



Minutes DGO - Zoom July 30, 2022

1. DG Bill called the meeting to order at 9:00am
 - (a) O' Canada
 - (b) Lions Invocation
 - (c) Lions Pledge
 - (d) Moment of Silence

Welcoming and Opening Remarks - DG Bill Bruhm

DG Bill welcomed the 70 Lions representing 28 clubs in attendance to today's meeting. DG Bill thanked PDG Debbie and the Milford Lions club for almost getting to host this year's DGO. Due to Covid, once again we have had to move to a Zoom meeting. We need to work around Covid and try to make things work.

DG Bill explained how to ask questions during the Zoom meeting.

Normally at a DGO, we would be able to share things in person but this year unfortunately we cannot do so. DG Bill's theme for the year is

"Let Your Lions Light Shine".

His pin is with a picture of a candle with his theme printed on it. He stated that when we induct new Lions into our Lions Family, some clubs light a candle or light to indicate driving back the darkness in the world. He would like each of our approximately 1600 Lions in District N2, to think how they can Shine their Light and brighten the world. Thanking those that have already done so.

2. Voting Procedures – PDG Clyde Paul

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 and Acting Secretary provided there has been prior written, or e-mail 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.

3. Additions and Approval of Agenda – one addition to the agenda.

Under New Business addition to the agenda (f) Cruise Ship visit

DG Bill asked for approval of the agenda, PDG Bob Lyle moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Lion Kim Stewart. MC

4. Approval of Spring Convention Minutes - DG Bill asked for the approval of the minutes of the Spring Convention minutes. Moved by ZC Lorne Cooke, seconded by ZC Paul LaVigne. Lion Kim asked that the Spring Convention minutes make note that the NS Cyber Club also assisted with the Spring Convention preparations, along with the Wolfville Lions Club. MC

5. International President Brian Sheehan’s message – IP Brian challenged the attendees at the Convention in Montreal to examine and evaluate our current practices and needs of our communities. And to be creative and identify and meet those needs. To consider what we should keep, what we should stop doing and what we should start doing. For as he said, “Think Outside the Box”

Our mission is to put our heads and our hands together to reimagine service. Welcome rookies and their ideas. With good communication and a clear vision, we can do anything. Reinvent projects to make them work, find new ways to combat Global warming. Give recycling a makeover and help raise funds for our Foundations and build a more inclusive world. Together we can rethink how we rebuild after a disaster.

Our mission this year is to innovate, team up and have fun. Let us share our service and our stories. “Together We Can”.

6. DG Bill gave the District N2 Goals for 2022-2023 – Our challenge this year is how are we going to think outside the box? How will we grow our membership and retain the members we have? How will we meet the needs of our community, while meeting the needs of our members? This is going to take a lot of discussion and planning. To assist us, each District is

required by LCI to prepare a minimum of 4 goals on a yearly basis. Focused on Membership, Leadership, Service and our Foundation LCIF.

The incoming District Team met early in the Spring and created the following goals.

1. 70 % of Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Service Chairs and Global Membership Chairs will participate in District lead training by June 25, 2022.
2. 80 % of the clubs in N2 will end the 2022-23 Lions year with an increase membership of 1 over the previous year.
3. Will encourage the Lions to donate a minimum of \$100 to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.
4. 50% of the Club Officer's will complete the club officer training courses on the Lions Learning Centre by September 1, 2022, and each club will report one hour of service per member on MyLion.

And to quote IP Brian or Just Brian as he likes to be called, "Together We Can".

One of the most important steps into reaching these goals is to make sure our members know about them. And so, to ensure these goals get out to the members, this year the visitations will be divided by the VDG's and me. The schedule will be found in the directories which are being distributed by the zone chairs.

Once the club visitations have been completed then the District Team is going to spend the rest of the year working with clubs, assisting those that are struggling, supporting all clubs as requested or needed. Working towards a successful completion of the goals.

You can reach us anytime; all our information is in the directory.

7. Introduction and Comments from District Team:

Each member of the District Team was introduced, and some gave comments on their goals and objectives for the year.

