

**Official Minutes of
DGO Summer Cabinet
Milford and District Lions Club
July 20,2019**

DG Debbie McGinley called the meeting to order at 9:36 with 153 Lions representing 41 clubs signing the attendance report.

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

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

Welcome & Opening Remarks

DG Debbie welcomed all Lions to her DGO meeting and advised that sleeping during the meeting was not allowed. I am excited today to be your District Governor. I thank all lions who worked to make this meeting a success especially my Lion Family Lions Doug, Jenetta, Caitlyn, and Cameron all of whom are present and working.

Lions, we need change and this will happen through Education, Support and Teamwork. We don't want to lose Lions out the back door or the front door. I want to make you excited to be a Lion. We will present you with info today to take to your Clubs to help them to achieve this and become stronger. We want Lions to be there because it is fun and we do great things.

Welcome to Milford and Housekeeping Rules

DGO Chair Lion Sherry Etter welcomed all Lions present to the land of sunshine and invited everyone to attend the Grand Opening of the Lions Memorial Park after the Meetings. Lion Sherry gave housekeeping rules and advised we would have a picnic at Lunch time.

Voting Procedures

PDG Lion Wayne Little outlined the voting procedures as per District N2 Constitution and ByLaws. 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. Voting is to be by show of the purple delegate cards.

Agenda

DG Debbie asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, Motion was put by PCC Lion Bob Lyle to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by PDG Lion Earl Einarson. **Motion Carried**

Report of the District N2 Convention Committee

Lion Janie Daye thanked everyone who participated in the N2 Convention and reported a net loss of \$ 343.51. Report is attached.

Approval of the Minutes of the NS Convention

DG Debbie advised that the minutes of the NS Convention held in Truro had been circulated and asked for a motion to approve those minutes.

It was moved by Lion Bill Bruhm and seconded by PCC Lion Peter Reid that the Minutes of the Nova Scotia Convention be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Correspondence

CST Scott reported correspondence regarding Camp Lion Maxwell Donor Appreciation BBQ to be held on August 16,2019.

Old Business

IWK Project – IPDG/CC Lion Perry gave a Thank You to all Lions who participated in the project. The equipment to finish the room for pediatric cancer patients is almost all in. Lion Perry presented a drawing of the mural which will go on the wall. It will say "Pride in our Communities". While \$ 22,000 was presented at Truro Convention, there remains \$ 3648.00 in the Project account. This might go to needed equipment, possibly computer games or gaming systems for the children. We hope to have a media event at the time of opening the room to which all lions are invited. Lions should be proud that we were able to make this project happen quickly.

Motioned by Lion Bill Bruhm, seconded by ZC Lion Kim Stewart that the balance of monies in the account go towards computer games or systems for the Pediatric Care unit at the IWK. **Motion Carried**

International President's Theme

A video was shown of International President Jung-Yul Choi's program for the year. President Choi asks us to "Pay it Forward" and stresses diversity in Lionism.

DG Debbie remarked that President Choi's theme speaks multitudes of what Lions is about. DG Debbie said she hopes Lions of District N2 can pay it forward.

DG Debbie's Theme and Goals for the year

DG Debbie presented her Theme for 2019-2020 "Be the Change". The Dragonfly is a symbol of Change – the kind of change that has its source in emotional and mental maturity. and in the understanding of a deeper meaning of life. When I became a Lion there was the day I became a Lion and then there was the DAY I became a LION. For each of us we all know when that happens, when you help that person and you know that their lives will be forever changed. The dragonfly has power and poise that comes with age and maturity. As lions I hope we can move forward with diversity and with lots of energy and enthusiasm. The success of Lions is through teamwork. The dragonfly lives in the moment and life to the fullest. We must live life without regrets as does the dragonfly. Be the dragonflies in your community. "I am asking you Lions to be the change". Communication is important because change is difficult. Set SMART goals with your Team. Call your team to action and we need to keep our Lions in the fold. Understand what is expected of you if you are a team leader.

