



**Lions International District N2
Winter Cabinet
Minutes of Meeting
Sat., Feb 19 2022**

- Forum:** Online via ZOOM **L = Lion**
- Recognition and special thanks to Zone 11 Chair L Jamie Harper for the technical administration of the meeting.
- Host Club:** None
Meeting administered from Bedford Lions Club
- Meeting Host:** District Governor David Hunter
- Call to Order:** DG L David Hunter @ 10:00 am
- Opening Proceedings:** DG L David Hunter
- O Canada to be played from a recording (not played due to sound technical issues)
 - Lions Invocation read by 1st VDG L Bill Bruhm
 - Lions Pledge read by 2nd VDG Joyce Gero
 - Minute of silence - deceased Lions & peace throughout the world
- Welcome & Opening remarks** DG L David Hunter

District Governor David welcomed all meeting participants to the online meeting expressing the wish that with pending relaxation of gathering restrictions that the Spring Convention could be held in person. Details of that meeting to follow at a later date.

Voting Procedures:

PDG L Wayne Little

PDG Wayne Little, District Chair of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, read the voting qualification rules & procedures to the assembled meeting:

Article 2 LCI Policy Manual District N2

VOTING: Voting on any matter at District Cabinet Meetings, shall be by duly certified voting delegates. Those eligible to vote are the District Governor, Vice-District Governors, Cabinet Secretary Treasurer, Zone Chairpersons, District Committee Chairpersons, President and Secretary or Acting President or Acting Secretary provided there has been prior written, or email notification to the CST, of all Chartered Clubs and all Past District Governors who are in good standing in a Club in District N2. They shall be entitled to one vote on any matter at Cabinet Meetings.

These Lions extended voting procedures will only be entitled to one vote regardless of the number of positions they hold.

Additions to/Approval of Meeting Agenda

DG David called for additions to the agenda. None were raised by the meeting participants.

DG David then called for approval of the meeting:

Motion to approve: Proposed by PDG Evie Morine
Seconded by PDG John Stoddart

Votes cast: 100% in favour to approve the meeting agenda

Approval of Fall Cabinet Meeting Minutes

DG David called for approval of the Fall Cabinet meeting agenda:

Motion to approve: Proposed by ZC 11 Chair Jamie Harper
Seconded by 1st VDG Bill Bruhm

Votes cast: 98% in favour to approve the meeting agenda

Presentations

All meeting presentations are documented in Appendices B - G. Three of the presentations involved proposing motions for voting on.

Hearing & Speech

District Governor David's on *Hearing & Speech* involved a proposal to set up a District Project to raise \$4,100 (Total cost \$4,400 less \$300 donated privately) for a set of special needs hearing for a 12-year-old boy resident in Sydney, Cape Breton. Some specifics are|:

- The device is a bone anchored replacement hearing for the boy who has one outer ear which is totally deaf
- The proposed device is for the other ear which has some hearing and but which needs the special device
- If the hearing aid is purchased through APSEA (Atlantic Provinces Special Education Unit) it will cost approximately 25% more than what NS Hearing & Speech is charging. Cost is \$4,400 and APSEA has contributed \$300, thus the DG's proposal to raise the remaining \$4,100 through clubs

DG David called for this fundraising initiative to a District Project and invited all clubs in the district to make a donation to the cause to raise the necessary funds to purchase the hearing aids and so proposed a motion to do so:

Motion to approve: Proposed by 1st VDG Bill Bruhm
Seconded by 2nd VDG Joyce Gero

Votes cast: 100% in favour to approve the motion to make raising funds to purchase special needs hearing aids a District Project

Postscript to meeting: CST Martyn Forshaw issued an email memorandum for distribution to all district clubs as to where to direct donation cheques by post, repeated here:

Cheques payable to: Lions International District N2

Mailed to:

District N2 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
15 Story Court
Bedford NS B4A 3R8

2020 – 21 District Financial Statements (Audited)

PDG Clyde Paul presented the audited 2020 – 21 audited financial statements to the meeting participants for purposes of voting on and approving the statements:

Motion to approve: Proposed by PDG Clyde Paul
Seconded by L Peter Wagner

Votes cast: 100% in favour to approve and accept the audited 2020 – 21 financial statements.

LCIF: Matching Grant for a Portable Bedside Ultrasound & Cart for Eastern Memorial Hospital in Canso NS

I do want to let the district know that there is one Grant that is currently in for review and will be going to the Board in May for approval. This is a Matching Grant for a Portable Bedside Ultrasound & Cart for the Eastern Memorial Hospital in Canso in the amount of \$55,480.63. A preliminary review has been completed and the short list of items have been addressed. This is a joint project between the Canso & Antigonish Lions Club to help out the Eastern Memorial Hospital.

And as I mentioned earlier the grant must be approved by the District in case there are any shortfalls in the fundraising process.

I will let you know on behalf of the Canso and Antigonish Lions Clubs, there will be no shortfalls in the amount that has to be raised. The last time I spoke with the LCIF Coordinator for this project they were well ahead of schedule for raising their 50% of the grant money, and they will definitely have it raised in time if they receive the approval of the Grant.

At this time, I would like to make a motion to ask the District to approve this Matching Grant in the amount of \$55,480.63.

Motion to approve: Proposed by PDG Rhonda Trickett
Seconded by PCC Peter Reid

Motion approved

Correspondence

None

Old Business

PCC Scott MacKenzie addressed the meeting on the matter of the Long-Range Planning motion tabled at the Fall Cabinet meeting having to do with district directories, banners & pins and the responsibilities & costs that the District Governor should bear in relation to these items. In sum, the original LRP motion would have put financial responsibility for such into the hands of the District & the CST, it was subsequently felt by some, that all costs and revenues associated with directories, banners & pins should remain in the hands of the District Governor.

On behalf of the Long-Range Planning Committee, I withdraw the original Motion in favour of the alternative Motion which will be put by Constitution & By-Laws.

Motion to approve: Proposed by PCC Scott MacKenzie
Seconded by PDG John Stoddart

Motion approved

The full text of PCC Scott's presentation is available in Appendix I.

New Business

Three motions were tabled under New Business, each previously having been distributed to the district. Two were tabled for voting on at the meeting and the third was a notice of motion to be tabled at the Spring Convention. The details of each are available in Appendix A.

