

**Fall Cabinet Meeting  
Shelburne  
Saturday, October 14, 2017  
Minutes**

1. **Called to Order** at 9:10 am by DG Rhonda Trickett  
Attended by 168 Lions representing 39 clubs
2. **O Canada Lead** by PCC Bob Lyle  
Lions Invocation Recited In unison  
Moment of Silence for Deceased Members of our Lions Family and World Peace
3. **Welcome** DG Rhonda welcomed all and thanked those in attendance for taking the weekend to be here. She also thanked the Shelburne club for a great Meet & Greet on Friday evening,
4. **Housekeeping Rules** Shelburne Secretary Sandy Preston
5. **Voting Procedures** were explained by Lion Dave Manning of Milford
6. **Additions and Approval of the Agenda**—  
9 b - DGO report by Wolfville Club  
19 c – removed - District Curling  
19 c - added - Catering—[cat\\_herinec@hotmail.com](mailto:cat_herinec@hotmail.com)  
**Mvd By** \_Lion Leonard Bugbee of St Margaret's Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> By PDG Frank Hartman of Parrsboro  
**CARRIED**
7. **Approval of Minutes** of DGO/Cabinet Meeting Wolfville  
- Received via email or on the Hantsport Lions Club Website  
Mvd By PDG John Stoddart of Bedford 2nd By Lion Darwin Bartlett of Truro **CARRIED**
8. **Correspondence** – None
9. **Old Buisness**
  - a) **District Golf**- Presented by PDG John Stoddart: There were 62 golfers in attendance. The low gross winner was Lion Brian Melanson of Meteghan with a score of 155. The winning team in the scramble competition was Yarmouth # 2 with a score of 138 and will host the 2018 tournament in Clare.  
More than 50% of the participants received prizes. Although weather conditions were less than ideal, a good time was had by all.  
Special thanks go to PCC Peter Reid from EP/CB, for his donation of several prizes and to Marc Comeau and his staff at Clare Golf Club for their generous hospitality.  
Respectively submitted Lion Gord MacMillan
  - b) **DGO/Summer Cabinet**—Presented by Lion Don McBay- On behalf of DGO Chair Bonnie Davison and the Wolfville & District Lions Club, thank you for allowing us to host the DGO/Summer Cabinet meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Thank you to the Wolfville & District Lions Club members for the hours spent preparing for this event. Our appreciation to Greenwich Fire Hall for use of their hall and to Scott Fraser of New Minas Petro Can for donation of cookies.  
Total Net Income \$3,565.00; Expenses Luncheon - \$983.36, Hall, Lodging, Badges, Door prize \$677.26; Total Expenses \$1,660.62 = INCOME \$1,904.38

Respectively submitted DGO Chair Bonnie Davison

## 10. **CST Report**– CST John Macfie – Lake Echo

FINANCIAL POSITION DISTRICT N-2 July 01 to October 05 2017			
Dues Collected	\$16,590.00	MD Assessment	\$4,715.10
Transfer from 2016-17	\$21,501.91	District Booster Fund	\$1,129.94
ID Fund	\$ 554.00	MD Pins	\$ 600.00
Sale of Pins	\$ 248.00	Previous Years Billing	\$ 479.71
GLT Grant	\$ 197.70	DG Expenses	\$ 311.15
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	District Supplies	\$ 149.78
		Postage/Stationary	\$ 361.01
		GMT	\$ 94.64
		Bank Charges/Cheques	\$ 169.34
		Miscellaneous	\$ 505.00
Total Deposit	\$39,191.61	Total Expenses	\$8,515.67

Presently 7 clubs in the District have yet to pay their District Dues; some of the same clubs are among the 4 clubs who have as yet not paid International Dues.

## 11. **ZONE REPORTS**

Passed in and on file are Zone Reports from: Zones 2, 3A,5, 6, 8, 9, 10,11.

Zone reports read but not passed in Zones 7 – to be e-mailed in

No Zone reports from Zones 1, 3B, and 4.

