

District C-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

at the CNIB, Calgary, AB - August 9, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER: at 1:05 pm by DG Hazel Hiebert.
2. NATIONAL ANTHEM / LIONS PLEDGE lead by PIP Judge Brian Stevenson.
3. WELCOME ADDRESS by District Governor Hazel Hiebert... who thanked everyone for coming to the inaugural District Cabinet C-2 Meeting. ***The Theme this year, most appropriately, will be “Winds Of Change”***. With the combined clubs this year of the past district as well as the Canadian side of “N” we will be a district of 81 clubs. Already the year is starting off in fine form as the Cochrane Lioness Club will bridge with the Cochrane Lions Club until they have twenty members, and will be chartered as the Cochrane Lioness Lions Club. This will also complete a second goal for the year by adding 16 new women Lions members to the district. Lions Clubs International’s focus is that of a unified District Governor team. This team will be made up by: DG Hazel Hiebert, 1st VDG Gail Haight, 2nd VDG Cathy Anderson, the GLT and GMT teams, Zone Chairs and Region chairs, and will be operating and traveling as a team on some occasions.
4. INSTALLATION OF CABINET by Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson. He expresses great thanks at the honor to install the very first cabinet of the new District C-2. PIP Brian reminds the new cabinet members of their duties and charges as well as the direction of Lions Clubs International in the next few years leading up to the association’s centennial year in 2017. In closing of the cabinet installation ceremonies, PDG Don and Cathy Edy passed on the special gold District Governor pin to DG Hazel Hiebert.
5. ATTENDANCE: Present: DG Hazel Hiebert, IPDG Don Edy, IPDG Pauline Cooper, 1VDG Gail Haight, 2VDG Cathy Anderson, Cabinet Secretary Robert Herritt, Cabinet Treasurer Jason Isaman, James Lee, PDG Sharon West, PDG Dennis Stevenson, Mike Savage, Peter Braithwaite, Thomas J. Kannannayakal, PDG Tim Haight, Bill Stecewicz, Nick Chapin, Carol Hassell, PDG Dr. Rose Geonzon, PDG Margaret Young, Anne Kennedy, Margaret Brucker, Teofy Buluran, PDG Bruce Bishop, RC Dennise Braithwaite, RC PDG Peter Wallis, ZC Henry Czarnota, ZC Ed Pacaigue, ZC Elaine Clark, ZC Catherine Heberle, ZC Neil Hansen.

Guests: PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, Lion Patricia Stevenson, Council Chair Bill Baux, Lion Donna Baux, Lion Vi Gibb, and Lion Robert Herfst.

INTRODUCTIONS: Due to many new faces around the table introductions are run through. A few non agenda points are brought forth as follows:

James Lee – CLERC – asked about the district directory. DG Hazel explained this is one of the many usually normal things that was affected by the re-districting. Until the change was complete we couldn't proceed. Also 25 new clubs have been added to the district and hence the directory has taken more time to collect all info prior to printing.

District website: It is noted that District C-1 is putting member info on their website but due to FOIP and privacy concerns that part of the site will be password protected. It is noted that some rural clubs are less tech savvy and all their members may not have web access. DG Hazel pointed out it would still be the responsibility of the club to print out any district info or correspondence for members who need this.

Lion Denise Braithwaite asked with the addition of new clubs to make the count in the district to about 80, is there any clubs that did not submit their PU 101's yet? DG Hazel replied there are currently 11 clubs who did not submit on time but they are being followed up on.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: none of note.

MOTION by Ann Kennedy/2nd James Lee to accept the meeting agenda. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: IPDG Pauline Cooper presented a cheque of funds carried forward from 37 N to Treasurer Jason Isaman for \$16,952.91 USD. This includes: Youth Exchange: \$5,397.49, Youth Reserve Canadian Clubs: 2,460.11, Convention: \$2,460.11, Rally Funds: \$841.12, Administration: 8,254.19, Patty Hill Campaign Fund: 621.71. A copy of the letter from Lion Bryant Ducheminsky is attached and form part of these Minutes.

