



SPRING CONVENTION MINUTES

29 April 2023

Lawrencetown, NS

(Reports attached at bottom of minutes)

DG Bill called the meeting to order at 8:30 am with 144 Lions in attendance representing 38 clubs. Along with ARCHIE, from the Annapolis Royal Club.

DG Bill welcomed everyone to the 2023 Spring Convention. Giving regrets from the guest speaker, ID Dianne Pitt and that she will be attending the banquet via zoom.

- (a) O' Canada
- (b) Lions Invocation
- (c) Moment of Silence for deceased members of our Lions family and those around the world.

DG Bill began by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet), and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

DG Bill thanked everyone for coming out and the importance of attending these meetings because it is where decisions are made. It is also a place to learn from others. He acknowledged those that had been a Lion for a year or less and how pleased that they had come out to join this event. DG Bill explained that since the day before, the district is up 59 members. We are on the positive side, even though we had lost some. He explained that his goal for the year was to have 69 new members and so we are only 10 members away from that goal. He reported that one club in the district is closing but another one, a branch club with the Bedford Lions Club will be starting up soon. They are going to concentrate on Dog Guides. He encouraged everyone to keep spreading the word about Lionism, that is how we draw more members in. To focus on our communities and community members.

Hearing for All – PDG David Hunter introduced his guest speaker, from the Dalhousie Audiology department. The guest speaker then gave a brief overview of the program and the partnership with the Lions clubs.

Lion Jane Gregory, the Convention Chair welcomed everyone to Lawrencetown and explained the protocols of the school. Lion Jane thanked the Middleton Lions club for hosting the Meet & Greet and on behalf of the Kingston, Middleton, and Lawrencetown Lions Clubs that we have enjoyed working together on this convention. She encourages other clubs to do the same. Many hands make light work.

Voting Procedures – PDG Clyde Paul

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.

Amended Agenda – PDG Evie Morine motioned for approval of the amended convention agenda, seconded by PDG Sharon Dykeman. MC

Winter Cabinet Minutes – Moved by Lion Jamie Harper for the approval of the Winter Cabinet minutes as circulated, seconded by PDG Debbie McGinley. MC

Winter Cabinet Report – Lion Jamie Harper moved for the approval of his Winter Cabinet report, seconded by Lion Linda Baltzer. MC (A total of \$2156.00 was donated to breast cancer research with the generosity of the lions in attendance and from the meals.)

50/50 Proposal – DG Bill gave a brief update on the status of the proposal given to the Lions of District N2, since he last reported. After some discussion, DG Bill informed all present that the District Team and PDG's recommended that we do not move forward with this project. It was moved by PDG Clyde Paul, seconded by PDG John Macfie that we do not move forward with the 50/50 proposal. MC

Financial Report – CST Jane reported that as of April 28, 2023 that one club had not paid their second half of the semi-annual District dues.

In the RBC account there is \$81,521.85, no cheques outstanding.

In the ECCU account we have \$24,970.40 in a Personal HISA, \$33,492.57 in a 3-year Escalator and \$5.37 in Equity Shares. Total of \$58,468.34.

DG Bill asked for approval of the Financial Report. Moved by Lion Dan Yarymowich, seconded by Lion Cliff Thompson to accept the financial report as presented. MC

GLT Report – DG Bill reported that back in January an email had gone out for all club officers to be inputted by April 14th. He also reported that the training sessions has been suspended for now and the team will be reorganizing how to get the training out to everyone. This was due to lack of registration for training from the email he had sent out weeks ago.

GMT Report – PDG Gordon Taylor reported that the membership growth has continued to grow since his last report. (Full report will be added to the minutes.)

GST Report – Lion Wendy Owen will be sending her report in and will be added to the minutes.

Morning Coffee Break 9:45am – 10am

Speak Out Contest – Lion Pat Nixon presented the 3 students that gave their speeches.

Rose Bowl – DG Bill called for the Rose Bowl.

3rd Place – Cole Harbour - 681

2nd Place – Windsor - 823

1st Place – Beaver Bank- Kinsac – 1673

District Pin Report – PDG John Macfie reported that pin sales were going slow but invited all to come visit him at his table. He also informed those present that this will be his last year as a Lion and thanked everyone for their support over the years.

Lions of Canada – Lion Kim Stewart reported that 30 Lions went to Capitol Hill representing the Lions of Canada. Lions of Canada are trying to get matching funds or money for the Lions like the Red Cross. Lions of Canada are looking to have raining for Lions to be able to work with there provincial government officials.