My Mission Statement is to encourage Lions to be the change with yourselves and your club so you can do more and be more in your communities. My Vision is to hope to empower you to serve these communities and promote diversity among our Lion clubs. "Lions I am here for you". "I am your servant leader".

DG Debbie presented a video from LCIF – Campaign 100. LCIF proposes to raise \$ 300 Million dollars to support initiatives around the world. They ask that Lions contribute \$ 100US per member to support this goal. Lions can receive tax receipts for their donations and information is available at the back of the room and more are available. DG Debbie asks us to support our Foundation.

District Cabinet 2019 - 2020

DG Debbie said you will receive your District Packages at the back of the room during break. Lion Caitlyn is the Change by suggesting we change the way we distribute the Directory etc. this year.

DG Debbie presented her District Directory and Pin and Officer Badges to CST Scott, 1ST PDG Jane, 2nd PDG David, IPDG Perry. DG Debbie introduced her GAT Team, GLT Coordinator, Lion Bob Lyle, GMT Coordinator, Lion Bill Bruhm and GST Coordinator, Lion Frank Hartman and listed their Team members.

The New Voices committee was introduced; Lions Kim Stewart, Sarah Hartman, Veronica Webb, and Mary MacKinnon.

Presentation – Global Membership Team Lion Bill Bruhm

DG Debbie has set a goal for membership of an increase of 220 new Lions this year, 50 of those Lions to be under 40. Seven Lions in the room were under 40 which speaks volumes. We need to grow and we need to bring in younger members. DG Debbie is asking us to have at least 2 Membership events and there will be more and I will be working with the Zone Chairs to make that happen. Each Club should set their own membership goals. There are many resources available from LCI on membership. At the Fall Cabinet Meeting, I will be having materials available for the clubs to take home. Hope to start 2 new clubs this year and there are potential locations. We want to hold dropped members to 60 this year. We need to be prepared to make changes to keep members in our clubs. Orientation sessions are important for new members. Membership Chairs should keep contact with members especially those who are not attending meetings. How has Lions impacted you, we need to share that with others. In our last Lions year we had a net growth of 18, however, 176 members chose to leave Lions that year. Average club size is 25 but there are 10 clubs with fewer than 10 members. Lions join because they take pride in knowing that they can make a difference and they leave because of conflict within the club and feeling that they haven't made a difference. Specialty clubs will be considered this year as a way to grow Lionism. We would like every club to hold a club quality initiative workshop this year.

DG Debbie introduced all Zone Chairs present.

Presentation of Canadian Lions 100 Year Challenge for 2020

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lionism in Canada in 2020, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson asks that Lions across Canada plant 100,000 trees to support the environment. DG Debbie has accessed white spruce seedlings from Northern Pulp to give to all Clubs. 200 trees are available here and 1400 will be given out at the Memorial Park Opening.

Meeting recessed for break

Meeting resumed for Information Sessions

Protocol was observed starting with the introduction of the 3rd Vice International Vice President, Dr. Patti Hill.

Presentation – Global Leadership Team PCC Lion Lyle

Lion Bob welcomed everyone and stated the goal of the leadership team bring information and orientation sessions to our District Lions. There is much information to be had from our policy and our Bi-laws manuals to be found on the Hantsport website. Information on leadership and orientation sessions are also on that website. Orientation sessions and Leadership training sessions will be offered again this year and are listed on page (10) of the Directory. Lion Bob encouraged all clubs to use the Club Quality Initiative which complements District Governor's Debbie's initiative 'Be The Change'. It will give your club a better understanding of where you are and where you would like to go. Lion Bob referenced many Leadership Institutes held by LCI. If any Lions are interested in training for the Certified Guiding Lion program, please contact Lion Bob. Lion Bob encouraged all officers to take the Officer's Training Schools particularly to the new MyLion Report System. Please contact Lion Bob or members of the GLT if you have any questions on leadership.

