

**Lions Clubs International - District N-1
Annual District Convention
Business Meeting Minutes
April 16-17, 2016**

District Governor Doug Small called the Business Meeting to order at 8:30 am followed by the singing of the National Anthems, a Moment of Remembrance and the Lions Invocation.

DG Doug called for a motion to approve the agenda.

***Moved by Lion Dale Carter and seconded by Lion Susan Stennick
to adopt the agenda for the Business Meeting. Motion Carried.***

DG Doug welcomed everyone and shared his excitement at the excellent turnout for the Friday evening Meet & Greet and the opening of the Business Meeting. He noted anyone who missed the Meet & Greet lost the opportunity to “kiss a pig”.

The Governor will accept MDN Parade Shirt entries on Saturday with the judging and selection to be carried out on Sunday. He also spoke briefly on the potential restructuring of the Multiple District primarily affecting Districts N-3 and N-4. Lions Clubs International has introduced some incentives to assist in restructuring. He noted the current MDN is a result of the last restructuring going from 7 districts to the 4 districts that we have now. He asked any Lion who had questions or suggestions to see him during the weekend.

PDG Lion Kevin Guiggey introduced Lion Susan Booker who recently became the first female member of the Burt's Corner Lions Club. DG Doug congratulated her and presented her with an International President's pin.

The District Governor introduced the Head Table including visiting Past International Director Lion Mark Hintzmann, 1st VDG Lion Brennan Beaumont, 2nd VDG Lion Paul Cousins, CST Lion Don Smith and Convention Chair PDG Lion Jan Phillips. He also recognized Past District Governors, Lioness, Lionettes and LEOS. He highlighted the fact PID Lion Mark would be available throughout the entire weekend and encouraged Lions to greet him and make him feel welcome.

PDG Lion Jan commented on the huge turnout with over 200 expected for the evening banquet. She said some of the Lions will have to dine on the courtyard but there will be room in the dining room for everyone to sit and enjoy the guest speaker. She also reminded everyone of the officer schools that would be starting when the meeting recesses. PDG Lion Stewart MacDonald noted that the school for Zone Chairs is not available and has been replaced by a workshop for Past District Governors. He plans to have a Zone Chair training session during the first weekend in June. It was announced that Voting Delegate cards will be available in the courtyard all morning. PDG Lion Denzil Bernard reminded the Lions that Speakout starts at 1:15 pm with 6 contestants expected.

Moved by PDG Lion Denzil Bernard and seconded by Lion Dale Carter to recess the Business Meeting until 9:15 am on Sunday morning. Motion Carried.

The Business Meeting recessed at 9:05 am and reconvened at 9:15 am on Sunday morning.

Moved by Lion Don Doran and seconded by Lion Carlos Vicente to approve the minutes of the 3rd Cabinet Meeting held on February 7, 2016. Motion Carried.

Moved by PDG Lion Denzil Bernard and seconded by Lion Paul Matheson to approve the minutes of the 2015 District Convention Business Meeting held on April 17-18, 2105. Motion Carried.

District Governor Doug expressed his appreciation for the wonderful turnout at the meeting. He paid a sincere tribute to Convention Chair Lion Jan Phillips and the members of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club for a great weekend. He said he has made in excess of 50 club visits and has enjoyed the hospitality of each of the clubs. He commented on the membership numbers for the District (110 new Lions / 108 dropped members / 27 deceased members).

1st VDG Lion Brennan also welcomed everyone to the Convention and encouraged the Lions to participate in the election process later in the morning. He also asked the Lions to always be seeking opportunities to invite prospective members into our organization.

2nd VDG Lion Paul thanked the Convention Chair Lion Jan and organizing committee for the wonderful convention. He said he has enjoyed this year as 1st VDG and looks forward to working with the Lions of our district in the upcoming year.

PID Lion Mark thanked the Lions for their hospitality during the weekend. He said he has enjoyed talking with so many members and learning about what the Lions are doing throughout the district. He congratulated DG Lion Doug on his efforts thus far. He presented a makeup case to 2nd VDG nominee Lion Jim Aucoin. In closing, he again thanked the Lions and encouraged them to keep on serving.