Lions Foundation of Canada – Lion Linda Baltzer reported that they have been very busy with the client list and breeding program. She reported that DG Bill has had his name submitted as the next District N2 Director for the foundation, upon approval of the Board of Directors for the Foundation. (Full report attached)

The following clubs presented cheques towards the dog guide programs.

New Germany - \$12,000 in memory of Lion Lester Wentzell

Berwick - \$5,000 of their commitment over next 7 years

Aylesford - \$12,000

Chezzetcook - \$3,250 from the bingo players of Chezzetcook

Riverport - \$?, balance of their pledge last year

Wolfville - \$6,000 in memory of Lion Patti McBay

Total of \$38,250

DG Bill thanked Lion Linda on behalf of the district for her representation of our district over the last 4 years.

Lions Foundation of NS – PCC Peter Reid reported that the foundation would like to donate \$5000 to the IWK Telethon being held this summer. Moved by PCC Peter, seconded by Lion Paul Burgess. MC

The foundation would like to donate an extra \$2000 to Camp Lion Maxwell. Moved by PCC Peter, seconded by Lion Kathy Thompson. MC

Break for Lunch – 11:45am – 1pm

Presentation of Speak Out Prizes – 3rd Place – Mel Rezaei Noei representing Zone 6

2nd Place – Kelly Dorman representing Zone 5

1st Place – Seba Naim representing Zone 11

Speeches from the Candidates for DG, FVDG and SVDG

Tail Twister Fine – From the generosity of those Lions present we raised \$420.75, which was donated to the Twelve Baskets Food Bank which covers the Lawrencetown and Middleton Lions Clubs areas.

Resume Meeting

Voting for 2023-2024 District Officers

LCIF Report – PDG Susan Taylor presented her report with a power point presentation. (Full report attached)

LFC Campaign – PDG Rhonda Trickett gave a brief report on the LFC Capital Campaign and encouraged all clubs to consider donating to this worthy cause.

Lions Memorial Park – PDG Debbie McGinley reported that the next order for stones will be put in soon. The park is going to lay them down next Spring. The Milford Lions Club is doing their Walk for Dog Guides this year in memory of Lion Dave Manning.

Lions Clubs of NS Face Book Page Chair – Lion Tami Maillet reminded those present to check out the districts Face Book page and to continue to share it and send in pictures to her to put on it.

Peace Poster Contest – Lion Cindy Bruhm presented the winner of the 2023 District Peace Poster Contest and runner up of the MDN Peace Poster Contest was Brella Lynn Whynot representing the Bridgewater Lions Club.

VON Presentation – FVDG Joyce Gero introduced her guest speaker from the VON, who gave a power point on what the VON’s role is in healthcare.

Voting Results – PDG Clyde Paul – Introduced the 2023-2024 District Officers

District Governor Elect – Lion Joyce Gero

First Vice District Governor Elect – Lion Karen LaVigne

Second Vice District Governor Elect – Lion Kim Stewart

PDG Clyde Paul moved to have the ballots destroyed, seconded by Lion Dan Herbert. MC

Long Range Planning – PCC Scott MacKenzie gave a brief report on the questionnaires that was given out at the Winter Cabinet and the results and recommendations from the long-range planning committee. (Full report attached at the bottom)

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ADD THE FOLLOWING:

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Moved by PCC Scott, seconded by Lion Paul Burgess. MC

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issues covering the months of July and August, and then once every two (2) months thereafter (October, December, February, April and June)

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Moved by PCC Scott, seconded by PDG John Stoddart. MC

MOTION 3

ADD to Article 1, District N2 Policy Manual

There shall be a Public Relations Committee comprised of the Social Media, NS Lion Editor and IT Chairpersons and Chaired by the N2 Publicity Chairperson tasked with forming and improving communications between the District and Lions Members and the District and the general public. The Committee shall be given appropriate funding in the District N2 budget from the Communications Allocation.

The Budget Allocation for the NS Lion shall be renamed the Communications allocation in all documents.

Moved by PCC Scott, seconded by Lion David Hunter. MC

Zone Chair reports were emailed out. CST Jane received from the following zones which are attached below. Zone 4, 6, 7, 12 and 14

Drug Awareness Poster Contest – Lion Debbie MacKenzie announced the winners of the Poster Contest.

3rd Place – Heather Hodges – Grade 5 student representing the Aylesford Lions Club

2nd Place – _____ representing the Chester Basin New Ross Chester Lions Club

1st Place – Jordan Grant – Grade 6 student representing the Lions Canso Club

CST 2023-2024 – Lion Frank Hartman informed that he will be the CST for DGE Joyce Gero next year. PDG Frank Hartman moved that the signing officers will be DGE Joyce, FVDGE Karen and PDG Frank Hartman, seconded by PDG Clyde Paul. MC

Presentation from PDG David Hunter – presented an International Medal to Lion Kim Stewart for bringing in our first Cyber Club.