IPDG Pauline explained that District 37N used to have a youth exchange program that clubs paid into for youth exchange in southern Alberta. IPDG Pauline would like to request that the money raised for youth exchange in southern Alberta be used for that purpose. Discussion follows.

MOTION made by 2VDG Gail Haight/2nd Neil Hansen on reserve funds- the friendship account from the old books be divided in the new books between Youth Exchange, Leadership and Convention Reserve. These will be established as the old district books are ready and the new books are ready for submission and a financial review. Carried.

MOTION made by Jason Isaman/2nd Neil Hansen to accept the proposed district budget for information purposes only. CARRIED.

Discussion of club dues follows.

MOTION made by Tim Haight/2nd Elaine Clark to increase dues by \$1 to establish a training reserve fund. This would be to facilitate members to engage in leadership training such as the ELLI or ALLI when offered....

Discussion follows. IPDG Pauline Cooper points out there are lots of reserve funds. She doesn't think the district should have such large reserves and still ask clubs to contribute. Example: there is a convention reserve fund of \$5,000 that has not been touched in 5 years.

Discussion. IPDG Don Edy agrees with that we should not be asking the clubs for more money simply to establish larger reserves.

Discussion. 1VDG Gail Haight points out from an accounting perspective the district has cash, but no reserves per se.

It is suggested we table this motion until we can see the audited books after the financial review.

Discussion. PDG Sharon West also points out these past numbers were based on the US exchange rate from last year- which has changed considerably for the worse this year.

DG Hazel Hiebert points out the constitution and bylaws have dues set at \$8 and the budget has the dues set at \$8 as well.

MOTION made by 2VDG Gail Haight/2nd Neil Hansen- rescinded.

MOTION made by PDG Tim Haight /Elaine Clark NOT CARRIED.

Dennis Stevenson notes the convention budget was set up at \$1/pp but the district budget shows \$0.50/pp. 2VDG Gail Haight explains this was a minor error and the \$1/pp will be honored by the district.

DG Hazel Hiebert states the dues are currently set at \$8/pp and to proceed. Jason Isaman will distribute the district's financial info as soon as the audit is complete.

REPORTS

IPDG Don Edy: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall part of these minutes. Also reported that he started volunteering at CLERC every Wednesday and his focus is to put the fun back in function.

IPDG Pauline Cooper: no report to submit. She just reminded all present to remember this is not district 37-O + some clubs... It's a brand new district. Change for everyone will take time but we as the Cabinet want everyone to feel included.

1VDG Gail Haight: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall part of these minutes.

2VDG Cathy Anderson: reported she attended the 48th anniversary of the Lethbridge Japanese Gardens as well as many e-meetings. She encouraged all clubs to submit centennial project plans in preparation of 2017 Lions Centennial events.

DG Hazel Hiebert: submitted her report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these meeting minutes. In addition DG Hazel had many e-meetings and several meetings and events with International 1st VP Bob Corlew. A book of photos of this event was put together in amazing fashion by PDG Ben Pond- it can be borrowed from Hazel upon request. DG Hazel also presented a letter presenting ZC Tyler Bray as a candidate for 2nd VDG at the D C-2 convention in October. DG Hazel also presented a letter from MD C Council Chair Bill Baux explaining the MD dues. Finally a list of events and dates will be posted on the district website.

1VDG Gail Haight: REGION and ZONE CHAIR REPORTS.

Region "B" chair Peter Wallis submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

Zone 5 chair Ed Pacaigue submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

2VDG Cathy Anderson: COMMITTEE REPORTS.

CLERC: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS: A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws was circulated and a file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

DIABETES and CAVALCADE: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

DISTRICT C-2 CONVENTION: Dennis Stevenson reports the budget was sent out and approved by the convention committee and planning is progressing. He also reminds people that because we are operating under LCI rules (i.e.: we are a new district without a ratified constitution), PIP's, PID's, CC's or PDG's DO NOT get an automatic vote - rather they must be one of the approved delegates of their said club.

The tentative date for the 2016 District C-2 convention is scheduled for October 21-22, 2016.

