



OFFICIAL MINUTES

DISTRICT N-2

WINTER CABINET MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020



The meeting was **Called to Order** by DG Debbie McGinley at 9:36 am with 129 Lions representing 37 Clubs signing the Register.

O Canada was sung.

Lions Invocation was led by DG Debbie.

Lions Pledge was recited by all.

A Moment of Silence was observed for Deceased Members of our Lions Family and for those in hospital especially for PDG Rhonda Trickett.

Welcome and opening remarks

DG Debbie welcomed all Lions who braved the winter weather to attend Winter Cabinet. She thanked the Dalhousie Campus Lions Club for hosting a Meet & Greet last evening. DG Debbie inducted several new lions into the Dalhousie Campus Club at that event. She welcomed two new lions from that club that were not present and DG Debbie presented Lion Emily and Lion Selena with their Membership Certificates. A video made by the Dalhousie Lions was shown.

President Kipper of the Lake Echo Lions Club presented a cheque towards the Dalhousie Lions project to aid the homeless.

Remarks and Welcome - Winter Cabinet Chairperson

Lion Jamie Harper thanked the Lake Echo Lions for their donation to the Dalhousie Campus Club and stated that 7 new Lions were inducted into their Club at last night's Meet & Greet. He welcomed all Lions to tropical Bedford and gave housekeeping items. Lunch will be served at the Bedford Lions Club.

Voting procedures

PDG Lion Wayne Little read Voting Procedures to be followed at the Meeting. Voting will be by show of the red Delegate cards.

Protocol was observed by DG Debbie.

Additions and Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the printed Agenda were 1. Lions Quest – VDG Jane Gregory and 2. Diabetes Awareness – Lion Karen LaVigne.

Moved by PCC Peter Reid, seconded by PDG John Stoddart that the Agenda be approved with additions to be added to District Chairpersons reports. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of Minutes from Fall Cabinet Meeting in Louisdale

Moved by President Leonard Bugbee, seconded by Lion David Baugil that the Minutes of the Fall Cabinet as circulated be approved. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence

CST Scott reported no correspondence was received.

NOTICES OF MOTION – CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PDG Wayne Little presented the following Motions – Notice of Motion being properly given:

1. In the District N2 Policy Manual

Article I

Delete Section (V)

And replace with the following:

The Long Range Planning Committee

There shall be a standing committee made up of six members plus the Vice District Governors. Beginning with the 2020-2021 the Incoming District Governor shall appoint as follows: Initially two of the committee members shall serve for one year, two shall serve for two years and two shall serve for three years. In the following years replacement of the committee members shall be by appointment by the incoming District Governor and shall be for a term of three years. Members may be appointed for a second 3 year term.

The Chairperson shall be appointed by the District Governor.

The Committees terms of reference shall be to:

- a) review the policies of the District as they pertain to Long Range Planning when directed by Cabinet and/or District Governor
- b) entertain new policies as they pertain to Long Range Planning approved by Cabinet and/or District Governor
- c) consider concerns of the District when directed by Cabinet and/or District Governor
- d) work with the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual Committee to ensure decisions made by cabinet are translated into policy for addition to the legal documents.
- e) develop a long range strategic plan for the district approved by Cabinet and/or District Governor.
- f) when requested, provide seminars at meetings related to long range and strategic planning.
- g) to have the chair as an active member of the MD N Long Range Planning Committee

Moved by PDG Wayne Little seconded by Lion Paul Burgess. **Motion carried.**

2. In the District N2 Policy Manual

District Administration

Article I

Delete Section (N)

And replace with the following:

Constitution and By-Laws & Policy Manual Committee

There shall be a standing committee made up of six members plus the Vice District Governors. Beginning with the 2020-2021 the Incoming District Governor shall appoint as follows: Initially two of the

committee members shall serve for one year, two shall serve for two years and two shall serve for three years. In the following years replacement of the committee members shall be by appointment by the incoming District Governor and shall be for a term of three years. Members may be appointed for a second 3 year term.

The Chairperson shall be appointed by the District Governor.

The Committees terms of reference shall be to:

- a) Regularly review the By-Laws and Policy Manual of the District,
- b) Consider resolutions submitted according to the amending procedures in Article X of the Policy Manual and Article VII of the By-Laws,
- c) Prepare proper notices of motion to be circulated at least 30 days prior to the next cabinet meeting/convention,
- d) Provide advice and information when requested by district, zone and club officers,
- e) Consider matters of concern referred by the District Governor and Cabinet,
- f) Conduct elections at the Nova Scotia Convention,
- g) Be available at cabinet meetings/convention to provide advice pertaining to the District Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual,
- h) To provide interpretation of LCI, MD, and District legal documents when requested by the District Governor and/or Cabinet.