Necrology Service was held by DG Bill.

Closing Remarks – DG Bill thanked everyone for coming out today and for all your patience. Wishing everyone safe travels.

Adjournment of the 2023 Spring Convention, moved by Lion Wendy at 3:45pm

Spring Convention District Financial Report April 28, 2023

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The Sage program is all up to date and balanced with the books.

At the Winter Cabinet I had mentioned that I am still working on getting a credit card for the CST to use throughout their year. I am still working on it; it won't be in place until next Lions year.

Respectively Submitted,

CST Lion Jane Gregory



Global Membership Report to Cabinet

Spring Convention; April 2023

District Governor Bill, Members of Cabinet and Fellow Lions,

I am pleased to report that the membership growth noted in my February report has continued and clubs are to be once again congratulated for their efforts.

As of April 25th, when I wrote this report, District N2 reports a growth of 55 members for this Lion's year. This does not take into consideration an ongoing effort to add a Club Branch with an additional 8 members, which would bring us to 63.

The Membership target for this Lion's year is a growth of 69; the equivalent of one additional member per club. I have no doubt that this goal is achievable and will be achieved. We still have six clubs that are more than three months delinquent in reporting membership, but as a District, we have made great strides in this area as well.

In February, I reported that plans were progressing for in person workshops at various locations throughout the district. Due to the poor response on the part of clubs to indicate that they would participate, these workshops have been cancelled. I will be sending out a summary of the membership workshop content to all clubs and offering a Zoom opportunity to answer any questions once clubs have a chance to review the material. I suggest that the new as well as the experienced Membership Chairs, and other incoming club executive members, review the material.

Of concern for the future of our District are the number of Lions that are repeating as club officers and the number of clubs that are having difficulty finding members who are prepared to step up and take on Executive positions at the club and District level. In many cases this is due to an ageing membership and draws our attention to the need to attract new and younger members. In some instances, this is due to an unwillingness to change and to accept new ways of doing things.

Nova Scotia is one of, if not the fastest growing areas of our country. A concerted effort needs to be made by our clubs to welcome those who have chosen to live in this province. By offering Open Houses and joining with other community groups to highlight your community to these newcomers, we can recruit new members who want to know more about and serve this great province. Examples of this type of event can be seen in efforts being made by the Amherst and Canning Clubs. I suggest that clubs that are struggling should reach out to these and other clubs for assistance.

In some clubs we are finding that with fewer members and ageing members, we are not able to do many of the service projects that we have done in the past. We must be willing to step back and re-evaluate the needs of our communities and our clubs and to do what we can in different ways. We must be prepared to accept that change is the only constant and to discover new ways of serving.

Governor Bill, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for having the faith to put the membership portfolio in the hands of a fairly new “come from away” individual this Lion’s year. It has been a privilege serving you and District N2. I hope that I have lived up to your trust. Please remember that change is a process and not an event and that you have taken steps to begin the process.

To the soon to be Governor-elect, I have no doubt that you and your new team will continue the momentum to grow our District in Membership and Service. All my best in the coming year.

I respectfully submit this final report for the 2022-23 Lion’s year, PDG Gord Taylor

District N2 Spring Convention GST Report - April 29, 2023

Fellow Lions

There are numerous service projects that have been completed in our district and some that are on going. From the standard collecting of eyeglasses, hearing aides, stamps and c-pap machines, to donating halls for other community groups to use. Clubs have held pancake breakfasts, Fiona Relief Bingo, soup, and sandwich luncheon for seniors, provided aid to seniors. Support has been provided to many local food banks. March break camps have been organized. Child Id kits have been provided. Clubs have provided food for students to take home “After the Bell” and made donations to school breakfast programs. Many members of our clubs’ drive seniors to medical appointments and sit on the Boards of other local groups, Hospital Foundations, Restorative Justice, Project Lifesaver and Food Banks for example. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage clubs to work together. If you have a great idea for a project but feel it is to “big” for your club reach out to a neighbouring club or two, more if necessary. Many hands make light work, and we are all here to serve our communities may they be big or small, local, province wide, national or global. At the Winter Cabinet I challenged clubs to beat the rest of Canada in reporting our District’s service. I am pleased to say that we had 39 clubs report service activities this year. We beat the challenge with 54.1 % of our clubs reporting. Up from 31 clubs in February 2023. I know we can do better though. I have seen clubs post their service activities on Facebook but have not reported any activity on My Lion/ My LCI. Why is that? How can the District help?