DG Lion Doug mentioned that the Awards Luncheon was scheduled for 12:15 pm and so to keep the meeting moving along Committee Chairs, with the exception of those listed on the agenda, were asked to hand in or email their reports to CST Lion Don.

CST Lion Don recorded the attendance with 164 Lions present representing 42 Clubs. He thanked the Clubs for their prompt payment of district dues with only 7 clubs outstanding. He noted that the Special Projects Account is now operational and incurs monthly fees of \$6.50 and requested permission to pay these fees from the Administration Account.

Moved by PDG Lion Boyd Sangster and seconded by PDG Lion Luke Stennick to approve the payment of monthly bank fees for the Special Projects Account from the Administration Account. Motion Carried.

He highlighted the fact that the district has received and deposited a cheque in the amount of \$102,750 from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (Canadian equivalent of \$75,000 USD).

CST Lion Don also brought to the attention of the membership a request for an advance of \$1,000 by the Host Committee for the 2017 District Convention. The urgency for the funding is to secure the hotel and rooms. The CST explained that although such a payment, if approved, could be made at this time it would be classified as an expense of the incoming administration.

Moved by PDG Lion Luke Stennick and seconded by Lion Gary Gaudet to approve the advance payment of \$1,000 to the Host Committee for the 2017 District Convention. Motion Carried.

The financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2016 was presented for approval.

Moved by PDG Lion Denzil Bernard and seconded by Lion Carlos Vicente to approve the Financial Statement dated March 31, 2016. Motion Carried.

Elections Chair PDG Lion Luke Stennick covered the election process for Notices of Motion and for District Officers. He listed the Notices of Motion and clarified they were not open to discussion as they had been debated at the February Cabinet Meeting. They are as follows:

1. Unpaid Balances
2. Supremacy
3. Nominations, Elections and Appointments
4. ***** (eliminated at Feb. Cab. Mtg.)
5. Payment by USD Bank Draft
6. Spouse or Adult Companion
7. Mileage Rate
8. Timing of Awards Presentation
9. Membership Growth Award
10. Allowance for Spouse or Adult Companion \$1,000 US
11. Allowance to Attend USA / Canada Forum \$1,500 US

He then walked through the nominees for District Office for 2016-17. The following Zone Chair positions have been filled:

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| Zone 2 | Lion Jason Lamont (Winsloe) |
| Zone 4 | Lion Les Matheson (Summerside) |
| Zone 5 | Lion Dan Matthews (Dorchester) |
| Zone 7 | Lion Dale Carter (Rexton) |
| Zone 9 | Lion Lloyd Soucie (Fort Kent) |
| Zone 10 | Lion Denzil Bernard (Harvey Station) |
| Zone 11 | Lion Karen MacLean (New Maryland) |
| Zone 13 | Lion John Bettle (Hampton) |

PDG Lion Bev Semple moved and Lion Gary Gaudet seconded the nomination of Lion Peter Gallant, North Rustico Lions Club, for the position of Zone Chair for Zone 3.

Lion Susan Stennick moved and Lion Blake Hetherington seconded the nomination of Lion Irene Lewis, Grand Washademoak Lions Club, for the position of Zone Chair for Zone 12.

The Zone Chair positions for Zone 1, 6 and 8 remain vacant and will be appointed by the incoming District Governor.

He then afforded the nominees for District Governor and Vice District Governors a few moments to speak. He started with Lion Jim Aucoin, nominee for 2nd Vice District Governor for 2016-17.

PDG Lion Claude LeBlanc moved and Lion Michel Dallaire seconded the nomination of Lion Jim Aucoin, Nashwaaksis Lions Club, for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for 2016-17.

Lion Jim thanked both of the above Lions for their support and also recognized his entire support team including the members of his Club and those throughout his Zone who have helped him to this point. He spoke briefly on his varied background and his desire to develop a strong “team approach” to enable the District to move forward.

2nd VDG Lion Paul thanked his wife Lion Theresa and PDG Lion Bev Semple for their support as well as the Kensington Lions and the Lions from across the district for the continued opportunity to serve as 1st Vice District Governor for 2016-17.