Moved by PDG Wayne Little seconded by Lion Jeanetta McGinley. **Motion Carried.**

3. In the District N2 Policy Manual

Article III – LEO'S

Under "District Leo Committee Chairperson"

Delete 1st line of Paragraph 3 and replace with:

"Should the District Leo's Program require funding, District N2 will provide up to \$ 500.00 in assistance"

Moved by PDG Wayne Little seconded by Lion Willie Colley. **Motion carried.**

In the District N-2 By-Laws Manual

4. ARTICLE IV

VISITATION PINS

Item N

After the word "team" add

"to meetings of another Club or a Charter Night of another Club"

Moved by PDG Wayne Little seconded by ZC Kim Stewart. **Motion Carried.**

5. In the District N-2 Policy Manual

Article 11

Item G

Recognition of Past District Governors, Past Lioness Presidents and Past Leo Presidents

Delete all and add

Recognition of Past International Officers, Past Council Chairs, Past District Governors, Past Lioness Presidents and Past Leo Presidents to be done once only at the start of all Cabinet Meetings and Conventions.

Moved by PDG Wayne Little seconded by PDG Sharon Dykman. **Motion Carried.**

6. In the District N-2 Policy Manual Manual

Article 1

Item E-Attendance at International Conventions

Delete the wording spouse or spousal and replace with First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Adult Companion

Moved by PDG Wayne Little seconded by Lion Dave Manning. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business:

Fall Cabinet Meeting Report Louisdale

Lion Adrian Boudreau of the Louisdale Lions Club presented the Fall Cabinet report on behalf of Chairperson Lion Shelley LeBlanc. We had 112 people for the Meet & Greet, 125 people for the meetings, 118 for lunch and 116 for the banquet. Loss to the Club was \$ 1430.60.

Zone Chairperson Reports were called for by DG Debbie.

Zone 1 no report

Zone 2 no report

Zone 3A submitted

Zone 3B submitted

Zone 4 verbal

Zone 5 verbal and submitted

Meeting was recessed for coffee break at 10:15 am and resumed at 1036 am.

Zone 6 verbal and submitted

Zone 7 no report

Zone 8 submitted

Zone 9 submitted

Zone 10 verbal and submitted

Zone 11 submitted

District Chairperson Reports were called for by DG Debbie. She noted the absence of some on the Agenda due to weather and power loss issues.

GST Report

PDG Frank Hartman reported that LCI is concerned that Lions Clubs could lose the recognition of being the world's largest volunteer humanitarian service organization and created the Global Service Team to encourage reporting to meet the goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2020-2021.

GMT Report – submitted.

GLT Report

PCC Bob Lyle's report was read by PCC Peter Reid giving an update on completed information and orientation sessions and on future sessions and upcoming training schools. (copy attached to minutes)

New Voices

ZC Kim Stewart reported on the New Voices program. Lion Kim has visited several clubs in an effort to promote membership as a recruitment tool and expand leadership roles. Also have an active social media page so please send stories to Lion Sarah Hartman. Zone 10 sponsored an International Women's Day .

CPAP

Lion Jan Deveaux reported 376 CPAP machines turned in to the Lung Association to date and asked Clubs to track their own numbers donated.

Nominations Committee

Lion Adrian Boudreau reported there were no nominations to date for 2VDG for 2020-2021. Nominations will close on March 25,2020.

Long Range Planning – submitted .

District Bowling

Lion Robert Maillet reported that the 2020-2021 District Bowling Tournament will be held on October 18,2020 at the Seaside Bowling Lanes in Little Brook, NS at a cost of \$ 125.00 per team of 5 Lions. Info will be in the NS Lion.

District Golf

Lion Robert Maillet reported on behalf of Chairperson Lion Walter Coggins that the 2020-2021 District Golf Tournament will be held August 8, 9 2020 at the Clare Golf and Country Club in Little Brook, NS. Cost will be \$ 100.00 per player. Info will appear in the NS Lion.

Speakout – no report

Peace Poster Contest – no report

Hearing for All

2VDG David Hunter reported that graduating students from last years program are now working in communities across the province and can supply hearing aids in these communities such as Antigonish, Truro and Yarmouth. Lion David will attempt to make this a Multiple District project. We can now buy new hearing aids for the project for \$150/each and through our last donation to he program, we purchased 26 new hearing aids. The program has a waiting list but stay on it and they will catch up. To date 354 hearing aids have been distributed. Lion David encouraged all clubs to continue collecting as we need hearing aids desperately.

