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The International Association of Lions Clubs

District N-1

Minutes

Organizational Meeting

July 20, 2014.

Harvey Station Lions Club
Harvey Lions Community Center., Harvey, NB
11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Call to Order by DG Susan commenced the meeting. Singing of the National Anthems was led by PDG Rod Wright.

Moment of Silence for World Peace and Deceased Members, followed by the Lions Invocation led by 2nd VDG Brennan Beaumont.

Approval of the Agenda was moved by PDG Lion Rod Wright, seconded by Lion Paul Matheson.

Opening Remarks: DG Susan recognized and thanked all the Lions, Lioness, Lionettes and Leos who gave their time this beautiful day to participate in her organizational meeting. DG Susan asked how many here went to Toronto to which 10 Lions were recognized. DG Susan recognized what a great experience the convention in Toronto was and hoped everyone came back rejuvenated – ready to “Strengthen our Prides”

DG Susan introduced the Head Table, 1st VDG Doug, 2nd VDG Brennan, Host President Billy Harris and last but not least Lion Karen Estey-Rideout who filled in for taking the minutes for CST Lion Heather who, along with PCC Stewart is spending some quality time with their children out west.

Recognition of Past District Governors, Leos, Lioness & Lionettes followed by remarks by Host President Billy Harris, who welcomed everyone.

Remarks by District Governor Susan:

Update from June Meeting - We had a very productive DG Team meeting to set out goals for the year and review the past year. It was at this meeting that I learned the PDG Lucio has chartered a new club – the Saint Leolin Lions Club with 28 members. This club is on the Acadian Shore between Shipagan and Bathurst. Congratulations to PDG Lucio and his team

Directory – Although we tried very hard to have the Directories ready for this meeting – we are about a week or so from going to print. There is still a need for Zone 8 Chair and 3 other Chairs – Drug Awareness, International Relations, & Lions Quest to be filled. PDG Rod Wright agreed to be Drug Awareness Chair. Thank you Lion Rod. *Note* PDG Luke Stennick agreed to do International Relations. Thank You PDG Luke.

Club Visits - DG Susan will begin Club visits in August. The schedule will be posted on the website (www.LionsdistrictN1.ca or “N1 Lions”. and by e-mail until the Directories are distributed. DG Susan asked if any clubs are meeting in August to please send her an e-mail advising of those clubs so that she can begin her visitations.

MDN Pins - Lion David McAndrew (Malpeque Bay, PEI Lions Club) is our new Pin Chair. Thank you Lion Paul Cousins for the years of service as the Pin Chair. Lion Paul did an excellent job.

DG Objectives – to strengthen our Pride by Service. You will be hearing more about the Centennial Challenge which begins this year and lasts until our 100th year. 100 million acts of Service. This breaks down to 10 members. Can we do it? WE sure can if we all do our part. Lions - Are we in this great District on N-1 going to do our share...maybe even a little more? -----

DG Susan’s goal this year is to grow by 2 new clubs. We are also going to try to reduce the loss of our members who leave by the back door by 10%. This gives us 60 more Lions to serve.

As an Organization, we are now 1.36M strong. In Canada we have had a positive growth for the first time in many years and in District N-1 (drum roll please), we have had our second year in a row of positive growth. Congratulations Lions YOU did it!

We need to get clubs on line filling in the activity reports. Paper reports are going to be phased out. We realize that some clubs will struggle with this transition, please let us know. We have been given many great tools to help us help ourselves grow and prosper. We just need to use them. Our GMT and GLT will be working to help us.

This started at the close of the International Convention. Every new member will help us reach this goal. Every member makes lighter work in helping grow our numbers.

Check out the **Just Ask** program and a provided guide on how the clubs can initiate the program. The guides helps the clubs through and by following the guidelines, it works.

At our Canadian Caucus meeting, it was announced the PID Patti Hill (Alberta) will have her name put forward on the ballot for 2nd Vice President in 2016 in Tokyo.

