



Minutes
Fall Cabinet – Lake Echo
October 1, 2022

DG Bill Bruhm called the meeting to order at 10:00am with 116 Lions representing 31 clubs and 1 guest from Feed Nova Scotia. There were 3 Baby Lions in attendance.

- (a) O' Canada
- (b) Lions Invocation
- (c) Lions Pledge
- (d) Moment of Silence

DG Bill welcomed all in attendance to the Fall Cabinet 2022. He explained how some Lions could not attend due to the damage Hurricane Fiona had done to parts of the province.

DG Bill thanked those clubs that who have responded to the request to support Lions Quest with a \$100 donation and asked that if any of the other clubs were able to make a \$100 donation, it would be much appreciated. Lions Quest is struggling like other charitable organizations and is in dire need of our support.

He asked any clubs that may still have trophies at their hall or in their possession to please let him know. There are still some trophies missing.

DG Bill thanked the Lake Echo Lions and Lake Echo Lady Lioness Branch clubs and for hosting this event today.

DG Bill spoke about our International President, Brian Sheehan. He is all about “Together We Can”, that working together we do amazing things, we are a Team. To think outside the box, try new things and so this year the VDG's will be sharing the District Governor visits with him this year. So, the three of them will be splitting up the visits to help spread the word of the District Team Goals for this year. We are trying to improve communication, to make you all feel involved, to get all clubs to file reports on MyLCI and MyLion. To speak up and ask if you are having any problems in doing so.

PDG John Macfie welcomed all those in attendance. He made note that we have representation of Lions clubs from Sydney to Yarmouth here today. He gave a run down on how the meal would be done and where the washrooms were, plus what the protocols of the building were.

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, no matter how many positions you hold in the district.

PDG Debbie McGinley motioned for approval of agenda as amended, seconded by Lion Wendy Owen. MC

PDG John Stoddard moved for acceptance of the DGO Zoom Minutes from July 30, 2022, seconded by Lion Pierre Theirron. MC

Financial Presentations:

PDG Clyde Paul and Lion Peter Wilde presented the Audited Financial Report and the Budgeted Financial Report for the 2021-22 year, which was sent out three weeks prior to today's event. PDG Clyde moved that we accept the audited financial report for 2021-2022, seconded by Lion Rob Ryan. MC

Lion Peter Wilde presented the Budget for the 2022-2023 year. PDG Clyde moved for acceptance of the Budget for 2022-2023 year, seconded by Lion Jean Cummerford. MC

Financial report – CST Jane Gregory reported that 63 out of 69 clubs have paid their dues as of October 1st. She made note of what was in the ECCU and RBC as of September 30, 2022 and any outstanding cheques that have not been cashed.

Feed Nova Scotia presentation:

PDG Frank introduced Karen Theriault from Feed Nova Scotia, who would spoke about food insecurity. She thanked all the Lions for their part in supporting the Food Banks and food insecurity.

Karen Theriault went on to show a PowerPoint on Food Insecurity and surveys that had been done. She showed a picture of the warehouse and the food that they collect for those in need. She explained how Feed Nova Scotia reacts to emergencies in the province, like Hurricane Fiona. How they work with the EMO in the province to distribute food to hard hit areas. Karen explained that they are always looking for volunteers to work at the warehouse and to distribute food.

DG Bill thanked Karen, Feed Nova Scotia for coming out and sharing her knowledge about food insecurity and the program.

Foundation Reports:

LCIF – PDG Susan Taylor presented her report that was circulated by Lion Sarah prior to this meeting. She reported that we are in the process of applying for an Emergency Disaster Grant from LCIF for the Glace Bay area. This was the hardest hit area from Hurricane Fiona.

LFNS – PCC Peter Reid reported that he held a zoom meeting with the directors on September 29th. He reminded those present how you can honour your members by purchasing an Honorary Life Membership for \$100 or for \$250 a Foundation Fellowship Award from the foundation. This is our foundation, and all monies stay in our province. PCC Peter made a motion that we donate \$1000 to Camp Lion Maxwell from the LFNS, seconded by PDG John Macfie. MC

LFC – Lion Linda Baltzer reported that there are 7 types of Guide Dogs and that there is no government funding, the only support they get are from our Lions clubs, personal donations, and a few other community minded partners. Her report was passed in. Lion Linda mentioned that they are looking for her replacement for next year as she will be finished with her term next Fall. For you to send in your resumes to her, if interested in this position and interviews will be done. Lion Linda thanked the Lions of Nova scotia for all their support over the last three years. A couple of clubs presented Lion Linda with cheques for the Foundation. The Windsor & District Lions club donated \$5000 for the puppy program in honour of a recently deceased Lion. The Kentville Lions Club had donated as well.

