

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT N-1

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Ramada Hotel, Fredericton NB APRIL 20 - 21, 2013

Hosted by Barker's Point – Northside Lions Club

The meeting was called to order by DG Stewart at 8:30 am.

PDG Rod Wright led the singing of the American national anthem and Lion Blake Hetherington led the singing of the Canadian national anthem.

The Lions Invocation was led by Lion Jim Aucoin.

We observed a Moment of Silence remembering deceased Lions and our service men and women serving overseas.

DG Stewart requested that two items be added to the agenda – approval of the Annual Convention 2011 – 2012 minutes and approval of the 2013 – 2014 Budget. Lion Dale Carter moved that the agenda be accepted with the requested additions. Motion seconded by Lion Paul Matheson. Motion carried.

DG Stewart introduced the head table.

DG Stewart welcomed everyone to the convention. He acknowledged Zone chairs (9), Cabinet members (15), PDG's (8) and Lioness (1) present. He expressed his hope that knowledge would be gained in the officers schools. He thanked GLT Co-ordinator Lion Doug Small and all the presenters for their time and talent. He reminded everyone that Lions do make a difference. He read a letter from IP Wayne Madden encouraging clubs to end the year on a high note.

1st VDG Lucio welcomed everyone and encouraged everyone to continue the good work of Lions. He is looking forward to next year, working for all the Lions of District N-1.

2nd VDG Susan stated that a good time was had by all last night. She thanked everyone for the past year and the amazing journey so far. She hoped everyone will enjoy the weekend.

Lion Dale reviewed the election procedures. He has a nomination for DG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and 4 Zone Chairs out of 13 zones. He will continue registering voting delegates when we recess for the officer schools.

PDG Jan Phillips, Convention Chair, welcomed everyone and hoped that everyone will have a productive and fun weekend.

DG Stewart read a letter of thanks from the Fort Augustus and Area Lions Club and PDG Gerard Kinney. A total of \$8000 was raised.

Motion to recess by Lion Dale Carter, seconded by Lion Gerry Forysthe.

DG Stewart reconvened the meeting on Sunday, April 21 at 9:10 am.

Presentations

DG Stewart presented a certificate of appreciation to PDG Gerry on behalf of immediate Past International President Wing-Kun Tam. He also presented a Guiding Lion certificate to Lion Dawn Hobbs-Penton. PDG Jan Phillips and Lion Fred Cook presented LFC Guide Dog Walk Appreciation Certificates to the Lincoln Lions Club and the Nackawic Lions Club.

It was moved by PDG Tim Hoban and seconded by Lion Dale Carter that the certification of delegates be closed. Carried.

PID Terry Graham stated that it was a great weekend. He remarked that DG Stewart is doing a great job and there is great leadership following. He congratulated the district on the positive growth this year. He also encouraged everyone to get to Multiple District and support our candidate for International Director. He thanked everyone for the hospitality shown to his this weekend.

CST Susan Stennick thanked clubs for their cooperation in submitting their Multiple District Convention delegates so she can in turn submit the names to the MD CST. For any clubs that haven't submitted, please get the names to her by April 30.

The minutes of the February 2013 cabinet meeting were approved on a motion by Lion Doug Cook, seconded by Lion Jamie Penton. The minutes of the 2012 – 2013 Annual Convention were approved on a motion by Lion Norah Davidson-Wright, seconded by Lion Wayne Hicks. The financial statement was approved on a motion by Lion John Murray, seconded by PDG Kevin Guiggey.

Election chair instructions

Lion Dale Carter reminded everyone of the election procedure.

