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**February 25,2024 Portage Atlantic**

### **District Cabinet Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by DG Susan Stennick at 11:06.National Anthems were song followed by moment of silence for deceased Lions and world peace. Lions invocation was observed by all Lions.

**Moved by PCC Sonny Bonnell for approval of the agenda. Seconded by Lion Lionel Vautour. Motion carried.**

Rollcall was done by District Secretary with a total of 77 members plus 1 LEO representing 26 clubs.

DG Susan thanked Portage for hosting this cabinet meeting. She introduced head table and guest PID Allan Hunt. She recognized all past officers present plus Leos. Portage Leo President Cloe addressed the cabinet and gave a brief testimony of her time in Portage. She thanked Sussex Lions Club for hosting the training and the social time. She said she had a rough start to her year and is back on track. She will be reaching out for assistance with her visitations.

1st VDG Ed Evans stated that Lions need to get back to reporting and communicating. We need to increase our membership to increase our service. Report attached to minutes.

2nd VDG Don Walton spoke that we need to

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Remember why we became a Lion and have fun while we are working. Report attached to minutes. He encouraged Lions to go to Mylion to the learning centre to gain more knowledge.

Remarks from PID Allan Hunt: He was pleased to be here glad to recognize some faces. He spoke on LCIF and Mission 1.5. He will be attending the MDN Convention and taking part in training. He spoke about how Lions Clubs could be used for warming centres wherever possible.

PDGA Report from PCC Doug Small: A main goal is coming up with ideas for leadership training. Planning to have more zoom meetings throughout the year to be more valuable to the District. We got some updates on LFC and Portage. We had a discussion on our District elections and the process.

CS Report: Minutes from November Cabinet Meeting were circulated. **Moved by Lion Bev Semple to accept minutes. Seconded by Lion Carlos Vicente. Motion carried.**

Correspondence: Request letter Lions Foundation of Manitoba to help out with the purchase of stoves for the people of Ukraine through LCIF projects. 1 stove costs \$225.00CAD.

CT Report: Lion Theresa Vicente circulated financial statement. Discussion on dues owing. If not paid 15 days prior to convention then clubs as well as PDGs in that club are not able to vote. Discussion on money fin reserve for NB Diabetic Camp. There is not going to be a Diabetic camp in NB. Can that money be used for research was the discussion. Clubs who donated will have to be asked where they want that money to go. Discussion on the money of \$3359.50 that is in reserve for research. **Moved by Lion Frances Spragg to donate \$3359.50 to Diabetes Canada. Seconded by Lion Stacey Antoniuk. Moved by PCC Lloyd Soucie to table 1st motion for executive to discuss and bring back a recommendation. Seconded by PCC Sonny Bonnell. Motion carried. Moved by PCC Paul Cousins to send PEI Camp money to PEI for the Diabetic Camp.**

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**Seconded by Lion Lionel Vautour. Motion carried.**

**Moved by CT Theresa to accept financial report. Seconded by PCC Sonny Bonnell. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Lion Heather MacDonald to purchase 10 stoves at \$225.00CAD/stove for Ukraine Project from surplus money. Seconded by Lion Lionel Vautour. Motion carried.**

**Global Membership Report (GMT):** Lion Kathy Belliveau congratulated the clubs that have increased their membership so far this year. Keep reporting so we all can share in your success. We are sitting at -7. They are working on getting Hartland Club up and running. She thanked PCC Stewart MacDonald for his continuing effort. Mission 1.5 is the membership drive for the next 3 years. Report attached with minutes.

**Global Service Report (GST):** PCC Beverley Semple thanked Lions for another successful service activity for the District. Report attached with minutes.

**Global Leadership Report (GLT):** Lion Carlos Vicente has had some training sessions. He encourages Lions to do training on line. There will be training at the convention. N2 is hosting an ELI at Mt. Allison University on May 24th-26th. Report attached with minutes.

**LCIF:** PDG Boyd Sangster promoted donating to LCIF as an individual or as a club. Report with the minutes.

PCC Lloyd Soucie has a request from Fort Kent Recreation Department for club to partner with them to replace the aging sports equipment. The cost is \$75,000.00 and the Town is putting in \$25,000.00. The club is wanting the District to approve of them Applying for a \$25,000.00 LCIF matching grant. **Moved by Lion Carlos Vicente for District to support the request of \$25,000.00 LCIF matching grant to Fort Kent Lions Club. Seconded by Lion Kathy Scott. Motion carried.**

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**District Chair Reports:**

**Directory Report:** When Lions say they will take the directories to the clubs, it should be done within 2 weeks. Some clubs haven't received them yet. The Copy Shop in Kensington, PEI have done the directory for 7 years and will not be available next year. It is important for clubs to get their information to mylci so it will be copied in the directory. Here are some **directory corrections:**

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**St. Martins & Area LC President—billcampbell4659@gmail.com**

**East Royalty LC Secretary—PDG Dawn Hobbs-Penton,  
dhpenton71@hotmail.com**

**Boiestown Upper Miramichi LC Treasurer—Lion Faith Matchett  
fbmatchett@gmail.com**

**Convention Chair PCC Kevin Guiggey—kevinguiggey@bellaliant.net**

**North & South Esk LC secretary—nataliesheasgreen@gmail.com**

1st VDG Ed spoke on future directory printing. **Moved by 1st VDG Ed Evans that the directory go to digital. Seconded by PDG Luke Stennick.** Many comments on this subject. **Amendment to motion by PCC Brennan Beaumont to hold off on digital or non-digital directory for pros and cons till April Convention for voting. Seconded by Lion Lionel Vautour. Motion carried.**