- 1VDG Lion Joyce introduced herself and gave a brief talk on how we can make our Lions Light Shine.
- 2VDG Lion Karen introduced herself and gave a brief rundown on her role in District N2. She is the Diabetes Awareness Chair and reported that Camp Lion Maxwell was not holding a Camp Day this year, due to Covid protocols at the camp.
- GLT Coordinator PDG Debbie McGinley was unavailable today.
- GMT Coordinator PDG Gordon Taylor introduced himself. Has over 20 years of Lionism and is a past district governor from the Windsor Lions Club. He hopes to focus on three things this year. Reactivate, Recruit and Retain. Hopes to get to zone meetings and clubs to assist in any way he can.
- GST Coordinator Lion Wendy Owen reported that her task this year is service. She reported that so far this year 59 service activities had been recorded with 1634hrs. She asks that each club takes the time to record their service on MyLion. We need to continue to brag that we are the largest service Organization in the world.
- LCIF Chair PDG Susan Taylor reported that she had been a Lion in District A3 (Ontario) and Multiple District A where she had been a past district governor. She looks forward to working and meeting the Lions of District N2. Her team is encouraging each club to make a minimum of \$100 donation. She asks that each club considers putting a donation to Lions of Canada for LCIF in their annual budget. These donations can go towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. She is hoping to visit clubs and to meet new people. Her goal is to help clubs do the best they can.

Reconvene after 5-minute break. Continue with District Committee Chairs.

- Lion Cindy Bruhm the Peace Poster Contest Chair asked all clubs to think about participating this year. You need to get your kits in by October 1, 2022, from the Lions Store. Get them early so you don't miss out. This year's theme is "Lead with Compassion". Lion Cindy reminds clubs that are participating to get the winning posters to DG Bill by November 4, 2022. For he must get them judged and the district winning poster needs to be delivered to the Multiple District Council Chair by December 1, 2022. She

gave a brief rundown of the rules and for more information, you can contact Lion Cindy. Her info is in the directory.

- Diabetes Awareness Chair 2VDG Karen reported that she had attended the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation with the Bedford Lions Club in June to promote the Diabetes NS Lions Club. They are still working on getting this club up and running.
- Lion Kim Stewart reported that an online social event is held every couple of months called the Burmeister Bar where they have breakout rooms to learn new things about Lionism. Contact Lion Kim for more info.
- Lion Pat Nixon the Speak Out Chair that he is hoping that we can have all 14 Zones have a Speak Out Contestant this year. A guide had been sent out a few weeks ago by Lion Sarah. Contact Lion Pat for more info.
- District Recycle for Sight Project – Lions had been asking how to get their eyeglasses to Lion Walter. DG Bill said arrangements will be made and CST Jane said she would reach out to Lion Walter and have him make arrangements as well.
- District Pin Chair PDG John Macfie reported that sales have been slow and asked the DG and VDG's to take some pins on their visitations to sell.
- Pediatric Cancer Chair Lion Jeanetta McGinley reported that her team continues to promote a connection with the IWK. She will be reaching out to the district and if anyone is interested in helping to reach out to her.
- Literacy Chair PDG Susan Taylor gave a rundown on her experience with the youth and the Literacy Program. Her goal is for the district to get as many books into the hands of children as well as adults. Literacy is not just effect children. She will be sending out more information via Lion Sarah.
- DG Bill reported that he is working with Lions Quest this year. Lions Quest is a social emotional learning program that is used in many schools across Canada. He is working to get a meeting with the Minister of Education and PDG Frank would like to attend with him. DG Bill reports that Lions Quest is severely underfunded, had not received much funding over the past two years. DG Bill asks that each club consider making an immediate \$100 donation to Lions Quest this year.
- Stamp Chair Lion David Baugil asks that everyone keep collecting stamps and passing them in. He reminded everyone that from the sale of the

stamps, half goes to the Lions Foundation of NS(LFNS) and the other half goes to the Lions Foundation of Canada.