Respectfully submitted Lion Wendy Owen

District N2 GST Co-ordinator

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES REPORT
SPRING CONVENTION, ANNAPOLIS VALLEY,
APRIL 29TH, 2023

District Governor Bill, 1st VDG Joyce, 2nd VDG Karen, CST Jane, & Lions All

The Lions Foundation of Canada has been very busy this year, with trying to catch up with our client list, the breeding program, and travelling to other schools similar to ours, to learn new things, exchange puppies, and build a good rapport with schools in Canada and abroad.

Being the largest dog guide school in Canada our mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

Being we have some new Lions amongst us, I am repeating the following: we have 7 types of dog programs, with each dog costing \$35,000 to raise, train and be given to a client for free. We receive no government funding, just support from all of our Lions clubs, fundraising events and donations from individuals, corporations, foundations, and service clubs across the country, as well as endowments.

Our Difference campaign is in full swing. \$1.89 million of the \$4.5 million Lions goal, has been pledged from clubs across Canada and donations are arriving every week.

Last weekend we had another litter of puppies at our Bresslau facility.

With Award ceremonies fast approaching for the year end, now is a good time to consider purchasing one of the following Dog Guide Awards: Life Membership, Progressive Life Membership, LFC Fellowship, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Awards, Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, there are 100% Club award & Top Dog Awards. If you need more information on any of the above awards please come see me, call, text, or email me. I will gladly help you.

The Green Capes Lions Club is sending out information on their 2024 Calendar sales program.

What a great fundraiser for your club, you pay \$10 per calendar to Green Capes and sell them for \$20. Also, for orders placed by June 30th, all clubs will be entered into a draw for a \$200 credit. Place your order online (Green Capes order form). Calendars are sold in boxes of 25 and will be shipped by mid August. Initial payment is due prior to shipping. Final Payment is due by December 15th.

May 28th is the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, and I hope there are clubs out there that have registered to have a walk? If not, please consider going online and making a pledge to one of the clubs that are participating in the walk.

In June we will be holding our DGE weekend, and I look forward to participating in meeting all the DGE from across the country and showing them how great our school is. It is always a happy, but sad day, when we go to Bresslau to hold a memorial service for those Lions who have left us and their names are on trees in our Memorial Forest. This is also where we have our breeding school and we get to see and play with puppies.

My position comes to an end in October after 4 years, and we had a panel of three interviewers with two Lions who applied for my position. At this time, I would like to say a big thank you to both candidates that applied and would like to announce that our DG Bill will be your next Nova Scotia Director. He will be coming to the June DGE weekend for his orientation and in October will be sworn in as a new board member representing Nova Scotia, providing his acceptance by the LFCDG Board.

I would like to thank Lion Cindy for selling the Dog Guide clothes.

In closing, I just want to say Thank you to the District for your support for the last 4 years, as I have always said, Nova Scotia Lions have and hopefully will continue to be strong supporters of the Foundation. You all should be very proud of the donations you have given over the years and the many Canadians those donations have helped.

Respectfully submitted,
LFCDG N.S. Director,
Lion Linda Baltzer

Long Range Planning – Report to District N2 Convention April 29.2023

District Governor Bill, Lions All;

I want to touch briefly on the Questionnaire that was presented to Winter Cabinet attendees and distributed across the District by email. Remember that these questionnaires are meant to support our N2 Forward strategic plan which is a two year process which will be presented at Convention 2024. They will guide the process through input from lions across the District so this is your chance to guide Policy for the future of Lions in District N2. At Fall Cabinet we hope to have a Questionnaire prepared regarding our Global Action Team of Service, Membership and Leadership and have included those Chairpersons on our Long Range Planning Committee deliberations.

On Questionnaire two we asked you about our information gathering in the District. Realizing that those who attend Cabinet Meetings are those Lions most engaged, it was not surprising that the vast majority of Lions reported that their Club does report both on the District Activity form and on the myLCI site. Also not surprising is that little response was received from the email distribution across the District. So, it begs the question: “How do we get Clubs to report in whatever form we choose to do that?” From the Questionnaire the predominant advice from Lions was more training was needed. Those who said they did not report cited training issues and that it was “too much work”.