MD N Recycle for Sight Chair Lion Scott presented Lion David with a box containing several hundred recycled hearing sent from the CLERC in Calgary – Eyeglass Collection boxes now advertise hearing aid collection across Canada and you can retrofit your old boxes with a sticker available from District Chair Lion Russell Maillet.

Financial Report

CST Scott MacKenzie advised the Budget/Income statement to January 31, 2020 has been given to all attendees and asked for questions on same. The new District laptop has been purchased and the Sage accounting program is in process. Lion Scott hopes to have financial reports from it available at Convention.

Lions Quest

1VDG Lion Jane reported she had attended Lions Quest Canada Conference in Toronto in January, which was very informative. Lion Jane Gregory stated there was a question on the difference between Lions Quest and Lions Quest Canada with the former being the program and the later being a support group to promote the program. Lion Jane asked that clubs donate to Lions Quest Canada and to possibly hold a local workshop. Please attend a workshop if you are able.

Diabetes Awareness

Lion Karen LaVigne reported that the fourth year of Diabetes Awareness Newsletter, Winter issue has gone out in December 2019 to bring awareness of diabetes to the District N2. This year newsletters I hope to continue provide interesting articles, up and coming event, recipes and answer any question you may have. Lions Cavalcade '20 pins have been ordered for the Lions Cavalcade May 2020.

Lion Gerry Walker of the Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club presented Lion Karen with a cheque of \$ 500 towards Camp Lion Maxwell.

New Business:

Nova Scotia Convention

Lion Phil Baxter stated that the District N2 Spring Convention will be held on April 24th – 26th hosted by the Amherst Lions Club. Registration forms are available. The Meet and Greet will be at the Amherst Lions Club and the theme will be “ Be the Change – Plant a Garden” so bring your gardening clothes. Meetings and Meals will be at the Amherst High School.

Lion Dan Yarymovich reported that they would like to hold a Worldwide Induction Day program at Convention with LCI Guest PID Glass present and use it as a media event to promote recruitment, They have 15 new Lions from several Clubs ready to participate and hope to have more Clubs join them in inducting new Lions.

LCIF Report – no report

Lions Foundation of Canada – no report

Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia

Chairperson PCC Peter Reid reminded Clubs with approaching Charter Nights that a good way to recognize deserving Lions is by awarding a Life Membership in the Lions Foundation of NS.

The **Rose Bowl** was called by 1VDG Jane and 2VDG David.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:44 am.

The meeting resumed at approximately 1:25 pm.

DG Debbie reminded Lions that Lion Peter Reid is selling multiple district shirts for \$10 and Lion Ken is selling MD pins and Centennial pins.

DG Debbie announced the death of King Lion John Marsters and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

Presentations:

Hearing for All Chairperson, Lion David Hunter, introduced our guests from Dalhousie.

Dr. Steve J Aiken and Dr. Rachel Caissie of the Dalhousie School of Communications Sciences and Disorders gave an informative presentation on the Hearing Aid project. Dr. Caissie stated the program has two Goals: To provide hearing aids to those who can't afford them and can't find help elsewhere and To provide clinical hours to students in the program of Audiology. There is currently a waiting list of 20 persons. In HRM there are 7 audiologists working in the program, also in Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Kentville, Truro and Antigonish. In Cape Breton, they have a hearing aid bank already established. In 2018 money from the Lions purchased equipment and in 2019 money was used to buy hearing aids. Dr. Caissie reviewed the application process – there must be significant hearing loss, with income of under \$25,000 per annum or family income under \$40,000 and no access to other programs. Applications have increased year over year with a significant jump after the Lions program became involved.

Dr. Caissie stated if Clubs don't collect hearing aids they can still support the program by donating funds in support of the project.

Dr. Aiken thanked Lions for their work and special Thanks to 2VDG Lion David Hunter. He stated that for Dalhousie University's 150th Anniversary last year, a commemorative book was published and given to each School at Dalhousie to present to someone who had a great impact. Dr. Aiken presented their book to Lion David with Thanks for being relentless in initiating the Hearing for All project.

Lion David thanked Dr. Aiken and Dr. Caissie for the honour received.

