

**Lions Clubs International - District N-1
Cabinet Meeting
Sunday, November 15, 2015**

The 2nd Cabinet Meeting of 2015 – 16 was held at the Wilmot Community Centre hosted by the Summerside Lions Club. The meeting was called to order by District Governor Doug Small at 11:06 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 PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe and seconded by Lion Paul vonRichter to adopt the agenda for the Cabinet Meeting. Motion Carried.

DG Doug welcomed everyone to the Cabinet Meeting and said it has been a fun weekend with the Fall Rally. He paid special thanks to the Kensington, St. Eleanor's and Summerside Lions Clubs. He recognized three Lions visiting from District N-2 (PCC Lion Peter Reid, 1st VDG Lion Claire Brunelle and 2nd VDG Lion Rhonda Trickett) and thanked them for attending the Cabinet Meeting. He introduced the head table and called upon King Lion Bernie McKenna who brought greetings from the Summerside Lions Club.

Roll call was recorded by the CST with 24 Clubs, 89 Lions and 3 guests (N-2) in attendance.

DG Doug called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 1st Cabinet Meeting held in Rexton on September 13, 2015.

Moved by PDG Lion Luke Stennick and seconded by PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe to approve the minutes of the 1st Cabinet Meeting held on September 13, 2015. Motion Carried.

DG Doug spoke on travels across the district making his official visits. He has made a number of individual club visits and has made or, is in the process of making, some visits to clubs by attending their respective zone meetings. He did say that in addition to him attending zone meetings, if any club from one of those zones would still like him to make a visit to their club he would be pleased to do so. He thanked all of the clubs he has visited for their hospitality. He also mentioned the Centennial Program and said there are some funds available for legacy projects. More information is expected to come to the district and when received it will be forwarded to the membership. The DG then spoke briefly on the Quest Program and said he is waiting for information on the new program which includes a focus on community groups that are youth oriented and targets leaders in these fields.

2nd VDG Lion Paul Cousins, attired in a very fashionable vest, commented on a great Fall Rally and paid tribute to the three hosting clubs for a job well done. He said it is great to see clubs working together and noted that other such projects either have been completed or will be undertaken on the Island and that is good to see. He said the new visitation cards have arrived,

compliments of the Pickwauket Lions Club, and are now available for any clubs in need. Anyone wishing the new cards should contact the CST. He noted the District Governor has started his visits and is being well received. The Peace Poster Contest submissions have been received and three will be chosen during the meeting. He also encouraged clubs to consider getting involved in the Speak Out program.

1st VDG Lion Brennan Beaumont talked about attendance at Cabinet Meetings and what could be done to encourage more clubs and more Lions to attend. He appreciated the numbers in attendance but also pointed out that only 24 clubs were in attendance out of 79 clubs. He said we need more clubs to attend and solicited input from anyone who has any ideas on how to increase attendance. He then spoke on the need for Guiding Lions. At the present time, there are no registered Guiding Lions in the District and there is a pressing need for qualified Lions to perform the role with preparing new clubs or working with existing clubs who want to rebuild. Guiding Lions are registered for 3 years and if assigned to a club then the Guiding Lions will remain associated with that club for 2 years. In each case, either new or rebuilding clubs, LCI requires 2 Guiding Lions to work with the club. He directed special attention to the need for Guiding Lions from both clubs on PEI and the mainland as there is a significant travel cost otherwise. At present, there is an immediate need for Guiding Lions in the Fredericton area for a rebuilding club. He said the role of Guiding Lion involves dedication but in the long run is very rewarding. DG Doug noted he will challenge GLT Co-ordinator PCC Lion Stewart MacDonald to schedule a Guiding Lion workshop early in 2016.