Part two of the form asked Lions opinion on our trophy regimen. The number of Trophies in the District did not seem to be a concern for most. A minority of Lions; unfortunately, believe that our method of awarding trophies is not fair and this should be a concern. Establishing clear criteria for the awarding of trophies should be a priority. A majority feel that Trophies should be awarded by Application from the Club. The District Governor had previously established an Ad Hoc Committee to review our trophies as some are getting shop worn so LRP has forwarded our findings to that Committee and we will incorporate their report in our Strategic Plan.

As I said earlier, we hope to present a strategic Plan for N2 to move forward into the next five years at Convention 2024. That Plan will recommend certain actions which will have to be implemented by those

in the positions that they affect. I did not contemplate changes to be initiated by Long Range Planning at this time; however, events transpired which made this a good time to examine the advice given by Lions from the results of Questionnaire One. Over the past Lions year there was a bit of a snarl up in communications with the printer of the NS Lion. Dealing with Building Horizons has been a challenge on several fronts but we always believed that supporting this group which provides employment for handicapped individuals is that as Lions we should continue and I still believe that. So it became apparent that three issues of the NS Lion did not go to print. That means that for six months Lions only had access to the digital version of the NS Lion. TWO Clubs questioned why they did not receive printed copies over that time frame. So it seems that this might be a good chance to consider the changes I will put to Motion today. When you consider these Motions think about the SWOT analysis we did at Winter Cabinet - two of the repeated weaknesses noted were our resistance to change and the lack of communication across the District.

In LRP Questionnaire One, 77% of Lions said we should have a Promotions Fund and 84% said we should spend money on publicity. This change will give us the funds to do a bit of that. Lions also reported that 59% read the NS Lion online, 22% don't read it at all – what does that tell us?

These Motions are all related and will save Clubs money and therefore Lions Members money. If we put the Directory online, the information in Directory Ads can replace the Ads in the NS Lion which means savings to those Lions whose Clubs buy Ads in the NS Lion. It also means that the important information in the Directory can be accessed by Lions across the District instead of just the privileged who receive the printed Directory. Security issues can be resolved by a passworded site and by removing the physical address of Lions from the Directory which serves no useful purpose. And if you think security is a problem then remember that every time Lion Sarah sends out an email your email address is not protected. I doubt there are many Lions here that have not had a phishing email or a scam phone call in the past months.

The Notice of Motion has been sent out and I will read the Motions to you.

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DISTRICT HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT April 29th, 2023

DG Bill, 1st VDG Joyce, 2nd VDG Karen, PDG/CST Jane & Fellow Lions:

The District History can be found on the Hantsport & District Lions Club website at www.hantsportlionsclub.com. Just click on the link in the Heading marked "District N2 History".

Lions, this is our history and your history. We are always looking for more information about District N2 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.

As we have advised in the past, several Clubs have still not provided us with a brief history of their Club, and we would appreciate receiving any information regarding what your Club has done in the past or doing now so your history is included and not lost.

The District History also includes the names of Lions who have received Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, Lions Foundation of Canada and LCIF (such as Melvin Jones) awards, but we can't up-date the names if we are not advised that someone received one.

Lions!! Remember this is your History, but we can't record it without your assistance.

Yours in Lionism
Lion Ken MacKenzie PCST, Chairman
CPAP Machine Report 29 April 2023

DG Bill,
The CPAP Program is going well and as of 20 April 2023 we have collected 759 machines.
I would like to see this report recorded in the Minutes of the NS Convention. Thank you.
Respectfully submitted L/Jan Deveaux - CPAP Chairperson

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Diabetes Awareness Report Spring Convention Meeting April 29, 2023

DG Bill, 1 st VDG Joyce, CST Jane

This is the seventh 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.

Continue to be in contact Diabetes Canada, they now have a new Senior Coordinator, Community Fundraising and Event for Atlantic. They are in the planning stage of an event called Pump Couture Fashion Show. It will be evening dedicated to understanding and highlighting issues surrounding wearable tech, body image and stigma in diabetes in the Halifax area. I will be taking part as a Lion and a Diabetic to bring awareness. There are two other Lions that are part in the planning of this event.

District N2 Lions Cavalcade is back after so long which was May 2, 2019 and is now being planned and hosted by Zone 5 this year. It will begin at the Wolfville & District Lions Club and Fun Night will be at Canning District Lions Club. The meal will be a turkey dinner. Looking for to seeing everyone on May 4, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
2 nd VDG Karen LaVigne
Diabetes Awareness District N2
2022/23

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STAMP PROJECT MONEY

Received from Lion David Baugil on 29 April 2023 at Winter Cabinet Meeting in Bedford - \$210.00.