1st VDG Lion Brennan also thanked the Lions for their support and asked them to choose wisely when voting for incoming District Governor.

DG Lion Doug recessed the meeting for approximately 40 minutes for the voting process.

DG Lion Doug reconvened the meeting and announced there were 3 entries from our district for the MDN Parade Shirt competition and the selection committee chose the entry submitted by 1st VDG Lion Brennan to be forwarded to MDN for the final decision at the MDN Convention in May.

PDG Lion Stewart MacDonald reported on the Officer Schools. He said the attendance was very promising with 41 Lions attending the President school, 26 attending the Secretary school, 22 at the Treasurer school, 14 at the Membership school and 5 at the PDG school. He said he reviewed the feedback sheets and said he will eliminate the PDG class and replace it with a workshop for those with a desire to pursue being a District Governor. He noted there are a number of related LCI webinars scheduled very soon and he would notify incoming officers by email. He paid a special thanks to the presenters with a small token of appreciation PDG Lion Gerard Haritgan (Treasurer Class), Lion Carlos Vicente (Secretary Class), PDG Lion Luke Stennick (PDG Class) and PCST Lion Heather MacDonald (President Class).

PDG Lion Denzil spoke briefly on the success of the Speakout competition. He said there were 6 excellent speakers with the eventual winner being Iricia Flint Downey sponsored by the Rexton Lions Club. He concluded by saying he has held the position for 4 years and next year he will be replaced by Lion Kathy Belliveau of the Riverview Lions Club. He thanked PDG Lion Luke and 1st VDG Lion Brennan for being scrutineers.

Lion Reg House and Lion Gary Rideout provided information to the Lions regarding Eyeglass Collection in the District. Lion Gary thanked all of the Lions over the years that have sent him eyeglasses as it was very much appreciated. He said he will still collect glasses in his area and see they get to Lion Reg. Lion Reg reported at this point Newfoundland has processed 15,000 pairs of eyeglasses through their centre. The site in PEI is soon to be operational and he looks forward to shipping eyeglasses to the site. He noted the Vogue Optical chain will allow Lions to set up collection boxes at their outlets and Vogue is assisting in the training for those operating machines at the collection / processing centres. As well, Armour Transport has agreed to transport eyeglasses anywhere in Atlantic Canada free of charge. PDG Lion Susan mentioned that in Newfoundland the RCMP are also assisting in the collection of eyeglasses. He noted that soon a request will go to District N-1 clubs for financial support. Lion Norm Pollock asked what could be packaged and shipped. Lion Reg said Lions can ship everything (lenses, frames, cases, etc.) and the contents will be examined and sorted when received. At this point, Lions from both NB and PEI should forward their collection to Lion Reg and he will see they are packaged and sent to the processing centre.

Lion Peter Gallant announced the PEI Cavalcade is scheduled for June 11th hosted by the North Rustico Lions Club. Information can be obtained by calling Lion Peter. Plans are to have a parade, barbeque and "drinks" at the Club. He also announced the North Rustico Lions Club will celebrate their 50th Charter Anniversary on November 5th with the Cabinet Meeting to follow on November 6th. Details will follow. The Alberton Lions Club will be celebrating their Charter Anniversary on October 8th but no details were available.

Lion Jim Aucoin announced the NB Cavalcade is slated for May 14th in the Fredericton area hosted by the Nashwaaksis Lions Club. The CST will forward a copy of the Cavalcade Poster and registration / donation form to all clubs. There will be a diabetic meal and Lions who are attending to enjoy the meal will be asked to select either chicken or salmon and notify the Committee on or before May 6th. Registration will begin at 10:00 am with the meal at 11:30 am followed by the parade at 12:15 pm which will take everyone to the Brookside Mall by 1:00 pm.

PDG Lion Jan took the opportunity to thank everyone for their help and for the great turnout with a total of approximately 275 in attendance. The district was represented by 10 clubs from PEI and 34 from NB. The Friday night auction raised a total of \$630 and she thanked those who donated items for the auction as well as all of the Lions who purchased tickets. She paid a special tribute to the members of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club for their countless hours of dedication to ensure the convention was successful.