Nominations for: DGE Lucio Cordisco, 1st VDGE Susan Sangster, 2nd VDGE Doug Small, ZC Zone 1 – none, Zone 2 – Lion Doreen Wall, Zone 3 – Lion Paul Cousins, Zone 4 - none, Zone 5 - none, Zone 6 – Lion Leola Dallaire, Zone 7 - Lion Marillyn Murphy, Zone 8 - none, Zone 9 - none, Zone 10 – PDG Jack Moffitt, Zone 11 – Lion Anna Mae Basque, Zone 12 - none, Zone 13 – PDG Sonny Bonnell

Roll Call was taken by CST Susan Stennick with 166 members from 37 clubs present. It was also reported that 225 people attended the banquet last night.

Lion Norah Davidson-Wright reported on the Senior Leadership Institute. It was an awesome experience with a lot of information and a great time to network with other Lions.

PDG Gerry reported on the \$10,000 LCIF grant for Perth-Andover flooding relief. It was moved by PDG Gerry and seconded by Lion Norah Davidson-Wright that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Election results – Lion Dale reported that there were 83 registered delegates with 73 votes cast and three 3 spoiled ballots. DGE – Lion Lucio Cordisco, 1st VDGE – Lion Susan Sangster, and 2nd VDGE – Lion Doug Small. It was moved by Lion Terry Kavanaugh and seconded by PDG Kevin Guiggey that the ballot be destroyed. Carried.

DGE Lucio Cordisco thanked everyone for their support. He encouraged everyone to follow their dreams.

1st VDGE Susan Sangster thanked everyone for their support and confidence. She will try to carry on the good work of DG Stewart and all other PDG before her.

2nd VDGE Doug Small thanked everyone for their support and he pledged that he will support all Lions. Education is important to him and he will look at getting more and more lions educated.

Constitution and By-Laws - Lion Jim Aucoin thanked his committee, PDG Bob Kirkpatrick and Lion Don Smith.

Moved by Lion Jim Aucoin, seconded by Lion Don Smith that Article V of the Constitution be amended by adding Section 4: For the purposes of Article V- District Convention, a voting delegate is defined as, and shall include, any Lion(s) selected by his/her Lions Club to attend the District Convention and vote on behalf on his/her Club as well as any Past District Governor. These Lions, so named herein, must be members of a Lions Club in Good Standing and must be registered for the District Convention as evidenced by the possession of a signed Delegate card. "A club is good standing is one: a. Which is not in "status quo or financial suspension", b. Which operated in accordance with the provision of the International Constitution and By-Laws and International Board Policy; c. Which has (1) Current International and District (Single, Sub and Multiple) dues, fees and taxed paid in full; and (2) no unpaid balances, greater than U.S. \$500, outstanding ninety (90) days for more." Carried.

Moved by Lion Jim Aucoin, seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick that the District By-Laws be amended at Article 1 – District Nominations and Elections by: removing the following from Section 3: a) "Nominations for the office for Region Chair (if utilized by the Governor) shall be received by the Cabinet Secretary Treasure at least five (5) days prior to the District Convention. Nominations for the office of zone chair shall be received by the sitting Zone Chair at least five (5) days prior to the last regular Zone Meeting of the Year." And, in its place, substituting "Nominations for the officer of Region Chair (if utilized by the Distract Governor) and Zone Char shall bee received by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer as least five (5) days prior to the District Convention.", removing Section 3: b) (ii), removing Section 3: c0 (iii), renumbering Section 3: c) (iv) to Section 3: c) (iii) and renumbering Section 3: c) (v) to Section 3: (IV). PDG Rod mentioned that Region Chair should be approved by cabinet, because of budgetary restraints. Carried

Moved by Lion Jim Aucoin, seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick that the District N-1 By-Laws be amended at article IV- Administration Fund by: (1) removing the following from Section 1 Dues – Paragraph 2 "and only upon approval by the District Governor with his/her cabinet Disbursements there from, shall be made by cheques drawn and signed by the Cabinet Treasurer and counter signed by the District

Governor” and adding Section 14: Signing Authority: “All disbursements from the District Administration Fund shall be by cheque drawn and signed by any two of three cabinet approved signing officers. No two signed officers shall reside in the same household. The signing officers shall include the District Governor, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and a third Lion recommended by the District Governor. Lion Norah Davidson-Wright moved the amendment “third Lion recommended by the executive”, seconded by Lion Don Smith. Amendment carried. Amended motion carried.