12. DG Rhonda welcomed our guest Lion Joanne McGuiggan from Lions Quest and District A-15

13. Scrapbooks were called for and IPDG Clare and the next two present PDGs present retired to judge the winner.

## 14. **DISTRICT REPORTS –**

### **GLT REPORT**

DG Lion Rhonda, Fellow Lions,  
Leadership is our primary objective.

### **Information/Orientation Sessions**

We have completed two Information/Orientation Sessions to date, one at the Enfield/Elmsdale Lions club, facilitated by PCST Lion Peter Jeffery and another completed at the Antigonish Lions club facilitated by PDG Lion Claire Brunelle. We thank you both for your leadership support.

The next Information/Orientation session will be held at the Kingston Lions club on 21st October from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Eastern Passage Cow Bay will host an Orientation session on 28th October 2017 facilitated by PCC Lion Peter Reid and the Bridgewater Lions club will host a session on 4 November facilitated by Lion Bill Bruhm. Please register for these sessions as we have to print the necessary materials and we need the numbers so the host club can prepare the food.

### **CQI – Club Quality Initiative**

This Program replaces the CEP – Club Excellence Program.

This program has been designed to lead you and your fellow club members through 5 steps to help you discover new ways to improve the way your club operates and to initiate change. By understanding our current operation, identifying areas that may be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish our goals, every club can be even better!

The five steps include the following:

Understanding the Process of Change and LCI Forward

Determine the need for change

Set Goals

Develop Plans

Implement and sustain change

Each club completing this training will complete a Club Quality Initiative feedback report to LCI and receive a club banner patch from LCI which will be sent to your club president.

For more information or to sign up for training please contact me.

### **MENTORING**

Our intent is to promote Mentoring to all clubs in the district and information will be going to all Lions clubs in the near future.

### **ALLI – Advanced Lions Leadership Institute**

The next Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be held in Denver Colorado USA on November 11-13 2017. We are pleased that our District will be represented by 2nd VDG Lion Debbie McGinley on this course. The course will focus on the following training:

Leadership fundamentals, Developing Extraordinary Teams, LCI Programs & Resources, Project Management, Delegation, Conflict Resolution, and Promoting Lionism.

We wish Lion Debbie safe travels and success in Leadership.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Bob Lyle PCC, PDG, PCST, GLT District Coordinator

**15. DG RHONDA ESTABLISHED PROTOCOL.** Protocol was explained – all District and International Officers are recognized and future speakers only need address the chair.

### **16. DISTRICT REPORTS CONTINUED**

#### **Global Membership Team Report**

District N2's Global Membership Team met for the first time in September. Our committee, consisting of 1st VDG Lion Perry Oliver, Campus Club Specialist Lion Jeanetta McGinley, Family/Women Specialist Lion Veronica Webb, King Lion Steve Butler, Lions Wayne Sears and Roger Carver and I have agreed to develop plans which will aggressively support District Governor Rhonda to meet her goals: 176 new members, the development of a branch club and a campus club, ensure that our "dropped" members will not exceed 156, and increase our female membership to 33% from 31%.

The committee has contacted all zone chairs to notify them that a member of our team will be seeking time at a zone meeting to outline DG Rhonda's membership goals and some initial strategies to work toward the successful completion of these goals.

Each member of our committee has been assigned to one of the twelve zones in the district. Their role will be to work with zone chairs and club membership chairs to develop tools and skills to

recruit new members and retain the members we have. Zone and club membership chairs will be invited to attend workshops in their geographical areas early in 2018 to carry this out. We will also seek to gain an understanding of why Lions chose to leave our organization. This information will be shared at all levels of our District to give our leaders and members a better insight into why Lions leave us, and to assist those leaders and their clubs to maintain their membership wherever possible.

Our team will be also identify and offer support to those clubs who do not report monthly membership information to LCI, especially in the electronic format. We have already assisted one club to make this move. We will work with those clubs who do not have active membership chairs and committees to encourage them to put these in place.

