

**Official Minutes of
DGO Summer Cabinet
Sackville, NS
July 28th, 2018**

DG Perry Oliver called the meeting to order at 9:32 with approximately 151 Lions representing 40 clubs in attendance.

O' Canada was led by DG Perry, with the Lions Invocation led by 1st VDG Debbie McGinley and the Lions Pledge led by 2nd VDG Jane Gregory.

A moment of silence was observed for deceased members of the Lions Family.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

DG Perry observed protocol by welcoming Lions in order of precedence. DG Perry thanked all present for supporting him in his quest for DG, and stated that in order for the District to be successful, each club in the District needs to be successful and if the District is successful then we have done our job in serving our communities.

Welcome to Sackville

PID Lion Jim Sherry welcomed all Lions present to Sackville, provided a few housekeeping rules and advised that the noon luncheon would be held at the Sackville Lions Club on the Beaverbank Road. He then provided guidance on which door was to be used depending on what your lunch needs were.

Voting Procedures

Lion Dave Moore outlined the voting procedures indicating those who are entitled to vote. Those entitled to vote are DG, VDG'S, CST, Zone Chairpersons, District Committee Chairpersons, Presidents & Secretaries of all chartered clubs (or designated alternates) and all PDG'S who are in good standing in a club in the District. They are entitled to one vote on any matter at the Cabinet meeting.

Agenda

DG Perry asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Lion Dave Manning – LFC Report, Lion David Hunter – Motion for Hearing for All, Lion Tami Maillet – Facebook/Environment.

DG Perry then asked for a Motion to accept the agenda as amended. Motioned by PDG John Stoddart, Seconded by Lion Bill Bruhm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of the Minutes of the NS Convention

DG Perry advised that the minutes of the NS Convention held in Yarmouth had been published in the NS Lion and asked for a motion to approve those minutes.

It was moved by PDG Evie Morine and seconded by ZC Charlie Blake that we accept the Minutes of the Nova Scotia Convention as printed in the NS Lion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

International President's Theme

DG Perry announced that International President Yngvadottir is the first International President from Iceland and her message is simple "We Serve". We must serve our local communities and the world with Pride, compassion and kindness. DG Perry then explained in more detail how IP Yngvadttir envisioned us increasing service throughout this Lions year. Two short video presentations were provided highlighting President Yngvadottir's theme entitled "The Horizon is yours" and "With a new canvas anything is possible".

DG Perry then stated that the global goal is to serve 200 million people per year by 2021. LCIF have

launched a new campaign over the next 3 years to raise \$300 Million. The Global Action Team has been set up to bring together the Global Service Team, The Global Leadership Team and the Global Membership Team with the aim of combining all our training, leadership and membership to provide a better service throughout the world. The hope is to also increase our membership to 1.7 million worldwide by the year 2021.

DG Perry's Goals

DG Perry stated that he wants us to work together and continue to serve our communities. Community service locally equals World service globally.

Membership Goals - Start at least two new Clubs with 20 members each which he feels is attainable, in addition to starting another campus club.

Assist a number of small but active clubs within the District rebuild their membership to 20 members each.

Increase female global membership to 50% by 2021. If we keep our current membership trend we will meet that goal within the District.

Increase Leadership development within the District through LCI/District courses and the USA/Canada Forum.

Lion Donnie Fancy will be promoting LCIF over the next couple of months and will be communicating that to the clubs in the District.

One Project that we are looking at is our "New Voices Program". Our Atlantic coordinator for this project is PDG Al from Port Au Basque. DG Perry has been asked to supplement his team with 4 members from our District.

District Cabinet 2018 - 2019

DG Perry presented copies of the District Directory's to those PDG's in attendance. DG Perry then called the Zone Chairpersons, District Chairpersons, and Club Presidents in attendance to come forward to claim their organizational kits. Zone Chairpersons were asked to pick-up and distribute kits to those not in attendance.