Moved by Lion Jim Aucoin, seconded by PDG Luke Stennick that the District N-1 dues shall increase from \$16.50 to \$20.00 per capita, collected semi-annually, effective July 1, 2013. The amounts include \$5.50 payable to Multiple District N. PDG Rod amended motion to change “\$5.50” to “dues”, seconded by Lion Norah Davidson-Wright. Amendment carried. Amended motion carried.

Moved by Lion Jim Aucoin, seconded by 2nd VDG Susan Sangster that the District N-1 Policy Manual be amended by adding the following under Item 3: Fundraising “any request for monetary funding or financial assistance in excess of \$5,000.00 be required to receive a written affirmation vote of commitment of at least 66% of the clubs in good standing in District N-1 supporting the project before it can be passed as binding. This affects only special funding requested.” Discussion followed prompting the mover and seconder to withdraw the motion.

Moved by Lion Jim, seconded Lion Norah Davidson-Wright that the District N-1 Policy Manual be amended to add Appendix O entitled Timeline for Incoming CSTs. Motion defeated. Moved by Lion Bob Kirkpatrick, seconded by Lion Paul Matheson to send back to committee to review. Carried.

Moved by PDG Kevin Guiggey, seconded by PDG Jack Moffitt that the District N-1 Policy Manual be amended to add Appendix P entitled Convention Guidelines. PDG Kevin and PDG Jack withdrew the motion. Moved by PDG Jan Phillips seconded by PDG Rod Wright that it be referred back to committee. Carried.

Meeting recessed for the Awards Luncheon.

Certificates of Appreciation

District Sight Preservation Awareness and Action: Cambellton Lions Club and Moncton Lions Club

New Horizons Award in Diabetes Awareness: Barker’s Point-Northside Lions Club

District Diabetes Chair PEI: Lion Paul Gauthier

District Diabetes Chair NB: Lion Harold Borden

District Hearing Chairperson: Lion Don Spence

Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson: Lion Cindi Beaumont

Alert Chairperson: Lion Brennan Beaumont

District Environmental Chairperson: Lion Paul Matheson

District Leo Chairperson: Lion Reg House

Largest LCIF Donation: Riverview Lions Club

Largest LFC Donation: Parkdale Sherwood Lions Club

Most Eyeglasses Collected: Quispamsis Island View Lions Club

Visitation Award Club with 20 members or less: Stratford and Area Lions club

Visitation Award Club 21 – 29 members: Barker's Point – Northside Lions Club

Visitation Award Club 30 plus members: McAdam Lions Club

Environmental Award: Barker's Point – Northside Lions Club

Humanitarian Award: Dorchester Lions Club

DG Appreciation Awards: Lion Gerry Forsythe, Lion Don Smith, Lion Doug Small, 2nd VDG Susan Sangster, 1st VDG Lucio Cordisco, PDG Jan Phillips

Best District Chair: Lion Brennan Beaumont

Best Zone Chair: Lion Peter Gallant

Outstanding Club President: Lion Chris Whitlock, Parkdale Sherwood Lions Club

Outstanding Club Secretary: Lion Robert Charman, Humphrey Lewisville Sunnybrae Lions Club

Rookie of the Year: Lion Peggy Imhoff, Riverview Lions Club

Best Club: Humphrey Lewisville Sunnybrae Lions Club

Lion of the Year: Lion Reg House, Riverview Lions Club

CST Susan thanked DG Stewart on behalf of the District for all his hard work this year and presented him with the DG plaque.

The meeting reconvened.

CST Susan presented the proposed budget for 2013 – 2014. It was moved by CST Susan and seconded by Lion John Murray that the proposed budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried

Motion for adjournment at 2:00 pm by PDG Luke Stennick.