

**Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Riverview Lions Club
September 17, 2017**

Meeting called to order by DG Paul at 11:05. Both national anthems were sung. Moment of silence for World Peace and deceased members of the Lions Family including special remembrance of IPIP Bob Corlew's son and to the RCMP officer who died this week. Everyone joined in for the Lions Invocation.

Approval of the agenda by PDG Denzil Bernard(Harvey Station) and seconded by Lion Carlos Vicente(Millidgeville-North End). Motion carried.

DG Paul welcomed everyone and introduced the head table. He also recognized all the attendees.

Lion Jerry Kirkpatrick, President of Riverview Lions Club, welcomed everyone to Riverview. He hoped all had a good time at the Awards Night.

DG Paul mentioned that tickets were available for the lunch and 50/50 tickets with proceeds going to Portage and also District Fundraising have tickets for a BBQ which would be drawn at close of the cabinet meeting.

Rollcall was done with 2 visitors and 79 members representing 28 clubs.

Lion Don Reid(Summerside) gave a presentation on **"Cyberbullying"**. He was assisted by Dr. Parry Aftab and her husband. She is the CEO and founder of Wiresafety. Dr. Parry shared with us that Lion Don received an award for kindness last week and it was the first time this award has been given out. She belongs to a US Charity comprised of thousands of volunteers operating around the world specializing in Internet privacy and security law helping families enjoy internet and interactive technologies safely and privately and responsibly. They have property on PEI to build a home base for this program. Money has been donated to start this centre for digital policy. The first site will be Point Prim, PEI and the second is going to be in Miramichi, NB (where they also have property). Policies will be developed and these will totally involve youth. The youth will help build apps for the safe policies, to educate children to be aware of the dangers of the vulnerabilities of internet. The centre will bring in world leaders to work with these youth. She is asking for Lions to help teach the kids to be brave, to stand up, and to lead the way. She wants a Lion to be on the steering committee and also wants Lions to help on the youth program. The main building will hold 42 and there will be bungalows that Lions can build, decorate and donate as they wish with time, money and furnishings. There will be a web page with information about what they need.

DG Paul thanked Lion Don and speakers for the presentation. Lions will look forward to upcoming information.

DG called on District Chaplain, ZC Lion Margaret Laking(McAdam) for the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

DG Paul reconvened the meeting and thanked Riverview Lions for providing lunch.

Minutes of the Organizational meeting were sent out by email to all clubs. Moved by CST Bev Semple and seconded by PDG Gerry Hartigan(Summerside) to accept the minutes with one correction of PCC Susan Sangster(Barkers Point) was named as Cabinet Secretary for 2017-18 instead of Cabinet Secretary Treasurer. Motion carried.

DG Remarks: DG mentioned that donations made to BC fires could be used towards Melvin Jones and encouraged clubs to donate. He called Lion Amanda Bent(Shediac) to speak on CNIB. Lion Amanda said that CNIB is getting involved with dog training in the Maritimes but so far only in NS. NB and PEI are not involved. Any questions regarding CNIB, she would be available to clubs. He encouraged clubs to take part in District activities like up coming events such as Portage Fitness Centre Opening on September 22nd; New club, Moncton Resurgo Lions Club, charter on September 23rd. He encouraged clubs if able to make a monetary donation to help their administrative account get started. DG went over his goals for the year. He would like to have 100 new members by the end of June, a new branch club with 15 members. This can be achieved if Lions work as a team. He thanked Lions for stepping up as all District Chair positions have been filled. He thanked CST Bev for the work on the directory. He spoke on issues from LCI. The Lioness program is not recognized by LCI and they are a project of the Lions club. Their projects should be approved by the sponsoring Lions club and recorded in the Lions minutes. A Lions member should be in attendance at the project. This is so the Lioness club is covered by LCI insurance. At the MD, it was suggested that a committee be formed to look at convention dress that would express Canada and your location. CST Bev will sit on that committee for District N-1. MD is encouraging clubs to continue supporting eyeglass recycling as well as hearing aids and c-pak machines. There are stickers coming to place on the eyeglass boxes. Update in the District—Canadian Diabetes has a new name and that is Diabetes Canada. Tag Day and Cavalcade are not being supported by

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Diabetes Canada but clubs can still do these projects. The new focus is on clothing and pediatric diabetes. The Harry Newman Award is still available. He spoke briefly on membership and with clubs getting good quality members. This is always the focus. He encouraged clubs to send their information to the District newsletter, MD newsletter and visit other clubs. This is a great way to pick up new ideas.

