



District N2  
Nova Scotia Spring Convention Minutes  
Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021



DG Jane called the meeting to order at 9:45 am with 81 Lions and 3 guests in attendance representing 31 clubs.

O' Canada was played. Lions invocation was recited in unison, followed by the Lions Pledge, and a moment of silence for our deceased members of our Lions family and for world peace.

Welcome to our virtual Spring Zoom Convention. This is not what I had in mind for our convention this year. But as you know Covid is dictating what we can do. It is a beautiful day outside and it would have been perfect at the Drive - In like we had planned.

Over the course of the next couple of hours or so, we will be having brief reports from our GLT, GMT and GST coordinators. Please give them your undivided attention and respect that they deserve.

CST Peter will be muting everyone and when/if it is time for you to speak, please unmute yourself when CST Peter or I say your name.

I ask you all for your patience and understanding as we go throughout the meeting.

I would like to recognize any Past International Directors, Council Chair Lloyd Soucie, Past Council Chairs, PCSTs', PDGs', PDG Gordan Taylor and his wife PDG Susan from Ontario now living in the Falmouth area (Welcome to District N2). And of course, our VDGs'. Thank you all for attending today.

We also have a guest speaker coming on shortly from Ronald MacDonald House, Lori Barker. She will be giving a brief update on the new House in Halifax when she joins us.

I would now ask Council Chair Lloyd if you would like to say a few words of wisdom all the way from Fort Kent, Maine.

On behalf of our Multiple District N family, I bring greetings and well wishes to all Lions in District N 2. First and foremost in my thoughts are the safety, health and welfare of our members and their families, along with the communities they serve.

As you may know, this pandemic , COVID-19 has now played havoc for over a year. Our District Governors N 1's Paul Gauthier, N 2's Jane Gregory, N 3's Brad Clarke and last but certainly not least, N 4's Michael Foote have risen to the task and made the task of our District and Multiple District officers a little easier to cope with as they have all become much more aware of the use of technology and Zoom! I will not say that it has not been challenging and difficult at times, yet rewarding in many other ways. Club visitations by our District Governors are being held in person or virtually whenever and wherever travel is permitted. A little more difficult for us officers when provincial or international borders are in play. We have 246 Active Clubs, a drop of 2 since my last

newsletter; however, with 5 new Clubs have been chartered this Lions Year. Membership is down slightly; however, these losses are not catastrophic, but manageable if we continue to display our Service.

We all know that services are needed in our communities. It is up to us as Lions to find out “Where there is a need, there will be a Lion!” Be visible and promote what you do as a club, for doing so will help you attain members in the long run of things. Put out a biweekly bulletin to keep all of your members informed. To me this is extremely important to keep all members in the loop. If not, it will become too easy for some members to say that we have not been meeting; therefore, we not really done much. That certainly is not the case, **Be Visible as you carry out your Service Projects, and, please report these to My Lion. In this way, we can display to all what we are doing!**

As we have all been hearing for the past year, **“WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, AND ONLY THROUGH UNITY WILL WE SURVIVE AS SERVICE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATION!”**

Use good old fashioned humor to maintain your sanity and do not be afraid to be visible, albeit masked and socially distanced. Do not venture far from home or your acceptable bubble.

As we are now aware, the LCI International Convention which was to be held in Montreal has been changed from an in person to a Virtual Convention. Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies. (Also a Repeat worth mentioning)

Our MDN Convention, scheduled for May 22-23, is also being held virtually. It would be fantastic to have all clubs Zoomed in to see what’s happening in our Districts and Multiple. DG Michael Foote of N 4 and his Convention Committee are hard at work preparing for this unique event.

Elections for our Multiple leaders and any changes to our Constitution and By-Laws will also be done via technologically or a hybrid with mail in ballots, if necessary. Please make sure all dues are current to make sure of your delegates’ ability to vote.

We are very optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service. I am truly hoping that all borders open up by earl fall, if not sooner. But, that will only happen if we do our part, Mask, Wash hands, and socially distance ourselves whenever necessary. Even though we may have received the vaccinations, it is highly recommended to do so until a majority have been vaccinated.

Stay Safe, Healthy, and at Home, or at least close to it!

We are still displaying signs throughout our little community which state:



Wish you all a good Convention, virtual at best, we all look better this way. No one can tell us if we are in our lower half pj's, shorts, or whatever. But do enjoy the day and have a great Convention.

Thank you, CC Lloyd, we really appreciate you coming on this morning and we'll take your words with us throughout the day. Thank you and enjoy your sunshine and your gardening.

### **Voting Procedures** – PDG Wayne Little

Good morning Lions. Voting today will be as per Article 11, paragraph N of the Policy Manual on District Cabinet Meetings & Conventions.

### **VOTING:**

Voting on any matter, including elections, at District Conventions, shall be by duly certified voting delegates or their alternates.

Each Chartered Club in good standing in District N-2 shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate delegate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof (5 plus to be considered a major fraction) as shown by the records of the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer as of April 30, of the Year preceding the year in which the Convention is held. In addition, all Past District Governors in good standing in a Club in District N-2 shall be entitled to be a voting delegate at the District Convention. It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary prior to the convention to provide the CST with the names of voting delegates/alternates.

Voting today will be done by just putting up your hand or if you are on a phone, just say yes or no.

Thank you PDG Wayne.

**Additions to Agenda:**

- 1. Lions Quest            15A            (PDG Rhonda Trickett)
- 2. Lions of Canada       Reports (e)    (Lion Kim Stewart)

Motion by PCST Ken MacKenzie (Hantsport), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jeanetta McGinley (Milford)  
Motion Carried

**Ronald McDonald House Charites** (Lori)

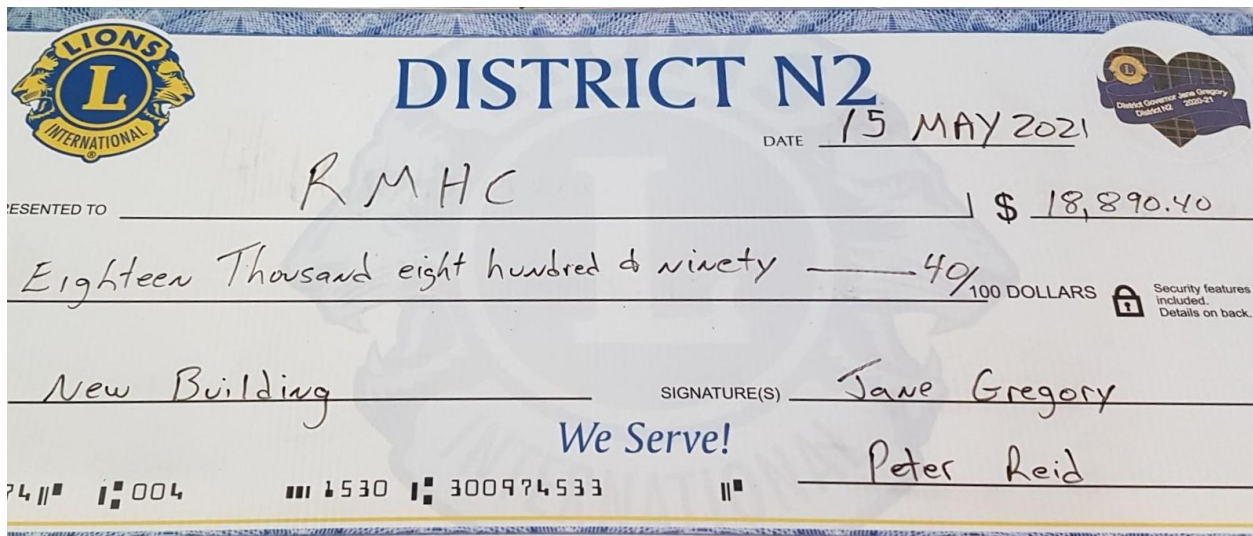
I wish I could be with all of you, and I guess all of you wish you could be all together as well, especially on such a nice day today. Thank you for the invitation to be with you.

I want to start by saying a big thank you to the Lions for all that you do.

Lori gave a presentation on Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you, Lori.

Over the past 10 months during my official visits to the clubs in N2, clubs have been making donations to Ronald McDonald House in lieu of gifts to me, and with these amounts we were able to get a matching grant for \$6,500.00 from LCIF. Saying that, we have a cheque for \$18,890.440 for Ronald McDonald House.



## **Notices of Motion**

### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**At the Nova Scotia Convention 2021, I will move or cause to be moved the following Notice of Motions:**

#### **1. In the District N-2 Policy Manual**

##### **APPENDIX “F”**

##### **RULES FOR BEST CLUB CONTEST**

##### **DISTRICT N2**

##### **Delete current wording and replace with the following**

In order to receive full credit for the points outlined in the following rules, all of the required information must be reported on the “ M “ Report and/or District Activity Report.

1. President & Secretary attendance at own Zone Meeting and/or Cabinet Meetings – 50 pts. each. For each additional Lion – 10 pts. each to a maximum of 50 pts. Attendance at any District N2 Lions Information Session, held throughout the District during the year – 50 pts. per member to a maximum of 250 pts. One time only.

2. District & International Deadlines:

International Dues paid by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – 50 pts. each

District Dues paid by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – 50 pts. each

PU 101 submitted to LCI through MyLion or via Canada Post by May 15 – 100 pts

Monthly Activities Report to LCI (MyLion) – 50 pts each month if reported

M Report to International reported on MyLion. If sent by post it must be postmarked by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and if electronically sent it must be received by the last day of the month – 50 pts. District Activity Report to DG postmarked and/or electronically sent by

the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month – 50 pts.

