

**DISTRICT N-1
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2018
ST. ELEANORS LIONS CLUB**

District Governor Paul Cousins called Annual Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All Lions joined in singing of the National Anthems led by VDG Lloyd Soucie and Lion Dale Carter. Moment of silence was observed for deceased members of the Lions Family and special thoughts for PDG Vic Messer of Simonds Lions Club.

District Chaplain Lion Margaret Laking led the members with the Lions Invocation.

DG Paul called for approval of the agenda. Moved by Lion Paul Matheson (Newcastle) and seconded by PDG Doug Small (Pickwauket). Motion carried.

DG Paul welcomed everyone and applauded St. Eleanors Lions Club and committee for the good time at the Meet and Greet the night before. He thanked Clubs for their hospitality when he visited. He only has 10 clubs left to visit and was pleased that the weather co-operated most of the winter. DG Paul welcomed our International guest PIP Wayne Madden. He introduced the Head Table of 1st VDG Jim Aucoin, 2nd VDG Lloyd Soucie, CST Beverley Semple. DG Paul recognized the following in attendance: PID Rod Wright, CC Brennan Beaumont, visiting DG Rhonda Trickett and PCC peter Reid from N-2, all PCC's, all PDG's, ZC's, Convention Chair Lion Gary Gaudet and committee, LEO's, Lioness/Lionettes, all guests. He asked any new members since February to stand and any first timers to a convention to stand.

Host Club President Lion Garnet Gibson (St. Eleanor's) welcomed everyone.

CST Bev did roll call. Rexton Lions have 17 members present.

Remarks from 1st VDG Jim—He spoke on visiting clubs and meeting new Lions. We learn from each other. He emphasizes how important training is and encouraged Lions to attend training in your own area or a convenient area.

Remarks from 2nd VDG Lloyd—He commented on how time flies by and how he has had many opportunities that he never had before. He encouraged Lions to go to a Leadership Forum. He thanked those Lions who mentored him. He thanked the ZCs for keeping him informed. He talked about membership and follow-up when asking a person to join. Follow-up is very important.

Convention Chair Lion Gary Gaudet (St. Eleanor's) thanked PIP Wayne Madden for accepting the invitation to the District Convention. He thanked DG Paul and CST Bev for their support. He thanked his club and committee for their support. He covered some housekeeping issues.

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Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting (April 8, 2017) were sent out prior to the convention. Moved by PCC Denzil Bernard (Harvey Station) and seconded by PDG Luke Stennick (Geary) to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried. No business arising from minutes.

Pertinent Reports:

Tab campaign—Report attached and PCC Denzil Bernard will take charge of collecting the tabs turned in from clubs. Money collected from the tabs will be turned in and at the end of the year a cheque will be issued to the Shriners to help sick children.

GLT —PDG Doug Small (Pickwauket) gave a training schedule. Attached with the minutes.

GMT—Lion Ed Evans (Nashwaaksis) report attached to minutes.

Financial Report—Report passed out. Moved by CST Bev to accept report. Seconded by PCC Kevin Guiggey (Burt's Corner). No questions. Motion carried.

Const&By-Laws—PCC Susan Sangster (Barkers Point) Everything in place for voting. Information previously discussed. Registration for Greenhill Camp were available for anyone interested for their club. The NB government is not putting up funds for the camp as people have heard. They are providing funds for salaries for medical people.

Diabetic Chair PEI—Lion Peter Gallant spoke on Diabetic Camp for diabetic children is Camp Triumph. The Diabetic Canada Office in Charlottetown is closing but Terry Lewis will still be functioning from home office. The parade of cheques will follow.

LFC PEI—Lion Paul Gauthier encouraged clubs to get involved in a Walk for Dog Guides. Information on MDN fundraiser to support sponsoring a dog for LFC. Each District to do their own fundraiser. District N-1 is selling tickets for a ride-on lawn mower. Tickets are \$100.00 or 3 for \$200.00. Tickets are being mailed to clubs.

Centennial Co-Coordinator—PCC Bev Semple (Kensington) thanked all the clubs for reporting their centennial challenges and their legacy projects. Please continue to do so till the end of June. MDN Centennial Chair was pleased with the reports of our District.

Eye Glasses—Lion Doug Cook (Winsloe) has a lot of glasses on hand and waiting for word to send them off.

Leadership Institute—PID Rod Wright says the Institute is full at this time.

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Additions to Agenda:

Parade Dress—CST Bev presented a design for a convention shirt. Discussion followed regarding the design. Moved by PCC Denzil Bernard and seconded by PCC Kevin Guiggey to take the design to the multiple. Motion carried.