Three motions: (a) Amend to replace wording in Section Q Article 1 in the Policy Manual regarding district directories

Motion to approve: Proposed by PDG Wayne Little
Seconded by PDG Evie Morine

Motion approved

(b) Motion to compensate the District Governor for out-of-pocket expenses – one time issue

Motion to approve: Proposed by 2nd VDG Joyce Gero
Seconded by 1st VDG Bill Bruhm

Motion approved

(c) Notice of motion to be voted on at the Spring Convention – Article 1 - Section E of the Constitution & By-Laws

Closing Remarks

DG L David Hunter

DG David thanked all participants for attending the meeting and that in spite of some of the technical issues, the meeting went well.

With the upcoming pending relaxation of pandemic rules & restrictions, the plan is to host the Spring Convention in person either within a building or at the Valley Drive-in. The host club for this event will be the Windsor & District LC.

Call for adjournment

DG L David Hunter

The District Governor called for adjournment at 11:40 pm.

Motion to adjourn: Proposed by ZC Jamie Harper
Seconded by Lion Veronica Webb

Minutes Prepared by: L Martyn Forshaw
Cabinet Secretary Treasurer
Lions International District N2

February 27 2022

Date of next meeting: Spring Convention
Sat., Apr 30 2022

APPENDIX A

Notices of Motions Tabled

Notice of motion: District Directories

I will move or cause to be moved at the winter cabinet meeting on behalf of Constitution and Bylaws committees the following Notice of Motion

In the District N2 Policy Manual

ARTICLE 1

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

SECTION Q

Delete the current wording and replace with the following

District Governor District Directory

The In-Coming District Governor shall be responsible for creating, managing the funding and the distribution of the District Governor District Directory and may designate someone to assist him/her.

The In-Coming District Governor shall solicit purchase of advertisements in the District Directory from District Clubs and other sources.

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

A copy of the directory will be provided to each of the following officers in District N-2:

Presidents and secretaries of each Lions and Leo club in District N-2

Past District Governors

District Committee Chairs

Zone Chairs

Each club shall receive one extra copy of the directory.

Clubs may purchase additional copies of the directory at a price determined by the In-Coming District Governor. These shall be ordered by prepaid request by May 15th, prior to the printing of the directory.

The In-Coming District Governor, at his or her discretion, may print additional copies of the Directory.

The In-Coming District Governor shall purchase a sufficient amount of District Governor Pins to provide one to all Club presidents, Club Secretaries, District Committee Chairs, Zone Chairs, Past District Governors, and any others at the District Governor's discretion.

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

A minimum of 400 Visitation cards shall be provided for distribution by the District Governor.

The balance of funds, once bills for all of the above have been paid, shall be used by the District Governor to cover incidental expenses that arise that are not covered by International and the District during their term of office.

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

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

Motion to compensate the District Governor for out-of-pocket expenses – one time issue.

For a number of reasons, District Governor David has had substantial out-of-pocket expenses for pins, directories, and so on, that he will not be able to recoup through directory sales. Unfortunately, he will have to bear several thousand dollars of that loss, however, it is believed that, unforeseeably, the pandemic has been the cause of approximately \$1,000 less in advertising revenue than in previous years. For that reason, I move that District N2 make a one-time reimbursement to DG David for \$1,000 of his losses related to directory expenses.

Notice of Motion Tabled for the Spring Convention

Notice is hereby given that I will, on behalf of the budget and audit committee, move the following amendment to the District N-2 Policy Manual, Article 1, Section E, Paragraph 7, at the Winter Cabinet meeting to be held in Kingston, Nova Scotia on February 19, 2022.

That paragraph 7 of the existing article 1, Section E of the policy manual be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

In the event the District Governor is unable to attend the International Convention or Canada/USA Forum at the conclusion of their term of office, the District Governor may opt to attend the International Convention or Canada/USA Forum the following year. Should they not do so, their funding terminates. If sufficient funds were collected in dues during their term of office to send them to the International Convention at the conclusion of their term, they are not eligible to apply to the Special Booster Fund Reserve for extra funds should they have opted to attend the International Convention the year following their term of office. *Notwithstanding the above, District Governors who were unable to attend the International Convention or Canada/USA Forum due to LCI cancellation or travel restrictions may choose to attend a convention or Canada/USA Forum within two Lions years of the lifting of the restrictions noted*

above. Their funding is limited to the amount they were eligible to receive for the year there were District Governor.

Old Business: Presentation by PCC Scott MacKenzie

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Winter Cabinet - February 19,2022

DG David, Lions;

On behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee I will now move to withdraw the Motion which was tabled at Fall Cabinet. Upon discussion at Committee there was no unanimous decision to go forward with the Motion and while the majority were in favour I do not believe it responsible to go forward with dissension at the Committee level. Before I do that I want to just review a few of the discussions that we had on this item. The review of the responsibilities of the District Governor upon assuming office began a few years back when the Governor of the day was questioned on traditional items provided to Lions at Summer DGO and during their year as DG, these items being DG pins, directories, name tags, banners, visitation cards, policy manuals, etc. These items have always been funded by Club advertisements which normally provides sufficient funds to cover the items; however, there was never any formal policy on what the DG should provide or the numbers of these items. It was based on the info the DGE could get from PDG's etc. which could often be conflicting. The other issue was the lack of accountability of funds – the DG could benefit personally or could end up paying for items out of pocket – I'm not sure which is worse, so we tried to come up with a system that transferred the expectations of the district away from the DG while still allowing them some control over their personal items such as the DG's pin.

There are issues with both avenues; for example, over the past few year's banners have become passe which could provide more monies to the DG, on the other hand this past couple of years have provided less funding through ads as some Clubs have cut back expenses in Covid times.

In the end we have decided to accept the proposal from C & By-Laws which at least codifies the requirements that the district imposes on the DG. While the LRP motion put financial responsibility in the hands of the District through a Chairperson and the CST, the C & BL motion maintains the traditional method in the hands of the DG personally which means that the profit or loss accrues to the DG without the necessity of accountability to the Lions of the District. It seems that most Lions are OK with this so therefore I move on behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee to withdraw the original Motion put at Fall Cabinet 2021.

In Lions Service

Lion Scott MacKenzie, PCC

Chair, N2 Long Range Planning

PRESENTATIONS

Numerous presentations were made to the meeting participants followed up with written submissions. Each of the written submissions are included in the appendices of this document.