District Activity Report to VDG's Postmarked and/or electronically sent by 2nd of Month - 50 pts

District Activity Report to Zone Chairs – 50 pts.

Club Global Membership Committee Chair Name reported to DG by July 31<sup>st</sup> - (100 pts)

Club Global Membership Committee Chair Name reported to GMT by July 31<sup>st</sup> - (100 pts)

Club Global Membership Committee report to DG and GMT coordinator via Canada

Post and/or electronically by May 31<sup>st</sup> (50 pts) each

Club Global Membership Committee report to DG and GMT coordinator Via Canada

Post and/or electronically by Dec.31<sup>st</sup> (50 pts) each

3. Attendance percentage reported – 25 pts.

4. Officer School for incoming President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman and Global Service Chair present – 50 pts. each

(Each officer can only claim one school per year). Points shall only be awarded by the District Governor upon receipt of list from the Global Leadership Coordinator verifying which officers attended from each club.

5. New Members – 100 pts Each, Transfer Members – 100 pts. Each, Reinstated Members – 100 pts. each, Dropped Members (excluding transfer & deaths) – (- 100 pts.)

6. Bulletin and/or Newsletters received by DG via Canada Post and/or electronically – 50 pts. Bulletin and/or Newsletters received by VDG's via Canada Post and/or electronically – 25 pts.

Bulletin and/or Newsletters received by District Bulletin Judges via Canada Post and/or electronically- 25 pts.

Bulletin and/or Newsletters received by Zone Chairperson via Canada Post and/or electronically – 25 pts.

7. At least one fundraiser per month – 25 pts.

8. Sponsor a New Lions Club – 300 pts, Sponsor a New Branch Club – 150 pts, Sponsor a New Leo Club – 300 pts.

Should a Branch Club become a New Lions Club the 300 points normally awarded for sponsoring a New Lions Club shall be awarded to the Branch Club.

9. Taking part in District and or International Activities – 25 pts.

Adopt-A-Highway and/or Green Team Project (One Time) – 50 pts.

Alert Program Activity (One Time) – 50 pts

Drug Awareness Poster Contest (One Time) – 50 pts.

Peace Poster Contest (One Time) – 50 pts.

Club Level Speak-Out Contest (One Time) – 50 pts.

Donation – Hearing Aids For All Program (One Time) – 50 pts

Lions Quest (One Time) – 50 pts.

Donation LCIF (One Time) – 50 pts.

Donation Lions Foundation Canada (One Time) – 50 pts.

Donation Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia (One Time) – 50 pts.

Cavalcade for Diabetes (One Time) – 50 pts.

Lions Awareness Activity Month of April (One Time) – 50 pts.

Eyeglass Recycling Activity Month of May (One Time) – 50 pts.

Diabetes Awareness Month Activity November (One Time) – 50 pts.

Club participates in a District CQI Workshop – 50 pts

10. Publicity (Press Clippings, Posters, etc. via Canada Post and/or electronically) up to 50 pts

11. District Activities Report, Bulletin, Newsletters, Pictures, News Stories sent to Editor of N.S. Lion via Canada Post and/or electronically: up to 40 pts.

12. SERVICE PROJECTS: Are defined as Activities carried out by Lions in the name of Lionism. The Governor shall award up to 300 points each month for Service Projects & Hands-On Activities based upon the categories listed below. Include service projects or any other activities (with the exception of Fund-Raising Projects) here that you want considered for points:

A. Lions Clubs International Causes: Vision, Diabetes, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Hunger

(30 Points will be awarded for each cause up to a maximum of 150 points)

B. Local/Community Causes: Youth, Seniors, Homelessness, Community Service, Donations (Financial or in Kind), and other worthwhile activities that meet the needs of the community and or community members.

(30 Points will be awarded for each cause up to a maximum of 150 points)

### 13) VISITATIONS

For each visitation (at least 4 members or 15% of club membership) to a REGULAR meeting of another Club

(a) Any club with a membership total of fewer than 36 will receive 10 points per visit to a REGULAR meeting of another club.

(b) Any club with a membership total of 36 or over will receive 5 points per visit to a REGULAR meeting of another club.

(c) On occasion of 2 or more visits at one function each visit MUST be recorded as a separate item

For the purpose of Rule # 13, the use of the terms CLUB MEMBERSHIP shall mean members shown in the ACTIVE member category of the M Report, plus those members shown in the LIFE MEMBER category of the M Report who regularly attend meetings and participate in club activities and projects.

### 14) Membership Growth & Retention Bonus:

A net increase on June 30<sup>th</sup> in membership over the previous July 1<sup>st</sup> membership (Membership figures will be as shown on the M Reports) – 100 pts.

Retention of membership total on June 30<sup>th</sup> compared to previous July 1<sup>st</sup> membership (Membership figures will be as shown on the M Report) – 100 pts.

15) A club displaying its banner at the DGO Summer Cabinet, Fall or February Cabinet Meetings or the NS Convention will receive 50 points for each display. Possible 200 points.

### NOTES:

To receive credit for items, they must be reported on the “ M “ Report and District Activity Report, which must be postmarked and/or electronically sent NO LATER than the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month following .

Points will be awarded for alternates when Presidents & Secretaries can not attend Cabinet and Zone Meetings as long as written notice is given to the Cabinet Secretary Treasurer. NO NOTIFICATION – NO POINTS.

Include as much info on your M Report and District Activity Report about club projects & activities as possible. LESS INFO – LESS POINTS

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Sharon Dykman (Lake Echo)

Motion Carried

New reporting form will be sent out before July 1<sup>st</sup> so secretaries can start using the new form at July 1<sup>st</sup>..

## **2. In the District N2 Policy Manual**

### **Article I – District Administration**

#### **Section (U)**

**Delete current wording**

**And replace with the following:**

#### **District Yearly Budget Forecast and Audited Financial Statements**

THE BUDGET and AUDIT COMMITTEE, in consultation with District Governor Elect and Cabinet Secretary Designate, shall annually prepare and submit to the District Governor's Summer organizational meeting (DGO) for approval, an interim budget for the District affairs for the upcoming year.

THE INTERIM approved budget shall be effective as of the date of approval and shall remain in effect until such time as the audit of the past years books and records has been completed by the Budget and Audit Committee and the audited financial report has been adopted at the Fall Cabinet meeting.

FOLLOWING adoption of the audited financial statements for the previous year, a final budget reflecting any and all necessary changes to the interim budget as may have been disclosed by the district audit shall then be presented for final approval at the Fall Cabinet meeting.

The District N2 Yearly Interim Budget Forecast for the new Lions Year, shall be circulated to every Club in the District by mailing same, postage prepaid and/or electronically sent to the Secretary of each Club in the District at least 30 days prior to the date of the said Cabinet Meeting when the proposed Budget is to be considered. If due to extenuating circumstances the information cannot be circulated 30 days prior to the Cabinet Meeting then the Interim Budget Forecast can still be voted on at the Cabinet Meeting provided the information is circulated to all Clubs in the District a minimum of 7 days prior to the Cabinet meeting.

The District N2 previous year Audited Financial Statements, shall be circulated to every Club in the District by mailing same, postage prepaid and/or electronically sent to the Secretary of each Club in the District at least 30 days prior to the date of the said Fall Cabinet Meeting when the Audited Financial Statements are to be considered. If due to extenuating circumstances the information cannot be circulated 30 days prior to the Cabinet Meeting then the Audited Financial Statements can still be voted on at the Cabinet Meeting provided the information is circulated to all Clubs in the District a minimum of 7 days prior to the Cabinet meeting.

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Clyde Paul (Armdale-Fairview-Rockingham) Motion Carried



### **3. In the By-Laws of District N2**

#### **ARTICLE III – Awards and Rules**

##### **SUB-SECTION (A)**

###### **ADD**

(33) The Autism Assistance Dog Trophy, donated by PDG Debbie McGinley

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jeanetta McGinley (Milford)

Motion Carried

### **In the By-Laws of District N2**

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### **SUB-SECTION (D)**

###### **ADD**

(33) **THE AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOG TROPHY** shall be awarded annually to the Lions or Leo club making the largest per capita donation to the Autism Assistance Dog Program.

Only donations made by Lions or Leo Clubs, as well as by individual Club Members shall be considered for this award. This award will be based only on donations made to the Lions Foundation of Canada Autism Assistance Dog Program.

To determine the winner the Director of the Lions Foundation of Canada in Nova Scotia will use donation figures provided by the Foundation and the total donations shall be divided by the number of members shown on the June M report.

