



District N2
DGO / Summer Cabinet Meeting (Virtual) Minutes
Saturday, August 15th, 2020



DG Jane called the meeting to order at 10:10 am with approximately 60 members in attendance representing 25 clubs.

Lions invocation was recited in unison, led by 1st VDG David Hunter, followed by a moment of silence for our deceased members and those around the world, especially those in Beirut. This is a terrible tragedy.

DG Jane welcomed all Lions, to our first official meeting of the year 2020-21. She recognized all Past International Directors, Past Council Chairs, Past CST's, Past District Governors and Lions all. DG Jane appreciated all lions, who have braved this new world of meeting and joined us today. She thanked the Deep Brook Lions club, even though we could not get together there. They had generously come forward and offered to host the DGO.

DG Jane thanked PDG Debbie for the Necrology service she organized to help finalize her year. It was very well done. Being her first outing in my year, she negligently forgot to tell everyone there that they were to get an official visitation from her for attending.

At this time, DG Jane presented the International Presidents theme as well as her theme.

As you all know, we have had to make a lot of changes this year. PDG Debbie's theme last year was Be the Change, well I guess that was meant for us this year. We have had to adapt to new ways to continue working in and with our communities. Finding new ways to hold meetings, seeing that some of our meeting places are still closed due to the pandemic. I love seeing online how clubs have been inventive, meeting in garages, holding dinner meetings in someone's backyard and are still keeping the social distancing required. Well done Lions, keep up the great work.

International President Choi's Theme is United in Kindness and Diversity. For over 100 years Lions around the world have been serving their communities. When the world is experiencing hardship, Lions are there. Giving much needed Hope. Our Diversity enhances our Kindness.

International President Choi, wants to encourage us to keep holding meetings, reaching out to each other. This makes for a healthy club. He would like to see us continue building on our Global Causes. Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer. He wants Lions to tell their stories of how they are serving during these hard times, this brings life to our service work. Reach out to social media or your local media and share all that you have done. This can inspire your community, and the caring men and women who are looking for an opportunity to serve.

My Theme this year, is Hope in every Act of Kindness. As you can see with my pin, I used a heart with the Nova Scotia tartan. The heart represents Hope and of course the tartan explains itself. After everything that has happened in our district over the last 6 months, it was an easy choice to make. Lions continue to give Hope with every act of kindness we do. Be proud of the great District we are, work together in Service and take it one day at a time to make our global communities a better place.

My District Governor pet project this year, is Ronald McDonald House. If you remember, at the Winter Cabinet Last year Lori Barker came and did a small presentation. I have been in contact with her again and it is still a go for the fundraising campaign to build another Ronald McDonald House to replace the old one. They are hoping to start building in 2021. If any club would like to make a donation in lieu of a gift, make the cheque to district N2 and I will get it to CST Peter. We will make a presentation at the end of the year to Lori Barker together. I have a Campaign Presentation she has sent me, and I will get Lion Sarah to send it around to the clubs.

At this time, I would like to introduce our District Team:

1st VDG David Hunter – Going to do his best to get around to all the clubs and meet people. If any club is having a meeting that they would like him to attend, he would be very happy to attend.

2nd VDG Bill Bruhm – Due to COVID-19, I was unable to give my campaign speech or thank you at the Convention – I would like to officially thank everyone for their ratification vote. Like to keep our members active. Thank folks for what they do and look forward to working with everyone this year. I will be asking for assistance from some members – please say yes.

CST Peter Reid

GLT Coordinator – PDG Debbie McGinley – Congratulate DG Jane and hope your year goes smoothly. GLT will be having a zoom meeting with the team to discuss what Zone Chairs identify as what training the clubs want.

GMT Coordinator – Lion Kim Stewart

GST Coordinator – PDG Frank Hartman – Looking forward to having a better year this year with the GST than we have had in past years.

