

MD N Council of Governors  
Conference Call Minutes  
March 7, 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 3:10 pm and welcomed all participants.

CC Scott worked through some housekeeping items:

1. Received an information note from DG down in the states about a Project they are doing on Measles. This is just for your info as CC Scott has no idea why he wants us to be involved. Interesting concept on how to do things. What you do with it is up to yourselves.
2. Looking to get numbers on who is going to Hawaii. Need to register for the Parade. Looking at approx 20 or more. CC Scott will book for parade. Flags will be sent by incoming N2 and N4 will ship them home. DG Cyril asked about getting info on marching in a walk for Diabetes.

**Old Business**

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Asking about Parade scarf numbers. N1 and N4 stated they do not need more at this time, N2 would like 25 and N3 has been approved for 50. DG Len moved that we order 100 scarves. DG Cyril second motion. Motion Carried. CC Scott will contact PDG Lucio and get ordered and ask that bill be sent to the Multiple District so in future we can reorder ourselves in future. Multiple District will have 25 to sell at Convention.

**Fall Rallies for 2015**

Seem to be off the rails for N1-N2 Fall Rally. At this point there is no venue and whether one appears or not is questionable. Incoming N2 DG is proceeding on this basis and planning to hold a separate Fall Cabinet meeting here in N2. If something develops in the next couple of months for N1 that is all well and good and hopefully won't interfere but it looks tentative right now. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Doug is doing his best. N3 is still proceeding with hosting a N3-N4 Fall Rally. Incoming DG Penny is chair. CC Scott has informed PDG Eldon of the situation so he is aware of what is going on. It is incumbent on incoming CC to make sure responsibilities for the upcoming year are informed they need to do. DG Susan asked question about the Fall Rally – intention was to keep close to the border.

Would PEI be a venue. Everyone agreed that it would be. If N1 has one then N2 would be able to attend but there would be no N2 Cabinet meeting combined with it.

### **Constitution & By Laws**

CC Scott stated they had a pretty good meeting. CC Scott mentioned that before DG Susan came on line PID Len asked about Governors receiving Const. & By Laws changes. Attached. One of the things discussed were to go through the committees that are needing chairs next year. PID Len prepared ads for Constitution & By Laws and for Activities Committee. PID Len did quite a bit of work on a couple of others, but after making some calls and talking to different people these latter two were withdrawn. Our committee section in the Policy Manual and Constitution & By Laws is need of some work and needs to be sent to Long Range Planning for review. One thing that we were preparing was a Chairmanship Request for our Pins. PDG Sonny has been doing this for 10 years now and has done a great job and there is no committee per se. CC Scott doesn't see a need to change. There is nothing in our Manual that says we need to form a committee. The other thing noticed was with regard to Webmaster. PID Len had prepared a document on this also and CC Scott thanked him for that, but when he looked at that, it is actually an appointment of the communications chair. Need to have a review of committees section (We have requested applications for an Activities Chair, but we really haven't used that committee recently, so will see if any one applies) by Long Range Planning and discuss at convention. CC Scott will be in touch with Lion Eldon.

One thing noticed about the distribution of these applications – they come to CST &/or CC. You know who the incoming council is so should these members not have a copy of these documents before they get to the round table. PID Len noted that the application has to be accompanied by a letter from the DG so they can't come in without DG's knowing and also that the incoming DG's will receive them a month before the convention. They will go out to the DG's and incoming DG's and decisions will be made by Council immediately following the Convention. It will be put on agenda and CC Scott will talk to Lion Eldon and have him put it on his agenda also.

### **Eyeglasses Recycling**

Still proceeding with this. Governors all four districts have now approved in principal the concept of moving forward with this project. Will proceed and hopefully by Convention will have some good news (hard facts). Possibility of 2 sites is quite good but CC Scott is sure we should have at least one. Calgary is

very supportive, unfortunately they are unable to attend our convention, but are willing to come and do training.

## **New Business**

### **Constitution & By Laws**

#### **Notice of Motions for MD “N” Convention In Halifax, May 22-24, 2015**

**Background** – There is no authority granted in our Legal Documents for the establishment of committees and appointment of chairs for same, hence the following notice of motion.

#### **By Laws, Article XIV Multiple District Committee, Section 1**

“The Multiple District Council of Governors shall establish such standing and ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary and appoint knowledgeable and qualified Lions to Chair said committees.”

PID Len wants to know if Council wants this motion to go forward at the Convention. DG Susan moved and DG Frank second that this motion be taken to Convention for a vote. Motion Carried

At the request of Council Chair Scott, the following amendment to MD N Constitution and By Laws has been prepared to establish a Standing Committee on Eyeglass Recycling.

#### **By Laws Article XIV. Section 2 Admin**

New Section 5, Sub section B. Eyeglass Recycling Committee

Duties: Oversee and co-ordinate all activity relative to operating an eyeglass recycling program in the Multiple District.