Presentation – Hearing for All

DG Perry introduced our guest, Dr. Steve Aiken who is an associate professor of Audiology, Surgery, Psychology and Neuroscience at Dalhousie University. Dr. Aiken gave a brief presentation on hearing loss, the impact on our life styles and the good work that the Lions are doing through the Dalhousie Hearing Aid Assistance Program. To date, through the tireless work of Lion David Hunter and the Lions of District N2, Lions have donated over \$70,000, part of which came from an LCIF Grant for which Dr. Aiken thanked us all for making a huge difference to this program and encouraged us to keep up the good work.

District Committee Reports

Fall Cabinet Meeting – King Lion Wendy Owen advised that the Fall Cabinet Meeting would once again be held in Lawrencetown on October 12th - 13th, 2018. The Meet and Greet Theme is "Mexican Fiesta" with a shuttle bus running between Middleton and Lawrencetown on Friday night. The shuttle bus will run on Saturday night if there is enough interest. Please advise at registration if you are interested in a shuttle bus Saturday night. All meals are going to be at the Lawrencetown Firehall with the meetings on Saturday being held at the Lawrencetown Consolidated School.

Notice of Motion – Lion David Moore presented the following Notice of Motion – Whereas the current District N2 Policy Manual, Appendix B: Speakout: Speaker Resume does not contain information lines for the name(s) of the speaker's parent(s)/guardian(s) or contact numbers, and where as it is often necessary to make contact with the speaker and/or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s), the Constitution and By-Laws Committee will cause to be moved at the Fall Cabinet Meeting that the Speaker Resume forming part of Appendix B of the Policy Manual be updated to include lines for parent/guardian names and contact information.

District Project – DG Perry proposed the following District Project for this Lions Year. He suggested that we come together and raise money for the Cancer ward of the IWK Hospital to provide an additional Clinic Support Room for Pediatric Chemo Therapy Patients. To completely furnish one of these rooms the cost would be \$50,000 - \$70,000. There is a potential to get LCIF to provide a matching grant if we can raise 50% of the required funds. DG Perry then put it out to the floor for discussion.

Lion Kathy Thompson asked if clubs can fundraise to raise these funds? The answer was yes.

Lion Bill Bruhm pledged \$1,000 from the Bridgewater Lions Club should this project go forward.

Lion Dave Townsend asked what percentage of the funds raised would go towards this project? DG Perry advised that it would all (100%) would go towards the project.

PDG Mark Durnford asked why do we need to discuss this any further as it is a worthwhile project.

King Lion Sharon Boutilier pledged \$500 towards the project should it proceed.

PCC Peter Reid put a motion of the floor that a committee be appointed to investigate this further. The motion was seconded by PDG Rhonda Trickett. **Motion Carried.**

The following Lions volunteered to be on the committee with DG Perry: PDG Rhonda Trickett, ZC Catherine Gibson, PDG Mark Durnford, Lion Deb Featherby. The committee will report back at the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

GMT Report – Lion Bill Bruhm it is the role of the Global Membership Team to assist with the formation of new clubs, to strengthen present clubs by recruiting and retaining members while gaining an understanding of why members leave, and to work with the Global Action Team as directed by the District Governor.

To that end the Global Membership Team will:

1. continue to work with clubs to identify communities for possible club development with a goal to develop at least two new clubs in N2;
2. work with club Membership chairs and committee members to identify strategies and procedures which work for their clubs as they work to grow and retain their membership with a goal of recruiting two hundred or more members, including re-instated members; and
3. focus on an increased percentage of female members in our district.

Each of these goals will need the support of, and action required by all clubs. Each club is unique and has it's own strengths and weaknesses. Actions to focus on the very important role of the club Membership chair and his/her membership committee began last year with zone training and individual club training which also highlighted the importance of the Zone Chair's active participation. It will take every Lion in this room and every Lion in all of our clubs to reach our District Governor's goals. Working as teams at the club, zone and district levels, we can do this.

You will be introduced to a process at the Fall Convention that will outline our strategy for club and membership growth for the Lions Year 2018-19. Please invite us to meet with you, as we are here to support you.

Your best recruiting tool is the service you provide to your communities. We look forward to working with you to reach these goals outlined above to increase that service. Lion Bill and DG Perry have membership kits available should any club need them.

