



LIONS DISTRICT N 1



Minutes – Annual Cabinet Meeting

Zoom Video Conferencing

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DG Lloyd Soucie called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. DG Lloyd asked to have scheduling the Necrology service added under new business. He then called for approval of the Agenda as amended. Motioned by PCC Paul Cousins, seconded by Lion Ed Evans. **MC** Roll Call taken with 23 in attendance.

DG Lloyd welcomed all then asked for a Moment of Silence for World Peace & Deceased Members. Lions Invocation was delivered in unison. Lions Toast was given by PCC Brennan Beaumont

DG Lloyd's reported that with Covid-19, Club visits are on hold. Maine is restricted to groups of 50, with social distancing and masks. The US-Canada border is closed. Lions Clubs International Convention in Singapore is cancelled with the next one being 2021 in Montreal and his year has flown by. He thanked the Clubs for hosting his Cabinet meetings and the Lions for attending. He also reported that Lions Clubs International will not be placing clubs experiencing financial difficulties during this pandemic on financial suspension or status quo till the end of the year. Monies for the conventions that have been cancelled will be refunded. He congratulated the incoming executive and also thanked the Zone Chairs for helping to arrange meetings and PCC Brennan for his guidance. **Report attached**

First VDG/DGE Lion Paul Gauthier reported that there have been so many changes since the last cabinet meeting but the clubs have found new ways to keep things going – to serve by meeting and training online. He hopes that the September 2020 Cabinet meeting being chaired by PCC Sonny Bonnell in Saint John will be able to be held in person with training sessions on Saturday. **Report attached**

Second VDG/1stVDGE Lion John Bettle stated that this has been a memorable year, life changing ways of doing things – first cabinet meeting by Zoom. Thanks to DGE Paul, CS Susan, CT Carlos and PCC Brennan for the guidance and advise; to the GAT team for providing distinguished service. Thank you for all you do and remember there is no "I" in "WE" **Report attached**

IPDG Lion Brennan Beaumont's Report on PDGA is simple – continue being a LION!

Cabinet Secretary's PCC Lion Susan Sangster wanted to add her thank you's to DG Lloyd and to all Lions. It's been two very different but amazing years that has presented its challenges and its opportunities. Thank you to all the Lions for the support and encouragement and from DG Lloyd and the teams from both this year and last year. Next year she will be taking on a new role. All the best to DGE Paul and his team. Even with

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the Pandemic, we continue to serve – it forces us to do things differently, to work with the challenges and grow with them. Again a huge, huge thank you to everyone.

DG Lloyd asked for Approval of minutes of Riverside Cabinet meeting - as noted a typing error it should read Minutes of the **Riverview** Cabinet meeting – Lions Denzil Bernard moved acceptance with the location correction, seconded by Lion Ed Evans. **MC** Our Annual minutes from the Annual meeting April 2019 which were approved at the September 2019 Cabinet Meeting were reconfirmed on a motion by Lion Susan Stennick, seconded by Lion Chuck Frigault. **MC** Cabinet Secretary Susan confirmed that all correspondence had been sent via email.

Cabinet Treasurer's Lion Carlos Vicente's Report/Financial Statement has been emailed. The only item that over budget is the Memorial trees due to the loss of Past District Governors. Due to the circumstances this year less than 60% of our approved budget has been expended for the year. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Lion Don Walton, seconded by Lion Ed Evans. **MC**

Reports

GLT – Global Leadership Chair PDG Lion Doug Small thanked DG Lloyd for his leadership through this difficult year which carried forward from last year. As training is usually done at convention, with no convention there was no training opportunity. Training will be done through a self directed learning Path – the Leadership Road. The material was delivered in May with directions to courses in the Lions Learning Center, from the LCI Website and Lions University Courses for review. Theory presentations, with Question and Answer sessions will be held June 13 and 14 for each of the 3 leadership positions – Leadership/President, Secretary/MyLci-MyLion, and Treasurer online. VDG courses at the MD level are proceeding online as well. Zone Chair Training is scheduled for the 2nd week in July – trying for an in-person meeting, if possible. LCI has new Zone chair material that will be used. This year has forced us into a new way of training that will forever change future training. DG Lloyd thanked PDG Doug for his service adding a quote “Normality is relative, it will change”

GST –Global Service Chair PCC Lion Paul Cousins reported that of the 78 clubs, 18 clubs reported in September; 34 clubs reported in November; 42 clubs reported in February and 45 have reported in May. Clubs have raised \$399,191 through performing 1452 Service events.

GMT – Global Membership Chair Lion Ed Evans reported this has been a hard year. We began the year with 1813 with a loss of 94, we are 1813 strong. Please encourage your clubs to do their monthly reports if if no activity. Keep in touch with your members during this unusual time and be ready to embrace the new normal whatever that may be. Continue to work your community, be visible. The best way to grow is to be seen and JUST ASK 1.