Remarks by 1st Vice District Governor Doug:

1st VDG Doug commented on how well he enjoyed the convention. It was an excellent, fun, Lionistic time. For this year, my main goal is to put his energy towards the membership drive. Continue to keep up with the good work that we do. Thank you, looking forward to having a good year.

Remarks by 2nd Vice District Governor Brennan:

2nd VDG Brennan spoke on his training in prep for his new role. This year is going to be a huge year. The speaker at the convention was excellent. My job this year is to support VDG Susan this year.

Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer's Report -

Roll Call Summation – 49 Lions in attendance

Barkers Point Northside	President, Secretary & 6
Pickwauket	President & 2
Riverview	President, Secretary & 5
Nackawic	Secretary & 1
Nashwaaksis	4
Burtts Corner	President
Shippegan	1
Bath	1
Rexton	Zone Chair & 3
Upper Miramichi	President & Secretary
Summerside	1
Kensington	1
Parkdale Sherwood	1
North Rustico	1
Malpeque Bay	Secretary
Fredericton	1
Newcastle	Secretary
McAdam	Zone Chair & 1
Geary	President, Secretary & 1
Harvey	President, Secretary & 2

Minutes of the District Convention – will be carried out at the September Cabinet Meeting.

Financial Statement Update 2013-14 - will be carried out at the September Cabinet Meeting. PDG Gerry asked what was expected from him at the September meeting. DG Susan responded that PCC Stewart would get the books to him for audit as soon as possible once he returned. Thank you, nothing to report,

Correspondence –

- Letter from PDG Lucio on the charter of the new Saint Leolin Lions Club.
- Letter from Lions Quest - Winner of the car went to Newfoundland club.
- Letter from Lion Harold - Diabetes Awareness. In his absence, he reports that the Diabetic Calvacade was disappointing in club attendance, but happy that we raised \$15755 by donations from the clubs. Lion Harold wished the new Chair, Lion Reg all the best in the upcoming Lion year and commented on his enjoyment in his role for the previous years. Lion Harold recognized the Naskwaaksis Lions Club for donating the most money.

Lion Paul asked how many clubs were involved, which DG Susan noted that we have 17 clubs in our district, recognizing that the club donations are small. It was noted the Nackawic's donation was not included in the list. DG Susan reviewed the list of club's who donated to ensure that we have captured all of the clubs who donated to Calvacade. Barkers Point Northside was also missing.

Lion Jerry asked if they were still sponsoring Club Di-Best. Lion Harold commented that there was no Camp Day this year. It was suggested that Lions look at moving Camp Day up earlier than July. DG Susan noted all of these points should be documented for the next meeting with Diabetic NB. DG Susan asked all clubs to send any suggestions/info to the attention of Lion Reg House. Lion Paul asked if the total included Tag Day to which DG Susan noted "No".

Lion Paul (PEI) Liaison for PEI – submitted report, with #s still coming in, \$13,800. Make sure cheques are made payable to Lions Calvacade, which is still strong on PEI.

DG Susan asked Lion Reg to input information on Diabetic program for both NB and PEI on our district web site. 15/21 of clubs participation on PEI. "Doesn't matter how much we donate, it is the fact that we do". 8% of PEI's donations are the businesses on PEI, community based, just not the clubs. DG Susan said that perhaps in NB, we need to move to this.

Lion Jim Aucoin spoke that their club gave the choice of getting a plaque or choosing the cost to be donated to which some chose Calvacade.

Lions Membership webinar's noted by DG Susan. The listing is on-line with interactive instructions. The webinars are posted on line but are late.

50/50 draw winner was Lion Sharon Templeton, Bath Lions Club of \$ 115.00.

Round of applause for PDGs Denzil and Jan and their Lions for providing lunch. Recognition of Lion Michel Dressaire, President of Barkers Point Northside and Lion Bill Harris, President of Harvey Lions Club for hosting of today's organization meeting. Both were presented with a DG Certificate of Appreciation.