Our committee is requesting that each club induct a minimum of three new members. The key word is minimum. To support our new members, we are upgrading our new member kits. DG Rhonda has agreed to write a welcome letter to new members to be inserted in their kits, and a thank-you letter to be presented to the sponsoring members. Lions Clubs International will be or has shipped boxes of materials containing hundreds of booklets, guides and pamphlets that will be distributed to each of the clubs in the district. Some will support recruitment, some retention and others will provide materials to strengthen your clubs. New members will receive information in their kits that will increase their understanding of Lionism, their role in their club, how they can serve their community and general information on Lionism. We encourage you to use these materials when they are received and upon request, will provide you with assistance.

We have already worked with a club to develop new strategies to develop more successful recruitment techniques. Included in this is a twinning with a Dalhousie Campus Club member to assist this club to develop and maintain their e-clubhouse and Facebook sites. Thanks Dalhousie Campus Club.

There is a lot of work to do. We began the Lions year with 1770 members. Since then we have inducted 45 new members. We have lost 51 members, a net loss of six members to date. We have some data that shows why some members have been dropped by their clubs, but we do not know why members have chosen to leave their clubs. Our team will be conducting interviews with those members who resigned to ascertain their reasons for leaving and will be doing so over the next nine months.

We will be in contact with Clubs with fewer than fifteen members to offer our assistance. Clubs with successful recruitment strategies are asked to share them with our team as we are preparing a manual for membership chairs at the club level.

We will be working closely with the Global Leadership Team to meet the needs of our clubs and our district through the Club Quality Initiative and support where requested. Clubs will be encouraged to ensure that all new members are quickly and properly inducted and that all members, especially new members, are invited to attend orientation meetings. Thankfully, we are all members of a team with a common goal: to strengthen our clubs and our district to provide more service to our communities. Our team will need your support, your assistance and your feedback. There is a lot of work to do. Together we can get it done.

Respectfully submitted Lion Bill Bruhm, GMT Coordinator.

**DISTRICT STAMPS**– Lion David Baugil of Mahone Bay.- I haven't seen many stamps turned in today. I passed in \$210.00 from the sale of stamps 50% goes to Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia and 50% goes to the Lions Foundation of Canada. Every bit counts so keep up the good work.

**DISTRICT HEARING** – Lion David Hunter of Chezzetcook

Working hard to improve sound for all. The application for the LCIF Grant has been approved. I called LCIF and monies will be put into the account as soon as the Direct Deposit Agreement Form has been filled out and submitted by PCC Peter Reid. Now is the time for those clubs who still have monies pledged, that have not been honored, to kindly do so. \$42,250.00 has been pledged and \$38,000.00 has been received. To date 868 hearing aids have been received from clubs in Nova Scotia and 27 from clubs in N-1.

For more information you can contact Dalhousie School of Communications Disorders at 902-494-7052 and ask for an application for DHAAD Program.

Moved by PDG Charlie Uhlman of Mahone Bay and 2nded by King Lion Donnie Fancy from New Germany that we purchase a plaque, not exceeding \$200.00, to be displayed at the hearing centre indicating the support of Lions District N-2. Carried.

**HEARING CONNECT** – is the largest Audiologist Company in Canada and has been associated with Sears Canada. With the folding of Sears Canada Hearing Connect has donated over 10,000 items to the program. Hearing Connect has generously offered to supply the Hearing for All program with approximately 3600 dri aid jars 4500 sprays 3600 wipes. These items will be shipped from Vancouver at their cost.

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM** – PCC Peter Reid - This is a new team and duties and responsibilities are coming out piecemeal month by month. To keep costs down the district has been divided into three areas – Lion Gerry Lumsden of Canso will cover Cape Breton, Lion Jane Gregory of Lawrencetown will cover the valley and south shore area and PCC Peter will cover the central area. The first phase will be visiting each Zone to help clubs understand what service activities are and how they are different from fund raising activities.

**FIRST BOOK** – PCC Peter Reid -60,000 books arrived on Friday by 18 wheeler and pick up/distribution will start on Monday – 2 members from every club in NS was registered by e-mail. If you didn't order you don't get any. If you had difficulty getting in contact me and I will see what I can do. DG Rhonda asked if anyone had any questions re First Book. These books are free and clubs that are listed will be contacted the same time each year. Books ordered other times of the year will cost you \$0.80 per copy, per book but they will be shipped to your door. Question raised as to age appropriate and were told the age groupings – some clubs will receive their books via DG Rhonda on her official visits.

