

**Lions Clubs International - District N-1  
Cabinet Meeting  
Sunday, February 7, 2016**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting of 2015 – 16 was held at the Moncton Lions Club. The meeting was called to order by District Governor Doug Small at 11:08 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 PDG Lion Tim Hoban and seconded by Lion Carlos Vicente  
to adopt the agenda for the Cabinet Meeting. Motion Carried.***

DG Doug welcomed everyone to the Cabinet Meeting and was pleased to see such a great turnout. He touched on a few topics and spoke briefly about membership in the District. He pointed out that the most recent count was 1,767 which is down 29 from the start of the year. He introduced the head table and recognized the Past District Governors present. There were no Lioness, Lionettes or LEOS present. He thanked Lion Mary for her support this year.

Moncton Lions Club President Bernie Cassie brought greetings from the host club and said he hoped everyone enjoyed themselves and had a safe journey home.

Roll call was recorded by the CST with 27 Clubs, 91 Lions in attendance.

DG Doug called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting held in Summerside on November 15, 2015.

***Moved by PDG Lion Sonny Bonnell and seconded by PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe  
to approve the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting held on November 15, 2015.  
Motion Carried.***

DG Doug encouraged Lions to address membership by "just asking" individuals each and every opportunity you have. He said we need new Lions and this includes women, young people and in general anyone who is interested in serving those in need. He is out and visiting clubs as much as possible and has completed nearly 50% of the club visits to date. He said if any club would like to have him attend a special occasion please contact him. Registration forms for the District Convention are available. Nomination Forms for District Elections are also available. Dues payments are coming in and clubs should check the LCI website for their International dues. He congratulated Lion Betty Hoban who was celebrating her birthday by attending the Cabinet Meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Paul Cousins thanked PDG Lion Bev Semple for attending the meeting and recognized the North Rustico Lions Club who arrived with twelve members for the Cabinet Meeting. He had occasion to sit in on the Zone Chair meeting earlier and noted membership and District Elections were items of discussion. He, like the DG earlier, encouraged Lions to "Just

Ask" people to consider becoming a Lions member. He said the District is in need of leaders and asked Lions to consider offering to serve in a leadership role (e.g. Zone Chair). By way of both education and marital advice, he pointed to a sore eye and noted he had made a mistake earlier in the day by saying NO to his wife Lion Teresa. Lesson learned.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Brennan Beaumont shared some statistics on membership. He said 25 of our clubs have less than 15 members each while 41 of our clubs have less than 20 members each. As you can see we are certainly in need of additional members. Membership losses have two significant impacts on our business. First of all fewer members translates into a reduced ability to serve. In addition, reduced membership gives way to reduced revenue from member dues. This unfortunately comes at a time when member expectations of the District are growing. Both of these scenarios are a concern. Bottom line – we need more members !!!

CC / IPDG Lion Susan Sangster spoke briefly on the contest to select an MDN “parade shirt”. Lions with suggested designs are asked to forward them to the District Governor for review and selection at the District Convention in April prior to going to the MDN Convention in May. She also reminded the Lions of the upcoming MDN Convention and said registration forms had been circulated. She then gave a report on the project to construct a fitness centre at Portage in Cassidy Lake. Construction is scheduled to start April 1<sup>st</sup>. The application for the \$75,000 US Matching Grant has been completed and submitted to LCIF. Given the value of the Canadian dollar this translates into \$103,810 Canadian of which \$79,500 has been raised to date. She encouraged clubs to consider a donation in support of this project. Lion Paul Matheson asked if the \$75,000 US was not completely raised (e.g. \$70,000 US) would LCIF match the amount that was raised. IPDG Susan said that will not be an issue as she is assured the funds will be raised. One of the conditions of the LCIF Matching Grant is that there is a separate bank account established to process the funds from the grant.

***Moved by IPDG Susan Sangster and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Paul Cousins to establish a District N-1 Special Projects account with Lion Susan Sangster, Lion Ron Evans and the CST of the day (Lion Don Smith for 2015-16) as signing officers. Motion Carried.***

The following Lions Clubs were recognized with Centennial Program banner patches for 2014-15 - Moncton, Salisbury, Burtts Corner, Hampton, McAdam, Jemseg, Harvey Station, Quispamsis Island View, Charlottetown, Kennebecasis, Rexton, Sussex and New Maryland. Those underlined were present and received their patches. DG Doug will see the remaining clubs are awarded their patches when he does his official visits.

Certified Guiding Lion certificates were presented to the following Lions who had recently completed their certification - Dave McAndrew, Gerry Forsythe, Luke Stennick, Dan Matthews and Doug Small.

The meeting was recessed so Lions could enjoy lunch prepared by the Moncton Lions Club.

Lion Dave McAndrew, of the Malpeque Bay Area Lions Club announced his candidacy for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for 2016-17. He thanked the Lions in advance for their support.

