



District C-2 Cabinet Minutes

August 13, 2017

Lethbridge, AB

Present: DG Cathy Anderson, 1st VDG Tyler Bray, 2nd VDG Brent Johnson, IPDG Gail Haight, CT Lion Edna Nelson, CS Sharon West and GLT Coordinator PDG John Goodrich.

Zone Chairs: Anne Kennedy, Thomas Cheuk, Rex Elumir, PDG Peter Wallis, Glenn Robertson, Dustin Southgate, Chris Howells, Steve Clark and PDG Christine Lank.

Committee Chairs: James Lee, PDG Gordon Prusky, PDG Eric Buttle, Carol Hassell, PDG Fred Walters, Harry Friesen, PDG Bruce Bishop, Anthony Prettegiani and Margaret Brucker.

Guests: PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, PDG Pauline Cooper, MDC CT Sandra Goodrich and Norisa Elumir

1. **Meeting called to order at 11:05 am by DG Cathy**
2. **National Anthem Oh Canada led by CS Sharon**
3. **Lions Pledge recited by all led by DG Cathy**
4. **Invocation led by CS Sharon**
5. **Welcome Remarks to Cabinet & Guests – DG Cathy**

6. Induction of New Cabinet by PIP Judge Brian Stevenson

PIP Judge Brian began by talking about the confidence he has in the leadership of our District and briefly went through the bio of DG Cathy. He spoke about our prospective 3rd International Vice President candidate PID Dr Patti Hill. Our District is lacking women members and we need to promote women in lions more. We need to change public perception of the old boys clubs and encourage co-ed clubs. He thanked IPDG Gail Haight for her leadership last year. He spoke of our International President Naresch Aggarwal from India and his theme “We Serve” and explained the word Namaste which means I salute the divine in you.

He spoke about LCI Forward by engaging Lions, serving more people, spreading the word of lions by telling more people and promoting excellence in service.

He then spoke of our Global Initiatives which are engaging youth, vision, feeding the hungry, our environment and this year LCI added diabetes and paediatric cancer.

Judge Brian went on to explain some of the expectations for the Zone Chairs which include accompanying the DG Team on their official visit, attend cabinet meetings and send reports. He further highlighted some of the duties of the global action team which includes the GST, GMT and GLT.

As 2020 is the Centennial for Lions in Canada we need to start thinking how we can celebrate this milestone. Judge Brian then went on to outline what DG Cathy should expect from her Cabinet which would be attendance at the District C-2 Convention October 20 & 21 in Medicine Hat with her special guest being PID Marvin Chambers. He encourages attendance also at the Multiple District Convention in Leduc May 4 & 5, 2018.

The Judge then proceeded with the Installation of the Cabinet. All members stood as he read the duties of cabinet which was met with the response I will.

7. **Transfer of District Governor Banner by Judge Brian Stevenson** – The Judge called upon IPDG Gail Haight who is the current president of the Calgary Mountainview Club to say a few words as they turned the

District Governor banner over to the club of DG Cathy. CS Sharon 2nd Vice President of the West Lethbridge Lions Club accepted the banner on behalf of her club to be displayed at club meetings during DG Cathy's year.