Appendix B: General Presentations:

- Hearing & Speech DG L David Hunter
- Club Health Assessments 1st VDG L Bill Bruhm
- Succession Planning 1st VDG L Bill Bruhm
- Youth Network 2nd VDG Joyce Gero
- Lions of Canada L Kim Stewart
- Cyber Clubs L Kim Stewart
- District N2 50/50 Draw ZC L Jamie Harper

Appendix C: Financial Presentations:

- 2020 – 21 Audit/Financials PDG L Clyde Paul/L Peter Wilde
Motion to accept the financial statements as presented
- 6-month Report CST L Martyn Forshaw

Appendix D: Foundation Reports:

- LCIF PDG L Rhonda Trickett
- Lions Foundation of Canada L Linda Baltzer

Appendix E: District Committee Reports

- GLT PDG L Debbie McGinley
- GMT 1st VDG L Bill Bruhm
- GST PDG L Frank Hartman

Appendix F: District Chair Reports

- Lions Quest PDG L Rhonda Trickett
- Long Range Planning PCC L Scott MacKenzie

Appendix G: Zone Chair Reports

Appendix B - General Presentations:

Hearing & Speech

District Governor David Hunter

Home Club: Chezzetcook

Lion David Hunter, Hearing and Speech Director

Status Report

Subject:

Hearing and Speech

Date:

19-Feb-22

Districts:

N2

Location:

Nova Scotia, District N2

Key Message:

Working hard to improve sound for all.

Update:

Since the start of the pandemic in 2020 38 hearing aids were fitted. I have heard from folks across the province that they have had word from Dalhousie that they will be completing their fittings in the next month or so. Connecting Hearing and/or their local audiologist will be performing the hearing tests for them to save on travel.

Since the beginning of the program, 25 people, previously fitted with hearing aids, were re-fitted with new hearing aids because their own broke down or were lost. This is huge for the program as folks will not have to worry about what will happen when their hearing aids run their life span. Once you are in the program you are there for life.

During my visits as DG I have raised approximately \$3,800 has been raised from individual clubs throughout District N2. This program would not be as big a success without each of you

To date I have received hearing aids from the following Lion's clubs (See Attached)

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

Hearing Aid Count

Club	#
AFR	54
Amherst	44
Annapolis Royal	12
Antigonish	188
Aylesford	6
Baddeck	14
Barrington	6
Beaverbank Kinsac	45
Bedford	73
Berwick	0
Bridgetown	12
Bridgewater	22
Cabot Trail	4
Canning	25
Canso	2
CB/NR/C	30
Chezzetcook	86
Coldbrook	2
Cole Harbour	19
Dalhousie Campus	0
Dartmouth	19
Deep Brook/Waldec	0
Digby	0
Eastern Passage Cow Bay	61
Enfield & Elmsdale	190
Fall River - River Lake	0
Glace Bay	0
Hantsport	53
Hubbards	7
Kentville	0
Kingston	118
Lake Echo	12
Lawrencetown	17
Liverpool	0
Lockeport	0
Louisdale	0

Mahone Bay	30
Meteghan	0
Middleton	3
Milford	46
Musq. Harbour	97
Musq. Valley	8
New Germany	68
New Minas	0
New Waterford	0
Oxford	0
Parrsboro	14
Pictou	1
Port Williams	0
Preston	0
Pubnico	16
River John	0
River Port	0
Sackville	69
Sheet Harbour	49
Shelburne	2
Shubenacadie	8
Springhill	13
Spryfield	10
St Margarets Bay	37
St Mary's	0
St Peter's	0
Stellarton	0
Sydney	105
Tatamagouche	0
Truro	102
Weymouth	0
Whycocomagh	0
Windsor	37
Wolfville	37
Yarmouth	42
NB - Nashwaaksis	35
NB - Barkers Point Northside	4
Total (Approx)	1954

Club Health Assessments

Succession Planning

1st Vice-District Governor Bill Bruhm

Home Club: Bridgewater

1st VDG Bill combined these two reports with the Global Management Team (GMT) presentation. Please refer to that report.

Youth Network

2nd Vice-District Governor Joyce Gero

Home Club: Truro

Lions Youth Network Report

District N2 Winter Cabinet Meeting

February 19, 2022

DG David, Lions, and guests,

Since our last cabinet meeting the District N2 Lions Youth Network has gained its own logo, courtesy of Lion Jeanetta McGinley. The network has co-hosted a Zoom presentation by young Lion Ash Cee from the UK, thanks to the efforts of Lion Kim Stewart, District N2 Cyber Club Branch. During his talk, Lion Ash highlighted some of the differences between the Silent Generation and Baby Boomers, which are the majority of Lions in District N2, and Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z, which will be, without doubt, the future of Lionism, if we give them the chance to be. But there's the rub. We need to give them that chance. We need to bring them in, guide them when we can, and let them choose their own way.

Last month I saw something on Facebook that really got me thinking. It went something like this:

I was just reminded that 1970 and 2022 are as far apart as 1918 and 1970. You're welcome! My parents were born well before 1918. They had a great deal of wisdom and life experience, but their world view did not mesh with mine on many things. It is the same when you look at Boomers and Millennials and Gen Z. The newer generations have different passions, different priorities. Growing up in an environment that changes almost daily due to technology, they have learned to function in a way that challenges earlier generations. As a result, they want to act rather than sit through hours of meetings, communicating primarily through social media platforms. They are far more conscious of food, health, and fitness than we ever were. They do not want to be ignored and they should not be ignored. On the contrary, they should be encouraged and cultivated.

Since July of 2021, District N2 has lost 25 Lions to death and 124 for other reasons. We have gained 62 new members during the same period, for a net loss of 87. Our current membership is 1,652. If that trend continues, we have less than three years before our membership falls below 1250, the requirement to maintain a district. Do we want that to happen? I think not. I implore you. Bring in new members. Bring in young members. Give them a reason to want to stay and allow them to build on what they know. The future of Lionism depends on it.

Lions of Canada

Lion Kim Stewart

Home Club: Wolfville

Lions of Canada Winter Cabinet Report Feb 2022

Our committee continues to support the Lions of Canada.

We are looking for photos for posters and Public Service Announcements.

Release forms are available.

The Lions of Canada Marketing Working Group is continuing with our Facebook Contest.

Tag 3 Lions & 3 non-Lions and add one of the featured monthly hash tags.

I have done a how-to video on creating an engaging Facebook post which also features all the needed steps to comply with the contest rules.

Lions can also share stories on the Lions of Canada page without entering the contest. Let's inform other Lions in Canada of what great work we are doing in N2.

Posters can be found on our website LionsCanada.ca

PSAs will be able to be found there shortly as well. 2ndVDG is working on scripts for our radio bingo.

A national young Lion /Leo TikTok contest will be starting in the spring.

1stVDG Bill Bruhm, PDG Evie Morine and Lion Cyndi Norris are also contributing to various LOC Committees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Kim Stewart

Chairperson of the LOC Marketing Working Group

Cyber Clubs

Lion Kim Stewart

Home Club: Wolfville

Winter Cabinet N2 Cyber Clubs

NS Cyber Club Branch now has 20 members and plans to submit the charter paperwork next week. The members continue to do in person fundraising and meaningful community service. Eight of the 20 members are under the age of 32.