1 VDG Jane introduced Lori Barker of the Ronald MacDonald House

Lori Baker provided a presentation Ronald MacDonald House which provides accommodations for families with young members needing extended stays in hospital without huge costs. They also provide family rooms in hospitals so that patients and their families can relax in a home-like setting. They are a Registered Charity and receive some funding from MacDonalds but are a separate entity and rely on the public for support. They serve the Maritime Provinces from a 100 year old house in Halifax. The average stay is five nights but many families stay much longer. Approximately 39% of the families staying there are from Nova Scotia. They turn away one in three families that come to them for help so the goal is to build a new facility as more room is needed. It will be located right across from the IWK Hospital and will double capacity to 36 beds. This will be built as funds become available. The total cost will be \$ 21 M. She thanked Lions for raising funds through pancake breakfasts– a half dozen Clubs now support the project. If we sponsored a room in the new facility the cost would be \$ 100,000. and with a \$ 5000 donation Clubs would have their name on the permanent donor wall.

VDG Jane thanked Ms. Baker and asked Lions to inform their Clubs of the project.

Lion Dan Y of Amherst Lions Thanked PCC Lion Peter Reid for an informative and well attended Orientation Session at their Club

Presentations and Closing Remarks

Stamp Chairperson Lion David Baugil turned in \$ 250 from the sale of stamps and stated 14 Clubs now participate. Proceeds go ½ to LFNS and ½ to LFC.

Lion Wayne MacEwan of the Musquodoboit Valley Lions presented his 50/50 winings of \$ 270 to the Hearing for All Project.

DG Debbie McGinley presented Lion Jamie Harper and Lion Martyn Forshaw with DG Certificates of Appreciation for their work to make Winter Cabinet a success.

DG Debbie presented the 2018/2019 Member Satisfaction Awards to Clubs that met or exceeded the expectations of its Members to the Preston Lions Club, the Cabot Trail Lions Club, the Pubnico Lions Club and the Dartmouth Lions Clubs.

DG Debbie presented the 2018/2019 Club Excellence Awards to Lion Peter Reid of the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club, Lion Richard Acker of the Kingston Lions Club and Lion Robert Palmetier of the Wolfville Lions Club.

DG Debbie presented a Certificate of Recognition from 2018/2019 International President Gundrun Yngvadottir to Lion Kim Stewart for her work on the New Voices program.

DG Debbie announced the results of the Rose Bowl as

3 rd Place Deep Brook Waldec Lions Club	977 Points
2 nd Place St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club	1160 Points
1 st Place Coldbrook & District Lions Club	1299 Points

DG Debbie Thanked all Lions who braved the weather and those who worked behind the scenes to make Winter Cabinet a success.

The Agenda of the Meeting being completed Adjournment was called by DG Debbie.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Scott MacKenzie, CST

PLEASE NOTE: LIONS WISHING COPIES OF REPORTS SUBMITTED SHOULD REQUEST SAME FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY TREASURER AT cstdistrictn2@gmail.com

Global Membership Team Report

District N 2

February, 2020

The Global Membership Team continues to respond to request for information or assistance. One club has completed the How are Your Ratings Survey and will be receiving their report shortly. Several clubs have requested assistance with ideas to increase their membership by recruiting new members and retaining their existing members. Our survey of former members (those who have left their clubs since July 1, 2019) have identified reasons for leaving that need to be addressed by our club and district leaders. North American membership continues to decrease and our district is similar in membership loss. Serious discussions about membership satisfaction are needed if we hope to retain our current members.

Respectfully submitted.
Lion Bill Bruhm, Chair
Global Membership Team
Lions Certified Instructor

GLT REPORT TO THE WINTER CABINET 8 FEBRUARY 2020

DG Lion Debbie & our District Team Fellow Lions,
INFORMATION & ORIENTATION SESSIONS 21 September 2019 Cancelled. 05 October 2019 Facilitated by
Lion Paul Burgess with 23 Lions in attendance. 12 October 2019 Facilitated
by Lion Bill Bruhm with 20 Lions in attendance. 09 November 2019
Facilitated by PCC Lion Peter Reid and PDG Lion Rhonda Trickett with 24
Lions in attendance. 01 February 2020 There was an Orientation in Amherst facilitated by
PCC Lion Peter Reid with 37 Lions in attendance. OFFICER SCHOOLS 2019-20 Officer Schools are
confirmed for the following dates & locations: Sackville May 2 2020 Kingston May 9 2020 Bridgewater
May 30 2020 Eastern Passage Cow Bay June 6 2020 ZONE CHAIRPERSONS SCHOOL The Zone Chairman
School is confirmed for the following date & location: Sackville Lions club June 13 2020

FDI FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE PDG Lion Rhonda Trickett attended the LCI Faculty
Development Training on January 18-20 2020 for training in Huston Texas. We congratulate her for
upgrading her training that will be an asset to our District N2. GUIDING LION TRAINING The Guiding Lion
Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or determined as priority
designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two year term by the district governor in consultation with
the sponsoring or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new
clubs at any point in time.