Constitution and ByLaws Chair – PDG Wayne Little

Long Range Planning Chair – Lion Paul Burgess

Information and Technology – Lion Sarah Hartman – Enjoy helping and assisting members. If anyone requires help, please let her know.

FaceBook/NS Lion Editor – Lion Tracey Carocci – soon to be Lion Tracey Illsley

Recycle for Sight Chair – Lion Walter Illsley

Q: It was noted that there will be a new way of doing the glasses. Will something be sent out to the clubs?

A: Yes, DG Jane has asked Lion Walter to send out something to all the clubs through Lions Sarah on how the glasses need to be done.

Continue to pick up the glasses and contact myself or Lion Walter, and we will make arrangements for pick up.

Stamp Chair – Lion David Baugil

Remember, continue to collect your eyeglasses, stamps, CPAP Machines, hearing aids, and contact me or the District Chair and arrangements will be made for pick up.

Diabetes Awareness Chair – Lion Karen LaVigne – If anyone is looking for Cavalcade pins for this year although we didn't have a cavalcade. I do have the pins for sale. I do need to get them out there. If any club is looking for some, just let me know.

DG Jane will be getting some as well, and will have them on her travels.

CPAP and Sick and Visiting – Lion Jan Deveaux – To date we have collected 414 CPAP Machines since it started. Thanks to everyone for what you do.

Hearing & Speech Chairs – 1st VDG David and Lion Tami Carew – still collecting hearing aids and taking them to Dalhousie. New information has been sent out to the clubs including the new phone number. I hope you have received the information.

Alert and Protocol – Lion Rick Haiplik

Budget and Auditing – PDG Clyde Paul and Lion Peter Wilde

Bulletin Judge Chair – Lion Carla Carver (Joyce Gero/Basil Sherry)

District Pins – Lion Ken LaViolette

N2 Lions History – Lion Ken Mackenzie

Drug Awareness – Lion Tami Carew

Leo Advisor – Lion Debbie Featherby

Reading Action Program – PCC Peter Reid – First Book Canada is still working on what we can do.

Peace Poster – Lion Shelley Leblanc

Speakout – Lion Pat Nixon – Going through the Speakout now and there will be more information to follow when we figure out what the restrictions will be.

Lions Quest and LCIF – PDG Rhonda Trickett – Congratulations to DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill on your new positions. Look forward to working with you this year.

N2 Publicity and Public Relations – Lions Peter Lunde/Deanna Burns

PDG Advisory Committee Chair – PDG John Macfie – PDG John informed everyone that the venue for the Winter Cabinet Meeting has been booked – everything is planned and ready to go. May have to make some adjustments depending on the restrictions at that time.

Sergeant at Arms Chair – Lion Gerald Little

Nominating Committee – Chair – Lion Adrian Boudreau (Dave Stroud/Pat Wentzell)

LCIF Chair – PDG Rhonda Trickett

Lions Foundation of Canada – Lion Linda Baltzer – Facility was shut down for a while due to COVID – just starting to open back up. Bringing in some of the dogs and trainers in separate rooms. We have been having quite a few zoom meetings with two more this month. I will have a full extensive report for the next meeting. If you want to donate money – please do, I have already received \$5,000 for a dog and \$100 for a Life Membership. Still need donations.

Lions Foundation of Canada – District Chair person – PDG Claire Brunelle

Lions Foundation of NS Chair – PCC Peter Reid – Still doing donations for Life Memberships even though we are not meeting. What a great way to acknowledge someone in your community or a club member who goes above and beyond what we normally do – give them a Life Membership. I am still here or Lion Ken, just give us a shout, and we will set you up.

DGO Chair – Lion Kathy Thompson

Fall Cabinet Chair – Lion Wendy Owen – More information to follow.

Winter Cabinet Chair – PDG John Macfie

DG Jane thank all the chairs for their reports and for taking on the positions.

MDN CST Rhonda reported on LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Just a couple of items to bring up to Lions on LCIF.

