

MD N Council of Governors
Conference Call Minutes
November 2, 2014

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

CC Scott called the meeting to order and welcomed all participants. He said he wanted to move through the pre-circulated agenda quickly and asked all to keep their comments as short as possible.

DG Cyril was congratulated by all on the organization of a new club in Triton, Newfoundland.

Agenda

Item 1

CC Scott asked PID Len to brief the Council on the Position of Council Secretary Treasurer and noted that he has asked PID Len to take minutes and excluded the incumbent CST because the item related to the position.

PID Len noted that his advisory committee concluded that Council did not have the authority to initiate the process for inviting applications for a CST for the upcoming term until the motion to approve making the pilot project a permanent one was approved at the upcoming Convention in Halifax. At that time it would be too late to initiate the process and the Constitution & By Law Committee was suggesting that if the incumbent was willing to serve a further term that the Council make the appointment subject to the motion passing.

If the motion failed at the Convention, the incumbent would be present as her term of office did not end until June 30th and the Convention could then elect a successor under the existing rules and an orderly turnover could be arranged.

A motion to appoint Lion Brenda Billard to a second term as CST subject to the approval of a motion to establish the Semi Permanent CST Pilot Project as regular operating procedure was moved By DG Cryil (N3) and seconded by DG Frank (N2). DG Len (N4) noted the necessity for the action and asked if it were possible to extend Lions Brenda's term for 1 year and if the motion passed then conduct the regular procedure to receive applicants during the Lions year of 2015/16.

C & BL Chair Len said he thought that was an acceptable alternative and CC Scott asked DG Len (N4) if he wished to move an amendment.

Moved by DG Len (N4) that the motion be amended to extend the term of CST Brenda for 1 year and if the motion passed at the Convention then the new council would seek applications for a CST in the established process during Lion year 2015/16. Motion was seconded by DG Susan (N1) and carried unanimously.

CC Scott then put the original motion as amended and it was also passed unanimously.

Item #2

CC Scott then talked briefly about the appointment of committee chairs and noted that Constitution & By Laws and Pin Committees were both due for reappointment and also noted that he thought GLT and GMT terms were expiring but those appointments were in the hands of others. CC Scott noted that the GLT expires this year but the GMT has another year before renewal.

A question was raised about the idea for having sub-district committee chairs becoming automatically the members of the MD Mirror Committees.

C & BL Chair Len said that a memo had been forwarded to the members of his committee as well as the sub-district C& BL Chairs (copy to Council) asking that they consult with their respective sub-district committee members on that and other matters included in the memo and respond by November 15th.

Item #3

CC Scott advised that the surplus funds from the Corner Brook Convention together with all the necessary documents have been received by the Budget & Audit Chair and while the Audit is not complete everything seems to be in order. A full report will be circulated in due course.

Item #4

CC Scott reported that the committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a satellite eyeglass recycling operation within MD N has been established and will be gathering and reviewing information over the coming months.

He noted the Calgary Centre back log has now been cleared up but there appears to be a number of different locations now receiving our eyeglasses, most of which are not Lions controlled organizations.

He will try to get more info on this topic shortly and advise council accordingly.

Item #5

Special Olympics – Opening Eyes

CC Scott reported that initial enquiries have been made about the Lions of Canada undertaking a \$300,000.00 project (approximately \$3.50 per member) to providing a second line of equipment for testing Canadian Special Olympic Athletes.

CC Scott advised he had forwarded a document via e-mail on the subject and asked Council members to get back to him with comments.

Item #6

Centennial Celebrations – District Reps

It was noted that District Reps have been appointed by Governors in all districts except N2.

CC Scott noted that a MD Rep has not yet been appointed but he is persuing this matter. He expressed concern that the Job Description had a major focus on membership developments and he wondered if it infringed on the role of the GMT.

Item #7

CC Scott reminded council of Worldwide Service Week – Jan 10 to 16, highlighting the Birthday of founder Melvin Jones leading up to the Centennial.

He also reported on the successful N1/N2 fall rally and mentioned that in excess of \$2500.00 had been raised for the Hope for Wildlife Barn Fund which was in response to a presentation at the rally.

At the request of the Governors of N3 & N4 CC Scott said he would forward the package for their information.

The date for the next electronic Council meeting was set for 7 pm on Sunday January 4, 2015.

Meeting declared adjourned by CC Scott at approximately 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted
PID Len Giffen