**CPAP** – Lion Jan Deveaux

The Lung Association of Nova Scotia's Sleep Apnea Refurbishment Program has been designed to provide assistance to low-income patients who suffer from sleep apnea but are unable to afford treatment. The program relies on the donations of previously owned CPAP and BiPAP machines, which are then refurbished and distributed to Nova Scotians in need.

Since 2015, the Lung Association of Nova Scotia has been partnering with the Lions Clubs of Nova Scotia in order to provide even more machines to people in need. Over 100 machines have been collected through Lions Clubs across the province. Over 90% of those machines have been refurbished and distributed to patients who would otherwise not be receiving treatment.

"I have a new lease on life," says Basil Casey, a recipient of one of the machines collected by the Lions Clubs. "I feel re-animated and no longer feel tired throughout the day."

Lions Clubs of Nova Scotia are creating a positive impact on the lung health of Nova Scotians through their partnership of the Sleep Apnea Refurbishment program.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Mahone Bay Lions Club who have collected approximately 34 CPAP Machines.

Respectfully submitted, L/Jan Deveaux CPAP chair

## **LEO REPORT**

Dear DG Rhonda :

My Leo Club report for District N2 October states that all the information necessary for any N2 Lions Clubs that`s interested into chartering a ALPHA Leo Club Leading for Life have been sent to them by email twice and I have not received any response to date .

At this time the Leo Club`s remaining .Musquodoboit Harbour ,New Germany ,Parrsboro and I am still working with CKRHS towards having Coldbrook Kings Leo up and running again it is very difficult due to the fact all of the kings Leo`s students 2016 graduated and the new students parents would not sign their applications and I could not contact the teacher because of teachers union problem .

CKRHS principal decided to also send out a letter to encourage the parents to sign the applications there no response, we have tried a another class room with no success. I am going to try again in October another student class room , if there is not enough students interested or if their parent are not willing to sign the applications , I am running out of class rooms students plus some teachers do not want the responsibility of having a Leo Club. I am sorry I may end up closing the Kings Leo charter which I truly work hard to charter 2009.

I have not heard from Sheet Harbour whether they have closed their Sheet harbour Leo Charter , But Springhill reported their Leo Club is closed out 2016.

New Germany have not heard whether they have Chartered their Leo Club .I know they had the numbers to charter their Leo Club 2016, but they have not informed me about whether their Leo Club was chartered.

I am not giving up positive thinking is always the key to success .

- I would like to ask you to give me a few minutes if possible at your cabinet meeting ,if there is no time for me to speak, then I will send out few emails to encourage our Lions clubs to attend a Leo Club information & orientation session and if I have enough interest then I will take action by setting up date and place to get together and see what can be done .

- I also would like to have First VDG or 2nd VDG to attend ,plus Zone chairs and presidents of any Lions Clubs members that is interested and Leo Club Advisors for their own point of view .

I believe Leo Clubs are very important to our Lions Clubs International future ,at the present time approximate 5,700 Leo`s clubs worldwide that makes Leo`s clubs our Lions future.

Yours in Lionism PDG Lion Mark Leo District N2 Chair Advisor

## **BREAK – 10:12**

## **RESUME – 10:30**

**DISTRICT PINS** – Lion Ken LaViolette passed in \$269.00 for Centennial Pins; later another \$60.00

**PRESENTATION** – Christine Spears – Diabetes Canada

**DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT** – District Chair Karen LaVigne of Cole Harbour presented her report as follows:

Camp Day at Camp Lion Maxwell was August 19, 2017 and was well attended by lions. It was enjoyed by all.

For the Lions year 2016/17 funds raised for Camp Lion Maxwell was \$28,868.00, and Tag Day funds raised \$4,218.20.

