**FALL CABINET MEETING**

**KINGSTON LIONS CLUB**

**OCTOBER 20-21, 2023**

**MINUTES**

The Fall Cabinet meeting was hosted by the Kingston Lions Club. One hundred and eight lions representing thirty-three clubs attended the meeting.

DG Joyce opened the meeting by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People and stated that we are all treaty people. This was followed by the singing of O Canada, Lions Invocation, Lions Pledge, and a moment of silence for our fallen Lions and world peace.

Protocol being set, DG Joyce thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked the Kingston Lions Club for being such gracious hosts at both last night’s Mexican Fiesta and our meeting today.

**DG Joyce’s Opening Remarks**

1st Vice District Governor Karen, 2nd Vice District Governor Kim, and I have been busy during the past month and a half visiting clubs in the district, sharing District N2 goals, speaking about foundations and fundraising campaigns at global, national, and district levels, and spreading information about MISSION 1.5, the Lions International campaign to raise global membership to 1.5 million by June 30, 2027. I know that many clubs are doing their best to increase membership, often asking that inductions be done during those official visits. Keep up the momentum, Lions, bring in those valuable new members, making sure they have service activities to work on right from the start to keep them engaged and interested, and believe in possibility, just as I do.

COVID has really put a damper on district awards during the last year or so, and it was with a feeling that things were at last returning to normal that I learned that PDG Bill will be presenting awards from the 2022-2023 Lions year during the noon luncheon. I’m sure you will all be anxious to see which clubs have earned the top spots for the year.

Your agenda shows that there is to be a presentation during the noon luncheon from Victorian Order of Nurses Fund Development Manager Emily Mansour-Hemlow on the VON Connect Capital Campaign. Unfortunately, I learned late Thursday that due to a family emergency she would not be able to attend, so 1st VDG Karen will be sharing information about the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Difference Campaign instead, with details on their new facility.

We all know that reports are a necessary part of these meetings, but we hope to liven things up this afternoon with an interactive MISSION 1.5 presentation from GLT Coordinator PDG Bill Bruhm. I’m excited about this exercise, which was also done at the MDN Fall Conference in Gander last month, with lots of valuable information coming out of it. So, Lions and guests, participate, learn, and enjoy as the day unfolds.

**Fall cabinet chair Lion Pat** welcomed everyone and explained what and where things would take place throughout the day.

**PDG Clyde Paul explained the voting procedures.**

The following items were added to the agenda: Peace Poster, Public Relations, Lions of Canada, Hearing and Speech, Lions Memorial Park Society, Recycle for Sight, and Nova Scotia Lion. It was moved by Lion Linda Baltzer and seconded by Lion Debbie McGinley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lion Don Feltmate and seconded by ZC Lion Dan Yarymowich to approve the DGO minutes of July 29, 2023, as distributed. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports/Presentations**

As there is a need for a third projector, PDG Clyde made a motion to purchase a projector using the surplus funds. It was seconded by PDG Rhonda Trickett. Motion carried.

PDG Lion Clyde Paul moved, seconded by PCC Lion Peter Reid that Article 1 – District Administration subsections B Cabinet Records and subsection C Storage of Cabinet Records be deleted in their entirety and subsections B and C be replaced with the following:

B) Cabinet Records

The following documents are considered Cabinet records and are to be kept for seven (7) years, after which they shall be destroyed:

All financial records and receipts, with the exception of those noted below.

The following documents are considered Cabinet Records and are to be kept permanently:

(1) Minutes of all Cabinet Meetings and District Conventions, digitalized and stored in the Cloud and on the District N2 computer drive.

(2) Audited copy of all yearly Financial Statements &amp; Budgets, digitalized and stored in the Cloud and on the District N2 computer drive.

(3) A copy of each District Directory.

(4) District Convention Banquet Programs.

No District Record other than those indicated is to be disposed of without the majority approval of Cabinet.

At the end of each year, the outgoing CST will address purging and/or storage of the current year’s records.

C) Storage of Cabinet Records

All cabinet records designated for storage will be held at such location as is approved from time to time by the District N2 Cabinet.

During discussion of motion PDG Lion Bill Bruhm informed the cabinet that they had reduced the 55 boxes to one and a half boxes. Lion Ryan has offered to put them on the cloud. Question was then called for. Motion Carried.

PDG Lion Clyde made a motion, seconded by Lion Debbie McGinley for the destruction of the purged records. Motion carried.

PDG Lion Clyde stated that PCST Lion Jane did an outstanding job on the books during her year. PDG Lion Clyde moved the adoption of the audit and income statement. It was seconded by Lion Linda Baltzer. During discussion PCC Lion Scott asked about the line-item under liabilities regarding Community Assistance. PCCST Lion Rhonda stated it was a grant from LCIF. No more discussion. Motion carried.

PDG Lion Clyde informed cabinet that the only change made to interim budget was that line-item Computer was reduced by $200.00 and line item Recycle for Sight was increased by $200.00. It was moved by PDG Lion Clyde seconded by Lion Doug McGinley to adopt the 2023-2024 budget.

Discussion: Lion Russell Maillet stated that the NS Lion is bringing in way more than is being expensed and the difference is being put into surplus. His concern is that Lions are being over charged for the NS Lion newsletter.

