.

1st VDG Stewart spoke and thanked St. Eleanor's Lions Club for hosting and thanked DG Gerard for his year.

2nd VDG Lucio thanked the Lions for their support and thanked ID Dave and Lion Marie for coming to our Convention. He reminded Lions to work on their club membership.

CST Bev presented the financial report. The District applied and received the MD Leadership Grant money of \$700.00. There are still some clubs that have not paid all their dues. There has been a question raised to cover the cost of meals and gas for the speak out contestant to go to the MD. Moved by Lion Norah Davison-Wright to pay the expenses for gas and meals for contestant to travel to MD as per rules of audit. Motion seconded by ZC Terry Kavanaugh. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Alert Grant money from LCIF have a separate line on the budget. CST Bev will change that. Moved by Lion Doug Small and seconded by Lion Susan Sangster to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Election Nomination Report: Lion Don Smith moved that the Lions of District N-1 reconfirm the endorsement of PDG Rod Wright as candidate for ID for 2015-2017. Motion seconded by PDG Kevin Guiggey. Motion carried.

Nominations for: DGE Stewart MacDonald, 1VDGE Lucio Cordisco, 2nd VDGE Susan Sangster, ZC Zone 1-none, Zone 2-Lion Jamie Penton/Lion Jason Gallant, Zone 3-Lion Peter Gallant, Zone 4-none, Zone 5-Moved by Lion Gerry Forsythe and 2nd by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick to nominate Lion Brennan Beaumont, Zone 6-none, Zone 7-Lion Marillyn Murphy, Zone 8-none, Zone 9-Lion Roy Layte, Zone 10-none, Zone 11-Lion John Murray, Zone 12-PDG Luke Stennick, Zone 13-Lion Wayne Hicks.

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Chair Reports: Alert-Lion Gerry Forsythe pointed out that we should always be on the outlook for any area disaster. A \$10,000.00 Grant has been sent to Tobique Lions Club to help Perth-Andover.

Diabetic Cavalcade-Lion Paul Gauthier mentioned PEI Cavalcade is on June 9th hosted by Kensington Lions Club. Posters are available. He also mentioned that Tag Day is November 3, 2012 and urged all clubs to get involved.

Constitution & Bylaws-PDG Bob Kirkpatrick has 2 notices of motions. (1) Moved by PDG Bob that the spouse of DGE shall be eligible for expense reimbursement up to \$1000.00 for travel to an International Convention with the DGE. The amount shall be budgeted and approved by the District Cabinet and rules of audit shall apply. Motion Seconded by Lion Paul Matheson. Motion carried. (2) Moved by Lion Jim Aucoin that the Peace Poster Judge's Score Sheet be added to the criteria for the Peace Poster Contest in the Policy Manual. Motion Seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick. Motion carried. PDG Bob says there needs to be a committee formed to bring manuals up to date.

Convention Report-Lion Gary Gaudet thanked everyone for the good weekend. He thanked his committee for their hard work. DG Gerard presented Lion Gary with a Lions Foundation of Canada Life Membership. ID Dave and Lion Marie thanked everyone for the weekend. He was pleased to see the spirit of Lionism in our District.

GLT-Lion Doug Small reported there were 90 participants at the schools. He presented gifts to the presenters-Lion Susan Sangster, PDG Kevin Guiggey, Lion Gerry Forsythe. There will be more training next year.

Eye Glasses-Lion Gary Rideout stated we have collected about 6000 pairs of glasses this year. He thanked all the clubs.

Hearing and Speech-Lion Don Spense thanked Lion Susan for putting the articles in the newsletter. Next year, there should be more information about hearing aids for children in schools.

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Lion Ron Evans Bursary-PDG Boyd stated there needs to be more work done for the cards going in the Funeral Homes. He challenged all clubs to continue their support towards the bursary.

LCIF-Lion Norah Davison-Wright reminded Lions that our District has benefited from LCIF Grants many times. She also reminded the Lions that we are falling behind in contributing to the Foundation. She mentioned that LCI has been challenged with a new campaign against measles. She encouraged Lions to donate to this campaign.

LFC-Lion Mary Small reminded Lions to participate in a Walk for Dog Guides.

Election Results-Lion Don Smith thanked the scrutinisers, Lion Doug Small and ZC Terry Kavanaugh. He reported DGE is Lion Stewart MacDonald, 1st VDGE is Lion Lucio Cordisco, 2nd VDGE is Lion Susan Sangster, ZC for Zone 2 is Lion Jamie Penton. Moved by Lion Don Smith to destroy the ballots. Motion seconded by Lion Gary Rideout. Motion carried.

Lions Quest-Lion Susan Sangster acknowledged that the first donation towards the matching grant for Lions Quest has been received. She encouraged Lions to get behind this program for your schools.

Newsletter-Lion Susan Sangster said she will have the next edition out soon.

Peace Poster/LEO/Youth-Lion Jim Aucoin said that the Nackawic Poster came in 2nd or 4th. Kits for next year's contest can be purchased now and the theme is "Imagine Peace".

Speak out-PDG Boyd reported a successful contest with 3 speakers. The winner was sponsored by Barkers Point and Nashwaaksis Lions Clubs. She will move on to MD N for competition.

Pins-Lion Paul Cousins reported he has more pins to sell.

USA/Canada Forum-VDG Lucio encouraged everyone to go to the Forum in Tampa, Florida this year.

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ZC Report-PDG Rod Wright had 4 ZCs at meeting and everyone reported their zones are working well.

Old Business-Bus information for International Convention in Toronto for 2014 was presented by ZC Terry Kavanaugh. He is working on more information. He has quotes for bus lines as well as charter flights. More information to come next year.

New Business-None.

District Awards:

DG Gerard has these awards to be passed out in September—LCIF, LFC, and Visitation for small and large clubs.

Humanitarian-Nackawic Lions Club

Eye Glasses-Charlottetown Lions Club

Environment-Tobique Lions Club

Best ZC- ZC Paul Greer, Tobique Lions Club

Best District Chair-Lion Doug Small, Pickwauket Lions Club

Most Improved Club-Bouctouche Lions Club

Best Club-New Maryland Lions Club

Best President-Lion Brennan Beaumont, Riverview Lions Club

Best Secretary-Lion Paul Cousins, Kensington Lions Club

Lion of the Year-Lion Jim Aucoin, Nashwaaksis Lions Club

Keeper plaques and presentations were made to 1st VDG Stewart, 2nd VDG Lucio and CST Bev from DG Gerard on behalf of the District for their assistance throughout the year.

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DG Gerard presented Lion Norah with a MJF Award on behalf of PDG George Mitton from last year.

CST Bev thanked DG Gerard on behalf of the District for all his hard work this year and presented him with the DG plaque. He also will be presented with a Progressive Melvin Jones Award when it arrives as unfortunately it didn't arrive in time.

DG Gerard thanked the District for all their support.

Dates to Remember:

May 15th, 2012 deadline to report PU101

May 18-20, 2012 MD N Convention Antigonish, NS

May 27, 2012 National Walk for Dog Guides

June 9, 2012 PEI Diabetic Cavalcade

June 16, 2012 NB Diabetic Cavalcade

June 16, 2012 Charlottetown 60th Charter

June 22-26, 2012 International Convention Busan, Korea

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectively submitted

CST Bev Semple