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG John Stoddart (Bedford)

Motion Carried

### **4. In the By-Laws District N2**

#### **Article II**

##### **Section (B)**

**Delete current wording**

**And replace with the following:**

(B) District N2 shall be made up of fourteen Zones as follows:

**Zone 1**

**Baddeck**

**Cabot Trail**

**Glace Bay**

**New Waterford**

**Sydney**

**Whycocomagh**

**Zone 2**

**Antigonish**

**Canso**

**Louisdale**

**St. Mary's**

**St. Peter's**

**Zone 3**

**Amherst**

**Oxford**

**Parrsboro**

**Springhill**

**Tatamagouche**

**Zone 4**

**Pictou**

**River John**

**Stellarton**

**Zone 5**

**Canning**

**Hantsport**

**New Minas**

**Port Williams**

**Windsor**

**Wolfville/Cyber Branch  
Club**

**Zone 6**

**Aylesford**

**Berwick**

**Coldbrook**

**Kentville**

**Kingston**

**Zone 7**

**Annapolis Royal**

**Bridgetown**

**Deep Brook/Waldec**

**Digby**

**Lawrencetown**

**Middleton**

**Zone 8**

**Barrington**

**Meteghan/Weymouth  
Branch Club**

**Pubnico**

**Yarmouth**

**Zone 9**

**Bridgewater**

**Chester Basin/New  
Ross/Chester**

**Liverpool**

**Lockeport**

**Mahone Bay**

**New Germany**

**Shelburne**

**Riverport**

**Zone 10**

**Armdale/Fairview/Rock  
ingham**

**Hubbards**

**Spryfield**

**St. Margaret's Bay**

**Zone 11**

**BeaverBank/Kinsac**

**Bedford**

**Dalhousie Campus  
Club**

**Fall River/River Lake**

**Sackville**

**Zone 12**

**Cole Harbour**

**Dartmouth**

**Eastern Passage/Cow  
Bay**

**Lake Echo**

**Preston**

## **Zone 13**

**Enfield/Elmsdale**

**Milford**

**Shubenacadie**

**Truro**

## **Zone 14**

**Chezzetcook**

**Musq. Harbour**

**Musq. Valley**

**Sheet Harbour**

Questions asked:

PCC Scott MacKenzie – I have 2 questions - the 1<sup>st</sup> to PDG Wayne

Q1: We still have one Zone with only 3 clubs which is in violation of Article 5, Section 4 of LCI's Standard Constitution. Could that not have been corrected in this change? and the 2<sup>nd</sup> comment to District Governor Jane

Q2: Jane, purely personal question – My zone got split so its concerning to me personally. Just wondering what the reasoning was behind that, as it wasn't contemplated in the list of Zones that we discussed by Zoom prior to this?

A1: They are looking at starting a club up in that area and in all honesty, we could not find another Club that wanted to travel to Zone 4. Everyone thought it was too far to travel, and that's why we did leave that blank, we're talking about moving the Dalhousie Campus Club, which would take them out of the Bedford Area for now, until we get another club. That was one of our suggestions, because we didn't know what else to do, and it is a guideline for LCI to have 4 clubs in the Zone. Minimum of 4 and maximum of 8. Still a work in progress.

A2: As for your Zone, that we made changes to. We were just trying to open it up so we would have more clubs that are able to join. To get into the areas, because with Milford Club stating they would be starting up another club in the area and we have to make space somewhere. This is why we have split them up. We figured this would be the best way to make things work. I know it's not a best-case scenario, but it's the best way we could figure out how to do it.

PCC Scott MacKenzie – I guess the answer will suffice, I'm not sure if changing things for a maybe is the exact way to go. District Governor that is your prerogative as we know, or should know. Changes to the Zones is completely in your control. You can do that if you wish. I will thank you for bringing to a vote, as you really didn't have to do that.

District Governor Jane – I know it is the DG's prerogative to try to make changes, but the other reason is some of the Zone Chairs were complaining about the distance they had to travel and how often they had to travel, because of the eight clubs in the Zone, this is another way to try to solve this issue. I know this means we have to find another Zone Chair, but we're hoping with the smaller amount of clubs in the zone, that it will open it up and get that filled. We're having a hard job getting a Zone Chair to do eight clubs.

PCC Scott MacKenzie – I just wanted to point out that Zone 9 is as big as we were

District Governor Jane – That is another one that we are looking at

Lion Leonard Bugbee –

Looking at Zone 10 and the changes for Zone 10. I find it a little hard to believe that we have a club in our Zone a Campus Club that is not meeting, or reporting to the Zone Meetings and there still considered a club, so taking that Campus Club out of Zone 10, that would leave Zone 10 at 8 clubs which would fall within your guidelines. I was hoping that you would consider that before making changes, but with the changes coming up today, I will have to vote against it.

District Governor Jane –

Again, for that Zone, Zone 10 – the reason we make that change is that there is the possibility of potential clubs in that area, and if we don't move forward, and open up now, in the future we won't have a place for them, and we would have to make a new Zone for them specifically.

Lion Leonard Bugbee –

Without the Campus Club being included in Zone 10, that leaves the Zone at 8, and we have some clubs that are really struggling, which they have low numbers, and they are trying to get more members in their clubs. I think it would be better for the District to spend their time trying to help the Clubs recruit members, then change Zone 10 around, and given the Campus Club should fall in a separate Zone for Campus Clubs. I feel that it's not necessary.

District Governor Jane –

My understanding on the Campus Club is that right now they are not meeting due to the pandemic. They are not able to do anything for the past year or so and we can't hold that against them. Moving forward, there is potential of a possibility of two new clubs in your area and if we do not move forward, we will not be able to do that.

Lion Leonard Bugbee –

I will still be voting against the motion.

District Governor Jane –

That is your prerogative

PDG John Macfie –

In regards to 3 clubs in a Zone, that is a guideline for Lions International and geography has to play a part in it. When you take geography into it, it is very hard for Zones 3A and 3B without having them split. That makes perfect sense. What Zone is the Dal Campus Club being put in now?

District Governor Jane –

They will be in the new Zone 11 right now. We could potentially move them if they get picky, but it seems unfair to take them away from the Bedford Club which is their Sponsor Club, and with the pandemic it's affecting everything, and there's nothing we can do about that right now. Looking into the future, it's the best-case scenario.

PDG John Macfie –

Just wanted clarification before the vote was called.

PDG John Stoddart –

President of the Dalhousie Campus Club is in British Columbia. This is where she lives. So you can see what they are going through. They are spread right across Canada.

Lion Jamie Harper –

Speaking to the Campus Club, this is kind of separate from the motion but it might make sense to, down the road, group the Campus Club and Cyber Clubs together because they both are different from traditional clubs. So that's something I don't think we need to look at today. This motion certainly, we can make changes further down the road, but that maybe something we want to consider for the Campus Club. As you indicated District Governor, they really have not, in any way been able to be active. Dal Clubs are simply not active at all, even if they did have members on Campus, they were not allowed to have club type meetings. I have been in contact with the executive and we're hopefully going to be in better shape next year.

District Governor Jane –

Thank you, Lion Jamie.

Lion Kim Stewart –

I just wanted to mention; I just want to remind everyone that students trying to attempt to do University on line, leaves very little time left for volunteerism, even if they were permitted to meet which is against the regulations. Its very tough for our youth trying to you know. We have one going to Med School (don't we), trying to do that on line is near impossible. So these are great lions just having some real challenges.

District Governor Jane –

Thank you, Lion Kim.

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG John Stoddart (Bedford)

(35 for / 2 opposed)

Motion Carried

PDG Wayne Little

Chairman

Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Committee

### **Speeches:**

Lion Denise Titus (Chezzetcook and District) introduced 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David Hunter –  
Candidate for District Governor

1<sup>st</sup> VDG David Hunter gave a brief speech.

PCC Bob Lyle (Kingston) introduced 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Bruhm – Candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District  
Governor

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Bruhm gave a brief speech.

Lion Barb Urquhart (Truro and District) introduced Lion Joyce Gero – Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

Lion Joyce Gero gave a brief speech.

District Governor Jane stated we would be going back to the Notices of Motion

### **Long Range Planning:**

On behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee I would like to move the following:

In the District N2 Policy Manual rename Article 1 (Q) District Directories, District Governor Pins, Visitation Cards and District Name Tags and delete present wording, replacing it with the following:

### **District Directories**

- 1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor shall appoint a District Directory Chair to create the district directory and manage the funding and distribution of the district directory.**
- 2. The District Directory Chairperson shall request the purchase of advertisements from District Clubs and other sources as approved by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.**
- 3. The CST will be authorized to pay all invoices for the purchasing and ordering of directories, pins, name tags and visitation cards.**
- 4. Funds (see 2) collected by the District Directory Chairperson shall be deposited in the appropriate account by the District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer to cover the costs of pins, directories and visitation cards (see 3).**
- 5. A minimum of 400 District Directories shall be printed yearly. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor will determine if additional directories are to be ordered.**

**The following club/district officers will receive one copy each of the directory:**

- 1. Club presidents**
- 2. Club Secretaries**
- 3. Past District Governors**
- 4. District Committee Chairs**
- 5. Leo Club Presidents and secretaries**

**Each club, including Leo Clubs will receive one extra copy of the directory.**

**Clubs may purchase additional copies of the directory at a price determined by the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and shall be ordered prior to the printing of the directory. Clubs shall order their extra directories through the District Directory Chair when submitting the club advertisement in the directory or by submitting a written request for the directories.**

**All advertisements and requests for additional directories shall be paid for before the directories are printed.**

**The following shall be followed when requests for copies of our District Directory are received from outside Organizations:**

- 1) It shall only be released to outside Organizations that have a close working relationship with Lion Service Programs.**
- 2) The Directory/Names/Addresses are for the sole use of the requesting Organization.**
- 3) The Directory/Names/Addresses shall not be passed on or sold to any other Organization by the requesting Organization.**
- 4) An agreement in writing shall be drafted and signed by the requesting Organization and the District Governor stating that the information is for the sole use of the requesting Organization and shall not be passed on or sold.**

**Any request for a copy of our District Directory from an outside Organization received by an individual Lion or Lions Club shall be referred to the District Governor.**

### **District Governor Pins**

**The District Governor shall purchase pins to a maximum of 500.**

**District Governor pins shall be provided to all Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, District Committee Chairs, Past District Governors and any others at the discretion of the District Governor.**

**Visitation cards shall be provided to the District Governor to a maximum of 500.**

**Name tags shall be provided to District Committee Chairs and Zone Chairs.**

**District directories, District Governor pins, visitation cards and name tags shall be funded by the ads placed in the district directories.**

**The balance of the funds, once all of the above bills have been paid, will be available for the district governor to use at their discretion. Any deficits incurred shall be covered by the district.**

Lion Paul Burgess  
Chair, District N2 Long Range Planning

Motion by Lion Paul Burgess (Windsor), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jamie Harper (Bedford)

Lion Russell –

I'm in disagreement with some of the things in this motion, unfortunately, if you don't have it in front of you, what I'll do is I'll read the sentence I'm in disagreement with – is that ok?