International President's Theme – Video with a ROAR from those in attendance.

Club Excellence Process – Club BluePrint- Club Membership Goals – Zone Chairs will be working with each of their clubs to have their membership goals turned in. The Club Excellent process is a great way to rejuvenate your Club. The most effective Lions clubs regularly identify ways to expand their service impact, develop leaders and meet club members' needs and expectations. Like any worthwhile project, it is important to develop and implement a plan, or "blueprint," to guide your actions.

LCI offers tools to help you develop your club's blueprint, with emphasis on strengthening club operations, service leadership development and membership.

DG Susan commented on the work that she and PDG Boyd did last year on the Club Excellence Program; the club's membership at that particular club increased by 30%. DG Susan expressed the need for each club to set realistic goals which will allow your club to be successful.

Create Your Club's Blueprint

Download the [Blueprint for a Stronger Club Guide](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/blueprint-for-a-stronger-club.php) for step-by-step assistance with assessing your club, establishing goals and developing your blueprint. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/blueprint-for-a-stronger-club.php>

1. Identify your goals, challenges and possible solutions with the [Planning Process Worksheet](#).
2. Create your action plan based on input from club members using our [Action Plan Worksheet](#).
3. [Submit your goals](#) and receive a certificate of recognition.

Outstanding and unique plans will be shared with clubs around the world!

Peace Poster - Video . One item that is missing from our Policy Manual is a Prize structure for our District Peace Poster winners. DG Susan is going to ask for a motion at the September Cabinet meeting to get this corrected.

DG Susan commented on the talent of the children. Lion Jim spoke on the theme this year, “Peace, Love and Understanding” and he has the packets available at the back of the room.

Lion Jim put on the floor that in September he will be making a motion to move Peace Poster District Winner from November 15th to November 30th so the Posters can be judged at the November Cabinet meeting.

Introduction and Recognition of Cabinet

Old Business – no old business to discuss.

New Business –

Lion Jim spoke on the convention parade, convention and “vegetable growers” to Food Banks. Fredericton Lions Club – green house located at the Fredericton Food Bank. LCI – FB page –selecting Like’ will bring up opportunities for new members.

Lion Karen put forth the proposal for Lions Clubs to provide community support to future emergency restoration efforts with NB Power and other utilities such as provision of catering service. Lion Karen will also be putting this forward at the next cabinet meeting.

Announcements – PDG Denzil noted that Harvey Lions Club donated 163,000 pop can tabs and 370 eye glasses donated today.

Dates to Remember

End of Each Month	Club membership & Activity Reports to LCI, DG Susan, 1 st VDG Doug, 2 nd VDG Brennan, CST Heather and your Zone Chair
	District Cabinet Chairs report to designated VDG, Zone Chairs report to Zone Chair Liaison
September 11-13, 2014	USA Canada Forum Puerto Rico
September 19-20, 2014	Fall Rally (previous Fall Conference) hosted by Amherst Lions Club
September 21, 2014	September Cabinet Meeting hosted by Dorchester Lions Club
September 28, 2014	Portage Celebration (Confirmation needed)
October 1, 2014	Deadline to order Peace Poster Kits from LCI
October 04-06, 2014	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Oak Brook Illinois
October 15, 2014	Club Membership goals due to District Governor
October 31, 2014	Semi Annual Dues to be paid
November 14, 2014	World Diabetes Day
November 15, 2014	Peace Poster District Winner to District Governor
November 15, 2014	Charter Celebration Kensington & Summerside (Loyalist Inn)
November 16, 2014	Cabinet Meeting (Summerside PEI Lions Hall)
December 01, 2014	Postmark deadline for Peace Poster to Council Chair
December 01-07, 2014	Lions Eye Bank Week
December 05, 2014	International Leo Day
December 15, 2014	Council Chair to postmark MDN Peace Poster Winner

Adjournment on a Motion by Lion Jerry Forsythe.