The 50/50 ticket draw winner was Lion Jason Lamont who took home \$156.50. Special thanks to the Moncton Lions for organizing the 50/50.

DG Doug recognized two new Lions from the North Rustico Lions Club who were attending their first Cabinet Meeting by presenting them with an International President's Pin.

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator PCC Lion Stewart MacDonald gave a report. He said leadership is a key to the success of our mission. That starts with Zone Chairs. He noted that the role of a Zone Chair is very important and LCI has placed more expectations on these Lions including increased emphasis on reporting, more responsibility and a close working relationship with both the Global Leadership Team and Global Membership Team. The need for training is out there but it must be identified and when that has happened training will be provided. He also noted that orientation workshops are required for both the new Lions joining the organization but also for existing Lions that could benefit from changes that have been made over the years. In closing, he said the District needs leaders not commanders. There have been too many clubs that have lost members because of Lions who command or dictate rather than demonstrate strong leadership skills.

Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator PCST Lion Gerry Forsythe reported that as of February 6<sup>th</sup> the district membership count is a – 29 for the year. We started the year with 1,796 members and now sit at 1,767. He said we all need to focus our attention on membership as without active, motivated members We “can not” Serve. He said there have been success stories like Fort Kent that are a + 10 for the year to date bringing them to 111 members and the Lincoln Lions Club that is a + 5 for the year bringing them back from difficulty to a total of 15 members. He said all we have to do is ASK. He said if Lions want to know how, just approach Lion Reg House of the Riverview Lions Club because he seems to have the magic formula to getting prospective members to attend meetings.

DG Doug said visitation cards are available from the CST. Little interest has been expressed about a new visitation pin but that is something next year's executive can consider again. MDN pins are available from Lion Dave McAndrew, DG Doug or IPDG Susan. They are going fast so if you want one get to these Lions soon.

CST Lion Don presented the financial statement as of February 7, 2016. He said the bulk of the spending for the district will occur over the balance of the year. DG Doug will be looking for a Lion to chair the district fund raising project. Anyone interested in taking on that role, please contact the District Governor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half dues invoices have been issued by email and he thanked those clubs who have already sent in their payments. A few directories are still available for sale. Clubs have been advised to go to the LCI website to retrieve their 2<sup>nd</sup> half LCI dues invoice for payment.

***Moved by Lion Dale Carter and seconded by Lion Don Doran to approve the financial statement dated February 7, 2016. Motion Carried.***

VDG1 Brennan said the process for eye glass recycling is status quo. Clubs with used eyeglasses can still forward them to Lion Gary Rideout until the Eye Glass Recycling Centre on PEI is activated. Lion Gary will continue his efforts for the balance of the year and then if the Centre is still not up and running then other arrangements will be made available. Lion Doug said clubs could also look into other local organizations that might be recycling eyeglasses such as the Canadian Red Cross.

Lion Paul Gauthier reported the 2015 PEI Diabetes Cavalcade yielded \$11,938 with \$3,200 for Harry Newman Awards and \$8,420 for camp. This year's Cavalcade is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> in North Rustico. He said six clubs participated in Tag Day raising a total of \$2,513.

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 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event will include a diabetic meal, parade and fair / expo at the Brookside Mall. The event is open to all Lions and the general public. He said the Peace Poster awards and certificates have been made available and either have been or will be presented in the near future. The 2016 kits are now available for purchase. Lion Jim also reminded Lions the Nashwaaksis Lions Club will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There have been questions regarding dress code so this will be answered very soon.

Lion Cindi Beaumont, CDA Liaison / Chair – NB reported that fund raising from clubs in NB have yielded \$13,750.25 from Cavalcade, \$2,006.15 from Tag Day, \$800 for Harry Newman Awards and \$2,550 for diabetes research.

Lion Paul Gauthier and Lion Margaret Laking recognized clubs who made donations to LFC including Rexton, Sussex, Jemseg, Campbellton, Fredericton area, Pickwauket, Hunter River, Kensington, North Rustico, St. Eleanor's and Winsloe. Lion Margaret said she will be recognizing Pet Value a certificate for their efforts in fund raising and Pets Unlimited regarding their role in the Purina Dog Walk for Guides. She took the opportunity to recognize Lion Carl Norton of the McAdam Lions Club for his assistance and support to her this year.

PDG Lion Luke Stennick spoke on the district elections. He has received nomination forms from Lion Brennan Beaumont for District Governor, Lion Paul Cousins for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and from Lion Dave McAndrew for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. He has been advised that a nomination form will be forthcoming from Lion Jim Aucoin also for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. He has received no nominations for Zone Chairs. Nomination forms were available at the meeting and will be sent to all clubs by email by the CST. Candidates for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG must have their completed forms to the CST and Elections Chair 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 and Elections Chair no later than 5 days prior to the Annual District Convention. He said, as was the case last year, the voting on Notices of Motion will be by # and title. Copies of the Notices of Motion will be available at the District Convention.