Presentation – Global Service Team PDG Lion Frank Hartman

Our humanitarian service is needed more than ever around the world to fulfill our moto 'We Serve'. Goal of the GST is to impact 200 million lives per year through service, and to achieve this by 1.7 million lions by the year 2021. Global Action Team although comprised three separate entities, acts as a comprehensive unit. The Multiple District Leader GAT is Lion Perry and the District GAT Leader is Governor Debbie. Our district GST Leader is myself, Lion Frank, and with members, 2nd VDG, Dave Hunter, and Lion Michael Hart. LCI Forward is our strategic plan for the next five years through LCI. The GST was created in order to help us reach our humanitarian goals, our New century humanitarian goals. The GST helps lions realize to enhance service impact and focus and to do this efficiently. GST is

responsible to inspire and motivate service development. The GST goal is to incite our participation in our global service initiatives of Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Environment and Childhood Cancer. GST is tasked with several goals; to assist clubs to appoint a GST chair person, increase hands on service projects, increase service reporting, encourage Childhood Cancer service projects, etc. Each club GST Chairperson should have a committee of members to assist them to create new service opportunities. GST Chairs can also now take on some of the reporting functions and alleviate these tasks from the club secretary. The Club Service Chair (CSC) is a one year appointment and are a member of the Club's Board of Directors. Lion Frank outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Club Service Chairperson. What can the GST do for you: help clubs set service goals, help clubs report service to LCI, work with the GST to provide training courses, we will attend club and Zone meetings to encourage and advise clubs. Service Tool Kit will assist Club Chairperson in their efforts. In the coming days our team will be calling club presidents to encourage them to appoint Club Service Chairpersons. Lion Frank thanked all lions present.

Fall Cabinet

Lion Debbie reported Fall Cabinet will be held on October 25,26 at Dundee Resort, hosted by the Louisdale Lions Club and chaired by Lion Shelly LeBlanc. Information will be sent out shortly. Friday night's theme is Hallopurpleween.

Winter Cabinet will be February 8th, will be held in Bedford and hosted by Bedford Lions and the Dalhousie Campus Club. On February 7th, Dalhousie Campus Club will be hosting their own event to show lions what their club is achieving.

Spring Convention will be held April 24-26 at the Amherst Lions Club.

The Multiple District Spring Convention will be May 26-28 in Fredericton, N.B.

District Bowling is October 19th in Meteghan.

District Golf is August10--11 at the Clare Golf and Country Club.

Recess for Lunch A "picnic" lunch of salad and chicken was provided by the Milford and District Lions Club.

During Lunch break Milford Lions drew for the 50/50 prize. Lion Maureen Jeffery of Enfield Elmsdale Lions Club won \$ 258.00.

Lions Foundation of Canada Director Lion Dave Manning drew four raffle tickets with prizes going to Shubenacadie Lions, Lion Wayne Little, Lion Dave Baugil and Lion Bill Bruhm.

Meeting resumed at approximately 1:20 pm

Introduction of our special guest – International 3rd Vice President Dr. Patti Hill

Lion Dr. Hill is from Edmonton Alberta and was elected 3rd Vice President of our Association at the 102nd International Convention in Milan, Italy. IVP Hill has practiced as a psychologist for 30 years. She has been a member of the Edmonton Lions Club since 1990 and has held many positions in Lionism at the Club, District and International level. She has received many awards including the Ambassador of Goodwill award – Lions Clubs International's highest honour. She is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and as well has received many accolades in her professional career. Her and her husband Lion Greg Holmes have two children.

Address by 3rd VP Dr. Patti Hill

We had the opportunity earlier to see our new International President Choi's video, his engagement around service being the most important thing we do and the importance of diversity. What does that mean to us in our clubs, I am going to ask you today to focus on excellence. None of us start out to focus on being mediocre. We want to say 'No, we are Lions and we serve with excellence'.

I want to focus on how excellence applies in these areas:

Service – our five pillars, Diabetes, Hunger, Vision, Environment and Childhood Cancer. Has your club performed service in 100 percent of these areas. Most Lions join to serve. Are we diverse enough in our service to offer service satisfaction in our clubs?