First, I would like to inform all Lions that Campaign 100 has been extended by 1 year to June 30, 2022. This was decided due to the year that we have had and the potential year ahead. Any Club that had signed up to be a model club – you now have until June 30, 2023 to fulfill your pledge (\$1,000.00 CAD per member).

Some will say: Why Campaign 100?

During the pandemic alone – LCIF paid out 340 COVID-19 Frontline Relief Grants totalling more than \$5.1 million with \$80,000.00 US in 8 Emergency Grants going to Canada with one going to District N4 (East Coast of NFLD).

For the 2018 – 2019 Lions Year, LCIF paid out 798 Grants totalling more than \$40 million.

Over the years, LCIF has paid out more to District N2, that was received.

LCIF has expanded their Focus Areas to include the following:

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| 1) Vision | 5) Diabetes |
| 2) Youth | 6) Childhood Cancer |
| 3) Disaster Relief | 7) Environment |
| 4) Humanitarian | 8) Hunger |

When everything happened in Beruit, I was trying to think of a good way to help out - Lion Kim Stewart made a suggestion to set up a “Go Fund Me” page with the funds raised going to the on going efforts in Beruit.

I am currently waiting to hear back from LCIF – I have requested help to set up a Facebook Fundraiser for this cause. They will set it up so that all money raised will funnel through the District LCIF Account. The only thing we will have to do, is promote it through our social media. Thank you to Lion Kim for your suggestion.

I will keep everyone informed. If anyone would like information on LCIF or the grants, I can send pamphlets that I have, and I am also available to make a presentation to your club when COVID-19 allows.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Rhonda Trickett
District LCIF Chair

Lion Kim Stewart presented her GMT Report

District N2's Global Membership Team will meet for the first time this coming Wednesday August 19th. Our committee consists of PDG Lion Perry Oliver, Campus Club Specialist Lion Jamie Harper, Family/Women Specialist Veronica Webb, 2nd Vice Lion Bill Bruhm, Lion Dan Yarymowich and our newest member KL Jeanetta McGinley.

Although we haven't had our first formal meeting yet several committee members have identified areas where we might look at possibly starting new clubs.

Our committee plans on starting a variety of non-traditional clubs branch, cyber, and specialty as well as looking at a NSCC to perhaps start another campus club. I was recently asked about the Acadia Campus Club. Last year we lost our campus club president and had a void in leadership. I am happy to announce that we have recently filled that position and have also just inducted another member into the club last month.

Our membership worldwide continues to decline just like it does here in North America.

This year District N2 is taking part in a new program called North American Membership Initiative (NAMI).

Although I will be heading up this initiative I plan on teaming up with the GMT committee to help me with this work.

I have contacted several zone chairs to have them develop a suggested list of new lions in their zones that should attend an initial NAMI meeting.

The first step in this process is the SWOT Analysis which is will be open to Lions of 4 years of service and less. We want to hear from our newer Lions what they enjoy and dislike about our association.

This process needs to be honest. We as a district need to hear both the good and the bad. The results will be available by the Fall Cabinet meeting.

The GMT isn't suggesting that our traditional clubs necessarily change but be open to the idea of different clubs starting in our district.

All members of the GMT committee are here to help your clubs with retention and recruitment. Please feel free to contact any of us.

Some representatives from the GMT committee are willing to meet by a variety of ways phone, Zoom or some even in person (with social distancing).

I want to conclude by saying even though we are in a global pandemic that doesn't mean folks won't join our association. Actually more folks might actually might be more inclined to. This is a time when people in our communities want to help their neighbours so ask them if they want to join us in service.

PDG Frank Hartman presented his GST report

**District N2 DGO
August 15, 2020
Global Service Team Report**

To date only 24 clubs have appointed a Club Service Chair to their Board of Directors. Since July 1st 10 clubs have recorded service activities on MyLion and nearly all but one club were entered by the club secretaries and not the club service chairs. The important issue is that regardless who is entering the information on MyLion it is getting done.