There was 40 Club and Lions Foundation of NS that donated to "100 Kids to Camp Campaign". The Second year of Diabetes Awareness Newsletter, fall issue is going out in October 2017 to bring awareness of diabetes to the District N2. This year newsletters I hope to continue provide interesting articles, Camp Lion Maxwell to include a interview of one of the Camp Councilor who started out as a camper, up and coming event, recipes and answer any question you may have. With Diabetes becoming one of the five Lions Service Area there is a package to go to all Lions Club in District N2 to help with bring Diabetes Awareness to their communities. Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Karen LaVigne Diabetes Awareness Chair

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT –IT Chair Sarah Hartman**

### Information Technology Report Fall Cabinet 2017

#### Communications

My most frequent duty continues to be forwarding email communications between Lions.

#### District Website

I update our N 2 website with pictures, events and publications, as I receive them. I have created a new page specifically for photos of DG Lion Rhonda's visits to clubs.

#### Club Websites

I check the websites of the five clubs in the Best Club Website contest on a monthly basis. Although each is a little different, they are all making an effort to keep their websites updated and interesting.

#### MyLCI and Other Technical Support

I have received a fair number of requests for MyLCI and technical support from club secretaries since the beginning of the Lions year (more than I received in all of 2016-2017). Many were in the first month, which is to be expected.

#### Membership Reports

As of October 9, 2017, the Club Monthly Reporting History report on MyLCI shows that there are 5 clubs that last filed a report in August 2017, and 9 clubs that are even more out-of-date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Sarah Hartman

## **DISTRICT HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

DG Rhonda, 1st VDG Perry, 2nd VDG Debbie, PDG/CST John & Fellow Lions:

The District History can be found on the Hantsport & District Lions Club website at

[www.hantsportlionsclub.com](http://www.hantsportlionsclub.com). As information is received we are including it in the History, and we

are always looking for more information about our District's History. If after viewing it, you feel that you might have some information that should be added to the History or even corrected please forward it to my attention. Clubs who have not provide me with brief histories of their Club along with lists of some of their service projects and fund raisers over the years are requested to do so if they wish the information included in the District History. Some also included the names/years/offices some of their members have held at the District level and all this will be included in the District History as well. The District History also includes the names of Lions who have received Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, Lions Foundation of Canada and LCIF (such as Melvin Jones) awards, but we can't up-date the names if we are not advised that someone received one. We are willing to include all this info, if it is provided to us, as it is all history of our great District.

Yours in Lionism  
Lion Ken MacKenzie  
Chairman

**Recess – Lunch 11:45 to 1:15 PM      Resume meeting 1:30 pm**

**17. Draws** – Lion Catherine Gibson of Stellarton won the Q-Bear

**18. ID FUND** - PCC Les Sanford passed in his report showing 682.00 has been raised to date from 22 clubs. A request will be sent out in October following this meeting to clubs that have not responded.

**19. PRESENTATION** – PDG Claire presented to PCC Bob Lyle a 2016-17 Leadership & Development Certificate of Merit as GLT Co-ordinator.

**20.** DG Rhonda explained the extenuating circumstances regarding the presentation of the Budget for Lions year 2017-18 causing the 30 day requirement of this being made available to clubs prior to voting on it. With half of the Budget and Audit committee was in the hospital for an extended period of time they were unable to get the budget out 30 days before this meeting.

At the PDG Advisory Committee Meeting last evening it was recommended that the decision to waive the 30 day requirement be brought to the floor at the business meeting and decided by the clubs present.

PCC Bob Lyle of the Kingston Club and PDG Evie Morine of the Deepbrook/Waldec Club that we waive the 30 day requirement and vote on the Budget.

- Motion CARRIED – there were 3 contra minded

Lion Ed Merry of AFR presented the financial statements and budget.