DG Joyce stated that Long Range Planning did look at the fee structure and what the allocations were. They did talk about doing some reallocation with the NS Lion. However, not being certain how the restructuring will play out financially in the future when you add up all the costs for communications, not knowing what the costs will be it was decided to leave it as is until we learn more about it.

PCC Lion Scott suggested that the line-item NS Lion under revenue should probably be changed to Public Relations or Communications where it includes communication and the NS Lion.

PDG Lion John Stoddart confirmed that line-item Communications under expenses is Public Relations. Question was called. Motion carried.

**Awards and Trophies – Notice of Motion at Winter Cabinet**

PDG Lion Clyde shall, on behalf of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, District Trophy Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee bring forward for a vote at the Winter Cabinet meeting at Milford, Nova Scotia on the 27th day of January 2024 the following amendments to the District N2 By-Laws regarding Trophies and Awards the following notice of action:

Delete ARTICLE III (Awards and Rules in its entirety and replace with new Article III User Guide and Awards and Rules renumbering any and all sections and subsections as required.

This new provision will level the playing field so everybody will have equal opportunity to qualify for those trophies and rewards. This will be sent out to all the clubs for comments, suggestions, etc. at the winter cabinet meeting.

**CST FINANCIAL REPORT**

Our current RBC bank account is $101,384.64.

East Coast credit Union closing value is $34,413.55.

There are 5 clubs that have not paid their July-Dec club dues.

Total Dues YTD = $15,177.66

Multiple district dues ($4461.91) and pins ($300.00) have been paid.

Companion Assistant Fund - $39,360.00

CST Lion Frank Hartman

Report moved by CST Lion Frank, seconded by ZC Lion Dan Yarymowich. Motion carried.

**LCIF DISTRICT N2 REPORT**

District Governor Joyce, head table, Lions all

As you know over the past couple of years, a lot of communities of Nova Scotia have been hit hard with Hurricanes, Wildfires across the province, along with extreme flooding.

LCIF is here to help in many ways. From Disaster Relief Grants to Community Recovery Grants and many other grants that can help your communities.

Did you know that we have received more grant money than what we have donated to LCIF? Since 2022, LCIF has given District N2 over $26, 000 for Disaster Relief.

Zone chairs when an emergency strikes, reach out to your clubs to see if there is anything the district can do to help. If we don’t know what is happening in your areas, we can’t help them. Clubs can also contact DG Joyce or myself directly.

I would like to thank the clubs that have donated to LCIF – Lions of Canada Fund so far this year. Every dollar helps.

If every Lion in our district contributed five dollars a month or the equivalent of a couple cups of coffee, the impact would be immense. Do not look at this as money out of your pocket, but a bottle of water, a meal, or a place to sleep for those in distress.

Did you know that 100% of all donations support those in need. I encourage all Lions to make a personal donation to LCIF - Lions of Canada Fund today. There are many ways you can donate, scan the QR Code on the flyer I have at my display, write a cheque, or make monthly donations by making a pledge.

Stop by my table and pick up some information if you haven’t already done so.

If your club would like me to come to a club meeting to give more information or to answer questions, please reach out to me. My information has been updated by Lion Sarah.

Have a great day Lions and remember “We Serve” and like International President Dr. Patti Hill’s pin says “Changing the World”, make a difference to those in need.

Respectively submitted.

Lion Jane Gregory

LCIF District N2 Coordinator

902-840-3097

**Lion Foundation of Canada Dog Guides**

**The Difference key messages**

* They are asking Lions clubs from across Canada to donate $4.5 million of the $25M The Difference campaign goal.
* To date Lions clubs from across Canada have contributed $2.7 million (61% of the goal completed)
* One of the goals of The Difference campaign is to ensure every Lions club in Canada has an opportunity to consider their special gift to this once-in-a-generation project.
* Clubs can make a one-time gift or pledge their gift over a multi-year period, up to 5 years.
* There are several incentives and recognition opportunities available to Lions clubs including banner patches, clubs' names displayed on a campaign donor wall, and naming rooms and areas of the new school with a plaque.
* We anticipate breaking ground on the new site this year and are optimistic that the new training school will be operational in 2025.
* LFCDG is well on its way with **$39 million towards the $50 million goal**to build the new national Dog Guide training school.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Linda Baltzer

District N2 LCF Chair.

Lion Linda announced that after 4 years as the District N2 LFC chair she is stepping down and thank the district for all their support. PDG Lion Bill Bruhm will be the District N2 LCF chair starting on November 4, 2023.

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**

October 21, 2022

To: DG Joyce, 1st VDG Karen, 2nd VDG Kim, CST Frank and Fellow Lions

Re: Report Fall Cabinet Meeting, Kingston

The Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia is looking forward to another successful and rewarding year. Should you have any questions regarding the Foundation please contact the representative from your Zone who sits as a Director on the Board of the Foundation or contact me personally.

Please remember that for a donation of $100.00 you can recognize one of your members with an Honorary Life Membership and for $250.00 you can present them with a Foundation Fellowship Award. What better way for clubs to support their own Foundation and at the same time recognize one of their members for their service to their Club, Community and Lionism.