The NS Diabetes Club Branch continues to struggle due to the pandemic. In November before limitations were once again put in place a successful public presentation was held in Wolfville. Both a registered dietician and a nurse practitioner lead the discussion. They had committed to another couple of dates at other clubs but they were cancelled to the restrictions. They hope to be back supporting our local traditional clubs now that things have been lifted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Kim Stewart
Chairperson NS Cyber Clubs

District N2 50/50 Draw

ZC 11 Jamie Harper

Home Club: Bedford

ZC Jamie spoke to the assembly about the current 50/50 draw fundraising project which has been run by the Bedford Lions Club since inception in Sep 2020. Bedford LC will continue to run the draw for the balance of the 2021 – 22 but following would like another club to take on the responsibility for it.

Other options mentioned are to make the 50/50 draw a district project or alternatively shut it down due to not making that much money.

The matter will again be raised at the Spring Convention.

Appendix C - Financial Presentations:

Year 2020 – 21 Audited Financial Statements

Year 2020 – 21 Financial Statements were circulated to District Clubs on Jan 15 2022. Any club wanting another copy please contact Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Martyn Forshaw.

CST 6-Month Interim Financial Report: Jul 01 – Dec 30 2021

Highlights for the 6-month period Jul 01 – Dec 31 2021 are:

Revenues:	Dues:	17,030.00
	N2:	12,295.66
	MDN:	4,734.34
	NS Lion:	4,050.00
	Other:	322.91
		21,402.91

Expenses: **13,402.87**

Net Income: Jul 01 – Dec 31 8,004.04

Assets Held in Financial Institutions:

RBC: 71,019.13
ECCU: 57,796.20

District Dues: Jul 01 – Dec 31 2021: Fully paid

Jan 01 – Jun 30: Invoiced a total of 11,665.29 (no MDN dues) to 67 clubs
24 clubs still owing 3,787.52

NS Lion: 2021 – 22: Invoiced total of 4,050.00
17 clubs still owing 945.00

2020 – 21: Carry forward – clubs owing as of Jul 01 2021:
19 clubs owing 1,050.00

Collected to date: 585.00
Owing: 8 clubs/465.00

Appendix D – Foundation Reports:

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

PDG Rhonda Trickett

Home Club: Eastern Passage/Cow Bay

LCIF

Good day lions, I would like to thank the following Lions Clubs for their donations to LCIF:

Bridgewater & Area
Coldbrook & District
Eastern Passage Cow Bay
Hantsport & District
Kingston
Liverpool
Milford & District
Musquodoboit Harbour & District

Musquodoboit Valley
Pictou & Area
River John & District
Riverport & District
Shubenacadie
Spryfield
Windsor & District
Wolfville & District
Yarmouth

Providing well over \$ 8,000.00 in donations to date.

I would like to do a short overview of LCIF Grants

Before I start, as of January 14, 2022, LCIF has raised 82.8% of the 300-million-dollar (US) goal. \$248,418,178.

GRANTS

There are many types of grants available through LCIF and some lions have misconceptions. I will touch on 6 of them. I will give brief information on each one, and if anyone has any questions, please send me an email and I will get the answers to you. I can send out information to the clubs if requested.

First, I will start with the Matching Grants: (50/50)

Must be two or more clubs involved and has to be approved by the District

There is an extensive process which has to be followed to meet the prerequisites

These are issued three times a year

You must have reached ¼ of the cost prior to the application process and then the final ¼ is required prior to LCIF releasing the money if you are awarded a grant

A lot of details are required

Next, is the District and Club Community Impact Grants. These grants are issues to clubs according to their donations – a lot of clubs are under the understanding that the club community impact grant can help with any project regardless of how much you give to LCIF \$5,000 is the minimum required for a club and \$10,000 is required for a District

Diabetic Grants – You must raise at least 25% of the project cost

Hunger Grants

- Multiple clubs
- Between \$10,000 and \$100,000
- not to purchase food or land
- provide long term benefits

Childhood Cancer Grants

- Multiple clubs
- Between \$10,000 and \$100,000
- provide long term benefits
- serve a large population or Region
- improved quality of life for children with cancer and their families

Vision Related Grants

There have been 23 vision related grants issued this year totalling \$3,434,614

Disaster Relief

I know a lot of you are wondering why there wasn't one done when Cape Breton had all that flooding –

There wasn't a need at the time. Most of what was needed was infrastructure which is not covered by the grant. This is Provincial or Federal issue and when the governments came to see what needed to be done, most of the little things were covered at the same time. There was a lot of insurance claims as well.

As I mentioned earlier, if you have any questions, please send me an email.

I have just touched briefly on 6 of the many grants available through LCIF.

Lions Foundation of Canada

Lion Linda Baltzer

Home Club: Middleton

No report submitted

Appendix E – District Committee Reports:

Global Leadership Team

PDG Debbie McGinley

Home Club: Milford



Global Leadership Team

Winter Cabinet Report 2022

Dear District N2,

The Global Leadership Team will soon be sending out a list of dates for upcoming Information Sessions, MYLCI training and Executive training.

Please note that all sessions are open to all Lions members whether you have a “titled” position or not. We are looking for those Lions who would like to learn more or be mentored into a new position that might be interesting to you.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Debbie McGinley
Global Leadership Team

Global Management Team

1st VDG Bill Bruhm

Home Club: Bridgewater

Included within this report are the Club Health Assessments & Succession Planning reports.

District N2 Global Membership Report February, 2022

COVID continues to impact our clubs and the district but there is a light at the end of the long tunnel. We are receiving reports that clubs are beginning to prepare to meet in person again and soon we will be back serving our communities in a way similar to before COVID. I say similar because none of us can be sure what the new normal is. We know that our district has lost more than 100 members since 2020. Some members were lost due to death. Many clubs decided to remove members who had been inactive or had not paid their club dues. Other members decided to leave on their own, citing the impact on the clubs' abilities to serve their communities, fear of Covid, age, or club culture. This loss of members will make the provision of service to our communities more difficult. Now is the time for club leadership and members to plan for the future.

Some clubs have the challenge to increase their membership. They need to look to the future to see what their legacy of Lionism will be in the community. We lost one club this year due to falling membership. Several other clubs have fallen to a membership of less than 10. Membership materials and offers of assistance have been made to these clubs. It is, of course, up to them to decide if they want to move forward to increase their numbers.