Guiding Lions are encouraged to complete the Certified Guiding Lion Course to improve their skills in
club support. The course is designed to be completed individually or facilitated by an instructor. You can
take the course on line through Lions International. Secretary Lion Kim Stewart has recently taken the
course on line but is also interested in taking the training at the District level. All Certified Guiding Lions
are required to take the Certified Guiding Lion (CGL) course every three years. We have scheduling a
Guiding Lion Training session on Saturday 4 April to be held at the Wolfville Lions club. The session will
start at 10:00 am with lunch from 12:00-12:30 with the session continuing until 3:00 pm. To date we
have 10 Lions registered for the training. Please contact me at bobbarb@eastlink.ca to register for the
training.

CLUB QUALITY INITIATIVE QCI CQI is a strategic planning tool to help clubs identify opportunities for
improvement. The program features LCI Forward and involves the whole club in this exciting process to
make the club even better. There are six Lions clubs in District N2 who have indicated through their
Membership Report to the district that they are interested in the Club Quality Initiative. They are
Bridgewater, Barrington, Elmsdale, Kingston, Spryfield and Wolfville. These sessions will be held on a
Saturday. Please contact me with a tentative date that works for you and we will do the workshop for
you.

USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM 2020 The forum will be held on 17-19 September 2020 in Louisville,
Kentucky USA You can go on line at lionsforum.org to register and learn all about the forum. The
purpose of the forum is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange
of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

Leadership Development is critical to the overall success of any organization, including Lions Clubs
International. The Global Leadership Team provides the vision, guidance and motivation necessary to
positively impact our association, assuring our position as the global leader in providing needed
community service for many years to come.

Your attendance at Information Orientation sessions, Officer Schools and other forms of training such as the Club Quality Initiative and Guiding Lion course is strongly recommended. Without your support our District Leadership performance can-not grow. Will you consider the training available and get involved? For further information or questions please contact me at 902-765-3225 or email bobbarb@eastlink.ca
Lion Bob Lyle PCC, PDG, PCST GLT District Coordinator 2019-20

DISTRICT N2 GST REPORT
WINTER CABINET MEETING
FEB. 8th, 2020

Lions Club International is concerned that our relationship with the United Nations could be in jeopardy and we could lose the recognition of being the largest volunteer humanitarian service organization in the world. To maintain this prestigious status LCI added to the Global Action Team the Global Service Team. The GST was created to help LCI meet their goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2020-2021.

Service Activity support in MyLCI ended with Fiscal Year 2018-2019. So for 2019-2020 all Service Activities are to be reported using MyLion. LCI suggests that the club president, club secretary or club service chair are responsible to do the reporting. To ensure service activities are increased and more importantly reported on the club level LCI established the officer position of Club Service Chair. Nomination and election for this position is the same as other club officers.

As of Feb 6th 2020, based on 26 clubs reporting on MyLion since July 1st, the district has completed 344 service activities, served 27,136 people, volunteered 11,651 hours and donated \$50,134.00.

Of the 344 service activities, 8 were dedicated toward diabetes, 13 to environment, 2 to childhood cancer, 40 to hunger relief, 24 to vision and 257 to all other reported activities not related to the 5 global causes.

There are 22 of 70 clubs that reported having a club service chair and only 14 of the 22 clubs actually reported on MyLion along with another 12 clubs. Hence, the 26 club reporting.

We all know how to plan and run service activities so don't get hung up on all the roles and responsibilities of the CSC. The importance of the CSC is to assist with the club service activities, reduce the burden on the club secretaries and finally and more importantly report them on MyLion.

Assuming that the main problem, activities are not being recorded and reported by clubs is because MyLion is difficult or complicated to use. I am happy to say LCI has created a powerpoint presentation showing a new and easier way of entering past service activities. This has been sent out to all the clubs, zone chairs and our executive.

So far I have been invited to present GST and in particular the club service chair information to 3 zone meetings. The latest was Zone 9 meeting in Bridgewater this past Tuesday and at the meeting I did a live demonstration on how to enter past service activities, future service activities and signature activities using the new MyLion. I am happy to say it was well received. I have also worked with Lions through email and on the phone. GST is here for you and will come to your zone meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Lion Frank Hartman
District GST coordinator