DG Jane –  
Sure

Lion Russell –

Under the District Pins, line 6, it states the balance of the funds, once all of the above bills have been paid will be available for the DG to use at their discretion. I disagree with giving the DG free reign over spending and extra money raised for allotted items on any thing they want. District Lions Clubs buy the ads knowing that it be used for a specific purpose. This new order will give DG's and extra money to use freely on what ever they want. I would suggest this be changed to – the balance of funds, once all of the above bills are paid, will be donated to the current DG's project. At present, the way it is said, the DG can spend that money on anything they want. The second part is – the line is any deficit incurred shall be covered by the District. A little bit before that – the District Directory Chairperson is to raise money by selling the ads in the District Directory. That's were the money comes from to pay for this stuff. If there's extra funds, we just spoke about that, but if there's a deficit – any deficit incurred shall be covered by the District. I am in disagreement with this part because there is no control over the maximum amount of money allowed to be spent on the purchasing of District Directories, DG Pins, visitation cards and name tags, also, the way the order is stated an incoming DG in theory could decide not to solicit any funds for the Directory and the way its stated right now, any deficit incurred the District must pay for it. So, I'm against this for three reasons: if no funds or insufficient are raised from ads in the DG Directory then the District must pay for everything, the second, the order mandates a minimum and maximum number of items to be bought by the District Governor – Directories – 400; DG Pins – 500; Visitation Cards – 500 and names tags – it doesn't say. But there is no control over the cost of the items being purchased. For example – the incoming DG does not have to get the best deal for items or could decide to get overly expensive items made. I'm saying incoming District Governors, District Governors. I'm not trying to say that's what's going to happen, I'm just saying the way this is written it gives that District Governor those powers. The third objection – where would the District take the money from for deficit? The District Finances are set and we have every cent accounted for. The new extra cost would have to be either added to our District Dues or a new bill would be solicited evenly from every club. I would like to suggest that the line – any deficit incurred should be covered by the District be changed to – if insufficient funds were raised from District Directory ads then the District Governor shall not purchase the minimum – maximum District Directory, Pins, visitation cards, name tags allowed, but only purchase amounts equal to the funds raised. The District Governor will decide how many of each item to be purchased at their own discretion. Personally, the reason I object to this because it's giving the District Governor vague directions. The



District Governor's discretion to where to spend this money and if it is deficit, we have no control as members in N2 on what's being done here and I think that's dangerous. Thank you.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Russell.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG (E) Bill Bruhm –

Not a question, just several comments to respond to those points just raised. If you look at #2, it says the District Directory Chairperson shall request the purchase of advertisements - that does direct that advertisements will be sought. One of the reasons we had this discussion had to do with the situation we find ourselves in this year with the pandemic and clubs not being able to meet, and clubs not being able to fundraise, and we recognize we may be in this position for years to come. Where clubs will find it difficult and we need to be able to have a process to move forward. We all remember several years ago when things people expected to receive at the DGO weren't available and folks were quite concerned about whether pins would be there, or if Directories would be there, banners would be there. So, a decision was made to quantify it so we know exactly how many to order. We don't want situations where a DG or incoming DG orders too much and have a lot of material sitting around, we also don't want to have too little, we don't want to not have enough Directories, and if folks are trying to raise money on their own, and they know it's coming out of their pocket and were in a depleting time. We may not have enough materials available. Those are my comments. I think that if people are worried about over spending, we can pass these motions and we can go back – we have a year before the next year. We can go back and put some provisos in that protect the District from some one who perhaps want to order a \$10.00 pin, not me, but perhaps somebody down the road, and we can cover these things off, but we have to put something in place so that our District knows what it is doing, as opposed to each person trying to do things on their own.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Bill.

PDG John Macfie –

If I could make a few comments on this - one of the things that I see in giving the discretion to the District Governor for excess funds that are raised, is there is many expenses that Lions do not – are not aware of that the District Governor has to incur. This normally wouldn't show up anywhere else. There is wear and tear on their vehicle, and everything else. I think that most District Governors would say that they probably even went thru a vehicle during their term. The area I get real concerned about is the number of pins being ordered, and the numbers of visitation cards. I think 500 pins is too many. I think 400 is a more realistic figure. When we had 2200 members, I got by quite well with 300 pins, but I think the way things are going the last number of years I can see that number being 4, our number of members are down. Visitation cards, yes its nice to get a visitation card from the new District Governor but there are many, many District Governor visitation cards out there that are never used, and if you look at what you have stock piled from each year, you're likely to have quite a few built up yourself that you can go through. I would say 250 visitation cards would be more reasonable. So, I would say 400 pins and 250 visitation cards and yes, got to give the District Governor that ability to use the excess funds to cover expenses that people are unaware of. The fact that, yes times are hard now and you're not going to get the ads

you would normally get because of club financial situations. I can see during these difficult times, that yes may be the District would have to help make sure we have enough money to provide that number of District Directories needed. That's all I have to say on this.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion John.

Lion Scott MacKenzie –  
Thank you, District Governor. Just a few comments. I think we can speak for most of the morning on numbers and details, and probably argue one way or another. What I want to point out is Long Range Planning Committee pretty closely looked at the numbers and I'll point out too, that these are maximum numbers so we don't have to order that many but it was pretty clear over the past few years that Lions across the District have expectations of those things that are about to receive from the District Governor. So, this was an attempt to codify those things because there were no clear rules. The thing we wanted to get at and that certainly concerned me was that for all these years the District Governor personally was responsible for providing all those things to the District. Yes, we sell District ads, but if they're short then the District Governor has to pay for those items that are expected by the Lions out of their own pocket, but the thing that has always bothered me the most was not that you had to make it up, but that you might profit from Lions Clubs with out their real knowledge and consent. I think that's wrong. So, we can argue that the balance of the funds should or should not be made available, but at least what were saying we're going to be up front about it, telling the clubs where its going in the past the District Governor may or may not profit or may lose money but I think that its wrong that a Governor should profit from the clubs without their knowledge. We all know when we ask, we know the begging letter comes around, clubs contribute to that. That's fine. They know what it is going to personal expenses. Its an attempt, its not perfect, but its an attempt to codify all those things that are loosely expected by Lions.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Scott

Lion Bob Lyle –  
Reference to some of the conditions Lion Russell presented. I think when you look at the picking up of the deficit by the District. Now, I would say, in the event there is a deficit and I don't think there ever has been, it would not be absorbent to start with (my opinion) and if there was a deficit (I think Lion Clyde – your listening to me here) the funds are available through surplus funds (now if somebody else wants to clarify that for me) that's just an indication how I feel about how the District would pick it up because you wanted to know why or where the deficit would come from Lion Russell.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Bob

Lion Jamie –  
Could we perhaps amend the motion as such that any surplus funds get added to the funds available to the District Governor expenses as the District Governor expenses are reported and go through the Finance Committee and expenses would be at least looked at by the Lions.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Jamie

Lion Evie –

With respect to Long Range Planning and the previous speakers to this motion I too am against this motion. Since 1945 our District, every incoming Governor has managed to attain the title of District Governor and many times there is a small budget for the incoming Governor. I spoke to one of the Long Range Planning individuals that helped to draft this motion and I used the word *subsidized*, and he said no, not really subsidizing and so I looked up in the dictionary to see what *subsidize* reads in the dictionary and it reads – to aid or assist in a grant of money, that is the first, the second definition is bribe in the dictionary, and I just feel as though this particular motion, that is on the floor today it too nebulous. It doesn't really talk about the type of pins that can be ordered, that the District might have to subsidize for. One incoming District Governor may have a simple pin, another Governor may want something complex and more costly. One Governor may like the current Directory as we have it now, an incoming Governor may decide they want an 8½ x 11 Directory which will be more costly. So, I feel as though this motion should perhaps be tabled and gone back and tweaked a little bit more, because as it reads right now, I am against this motion. Thank you.