CC / IPDG Lion Susan Sangster thanked the organizing committee and the three clubs that hosted the Fall Rally for a super job. She encouraged everyone who attended the Fall Rally to obtain and complete a Fall Rally Assessment sheet to provide feedback on the event. She said they had a conference call recently and discuss a number of things. Plans are going well with respect to the eyeglass recycling project and Lions were informed of the status of that project at the Fall Rally. She reminded everyone that the MDN Convention is scheduled for May 20-22 in St. John's Newfoundland and encouraged Lions to attend. Information on the convention including the registration form has been sent to the members by the CST. DG Doug pointed out that the telephone number for the convention hotel is 1-709-738-4480 and not the number on the registration package sent out earlier.

DG Doug then took the opportunity to formally recognize the Immediate Past District Governor with a letter and certificate from the Lions Clubs International Immediate Past President for the successful completion of her term as our District Governor 2014–15. He congratulated her and the Lions offered a warm applause in appreciation of her efforts in serving our district.

Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe delivered his message on membership and his informative report is attached for your review. He noted that at present the total membership for the district sits at 1,785 while the year started with 1,796 members on the roster. Many of the clubs in the district have less than 20 members and 61 clubs have had no membership activity this year. He mentioned the importance of each club having a Membership Chairperson and that Lion actually doing the job.

DG Doug said membership is obviously a concern and needs our attention. He spoke on the importance of considering and encouraging Lioness members to become Lions members. The DG said the district is looking good based on his forecast at this point but clubs need to start adding new members in the first quarter.

One member of the New Maryland Lions Club stepped forward to say he had left Lionism at one point but is proud to be back as a member of the Lions family.

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

PDG Lion Sonny Bonnell spoke on District Visitation Pins and tabs. He said he has not heard anything back as to whether the district wants to go with the pins or not. The CST said he sent the information out following the Cabinet Meeting in Rexton but a number of Lions said they didn't recall getting the information. The CST will resend the information when he returns home. DG Doug said it is a bit of a budget issue because there were no funds included in the 2015-16 budget for the district to purchase a supply of pins and tabs. As in the past, the district would have to purchase a quantity of both pins and tabs and carry that inventory and cost until clubs bought up the pins. It may well be something that has to be considered as part of next year's budget. CST Don said the reason there are very few pins left at this point is that none have been ordered since the old District 41-O and 41-N1 combined because each of the old districts had a different pin and no one designed a new one at that time. He said the question remains as to how many Lions would purchase pins and hence the need to identify numbers and costs for budget purposes. He said he would resend the information and encouraged Lions clubs to get back to him with a yea or nay on the idea of new pins and he will pass on the information to the District Governor for consideration at the next Cabinet Meeting. Lion Sonny said we are completely out of the current year MDN pins (acorn pin) and will be ordering 200 more pins. He wanted to know how many our district could use. He is preparing to determine how many of the MDN pins for the 2016-17 year the district may want so he can determine the total requirement of the four districts by no later than January.

PDG Lion Luke Stennick spoke on the district elections process to fill the roles of DG, 1VDG, 2VDG and Zone Chairs for 2016 - 17. He will have forms at the Cabinet Meeting in Moncton in February or if needed before then to email him directly. Candidates for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG must have their completed forms to the CST no later than 30 days prior to the Annual District Convention whereas candidates for Zone Chair have to have their completed forms to the CST no later than 5 days prior to the Annual District Convention.

PDG Luke also commented on the meeting of Zone Chairs earlier in the day in which 11 of the 13 Zone Chairs were present. He said they had a very productive meeting and said one item they talked about was the number of clubs with 15 members or less. One of the methods that seemed to work to attract prospective members was to take the opportunity to ask someone to help work a project as a volunteer in hopes that eventually that person may become a member. He made note that the 4 zones on the Island are working together to set up 5 cancer kiosks across the province. He also said Zone 2 is hosting a benefit dance with 1,500 tickets available which should raise significant funding.