The money raised goes to humanitarian needs that help all of Nova Scotia. Some examples are Brigadoon Village, Camp Maxwell, IWK Cancer Room to name a few. These are examples of where our money goes that help people from all over Nova Scotia.

So that all donations are acknowledged properly, if you are sending a memorial donation, please provide the name of who it is in memory of and the name and address of who you wish the acknowledgement sent to.

The success we are achieving would not be possible without the dedication and support the Foundation is receiving from the Lions and Clubs of District N2. Thank you for your support. Lions, this is OUR FOUNDATION and YOUR FOUNDATION, and we need YOUR SUPPORT.

At our directors’ meeting on Sunday, the Directors received some valuable information to bring back to their clubs regarding why some donations are approved and why some are not.

One last thing, on behalf of the Directors of the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, I would like to thank PCC Peter for all you have done as a director & chairperson with the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia over the years. I am honored to present PCC Peter Reid with a Foundation Fellowship award for all his leadership with the foundation. A recognition that is well deserved. Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

PCCST Lion Rhonda Trickett

Chairperson

Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia

Lion Rhonda explained in detail why the foundation donated to the wildfire victims and not to hurricane Fiona. PDG Lion Bill as DG made the wildfires a district project therefore 100% of the donations go to those in need. Hurricane Fiona was mostly handled by the Red Cross, and we do not donate to them since not all the funds go to the victims.

**Zone Chair Reports:**

There were no ZC chair reports orally presented at the meeting. There were some reports turned in.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE METEGHAN LIONS CLUB**

**ZONE 8 MEETING**

**12 Oct 2023**

1. Call to Order @

2. WELCOME to all Lions

Barrington Lions Club - 6

Meteghan Lions Club - 5

Pubnico Lions Club - 9

Yarmouth Lions Club – 3

3. King Lion Emerson handed over the meeting to Zone Chair Lion Russell:

Yarmouth Lions Club

Donation to 4 people to help with cost of eyeglasses for a total of $443

Donation to 3 people to help with cost of medication for a total of $472.66

Donation to a person to help with cost of hearing aids $400

Donation to a person to help with cost of cataract removal $100

Donated hall to a family for a celebration of life

Donated hall to a family for a fundraiser who had a member going for heart surgery

Donate hall by weekly for senior exercise program

Donate hall monthly to prostate cancer group

Donated $175 for Kay Nickerson BBQ, we held a BBQ for 26 residents

Donate hall to seniors dance monthly

Donated hall to kennel club for dog training

We hold weekly tv bingo with 22 Lions helping per mont

we sold 50/50 tickets at the rib fest with a profit of $1,192.00

Two Lions work at the food bank weekly

We collect eyeglasses, hearing aids, cpac machines, medical equipment and stamps

We have started our winter coats for kids program

We will be holding a food drive for the food bank

We will be having a supper fundraiser for Fidelis House

Submitted by Lion Ivan Sec

Pubnico Area Lions Club

Weekly bingo on Sundays

Chase the Ace doing fairly well

New sign for the Club

Shingling roof over kitchen

Donated $500 for school lunches

Do a breakfast once a month

Submitted by KL Emerson

Meteghan Lions Club Events

Our club has been quite busy with various events during the year. We had a bing bingo

where we sold hot dogs, hamburgers, onion rings and our famous curly fries. There was

also, a sweets table. We’ve had BBQ fundraisers where we volunteered to do one for

our local Catholic church. We had a booth set up for the day at the Acadian Festival and

2 days at the Bluegrass Festival. We sold curly fries, onion rings, French fries, scallops

&amp; fish. We were quite busy on those days. In fact, we had run out of food to sell at the Bluegrass Festival.

We had our very first New Year’s Levee. We didn’t have a cover charge to come in,

instead, we had a donation bottle where people put money in if they wanted to but no

obligation. Local musicians donated their time to entertain us at no charge. We served

seafood chowder with a roll for only $5.00. And this was only possible because our local

businesses donated all the food needed to prepare the meal.

We have our regular Monday night bingo. We sell hot dogs at the canteen and give free

coffee &amp; tea and sell 50/50 tickets.

Every third Sunday of the month we have partnered with Comeau’s Farm Market, a

local market, and we offer a free meal for anyone in our community. There’s a donation

box for anyone wanting to give money, but it’s not obligatory. During the meal we have

music by local musicians who donate their time to play. We serve anywhere up to 250

people, eat in or take outs. People in our community, along with some local businesses

give donations every month so that we may continue to serve people these lunches.

We were chosen this year for the Tim Horton’s Smile Cookie Campaign, where a

percentage of every cookie sold, the proceeds were given to our club. We had several

of our members go to Tim Horton’s every day during the campaign to decorate the

cookies they baked.

We even had 3 of our members, 1 st Vice Lion Ricky, Sec Lion Joyce and our

Maintenance Chair and our Chef Jean volunteer with other members of the community

to shingle the roof of a cat shelter that was leaking.

We had two of our members, Lions Jean and Ricky volunteer to go put new siding on a

house that had melted due to her nearby shed catching fire.

We’ve had numerous hall rentals for weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, birthday

parties and etc.

We’ve sold countless number of civic signs

Our club has collected pop tabs, recyclable bottles &amp; cans and sold them to the recycle depot. We’ve also collected stamps and eyeglasses.