Lion Debbie –

Thank you. The reason Long Range Planning has approached this is because for us Past District Governors we have seen Governors from all over the world and a lot of other Districts were shocked for myself personally when I went for training they say “this is your responsibility, you have so much else on your plate to do, as becoming an incoming District Governor that your District should support you in regards to taking care of this and you can possibly have a new committee set up specifically to help the incoming District Governor” and have these guidelines to go by that all the past District Governors are offering. Now I know one thing their looking at is for next year. Having a person solely in charge of taking care of the directory, so it comes off the incoming Governors hands. This is a lot for any incoming District Governor to have all the stuff they need to take care of for the District, let alone take care of all this other stuff that is expected of each District Governor. Now in most Districts across the world the support of their District to support them, not saying this District doesn't help your District Governor but when you have many other responsibilities this one should be laid onto the other committee. Yes, we want to give out pins, yes, we want to be able to give out Directories, but it shouldn't be the incoming District Governors responsibility, and in other districts we have a lot of District Governor's, where you have 2 or 3 people buying for the position, as you know in our district those numbers have been dwindling, and we need to bring that back up. Maybe because of the expenses and cost and what is all required in this District. We are not getting the names or the people possible that we could have. So, I'm asking that if we have to make an amendment, please move forward on this bill. We need the change in this District, so that we can grow and move forward. Thank you for your time.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Debbie

Lion Wendy –

I'm looking at this motion as a way to actually hold the District Governors accountable cause currently the clubs for their ads, send cheques all to the incoming District

Governor, the District Governor spends the money as they feel fit and there is no accountability for any excess funds for it. This way there is some accountability to where that money goes.

DG Jane –  
Thank you, Lion Wendy

Lion Peter –  
A lot of people don't realize that this is not the District Directory it belongs to the incoming District Governor – it is called the District Governor Directory. This was a way to raise funds for the District Governor to use towards items that are not covered by LCI. Any Lion whether your rich or poor, can become a District Governor and not worry about extra expenses ones that LCI doesn't cover and one that the District doesn't cover. When your District Governor you go to 70 clubs, so the first thing, chances are there are 70 50/50 draws going on. No, you don't have to buy them, but you're the District Governor you want to help out the clubs, you can not put a receipt in for it. You go to the clubs and their selling tickets on a basket. Chances are your going to buy them, you don't put a receipt in for it. This was the extra money the District Governor gets out of the ads in the directory it would cover it. So, what I would like to do is put a motion on the floor to refer this motion back to Constitution & By Laws & Policy Committee for further review. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG John Macfie

Questions on the new motion

Lion Russell –

Question on this part of the motion. I'm just trying to understand why it didn't go to Constitution & By Laws first. Isn't that the procedure, any motion coming up is (unless I'm misunderstanding so the veterans can help me here) when you have a notice of motion coming up from any committee or anybody else, it has to go to Constitution and By Laws. Why didn't this go to Constitution & By Laws first? Thank you.

Lion Scott –

My understanding is it did go to Constitution & By Laws, but I may be corrected on that, but when a motion made by a committee goes to Constitution & By Laws it is for a review of its Constitutionality, not whether its right or wrong.

Lion Russell –

Thank you PDG Scott

Lion Scott –

Does the new motion on the floor take precedence?

Lion Bill –

Just clarifying what Scott just said. This will go to Constitution & By Laws Committee and the ruling would be "yes- its constitutionally correct" or "no its not)

Lion Wayne –

Long Range Planning would come up with this, then it is sent to Constitution & By Laws Committee to be put out.

Lion Bill –

The motion that comes to you would be put out?

Lion Wayne –

It comes to me to make sure it is worded correctly and all that good stuff added then it is put out.

Lion Bill –

You're looking at legal wording and nothing else then

Lion Wayne –

We are to make sure its worded correctly and that it is a good motion.

Lion Bill –

When would we expect a response back from Constitution & By Laws Committee? That wasn't part of the second motion.

Could we please have that amended to have it reported back for the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

Lion Jeanetta –

What would the review by Constitution & By Laws involve? Like in terms of any changes.

Lion Peter –

They are going to review it.

Lion Bill –

But if I understand correctly, they don't change it.

Lion John Macfie –

They could

DG Jane –

Then should it not be referred back to Long Range Planning to review?

Lion Jeanetta –

That's what I'm wondering?

Lion

The motion was to refer back to Constitution & By Laws for review and consideration and to bring it back to the Fall Cabinet Meeting. They could change it, they are going to review the original motion to see if there's any changes they're recommending.

Lion Jamie –

From a Constitution stand point – they are not going to be reviewing it for content or intent.

Lion Wayne –

Confirmed that it was to come back at the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

Motion was: To refer the motion back to Constitution & By Laws & Policy Committee for further review and report back at the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

Motion by PCC Peter Reid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG John Macfie (25 Y / 6 N)

Motion Carried

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the virtual Winter Cabinet Meeting as presented.

Motion by Lion Jamie Harper (Bedford), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jeanetta McGinley (Milford)

Motion Carried

**Correspondence:** None

**Election Results:**

I had a committee of myself and two other members from the Coldbrook and District Lions Club tallying the votes. I received 228 ballots from 76 delegates. I believe there were 89 mailed out and I received 76.

Results: Lion David Hunter for DG – 1 spoiled ballot 72 Yes 3 No  
Lion Bill Bruhm for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG – 1 spoiled ballot 70 Yes 5 No  
Lion Joyce Gero for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – 1 spoiled ballot 72 Yes 3 No

So, I guess I convene that all candidates have been duly elected in their respective positions. I congratulate all candidates in their new positions.

Motion was made to destroy the ballots.

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Evie Morine (Deep Brook / Waldec)

Motion Carried

DG Jane took this time to introduce DG(E) David Hunter. Congratulations.

Lions, please give David the same support you gave me during the last few years.

And, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG (E) Bill Bruhm - Congratulations, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG (E) Joyce Gero – Congratulations.

I know you will all do great work; I look forward to your words of wisdom in the future.

**Old Business:** None

**Zone Chair reports:**

No reports from the following Zones – 1, 2, 3A, 4, 7, 8, 10

The following Zones passed their report in – 3B, 5, 6, 9, 11 (At the end)

## **CST Report:**

With not much travel or visiting, our District is in good financial shape this year.

Dues were received from all clubs except two clubs. One club misplaced the bill, but the cheque is in the mail. The other club is disbanded with no access to recover the funds.

Ads for the NS Lion were sent out by Lion Tracey, Editor of the Nova Scotia Lion. To date I have received ad money from 44 clubs. Lion Tracey will notify the remaining clubs.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Peter Reid  
District CST

Motion made to accept report.

Motion by PDG Wayne Little (Coldbrook), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mac Routliffe (Wolfville)

Motion Carried

District Governor Jane reported that the Nova Scotia Lion is past due, she realizes that, but Lion Tracey has major surgery done. She is recuperating and she is getting to it as fast as she can. Hopefully it will be back up to date soon. We apologize, but it was an unforeseen surgery that she had.

## **GST Report**

### **District N2 Spring Convention**

### **Saturday May 15 Zoom Meeting**

### **Global Service Team Report**

Needless to say many clubs in District N2 were unable to meet or conduct service activities due to Covid 19. However, amazingly 37 clubs were able to complete 1191 various service activities, serving 78,217 folks while volunteering 24,200 hours. Clubs were also able during this difficult time to donate \$214,611US.

Nineteen clubs reported conducting 109 service activities dedicated to the 5 Global Causes as follows: Hunger 61, Vision 25, Environmental 15, Diabetes 7 and 1 activity for Childhood Cancer.

The above stats could be larger but unfortunately there are 22 service activities that have not been reported on MyLion going back to July 8, 2020 and a number of clubs did not report at all on MyLion.

Currently there are 27 clubs that have a club service chair. This has been a struggle since the introduction of this club officer position in spite of the efforts the district has offered including MyLion training, Zone presentations, instructional videos, emails etc.

A big thanks to all the clubs who continued to serve their communities whether through service or donations. "We Serve" and we serve Because We Care.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Lion Frank

District N2 GST coordinator.

Lion Martyn Forshaw requested to make a motion. District Governor Jane, I would like to table the following motion for the new Lions year 2021 – 2022. The Royal Bank of Canada be appointed as the official bank of record for the Lions year 2021 – 2022. Second – that the appointed signing officers for the Lions year 2021 – 2022 be incoming District Governor Lion David Hunter, incoming 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Bill Bruhm, and myself as the incoming Cabinet Secretary Treasure.

Motion by Lion Martyn Foreshaw (Bedford), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG John Macfie (Lake Echo)

Motion Carried

Q: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bill Bruhm asked – Will the clubs be able to e-transfer their payments to this bank account? Has this been considered?

A: That is a good questions Lion Bill, I will have to look into that. I don't know if it can be done directly to the bank, but I will look into this and have an answer as soon as I can.



## **GMT Report:**

### GMT Report N2 Spring Convention 2021 Final

We have 69 Clubs. Unfortunately Tatamagouche and District Lions Club 2018 decided to return their charter to LCI. We have a net loss of 48 members' 111 new members have been added. 159 members have been dropped which includes 36 members that have passed away. Nearly 77% of the Lions that left we might have been able to keep.

Our two university clubs haven't been able to meet this year on campus. However Acadia University Lions Campus Branch has remained in communication with Wolfville and District Lions Club. Some of their members have participated in service work as well. They also have helped with tasks involving technology.

Barrington Lions Club has brought 11 former Lionettes into their club.

Amherst Lions Club has worked to bridge their Lioness Club. The paperwork is being sent to LCI for a new Branch Club. I would like to thank Lion Dan Yarymowich for all his help.

Our friends at Lake Echo Lioness Club have informed the Lake Echo & District Lions Club that they will be joining our association as a branch club in June. PDG John, PDG Sharon, President Dwayne and DG Jane were all instrumental in making this happen.

Lion Karen LaVigne and I have been working on starting a Diabetes Virtual Specialty Club. We do have momentum building. The NS Health Authority has sent out our information. Recently we have heard from a few interested individuals. Please ask your medical and non medical friends if they would be interested in joining this specialty club. The rates of diabetes are significant here in NS and we as Lions can really help with this growing health crisis.