There was an attempt to show a video on the IP's theme but didn't come through.

CST REPORT: Directories have been distributed. She asked if ZC's could pick up books for their zone and deliver them. There are a few corrections and will be on a separate sheet attached with the minutes. Please let me know if there any changes to make all the clubs aware. The finance report was handed out. Copy attached with the minutes. Moved by PCC Sonny Bonnell(Simonds) and seconded by Lion Susan Stennick(Geary) to accept finance report. Motion carried. CST Lion Bev brought up an issue on the District voting cards. These cards are for voting at the cabinet meetings by club president or delegate, club secretary or delegate, District chairs, ZCs, and PDGs. We haven't been using them. The clubs have to be in good standing to be able to vote. It is in our Constitution & By-laws. There was a discussion on what a quorum is and who should be voting because of the number of Lions at the meetings. Clubs should have delegates to represent President/Secretary if they are unable to attend so the club has a vote. This issue is tabled till next cabinet meeting to enable Constitution & By-laws to check into.

1st VDG Jim: He thanked Riverview LC for hosting the Cabinet Meeting. He has a Facebook page and encourages Lions to visit it. He spoke on the new positions from LCI for LCIF coordinator, GAT (Global Action Team), GST (Global Service Team). He referred to this year's theme of "We Serve" is going to be the focus for the next 3 years. Montreal Convention is in 2021, so Lions should be making plans. He is looking for information of any Lions who might know who helped build a school in Guatemala from the old MD 41. He reminded everyone of Barkers Point Anniversary on October 28th and the Cabinet Meeting on October 29th.

2nd VDG Lloyd: He remarked that there were 9 of 13 ZCs in attendance for the ZC meeting. They discussed Zone reports but are just getting started. They talked of the importance of visitation and membership. They are focusing on the clubs that have not recorded their officers information to LCI.

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CC PDG Brennan: He passed out 3 remaining awards from Awards Night to Lion Dan(Dorchester), VDG Lloyd(Fort Kent) and ZC Peter(North Rustico), and Lion Reg(Riverview) for their achievements for the year. They were absent from the Awards Night. He gave a report from the PDG Association with their recommendations to DG Paul.

---to carry on with Memorial forest with location at Portage walking trail.

Committee has been set up

---that with formation of a new club, that the District should pay the District dues for the members for the 1st year.

---that the District treasurer position be changed to a one year term

---that PDGs meet at 9:30 instead of 10:00 before cabinet meetings to have more time to have discussions

---that criminal records be looked at if involved with youth or youth predators.

DG Paul introduced Lion George Crossman(Moncton) who gave a presentation on **“Ladder-Up”**. It is a program to support youth in school that have difficulty in academics or have fallen out of school. These kids only have a few hours of education during the day as they are left on their own or they hide out to avoid classes. Lion George was asked to find a way for the club to give back to the community. He has been involved with education and also was one of these kids growing up. He suggested that the club bring back the program that was developed back in 2000 and approved by the government but got lost in the shuffle. He suggested renaming it **“Ladder-Up”**. This name means that it gives the youth an opportunity to climb a ladder to get it done. He has a meeting with the justice department to take these kids that are in trouble and they will come to the Lions Club to enroll in a trade. They have educators in place and a detailed program. They are waiting for the go ahead. DG Paul thanked him for his great project.

Audit Report: PDG Gerry Hartigan(Summerside) had the audit report handed out and copy included with the minutes. Moved by PDG Gerry and seconded by PCC Susan Sangster(Barkers Point) to accept the report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

LEO Program—PDG Luke Stennick(Geary) told clubs if they need information there was some on back table or call him. Report attached.

Lions Quest—PDG Luke informed clubs of upcoming webinars and a workshop at Geary LC. Report attached.

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Diabetes Canada NB Chair—Lion Cindi Beaumont(Riverview) spoke on the changes with Diabetes. Clubs can still have tag day and cavalcade but are not recognized as fundraisers for DC. She said that DC will replace the new block style Harry Newman Award to the previous glass one. This award is \$800.00 and is paid in full. You can't make partial payments. There is no money in reserve for any club. You can contact her for NB to follow up on this. She would also like to see the clubs have a parade of cheques at the Annual Convention to replace cavalcade. Diabetes is a terrible disease which affects all of us. Diabetes Canada is hoping Lions will take over the Diabetic camps across Canada. NB and PEI have such a camp. It costs \$2500.00 for a child to go to camp. DC suggested that Lions take part in the clothes line program. The clothes go to Valu-village for sale with proceeds going to Diabetes. Valu-village will give Lions \$2.00 a bag for clothing and this could be done twice a year. More information to follow. She handed out Cavalcade certificates.