8. Preliminary Budget 2022-2023 – PDG Clyde stated that he and Lion Peter had not been involved in the process of doing up the Preliminary Budget. This goes against protocol. After some discussion it was decided that PDG Clyde and Lion Peter Wilde from the Budget and Audit team would get together and get back to the district via email with the Budget which will be voted on at the Fall Cabinet. DG Bill and CST Jane apologized to the Budget & Audit committee for their error in not reaching out to them. DG Bill also stated that he would reach out to Lion Martyn and get him to turn over the books to the Budget & Audit committee before August 15, 2022.
9. Financial Report – CST Jane reported that there is \$79, 016.18 in RBC account. No cheques or payments have been paid out so far. Still waiting on transfer of authorization at RBC. The first half of the Semi-Annual District dues have been sent out. Will have a more detailed financial report at the Fall Cabinet.
10. Correspondence: none
11. Comments re: Fall Cabinet – PDG John Macfie reported that all plans are going ahead. The registration forms and hotel information has gone out along with the cover letter via email. He noted that Lions are to indicate if they wish to have a social gathering after the meeting or not. Also, no Bar Service during the day. With a possibility because of Covid, no cheques will be cashed until after the event. Book early and take advantage of the discount rate, by September 16th.
12. New Business:
 - (a) Computers – CST Jane reported that the district has bought 2 computers. One for the CST and the other for the NS Lion Editor. CST Jane begged for forgiveness, but we needed these computers as soon as possible. CST Jane moved that we pay for the computers and programming out of surplus funds, second by Lion Peter Wilde. MC
 - (b) Storage of District Equipment – DG Bill asked if there was any club centrally located between Bridgewater and Truro that would have some storage space available for some District N2 equipment. Right now, Bedford has all the trophies and is taking up a lot of their space in their hall. After some discussion, PCC Perry stated that he would take it back

to his club and see if there was anything they could do. It was reminded that we need a dry environment to store the equipment and that we only need the last 7 years by CRA standards for records.

- (c) Partnership with Rotary and Kinsmen - DG Bill asked the clubs in District N2 to reach out to other organizations in their community to partner up for service projects. Some clubs are already doing this but would like to see more involvement. Vice President Patti Hill is encouraging clubs to do this as well.
- (d) Trophies - DG Bill asked the district what we should do with the trophies. Some are in disrepair and need major cleaning. They have not been given out for last two years. He has formed a committee of Past District Governors to see what they can come up with.
 - (1) There is concern that the process of giving out awards/trophies have not been fair.
 - (2) Some secretaries (1/3) do not submit the activity reports even though we have been asking them to do so. Which leaves some clubs/Lions out of the running.
 - (3) We are the only district that uses this format for awarding trophies.

There was discussion and input from members present suggesting ways how we can change the way we award trophies. One way was we could have an application form made for each trophy; this is a suggestion only. It was agreed that DG Bill and the team keep looking to find ways to give out awards and bring it to the Fall Cabinet. Activity reports are important. They give the District Team the information they need when they visit the clubs and show what the clubs/Lions are doing in the district for service in their communities.

- (e) Club Officers in MyLCI – DG Bill requests that clubs get all their club officers recorded on MyLCI. In past years the District Governor or secretaries would receive emails to be forwarded onto the different officers, ie..CSC(Club Service Chair) or GMC(Global Membership Chair), etc. This year that does not happen, they are emailed out directly to the club chairs listed in MyLCI. Clubs could be missing a lot of information.
- (f) Cruise Ship visit – PDG David had received an email from PIP(Past International President) Al Brendell , regarding a cruise from New York

that a bunch of Lions take each year. They were wondering if District N2 would like to host a reception for those Lions. There would be some PID's & PDG's on board, approximately 80 Lions. They would arrive on Thursday, October 20, 2022. It could be a fun social event where pins could be exchanged and meeting fellow Lions and getting Lion wisdom from others. They would debark the ship and go to a local club, where there would be a light lunch there for them. Maybe a little entertainment for them. After some discussion, it was agreed that it sounded like a good idea. DG Bill will form a committee and they will get back to the district.

- (g) PDG Clyde Paul gave a brief report on the Lions Memorial Park in Milford on behalf of PID Len. We now have an incorporated society, "The Lions Memorial Park Society". The municipality of East Hants has donated land that encompasses the park, the only cost was for the registration of the deed. Lion Jeanetta McGinley is the Chairman, with PDG Clyde Paul being on the Board representing the District N2 Lions. Anyone wishing to purchase Memorial Stones contact PID Len, his info is in the directory.

13. Kingston asked about future participation in the Pride Parade as a budgetary item. DG Bill said that we could consider this in the future.

14. Closing Remarks – DG Bill thanked everyone for coming online today. Everyone has been doing amazing things in their communities. Think about why you became a Lion, why you stay on with Lionism, what it means to you. How you can support your club and the District Team. We are all volunteers, and it is important to share our thoughts and concerns. Have an open mind and open heart. Reach out to him if you have anything you want to discuss or share. Open communication is what is going to make us stronger, regrow our clubs and our communities.

15. PDG Lion John Macfie moved for adjournment of the meeting at 12:35pm.