May 25<sup>th</sup> we will be having a guest speaker from the states join us. He is doing a Zoom seminar on recruiting. He has suggested that I reach out to Lions that don't always attend all the trainings. The Lions that we are targeting are folks that have been somewhat successful at recruiting in the past. So no titles are required and we prefer grassroots Lions or new club presidents. This is filling up fast (capped at 25). Please e-mail me if you know a Lion that could benefit from this inspirational training.

Not wishing to leave any Lions behind Lion Jodi Burmester from Wisconsin plans on also joining us virtually for a presentation followed by a Q & A. We are waiting

on a date but Lion Sarah will be sending it out and this event will be open to all Lions in the district.

I know many Lions are all “Zoomed” out but having these guest Lions is truly an opportunity for our district. Sharing different perspectives is important.

Just a reminder to all that LCI is waiving the New Membership Fee of \$35 USD until June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a great savings for our clubs. This is the time to bring in new members.

This year has been somewhat challenging. I want to thank both the GMT & DG teams for meeting together monthly and continuing to move forward with our membership goals. I also want to thank all of you that have continued to serve our communities as well as those who have reached to out to our Lions members that have been staying at home. You are the reason that our numbers aren't as bad as they could be.

If any clubs would like a virtual Membership Recruitment Workshop please contact me. One of our team would be pleased to do it.

In conclusion I hope that by June 30<sup>th</sup> we will have formed a total of 4 branch clubs in District N2 this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

ZC Lion Kim Stewart

GMT Coordinator N2

Lion Jamie Harper / PDG Lion Perry Oliver/ Pres Lion Jeanetta McGinley /2<sup>nd</sup> VDG  
Lion Bill Bruhm /Lion Veronica Webb/ Lion Dan Yarymowich

## GLT Report:



### Global Leadership Team



The Global Leadership Team has been working towards training all Lions. The team is trying new ways to teach and stay safe by following the Covid guidelines. It has been a learning experience for all of us. The following is a bit about what we have been doing since the Winter Cabinet and to remind you that we are all here for you. Just ask.

- ✓ Orientation Sessions – the team has held 6 group sessions.
- ✓ Executive Training scheduled to date:
  - 2 President zoom sessions with a total attendance of 18 Lions.
  - 2 Treasurer's zoom sessions with a total attendance of 12 Lions.
  - 2 Club administrator's zoom sessions with a total attendance of 11 Lions.
  - 1 of 2 Secretarial zoom sessions with 17 Lions in attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> session, Second session is on Sunday, May 20 – you can still register, please contact Lion Rhonda Trickett.
  - 2 Membership Chair zoom sessions planned for May 20 & May 25 – you can still register, please contact Lion Bill Bruhm.
- IF you have missed one of the previous trainings and would like it offered again, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- ✓ Zone Chair training is in the process of being updated by International and we will let the District know when we will be able to provide those sessions.
- ✓ The "Nova Scotia Lions Members" Facebook page has 170+ members to date. This is a private Facebook page exclusive to NS Lions to see what is going on within our District. Just search the above title and request to join and see what is happening with Lions near you.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Debbie McGinley  
GLT Coordinator

🌐 PDG Debbie McGinley 🌐 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David Hunter 🌐 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill Bruhm  
🌐 Lion Jamie Harper 🌐 PDG Rhonda Trickett 🌐 PDG Peter Reid

## **Lions of Canada Report:**

Lions of Canada Spring 2021

The Lions of Canada Working Groups want us to become known as the service leaders in our country.

Presently we are looking for a number of Lions to be spokespersons in different areas. All of our global causes require spokespeople and we are building a speakers bureau. There are opportunities to help our working groups as well. There is also a MD position involving advocacy .The Lions of Canada are looking for a Lion to liaise between governments, agencies and our association. We are looking for a community engagement representative and many other Lions to fill a variety of positions.

If anyone would like to discuss these opportunities further please reach out to me.

I would like to remind everyone that there are monthly posters that can be found on the Lions of Canada/Lions Du Canada website and Facebook sites. Every month has a different theme .Lion Joyce Gero won the Lions of Canada Facebook contest a few months ago. Please join the Lions of Canada/Lions Du Canada Facebook site and start sharing our stories from N2.

Respectfully Submitted,

ZC Lion Kim Stewart

Lions of Canada Marketing Working Group Member

**LCIF Report:**

**LCIF Report  
Winter Cabinet Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Zoom**

DG Jane, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill, CST Peter

LCIF is battling the same situation as everyone else, working with the new normal. They are thinking outside the box, trying to raise the much-needed funds to ensure they are ready if disaster strikes.

There are many ways to support the Foundation. Model Club, 100 – 100 Club, Campaign 100. These are just three of the ways you can show your support. Donate what you can, as every little bit helps.

It has been a challenging Lions Year, from scattered visits, Zoom calls (new normal), to a change in service projects (if any). We continue to hold monthly meetings receiving up to date information. There are also monthly webinars (Foundation Friday's) that are open to any lion. The following link will take you to the website area to register for the webinars  
[www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center/events#upcoming](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center/events#upcoming)

Remember, the Melvin Jones recipients recognition night on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm CST (8 – 9:30 pm ADT). Nominations are to be submitted before June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The status of installments is over \$48,000. Some clubs have enough to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellowship that is unnamed.

I would like to thank all the clubs who have donated to LCIF this year. I have received one donation to the Lions Share Program, and 10 of our 69 clubs (14.49%) have donated for a total donation of \$5,121.32. Remember, it is not too late to donate.

- Lions Share Program
- Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Any donation is never too small

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Rhonda  
LCIF Chair

## Information on the Lions Share Pins

### Lions Share Pins

Pin recognition starts at \$50 and this is a one-time donation giving during the current year.

Three levels of support with Lions Share Pins

- 1-Star Pin: US\$50
- 2-Star Pin: US\$100
- 3-Star Pin: US\$200



#### US\$50

Donors contributing US\$50 annually receive a one-star gold Lions Share Supporter lapel pin.



#### US\$100

Donors contributing US\$100 annually receive a two-star gold Lions Share Supporter lapel pin.



#### US\$200

Donors contributing US\$200 annually receive a three-star gold Lions Share Supporter lapel pin.

### Information About Lions Share

Lions Share is an annual program that recognizes individual donors for three levels of support: US\$50, US\$100 and US\$200. Lions Share donations are MJF-eligible and used to support LCIF humanitarian grant programs.

Clubs are awarded a 100% Member Support banner patch and chevron when every member makes a minimum contribution of US\$50. For each subsequent year of 100% Member Support, clubs receive a chevron.

100% of donations made to LCIF are used to support grant programs, allowing Lions to help the world on a larger scale and do more than they could on their own. By becoming a Lions Share supporter, you'll be helping enhance the service of Lions—like you—everywhere.

# Join us for an Evening of Celebration !!



Lion Melvin Jones



The Campaign 100 team would like to invite you to special evening of recognition.

On June 9th, 2021 from 6:00pm -7:30pm CST, we will be recognizing lions who have achieved the esteemed recognition of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The MJF/PMJF program is the backbone of our foundation. Presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Our special guest Master of Ceremony for this event will be **Third International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill**.

## ***You're Invited:***

***June 09, 2021 at 6:00pm to 7:30pm CDT***

*If you have not yet made your donation, to be a part of this amazing event, there is still time!*

*Please submit your Melvin Jones nominations before June 3, 2021, or contact your local district coordinator to make sure your nominee is included in this amazing event. To register, please click link below :*

***<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1408295589567674896>***

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.*

## **Lions Quest Report:**

Lions Quest Report  
NS Convention (Zoom)  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 201

DG Jane, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill, CST Peter,

We have been very busy with Lions Quest, even though we can't meet in person, we have monthly zoom meetings. Since my report at the Winter Cabinet meeting, the new virtual Community Workshop is almost complete. We have had some very good discussions, with some very valuable information being exchanged. Lots of new ideas for next year. Most areas across Canada are having the same issues this year with getting into the schools. Donations are way down this year.

First, I would like to thank all the clubs who have donated this year, and to say, it is not too late to make a donation. You can make a donation, or you can purchase a Lions Quest Fellowship for \$500.00. The Fellowship is an honour given to individuals who truly care about Canadian Children.

Next year, I am planning on setting up a committee to work with me during the year. If you are interested, send me an email and I will be in touch over the summer.

As soon as the restrictions are relaxed, I will be having a meeting with the community Policing Officer and the new minister of Education. D A R E was a program in the schools, which has since dissolved. I am hoping the community Policing Officer will agree that Lions Quest is an acceptable replacement.

Lions Quest Canada promotes positive youth development in Canada which is an approach that focuses on the strengths of the child supported by caring adults, neighbourhoods and schools. This approach promotes healthy development, leadership skills, personal and social responsibility and also helps prevent negative risk-taking behaviours like drug use and violent behaviour including bullying.

Lions Clubs can help make a difference by –

- financially supporting Lions Quest Canada on a regular basis by budgeting for a donation on an annual basis,
- sponsoring Lions Quest Canada Fellowships for deserving Lions and community members, and
- organizing and promoting events & programs for your schools & community.

The most important difference that Lions Quest Canada can make is as a champion for encouraging individuals to take action and do their part, whatever that part may be as a



friend, mentor, coach, teacher, neighbour, care giver, or community member to influence the positive development of our children and youth.