Diabetes Canada PEI Chair—Lion Peter Gallant(North Rustico) echoed Lion Cindi. You can touch base with him as well for any information needed.

Pin Chair/Tail twisting—Lion John Murray(Nashwaaksis) spoke on the pins he has. He has a surplus of 200 older pins and is willing to sell them for \$1.00/pin. He will trade some as well if a club has club pins to find a home for. He also has DG Paul's pins that are for sale for \$3.00. He also has MD scarves for \$15.00 each. He only has 24 left.

Peace Poster/GMT(Global Membership Team)—Lion Ed Evans(Nashwaaksis) informed clubs there was information to pick up on the Peace Posters. His report for both is attached with the minutes.

Constitution & By-Laws—PCC Susan Sangster(Barkers Point) has updated our constitution and report handed in to CST who will post them on the web. She also invited everyone to Barkers Point Anniversary. Rooms available at the Ramada.

Convention Chair—Lion Gary Gaudet(St. Eleanors) reported that the registration is complete and St. Eleanors LC is pleased to host the event. Registration form is attached with the minutes.

Eyeglass Chair—Lion Reg House(Riverview) stated everything is going well. Riverview is the drop off for NB and Winsloe is the drop off for PEI. Don't take glasses directly to the correctional facility. All equipment is working extremely well. They now have 2 lens meters. There are new collection boxes available for

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\$4.00 each. Lion Reg has them. Don't forget about hearing aids and c-pak machines.

GLT(Global Leadership Team)—PDG Doug Small(Pickwauket) is working on upgrading the orientation program for the District. It will be presented at the Zone level. He is also working on the executive and ZC training. Report attached.

Speakout Chair—Lion Kathy Belliveau(Riverview) encouraged clubs to reach out to schools and 4-H to get involved. She thanked clubs for their participation in last year's competition. Regulations are on the District web.

Centennial Co-coordinator—PCC Bev Semple(Kensington) encouraged clubs to work on their projects as this is the final year. Let her know of your project so the information gets passed on to the newsletter and MD coordinator. Send in any pictures with your report. Contact her if assistance is needed.

CST Bev mentioned that Dr. Patti Hill is not going to have her name on the ballot in Las Vegas but is moving forward to Italy in 2019. Lion Bev said there is no politics in Lions but a process to follow. This process comes from a committee of PIPs who go through paperwork from candidates as well as interviews. They decide which candidate gets the support. Her process is to be recertified by her MD so she can move forward.

GST(Global Service Team)—PDG Claude LeBlanc(Rexton) is sending out information to each club for the GST club chair on what the job entails.

District Fundraising Chair—Lions Jean & Linda Allain(Winsloe) are planning to sell tickets at every cabinet meeting for a substantial prize to be drawn at the meeting. Today the prize was a BBQ won by PCC Stewart MacDonald(St. Martins). He thanked everyone for buying tickets. The ticket sale was \$222.00.

Alert Chair—Lion Don Doran(Pickwauket) reminded clubs of weather conditions and have contact with the emergency measures in place in your communities in the event of any kind of disaster.

New Business: ZC Jamie Penton(East Royalty) is looking for used bikes for kids that are unable to financially afford one. They can be in need of repair or new. He is looking to be able to give these out.

Simonds Lions Caledonian Pipe Band is looking for Lions support to go to Scotland for the world champions. Letter is attached to minutes.

50/50 draw was won by Lion Harold Borden(Lincoln) for a total of \$124.00. Proceeds of today went to Portage Atlantic (\$124.00).

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DG Paul thanked Riverview for hosting the Awards Night and the Cabinet Meeting. He along with Convention Chair Lion Gary presented Riverview with a certificate good for one hospitality book at the April District Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 by PDG Gerry Hartigan.

Submitted by CST Bev

Dates to Remember:

October 20, 2017 an evening with a roast for Brad Woodside and Friends

October 22, 2017 Annual recognition Event at 1:00 at Portage Atlantic

October 28, 2017 Barkers Point Anniversary

October 29, 2017 Cabinet Meeting at Nashwaaksis LC

November 3-5, 2017 MDN Fall Conference, Gander, NL