1st VDG Lion Brennan introduced Lion Heather MacDonald as CST for 2016-17 and she brought forward the Administration Account budget for approval. She noted that this was a working document and pending the outcome of the elections (Notices of Motion) changes may be required which will be presented at the September Cabinet meeting for approval.

Moved by Lion Bob Briehl and seconded by PDG Lion Bev Semple to approve the 2016-17 Administration Account budget as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by 1st VDG Lion Brennan Beaumont and seconded by Lion Doug Cook to approve the signing officers for the Administration Account for 2016-17 as District Governor Lion Brennan Beaumont, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Paul Cousins and Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Lion Heather MacDonald. Motion Carried.

Moved by Lion Dale Carter and seconded by Lion Susan Stennick to remove CST Lion Don Smith as a signing officer for the Special Projects Account effective July 1, 2016 and replace him with incoming CST Lion Heather MacDonald. Motion Carried.

PDG Lion Susan Sangster said the district does not have a gavel or gong and recommended the district acquire a new gavel and gong to be used for district meetings. She estimated the cost to be approximately \$300 - \$325 in total. After some discussion, it was decided to purchase a new gavel and gong for the district.

Moved by PDG Lion Susan Sangster and seconded by PDG Lion Bev Semple to approve the purchase of a new gavel and gong for District N-1. Motion Carried.

PDG Lion Luke announced the results of the voting process:

1. *All of the Notices of Motion were approved.*
2. *Lion Jim Aucoin was elected as 2nd Vice District Governor for 2016-17*
3. *Lion Paul Cousins was elected as 1st Vice District Governor for 2016-17*
4. *Lion Brennan Beaumont was elected as District Governor for 2016-17*

Moved by PDG Lion Luke Stennick and seconded by Lion Susan Stennick to destroy the ballots. Motion Carried.

Moved by PDG Lion Denzil Bernard and seconded by CST Lion Don Smith to adjourn the Business Meeting. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 pm.

LIONS DISTRICT N-1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
AS OF MARCH 31, 2016				
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	
REVENUE				
Dues 1st Half	18,200.00	17,363.26	836.74	
Dues 2nd Half	18,200.00	16,656.03	1,543.97	
DG Pins	50.00	0.00	50.00	
District Pins	50.00	44.00	6.00	
MD Pins	600.00	541.16	58.84	
District Directory Ads	5,000.00	2,802.05	2,197.95	
District Directory Sales	250.00	112.00	138.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	468.50	-368.50	
Cavalcade	0.00	500.00	-500.00	
Leadership Grant	700.00	0.00	700.00	
District Fundraising	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	44,650.00	38,487.00	6,163.00	
EXPENSES				
MD Dues 1st Half	5,005.00	4,939.00	66.00	
MD Dues 2nd Half	5,005.00	4,873.00	132.00	
District Directory Costs	2,400.00	2,192.20	207.80	
DG Expenses	5,460.00	386.72	5,073.28	
DG Pins & Banners	2,050.00	1,808.98	241.02	
1st VDG Expenses	1,500.00	517.24	982.76	
2nd VDG Expenses	1,500.00	611.25	888.75	
2nd VDG USA/CAN Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
Annual Convention	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
District Awards	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	
Speakout	500.00	0.00	500.00	
Peace Poster	300.00	175.00	125.00	
Incoming Officer School	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Bank Charges	160.00	203.74	-43.74	
CST Expenses	2,000.00	520.98	1,479.02	
Postage & Printing	250.00	45.71	204.29	
MD Pins	600.00	690.00	-90.00	
District Chair Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00	
GLT	2,000.00	1,171.58	828.42	
GMT	1,500.00	330.29	1,169.71	
Zone Chair Expenses	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00	
District Website	245.00	0.00	245.00	
DG Yearend Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
Memorials	500.00	0.00	500.00	
MD Speakout	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	
DGE MDN Convention Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
VDG1 MDN Convention Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
VDG2 MDN Convention Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
DG Spouse Int'l Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
Cavalcade	0.00	0.00	0.00	
US Exchange	0.00	627.92	-627.92	
Miscellaneous	25.00	27.20	-2.20	
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,650.00	22,620.81	22,029.19	
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	0.00	15,866.19	-15,866.19	