Your generous support is appreciated and allows us to fulfill our mission, to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to develop capable young Canadians of strong character.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Rhonda  
District Lions Quest Chair

### **Lions Foundation of Canada:**

Lion Linda Baltzer sent out an e-mail saying that she would not be available this weekend and sends her regrets. If anyone has any cheques to give her, just let District Governor Jane know and she will let her know and Linda will reach out to you. Thank you very much.

PDG Frank – The Wolfville and District Lions Club will be donating \$6,000.00.

Lion Dave Manning – Just a reminder that the pet value virtual walk for Dog Guides in support of the Dog Guide Program is on. If any group not actually doing a walk, but would like to support you can go to [www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com) and make a donation. Anything will be gratefully accepted.

Lion Jamie Harper – The Bedford Lions Club has not contributed to a Dog Guide since the late 1980's, and as part of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – we have made a commitment to support all of our primary causes and Foundations. So, I am happy to report that we are donating \$6,000.00 towards a dog.

### **Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia Report:**

LFNS Report  
07 May 2021

The Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia had held 2 virtual meetings by Zoom over the last year due to the pandemic.

The Directors are still promoting the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia where they can but with all the restrictions, it is hard to get donations if you are not meeting.

The Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia is still here to help with humanitarian needs that benefit the entire province of Nova Scotia.

At our last Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia meeting, we as a board recommended to donate another \$1,000.00 to Ronald McDonald House.

I move that the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia donate \$1,000.00 to the Ronald McDonald House for DG Jane's project dated 15 May 2021.

Motion by PCC Peter Reid (Eastern Passage Cow Bay), 2<sup>nd</sup> by PCST Ken MacKenzie  
(Hantsport and District) Motion Carried

Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Peter Reid  
Chairman  
Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia Zone 11

Thank you and thanks to the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia.

This has been a year like no other. We have all had to adapt to new ways, whether we liked it or not. This is not what I had in mind when I ran for district governor. Yes, there has been some disappointments, but I can honestly say that I have enjoyed my year. My District Governor visits were my favourite. I know they had to be cut short and I never got to all the clubs. And it does not look good to start them back up anytime soon. To the clubs that I have visited, Thank you from Lion Wendy and myself. You made them very memorable, and I will cherish them forever.

To the clubs that I never had the opportunity to visit, one day I will make it to one of your meetings. It might not be this year, but I will do my best to make it to one in the future. A wise Lion once told me to speak and act from the heart and I could not go wrong. That is what I have strived to do this year. Lionism is an important part of my life and I believe we all have Lionism in our hearts. That we give selflessly of our time and energy to make the world a better place.

To my District Team, Thank you for all your support. I could not have done it without you.

To the Lions of District N2, I am so proud of each and everyone of you. You have all stepped up and did the best you could over the past year. Thank you for all your support and I look forward to the next month and a half as your district governor.

Please stay safe and always remember "WE SERVE"

CST Peter Reid reminded all who gave a report to send it to him if you haven't already, and DG Jane would like to see a copy of them too.

Thank you very much everybody for coming out today. I appreciate it. I know – I say a little bit longer – but its not the normal to say the least.

Adjourned by PDG John Macfie at 12:10 pm.

PDG Sharon – DG Jane, I would like to thank you for a wonderful year and all the effort you have put into it. It has been very, very trying. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

DG Jane – Thank you for your kind words. I wish you all the best. Stay safe and we will get together and have one big \_\_\_\_ party that we can get together and celebrate.

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**5 May 2021**

**District Governor Jane**

**I am happy to report that the refurbishing of CPAP machines is going well and I want to thank all those clubs for supporting this project. To date we have turned in 517 CPAP machines to the NS Lung Association. Thank you and stay safe.**

**L/Jan  
CPAP Chairperson**

## **Diabetes Awareness Report**

### **Spring Convention**

**May 15, 2021**

DG Jane, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Working with GMT to explore the possibility of starting a Diabetes Specialty Lions Cyber Club in District N2.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Karen LaVigne

Diabetes Awareness

District N2 2020/21



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## **DISTRICT HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**DG Jane, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill, CST Peter & Fellow Lions:**

**The District History continues to be up-dated as information is received.**

**The District History can be found on the Hantsport & District Lions Club website at [www.hantsportlionsclub.com](http://www.hantsportlionsclub.com). Just click on the link in the Heading marked "District N2 History".**

**We are always looking for more information about OURS and YOURS 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.**

**Many Clubs have still not supplied me with a brief history of their Clubs and we would appreciate receiving the information so it is not lost over the years.**

Lions!! Remember this is your History and we are always looking for more information about our District's History. but we can't do it without your assistance.

**Yours in Lionism**

**Lion Ken MacKenzie PCST**

**Chairman**



### **District N2 Leo Advisor Report**

#### **“Can you hear those Lions roar?”**

Unfortunately, our roars have become a soft meow. I had so hoped that at this point in the year clubs could be making firm plans for the opening up of schools in September. But now is not a time when we can make firm plans, as we have learned that conditions can change in a heartbeat.

Conditions will change at some point in the future though, and I encourage clubs to not lose hope and to make a strategic plan for the development of a Leo Club in their local high school. Clubs who have had a Leo club in the past will need to think about their rebuilding of those clubs, for the Leos are our future.

Because the Leos are so important, I wanted this message to go out on its own, so I have waited until after Spring Conference to send it.

So take heart, stay safe, and become a Leo supporter!

Deb Featherby

Leo Advisor

## **Nominating Committee Spring Cabinet Report District N2 MAY 15 , 2021**

### **Committee Members:**

Adrian Boudreau, Louisdale Lions Club (Chairperson)  
Dave Stroud, Antigonish Lions Club  
Pat Wentzell, New Germany Lions Club

Nominating committee has Nominations for DG 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

Lion David Hunter Chezzetcook & District for DG for District N2

Lion Bill Bruhm Bridgewater & Area for 1<sup>nd</sup> VDG for District N2

Lion Joyce Gero of Truro & District for 2<sup>rd</sup> VDG for District N2

All Nominations has been closed for the 2021 - 2022 District Governor Year

Nomination report by Chairperson Lion Adrian Boudreau  
Louisdale Lions Club  
May 15 2021

### **Lion Pat Nixon District Speak Out Chairperson Report to District N2 Convention 2021**



DG Jane Gregory, Lions of District N2;

Wow!! What a strange and challenging year this has been! Bravo to all Lions and clubs in the District for navigating through all the changing provincial pandemic protocols to still provide service and support to our communities. I would also like to thank DG Jane and the District Leadership team for a successful year despite the unprecedented circumstances. Great Job!!

Will there be a District Speak Out next Lions year? I hope so but that will depend on the state of the pandemic, restrictions in place, comfort level of the clubs and participants, etc.

There is no certainty that the pandemic will end by next fall or that any pandemic protocols put in place by the NS government would permit in-person Speak Out competitions moving into the next Lions year. I guess a lot will depend on the success and completion of the vaccine rollout over the summer and into the fall.

Shortly I will be sending out a Questionnaire to all the Zone Chairs, asking them for any ideas to hold the competition next year, identify which clubs in their Zones have access to a stable (high speed?) internet connection, which clubs have (or could access) the technology and knowledge to hold a ZOOM competition. It will only be with the participation and feedback by all that we may be able to hold a Speak Out competition next Lion's year, so your cooperation is important.

In April, I started a review of the current policy for our District Speak Out competition and sent out an email to all the clubs asking for feedback, suggestions, and ideas on how to improve or grow participation in the Speak Out competition. The deadline for feedback is May 31<sup>st</sup>, please take the time to consider any suggestions.

At the end of May, I will be touching base with the MD 4 (California) Chairperson for their Statewide Public Speaking Competition which is similar to ours. When I last talked to them, they were trying to see how (or if) they could hold their competition, including use of ZOOM or similar platforms during the pandemic This will be a lessons learned exercise to gain their ideas on what worked and what didn't.

On another note, I have been in discussions with Eastlink TV (Community programming) regarding the possibility of recording and broadcasting our District Speak Out competition once we can hold in-person competition at the District level.

I had a positive and productive discussion with Mr. Dale White, Producer, which garnered his support. He is now in the process of raising this up through the Eastlink TV hierarchy for further internal discussions. Two options may exist if this is approved, either a highlight or expose on the Eastlink Magazine TV Show or a complete broadcast of the competition as a specific community TV event.

If they decide to have it as a "event" I will be asking if they can also broadcast over the internet. More to follow on this as things evolve.

Respectfully submitted,



Lion Pat Nixon  
Speak Out Chairperson  
District N2





### **Zone 3B**

We have no reports for Zone 3B as we are totally shut down.  
All our reports are piggybacked off our last reports and regular donations are still in place and all Clubs have shut down for now.  
We will continue serving Lionism.

Always in Lionism  
ZC Catherine

### **Zone 5**

Zone 5 Report Spring Convention 2021

Canning Lions Club – Holds fundraising Bingo.

Houses Food Bank

New Minas- Still is a club and meets

Port Williams- Donations to local families

Fundraising meals

Hantsport –Radio Bingo

Donated to local church

Delivers to locals that aren't able to go out during the pandemic

Windsor- Radio Bingo

Loans medical equipment

Wolfville – Fundraising breakfasts and takeout dinners

Feeds students that are food insecure at 4 local schools on the weekends.