We have received medical items such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches,

bathtub transfer chairs, hearing aids, cpac machine and a blood glucose machine, in

which we found a recipient who was in need of one, as well as lent out some of these

medical aids.

We’ve given donations for food, wood &amp; oil and given Christmas Hampers to needy

familes.

We have Monday night bingo every week, we sell 50/50 tickets and all the proceeds are

going to the school for their lunch program.

We are having a Big Bingo on 29 Oct and all the proceeds are going to the school lunch

program.

Submitted by Lion Joyce, Sec

Barrington Area Lions Club

We presently have 37 members. Since our April Zone report we have hod one member

resign and have gained another member.

Our fundraising efforts continue to be our weekly bingo and our monthly breakfast. Our

breakfast now consistently has over 150 customers.

We continue to host a 50+ dance, charging an entrance fee to only cover the cost of the

band, not for fundraising.

We continued to run our medial equipment loan program. It is greatly used. We

purchased $800 worth of new equipment including new toilet extensions, wheel chairs

and crutches.

We continue to have dinner meetings twice a month.

We had 5 rentals.

We donated the hall twice for blood donor clinics.

We donated the hall 5 times for fundraising events for sick community members.

We donated the hall 11 times to other community groups for various reasons

We mad financial donations to the following:

Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association $500 to help them purchase a

defibrillator

Fidelis House $1000

IWK Telethon $500

Cystic Fibrosis Canada $200

Camp Lion Maxwell $500

Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs – purchased a memorial tree for Lion Lou

Thurber, a $500 donation in July and we recently purchased 50 calendars.

We made memorial donations to the VON Wesley Heritage Community Seniors

Association, Roselyn Care Fund and Atlantic Cemetery

Monthly Highlights

April – we sold our canteen building to the Barrington Exhibition Committee.

May – we held our annual Entertainment Night. This was done Dutch Auction style with

grand prizes at the end. This new format resulted in an increase in funds raised

compared to previous years.

June – we becan a massive undertaking to support the community during the

Barrington Lake Wildfire. In house, take out and delivered meals were provide for

evacuees, fire fighters, road crews, DNR, Nova Scotia Power and etc. supplies for these

groups were organized as well. For example firefighters were given bug spray,

sunscreen, socks and etc. evacuees were given personal supplies and a hug and a

smile. It is impossible to describe the effort organized by the Lions Club but there was a

lot of volunteers, superb leadership and collaboration with EMO and the Municipality.

This was service that lasted for approximately 13 days. We received disaster relief

money form Lions International and donations from the community and local

businesses. Our treasurer is currently a member of community group established to

distribute grant money and donated funds to wildfire victims. He continues to apply for

grants available to help the relief effort.

When individual donations come in during the wildfire some people asked that money

be given to the local fire departments. Three donations of $1000 each were donted to

the local fire department from these funds.

We had a local paramedic demonstrate how our defibrillator functions.

We hosted an overnight safe grad event for our local high school. The night ends with

Lions serving a home cooked breakfast at 5am.

July – we purchased 50 emergency use blankets to help us be a more effective comfort

centre in the future.

We authorized the purchase of a “Life Vac” for our facility. It’s a medical apparatus that

is used on a chocking victim.

We catered an event that saw the Canadian Coastguard christen their newest vessel

thee Chedabucto Bay.

August – the Barrington Area Lions Club donated the use of their hall to host a meet

and greet for firefighters and volunteers who worked during the Barrington Lake

Wildfires and including community members who wanted to thank them. Firefighters

from all over the province came for our fundraiser breakfast and then participated in the

parade. Our club also participated in the parade and the meet and greet followed.

Members also helped prepare and serve during this event.

We held an inductin ceremony officially inducting 4 new members into our club.

September- DG Joyce’s visit

October – on the 4 th we hosted a walk to school breakfast for the high school’s

graduating class. Lions prepared a full hot breakfast for 70 students plus staff.

Submitted by Lion Sandra

Zone Chair Russell Presentation:

Fall Cabinet 20-21 Oct

Goals – 1.5 million

Awards

Club raising money

Direction of DG Zone projects:

911 signs and other signs

Cards

Eyeglasses

Printer

Support on organization out of Zone 8 and have a goal of $5000 by June

Calendars/pocket book calendars

Cash from trash

District can’t find some trophies.

ZC Russell spoke about the NS Lion magazine and that he will be speaking at the Fall

Cabinet meeting about what he feels that money is missing from the NS Lion lined

budget. With District dues (of $4.50) per member and advertisement of $4000.00 in the

Revenue column is not reflected in the Expenditure column by approx $4000.00.

Moved by Lion Russell, seconded by Lion Sandra (Barrington) that we support the

eyeglasses recycle program in Zone 8. (Motion Carried)

Next Zone meeting 4 Jan at the Yarmouth Lions Club

The last Zone meeting will be held in Meteghan 4 Apr and it has been requested that we

have seafood supper.

Lion Tami asked how many NS Lion issues does Barrington and Pubnico need?

Barrington asked for 7, Pubnico asked for 4 and Meteghan asked for 3.

Lion Tami will send out an email asking where the Pubnico Lions Club gong is.