LUNCH

Lunch was held at the Sackville Lions Club on Beaverbank Road and the meeting resumed at 1:33 pm. DG Perry thanked the Sackville Lions and Lioness for a wonderful roast beef dinner.

Rose Bowl – The doors were sealed and the Rose Bowl attendance conducted with the following results:

3 rd Place:	Coldbrook & District Lions Club with 1178 points.
2 nd Place	Aylesford & District Lions Club with 1359 points.
1 st Place	Antigonish Lions Club with 1425 points.

Post meeting note: It was brought to the attention of the District Team after the DGO that one of the Lions counted towards the total for Antigonish was not a Lion at the time of the meeting. This was corrected in the Rose Bowl spreadsheet.

District Committee Reports Continued

District Golf – Zone Chair Charlie Blake advised that registration for District Golf was not going well. The tournament would be held at the Claire Golf and Country Club in Comeauville 11th - 13th August 2018 if registration improves.

Leadership – 1st VDG Debbie presented the GLT Report on behalf of PCC Lion Bob Lyle. The GLT will continue to promote District and International Leadership programs through Orientation Sessions, Officers Schools, Leadership Institutes provided by LCI, Club Quality Initiatives, Certified Guiding Lion Program workshops and the Mentoring Program.

Orientation Sessions:

Chezzetcook	September 22, 2018
Pictou	September 29, 2018
Kingston	October 20, 2018
Eastern Passage Cow Bay	October 27, 2018

Officers Schools will be conducted in the spring. Notices will be sent out closer to that time. Long Term Leadership Training will be provided to Lions who are identified as potential leaders and are prepared to enter into the nine month individualized training program.

For Lions who wished to attend the Faculty Development Institute, there is a \$150.00 non-refundable participation fee that is only payable once you are accepted. This year's institute will be held in Reno, Nevada, USA, January 19th – 21st, 2019. Application Deadline is November 5th, 2018.

For Lions who are interested in attending the Emerging Lions Institute, there is also a \$125.00 non-refundable participation fee that is only payable once you are accepted. This year's institute will be held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, November 3rd – 5th, 2018. Application Deadline is August 20th, 2018.

For Lions who are interested in attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, there is also a \$125.00 non-refundable participation fee that is only payable once you are accepted. This year's institute will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, November 10th – 12th, 2018. Application Deadline is August 27th, 2018.

For further information on any of the above, please contact PCC Lion Bob Lyle at (902) 765-3225 or email bobbarb@eastlink.ca.

Facebook – Lion Tami Maillet advised that she has been asked by DG Perry how effective the District Facebook page is. She thought that it would be an easy question to answer but after looking at our Facebook information it turns out that she does not know how effective or important the page is. The reason why she does not know is because the only information she gets back from our District Facebook page is the number of "followers" the page has. At present we have 530 people that follow the Facebook page. For anyone not familiar with Facebook this means that the District Facebook information is automatically displayed on the 530 people's Facebook account whenever they open Facebook. But, what she doesn't know is whether people are happy with what is on the page or if something new or different should be added to provide a better Facebook page. Another thing that she doesn't know is who else "looks" at the page. What she means by this is that anybody can look at the District Facebook page and get information they need but if they don't "like" or "follow" the page she does not know about it. As the page is available worldwide it is possible that thousands of people look at our wonderful District N2 Facebook page.

The Facebook page was started to get information out to the District and to get us linked through the digital world. She needs your help to find out if it is working and if it should be continued or not. What does the District Lions think about continuing to have a District Facebook page? Yes or No. If yes, do we continue with the page as is or do you want changes. Please get on Facebook and send me information on what you want to Lion Tami Maillet.

Environmental Report – Lion Tami Maillet advised that an Adopt A Highway meeting was held in June in Truro and she had 3 items that she feels are important to the District.