NS Cyber Lions Club Branch- Held fundraising International Women's Day

Collecting trash in ditches /roadside

Respectfully Submitted

ZC 5 Lion Kim Stewart

## Zone 6

# District N2 Zone 6 Report – NS District Convention 2021

DG Jane/Lions:

Since the Winter Cabinet meeting back in February we are now in the midst of the third wave of the COVID pandemic, adding yet another dimension to what has certainly been an extraordinarily challenging year to be a Lion! Kudos to all the clubs and Zones in the District as they strive to serve their communities while keeping their members and members of the community safe!! Congrats to you and your team this year as well!!

Zone 6, being in the Western Zone of the province, has been very lucky this pandemic year with perhaps, as Realtors say “its all about Location, Location, Location” being at the forefront as an enabler, allowing our clubs to operate with some degree of certainty and continuity, albeit at a reduced pace and frequency. All clubs have been meeting and conducting some fundraising and service activities as best they could. As Zone Chair, I am very proud and appreciative of the club's efforts to continue to “serve” throughout the pandemic year and was impressed with the innovation and adaptations they came up with to overcome obstacles to service.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, I held my third and final Zone meeting of the Lions year at the Kingston Lions Club with 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave Hunter as our guest speaker. All Zone 6 meetings this year were held in-person, however, in addition to me, and a guest speaker, only the Presidents, Secretaries and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-presidents of the clubs were in attendance to stay within Covid gathering/meeting protocols. This format worked well and allowed for a variety of topics to be discussed, the sharing of ideas and best practices in addition to the normal “president’s reports” about their club’s activities.

All clubs in the zone are hoping to eventually resume the “traditional” zone meetings when we emerge from the pandemic, but I anticipate that the Zone meetings moving forward in this Zone will be a hybrid of what occurred this year and what we have traditionally done, pandemic protocols and club comfort levels permitting.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Zone 6, in conjunction with the District, hosted an in-person Lions Orientation session and MyLion training event at the Kingston Lions hall. It was attended by the DG and eighteen other Lions from multiple Zones. Well received by all, many good discussions ensued over a light lunch and continued after the MyLion training.

The Zone election was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> with myself as the only nominee, being acclaimed to a second term as Zone 6 Chair. A call for nominees went out for the position of Lions Foundation of NS Zone 6 Board member, as the incumbent was completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his first term. There being no nominations, Lion Wayne Little, graciously agreed to remain as the Zone 6 representative on the LFNS Board.

All Clubs have been able to hold elections for the upcoming Lions year, with all clubs having some new faces on their Executive and BOD, three of the five clubs will have new Presidents and Secretaries.

Many “experts” across Canada are expecting a “Roaring Twenties” boom and exuberance once we emerge from the pandemic and the clubs in the Zone are looking at how to posture themselves to take advantage of the opportunities this will present.

The Pandemic has brought both challenges and opportunities which open prospects for innovation and I encourage all clubs and zones to review their operations in this light. Opportunities to serve and support our communities and organization will increase as they resume activities and life in the “new” normal post-pandemic.

Aylesford’s activities have been fairly quiet over the past four months as they adapt to the changing pandemic rules and protocols. Despite this they continue to donate their hall for Scouts, AA and TOPS and have helped several families with heating oil. They distributed twenty-nine Christmas hampers to the needy in the Aylesford area. Hall rentals have stopped for now. Regular and BOD meetings continue to be held and they

continue to welcome new members to their club. The DG was able to attend their meeting in March at which she was able to welcome new members to Lionism along with the club.

Berwick has been successful in renting out their hall to many community organizations and businesses. They were able to hold a highly successful Valentines Take-out BBQ Chicken supper, pre-selling over four-hundred tickets! It was an extremely busy function, but the weather cooperated with sunshine and above zero temperatures helping the Lions who delivered the meals to the lined-up vehicles. Participation in the Valley Lions Radio Bingo continues to provide good revenue. They hosted a Blood Donor Clinic in February with over one-hundred donors showing up. They continue to help those less fortunate, helping with the repair of eyeglasses, helping a person who was burned out of their home, providing heating oil assistance, etc.

Kingston resumed their Community Luncheons with emphasis on take-out and delivery with limited eat-in availability. Although they have paused bringing in new members, they have three prospective Lions waiting in the wings. They were able to assist families with heating oil and groceries, purchase of eyeglasses, power bills, and provided a wheelchair to a senior in need. They have met with the Dept of Health and the NSHA about use of their Hall for vaccination clinics over the summer months. Meetings have been reduced to one regular meeting and one BOD meeting per month until the end of June. They have made donations to Ronald McDonald House, Kids Help Phone, Camp Treasure Chest, Easter Seals and Diabetes Canada.

Kentville suspended meetings in January thru mid-February. As part of planned hall upgrades, they insulated the attic of the club (there was none there!!) and continued with painting the washrooms and kitchen areas, giving them a fresh look. Resumption of their breakfasts has been very successful, with Valentines and St. Patrick's Day's breakfasts very popular. Wednesday Jam Sessions have resumed, giving seniors and members of the community a chance to get out for an evening of music. The club recently inducted three members and they have two more members waiting in the wings. They continue to help those less fortunate, assisting a hearing-impaired person, made donations to the Salvation Army, and collecting eyeglasses.

Coldbrook was active in maintaining their community outdoor skating rink which was heavily utilized by their community wanting to get out and enjoy some fresh air in a safe manner. They have been busy with Valley Lions Radio Bingo which has seen consistently high number of players week over week during the pandemic. They prepped for another season of Valley Drive-in theatre however opening weekend has been delayed. Valley drive-in bingo will be starting once lockdown is done. In support of community organizations, they have made significant donations to Landmark East School, Evergreen Seniors home, both Fire Depts in their area, as well distributed funds for student bursaries. Of note, they were able go make a \$10,000.00 donation to each of ten community organizations in April!!

Zone Six remains strong and committed to supporting each other and our communities moving forward in this pandemic environment. Remember, stay safe, physically distance, wear a mask and wash your hands!!

Respectfully submitted...



Lion Pat Nixon

Zone 6 Chair

## Zone 9

### ZONE 9 REPORT

I would like to report that all 8 Clubs in zone 9 serving Chester Basin New Ross Chester, Bridgewater, Lockeport , Liverpool , Mahone Bay, New Germany , Shelburne and Riverport and their surrounding areas are operating, in good standing with Dues paid. They are having Meetings. The Clubs are providing Service, making Donations and Fund Raising Safely for their Communities. .

I have made personal contact with every club and delivered DG Jane's Information Packages. I have attended in-person meetings and met with key members of the clubs.

We had the 3<sup>rd</sup> zone meetings virtually. Leadership was the focus of the meeting. Selecting a zone Project in support of Autism Nova Scotia.

Membership has seen 16 members leave and 8 new Lions.

Clubs have been encouraged to consider recognizing dedicated members by awarding them with Life Memberships in LFNS, LFC, Melvin Jones Awards and Brian Stevenson Awards.

Clubs have supported LCIF focuses on Sight, Hunger, Youth, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and The Environment.

Clubs in Zone 9 have served their communities with Pride

Through Random Acts of Kindness.

We Serve

Zone Chair Lion Peter Wagner

Zone 9

## Zone 11

Zone 11 Report  
NS Convention (Zoom)  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

DG Jane, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bill, CST Peter,

Zone 11 currently has 82 members. This is a decrease since the Winter Cabinet meeting. We continue to try and increase our membership. We still have four clubs with less than 20 members, although one of the four is currently at 17, and are working hard to hit the 20 mark. All clubs are still active, although two are limited.

This has been very challenging year for all. We have been able to hold our three meetings. Although only one was in-person, we had two that were virtual. A lot of good information was passed on, with a lot of good conversations.

All five clubs in our Zone are located in the Central Zone, and have been under some strict restrictions for most of the year. The clubs have tried to do their best with fundraising and assisting their communities.

Cole Harbour has been able to do a few In-Touch calls. That still collect eye glasses, CPAP machines, and hearing aids. This year tried something new – Candy Grams. Donations to the food bank, Hope for Wildlife, and the Blake Cultural Centre.

Dartmouth have paid for four eye exams and three pairs of glasses. They continue to collect CPAP machines, eye glasses, stamps, and recyclables. Their activity is limited due to the age and number of members.

Eastern Passage / Cow Bay is also continuing to collect eye glasses, CPAP machines, hearing aids, and stamps. They were finally able to open their Bingo after over a year, only to have to shut down after only three weeks. Their hall was used as a

vaccination site for a month, and they continue to loan out medical equipment when required. Take part in the Lions 50/50 draw.

Lake Echo were also able to open their Bingo for a few weeks. They take part in the Lions 50/50, and are working on a Branch Club. Donations have been made to the following projects: a ramp for a member of the community, child with Cerebral Palsy, a hospital bed to a resident in East Preston (with their approval), and to their Bingo caller who had a leg amputation.

Preston continues to assist community members when required. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, they are very limited to their activities. Health and age have been a contributing factor. They are hoping to get back to normal shortly.

Three of Five clubs have completed their PU101 for next years executive. I will be working with the other two clubs over the next couple of weeks.

The main focus this year is to remain a viable resource for their communities. Due to the restrictions, I was unable to visit all the clubs, but I have kept in contact with the clubs to ensure everything was ok.

At our last meeting, we held the election for Zone Chair. Lion Karen Lavigne from Cole Harbour has been elected as the new Zone Chair fir the 2021-2022 lion's year.

We wish her all the best.

Clubs in Zone 11 continue to excel at our motto "We Serve".

Respectfully Submitted

PDG Rhonda

Zone Chair