Mvd by Lion Ed Merry and 2nded by PDG Earl Einarson of Antigonish that we accept the Financial Statements and Audit as presented. MOTION CARRIED

Mvd by Lion Ed Merry and 2nded by PCC Peter Reid of EP/CB that we accept the Budget as presented. MOTION CARRIED – 1 opposed

**21. LIONS FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA** DG Rhonda, 1st VDG Perry, 2nd VDG Debbie, PDG/CST John and Fellow Lions, The Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia is looking forward to another successful and rewarding year. Should you have any questions regarding the Foundation please contact the representative from your Zone who sits as a Director of the Foundation, or contact me personally. Please remember for a donation of \$100.00 you can recognize one of your members



with an Honorary Life Membership and for \$250.00 you can present them with a Foundation Fellowship Award. What better way for clubs to support their own Foundation and at the same time recognize one of their members for their service to their Club, Community and Lionism. Please contact our Treasurer PCST Ken MacKenzie to make donations and obtain awards. So that all donations are acknowledged properly, if you are sending a memorial donation please provide the name of who it is in memory of and the name and address of who you wish the acknowledgement sent to. At this time I would like to present Certificates of Service to the following retiring Directors: Lion Jean Cameron - Zone 2, Lion Gary Johnson - Zone 3B, Lion Debbie McGinley - Zone 4, Lion Gordon McMillan - Zone 10, I would also like to present a Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia Fellowship Award to Lion Barbara Lyle in honor of her service and leadership as Chairperson of the Foundation this past year. The success we are achieving would not be possible without the dedication and support the Foundation is receiving from the Lions and Clubs of District N2. Thank you for your support. Lions, this is OUR FOUNDATION and YOUR FOUNDATION and we need YOUR SUPPORT. Yours in Lionism, Lion Tom Fisher Chairperson Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia  
Mvd by Lion Tom Fisher of New Minas and 2nded by PCC Ken MacKenzie of Hantsport. "On behalf of the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia I would move that the Foundation be granted permission to donate \$1,000.00 to the Lions Cavalcade for Diabetes for Lion Camp Maxwell. Motion CARRIED.

Lion Tom concluded with his wish that every club, including the Lioness clubs, would purchase at least one Life Membership in the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia this Lions Year. Secondly when you go home tonight look for any pins you might donate to the Foundation.

**21. Lions Foundation of Canada**- Lion Dave Manning –  
DG Rhonda, Fellow Lions;

I would like to make a short report on behalf of Lions Foundation of Canada. Executive Director Sandy Turney has sent a letter out to all clubs to let them know that thanks to a very generous donor, donations to the Autism Assistance Dog Guide program made before December 31st will be doubled, up to a maximum of \$40,000.00. Because of the growing demand and waiting time for children to receive their new Dog Guide, funding is needed more than ever. With this matching program it is easy to increase the value of your donation.

This past year saw a record 182 Dog Guide Teams graduate from the Foundation. This year we are hoping to hit the 200 mark. This of course will take a lot of work and continued fund raising. Clubs can participate in one of the sponsorship programs, host a walk, honour a fellow Lion with a Life Membership or Fellowship, or simply make a donation. This coming weekend I will be attending the Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting at the Foundation in Oakville.

For further information on programs and other things at the Foundation you can check out the website at [www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com) or contact me at [dmanning@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dmanning@ns.sympatico.ca)

Respectfully submitted, Lion David Manning, NS Director

Lion David Baugil of Mahone Bay presented a \$6,000 cheque as final installment to sponsor an Autism Dog Guide.

King Lion Tom Robicheau of Yarmouth presented a \$3,900 cheque as final installment to Sponsor a Hearing Ear Dog Guide.

Acting President Lion Sharon Boutilier of Truro presented a \$6,000 cheque as final installment to sponsor an Autism Dog Guide.

## **22. PID Patty Hill's Campaign for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President**

DG Rhonda, Fellow Lions,

PIP Lion Judge Brian Stevenson has sent out a letter to all clubs in Canada that the Lions of Canada will present PID Lion Dr. Patti Hill as our candidate for Third International Vice President. There will be at least one other candidate on the ballot so there will be an election.