Retention of members is also important. Do your members enjoy being members of your club? Are we, as club leaders, meeting their needs? Are they happy with the types of service being provided to the communities they serve? Do they feel they have a voice in their clubs, especially younger members, both in age and in years with the club? Many of the Lions leaving our clubs have less than three years of service. Are clubs asking themselves why their new members are leaving? Are they asking these members why they are leaving? We need to know what our members think. LCI's document, How are Your Ratings, gives clubs a snapshot of the views of their members. Lions who may not speak up at a meeting must have the opportunity to have a voice. Using this document may tell you that your members are perfectly happy with the functioning of your club. They may offer suggestions for improvement. Don't we, as leaders, want and need to hear their voices? Club membership chairs and presidents will be asked to attend a Zoom meeting on March 5th to discuss these and other issues.

Another issue challenging clubs and the district is the identification and training of future leaders. We are hearing of the difficulty of finding members to step into vacancies at the club level. It is becoming more difficult to find club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. Half of our zone chairs have served their term limit and will need to be replaced for the next Lions year. One zone has been without a zone chair since October as no one in any of those clubs stepped up to take on the role. We all know we have been in difficult times, but we were seeing signs of this before COVID began. The district

needs to know why members are reluctant to take on these roles and what supports they would need to do so. It is better and more effective training? Are we asking leaders to do too much? Do our current leaders not feel appreciated? Do leaders get the support and respect they need from their clubs. Again, how can we at the district level provide what you need to encourage you to step up? Succession planning must occur at the club, zone and district level. Clubs are looking at their leadership slate for next year. Can we identify members who may take on those roles in the future if we provide mentoring and opportunities for job shadowing now? Can we have co-secretaries and treasurers to lighten the load? How can we use the position of club administrator to assist our leaders? There is much to think about, but we must begin now.

Global Services Team
PDG Frank Hartman
Home Club: Wolfville

District Global Service Team Report
Winter Cabinet Meeting February 19, 2022
ZOOM

DG Lion David, 1st VDG Lion Bill, 2nd VDG Joyce, Fellow Lions.

With 8 months of our Lions year just about over Covid 19 is still preventing some clubs from meeting, doing service projects, and raising funds. According to MyLion as of Feb 16th 32 clubs have recorded 859 service activities, serving 70,569 people, volunteering 19,146 hours and donating \$167,072.00 USD.

Regarding the global causes, there were 10 service projects dedicated to diabetes, 14 to environment, 7 to childhood cancer, 66 to hunger and 36 to vision.

Currently, there are still only 27 clubs that have appointed a club service chair. Eighteen of those 27 clubs have recorded service projects. There were another 14 clubs that someone other than a club service chair is recording their service activities on MyLion.

For our clubs', reporting service is the final step in our service journey. Currently, there are 14 completed service activities since July 1st that have not been reported. So, if your club performed an activity and it is complete, please go and report the activity so it can be added to the totals for our district. It is not difficult or time consuming.

Your Global Service Team is Lion Michael Hart, 2nd VDG Lion Joyce and myself as team coordinator. So again, if you need any help with recording and reporting your service and fundraising projects on MyLion please contact us. We are here to help.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Frank
District Global Service Team Coordinator

Appendix F – District Chair Reports:

Lions Quest

PDG Rhonda Trickett

Home Club: Eastern Passage/Cow Bay

Lions Quest Canada

Good day lions, first I would like to say a special thank you to the following clubs who have made a donation to Lions Quest Canada to date:

- Eastern Passage Cow Bay
- Hantsport & District
- Lake Echo & Area
- New Germany & Area
- Springhill and
- Wolfville & District

Remember that each donation is appreciated no matter how big or how small.

There was a letter that was sent out, asking clubs to donate, this was to help get donations to assist with the ability to provide their leadership, knowledge, and resources to help run the program efficiently.

I do understand that the Lions would like to keep their donations within their own District, but without a presentable program to run within the district, the money raised by the District, would not go to what it was donated for. We do have a reserve being held in trust, for when we are able to train teachers in Nova Scotia again. I also have grant money, that would be used to train teachers, that will be turned in after this year. Without donations made to Lions Quest Canada, there would be no program to present.

Remember, a donation of \$500.00 could be identified as a Lions Quest Fellowship to honor a fellow lion or individual who truly cares about children, or you can join the Q-Bear Fan Club for a donation of \$100.00, so as you can see, your donation can be two-fold, an award to a deserving Lion and a donation to help Keep Lions Quest Canada in operation.

If any Club or Zone would like a short presentation on what Lions Quest Canada is all about, please let me know and I am willing to visit your club to do the presentation, or if you would like to have any further information, send me an email and I will answer your questions.

Yours in Lionism

District Lions Quest Canada Chair

PDG Rhonda

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Long Range Planning

PCC Scott MacKenzie

Home Club: Musquodoboit Harbour



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT N 2

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Winter Cabinet - February 19, 2022

DG David, Lions;

I have been asked to Chair the Long-Range Planning Committee for the balance of the year and we've had 1 meeting already to discuss some leftover issues – more on that in a bit. I propose that we use the rest of this Lions year until Convention to chart a path forward for this Committee and I hope that by Convention we will be able to have some sort of questionnaire ready so that Lions can give us feedback on certain topics. We are open to wide ranging suggestions but for the next while I propose to focus on two areas that being, firstly, Finances and secondly, Communications. LRP was tasked by Cabinet to perform an in depth look at District finances some years ago and we need to proceed. Some major work was done some years ago on this and we can use this as a starting point. We will look at aspects of how we communicate with ourselves and with the public at large including our information gathering process and that of LCI's as well to see what tools are available.

Please, we want your input – good bad or indifferent. The last 2 years have been difficult for our Clubs and hard on membership and we need to start reexamining and rethinking how we do business. We will be engaging our Zone Chairs in this process but we want to hear directly from every Lion with your thoughts on how we go forward over the next 5 to 10 years.

Contact me at smackdeb@bellaliant.net or call me at 902-223-1313 with any comments you may have on the future of our District.

In Lions Service

Lion Scott MacKenzie, PCC

Chair, N2 Long Range Planning

Appendix G – Zone Chair Reports:

This section includes only those reports submitted.

Zone 3: Zone Chair Steve Butler

Zone 3 Report

Winter Cabinet Meeting

Good day Lion Martyn. Although covid has restricted our clubs from doing a lot more, all clubs in my zone have been real busy in their individual clubs serving their communities and keeping themselves well profiled by posting on Facebook, the paper, and other means of advertising to the public. To date, all clubs in my zone are healthy and looking forward to opening wider in order to finally continue fundraisers etc.. Any questions, please e-mail. Yours in Lionism-Zone Chair-Lion Steve Butler, Amherst Lions Club.