LCIF – LCI Foundation Chair PDG Luke Stennick reported donations of \$15,485.84 not including one from the Nackawic Lions Club and one for \$1000 from District N 1. For Covid 19 in Canada, there are 31 grants totaling \$484,562. Contributions are up from last year. DG Lloyd thanked PDG Luke for his work with LCIF.

Celebration 2020 – PCC Lion Bev Semple ask any club doing projects to be sure and report them. There was information in the Paw Print Newsletter and shirts are available with the Celebration 2020 logo on the front and your name on the arm. Shirts are \$45 each but must be ordered in lots of 12 shirts so clubs could get

together to order. There is also grant money available of \$5000 but clubs must fill out the paperwork.

Convention wrap up report. DG Lloyd even if not held DG Lloyd reported on the conventions that didn't happen. We all stayed home and stayed safe. DG Lloyd was looking forward to the Conventions with his own scheduled for Presque Isle bringing District N 1 back to USA, then he had planned to attend District 41 (Maine) as well as MD N. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 all were cancelled. The new normal will be meetings such as we are having tonight and will probably continue for the next few months. DG Lloyd wished DGE Paul the very best in his year and hoped we would be able to get back to normal with an open border.

Old Business - None brought forward

Reports:

Pop Tab Report: PCC Denzil Bernard stated he had \$129 in pop Tab monies that he would like to hold until next year to make the donation larger. Motioned by PCC Denzil the monies be held till next year, seconded by Lion Ed Evans. **MC**

Lions Quest: Lion Lori Perley showed the new mini Q Bear that we have purchased (100). We had 93 sold as \$20 but the cost to ship was equal to the cost of the bear so we are holding them for in person sales. If anyone would like to purchase one just let Lion Lori know. We will have them available at Conventions. Lions Quest chairs have been having monthly Zoom meetings since our in person meeting in Toronto in January. These meetings are very productive. If you have Lions Quest teachers trained be sure to say thank you and make a connection with the teachers and school. Their lives have been dramatically changed with the pandemic situation too. The Lions Quest website provides many resources.

Business arising from minutes – none

New Business

1. Schedule a Necrology Ceremony Date& Time

DG Lloyd will check schedules and let all clubs know the date and time.

PCC Brennan pointed out that PIP Wayne Madden passed away. The notice just came out.

2. Election Reports

District N 1 DGE Lion Paul Gauthier, 1st VDGE John Bettel, 2nd VDGE Dawn Hobbs-Penton

Multiple District N – Congratulations offered by the elections Chair PCC Paul Cousins to our own DG Lloyd Soucie who will be the Council Chair for Multiple District N 2020-2021. DG Lloyd hopes that it will not be a repeat of the last 2 years and he gets to wear his white jacket at a convention – a distinction that is afforded to all sitting and past district governors.

DGE Lion Paul Gauthier and his Cabinet Secretary Bev Semple are planning for an organizational meeting in July, the MD N Summer Council meeting will be in August in Halifax, Fall Council

Meeting is scheduled at the Fall Conference in Cornerbrook, NL but that could be moved to Port aux Basque with N 3 PDG Frank Bonnell chairing the event. This would help minimize the cost as vehicles could be left in North Sydney, use the ferry and shuttle to the Port aux Basque hotel. This is all contingent on being able to meet in person, otherwise it will be a Zoom meeting.

DGE Paul is meeting with his Cabinet Secretary Past Council Chair Bev Semple, Past Council Chair Paul Cousins and Lion Cleve to work on finalizing his cabinet. He still has a few positions to fill but it will be done but end of June. Pursuant to By Laws Article IX Section 6, the signing officers for 2020-2021 will be District Governor Paul Gauthier, First Vice District Governor John Bettle and Cabinet Treasurer Lion Carlos Vicente. He thanked DG Lloyd, CS Susan, CT Carlos and VDG John for his year.

CS Susan explained the application of the owner and hosts of a \$200 Zoom account so all would be aware that the owner of the account must do all the scheduling for the term (year) of purchase. The incoming executive affirmed they were fine with this and for Susan to continue with the purchase of the \$200 Zoom account. She also pointed out that the suggestion to share the email address and password will not work as that would open the account which contains her personal information and that she is not willing to do. The question was asked if the purchased account was time sensitive – the time allowed per meeting is “forever and a day” (or 24 hours). PCC Brennan made the motion for Lion Susan to continue with the scheduling, motion seconded PCC Bev. **MC**

DG Lloyd if anyone else would like to add anything to this meeting – Lion Donnie Walton and Lions Kathy Belliveau looking forward to their year as Zone Chairs, and congratulated was extended to DG Lloyd on his year and on his election to Multiple District N Council Chair. Congratulations were also extended to DGE Paul and the other incoming officers. Lion Art McFadden congratulated DG Lloyd on a well run meeting using the Zoom application. PCC Brennan congratulated DG Lloyd for a great job during a difficult year. DG Lloyd thanked everyone and encouraged all not to give up hope, to continue the good work, and be visible and membership will become that much easier. Motion to adjourn made by Lion Lori Perley, seconded by Lion Kathy. **MC**