As this election will require continued campaigning, it will also require continued fundraising. Judge Brian is suggesting that one way to do this would be to have a Beans and Buns Dinner at your club meeting with the money going to Patti's campaign. If your club did not receive a letter and you would like more information you can contact me at [dmanning@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dmanning@ns.sympatico.ca)

I will have more pins to sell at the Winter Cabinet Meeting in Windsor. If you wish to make a donation to PID Patti's campaign you can do so by making your cheques payable to: Dr. Patti Hill Campaign. They can be mailed c/o Lion Lynne Coulter, 11305-103 Street, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 2Y6.

Respectfully submitted, Lion David Manning

**23 - District Bowling Lion Bill Bruhm** of Bridgewater Lion Bill Bruhm - District Bowling will be at Bowlmore Lanes in Bridgewater next weekend. Deadline still room for 3 more teams.

**24. Winter Cabinet Meeting** – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, Windsor Community Centre - no report sent DG Rhonda stated – lunch ham with rice successfuls with tea & coffee for \$15 with registration of \$5 for all attending. Complete package \$20. Cut off date 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Hotels Super 8 in Windsor and Old Orchard Inn in Wolfville. If any questions call DG Rhonda or Lion Pau Burges Windsor Winter Cabinet Chair.

## **25.Lions Club International Foundation** PID Jim Sherry

Dear Fellow Lions:

Since we last met there have been many natural disasters throughout the world and LCIF has been kept busy giving hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants. It is important as Lions Clubs, that we support our Foundation. I have received a few calls from Clubs concerning the fires in British Columbia and I am pleased to tell you that I received two cheques for disaster relief, from the Hantsport and District Lions Club for \$400.00 and from New Minas and District Lions Club for \$500.00 US, which I forwarded to LCIF.

I wish to share with you a recognition that LCIF received on October 2, 2017 from Charity Navigator who aims to accentuate the work of efficient and transparent organizations. Here is a partial quote of what they said.

"On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate Lions Clubs International Foundation on attaining the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Based on the most recent information available, we have issued a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce Lions Clubs International Foundation has earned our sixth consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adhered to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Lions Clubs International Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work. Only 5% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 6 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Lions Clubs International Foundation outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Lions Clubs International Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

Your achievement and the 4-star rating will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of Lions Clubs International Foundation's financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency is now visible on our website".

I ask that you support our great Foundation and that you keep me informed of your donations.

Thank you and take care.

Yours truly,

**26.PDG** Charlie speaking before you on behalf of the visually impaired I stand before you legally blind. I get the audited statement handed to me, I have never seen it before, I can't read it, and therefore I sit there feeling very badly. The reasons those things were put in the policy manual was to protect people like me. If the 30 days is too much make adjustments. We have to start dealing

with the needs of Lions .We are supposed to be an all inclusive organization and I sit there today as a diabetic and someone who is legally blind feeling like a 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizen.

DG Rhonda thanked PDG Charlie for his words and in response to his words earlier regarding diabetics she stated she will be speaking to the two clubs hosting the Winter Cabinet Meeting and Convention fruit and vegetables should be available at meal and break times at these events to assist those who need it.

**27 . Catering Book** –Lion Catherine Gibson of Stellarton spoke on the compilation on a book covering all you need to know about catering from setting of place settings,cooking times, temperatures, to recipes and quantities needed for different meals and numbers being served. Breads, salads, desserts, gluten free, bar guide, food storage, first aid, diabetic awareness, etc,.The plan is to have the book uploaded so users can download it from a website or unto a stick. She asked that Lions and Lioness who wanted to add recipes to e-mail those to her at [cat\\_herinec@hotmail.com](mailto:cat_herinec@hotmail.com) NB the space between cat and her is underscore. Also could e-mail to District Governor Rhonda

Deepbrook/Waldec has completed their Cookbook project and is now available.

<b>28. ROSE BOWL</b>	<b>1st Antigonish</b>	<b>with 2395 pts</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>Deepbrook/Waldec</b>	<b>with 2113 pts</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>Sackville</b>	<b>with 1607 pts</b>

**29. Closing Remarks** DG Rhonda Trickett reminded all that super tonight is 5:30 for 6:00  
Have a save trip home.

**20. Adjournment Mvd By1<sup>st</sup> VDG Perry Oliver at 2:58 pm**