Lion Jim Aucoin Nashwaaksis Lions Club, Peace Poster Contest Chair, spoke on the contest for this year. Thanks were extended to 2VDG Lion Paul Cousins for arranging the judging of the posters. The winning poster will be passed on to DG Doug and subsequently to CC Susan for judging at the Multiple District level. He introduced and thanked the judges that reviewed the 8 posters from 6 clubs - Boiestown Upper Miramichi, Dorchester, Kensington, Malpeque Bay Area, Nashwaaksis (3 contests) and Rexton Lions Clubs. He said that in total 240 posters were submitted in the district for consideration. The 1st place poster was from Hannah Tran sponsored by the Nashwaaksis Lions Club, 2nd place went to Deseria McBride also sponsored by the Nashwaaksis Lions Club and 3rd went to Haley Reid sponsored by the Boiestown Upper Miramichi Lions Club. Each of the three will receive a cheque and certificate.

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. He pointed out that any club that needs his help they simply need to call him or the District Governor. There have been no requests for the Club Quality Initiative Program (former Club Excellence Program) of late. He also noted the importance of member orientation for every member not just new Lions. Once again, training is available with a simple call to the Zone Chair, District Governor or GLT Coordinator. The plan is to have a Guiding Lion workshop in the Fredericton area within the next two to three weeks to qualify at least two Guiding Lions to work with a rebuilding club in the area. He finished by advising the Lions of an upcoming webinar on November 18th at 4:00 pm AST.

DG Doug said the LCIF Matching Grant for the Portage Fitness Centre has been approved but they are still short of their matching funds (\$75,000 US) and they are actively trying to raise the amount necessary to reach the approved level. Any club who would like to donate should contact Portage to make their donation.

The Portage Christmas Party is scheduled for December 6th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. at the Portage site. Any club wanting to sponsor a resident by purchasing, wrapping and delivering a Christmas gift or gifts amounting to approximately \$100 should contact the CST or Lion Lorraine Pollock to obtain the name of a resident to sponsor. Information will be sent out very soon.

CST Lion Don presented the financial statement as of November 13, 2015 (copy attached). He reviewed a number of individual line items for the members. Reminders have been sent out to clubs with outstanding dues or unpaid directory ads. Expectation is that they will all be paid by yearend. There are still a few copies of the district directory for sale. A reminder will be sent out at yearend to the clubs to look for their LCI 2nd half dues invoice on MyLCI in January.

Moved by Lion Cindi Beaumont and seconded by Lion John Bettle to approve the financial statement dated November 13, 2015. Motion Carried.

PDG Gerard Hartigan delivered the audit report based on his review of the 2014-15 financial accounts. He spoke briefly on the revenues and expenses as well as a few specific items. He

covered a number of unpredicted expenses that were necessary and yet the end result was a deficit of only \$800. A copy of his report is attached for your review.

Moved by PDG Lion Gerard Hartigan and seconded by PCC Lion Beverly Semple to adopt the Audit Report for the year ended 2015 06 30. Motion Carried.

PCC Lion Bev Semple asked clubs to continue to report their activities with regard to the Centennial Challenge and thus qualify for special recognition. She said if anyone needs any information or has any questions to please contact her for assistance.

Lion Paul Gauthier, CDA Liaison / Chair – PEI, spoke on Tag Day which is to be held in November with all of the funds raised to remain in the Province (NB or PEI). He said cheques should be made payable to Canadian Diabetes Association and sent to him for the PEI clubs and to Lion Cindi Beaumont, CDA Liaison / Chair – NB for funds raised in NB. Various clubs have held special fund raisers to support the Tag Day effort.

Lion Jim Aucoin announced that the NB Diabetes Cavalcade is slated to be hosted by the Nashwaaksis Lions Club and will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event will include a meal, parade and display at Brookside Mall. Lion Peter Gallant said the PEI Diabetes Cavalcade is scheduled for June 11th in North Rustico (details to follow).

Lion Paul Gauthier, PEI Director on the Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) Board, announced that Lion Margaret Laking is the NB Director on the Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) Board. Lion Doug Cook has been elected to serve as Board Chairman for the upcoming term. He received a hearty round of applause from those in attendance. He spoke on a local person who had received a dog and now gladly has more independence as a result. He noted Lion Dawn Penton manages the sale of LFC items and he thanked her for her hard work. He asked clubs to consider donating funds to LFC to support their programs.