PDG Luke also commented on the meeting of Zone Chairs earlier in the day in which 9 of the 13 Zone Chairs were present. He said the emphasis of the zones for this year is and has been on supporting local projects versus LCI projects. Zone 13 is planning a project in support of

Bobby's Hospice. He paid special thanks to GLT Chair Lion Stewart for the resurgence of the Lincoln Lions Club.

IPDG Susan said plans are well underway for the District Convention and she made available registration packages for interested Lions. She reminded Lions about the Friday night auction on convention weekend and asked clubs to donate items for the auction.

Lion Denzil Bernard reminded everyone about the District Speakout competition and said he is preparing for another exciting event at the District Convention. As he spoke and encouraged clubs to participate it became clear that there may be as many as 7 speakers for the event. Lion Denzil will be handing the role of Speakout Chair to Lion Kathy Belliveau of the Riverview Lions Club for 2016-17.

PDG Lion Larry Barton presented a report from the Long Range Planning Committee complete with recommendations for the District to consider. A copy of that report is attached. He thanked the Committee members for their contributions including Lions Bev Semple, John Bettle, Barry Wanamaker, Paul Gauthier, Karen Rideout, Jan Philips and Carlos Vicente.

CST Lion Don presented nine draft Notices of Motion (NOM) for consideration. A spirited and yet productive discussion ensued which resulted in Cabinet support for eight of the NOMs and the addition of two more. Lions were asked for motions to support serving these NOMs to the membership for voting at the District Convention. Clubs will be advised of the supported NOMs no later than 30 days prior to the start of the Convention. Details of the NOMs are attached while a list of the motions is shown below:

***Moved by Lion Bev Semple and seconded by Lion Paul Matheson to support  
NOM # 1 Unpaid Balance. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Denzil Bernard and seconded by Lion Gerard Hartigan to support  
NOM # 2 Supremacy. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Gerard Hartigan and seconded by Lion Paul vonRichter to support  
NOM # 3 Nominations, Elections and Appointments, as amended. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Bev Semple and seconded by Lion John Bettle to support  
NOM # 4 District Meetings. Motion Defeated.***

***Moved by Lion Carlos Vicente and seconded by Lion Peter Gallant to support  
NOM # 5 Payment by USD Bank Draft. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Carlos Vicente and seconded by Lion Larry Barton to support  
NOM # 6 Spouse or Adult Companion, as amended. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Denzil Bernard and seconded by Lion Paul vonRichter to support  
NOM # 7 Mileage Rate. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Paul Gauthier and seconded by Lion Dave McAndrew to support NOM # 8 Timing of Awards Presentation, as amended. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Peter Gallant and seconded by Lion Gerry Forsythe to support NOM # 9 Membership Growth Award. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Heather MacDonald and seconded by Lion Bev Semple to support NOM # 10 Allowance for Spouse or Adult Companion \$1,000 US. Motion Carried.***

***Moved by Lion Heather MacDonald and seconded by Lion Bev Semple to support NOM # 11 Allowance to Attend USA/Canada Forum \$1,500 US. 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 also spoke briefly on Legacy Projects. Anyone who needs any information or has any questions can contact her for assistance.

DG Doug asked any club who was in possession of a District Award perpetual plaque to please get it to him or the CST as soon as possible to have it ready for the District Convention. He also reminded clubs of the various awards criteria and the need for clubs to submit the recommendations for awards to the DG for consideration. Details can be found in the District N-1 Policy Manual located on the District website.

Under New Business, Lion Paul Matheson asked how the District Constitution and Bylaws or Policy Manual addresses US Exchange. DG Doug replied that it currently contains no such language but the matter will be discussed during budget deliberations.

VDG1 Lion Brennan said it is a requirement for Cabinet to approve the dates and location of the District Convention for the upcoming year and he asked Cabinet for a motion to do so.

***Moved by Lion Bernie Cassie and seconded by Lion Paul Matheson to grant approval for the Riverview Lions Club to host the 2016-17 District Convention from the Meet & Greet on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to the conclusion of the Convention on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried.***

Lion Gerry Forsythe said the District Curling Bonspiel is being graciously handed to the North Rustico Lions Club by the Riverview Lions Club. He also reminded any Lions Club who has an Alert Chair to be mindful of any seasonal storms that could place individuals at risk.

DG Doug was handed a report on the Ron Evans Bursary Fund with the balance unchanged at \$32,925.35.

DG Doug thanked the Moncton Lions Club for hosting the event and presented a certificate for a District Convention Hospitality Book to King Lion Bernie Cassie for the club to use.

A number of upcoming events were noted as listed below:

2016 04 15-17	District N-1 Convention – Fredericton
2016 05 14	Diabetes Cavalcade – Nashwaaksis Lions Club
2016 05 20-22	MDN Convention – St. Johns NFLD
2016 05 29	Purina Walk for Dog Guides
2016 06 11	Diabetes Cavalcade – North Rustico Lions Club

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:10 pm.