District Committee Reports:

GLT – PDG Debbie McGinley gave a brief report and asked for all Lions to look for our new Leaders. Reach out to your zone chairs if you want any training by Zoom or in person for any position in the district. She is there with her Team to assist you.

GMT – PDG Gordon Taylor gave a brief report, saying that we have added 31 members but have dropped 41, which gives us negative membership growth. He is hoping that we can meet the District Governor's goal this year with a membership growth of 1 new Lion from each club this year, making the total net growth of 69 by the end of June. He made note that one club had not reported on MyLCI since September 2020 and another since October 2021. His full report has been circulated via email by Lion Sarah.

GST – Lion Wendy Owen gave a brief report on what the Lions Clubs of N2 have been doing over the past few months. She stated that 20 Lions clubs in District N2 have served 6090 hours in July and August this year. She explained why it is important to enter your club's service work on MyLion and what is considered service.

Correspondence:

Reminder that CST Jane's address is PO Box 598, Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0.

District Reports:

Winter Cabinet – Lion Jamie Harper reported that the Winter Cabinet will be held in Bedford on February 11, 2023. When the forms come out to register as soon as possible.

LCIF Matching Grant – PDG Rhonda Trickett reported that last Spring when she was the LCIF chair she was asked to apply for a matching grant from LCIF on behalf of the Canso and Antigonish Lions Clubs to purchase a piece of equipment for their local hospital, a bedside ultrasound and cart. The funds have been received and given out, so we need a motion to complete this grant. PDG Rhonda Trickett motioned for the district to make a closure of the Matching Grant of the amount of \$55,480.63, seconded by Lion Jamie Harper. MC

12pm – Lunch Break – Tail Twister Fine collected was \$336.45 and was rounded up by an anonymous donor to \$340. Which was designated to Feed Nova Scotia by the Lake Echo Lions Club.

Rose Bowl and Results:

3rd Place – Truro Lions Club – 570 points

2nd Place – Cole Harbour Lions Club – 701 points

1st Place – Windsor & District Lions Club – 1341 points

Reports continued:

Literacy – PDG Susan Taylor informed those present of the Scholastic book program and First Book Canada. She also encouraged all clubs to look at these programs and think of purchasing books to give to our youth. If you need more information reach out to her, her info is in the directory. Her full report was submitted by email and circulated by Lion Sarah.

Lions of Canada – Lion Kim Stewart informed those present that 1VIP Patti Hill was arranging a gathering on Parliament Hill. She also encourages all Lions to look at the Lions of Canada Facebook page for more information. There is also a Lions of Canada website, you can visit too.

Hearing & Speech – PDG David Hunter reported that the Hearing & Speech program is still on the go, but they are not taking on anymore clients at this time.

Long Range Planning (LRP) – PCC Scott MacKenzie introduced the Lions on the Long Range Planning Team and presented a PowerPoint that was put together from the survey he had sent out earlier in the year.

Zone Chair Reports were passed in by email. Received reports from Zones 6, 12, 13, 14

New Business:

Lions Memorial Park – PDG Debbie McGinley presented a report on behalf of Lion Jeanetta McGinley who is part of the Lions Memorial Park Society.

Credit Card – CST Jane Gregory asked about inquiring about getting a credit card for the CST's use to purchase items needed instead of using personal money. It was explained that Lion Peter Wilde, Budget & Audit of the committee had agreed that it was a good idea and would not be hard to track the usage. After some discussion Lion Debbie McGinley moved that we support the district with the purchase of a credit card with a maximum of \$1000 for the CST's use, seconded by Lion Kim Stewart. MC

Closing Remarks – DG Bill thanked everyone for attending and go and serve.

Lion Pierre Thierrion moved for the adjournment of the Fall Cabinet, seconded by Lion Bert Thompson. MC