8. **Additions on Proposed Agenda:** With one addition under new business a motion to accept the revised agenda was made by PDG Gordon P, 2nd by ZC Anne K Carried.
9. **Minutes of June 4th, 2017 - Errors or Omissions**
Motion to accept amended minutes Lion James L, 2nd by PDG Fred Carried.
10. **Treasurer's Report** – CT Edna Nelson reported the banks accounts have been set up and signing authorities done. Unfortunately our books have not been reconciled after the end of June, 2016. She is in the process of getting missing information from past cabinet treasurer Jason Isaman. Our starting balance as of the end of June, 2017 in our General Operating Fund is \$87,669.22. \$2100.06 has been put into our ALERT Account as of August 4th. There are some unidentified incomes and expenses not accounted for that need to be resolved before a review of the financial books can be completed. She has billed out the District dues. PDG Bruce B requested a treasurer's report be made available to cabinet before our next meeting. CT Edna moved her report and balances be accepted for informational purposes which was 2nd by PDG Gordon P, Carried.
11. **Correspondence** – CS Sharon received a letter from the Lions Club of Medicine Hat requesting the remaining balance of \$1500.00 for the District C-2 convention. Motion made by PDG Gordon P to send the funds, 2nd by lion James L, Carried.
12. **Old Business:**
 - 12.1. **Youth Program** – Statement to be added to the Policy Manual
 - 12.2. **District Directory** – This year we are trying an electronic directory for our membership. PIP Judge Brian pointed out District C-1 has been using this method successfully for two years. The positive about an electronic directory it can be constantly updated with changes where as the old printed version had mistakes and changes before it was ever circulated. The clubs will receive a pdf copy of the directory which they in turn can print out as many copies as they require. There will be no directory cost involved to purchase the information. Persons can still send in advertising of businesses or club events at no cost to be included with the circulation. We encourage any clubs with Charter nights, interclub visitations or other specialty nights to please send the information to our webmaster Carol Hassell to be added to our District website as well as to DG Cathy to be added to her newsletter. PDF copies of the directory resent due to changes will show all changes highlighted in yellow identifying this is a change from the original version so the clubs can look for the updates very simply. IPDG Gail asked if the directory goes on the website would we not need passwords to access it. Response to this is for now it would only be sent out to the Clubs of the District and Cabinet members. Reminder that clubs hosting a special event can always send the information to the Cabinet Secretary to be dispersed to the clubs.
ZC Dustin advised possibly the LEO Club as a project could print directories. ZC Christine advised she also has the means of shrinking an 8 1/2 x 11 pdf to a smaller version. This is something some clubs may wish to pursue at a cost to their club.
 - 12.3. **District Policy Manual** – The Policy Manual is an ongoing document that needs the approval of cabinet only to make changes. DG Cathy encouraged everyone to read it PDG Gordon P moved we adopt the Policy Manual as circulated, 2nd by PDG Christine L, Carried with I abstention.

12.4. District Assets – No report at this time

12.5. Globalfest- Anne K reported there was not as much participation from the clubs as they had hoped but will try this again next year.

12.6 Past DG Banners: It was decided at a previous Cabinet Meeting in 2016-2017 that if we were to continue to display Past District Governor Banners they should all be displayed or none at the conventions. Approval was passed by the previous Cabinet to pursue printing banners for Districts 37, 37C, 37D 37W and 37N and that the names on the banners would go back to 1967. Approval to spend up to \$3500.00 was passed at that meeting. Once PDG Pauline gets a list of the names she will go to Logo Embroidery to find out how many names can go on a single banner then we will be able to order the banners through LCI. Each banner has a 10 1/2 inch Lions logo taking up much space on the banners. This is ongoing but PDG Pauline hopes to have everything done for the October Convention.

13. New Business:

13.1. Student Dues: Letter was sent to PDG Gordon regarding student's dues payable to the District. In the letter it asked if we can wave the dues or be 50% of our yearly assessment making them \$4.00 each per year.

Some history on this to encourage and assist the youth LCI decided students enrolled in a secondary educational institute would only be charged half the normal LCI dues each year up through the age of 30. The Multiple District C followed suit and put it in their policy manual that they would follow the direction of LCI and do the same. Campus Clubs and students that are a branch club of another Lions Club have full voting rights as our regular members. A motion was made by lion Anne K we follow the direction of LCI and the MDC and also assess half dues for students, 2nd by lion Harry, Carried.

13.2. Budget: DG Cathy presented a draft of the 2017-2018 budget after alterations were made to reflect the decision of item 13.1 changing our student dues from \$184.00 received to \$92.00 received at ½ dues our total revenue is \$55,251.70. This gives us an ending surplus of \$80.00
Motion was made by 1st VDG Tyler to accept the revised budget, 2nd by PDG Peter W, Carried.

13.3. Internet Sticks: Usage of this would be for areas without Wi Fi access such as rural Alberta. Zone Chairs could do training, bring up and show clubs reports and would not burn up personal usage time on their own phones. Two options available are a Turbo Mini Stick which you can purchase outright for \$179.00 with no contract. You would use a flex plan which assesses user fees only for the months it is used at a rate of \$10.00 per each month used. The second option is a Mini Hub which has an outright purchase price of \$199.00 and can accommodate up to 16 shared devices. For this you would also need a flex plan which assesses user fees only for the months it is used at a rate of \$20.00 per month. Alternatively to this both devices have a two year contract available which you can get and regardless whether you use the device or not you pay the monthly fee. At the end of the two year period it is paid for and belongs to you. IPDG Gayle made a motion we obtain 3 units (not identified which type) on a contractual basis as a pilot project 2nd by 2nd VDG Brent. Carried with two opposed.

