

**Lions Clubs International - District N-1
Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, September 13, 2015**

The first Cabinet Meeting of 2015 – 16 was held at the Rexton Lions Club who hosted the event. The meeting was called to order by District Governor Doug Small at 11:00 am. The Canadian National anthem was sung followed by a Moment of Reflection and the Lions Invocation.

DG Doug called for a motion to approve the agenda.

***Moved by Lion Carlos Vicente and seconded by Lion Margaret McKinnon
to adopt the agenda for the Cabinet Meeting. Motion Carried.***

DG Doug offered a few opening remarks and noted the great attendance for the first Cabinet Meeting. He said the year has been busy thus far and all is well. He then introduced the head table including 1st Vice District Governor Brennan Beaumont, 2nd Vice District Governor Paul Cousins and Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Don Smith. He then recognized International Director Rod Wright, Council Chair Susan Sangster, Past District Governors, Zone Chairs, Lioness, Lionettes and LEOS.

Lion President Tracy Comeau of the Rexton Lions Club welcomed everyone to the Cabinet Meeting and said she hoped everyone would enjoy their visit and partake of the lunch provided.

Roll Call was carried out by the CST with 30 clubs present and a total of 89 Lions.

DG Doug called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held in Hampton on August 16, 2015.

***Moved by PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe and seconded by PDG Lion Luke Stennick
to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on August 16, 2015.
Motion Carried.***

PCC Lion Bev Semple spoke briefly on the Centennial Challenge. She said some information has been circulated from LCIF with more to follow. She too will be sending out information to the clubs to encourage them to participate. She asked all club secretaries to report projects that fall into one of the four categories including Hunger, Vision, Environment and Youth. She also encouraged clubs to consider holding a special event to support the program. DG Doug noted that some grant money is available to support projects in this area.

DG Doug noted that LCI has approved the \$75,000 US matching grant for the recreation facility at Portage. The actual final amount of the grant will depend on the funds being raised by Portage.

The District Governor took time to recognize Lion Bill O'Donnell who is the District Newsletter Chair and who has recently issued the Paw Prints containing a wealth of valuable information.

DG Doug also recognized PCST Lion Heather MacDonald for her efforts in producing the district directory. He also thanked her for her work to-date on the district website.

1st VDG Brennan reported the eyeglass recycle training session was completed with good attendance. There were 2 trainers from Calgary and the process was quite different than expected. There was nothing new to report on the recycle centre operation but expectation is that it will be up and running soon. He did say that from this point forward for those who collect and forward glasses that the boxes are to contain no garbage just good glasses. On another note, 1st VDG Brennan said he was somewhat frustrated when trying to get a current 2015-16 standard Constitution and Bylaws document. He said it can't be done. He did say there is a document on the LCI website but it is dated 2016-17. This is being investigated. He said he was very pleased with the attendance at the Cabinet Meeting and called upon the Lions of the District to think about what could be done to get more Lions out to the Cabinet Meetings. He encouraged all Lions to forward their thoughts to him because he has a goal to make sure more Lions attend these meetings.

2nd VDG Paul started by saying he hopes everyone will do their best to help DG Doug accomplish his goals for the year. He said the Peace Poster Contest entries will be judged at the next Cabinet Meeting in Summerside in November. He encouraged Lions Clubs to get involved with this exciting project and also other youth oriented projects such as Speakout. He said a number of Lions will be attending the USA/Canada Forum this coming week. He also reminded everyone that members have been asking for visitation cards and he was looking for a Club to sponsor the production of 500 cards at a cost of approximately \$80.00. Later in the meeting, the Pickwauket Lions Club volunteered to cover the cost of producing the cards. Cards will be available at the November Cabinet Meeting.

CC Susan took this opportunity to recognize some Lions clubs as well as individual Lions.