Here are the numbers so far for this year: Overall there were 55 completed activities; 24 were service activities. 3899 people were served overall and of that total 3648 people were helped through service activities. Volunteer hours for all activities totaled 1123 with 986 hours going toward service activities.

Some of the service activities included helping seniors and shut-ins by delivering groceries and meals, shopping for them and doing housework. Clubs have been helping individuals with purchasing glasses and prescriptions. Clubs continue to collect and sort glasses and support food banks. Some clubs are raising funds through takeout dinners and hosting breakfasts.

GST will be meeting soon to discuss our next steps regarding service activity project reporting and the club service chair position.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Frank Hartman
District GST Coordinator

CST Report

34 clubs have their dues paid for this year. 1 club has outstanding dues from last year and I will be contacting them personally.

Multiple District dues are paid

Bank balance is \$50,094.32 as of today.

Diabetes report read by CST Peter

**Diabetes Awareness Report
DGO Meeting, via Zoom
August 15, 2020**

DG Jane, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill, CST Peter

This is the fifth year of Diabetes Awareness Newsletter to continue 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 and received for the Lions Cavalcade May 2020 but due COVID-19 the Lions Cavalcade was cancelled. Each year the Lions Cavalcade pins are sold at the NS Convention and at the Cavalcade also tickets are sold on Camp Lion Maxwell bundle. With funds that come from the sale of pins and tickets each year is used to pay for the pins for the next year. Without the sale of pins and tickets there will not be Lions Cavalcade pin for the coming year due COVID-19.

Nine Clubs donated \$12,100.00 in 2019/20 to Camp Lion Maxwell. Also, Camp Lion Maxwell launch virtual Daily Dose of camp to offer some fun and connections for campers this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Karen LaVigne
Diabetes Awareness
District N2 2020/21

DG Jane's plan for the Fall cabinet Meeting

Some of you are probably wondering about the Fall Cabinet. It is supposed to be held in Lawrencetown, but at this time we have not found a venue that is open. In the next week, I will be sending out a questionnaire form for clubs to answer, for example. If a venue opened up, would any of your members plan to attend or not. We would need to know the number of Lions planning to attend and if they would want a noon luncheon meal. Would you rather we stay doing Zoom meetings? Our plan right now if we do hold an in-person meeting, is to start around 10am and run to 2 or 3pm. Depending on the amount of information we have to pass on. Either way, we have to have a plan of action. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact CST Peter, 1st VDG David, 2nd VDG Bill or myself. We are here for you, we will do our best to answer your questions or concerns.

Due to restrictions, things that are booked may change.

There were no questions received prior to this meeting.

I am still planning on doing my club visitations, if Covid restrictions allow. I will be contacting each club when the date comes near, it is up to each club whether they wish for me to come in person or we can do a zoom meeting. If it is in person, it is again up to the club whether you have a dinner meeting or not.

Lions, we are in an unknowing time here. We must take it a day at a time and Hope that things will get back to a somewhat new normal. Continue doing the great work you do, support each other, and stay safe.

Thank you

I would also like to identify the Zone Chairs for this year:

Zone 1 – Bob Bowins

Zone 2 – Earl Einarson

Zone 3A – Steve Butler

Zone 3B – Catherine Gibson

Zone 4 – Doug McGinley

Zone 5 – Kim Stewart

Zone 6 – Pat Nixon

Zone 7 – Linda Baltzer

Zone 8 – Robert Maillet

Zone 9 – Peter Wagner

Zone 10 – Leonard Bugbee

Zone 11 – Rhonda Trickett

A comment that has been put in the chat box – Agenda should be sent out prior to the meeting.

CST stated that due to the lateness of receiving replies from the chairs, the agenda was not finished until the night before.

DG Jane thanked everyone for showing up today.

Let's keep our Lions engaged so we don't lose them. Any feed back from the zoom meeting will be appreciated.

Motion to adjourn by PDG John Macfie at 11:00am.