District Budget 2018-2019—1st VDG Jim presented this budget. Finance committee met and worked out the budget. Attached to minutes. Moved by 1st VDG Jim and seconded by PCC Susan Sangster to accept the proposed budget for 2018-2019. Motion carried. Moved by PID Rod Wright and seconded by PDG Gerard Hartigan that any 2 of 3 signing officers for 2018-2019 are DG Jim Aucoin, 1st VDG Lloyd Soucie and Treasurer PCC Beverley Semple. Motion carried.

Fall Conference/Fall Rally—Full report was sent out to clubs before convention. The change in rotation and go back to Fall Conference rather than Fall Rally will be voted on at the May Convention. The good stuff about the Rally that everyone liked will be put into the Fall Conference format. District N-1 was approached to host the Fall Conference in Saint John, NB in November 2018 depending on the voting in May. This is to assist NS from hosting 2 MD Conventions in the same year. PCC Sonny Bonnell will Chair and Simonds Lions Club will be the host club. This is subject for approval from the MD in May. Moved by 1st VDG Jim Aucoin for approval for District N-1 to host the MDN Fall Conference. Seconded by ZC Peter Gallant. Motion carried.

Portage Lewis Fitness Centre—The project is finished. The building is wonderful. The grant was received District N-1 matched with extra. PCC Susan Sangster thanked all Lions for contributing. Completed report submitted to LCI. Moved by PCC Susan Sangster to accept financial report on project. Seconded by Lion Laura Clark (Tobique). Motion carried.

DG Paul recognized Lion Theresa and CST Bev for coming up with the idea of the picture board signed with sayings of encouragement for the Youth at Portage. They got this idea from the International Convention in Chicago. DG Paul has been taking this around to the clubs on his visits and accepting donations to write on the board. So far, the project has raised \$7,900.00 to be donated along with the framed picture to Portage by the end of the year. Thank you Lions. Portage has always been a special project to all Lions of our District.

Old Business—None

New Business—PCC Peter Reid from N-2 has brought some free books from 1st Book Canada for any Lions to take to give out. There are English and French Books.

There are tables set up for pins for sale from Pin Chair Lion John Murray, LFC clothing from Lion Sam Sanderson.

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Roll call report—41 clubs in attendance and 159 members. Great turn out.

Elections—Lion Cleve Rix (Summerside) gave directions on voting. Have your delegate card for voting. There will be 4 District positions and 9 notices of motion. Lions will be present to assist. The candidates have 5 minutes for nominator and seconder and speaker. All paperwork for candidates was in order.

VOTING

Presentation--ZC John Bettle did a presentation on Zone project.

Presentation—GLT PDG Doug Small did a presentation on Leadership and Service. Looking forward for growth over next 5 years.

Tail Twisting report, District Ticket Draw report—Lion John Murray (Nashwaaksis) tail Twisting made \$205.55. Lion Jean Allain (Winsloe) announced the Ticket Draw raised \$2,680.00 minus expenses \$109.25=\$2,570.75. 1st Prize to Summerside Lions Club for 2 nights Quality Inn, Dieppe; 2nd prize to East Royalty Lions Club for All Star Pkg; 3rd prize to Island View Lions Club for Marks Work Warehouse.

Parade of Cheques—Cheques for PEI for Diabetes totaled \$8,350.00. 7 clubs today and more to come in.

Cheques for NB for Diabetes totaled \$7,740.00. 14 clubs today and more to come.

Announcements—Bowling at North Rustico Lions Club planned for September in conjunction with the Awards Night. More information to come.

Election Report—Lion Cleve Rix reported that 85 voted. All Notices of Motion were passed. Elected are DGE Jim Aucoin, 1stVDGE Lloyd Soucie, 2ndVDGE Paul Gauthier and Cabinet Treasurer Beverley Semple. Zone Chairs elected—Zone 3 Lion Dwayne Stevenson, Zone 7 Lion John Colborne, Zone 9 Lion Roy Layte , Zone 11 Lion Michel Dressaire, Zone 12 Lion Irene Lewis, Zone 13 Lion Lionel Vautour. Moved by PCC Kevin Guiggey and seconded by PDG Doug Small to destroy the ballots. Motion carried. Moved by Lion Cleve Rix that the election report be accepted. Motion seconded by PDG Doug Small. Motion carried.

DG Paul presented St. Eleanors with a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting the Convention and along with that one hospitality book for a credit to their club.

Meeting adjourned by motion from PID Rod Wright and seconded by PDG Gerry Forsythe at 1200.

Respectively Submitted.....CST Beverley Semple