Report he has passed in \$210.00 to the CST for the stamps that were sold since the Winter Cabinet. He explained how stamps should be collected and passed in. (1/4" of paper around the stamp. Don't cut too close to the stamp or they cannot be used).

A total of \$620.00 has been turned in so far this year.



Zone 4 reports: April 28th, 2023

Stellarton & Area, Pictou & District, River John & District Lions Clubs

As ZC for a few years and now an outgoing ZC, I would like to congratulate members for their communication in the clubs they are in and in their conversations. It has been a powerful fun filled position that I enjoyed immensely. The power of each individual in their clubs has been shown in their enthusiasm in keeping their clubs engaged in Lionism.

The KL's are front and foremost devoted to their leadership roles, their ability to successfully engage their members in what Lionism is all about. To commit to having strong members in the roles to support projects in their clubs. Not only to their clubs but their community. We, Zone 4, have the spirit of Melvin Jones! a small cohort with a huge heart of kindness. By using our 5 W's + How - as there are still-still so many people out there who don't know about a Lions Club. We continue to be energetic in seeking new members and letting our communities know just who we are. Each of us has our own talents and to use these in Lionism is rewarding. Oh yes we have our days! but Zone 4 has Fun we have fun! If you have that kind of spirit, you can push through to succeed. Zone 4, we have the tenacity to- we meet, we greet, we discuss, we ask, we eat, we drink (water, tea, coffee) ha ha! We reminisce (about our past members) we invent; we challenge, we share our benevolence with each other.

Yes, Lionism says it all! That is what Zone 4 is all about, communicating with ambition to sharing ideas, with an outcome for success and inducting new members with the light of the future!

I personally want to thank the District & DG's (when I needed assistance) & Zone 4 Lions for the privilege and awesome opportunity in being their Zone Chair. I feel each member deserves a Melvin Jones Humanitarian Award. So wanna have fun and a great club meeting? Come on down to Zone 4! for Lionism in Lions and where everyone is Welcome.

Thank-You Fellow Lions

Always in Lionism

Zone Chair Catherine



Zone 6 Report – Spring Convention April 29th, 2023

For the most part, the clubs in Zone 6 have resumed normal operations since the last zone meeting.

A Zone 6 meeting was held on April 19th. Unfortunately, no one was nominated, nor did anyone come forward to be nominated for Zone 6 Chair for the upcoming year. As such, the District Governor has been informed for his further action. On an upbeat note, PCC Bob Lyle of the Kingston Lions submitted his nomination for Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia Zone 6 representative and was acclaimed to the position. Thanks to PDG Wayne Little for representing this zone for the past four years.

All clubs are in the midst of club elections for their club officers and BOD members. Some clubs are experiencing difficulty filling key positions such as President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-presidents. They remain hopeful that these positions will be filled within the next month or two.

All clubs in the zone continue to help those less fortunate with heating bills, medical expenses, help with rent, firewood, prescriptions, and electricity just to name a few. All clubs continue to host fundraising functions in support of their communities and residents.

Coldbrook Lions continue to be busy with their weekly Radio Bingo, Hall rentals, monthly breakfasts, etc. Shortly they will be resuming summer activities once the Drive Inn, Drive-inn Bingo and their Canteen trailer starts up shortly. They have made donations to the two firehalls in their area and in March they split up \$100,000.00 to fourteen different community groups.

Berwick Lions have just completed a very successful 400 club fundraiser, raising \$10,000.00 for community activities and continue to be very busy with hall rentals and monthly breakfasts. They made several donations to the Berwick Scouts, Berwick Community Association, and the Berwick Mural Society. Several of their Lions formed a team and participated in the Berwick Curling Club's Sunday Community League, lots of fun is had by all.

The Kingston Lions new service project "Lions after the bell" has grown to serving 41 students from three different schools since inception. They have made donations to the LFNS, LFC Dog Guides, Easter Seals Daffodil program, Elder Dogs Canada and dreams take flight. They recently held a successful and fun 62nd Charter night. They are in the process of applying for grants to install a standby generator for the club in support of Kings REMO. They have run many catering fundraisers for community groups and are happy to announce that the Port George Jamboree is a go for this year!!

The Aylesford Lions have grown since the last zone meeting, inducting 10 new members with another four members in the wings. Their weekly Bingos continue to be their biggest fundraiser both in participation and income earned. They have donated to Ronald MacDonald house and made a \$12,000.00 donation to Guide Dogs, asking that the donation go towards an individual with autism in Nova Scotia. They have also initiated a weekly "Social Night" of card and board games for their members which has become popular in the club.