Lion Jean (Meteghan) went up and stole Pubnico Lionettes gong.

Lion Russell Lion Tami

Zone 8 Chair Secretary

Zone 12 Report

Fall Cabinet Meeting

October 21, 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 membership now stands at 12 members. They added 4 new members and dropped 1 member since the last Zone meeting. Their Membership Chair continues to promote the club and look for new members through our club website and Facebook page. They meet twice 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, five members have completed a total of 52 visitations. One member did 8 hours of service with the Pump Couture Fashion Show (for Diabetes Awareness & Fundraising). The club held a successful fundraising barbeque at the Panavista Sobeys on September 9

Dartmouth Lions Club – Currently have 12 regular members and 2 at large for a total of 14 at this time. They have one new potential transfer in from Nigeria. Their Facebook page continues to be updated and we have signage on Mic Mac Canoe Club. They continue our recycle of bottles, pop cans, juice containers, wine bottles and beer cans. Their club has assisted 3 people to get exam/eyeglasses, one person to have phone/cable/internet reconnected and one person to have water reconnected. They made a donation of $250 to NS Lions Foundation in the name of Citizen of the Year Moody MacKay. They paid out bursaries in the amount of $300 to Woodlawn High and $1000 ($300 from Dartmouth Lions with and additional $700 donated by the daughter of a deceased lion). Dartmouth Lions 18 Air Cadet Squadron continue their training for Summer Cadet Camp Enrollment.

Numbers for this year are approximately 60 returning cadets and 30 new. 8 cadets and their Captain assisted three lions at the Terry Fox run held this year at Sullivan's Pond on September 24th. August 7 Natal Day - Lion volunteered for local barbeque that served approximately 40 people in the community. August 29 to September 2 found 9 lions and 4 non-lion family members holding a barbeque on Lake Banook at the Canadian Canoe Championships. They raised approx $1300 to be added to our fundraising account. One of their members at large, although not attending meetings, still assists in the community by making stew and delivering to Margaret House September 1 and assisting neighbours with projects. Their club is very busy working on our upcoming Oktoberfest and dance scheduled for October 14/23 to be held at Mic Mac Canoe Club in support of IWK for pediatric cancer.

Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Lions Club – Currently have a membership of 47, They have inducted 3 new lions since the last zone meeting with three more prospective members. Since the last Zone Meeting the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay Lions Club continues to advertise in the local newspaper, on our community sign, on their face book page, as well as on our website. Both the Facebook page and the website have been revamped and updated this year. They loan out medical aids when required. They continue to do our monthly breakfast on a regular basis, our regular Tuesday night Bingo, our monthly Dog Guide Dance, and the monthly foot care clinic as well. They continue to give the use of our hall to the Explore Church at no cost. They had a successful Carnival Breakfast, Carnival Bingo in August, and more recently, our Road Toll on Saturday Night. They hosted a successful Multiple District Convention in May and have donated $10,000.00 to The Difference Campaign for the Lions Foundation of Canada. Their name will be on one of the Veterinary Rooms in the new facility. As reported at the last meeting, Thet received an Age Friendly Grant of $10,000.00. Many projects have been completed to date for this grant. In August we hosted a free games day at the club which was very successful with approximately 100 in attendance (They would like to thank the Lake Echo Lions Club for the Shuffleboard). They also held a free paint night in September with approximately 38 adults and 12 children who took part. There were enough funds left over, that there will be another Paint Night in October. They have also started a gazebo at the back of our club. The foundation has been started; and they are hoping to have the framing up before the snow comes. With the help of our Councillor, they have just replaced the three old Heat Pumps in the main hall area of our building. They will continue looking at Community Assessments again this year to see if there is something else that we can be doing for the community. They are aiming for a more positive exposure for our Lions Club. This is just a start; they still have much more to come.

Lake Echo and Area Lions Club - Currently have 13 members. Health and Wellness - Made donations to help two families with expenses for hospital transportation. Weekly Bingo doing well. Made donation to Food Bank $1500. Awarded 4 scholarships $1000 each. Recent donations $4000 for a wheelchair to a gentleman in our community. $500 donation Canada Open Heart Project.  $500 donation to Shelburne and Area Lions Club Wildfire relief. $400 donation to the U12 girls softball Eastern Shore. $400 donation to Terry Fox Run. Put on a Canada Day BBQ for 150 people. Helped at the Terry Fox Run

Lake Echo and Area Lady Lioness Club Branch - Currently have 20 members. They send card to community members for special birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, get well, etc. Postage stamps for the district. Run the bingo canteen on Sunday nights. 50/50 ticket sales at bingo & darts. Food Bank – Members bring donations to our meetings. One of their members is their chairperson. Give a $500.00 bursary each year to a student at Auburn Drive High and Eastern Shore District High. Recent donations: $100.00 sponsorship of a team jersey; $410.00 Glace Bay Food Bank – profits from the bingo canteen, tips, and 50/50 draw from the Hurricane Fiona Bingo; $500.00 to the Shelburne & Area Lions Club (re: wildfires);$500.00 to the St. Margaret’s Bay Lions Club (re: wildfires). Two members attended the Spring Convention meetings & luncheon. Assisted the Lions with the Canada Day celebrations. Three members attended the Memorial Dedication Ceremony in Milford. Had members help with the Terry Fox Run & silent auction. Taking table rental bookings now for our Craft Fair on Nov. 19th