Zone 4: Zone Chair Catherine Gibson

It has been A challenging start to the new year. Our clubs have closed down and they have just started opening up. Some reports are in and probably there will be another report scheduled to be given in another time as that club has not opened up yet.

Reports as follows. -

Stellarton & Area Lions Club

1. road toll in October
2. Bought hearing aid for a young child
3. Bought a pair of Glasses for someone
4. Gave out 4- 200.00 Gift certificates @ Christmas
5. Made a 200.00 dollar donation to Salvation Army
6. Gave away electric wheel chair that was donated to our club
7. Donated Hot chocolate and served it to the public during the Stellarton Christmas tree lighting
8. Have a Raffle ready to start with donations from local business
9. Traveling to Truro for radio Bingo
10. Collecting hearing aids and Glasses
11. Submitted February 17-22-Dave Rhyno

River John Lions Clubs

WINTER ZONE ACTIVITIES REPORT

February 9, 2022

The following are the activities/projects that members of the River John Lions Club have been involved in over the 4 months:

- 6 members provided Halloween Evening COVID-safe trick or treat activities for River John children at our Lions Den;
- River John Village Christmas Lighting and Decorations Project – carried out in Early December 2021;
- Second Annual Seniors Christmas dinner (December 25, 2021) – 84 people served; 12 members and 2 volunteers involved in meal preparation and delivery; total member/volunteer hours 28;
- RJ Lions Club donated \$100 to a local community member in need to purchase fire wood (Feb 5, 2022);
- River John Lions Foodbank, Pantry and Community Garden project – we have now received \$14,500 in multiple funding grants (Province, 2 Community Health Boards) towards costs of food bank start-up and operational costs (which is soon to be operating out of our Lions Den). Our club was also approved for a \$130,000 Grant through ACOA for construction of a new food bank building – club is currently involved in additional fundraising efforts (Federal, Provincial, Municipal and local community members) required for construction costs; The Lions were instrumental in establishing a non-profit Society (Community Support Society of River John AKA River John Food Bank Society) which is now established with Board of Directors and regular ongoing meetings, which society will take over day-to-day operation of Food Bank, Pantry and Community Garden project; Lions club members will continue

to work towards construction of the new building which will be leased for \$1 per year to the Food Bank Society; RJ Lions Club has donated \$1,000 towards initial start-up costs of the Food Bank;

- Food Pantry – the pantry cupboard was installed on the Lions Den side deck in Mid-October to assist people of the community who need assistance with food security; community support was very generous, keeping the pantry full; it had to be closed down in early January because of cold weather (freezing of liquid items) but will hopefully be reinitiated by the Food Bank Society in April of 2022;
- Lions Playground Improvements – we are still waiting for delivery of wheelchair-accessible swing; 10 members contributed labour to install swing frames on October 30; wheelchair-accessible walkway still to be constructed in the spring;
- Lions Playground Water Park Project – the club is presently investigating funding for construction of a water park in the playground; contact made with land owners (Presbyterian church) to obtain lease of property; fundraising and planning ongoing;
- War Veterans Banner was purchased (cost shared with Pictou and Stellarton clubs)
- Fundraising projects included:

- o Bottle Drive held September 25, 2021 -Net profit was \$1,008; 13 members and 1 volunteer provided 112 hours;

- o Calendars – 300 RJ Lions Club calendars were received with advertisers noted; calendars presently being distributed to community members for free; awaiting advice on # of advertiser, net profit and volunteer hours;

- o Hunting Knife raffle (was held October 31, 2021); \$1,612.25 raised (less cost of tickets – unknown);

- o Firewood raffle (two ½ cords) completed on December 18, 2021; total net funds raised \$517.55; all active members involved in ticket sales;

Submitted February 9, 2022

Lion John McKim

Secretary – River John Lions Club

Always in Lionism

ZC Catherine



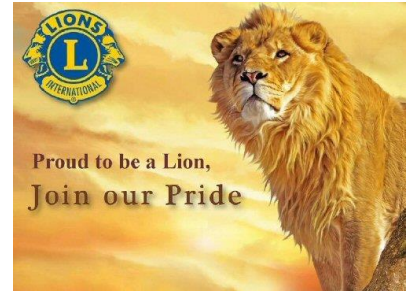
Zone 5: Zone Chair Ken MacKenzie

DISTRICT N2

ZONE



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**ZONE 5 REPORT
WINTER CABINET MEETING
FEBRUARY 19th, 2022**

DG David, 1st VDG Bill, 2nd VDG Joyce, CST Martyn

Zone 5 started the year with 132 Members and we currently stand at 128 Members for a loss of 4 Members. Clubs continue their efforts to attract new members but with the pandemic it is difficult and while looking for new members they are also focusing on retaining the members they have.

With covid restrictions, holding meetings, carrying out service projects and raising funds has become a challenge. Even with the challenges, all the Clubs are active and all Clubs have kept in contact with their Members during the pandemic. The Clubs are providing Service when safe to do so, making Donations and Fund Raising when possible. The main challenge for all clubs in the Zone are the restrictions placed on them by health regulations. Clubs have had to learn to adapt to new ways to meet, conduct business, provide service and raise funds. Club reports indicate they are rising to the situation and living up to our motto.

All Clubs are in good standing and are filing their Monthly Membership Reports on MyLCI and their District N2 Monthly Activities Reports. All Clubs are continuing to collect used eyeglasses, stamps, CPAC Machines and hearing aids.

We have held two Zone Meetings to date with Clubs reporting on their activities and Clubs should be proud of the way they have been handling the pandemic and the service they have been providing. Considerable information was exchanged and discussions took place regarding Leadership, Membership, Service Reporting, Communication and special emphasis on Retention.

1st VDG Bill Bruhm attended our last Zone meeting and spoke on the need for Succession Planning by the Clubs and Zones. Clubs and Zones are experiencing difficulties in convincing members to take on leadership roles, especially President and Secretary positions at the Club level and the Zone Chairperson position at the Zone level.

Clubs in Zone 5 continue to live up to our motto "WE SERVE".

Yours in Lionism

Lion Ken MacKenzie
Zone Chair Zone 5

Zone 6: Zone Chair Pat Nixon

District N2 Zone 6 Report – Winter Cabinet Meeting 19 Feb 2022

DG David/Lions:

Since the Fall Cabinet meeting in October, we have been through the 4th wave and faced the Omicron variant which necessitated increased pandemic restrictions starting in early December through to February 14th. I have been impressed with what each club has accomplished since the last meeting, despite the pandemic restrictions. Their adaptability and the fact that they have continued to serve while protecting themselves and community members from illness is notable.