13.4 . Dues Billing: Our District Constitution states all District dues must be paid at least 15 days prior to the District Convention in order that the club is in good standing and their voting delegates are in good standing to be eligible to vote at the convention. This also applies to LCI dues and Multiple District Dues. A motion was made by PDG Gordon P and 2nd by PDG John G that we have a \$50.00 tolerance allowance for the clubs with funds owing. Carried.
A solution to funds owing to LCI would be to set up your club account with pre authorized debit.

13.5. February Cabinet Meeting: DG Cathy asked Cabinet to consider the possibility of an On Line Go To Meeting in February instead of a Face to Face due to weather and road conditions at that time of year. CS Sharon will set up a trial Meeting to be held Sunday Night August 27 at 7:00 pm for those wishing to participate. The meeting can have up to a total of 50 participants including facilitators.

13.6. Additions to Policy Manual: Some Items are needed to be added to the Policy Manual

- a) Dues structure decided by Cabinet at this meeting for students
- b) Hall of Fame if more than two candidates are on the ballot at the District Convention how are the winners chosen. Motion by 1st VDG Tyler that the top two candidates receiving the most votes become the winners, 2nd by ZC Anne, Carried with two opposed
- c) The Policy Manual should outline the Qualifications for Hall of Fame to be a suitable candidate. Nominations should be received by the District Governor/Cabinet Secretary 45 days prior to the convention. See other recommendations by PDG Gordon to include on this issue in his report.
- c) We need to put something into the Policy Manual as to when it is appropriate for those appearing on the ballots at the District Convention may begin campaigning for the position.
- d) Anyone putting forth their name to run for a Governor Team position must forward a letter of endorsement from their club and their own personal intent letter.

13.7. Money from reserves: DG Cathy asked permission from the Cabinet if while attending the USA/CANADA Forum in Portland she found books or literature valuable to the Clubs or the District if she had their permission to purchase the material with the expense coming out of reserves. Motion by PDG Gordon 2nd by ZC Dustin to allow such purchase up to a maximum of \$2000.00. Carried.

13.8. LCIF Banner: The District would like to get an LCIF banner for display purposes at conventions. 2nd VDG Brent Johnson has agreed to check out the cost with LCI and report back at our next Cabinet Meeting.

14. Executive Reports

14.1. IPDG Gail Haight circulated her report at the meeting. For those keeping electronic copies it is attached with the minutes.

14.2. DG Cathy Anderson sent an electronic report

14.3. 1st VDG Tyler Bray sent an electronic report but has recommended cabinet members and clubs may wish to set up a Gmail account as it is safer since hacking is becoming more prevalent.

14.4. 2nd VDG Brent Johnson reported he will be visiting 19 clubs this year and as of to date he is still the Multiple District C LCIF chairperson as a replacement has not been found.

15. Zone Reports

15.1. Zone 1 Henry Czarnota – no report not in attendance

15.2. Zone 2 Marty Moulaison – electronic report sent

15.3. Zone 3 Anne Kennedy – verbal report given at Cabinet Meeting. For those keeping electronic copies it is attached with the minutes.

15.4. Zone 4 Thomas Cheuk – no report at this time

15.5. Zone 5 Rex Elumir – electronic report sent

15.6. Zone 6 PDG Peter Wallis – electronic report sent

15.7. Zone 7 Kevyn Stevenson – no report not in attendance

15.8. Zone 8 Glenn Robertson – no report

- 15.9. Zone 9 Dustin Southgate – electronic report sent
- 15.10. Zone 10 Chris Howells – reported he has set up two meetings.
Chris please send dates of your meetings thanks.
- 15.11. Zone 11 Steve Clark – no report
- 15.12. Zone 12 PDG Christine Lank – electronic report sent

16. Committee Reports

- 16.1 ALERT - 1st VDG Tyler Bray – electronic report sent but he did advise the zone chairs that there needs to be an Alert Chair in each club.
- 16.2 Centennial – DG Cathy Anderson - electronic report sent
- 16.3 CLERC – Lion James Lee – electronic report sent but reminded everyone about work parties and they would like to make a list of the locations of the collection boxes.
- 16.4 Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual – PDG Gordon Prusky- electronic report submitted as well as copies circulated at the meeting for discussion. Article VII of the District Constitution will be updated under supremacy to include the right of the District Governor to vote at the Convention. Other recommendations by PDG Gordon have been tabled till our next Cabinet Meeting.
- 16.5 Diabetes & Cavalcade – Dennis Stevenson – Regrets could not attend due to illness. Report sent in late but electronic copy will be attached with the minutes.
- 16.6 District Convention – Kim Simpson (2017) and Sharon Schielke (2018) - no report not in attendance
- 16.7 GLT – John Goodrich (Pauline Cooper and Richard Huculiak): electronic report sent. Zone Chair Training is being organized for September in Nanton. More info to follow as things are confirmed.
- 16.8 GMT – vacant
- 16.9 GST - vacant
- 16.10 Historian – Eric Buttle – electronic report sent
- 16.11 Information & Technology – Carol Hassell - copies of report circulated at Cabinet meeting. For those keeping electronic copies it is attached with the minutes.
- 16.12 LCIF – PDG Dr. Rose Geonzon – electronic report sent
- 16.13 Leo Advisor – Dustin Southgate – electronic report sent working on visitations and goals. He reported the LEO club is applying for a Casino Licence so they are working with AGLC.
- 16.14 LFC (Dog Guides) – Catherine Heberle- electronic report sent
- 16.15 LOAF – PDG Fred Walters - gave a verbal report. For those keeping electronic copies it is attached with the minutes.
- 16.16 Lions Quest – Harry Friesen – gave a verbal report. For those keeping electronic copies it is attached with the minutes.
- 16.17 Lions Sight Centre – Glenn de Boer – no report not in attendance
- 16.18 Lions Youth Camp – Basil Boyd –not in attendance PDG Fred W reported the Youth Camp has been in existence for 32 years. September 23/24 will be the LYC fall clean up starting at 9:00 am. Lunch will be served both days. Sunday September 24th will be the AGM starting at 1:00 pm at the LYC.
- 16.19 Newsletter – Carol Hassell – copies of report circulated at Cabinet meeting reminder if you want anything to go into the September Newsletter please get it sent to Carol right away. For those keeping electronic copies it is attached with the minutes.
- 16.20 Sight and Hearing – Anne Kennedy - no report
- 16.21 Youth - Peace Poster – Margaret Brucker – electronic report sent
- 16.22 Youth Exchange

- 16.22.1 Outbound - Bruce Bishop – electronic report sent
- 16.22.2 Inbound - Tony Prettegiani – electronic report sent was disappointed there was no participation south of Calgary.

17. Presentations and Awards:

IPDG Gail Haight presented Zone Chair Steve Clark with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution in his Zone last year.

18. Good of Lions:

18.1. PDG Gordon P brought up that a lot of Cabinet Members did not have name tags and he felt it was a good idea. DG Cathy will investigate different name tags available to try and find a more economical way to provide this.

18.2. Multiple District C Life Members: When we became MDC the Life Members from the old 37N & 37O were grandfathered into our new MDC with the understanding we would no longer offer MDC Life Memberships. The only life membership available to purchase is the one through LCI. We have never offered life memberships at the District level. For those life members in MDC they are exempt from being charged MDC dues and this is reflected in the billing sent out by MDC.

18.3 Zone Chair Rex E pointed out that the everyday lion does not seem to receive recognition at conventions. We need to look at a recognition program for these lions and discuss further what we can do. Awards available are Lion of the Year, Distinguished Lions recognizing one Lion in each Club for each Zone. This proposal needs to be followed up for consideration.

18.4. ZC PDG Peter W has asked that for future Cabinet Meeting we have speakers and a microphone available as some people are getting hard of hearing, some people don't speak loud enough and this would solve the problem. ZC Dustin has volunteered the use of equipment from the Nanton Club and James L has said equipment is also available with Clerc.

We will try to have something available at the next meeting in Medicine Hat to resolve this problem.

Referred to DG Cathy.

19. Next Meeting – Sunday October 22, 2017 9:00 am Medicine Hat Lodge

20. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 3:22 pm by 1st VDG Tyler, 2nd by PDG Peter

Reminder of Upcoming Events:

- USA/Canada Forum September 21 – 23, 2017 Portland, Oregon
- MDC Council Meeting October 19, 2017 - Medicine Hat
- District C-2 Convention October 20 and 21, 2017 – Medicine Hat
- District C-1 Convention November 3 and 4, 2017 – Edmonton
- MDC Council Meeting February?, 2018 - on line meeting
- MDC Council Meeting May 3 and 4, 2018 – Leduc
- MDC Convention May 4 – 6, 2018 - Leduc
- 101st LCI Convention June 29- July 3, 2018 – Las Vegas Nevada
- District C-2 Convention October 19 – 20, 2018 – Calgary
- District C-2 Convention October 2019 – Pincher Creek