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Kentville has resumed their weekly Jam sessions and have held many monthly breakfasts over the past months. They continue to give assistance to their community member who need assistance. They are starting to get ready for their annual participation in the Apple Blossom festival.

For the past year, this Zone has had "rotating zone chairs", each person fulfilling a 4-month term. Thanks to Lions Bert Layton (Berwick) and Lion John Barrett (Coldbrook) for completing terms as Zone Chair. My term as Zone Chair ends on June 30th and it has been my pleasure to represent the zone.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Jan Chipman Chairperson

Zone 6 24 April 2023.

Zone 7 Report - Spring Convention, April 29 2023

DG Bill, 1st VDG Joyce, 2nd VDG Karen, CST Jane, Lions All

The clubs in Zone 7 are up and running to the best of their ability.

With membership down – 1.9%, a net growth of -2, we still have added 13 new members, but lost 15 members mostly due to aging/passing away.

Annapolis Royal Lions in Zone 7 has a new mascot “ARCHIE” who you should be meeting at the Meet & Greet this weekend. He has been seen around Annapolis Royal, promoting Lionism. Also, this club has recruited some new members and one of them has set up a website for their club, so please go ahead and look at the amazing job they have done with their new website.

“Annapolis Royal Lions Club”

I had my second zone meeting back in March, and we have a new zone chair as of July 1, 2023. Kathy Thompson of the DeepBrook/Waldec Lions Club is our new zone chair.

All clubs within zone 7, have been busy with various activities and events in their communities this year, as this year one since covid that we are trying to reinvent ourselves in all of our local communities.

We Serve, and we will continue to do so.

Respectively submitted,

Zone 7 Chair, Lion Linda Baltzer

Zone 12 Report Spring Convention Meeting April 29, 2023

All clubs in Zone 12 are back to meeting in person. All clubs continue to collect used eyeglass, hearing aid, CPAP, stamps, and ink cartridges.

Cole Harbour Lions Club – The club added one new member in February, bringing our total membership to nine. The Induction Ceremony was held in March. Also in March, they had six prospective members attend our regular meeting. One member created a Membership Bulletin for posting around Cole Harbour. They meet once a month at the Cole Harbour Senior Citizens Club. The club continues to install and service InTouch Emergency Phone Systems. Since the last Zone Meeting, six members have completed a total of thirty (30) visitations. They donated a \$200.00 Sobeys gift card to a local family who recently lost their home in a fire. The club hosted the Zone 12 Bowling Tournament at the Bowlarama in Woodside. To boost the numbers, they invited other clubs to participate. Spryfield brought five players, and they went on to win.

Dartmouth Lions Club – Dartmouth Lions have membership of 15 members at this time, they had two new potential Lions at our last meeting and two members will be transfer to another provincial club. They continue our recycle of bottles, pop cans, juice containers and wine bottles, beer cans, we continue to work to increase our numbers. (six Lions). Their recycle of used eyeglasses picked up at number of eyeglasses Business and packed for last Cabinet meeting in Bedford we delivered 1,400 pairs of glasses. (five Lions). Club picked up Cpap machines (three) and oxygen machine and equipment associated with this equipment and delivery to Nova Scotia Lung. (six Lions). Postage stamps sorted and packed and delivered to District Chairperson (two Lions). Several bags of recycle clothing delivered to diabetes collection bins. (three Lions). Dartmouth Lion 18 Air Cadet Squadron continue their training for Summer Cadet Camp Enrollment. Numbers for this year approx. 94 cadets. They carried out a random eye glass recycle pickup service project and picked up several boxes. (three Lions). Their Spring Dance, Silent auction and 50/50 was positive project and was held at the Mic Mac Boat Club. Zone Darts at the Lake Echo & Area Lions Club (two Lions) attended and finished below the cut. Their Club members attended the annual Skit Night held at Present & Ares Lions Club and enjoyed another excellent Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner along with friendly fellowship enjoyed by all.

Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Lions Club – They currently have a membership of 48, they have inducted 15 new lions so far this year, with one more that has been approved and three more prospective members. Since our last Zone Meeting the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay Lions Club continues to advertise in the local newspaper and on our face book page. They collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, stamps, and CPAP machines. They loan out medical aids when required. They continue doing their monthly breakfast on a regular basis, and their regular Tuesday night Bingo has picked back up. They held three Easter Merchandise Bingo's. They continue to give the use of our hall to the Explore Church at no cost. There are many other projects that we are planning. They are also finishing up preparations for the Multiple District Convention in May of this year. In February, they restarted the foot clinic as a lion's project. They have received an Age Friendly Grant of \$10,000.00. This is currently being worked on by club members. Information will be available at a later date. They will also be looking at Community Assessments this year to see if there is something else that they can be doing for the community. Looking at getting more positive exposure for our Lions Club. This has been a good start with much more to come.