- Lions Chevrons – Bouctouche and North & South Esk
- Club Excellence Awards (2013-14) – Parkdale Sherwood and Riverview
- Centennial Challenge Awards (2014-15) – Boiestown Upper Miramichi, Nackawic, River Valley, Riverview, Souris, Upper Nashwaak and Winsloe.
- Rebuilding Club Award – 1st VDG Brennan Beaumont for his work with the Moncton Lions Club and Shediac Lions Club.
- Certified Guiding Lion Award – 1st VDG Brennan Beaumont

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator PCC Lion Stewart MacDonald delivered his report to those present. The essence of his message is contained in his report which has been attached for your benefit. It contains valuable information and you are encouraged to read the report.

The meeting was recessed so Lions could enjoy a light lunch prepared by the Rexton Lions Club.

DG Doug called the meeting back to order. Birthday wishes were extended to Lion Merrilyn Murphy and Lion Paul vonRichter.

DG Doug then announced the winner of the first LCI Familiarity Contest as being Lion Gary Gaudet of the St. Eleanor's Lions Club. Lion Gary received a cordless mouse.

DG Doug announced the second contest with the following questions:

Question # 1: If you are to download an official LCI logo, how many versions of the black and white logo are available on line?

Bonus Question: What colors are the 4 "Centennial Service Challenge Logos" that are available for download?

Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe delivered his message to the membership and his informative report is attached for your review.

The district directories are available and many have been picked up. Those clubs represented at the meeting were encouraged to collect their directories before leaving. A number of Zone Chairs collected copies for any of their clubs that were not in attendance and will distribute on their visits to the clubs. The remaining directories will be available at the November 15th Cabinet Meeting in Summerside and any extras (very few) will be for sale at a cost of \$7.00 each.

PCST Lion Heather said the District website is a work in progress. There have been domain challenges as well as concerns with the design of the old site using HTML. They are now working with a new provider and a "user friendly" template will be provided to assist the District in our efforts to keep the site current.

Lion Cindi Beaumont informed the members that she has a facebook page up and running and asked all Lions to send her information for the page. She is, and has been, taking pictures to post to the page and has been collecting pictures from other pages.

PDG Lion Sonny Bonnell spoke on District Visitation Pins. He received design sketches and associated costs for each of the base (10 visit) pin and the danglers.

Base Pin	purchase of 100 pins	\$3.45 US each
Base Pin	purchase of 300 pins	\$2.80 US each
Base Pin	purchase of 500 pins	\$2.25 US each
Dangler	purchase of 100 pins	\$1.25 US each
Dangler	purchase of 300 pins	\$1.10 US each
Dangler	purchase of 500 pins	\$.95 US each

DG Doug said the above information will go to all of the clubs and he will seek feedback regarding their thoughts on the necessity of acquiring an inventory of these pins. A copy of the pin design is attached. Please note that the CST has a small inventory of the current version of the visitation pins for sale as does PDG Lion Sonny.

DG Doug presented Zone Chair badges to those Zone Chairs present at the meeting.

CST Don presented the financial statement as of September 13, 2015 (copy attached). All dues and ad invoices have been issued and 35 of 79 clubs have paid their 1st half dues.

Moved by PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe and seconded by PDG Lion Kevin Guiggey to approve the financial statement dated September 13, 2015. Motion Carried.

Lion Paul Gauthier shared some information regarding the Canadian Diabetes Association. He said the PEI Cavalcade had 10 clubs involved and raised a total of \$11,939.00. From the moneys raised, a total of four Harry Newman Awards were given. Tag Day is scheduled for November 14th but clubs have some liberty to hold their individual tag days on or about that date. The 2016 PEI Cavalcade will be hosted by the North Rustico Lions Club and ZC Lion Peter Gallant is the Cavalcade Chair. Lion Harold Borden of the Lincoln Lions Club was presented a beautiful picture as a thank you for his many years of service to CDA as a Lions representative.

Lion Doug Cook reported that things are busy as usual at the LFC facility and at this time there are two clients from this area at the school. He said the Walk for Dog Guides has been very successful as was the case with the Ride For Dog Guides raising record amounts for the program.