Preston and Area Lions Club - Currently has 14 members. In the month of October, Will be having their annual Road Toll fundraiser. In October or November, they will be partnering with their Ratepayers on a community wide street gutter clean up. In December they will have their annual Wake-a-thon, plus have a raffle for a chord of wood. This past summer we donated to a U16 Basketball player who traveled over the summer to Florida, New Brunswick, and Alberta. They also donated to their local Girl Guides Troop.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Paul LaVigne

Zone 12 Chair

**Global Leadership Team Report**

Fall Cabinet

October 20, 2023

Training to Date:

-Zone Chair Training (in person)

-reporting Service in My Lion

-completing the Membership Report in MyLCI

-completing the monthly District Activity

Upcoming Training

-Guiding Lions by Zoom-Nov.18

-Zone Chair Training by Zoom-November

-Orientation by Zoom-December

-Coaching and Mentoring-January

-Succession Planning-preparing for 2024-25-January

We have received a $500 grant (US) from Lions Clubs International to train our Zone Chairs. Grants for training are available for LCI and it is important that we take advantage of funding availability.

We have also received a $5000 training grant from Multiple District N which will be utilized for in-person training.

Respectfully submitted.

GLT Chair PDG Bill Bruhm

**Global Service Report to District N2 Cabinet-October 20, 2023**

**PDG Lion Perry was not present, so his report was read by CST Lion Frank.**

As Proud Lions we are dedicated to the Service of Others in our Community.

 I know that most Clubs are active and providing for those who call upon them.

 Our dilemma is that a lot of your activities are not being reported on MY Lion and this does not give us the picture of how many people we are serving and what service projects we are doing.

From July 1,2023 to present My Llion shows that 25 Clubs out of 68 have reported 33,646 people have been served,334 service activities have been completed and 110,011 volunteer hours have been spent and we donated $111,142.00.

In our organization it is important to report our Service Activities for several reasons:

1st we let the Public know what we are doing and get support from the community.

2nd we share with other Clubs our successes and sometimes our weaknesses.

3rd we Celebrate our accomplishments with each other and our community.

We have 5 major areas that we concentrate on which are Hunger, The Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, and Vision. However, as Lions we serve anywhere that we can help.

One of the areas that I have been in contact with is the IWK Foundation. It was reported to me that 1in 4 children have vision problems and due to the volume of patients treated and the growing population the Eye Care Team needs new equipment. At present, children needing cataract treatment must be taken to the QE11. the IWK is looking to expand their service by adding a Cataract Machine for Eye Care. This piece of equipment comes at a price of $62,700.

If we were to consider a purchase of this equipment it would work out to about $925.00/Club.

I know that some of the Smaller Clubs may have a problem with this amount, but I also Know that some of the Larger Clubs could and would be able to help pick up the shortfall.

The IWK have asked us to consider suppling this piece of equipment and at this point am asking Cabinet to honor the request.

Yours in Lionism,

L/Perry Oliver PCC, PDG

District Global Service Coordinator 2023/2024

Discussion followed regarding PCC Lion Perry’s request to supply a Cataract Machine for Eye Care mentioned in his report.

2nd VDG Lion Kim stated that Lion Perry asked her to make a motion regarding this request. However, she said the process has a number of steps to go through before it can come before cabinet for a vote, maybe a year or so. She went on to say this was just to keep the cabinet informed.

Lion Don Feltmate asked the following question. He said when we look at the importance of this program how can we get this publicized. He went on to state that we are falling short in letting the people know what these clubs are doing. He asked Long Range Planning if they can get a publicity together for a 30 second pitch to support the Lions and help in recruiting? Lion Kim suggested we should negotiate up front with IWK since they have PR teams, and they can do a video for us.

PDG Gordon Taylor remarked that there is clearly a need for this machine now and we should not have to wait 6 months or longer to address the need. If we wait until all the steps are completed IWK will probably raise the funds and we will lose this chance to help. He also mentioned the fact that our District has a large sum of money in our bank account. Perhaps, he suggested, that we should throw the rules out the window and support IWK.

PCC Scott MacKenzie, Chair of LRP, stated that these are the things the committee needs to hear from the Lions so the committee can take them into consideration when they plan for the future of the district. He also said that yes it does take 6 months for a district project to be approved. Right or wrong there are reasons it takes that long but there are also reasons it should not take that long. Lion Scott mentioned that when we did a survey last Lions’ year one of the things, we talked about was what do we do with our surplus funds. Lions responded by saying use that money for humanitarian services.

DG Lion Joyce suggested that any club who wishes to make donations to Lion Perry’s request may do so. They should contact him.

For clarification, a Notice of Motion is an announcement that a motion will be made at the next cabinet meeting describing the content of that motion.