- 1) The AAH is now a registered nonprofit organization and we have a board of directors that administer its operation. It was previously administered by the Women Institute of NS.
- 2) We are not doing as well with club participation in the AAH cleanup. Last year we had only 15 clubs reporting AAH cleanups. From discussion at the AAH meeting it was suggested that we consider a new system that is used in the USA and is working rather well there. The Clubs sponsors a team, school, band, etc. to clean a highway and they make a donation after the cleanup is completed. If any club is interested in this new program please contact me and she will explain what is required.
- 3) It was mentioned that one of the counties in NS is paying for highways that are cleaned. She does not have all the info on this but she thinks it was \$50.00 per KM. Lion Tami to get more information.

The Enviro Photo Contest the picture from N2 won at the Multiple District and PDG Rhonda will present the award at a later date.

Correspondence

CST Peter Jeffery advised that he had received an email from MDN CST Brenda Billard advising that there were three (3) positions available at the Multiple District Level. They are MDN Environmental Chairperson, MDN Global Membership Chairperson and MDN Youth Services Chairperson. Copies of the requirements and application forms were sent to all club secretaries should any Lion be interested.

New Business

Vogue Optical Proposal - Lion Curt Wentzell advised that information had been distributed to all clubs pertaining to an offer by Vogue Optical. Vogue Optical were the only business with a positive interest in getting eye glasses to those that need them now. If a club in the District has a request to assist a member in the community with the provision of eye glasses, it is recommended that they be sent to Vogue Optical. The secretary of the club would then email Vanessa Doyle at Vogue Optical Operations in Charlottetown with the person's name, what store they are going to be going to, and where to send the bill. Cost for Reading Glasses is \$115.00 each and for Progressive lenses it is \$155.00 (including frames). Eye examinations are not included in this package.

Lions Foundation of Canada – Lion Dave Manning advised that the Lions Foundation of Canada has completed another remarkable year. In June, they hosted the annual DGE weekend which is attended by all incoming District Governors and their partners. This is a very busy weekend with presentations and of course the canine challenge at the school. Those who wish to, get the chance to work with Dog Guides from the different programs. There are usually some interesting results.

The DGE weekend concludes with a dedication service at the Memorial Forest in Breslau. This is a very moving service and is usually attended by Lions and family members from near and far. Lion Dave had the privilege of reading the names of the Lions Family from Nova Scotia who had trees planted in their memory.

This year saw the Dog Guide programs reach a major milestone with the graduation of 203 teams. It took the better part of the first 25 years to surpass the 100 team mark and now, just 10 years later we have passed the 200 mark. This shows the dedication and work of ED Sandy and the staff at LFC and of course the tremendous support of Lions across Canada.

There have been no figures released yet for the Pet-Valu Dog Walks, but it appears to have been another very successful year.

In accordance with Article IX of the By-Laws of District N2, Lion Dave has duly advertised for a

replacement for Director to replace him at the end of his term. One application has been received and he will meet with the committee to ensure that the candidate meets all the requirements as outlined in the By-Laws.

Lion Dave thanked everyone for their continued support for the Lions Foundation of Canada and the Dog Guide Programs.

King Lion Leonard Bugbee presented a cheque to Lion Dave for their 22nd CVC Guide Dog

Hearing for All – Lion David Hunter advised that we had met our goal for the Hearing program for Dalhousie and purchased all the equipment that they needed. Lion David put a motion on the floor that money left over be used to assist those members of the public that need assistance with either the processing fee or transportation to get to Dalhousie. After confirmation the motion was 2nd by Lion Dave Manning. **Motion Carried.**

A discussion then followed asking how do the funds get allocated and administered. The resultant decision was that the funds will be administered through the District Account but that the CST needs terms of reference. CST Peter and Lion David Hunter to compile a set of rules to bring back to the Fall Cabinet meeting.

50/50 Draw

PID Lion Jim Sherry passed in \$279.00 from the proceeds of the 50/50 drawn at the noon luncheon. This money is to be allocated to the District Project if it goes ahead.

Stamps

Lion Dave Baugil turned in \$170.00 from the sale of stamps.

Lion Perry then asked if there was any further business for the meeting this afternoon. Hearing none he called for adjournment.

Adjournment

It was moved by PCC Lion Peter Reid that the meeting be adjourned at 2:13 PM.

DG Perry Oliver
Signature

CST Peter Jeffery
Signature