PDG Lion Jan Phillips said she will soon be replaced by Lion Margaret Laking of the McAdam Lions Club on the LFC Board and she wished Lion Margaret all the best. She also paid tribute to the ongoing success of the Rexton Lions Club with their annual Walk For Dog Guides as they regularly are recognized as one of the top 10 clubs in Canada for raising funds.

PDG Jan then spoke on this year's Annual District N-1 Convention to be held in Fredericton on April 16 – 18th. She said she has been able to arrange for the Hospitality Books to be only \$55.00 each. She ran through the three day event and noted that Friday evening there will be a Chinese auction and items are needed so Lions are asked to dig deep and come up with some unique items for the auction. Details will follow soon regarding accommodations.

Lion Gary Rideout of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club said eyeglass collection and distribution is status quo for now until details are worked out for the recycle operation on PEI. He thanked everyone for their continued donations.

DG Doug said he has been contacted by Quest and there will be information going to the clubs in the near future regarding the program / service.

CC Lion Susan said a meeting of the PDG Advisory Committee was held in the morning and progress was made on a number of issues before the Committee. Efforts will continue by the Committee to deal with current and future issues of importance to the District.

PDG Lion Larry Barton also spoke on the Long Range Planning Committee and the challenges he has been handed by the District Governor. He said much of the work of this committee will be by electronic media as it is sometimes difficult to convene a group of committee members at the Cabinet Meetings.

DG Doug then touched on an offer that had been extended to District N-1 by PDG Paul Baker to come to the area and help the District form two new clubs – a Campus Club and a traditional Lions Club. He said it involves a five hour training program, two days canvassing a university for the Campus Club and two more days canvassing a community for a traditional Lions Club. A number of dedicated (time involved) Lions would be required to make this happen and a Sponsoring Lions Club would have to step up. It is vital that a relationship be developed with the university and that an interested faculty member is identified in the university to work with the Lions. PDG Paul said he would be available to journey to the District for an exercise from November 1st to 6th to make this happen. A good discussion followed which revealed this was tried once before approximately three years ago. One of the challenges is that universities offer so many clubs and other attractions for the students that the Lions have to compete with and this may be part of the reason the last attempt was less than successful. Following the discussion, it was decided that DG Doug would get back to PDG Paul with a thanks but not at this time. DG Doug asked the Lions not to forget this opportunity and perhaps it could be revisited when more time exists to ensure that if we take on this task that we are fully prepared, we have dedicated Lions ready to give it our best and we do it right.

PDG Boyd Sangster reported that \$8,588.11 was raised for the Ron Evans Bursary Fund and two \$1,000.00 bursaries were awarded. The fund balance sits at \$34,414.27.

Lion Gary Gaudet spoke briefly on the Fall Rally saying motel rooms are available at an approximate cost of \$70.00 each. He encouraged Lions to book their rooms soon. He said there is a Meet and Greet on Friday evening, four workshops on Saturday plus the banquet and the Cabinet Meeting on Sunday. Registration Forms were included in the latest issue of the Paw Prints (District Newsletter).

Special thanks to the Rexton Lions Club who arranged for a 50/50 draw and to all of the Lions who purchased tickets. The winner was Lion Kathy Belliveau of the Riverview Lions Club and she pocketed \$152.00 with the other \$152.00 to the District.

DG Doug thanked the Rexton Lions Club for hosting the event and presented a certificate for a District Convention Hospitality Book to Lion President Tracy Comeau for the club to use as they see fit.

The following dates were noted:

- 2015 09 17 – 19 USA / Canada Forum
- 2015 09 27 Portage Graduation
- 2015 11 13 – 14 Fall Rally – Summerside, Kensington, St. Eleanor's
- 2015 11 15 Cabinet Meeting – Summerside (11:00 am start / ZC at 10:00 am)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:25 pm.