It was determined that a Notice of Motion could not be made at this time, PCC Lion Bob explained that if we make this motion to support this program that means all the Lions here today can approve that then we can move forward by working as individual clubs and collect funds to support the program at the same time the LRP committee can work on it sooner than later. It was moved by PCC Lion Bob Lyle, seconded by Lion Wendy Owen that this motion, is in PRINCIPLE to support the IWK Cataract Machine for the Eye Care Project, provided that sufficient funds are raised by the Project Chairman PCC Lion Perry Oliver.**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED BY CABINET.**

**Lions Quest Report**

**Fall Cabinet**

**October 20, 2023**

Lions Quest leaders from across Canada met in Toronto several weeks ago to discuss how we can move Lions Quest forward in Canada. CST Lion Frank (Vice Chair of the Board of Directors) and I were in attendance and were somewhat surprised to learn that many areas are having difficulty in introducing Lions Quest in the public and private schools and other institutions that work with you. Lions Quest is well received in American schools and around the world, and we need to work harder to have Canadian schools adopt our program. Lions Quests helps children make good life choices, be contributing citizens to their communities and developing skills to dealing with their peers and those they work with in the future.

Having said that, our Canadian Lions Quest team of 2 employees have good for months with little or no pay. I have mentioned this at previous meetings, and some clubs have stepped up to make donations. I am appealing to all clubs to consider donating to Lions Quest to continue the work across Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Lion Bill Bruhm

Director Lion Quest

Lion Bill added during his report there is about $12,000 held in trust by LFNS that is earmarked for training in Nova Scotia only and cannot be used outside the district.

Lunch was held at the Kingston Lions Hall where PDG Bill presented the 2022-2023 awards. The guest speaker, Emily Mansour-Hemlow was scheduled to give a presentation on VON but was unable to attend. 1st VDG Lion Karen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Difference Campaign instead.

We returned to the Legion after lunch.

The winner of the Rose Bowl was Windsor, second place was Annapolis Royal and in third place Spryfield. Because Windsor has no place to store the Rose Bowl due to flooding they decided to generously give it to Annapolis Royal.

PDG Lion Debbie McGinley shared information regarding the Winter Cabinet meeting to be hosted by the Milford & District Lions Club on January 24th, 2024.

 **Peace Poster Contest Report.**

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As Peace Poster Coordinator for the District:

- I have made sure that our local club has its Peace Poster Packet. I sent out the initial email in July to clubs in the area, a reminder that the Peace Poster Contest is happening again this year and where to order their kits.

- In September, I sent a letter to all club presidents and secretaries via Sarah Hartman to remind the clubs that are participating to drop me an email indicating their intentions, the theme this year, and important dates to keep in mind.

- I also let people know where to find information on the lion’s website as well as my contact information.

The most important things to remember at present are that clubs are to submit the winning entry for their area **by Nov. 15/23** to the District Governor. I also ask that they **take a picture** of their winning entry and submit it to me so that I can forward it to be used in the N.S. Lion.

I have heard from the following clubs; Kentville, Kingston, Bridgewater, and Liverpool. These clubs are participating in the Peace Poster Contest this year.

Lion Cindy Bruhm District N2

lioncindybruhm@gmail.com or cindybruhm@eastlink.ca

**MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT TO CABINET MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2023, DG Joyce and fellow Lions:**

Your committee met yesterday and are pleased to provide the following notes; Have reviewer the NS Lion distribution and have some suggestions for Constitution and By Laws to consider. (Talked to Clyde about this are we can do what we want including number of digital pages, removing contest number on printed copies, leaving ads in so NS Lion can be distributed in towns, contest numbers will be emailed to clubs) District Activity Report – use the updated Report issued recently by the District Governor, it is fillable and can be updated as needed. This can then be forwarded on line ( project finished) On line district directory – currently being developed (Added a project – developing Nova Scotia Lions Brand) District Social media – Tami is handling Facebook and Sarah is handling Webpage (Mentioned newspapers and that clubs have to check if local papers will publish stories) Social media – For clubs sign into Lions Clubs International, go to Resources, then to Logos and Brand, this brings you to Guidelines. Select social media, scroll down for topics. Press centre has a media kit. Club Marketing has Marketing 101, Branding, and marketing channels. Suggest you also open Top 25 searches among other topics it has a report on LCI Insurance coverage. How do we become the best known in Nova Scotia – let’s start with member identification. How many of you have a membership sticker on your back window. What about a license plate on the front of your car? I have both and it makes it a lot easier to find my car in a parking lot.

MOTION: Lion Tami is running out of space on her computer and would like to purchase an external hard drive for the NS Lion for back up. Cost approx. $150.00 I so move.

It was moved by PDG Lion John and seconded by Lion Sarah that Lion Tami Maillet receives $150.00 to purchase an external hard drive for the NS Lion. Motion carried.

Following PDG John’s report Lion Russell Maillet suggested and asked the committee to consider that perhaps there should be a cap (25% of their membership) on the number of copies a club should order. He stated that some clubs that do not want copies of the NS Lion are paying from their dues for clubs that are ordering copies.

**Lions of Canada Fall Report**

The Lions of Canada Committees continues to support all the Lions in our country. This is unique to Canada and many other CA are asking how our program works.

Once again, I wish to promote our fabulous website LionsCanada.ca. This is a great site and I hope that you all take the time to explore it.

Communications publishes our national newsletter. They are also looking to have GSTs in all districts to share service stories.

We also encourage all Lions to share service stories on the Lions of Canada/ Lions Du Canada Page. Also, the Lions of Canada 2022 Facebook page.