ENVIRONMENT: as reported by Thomas Kannanayakal. They are seeking to engage clubs to think more about environmental projects and also proposed the idea of forming an award for students to entice them to become involved in environmental projects. Lion Thomas will put together a proposal for consideration by the District.

GLT: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

GMT: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

HEALTH and WELLNESS: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY: Carol Hassell presented a live demonstration of the District C-2 website: www.e-district.org/sites/c2 which is now up and running. Please send Carol info for any postings or calendar dates (i.e. golf tournaments, CLERC dates, etc). Also please submit any pictures of Lions in action serving the community as well!

LCIF: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

LEO ADVISOR: No report at this time.

Lions Foundation of Canada: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these meeting minutes. PDG Margaret also reported on totals donated from the Purina Dog Walks held in 2015, which are attached.

Lions of Alberta Foundation: Report submitted electronically and part of the minutes.

LIONS QUEST: No report at this time. Ann does report they are seeking new people to be members of the Lions Quest Committee.

LIONS SIGHT CENTER: No report at this time.

LIONS YOUTH CAMP: No report at this time.

NEWSLETTER: DG Hazel reported that the newsletter is still under development and asked that Clubs send her articles and information that they would like to appear in the newsletter.

PEACE POSTER: Lion Margaret submitted her report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Discussion ensues regarding if posters can be ready in time for judging at the district convention or alternative deadline and submission dates.

MOTION made by Lion Dennis Stevenson/2nd Lion Don Edy to have all winning peace poster submissions photographed and submitted to Peace Poster chair Lion Margaret Brucker by November 10th, 2015 and thereafter posted online for judging...

Discussion ensues. After some discussion it is decided the logistics and time frame will not allow ample time to complete the posters and then have the posters brought to the convention. It was also noted that taking photos of the posters would not give a true picture of what the posters depict. It was decided that the original timelines be met, and the posters will be sent to Lion Margaret by November 10th and be judged by DG Hazel, 1VDG Gail and 2VDG Cathy.

MOTION RESCINDED by Lion Dennis Stevenson.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report at this time.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: PDG Bruce submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Lion Bruce Bishop expressed concern that many incoming youth exchange people have little or no experience in this. Discussion ensues. IPDG Pauline will submit an old policy manual to help guide future policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. District C-2 DG Banner. DG Hazel reports that at the last Cabinet meeting it was moved to purchase a new DG banner made for District C-2. LCI Supply came back with a price of just over \$400.

MOTION made by Lion Tim Haight/2nd Ann Kennedy to spend up to \$500 for the new DG banner for D C-2. CARRIED.

Club banners will be made for the Canadian clubs from 37N that are now part of D C-2.

It was decided that the District Governor banners from D37E and 370 will no longer be hung at the District conventions. It was suggested that these banners be given to the PDG's if they want them.

MOTION made by Lion Tim Haight/2nd Lion Margaret Brucker that all surplus banners of 37 E and O be distributed to living members (of the DG specific named banners). CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Constitution and By-Laws.

MOTION made by Sharon West/2nd Tim Haight to approve the revised (August 7th) version of the Constitution and By-Laws and this version be distributed to all clubs to be voted upon by the membership at the October 17th district convention. Minor discussion and Tim suggests he will revise the document so that all pages are marked as the August 7th version to ensure nobody confuses any versions. **CARRIED.**

2. Centennial Projects. Cathy Anderson suggests all members think about a project we could do in the district as a centennial project. A proposed district project is in regards to the Lethbridge Japanese Gardens. For the Lions Centennial year in 2017 it will be the Japanese Gardens 50th year. We could invite International President Jitsuhiro Yamada as part of the celebration. If this project is too big for just our district we could make it an MD project.

Other projects/ideas will be submitted and considered by the committee.

NEXT MEETING: October 18th, 2015 – Lethbridge (Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. after district convention)

Future meetings: February 21st, 2016 – to be held in Claresholm, and May 29, 2016 in Calgary.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION made by Dennis Stevenson/2nd Tim Haight to adjourn. CARRIED.**

Minutes prepared by Cabinet Secretary Robert Herritt, Aug 29th, 2015.