Lake Echo and Area Lions Club - Lake Echo and Area Lions Club currently have 16 members and the Lady Lioness Branch club has 22 members for a total of 38 Lions. Each club has at least one prospective member. Once again, the Lady Lioness Club provided free hats and mittens to the two elementary schools in our area. Their hospital bed has been loaned out numerous times. Their principal fundraiser continues to be their weekly Bingo. They successfully held a Food Bank Donation drive, for a month at their weekly Bingo, for non-perishable food and other necessities. Three Lions and Nine Lady Lioness attended the District Winter Cabinet Meeting in Bedford. They now have one regular meeting a month (usually the first Thursday). They continue to hold abbreviated meetings, on the third Thursday of each month, which are followed by socializing for an hour or more: pass the ace, crib, shuffleboard, etc. The meetings start at 7:30. Plans are well under way to hold a FIONA RELIEF BENEFIT BINGO on Friday, May 12 with games beginning at 7:00 pm. In addition to the Lions working the event all workers will be volunteering their time. The use of the facility is being donated by the Lake Echo Community Recreation Society. Arrangements have been made with the Glace Bay Lions Club to have all profits presented to the Glace Bay Food Bank which also serves Dominion, Donkin, Port Morien and Reserve. On Saturday

June 25 the Lake Echo and Area Lions Club will be celebrating it's 45th Charter Anniversary. The meal a hot roast beef supper is \$15. Ads for a full page in our booklet are \$50 and \$25 for a half page.

Lake Echo and Area Lady Lioness Club Branch - They inducted three new members since the last zone meeting giving us a total of 22 members. They hold two regular meetings – the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Health & Welfare – Cards sent to community members, special birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, get well, etc. Bingo – Run the bingo canteen on Sunday nights. 50/50 ticket sales at bingo & darts. Admin. Account Fundraisers - Lottery, Joker Draw & Tail twister Draws. Food Bank – Members bring donations to our meetings. One of our members is their chairperson. Recent donations - Dreams Take Flight, Rwanda Open-Heart Project (A presentation was made to our club), two students going on trips. Upright freezer – Shared the cost of a new freezer for the den for use by both clubs. Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal for Nova Scotia – Judy Slawter and Melda Hodder received these medals recently. Winter Cabinet – They had members attend. Zone events – They had members attend the darts, skit night and bowling events. New executive – They have completed our election of officers for 2023-2024.

Preston and Area Lions Club - Preston and Area currently have 14 members. They held our annual Skit Night in March with 60+ members attending. They had a 50/50 draw fundraiser, they donated \$300.00 to LCIF and \$200.00 to Lions Quest and will continue to include these initiatives in their upcoming budget forecast. Their club is looking forward to partnering with Dartmouth Lions in a summer fundraiser. Members have expressed an interest in attending the International Convention in July. They had an increase in members this year and are focusing our efforts on seeking more members and volunteers to join the club and learn more about Lions International.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Paul LaVigne , Zone 12 Chair

Zone Report – Zone 14

The clubs of zone 14 have had busy winter and spring. They continue to push forward as we emerge from the pandemic. Many fundraisers have been held. Breakfasts, suppers (both dine in and takeout), bingos, flea markets and ticket sales. The communities continue their amazing support for the clubs of our zone.

The clubs have been actively helping those in need in our communities. We've given to families who have had their homes burned. We've helped those in need in our communities. Sometimes this is in the form of gift cards for groceries, paying power bill, providing home heating fuel, helping with medical expenses and sometimes just providing a shoulder to lean on in trying times. Many of the people we help are relieved that we are there and often express it feels like a weight off of their shoulders when we provide assistance. It is in these situations that all Lions should be most proud of what we do. Musquodoboit Valley & District Lions Club celebrated their 50th anniversary. I was honored to be able to say a few words as zone chair. There were 3 charter members, still active, in attendance. It was amazing to look back on everything they have done to improve their community and the members who live there. Everything from helping build the first medical clinic in the area to selling sausages at the annual

exhibition. They are an active and enthusiastic club. It has been a pleasure working with them the last 2 years as zone chair.

To date we do not have a new zone chair for next year, but I am continuing to try to get someone to step up. The last 2 years have ben rewarding, eye opening, and a great opportunity to grow as a Lion. I will always look back on my time as zone chair with fond memories.

Respectfully,

Lion Jeff Crowell Zone 14 Chair