The Lions of Canada Marketing Working Group continues to share meaningful webinars. Most recently we held events on fundraising and marketing.

Lions Advocacy – Once again we are attending Parliament Hill. It was a great success last year. We intend on building on that success on Nov 26-28. PDG Bill Bruhm and I will be in Ottawa representing N2.

Respectfully Submitted,

SVDG Kim Stewart

**Hearing and Speech – PDG David Hunter**

FALL CABINET MEETING

October 20 &amp; 21, 2023

Hearing for All

Since COVID, a lot of changes have happened in the audiology department at Dalhousie. There are new people running the programs, and because there is more than one program running at Dalhousie for hearing aids, the new secretaries are getting the information between the two of them mixed up. I’m working very hard at trying to get this problem straightened out, but as everyone knows, trying to deal with universities is not the easiest thing to do. Therefore, I want to let everyone know the program is up

and running, no matter what they say on the phone line.

We have a problem with a shortage of hearing aids for our program. I have put in a request through the district for each club to put $300 a year in their budget for the program. If this happens, we will never have a shortage of hearing aids. Clubs have promised to do so, but so far, not all have done so. There have been a couple of clubs that have fulfilled their obligations to their promises. Until all clubs come on board to assist this program, we are going to have problems, and there are going to be a lot of negative reports.

I’m doing my best, but without the assistance of the district, it is getting harder and harder to do anything at all.

Sincerely yours,

PDG Hearing and Speech Director David L. Hunter

**Pins – PDG David Hunter**

PDG announced that he has district pins and today he sold $340.00 worth of pins. He said we as a district pay for these pins. So you need to buy the pins to pay back the cost of the pins.

**Hello Lions,**

**Here is the report for the Lions Memorial Park:**

The Lions Memorial Park Society is excited to announce its approval as a Canadian registered charity to help ensure the perpetuity of the park for all lions in Nova Scotia for many years to come. It has been a busy year for the park!

As of June 30th, 2023, the park has laid 41 memorial stones, 25 of which are in memory of lions across Nova Scotia on our Lions Memorial Walk. The park has generated contributions of $1,750 each to the Lions Foundation of NS and the Lions Foundation of Canada.

We are finishing up the new washroom facilities at the park this year, making the space more usable for lions and community events. The structures have been freshly painted and a fence was built along the back of the park. We hired a summer student to help maintain the park as well as hosting community volunteer days and, of course, the countless hours lions have spent working at the park.

We hosted a service for the dedication of the memorial stones, which was attended by lions and community members from across the province. I spoke to many lions and families who shared fond memories of those they cared for and served with.

To be as transparent as possible, I have attached our financials for the last fiscal year.

Please come visit our park anytime, we would love to have you.

To have a memorial stone laid in the park, please reach out to PID Len via phone at (902) 758-3298 or email len.giffenpid@yahoo.ca

If you have any questions or would like to reach out, I can be reached at lionjeanetta@gmail.com or you can call or text me at (902) 218-0585.

Submitted Respectfully,

Lion Jeanetta McGinley

Milford and District Lions Club

President - Lions Memorial Park Society

**Recycle for Sight – Lion Russell Maillet**

District Eyeglasses Report

Hello Everyone

I am your new “Recycle for Sight” Chair. I was the Chair for 5 years from

2014 to 2019. I had to step down because Lion Tami and I were moving

back to Yarmouth and I wouldn’t have time to give to recycling glasses.

Shortly after I became Chair this year I was informed that the previous

Chair had not done anything with the last 3 years of glasses. They were at

his house, some in a small shed but mostly all on the ground. I was also

told that I had to clean the mess up. I’m requesting additional funds to pay

to move over 100,000 pairs of glasses from Lawrencetown to Meteghan.

I’m asking for help to do the work of loading glasses and donations of

boxes to repack glasses from all the damaged boxes left outside.

Also, DG Joyce has asked Zone Chairs to try to have Zone Projects, so at

my last Zone 8 meeting I suggested we have the project to process these

glasses and it was passed.

After unsuccessfully trying to find a place to store and process 100,000

glasses, I bought a used 30-foot container to be parked at Meteghan Lions

Club. We will be using this to store and process all the glasses.

Respectable submitted:

Lion Russell Maillet

**Nova Scotia Lion – Lion Tami Maillet**

Lion Tami has copies of the NS Lion for 4 clubs that requested them and asked for someone from their zones to deliver them.

She reported that 29 clubs have requested 237 copies which is up from 177 requested by all last year. Seven clubs wanted none. She said we are trying to reduce the number of copies printed and suggested clubs print the NS Lion for their members. Lion Tami said that to help reduce the cost she sent out the September edition digitally.

**Mission 1.5 Presentation – PDG Bill Bruhm**

The discussion regarding the district project took more time than anticipated in the morning session. So, it was decided that PDG Bill will make the presentation during the morning session at the winter cabinet meeting in January.

It was also suggested that reports for the winter cabinet be sent in prior to the meeting and if anyone has a question or comment they can make it at the appropriate time during the meeting. This should reduce the time spent on reports and allow more time for training, etc.

DG Lion Joyce called for adjournment; it was seconded by PDG Debbie

McGinley.