Campaign 2020 - Canadian Lions put the International in Lions Club International. We will celebrate all this year with our Campaign 2020. I hope 100% of your clubs will participate in the tree planting. How will we know – reporting. Also please send an email to PIP Judge Brian Stevenson to let him know how many trees our club has planted. There will be a Canadian Lions 2020 pin produced for the celebration. Let your communities know that you are all about service, one way is to make sure your road signs are in good condition.

Club participation – Excellence is when every customer is happy. Customers encompass community members in need, but also the lions members who have paid their membership dues. Let our new lions be the leaders and let us be the safety net under them. We need new leaders and new ideas all the time and we must ensure that all lions participate. The more our club members participate the less walk-outs we will have as they will experience more satisfaction from service.

Campaign 100 – Lets have 100% of our clubs contributing to our Foundation. There is no Foundation in the world that can brag that we spend 0 dollars on overhead. And we can do that because the money that is waiting to be used for the next disaster or service grant, is invested and the interest is used to fund our costs. The goal of Campaign 100 is a donation of \$100 per member.

If we do all those four things and we are committed to excellence, not mediocrity, then we will have excellence in our lions experience. Excellence in our new lions coming in and excellence in achieving our goals. I want my ideal lion's experience to be like my family reunion. Family members arrive representing all stages of life and roles; teenagers stroll in not exactly wanting to be there, 20somethings with their new tents and gadgets arrive all excited to set up, 30somethings run around chasing their kids, the 40somethings have been there for years and know what they are doing, 50's latch onto the babies and know how to delegate, 60/70's show up to tell stories, they don't do the dishes, they let the 20/30's do that. There is a great diversity of food as it is potluck and everyone brings something except Great Grandma who sits on her chair and no one cares, we're just glad she is there - and that's what I want my Lions clubs to be. I want our lions club to be diverse and welcoming and open and to give really good satisfaction to all those who participate. I hope you leave here today and work on the excellence that you need to build into every part of your lions clubs to be diverse, satisfying and welcoming and I hope you enjoy every minute of it.

DG Debbie thanked IVP Hill for attending on such short notice and presented a small gift to her and stated that a donation would be made to LCIF in her name.

IVP Hill presented IP Choi's pin to VDG's Lion Jane and Lion David. IVP Hill asked GLT Coordinator Lion Bob, GMT Coordinator Lion Bill and GST Coordinator Lion Frank to come forward and presented them with her personal pin and asked DG Debbie to give one to LCIF Coordinator Lion Donnie.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

No report

Lions Foundation of Canada – NS Director Lion Dave Manning's gave his report as follows:

DG Debbie, Fellow Lions:

May 26th was national PetValu Walk for Dog Guides Day. I have not received any numbers yet but it looks like we had another very successful year.

Our Board Meetings and the DGE Weekend were held in Mississauga from June 5th to 8th. I had the pleasure of hosting DG Debbie and Doug during the events. On Friday everyone was out to Oakville to visit the school and to take part in various trials with the dogs to see how they are trained. Saturday saw us visit the Memorial Forest in Breslau for the dedication service. This is always a very moving experience. Everyone had a chance to search out trees that had been planted in memory of Lions and family members.

On July 8th I attended the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter in Truro. We had a display on LFC as part of their service dog project. Tony and his CVC dog Hero and Shelly and her HED Vienna were there to talk to attendees about having a dog guide and the difference it made in their lives. The Order of the Eastern Star have adopted service dogs as a major project and I am hopeful this will become a very good partnership.

LFC is currently going through the search/interview process for a new Executive Director and this is going along well. ED Sandy has been with LFC for 20 years and has done an excellent job during that

time but she is looking towards retirement. She will be staying on a part time basis to help with our expansion and fundraising.

The plans for the building of a new facility for LFC is moving along at what is apparently a fair rate when you consider everything that is involved in property purchases and sales, zoning changes, building planning and all the other things involved.

All of this means some very big changes for LFC in the near future and your continued support will be very much needed.

Respectfully submitted;

Lion Dave Manning

King Lion Leonard Bugbee presented a cheque for \$ 6000. to Lion Dave for their 24th CVC Guide Dog.

