

Lions Club International Multiple District N Convention

Long Range Planning Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2016
Salon C, Capital Hotel @ 4 pm

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Fourteen Lions were in attendance representing all four Districts (6-N1, 2-N2, 4-N3 and 2-N4).

Minutes of the 2015 meeting, as circulated, were approved upon motion by DGE Val Clarke, seconded by PDG Frank Hartman. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the minutes

Committee system:

General consensus of the comments from the floor at the 2015 Annual Business meeting was that LRP take an in-depth look at the committee system as recorded in our documents for review and update in 2015-2016. We explain this under Business.

Business

Handbook:

LRP went to work on a complete review of all our Administration and Activities Documents in June 2015, and completed a handbook by the end of March 2016 entitled "Multiple District N Administration and Activities Committee Updates and Resource Handbook".

The Handbook was developed in three (3) stages – one before Christmas, 2015, and in two early 2016. At the end of each stage, the document was distributed to other members of the Long Range Planning Committee, as well as to Council and Lions in Leadership roles, for their study, observations and corrections. Deadline for receipt of input was set in each case.

The completed Handbook was released on March 31, 2016 as Release 1.0 containing 58 pages. Minor corrections were made after release, which are documented on the last page of the handbook. The current release of the handbook is Release 1.2, 2016-04-11.

The Handbook covers Document purpose, Terminology, Committee overview, Appendices, Revisions, outlines, and Job Descriptions. Lions appointed to MD Positions can refer to this document when necessary in order to see what is required of them in their respective Leadership Positions in serving the MD.

You will be asked to vote on attaching this Resource Handbook to the MD Policy Manual, as Attachment "P."

It was recommended that the Board accept the Resource Handbook's update to be consistent with the new rules for MD Election Process, which will become effective July 1, 2016.

Various comments, along with discussion followed. ID Rod asked if the required Notice of Motion(s) were provided and distributed. Indeed, they were. Notices and a copy of the Handbook were provided to the Constitution and By-Law Chair who provided appropriate Notice for Distribution within the necessary time frame.

Three Year Pilot Project:

Due to cost and low attendance, as well as for other reasons, our Multiple replaced the traditional Fall Conference with a Fall Rally, for a three (3) year period, as described in the Fall Rally Handbook 1.4 edition.

- Year 1: July 1, 2014 – Fall Rally
- Year 2: July 1, 2015 – Fall Rally
- Year 3: July 1, 2016 – Modified Fall Conference

In Year 1 and 2, hand in hand with the Fall Rally, was the suggestion that one of the four District Governors' Cabinet Meetings be tied in with the weekend activity and take place on Sunday morning. The reasoning for this was that holding a Cabinet Meeting would help to improve Rally attendance, and it would reduce time away for Lions to just one occasion (in previous years, these two separate events required Lions to be away from home on two separate occasions).

In Year 3, we revert to a modified Fall Conference, with Council meeting included, to be held in Corner Brook, October 2016, but **only** the District hosting the Conference is to have their Cabinet meeting at this Conference.

Both the Multiple and Districts had responsibilities. The MD was responsible for the Rally aspect and the District was responsible for the Cabinet meeting aspect.

In each year, the participants complete a feedback form and handed it in to the Chair for tabulation. The Chair indicated that the feedback forms were completed during the Year 1 and 2, and for Year 3 new stats will be tabulated and compared with the previous year's stats.

The Fall Agenda needs to be arranged such that there is time on Saturday for delegates to complete a feedback form and turn it in, so that there is time to tabulate the results afterwards.

There must also be time made available in the afternoon to present the Rally Reports, followed by a discussion from the floor. Finally a vote will be taken to either adopt the present Rally System & feedback forms for annual change, or revert to the previous Fall Conference system.

Excellent discussion, questions & observations were aired:

- N-4 noted that when they tried to obtain a room all rooms were booked.

The Chair responded that any change required careful future planning. Room allocations for both parties must be fair. Whatever we do must be aimed at unification and not division.

- ID Rod was interested in how can we build excitement and unity for that once a year event?
- Comment – Develop a Multiple District Project such as providing a Dog Guide, Eye Glass Recycling, was mentioned by PCC Scott. We have started doing this in a great way. We have received a donation from Calais, Maine, do more things together.
- Continue to rotate in each Province. Announcement: Special meeting at 5:00 pm Salon A “Reinventing Your District”.

Time being of the essence, the Chair called for a Motion to Adjourn. This was made by PDG Frank Hartman.

Meeting adjourned at 4.58 pm

Eldon Swyer, LRP

Minutes taken by DG(E) Val Clarke, and from recorder