Since October, all clubs in Zone 6 have been meeting and conducting fundraising and service activities as best they can. Most clubs continue to take a “go slow” approach as they begin to normalize their activities. As Zone Chair, I am very appreciative of the club's efforts to continue to “serve” during these difficult times and am impressed with the innovation and adaptations they came up with to overcome obstacles to service.

On the 1st of February, I held my 2nd Zone meeting of the Lions year at the Berwick Lions Club. As was done at the October Zone meeting, in addition to me, and a guest speaker, only the Presidents, Secretaries and 1st Vice-presidents of the clubs were in attendance as there was uncertainty as to whether the evolving pandemic restrictions would permit a larger meeting. Membership chairs were also invited to this meeting. 1st VDG Bill Bruhm attended and spoke on Leadership issues and the importance to identify and develop new leaders as well as membership. The meeting went well with many good discussions occurring.

This format worked well, as it had last year, 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. I intend to hold my 3rd Zone meeting early in April and anticipate conducting this meeting the same as the one in February as gathering limits will still be in effect that will preclude meetings with large attendance. I have broached the subject of holding a “Zone Social” sometime in June when it is anticipated that gathering limits will be eliminated along with most other restrictions. This would be a great way for the Lions in our Zone to reconnect with each other after such a long time of having to remain apart. More to follow on this.

Progress has been made on our Zone Project of supporting Kings Special Olympics and clubs continue to review draft zone bylaws with an aim to having them approved at the 3rd Zone meeting to be held in April.

Aylesford Lions have continued to support their community, supporting families in need with the purchase of heating oil, glasses, motorized scooter, support to the Berwick Food Bank and the provision of Christmas Hampers to those in need. They, along with the Kingston Lions, planned and carried out a very successful Mommies & Daddies Telethon in partnership with East Link Community TV. While in-person Bingo has been cancelled, they continue to participate in and support the Valley Lions Radio Bingo. A very successful Ticket Auction and Craft Fair was held in December.

Kentville Lions were able to host their popular Jam session until December and were pleasantly “overworked and busy” at their December Breakfast with Santa event. They hosted the District Governor in December and provided 25 Christmas Hampers in their community. With the assistance of grants from the town of Kentville they were able to replace their main entrance door and installed four heat pumps with the assistance of Efficiency Nova Scotia. They provide assistance to a family who was flooded out, two persons who required new glasses and made donations to the Dalhousie Hearing Aid Assistance Program and the Valley Regional Hospital CT Scanner project.

Coldbrook continues to meet on a regular basis and are working at attracting new members. They constructed their ever-popular outdoor skating rink once again providing a great opportunity for families and community to experience a great outdoor activity free of charge. They continue to support their community by assisting with the purchase of eyeglasses, prescriptions gas cards, heating oil and power bills. They distributed 9 Christmas hampers this year and recently paid out two bursaries to local students.

Berwick Lions have held two very successful take-out/drive through suppers, selling out each time raising significant funds for their club. Donations were made to the Valley Regional Hospital, Brigadoon Village, and Berwick food bank. They also provided assistance on three occasions to families who experienced house fires and distributed 29 Christmas Hampers in the community. They supported Blood Donor clinics and hosted Covid-19 testing clinics.

The Kingston Lions club made donations to NS Kidney Foundation, Christmas Mommies & Daddies, Kingston Library, Valley Chapter of Autism NS, 14 Wing Festival of Trees, Legion Poppy Fund, provided funding for free-skating time for families over the holidays, IWK, Alzheimer’s Nova Scotia, etc. They also volunteered to cook 11 turkeys for Pineridge Middle School in support of their annual Christmas dinner for students and staff and provided local schools with hats, mitts, and gloves for those students in need as identified by the school’s leadership. They held an extremely successful two-day Xmas Craft Fair and have continued with our community luncheons. Weekly in-person Bingos have been shut down since early December.

Clubs are gearing up for nominations and elections for club leadership positions for the upcoming Lion’s year. Zone Chair Pat will be stepping aside as zone six chair after having served two consecutive terms and has asked the clubs to encourage members of their clubs to consider nomination for zone chair.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Lion Tom Henley from the Berwick Lions Club on his receipt of a Service award for his work with Canadian Blood Services over 20 years, assisting with, organizing and supporting Canadian Blood Service staff at blood donation clinics held at the Berwick Lions Club. The award was presented in December, and he was the sole recipient from Atlantic Canada last year. See the [Aurora Newspaper article](#) on page five and [presentation of the award](#) by Chris Palmer Kings West MLA .

Zone Six remains strong and committed to supporting each other and our communities moving forward in this pandemic environment. We have been saddened and diminished by the passing of Lions in our clubs since our last report.

Respectfully submitted...



Lion Pat Nixon
Zone 6 Chair
18 February 2022

Zone 7: Zone Chair Linda Baltzer

WINTER CABINET VIRTUAL MEETING
February 19th, 2022
ZONE 7 REPORT

DG David, 1st VDG Bill, 2nd VDG Joyce & Fellow Lions:

Zone 7 has 6 clubs with 112 members, YTD added 5, YTD dropped 20, with a net growth of -15, and a YTD growth of -11.81% (down). A year ago, we had 130 members, which indicates that we need to really work on membership drives in the future.

Out of the 6 clubs, 4 of them are trying to maintain the everyday serving within their communities. I will be having a second zone 7 meeting in March, and will be stressing to all clubs the importance to bring forth to this meeting names of Lions who would like to run for the next Zone 7 chair and also to take over the position in the coming year as Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia chair. This information was sent out months ago and I will be calling each president to do a follow-up.

Hopefully, with the restrictions going to be lifted soon, that all clubs will get back to having normal meetings and get out there into their communities to let them know we are still here as an organization and that we are here to serve!

In the meantime, clubs in zone 7 have been productive as best as they can with their collections of: eyeglasses, CPAP machines, pill bottles, ink cartridges, hearing aids, stamps, can tabs, road signs in each of their areas, wheelchairs, walkers & canes, Lions logo on can tab containers in several businesses, recycling, Facebook page, E-club website, Ads in NS Lions, Middleton & District maintain their Lions Park & their large signage board, Annapolis Royal Lions maintain their Kindness Rock Trail, & several Lions have installed Lions vehicle plates. Some activities & fundraising projects that our clubs have been involved with include the following: Intouch program (installation and removal), Large Christmas Hamper for a Needy Family, Transportation for a cerebral palsy patient to the city for appointment, Christmas tree sales, Christmas gifts delivered to a Nursing Home, Once a month a meal randomly delivered to a senior, Craft sale at a local Legion, worked on provincial/federal grants, assisting seniors shopping, etc., Christmas Tree sales, Valley Lions Radio Bingo, Articles sent into local newspapers to say Thank You for a New Lions Roof, many donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Autism, Groceries, oil & power bills paid for clients in our communities, clubs have loan out equipment needed as wheelchairs and walkers, 50/50 lotto, catered lunch programs in the schools.