District Committee Reports

District Golf Lion Robert Maillet

Lion Robert advised that the District Golf Tournament would be held August 10 and 11, 2019 at the Clare Golf and Country Club hosted by the Meteghan Lions Club. The deadline to register is July 31st and numbers are down in recent years so get on board. Thirty teams are registered so far. Lots of accommodations are available in the local area.

CPAP Machine Collection Lion Jan Deveaux

Lion Jan thanked all Clubs that have participated in the CPAP collection. So far we have collected 255 machines for refurbishment. Please ensure your Club name is on the machine when you turn in to me so you will get credit.

Hearing for All 2VDG Lion Dave Hunter

Lion Dave advised that Phonak hearing aid company will sell us brand new \$3000.00 hearing aids for \$ 150.00 each to those who qualify for the program through Dalhousie for as long as the program is running. As a result Dalhousie is now taking applications again.

Moved by Lion Kim Stewart to send all monies in the Hearing Aid project account to Dalhousie to fund these hearing aids. Seconded by Lion Janie Daye. **Motion Carried.**

Long Range Planning Lion Bill Bruhm

At Fall Cabinet last year there was a Motion passed and I will read the Motion:

The Long Range Planning Committee be empowered to conduct a cost benefit analysis of all District finances including a review of all District policies and programs and report back to Cabinet with their results and recommendations.

My Committee will be doing that this year.

Sight Conservation Lion Russell Maillet

Deferred until Fall Cabinet.

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

3rd Place: Truro Lions Club

2nd Place Aylesford and District Lions Club

1st Place Kingston Lions Club

New Business

Truro Lions Club presented a cheque for \$ 2000.00 to Camp Lion Maxwell.

The Lions Memorial Park Opening will follow immediately after the Meeting. Trees will be available at the Park Opening.

Closing Remarks

DG Debbie asked if we had all gained knowledge today to take back to our Clubs? Did we all have a good time? (there was resounding agreement)

DG Debbie became a Lion 15 years ago and the current DG treated her as a "somebody". I have significant food allergies and that DG walked me around and helped fill my plate at a dinner meeting. I will not forget that he showed he cared. It has been great today to spend time with my Lions family.

DG Debbie stated that she is here to support all Lions. "You make me proud".

Adjournment

DG Debbie then asked if there was any further business for the meeting this afternoon. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned.

DG Debbie McGinley
Signature

Scott C MacKenzie
CST Scott MacKenzie
Signature

Addendum : 2019 District N2 Convention Report

2019 Nova Scotia Convention Financial Report

Revenues

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Meet & Greet	\$3,150.00
Luncheon	\$4,600.00
Banquet	\$6,300.00
Meetings	\$1,375.00
Breakfast	\$ 285.00
50/50 tickets	\$ 497.00
Advertising in 2014 Booklet	\$1,420.00
TOTAL	\$17627.00

Expenditures

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Meet & Greet	\$2915.81
Luncheon	\$3438.50
Banquet	\$6162.35
Meetings	\$2087.83
Breakfast	\$ 222.30
4 Suites (x2 night)	\$ 1614.60
Sat. Bagpiper, Sunday Piano	\$ 150.00
DJ (Fri. night)	\$ 350.00
Fruit Basket (6)	\$ 50.71
Admin. Cost	\$ 978.41
TOTAL	\$17,970.51

Total loss \$343.51

May 15, 2019
Submitted by Lion Janie Daye

July 18,2019

DG Debbie, and fellow Lions

As the Chairperson of the 2019 NS Convention along with the members of the Truro & District Lions Club, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the convention. The staff of the Holiday Inn, Truro, were fabulous to work with.

We had approximately 230 people in attendance for the Meet & Greet, also 230 for the noon Luncheon and 180 for the Banquet. I feel that there were only a couple of situations that were handled very quickly to fix. DG Perry being able to fulfill his wish of donating \$20,000.00 to the IWK was great. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves.

The International Guest was amazing. His talk after the banquet was very entertaining.

Hopefully my vent on respect when it comes to sending in Registration forms on time as worked.

Thanks again
Secretary
Lion Janie Daye
Truro & District Lions Club