Section 5, Sub section C Duties – Remove the word “Eyeglasses”

DG Frank moved and DG Cyril second that this motion be taken to Convention for a vote. Motion Carried

DG Len asked with a Standing Committee is there suppose to be a representative from each District. CC Scott answered yes. PID Len stated what is being suggested again to go to the convention for approval – the amendment to ensure

that with the exception of the Speakout Committee & Budget & Audit committee that the mirror representative in each sub district will automatically be a member of the MD Committee.

PID Len wants to alert all of the Protocol of Wearing of Medals. This was also sent out . The Council itself has the authority to establish a policy, so the council itself will be dealing with this one way or another at the Convention during Council meeting.

## **Appendix "O"**

### **PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS:**

#### **Section A**

Service to our Association takes many forms. Lions serve the needs in their communities, serve as leaders of Lions at the club, district and other levels, and serve the overall mission of Lions Clubs through membership efforts, public relations initiatives and other endeavors. The **Presidential Award** should be considered for Lions who distinguish themselves for their exemplary service by: being personally involved in club activities, being supportive of the programs of Lions Clubs International, being supportive of LCIF and having sponsored at least one new member.

Quality leadership is essential to our association in that it affects membership growth, the service that we provide and the impact that service has on our communities and on the overall quality of the Lions clubs membership experience. The **Leadership Award** should be considered for Lions who make significant contributions to leadership development and results within our association.

Recommendations should be initiated by the district governor. The district governor should verify that the president's criteria have been met prior to passing them on to the Lion leader responsible for endorsing the recommendations. The recommendations then need to be indorsed, and then submitted, by the current board member, if there is one. If not, then the most current past international president from the multiple district should endorse and then submit the recommendations. If there isn't one, then the most current past international director should endorse and then submit the recommendations.

There are many Lions who are diligently working to provide hope to those less fortunate in their local communities who have never been recognized for their efforts. A concerted effort should be made to honor those Lions who have not received a presidential or leadership award in the previous five years

Every year each District Governor is encouraged to submit one application for each award. The International President decides how many awards each Multiple District will receive.

Our Multiple District selection process is based on the following formula:

	PRESIDENTIAL	LEADERSHIP
2016	N1 N2 N3 N4	N4 N3 N2 N1
2017	N2 N3 N4 N1	N3 N2 N1 N4
2018	N3 N4 N1 N2	N2 N1 N4 N3
2019	N4 N1 N2 N3	N1 N4 N3 N2

The above completes a full cycle after which we would begin the same process beginning in the following year.

## **Appendix "O"**

### **Protocol for the wearing of Medals**

#### **Section B**

Ambassador, International President, International Leadership and Judge Brian Stevenson medals are significant achievement awards available for presentation to deserving Lions and as such should be displayed with the respect they deserve.

Since all of these medals come with an appropriate lapel pin for regular dress the medal itself should only be worn at formal events with formal wear, business suit or jacket and tie.

Lions International does not have a specific protocol for the wearing of such medals but does have some suggestions.

At formal events i.e. Charter Nights, Cabinet and Multiple District Banquets the afore mentioned medals should be worn on the left chest and your Lions pin of the left lapel with the highest priority medal closest to the centre of the chest and other medals in order of priority to the left.

In the event more than one International President's medal is worn, the current or most recent medal is closer to the centre of the chest and additional one/ones worn left of it in descending order of term of office from most recent Past President.

In the event of a military member or veteran, military medals are worn on the left chest and Lions medals on the right in appropriate order from the centre of the chest.

The above mentioned medals should never be worn on Lions vests or shirts.

**NOTE:**

Lion name tags should always be worn on or near the right lapel so they are clearly visible when the right hand is put forward to greet someone.

CC Scott asked if DG's had applied for their Leadership and/or Presidential medals from LCI through PID Jim Sherry. DG Cyril asked about anyone else receiving packets with 15 or more certificates for committee chairs. General package sent out to all DG's, CC and up to DG's if they use them.

CC Scott stated this is last conference call. If any issues please contact him. Asked all DG's to promote MD Convention. With regard to convention chairs attending and committee chairs who will be invited CC Scott would like to invite the GLT & GMT people from N3-N4. May have to do some budget jiggling. CC Scott has had a good look at the financial statements and funding is there.

DG Len moved to bring together the GLT & GMT from N1/N2 and N3/N4 for the MD Convention. DG Frank seconded the motion.

DG Susan asked if financials had been received from last year. CST will check with Lion Gerard on this. CST asked DG Susan about funding for N3/4 Fall Rally. Suggestion was to wait till 1 July.

Reminder from Lion Jerry that cutoff is April 6 for information to be submitted to him for final N former.

CC Scott thanked DG's for thinking of the Multiple and for all the work you have done. Your Districts are very important to you and they come first.

DG Cyril mentioned that he received a letter from DG Susan for her nomination for Council Chair. Needs to go in writing to CST Brenda 30 days before convention.

Adjourn 4:00 pm.