One club is restarting up their Bingo at the end of February.

Once again, I would like to say Thank You to zone 7 for their continued support they give in their communities and knowing they will continue to do so through these trying times. The future is definitely looking brighter and hopefully we all can get back to the normalcy we had before this pandemic hit us.

Respectfully submitted,
Zone 7 Chair,
Lion Linda Baltzer

Zone 8: Zone Chair Lorne Cooke

Fellow Lions of N2

From Zone 8

Three of four clubs have all reported minimal activity throughout the Zone. Clubs are continuing regular activities, such as Bingo games, in accordance with gathering and meeting restrictions. All clubs are meeting minimally, reducing the number of supper meetings held and/or holding only one Board meeting per month.

The regularly scheduled Zone meeting for February was cancelled due to more stringent restrictions implemented in Nova Scotia, and it is hoped to reschedule in March when restrictions are expected to be somewhat relaxed.

On a positive note, membership numbers are up in the zone, with net growth this year of 5 members, representing a 3.4% net growth. Activity wise, 138 service activities have been reported throughout the zone, representing just over 3,000 volunteer hours serving 7,000 persons. In the current fiscal year, one club has reported donations to LCIF in the amount total of \$470.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Lorne A. Cooke
Zone 8 Chair

Zone 12: Zone Chair Karen Lavigne

Zone 12 Report
Winter Cabinet
February 19, 2022

All clubs in Zone 12 are back to meeting in person, Zoom and connecting by phone. All clubs continue to collect used eyeglass, hearing aid, CPAP, stamps, and ink cartridges. Zone 12 Christmas project was buying gift for two residents of Region Residential Services Society in Zone 12

Cole Harbour Lions Club – Currently have 8 members (including two members that are going to be part of the soon to be Cyber Club Branch). The club continues to install and service InTouch Emergency Phone Systems. The club has applied for the Federal Government Summer Student Grant.

Dartmouth Lions Club – Currently have 15 members. Two CPAP machines delivered to Nova Scotia Lung in Halifax. 18 Dartmouth lions Air Cadets still meeting, but following Covid 19 guide lines rules, activities and zoom meetings only. Recycle bottles, pop cans, juice containers. Funds used to support purchase eye glasses and eye exam for senior lady. Dartmouth Lions received another request for electric scooter a senior lady who has a mobile issue for getting around outside of her residence. This now enables her do her shopping for house hold items. This machine was regifted by another person who lost their vision and very pleased that machine going to someone in need. Lion member donated Christmas basket for a low-income family of five members approx. cost \$100.00. 2 bags of used clothing donated to diabetes collection bins. Our bottle collection recycle project is still on going at a reduce amount because of the limited number allowed into business.

Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Lions Club – Currently have 32 members with three prospective members. Since the last Zone Meeting the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay Lions Club did manage to keep their Bingo operational until December, when we had to shut it down due to the number of COVID cases in HRM. They continue to advertise in the local newspaper and our face book page. They loan out medical aids when required. They had secured a grant to help with a new roof and an upgrade to our main hall. Work is now completed. Unfortunately, due to the number of COVID cases, they have had to shut everything down. They were supposed to have a meeting on Monday past to discuss the way ahead for the club, but due to the high winds and loss of power we had to postpone until next week. They are in the process of preparing for our 50th Charter night to be held in 2022. Their Guest Speaker is 2nd VP Dr. Patti Hill. More details to follow as they are confirmed if this will be possible.

Lake Echo and Area Lions Club - At our last Zone Meeting for 2020-2021 we had 16 members. Their current membership now totals 34. They are working closely with our branch club as we help them with their projects and they help with ours. They assist us with setting up and taking down our Bingo as well as operating a mobile canteen and holding a 50/50 draw. Helped a

family in need. Gave blankets and pillows to Brunswick St mission. They cut down a Christmas tree for a tree lighting for the community. They also have put many hours on contacting approx. 200 seniors in their community to invite them to a free Christmas supper. Shopping for the needy. Organized and operated a craft fair. Continue to have bingos until COVID-19 restrictions were put in place before Christmas.

Preston and Area Lions Club - Currently have 13 members. They have continued meeting regularly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday and have held Saturday meetings as well. Their club inducted 2 members in November 2021 with Lion Perry Oliver and members from Sackville Lions in attendance. We had our DG visit in November and enjoyed the presentation and video sharing. It was very informative for members and guests. They held our annual Lions Christmas gathering in December during our wake – a – thon fundraiser and contributed to a local family in need for Christmas. They had an upcoming session planned with Lion Debbie Hill on Diabetes that will be held later in the Spring due to current gathering restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Karen LaVigne

Zone 12 Chair

Zone 12: Zone Chair Jeff Crowell

February 17, 2022

Zone 14 Report

The second part of our Lions year has been very different from most normal years. The clubs in Zone 14 have not been meeting regularly due to the ongoing pandemic rules and high risk to the members. This is something that also carried into the zone meeting as most were not comfortable meeting in person. We were unfortunately unable to meet via Zoom as several of our club presidents live in remote areas with spotty internet. Now that the pandemic seems to be subsiding, we will try to have our second zone meeting as soon as possible.

Clubs were still busy during this time with modified fundraising as well as supporting our local communities. Lions figured out a way to have many of their usual fundraisers while staying within the pandemic guidelines. There were Christmas festivals, tree sales, seasonal events held but in a modified way. Our Lions are not only great volunteers, but they are also amazing problem solvers. I couldn't be prouder of the way each club has managed to still be viable in these ever-changing times. We continue to work on recruitment during this period. Some clubs have been successful and I'm hoping that with more meetings and events we can start increasing our membership.

We were visible in our communities helping those in need. Many requests for help with food, heat, power, clothing and even blankets were handled by our clubs. These requests were dealt with in ways that truly reflect who Lions are: caring, humble and always with a reassuring smile. The gratitude shown by those recipients really reinforces the importance of Lions and makes me proud to say I am one.

I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to start meeting as clubs regularly by the end of February and I look forward to getting the next zone meeting set up as soon as possible. Many thanks to the DG and team for guiding us through these unsettled times. It has been challenging but nothing we cannot overcome with a team effort. I look forward to the time when we can all meet in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Jeff Crowell
Zone 14 chairperson