

MD N Council of Governors  
Conference Call Minutes  
February 1, 2015

In Attendance: CC Scott MacKenzie, N1 DG Susan Sangster, N2 DG Frank Hartman, N3 DG Cyril Simmonds, N4 DG Len Mooney, C& BL Chair PID Len Giffen, and CST Brenda Billard

CC Scott called the meeting to order 7:15 pm and welcomed all participants.

CC Scott worked through a couple of minor details

1. Sent to Governor's a package containing GMT/GLT pins a couple of days ago. Please present to your teams at Cabinet Meetings. Not for Co-ordinators. Note included to advise.
2. MD Scarves – Do we need to order more, we are all out or close to it. PDG Lucio can order. DG's of N1 and N4 will take back to Cabinet Meetings and Conventions and get answer back to CC Scott. N2 and N3 will ask for 25 scarves each. Minimum order is 100.

**Fall Rallies for 2015**

N3 – CC Scott has not heard from PDG Penny. DG Cyril says possibly Oct. CC Scott will contact PDG Penny and find out.

N1-N2 – VDG Doug trying to find host club – still up in the air but confident that something will happen. DG Susan will bring up at Cabinet mtg

N-4 – will bring up at Convention.

CC Scott ask that DG's give the concept a push at their upcoming Cabinet meetings if they so desire, suggesting it knowing he can't force you to knowing that some don't like the idea at all. We need to give it

the old "College "try until the 3 year trial period is up. Once trial period is over we will go there.

One thing CC Scott pointed out is the person responsible to make this event happens – the Chairperson of this event – is the MD Convention Committee Chairperson. They are responsible to make sure the event is properly organized. The person that is on this committee 2 years before they run the Convention for the MD they would run the Fall Rally.

### **Eyeglasses Recycling**

CC Scott and DG Susan and N1 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG met with Zone 2 in N1 in Charlottetown end of Jan. Met with Rev. Scott Maclsacc with the Seven Steps Program that will be working extensively with the glasses with prisons and the correctional facility in PEI. Good review with Rev Scott and then attended Zone mtg with Zone Chair. All 8 clubs represented. A lengthy discussion followed and Rev Scott presented the program to the Zone 2 Lions. The reason that they went to Zone 2 in Charlottetown is because they will be front and centre with this. They are the ones that will be called upon for assistance if anything arises because they are there. CC Scott it was important to spend the time with them and explain the program and got unanimous approval of the project & offers of call for help if they need it. Really good support.

Next step DG's is to take to next Cabinet meeting and at least get moral support for this to go ahead. CC Scott has sent a detailed report to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's and District Sight Convention Chairs. CC Scott was disappointed in lack of response he has received back.

If you have glasses to be sent, send to Calgary or Montreal until further notice. Apparently they are working with a correctional facility in St John's, NL. CC Scott asked DG Len going forward with this, does he see it as a District project or being part of the MD. DG Len wants to be

part of the MD, but whatever the MD decides we don't have any problem. They have teamed up with Broken Earth to send glasses to Haiti upon approval of the District at the Convention this weekend. They will distribute glasses. CC Scott cautioned them to not just send raw glasses along. If they need glasses they should be getting them from Calgary so they are properly graded. DG Len informed CC Scott they have been in contact with Calgary.

Committee will talk with Calgary in regards to getting equipment. CC Scott will meet with MD Const. & Bylaws mid Feb. to make it a standing committee not an ad hoc. Form a committee to run it. Hoping to have it done PEI and St John's. These will be satellites of Calgary. Hoping to eventually get one of our own. Calgary will provide some equipment then will have to go out for fundraising in MD. Looking at holding bins, dishwashers and lensometer. DG Susan stated there is a bit of funding at MD we could get to buy supplies and LCI is a good resource.

We need general approval from clubs and then to Const & By Laws.

### **Constitution & By Laws**

PID Lion Len Giffen is aware of DG Susan's concerns about Committee Chairs. Committee will be putting something together to this effect for consideration and it will apply to specific committees, not all committees.

Sent clarification on CST position to DG Len.

PID Lion Len requested that if you have anything dealing with any concerns about Constitution & By Laws. Please get it to Lion Len before 15 Feb. Sent to Const & By Laws Committees, chairs, Governors.

DG Susan mentioned that maybe the committee should take a look at the document Your Club Your Way. Suggested Constitutional changes in there. Maybe the committee be proactive and take a look at it.

## **Vacant Chairs**

Subject was brought up and was stated that on Feb 15 this will be a topic of discussion, and then will be advertised in the N Former for all positions.

## **Centennial Coordinators**

We have two official ones. District N 4 DG Len has appointed someone but they need their paperwork submitted to contact at LCI. N1 is done, N3 has none and N2 has a possible.

CC Scott made a comment about coordinators. A lot of their duties overlap the GMT teams. A great part of what the coordinators do is work with the GMT people and almost oversees them. If they are to do the job that LCI wants them to do it may cause some friction so just be aware of this fact.

MD coordinator – hesitate to appoint. Lot more than promoting Centennial Service Challenge and the Centennial Convention. Please read through application packages. Duplication for this position is very large.

## **MD Convention**

Registration forms have been out for awhile now. Please promote. Print off and take to Cabinet meetings. Everything is going well; schedule of events is almost set. PDG Peter asking for Clubs to buy ads for MD Convention booklets. Bring up at Cabinet meetings.

DG Susan put out a congrats to DG Cyril & DG Len on forming new clubs. DG Cyril just got back from his new club. They have 22 members and maybe 5 more. Community raised \$4000.00 and gave them their own bldg at no charge. (Greenbay South Lions Club)

**Next meeting March 7 – 3 pm Atlantic, 3:30 pm NL**

PID Len put forth that PID Patti Hill will be endorsed on 8 Feb by MD 37 to run as VP for LI. She will compete this coming year and then will withdraw for the following year in favour of Japanese person then will re enter and then be IP 2019 or IP for 2020 Canada's 100<sup>th</sup>.

What is the point of putting your name in and then withdrawing? It is getting known – promotion part of being a team player.

After Saturday, send congratulations to PID Patti and send support to her from Districts. CC Scott mentioned that N2 looking at contributing \$5000 to candidacy. If she runs then withdraws big promotion stuff won't happen for another year.

N2 has an ID Fund. If we had someone running for ID there is an account set up and goes to a max of \$15,000.00. Thinking is that we might as well use this as we won't need this fund for another 10 years or more.

Look at taking \$5000.00 from there. DG Susan asked if this was from dues. Message sent out to clubs every year asking for \$1 per member to ID Fund. Totally voluntary. Not all clubs participate.

DG Susan asked if any one had received Guest Speakers Wishlist. You won't receive any info about 1 or 2 months before.

DG Cyril has PIP Scruggs as guest speaker.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm