

District C-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

At the Lethbridge Lodge, Lethbridge, AB - October 18, 2015

- CALL TO ORDER: at 9:10 am by DG Hazel Hiebert.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM / LIONS PLEDGE lead by DG Hazel Hiebert.
- WELCOME ADDRESS by District Governor Hazel Hiebert...who thanked everyone for staying after the convention and to the Zone and Region chairs who will stay yet later for some training. Also thanked everyone for coming from near and far and attending the convention. Also special thanks to the Convention Chair Lion Dennis Stevenson for his tireless efforts that made everything come together and run so smoothly. DG Hazel offered further thanks to the rest of the convention committee as well. By all accounts it seemed to be a resounding success. DG Hazel also offered congratulations to 2VDG(E) Tyler Bray for his successful election as well as 1VDG Gail Haight and 2VDG Cathy Anderson for their successful nominations to move forward.
- DG Hazel Hiebert introduces guests: Lion Vi Gibb, and Lion Andy Strang. Lion Andy, for those that don't know, is the person responsible for repairing the Lions Sign (picture is sent around) at the Alberta/US border. It is the only sign like it but we would like to see this program extended to all border entries to Alberta.
- ATTENDANCE: Present: DG Hazel Hiebert, IPDG Don Edy, 1VDG Gail Haight, 2VDG Cathy Anderson, Cabinet Secretary Robert Herritt, Cabinet Treasurer Jason Isaman, CLERC Chair James Lee, Convention Chair/Diabetes & Calvacade Chair Dennis Stevenson, Convention Special Advisor, GLT Coordinator Tim Haight, GMT Co-Chair Bill Stecewicz & GMT Co-Chair Nick Chapin, Health & Wellness Chair Richard Tumanon, Information & Technology Chair Carol Hassell, LFC Dog Guide Chair Margaret Young, Lions of Alberta Foundation Chair Fred Walters, Lions Quest Chair Anne Kennedy, Peace Poster Chair Margaret Brucker, Youth Camp Chair & Zone 3 Chairperson Tyler Bray & Lion Tony Prettegiani, Youth Exchange Chair Bruce Bishop, Region Chair A- Dennise Braithwaite, Zone 1 Chairperson Henry Czarnota, Zone 5 Chairperson Ed Pacaigue, Zone 6 Chairperson Elaine Clark, Zone 9 Chairperson Catherine Heberle, Zone 11 Chairperson Michelle Harris. MISSING: IPDG Pauline Cooper, Constitution & Bylaws Chair Sharon West, Convention Advisor Mike Savage, Environment Chair Thomas Kannanaya, LCI Foundation Chair Dr. Rose Geonzon, Leo Advisor Chair Raquel Galalde, LFC Co-Chair Mel Float, Lions Sight Centre Chair Glenn de Boer, Newsletter Chair Paul Warren, Public Relations Chair Teofy Buluran, Region Chair B Peter Wallis, Zone 2 Chairperson Thomas Blasetti, Zone 4 Chairperson Glenn Galalde, Zone 10 Chairperson Neil Hansen.
- AGENDA: MOTION made by Lion James Lee/2nd Lion Dennise Braithwaite to accept the meeting agenda. CARRIED.
- ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: 2 items to change in the last meeting minutes:
 - On page 2 Lion Ann(e) Kennedy is spelled without an e- so corrected to Anne.

- In last line of part 4 it reads PDG Don and Cathy Edy... It should read PDG Don Edy and PDG Pauline Cooper passed on the special gold District Governor pin to DG Hazel Hiebert.

MOTION made by Lion Elaine Clark/2nd Lion Tyler Bray to accept the minutes of the last cabinet meeting as amended. CARRIED.

- TREASURERS REPORT: as reported by Cabinet Treasurer Lion Jason Isaman. Submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Just to clarify as the reporting format may be different, than in the past, Lion Jason does clarify a few items. Although there are still some items to post, as of Friday October 16th there is:

\$46,839.12 in the operating account

\$16,952.91 in the USD account (amount reported in Canadian funds at today's exchange rate).

Also our year-to-date income/expense #'s are:

\$10,055.37 in receipts

\$ 3,498.60 in disbursements

\$ 6,556.77 current operating surplus (deficit)

That all said, Lion Jason explained the district does not have a balanced budget this year. DG Hazel explained this is due to several factors including the main problem that with all the new clubs added to the new district, there was no previous model to help guide the layout of the budget this year. Some are one-time expenses like the new district banner and other items won't be used this year, but will be kept in the budget to plan for them for future years. Various discussion follows. Some people ask about the compensation for Zone Chairs, etc. It is pointed out as the Zone and Region chairs have more responsibilities their compensation might have to be adjusted. All told everyone in all positions are requested to keep extra careful note of all that is required to complete the responsibilities of their respective portfolios. DG Hazel points out this is a transitional year and the cabinet will review the budget with better understanding next year.

Lion Bruce Bishop asks for clarification in regards to the funds that are reserved for Youth Exchange- Lion Jason agrees to separate the funds for that program out so to be more easy to understand. Further discussion about Youth programs and Youth Exchange in particular follows. Lion Bruce and Lion Tony will work together as a team to get reports on incoming kids (as well as outgoing) and their requirements so to allow better budgeting and avoid any situations (like

recently happened) when at the 11th hour one youth exchange was cancelled due to (the incoming youth's family) lack of funds.

Lion Don Edy asks in regards to leadership training and the ELLI/ALLI programs in particular. Discussion follows.

Lion Jason also explains that this budget does not include anything in regards to inventory, capital assets, etc. of the new district. All pins, banners, directories, IT and equipment will be recorded on a notation page that will be added in the future. Since it has no bearing on the district finances, it was not included so to make it easier for the cabinet members to understand the details of the new district's finances.

MOTION made by Lion Jason Isaman/2nd Lion Tim Haight to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. CARRIED.

- REPORTS:

IPDG Lion Don Edy: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

IPDG Lion Pauline Cooper: no report submitted.

1VDG Lion Gail Haight: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Spent many hours at the new district directory.

2VDG Lion Cathy Anderson: submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

DG Lion Hazel Hiebert: delivered her report in person and will submit her report electronically, and a file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Lion Hazel did expand on a few remaining clubs that are still not quite up to speed with various issues. These clubs are a work in progress and an update will be reported later. Finally on a positive note, during her official visit to Nanton, the Leo's club is doing very well and is looking to expand their movie night fundraising with help from the Nanton Lions Club.

REGION CHAIRS:

- Lion Dennise Braithwaite reports she has mainly been dealing with the issues at the Crossfield club. Also of note at Crossfield, there is actually only 7 members in that club (not 27 members as in the directory).

- Lion Peter Wallis: no report submitted.

ZONE 1- Lion Henry Czarnota delivers his report in person and covers the highlights. A file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

ZONE 2- Lion Thomas Blasetti: no report submitted.

ZONE 3- Lion Tyler Bray submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. 1VDG Lion Gail Haight explained about the bridge program that the Cochrane Lioness club is using to become a full Lions Club.

ZONE 4- Lion Glenn Garalde: no report submitted

ZONE 5- Lion Ed Pacaigue submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

ZONE 6- Lion Elaine Clark delivered her report in person. The first zone meeting will be in early November (still TBA). No real problems to report.

ZONE 7/8 have no Zone chair assigned yet.

ZONE 9- Lion Catherine Heberle submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

ZONE 10- Lion Neil Hansen: no report submitted.

ZONE 11- Lion Michelle Harris will submit her report electronically, and a file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE'S as reported by 2VDG Lion Cathy Anderson.

CENTENNIAL – 2VDG Lion Cathy Anderson reports that there is no project selected by the District yet but the Cabinet would welcome any submissions. Lion Tyler Bray reports that he was talking to some members of the Olds Lions Club and might have an idea for a centennial project; a “Dog Guide Memorial Forest” in Alberta! The only other memorial forest (in Canada) is in Ontario. Discussion follows. Lion Hazel recommends talking to PIP Judge Brian Stevenson for more follow-up. Lion Cathy advises that to be a District project it would need to be approved by Cabinet, so to get the research and details ready for a presentation at the next Cabinet meeting. Lion Fred Walters wisely suggests to consider what the Convention international guest speaker suggested, where LCI might cover up to 80% of the cost of a project for the Centennial.

CLERC- as reported by Lion James Lee, he submitted a report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. In addition Lion James advises that the new website will be up and running in about one month, along with a Facebook page, twitter, etc. CLERC also has new golf shirts available for sale (\$35 each) and lastly they need more volunteers to help as they recently have received some large orders (some as high as 40,000 pairs).

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS- 2VDG Cathy Anderson reports for Lion Sharon: the Constitution and By-laws were passed at the convention and now accepted by the District and become effective immediately.

DIABETES and CALVACADE- as reported by Lion Dennis Stevenson. Lion Dennis outlines the highlights of his report but will submit his report electronically. A file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. The Diabetes Cavalcade has been confirmed that it will be held in Pigeon Lake for the next two years and the community has expressed interest to something special for the Centennial Year celebrations.

2015 DISTRICT C-2 CONVENTION as reported by Lion Dennis Stevenson. Lion Dennis thanked the entire convention committee for all their hard work. Lion Dennis also thanked all the hosts and other people whose contribution made the convention such a success. There were 101 evaluation sheets handed in (compared to 28 last year). The hotel bill was \$15,236.16 and the breakdown looked fine. There was 184 people fed at the banquet and 197 fed at the Saturday lunch. Lion Dennis will scan and send the various receipts to Treasurer Lion Jason Isaman and keep copies for record keeping.

ENVIRONMENT- DG Lion Hazel Hiebert reporting for Lion Thomas Kannanayakal. Lion Hazel reports there is no formal report at this time but does circulate a photo taken by Lion Betty-Ann that will be entered in the Environmental picture contest.

MOTION made by Lion Margaret Young /2nd Lion Fred Walters to submit Betty-Anne Adams "snake picture" to the MD for the International Environmental Picture Contest. CARRIED.

GLT- Lion Tim Haight has no formal report at this time since most items for GLT just happened at this past Convention. Lion Tim did report the constitution did pass with an 85% approval rating (66% was required to pass). Lion Tim thanked the Zone Chairs for helping administrate the voting. The Cochrane Lioness Lions Club still has tickets available for their charter night. A few members are not ready for induction but the club will start with about 21 members! Lion Tim asks the Zone Chairs to promote the upcoming Guiding Lions Training to be held on November 14th. There are a few changes in the program from before including LCI wants the workbooks returned now. The first phase will be the course from LCI to become a "Certified Guiding Lion". The 2nd phase will be when the DG team selects people to fulfill that role in an active capacity. More details to follow. Lion Tim also explained Zone Chair Training will take place today after the Cabinet Meeting. The new format for officer training (3 locations and dates) is still work-in-progress with more details to follow.

GMT- Lion Bill Stecewicz submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. He highlighted the focus of the GMT is on forming campus clubs.

HEALTH and WELLNESS- Lion Richard Tumanon submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY- Lion Carol Hassell will submit her report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

LCIF- PDG Rose Geonzon submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

LEO ADVISOR- no report submitted. Lion Bruce Bishop reports that the Strathmore Leo's Club has folded with more details to follow. Lion Cathy Anderson reports that the West-Lethbridge Lion Club is involved in helping the Leo's club move forward, more details to follow. Lion Henry Czarnota reports progress is being made on starting a Leo's club in Olds with more details to follow. Lion Hazel Hiebert did report that during her official visit to the Nanton Lions club, the Nanton Leo's asked if DG could make an official visit to the Leo's club; as a result Lion Hazel will try to add the Leo's clubs to her list of official visits.

LFC (DOG GUIDES) - Margaret Young submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Lion Hazel does note this is her preferred charity she is supporting in her visits this year. So far she has received \$7,000 to go towards LFC.

LOAF- PDG Fred Walters submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Lion Fred encouraged the Zone Chairs to invite LOAF to come and do a presentation to their clubs.

LIONS QUEST- Lion Anne Kennedy submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Lion Anne did advise that her e-mail is listed incorrectly in the new district directory (in at least one spot) so please double check.

LIONS SIGHT CENTRE- no report submitted.

LIONS YOUTH CAMP- ZC Lion Tyler Bray submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

NEWSLETTER- DG Hazel will have more time in her schedule to put some time towards the newsletter. Lion Hazel advises she is the one composing the newsletter along with other members of the committee, Lions Carol Hassell, Anne Kennedy and Teofy Buluran, and Lion Paul Warren be producing the newsletter. Any articles please send directly to Lion Hazel or Lion Carol Hassell. As a further note LCI has changed several rules including the financial suspension rules for clubs, so Lion Hazel will be sending out relevant info via the newsletter or directly through the District Secretary.

PEACE POSTER- Lion Margaret Brucker submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Lion Teofy Buluran submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes.

YOUTH EXCHANGE- Lion Bruce Bishop submitted report electronically, file copy is attached and shall be part of these minutes. Lion Bruce also reports an update to his report in that the liaison to southern Alberta will be Lion Lucy Johnson. Lion Tony Prettegiani will serve as the "Inbound Chair" of this portfolio and Lion Bruce will remain as the "Outbound Chair" of this portfolio.

- OLD BUSINESS

- District C-2 DG Banner- DG Hazel Hiebert reports that she has received the new district banner from LCI and is just awaiting to get the embroidery done (DG name/year, etc.) It will be ready and on display at the next Cabinet meeting. Also all the new club banners were hung up for the convention. The district also purchased 15 surplus banners so to avoid for the foreseeable future any issues about when a new club is formed and the banner doesn't match the others.

Lion Tyler Bray inquired about the new district patches. Lion Hazel advised the process that needs to be followed and will advise when they are ready. Various discussion follows.

- LETTER- from Calgary Mountainview Lions Club formally endorsing Lion Gail Haight.

- LETTER- from West Lethbridge Lions Club formally endorsing Lion Cathy Anderson.

- NEW BUSINESS
 - 2016 DISTRICT C-2 CONVENTION- Lion Peter Braithwaite reports they have looked at a few places in Calgary for the 2016 Convention but nothing confirmed yet. Host clubs are still TBA. Lion Gail Haight advises that there will be more details and a preliminary budget by the next cabinet meeting.

 - DOLLARS FOR DOGGIES - DG Hazel Hiebert reports on the submission by Lion Peter Wallis. This is a fundraising option presented to the district in support of LFC – Dog Guides. Discussion follows.

MOTION made by Lion Catherine Heberle/2nd Lion James Lee to make this a district endorsed project, so that individual Lions clubs can sponsor him for this fundraising initiative towards a \$14,000 goal. CARRIED.

- Letter of resignation received from IPDG Pauling Cooper. Attached to these Minutes.

MOTION made by Lion Fred Walters/2nd Lion Anne Kennedy to accept her resignation. CARRIED.

DG Hazel advises the new Lions Handbook is available from LCI for \$10 USD.

Lion Henry Czarnota clarifies his next Zone meeting will be on Tuesday November 10th in Carstairs.

Lion Dennis Stevenson advises the next convention meeting will be around mid-November. Lion Dennis also advised the rest of the Convention equipment will be stored at CLERC.

Lion Tim Haight advises that a few of the Lions Clubs that used to be part of our District before the last redistricting, are looking at possibly moving back into our district. Further details to follow.

MOTION made by Lion Margaret Young to adjourn. CARRIED.

Minutes prepared by Cabinet Secretary Robert Herritt, Oct 21st, 2015.