**LFC—**PEI Director PCC Paul Cousins displayed the new banner from LFC. Clothing for LFC is set up for purchases. There is new scholarship fund at LFC. WALK certificates for NB were handed out by NB Director, PCC Susan Sangster :

Campbellton LC, Jemseg LC, Moncton LC, Quispamsis Island View LC, and Sussex LC. PEI Director PCC Paul Cousins handed out certificates to: Hunter River LC, Kensington LC, North Rustico LC, Cymbria LC, St. Eleanor's LC, Winsloe LC.

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**Portage Report:** Carol Tracy was invited to join Lions by PCC Stewart MacDonald. She will have an answer by April. Official opening of the Community garden at Portage. It is in June. Notice will go out.

**Annual Convention:** PCC Kevin Guiggey invited everyone to get registered for this fun weekend western style. Training will be set up. Everything is at the Hotel. Dates April 12th-14th. Registration form has been sent out. Copy with minutes.

**MDN Convention:** Lion Michelle Clark said deadline for registering is April 8th. Convention is in Moncton. Dates May 3rd-5th. Information attached with minutes. Also Moncton LC is celebrating 75 years May 25th.

**Reading Action Program:** Lion Jennifer Gardner spoke on actions of the reading program through reading outside the Library by leaving a book or take a book, Dolly Parton Imagination Library. They have learned that the most important years for reading is the first 5.

**Pop Tabs:** PCC Denzil Bernard will arrange for a member of Shriners to be at Convention to receive donation from pop tabs. Total collected this year is \$946.05.

**Speak-out:** Only 1 speaker so far.

**District Fundraiser:** Lion Theresa Cousins provided Tickets to be sold on 2 baskets which raised \$230.00 for the District. Hunter River LC was the lucky winner of both baskets.

**Nomination Chair:** Lion Gail Gardner relayed the message that forms needed to be filled out and sent to her by March 12th deadline. Forms are found on the District web.([e-district.org/sites/n1/](http://e-district.org/sites/n1/))

**Lions Quest:** Lion Lori Perley reported that there are more bears coming out. Quest Canada is looking for more donations or they will not be able to run the program. That need \$100.00 from every club to continue.

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**Peace Poster:** Lion Lori spoke on the theme this is “Peace Without Limits”. N 1 had a winner from the MD Peace Poster contest and it went to Hampton LC to give to the winner.

**Constitution & By Laws:** Lion Carlos Vicente reported on only one item for notice of motion to be voted on. This is regarding the award structure of the prize money to winners. They will be paid by gift cards. Another item for voting is to support the International candidate.

PCC Susan Sangster brought forward a concern towards their local being able to enter the speak out. The timing is too close to convention with the new school semester system to give the student enough time to prepare. **Moved by PCC Susan Sangster to move the date for the Zone Level speak out to two weeks before convention. Seconded by Lion Lori Perley. 1 nay (PCC Denzil). Motion carried.** Lion Carlos to make this change in policy manual.

**Old Business:** Discussion on 2 MDN positions that the Lions were removed. Message was to seek information from DG. She was not able to answer all the questions and suggested to go to MD Convention and speak with Council in May.

**LFC New Building:** PCC Brennan Beaumont updated members that 3.2 million so far has been received. Construction has started. Report is attached with minutes.

**New Business: Moved by PCC Paul Cousins for District to donate \$2000.00 from surplus funds to N 2 Wild Fires. Seconded by PCC Brennan Beaumont. Motion carried.**

Cost of the meal today was not totally covered by cabinet. **Moved by 2nd VDG Don Walton to pay \$23.16 owing for meal. Seconded by PCC Brennan Beaumont. Motion carried.**

DG Susan Stennick handed out certificates for the 11 Lions who completed the Guiding Lion Program.

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New Guiding Lions:PCC Beverley Semple.PDG Dawn Hobbs-Penton, Lion Gail Gardner, Lion Jennifer Gardner, Lion Jill MacDougall, Lion Judy Bryanton, Lion Pierre-Yves Daoust, Lion Sharon Carr, Lion Stacey Antoniuk, DG Susan Stennick, and CT Lion Theresa Vicente.

**Announcements:** Zone 3 Lions Clubs are getting together to organize a fun day competition of bowling, darts, croc Kono, and washer toss. This will be held at the North Rustico LC . All N 1 is invited for the competition. The winner will donate the funds to the Lions Charity of their choice. More information to come out very soon. Probable date is June 1st.

Eastern Charlotte member read a thank you letter from Portage resident who was receiving treatment from Portage. Letter attached with minutes.

**Dates to Remember:**

April Convention in Fredericton April 12th-14th.

MDN Spring Convention in Moncton May 3rd-5th.

Tail Twisting money came to \$218.25.

Kensington LC won the banner draw and donated the \$100.00 to Portage.

DG Susan thanked all for the donations to Portage and group picture was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 by PCC Sonny Bonnell.

District Cabinet Secretary

PCC Beverley Semple