DG Doug said the Eye Glasses Recycling project is progressing well and is expected to be up and running in January. Lion Gary Rideout has eye glass recycling boxes available at a cost of \$4.00 each.

PDG Jan Phillips was unable to attend the Cabinet Meeting however forwarded information on the Annual District Convention to the CST. The information was subsequently circulated to the clubs by email. DG Doug said the theme is “back to the country” and it is expected to be a fun weekend. Lions are encouraged to register early and to book rooms early as well. All of the pertinent information is in an email sent earlier.

CC Lion Susan said the PDGA Committee has held very productive meetings and noted a number of recommendations from the meeting held prior to the Cabinet Meeting in Rexton. She suggested the recommendations be passed on to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for preparation of Notices of Motion. A copy of the recommendations is attached.

PDG Lion Larry Barton provided a report on the efforts of the Long Range Planning Committee. He too said he is very pleased with the effort that has been invested in this committee by the

members. The goal is to provide recommendations that will improve the district processes and deliverables for the betterment of the membership. A copy of his report is attached.

DG Doug noted that more changes to the District Directory were emailed recently and asked anyone with any additional changes to contact the CST. Many of the recent updates were due to changes to key positions in clubs.

DG Doug asked that any club in possession of District Award perpetual plaques to get them to him or the CST as soon as possible but certainly no later than the February Cabinet Meeting.

DG Doug said there were only six entries for the second LCI Familiarity Contest and said the thought was good but this would be the last draw. The winner was Lion Reg House of the Riverview Lions Club and he received a “Surf Board” keychain and memory stick.

DG Doug introduced a project idea around the annual Terry Fox Run / Walk across the Confederation Bridge. The idea came from Lion Dan Matthews of the Dorchester Lions Club. He said there is no provision for food / beverage, parking or facilities co-ordinated at either end of the bridge. He noted that there are as many as one hundred security personnel and another one hundred support staff plus participants, drivers, etc. He thought this would be a great opportunity for a District project or even the Zones adjacent to the bridge. It would provide quality visibility, a valuable service and potential fund raising. There was some discussion around the event being held annually or perhaps on some other rotation (e.g. every 5 years). Lion Dan said he would investigate and report to DG Doug in three weeks.

DG Doug said Multiple District N has a contest to design a Lions Clubs International parade shirt for any of the Lions in MDN. He said the deadline for entries is the next Cabinet Meeting (Feb. 7, 2016). All entries should be sent to DG Doug. There are already some entries in the works so he encouraged our Lions to get creative. PDG Larry Barton asked if the shirts would be available for any Lion to purchase and DG Doug confirmed that anyone could buy a shirt.

2nd VDG Paul asked the Lions to visit the table at the side of the room and take some information home with them on membership and / or leadership.

Lion Paul Gauthier commented on Cancer Outreach Centres. He said they are looking at five such centres across the Island. There are eight clubs in the Charlottetown area that are partnering to raise funds. They are holding a dance with three bands being organized by Zone 2 clubs and its Lions. All funds raised are in support of the establishment of the Outreach Centres. He said if anyone wants more information, willing to make a donation or might want to do something similar elsewhere in the District to contact him.

PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe suggested Lions consider a “buddy system” where a Lion that otherwise might not be able to attend a club meeting or even a zone or district meeting is picked up by a “buddy” to make sure his / her buddy has the opportunity to attend. He said he personally does this and challenged other Lions to consider it as well. He then spoke briefly on Irritable Bowel Disease (IBD) and noted a fund raising walk / run (Gutsy Run) coming up in the Moncton area to raise funds for research. He encourage Lions to consider supporting the event and said if

any club wanted to know more that he could attend a meeting and perhaps even arrange for a speaker.

DG Doug thanked the Summerside Lions Club for hosting the event and presented a certificate for a District Convention Hospitality Book to King Lion Bernie McKenna for the club to use as they see fit.

The next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 11:00 am in Moncton. Committee meetings will commence at 10:00 am in advance of the Cabinet Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 pm.