**NOVA SCOTIA SPRING CONVENTION – TRURO**

**APRIL 26 – 27, 2024**

**MINUTES**

180 Lions representing 38 clubs attended the NS Spring Convention.

**Di\strict Governor’s opening remarks:**

Good morning, International Director Joanne Ogden, Past International Director Jim Sherry, Past District Governors, 2nd Vice District Governor Kim Stewart, CST Frank Hartman, Zone Chairs, Club Presidents and Secretaries, Lions all, and guests.

Some of you who attended the Meet ‘n’ Greet last night may have noticed that I was not dressed in keeping with the theme “So, You’re a Canadian, Eh?” I chose instead to wear a ribbon skirt in recognition of my grandchildren’s heritage and those who preceded Canadians in this great land. And this morning, on behalf of the District N2 team, I wish to acknowledge that we are in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People. The territory is covered by the Treaty of Peace and Friendship which, Mi’kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, and Passamaquoddy People first signed with the British Crown in 1726. We are all Treaty people.

At this time, we all sang O Canada and recited the Lions Invocation. A moment of silence was observed in memory of our deceased members and world peace.

DG Joyce continued with her opening remarks.

The Nova Scotia Convention is typically a time of celebration of our triumphs and accomplishments during the past year. Our meeting today is no exception to that, but it is also a time of sorrow throughout the district as we mourn the loss of 1st Vice District Governor Karen LaVigne. I believe there are few of us who have not been touched by this beautiful person and dedicated Lion who is gone far too soon. During registration, both yesterday evening and this morning, you received a blue-ribbon representative of diabetes awareness, a cause that was very close to Lion Karen’s heart, and one that she worked tirelessly to support. I ask that you wear your ribbon today in her memory.

We have a full day in store for you. Some have already started that day with an officer training session led by Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Bill Bruhm. We hope that exercise has given you food for thought, and we will be asking you to explore several additional topics early this afternoon during our speed table talk session.

Later this morning, Lion Lorne Cooke will be introducing something I look forward to all year, the District N2 Speak Out competition, which offers our youth an opportunity to express their opinions or challenge our thinking on a broad range of topics – political or societal issues, education, family dynamics – the choices are endless, but one thing we can be sure of – they are speaking about subjects that awaken their passions, and they never fail to impress us. For those who have not been to convention before – you’re in for a treat.

I’m also excited about the Worldwide Induction Day ceremony led by Global Membership Team Coordinator Lion Linda Baltzer. We will be welcoming several new Lions who will be reaffirming their membership or committing to community service through Lionism for the very first time today. And there will be cake. Celebrations always go better with cake.

And what else are we celebrating today? First, there is our progress on the optical biometry machine project for IWK. After discovering that we could, after all, submit a grant application to LCIF, that submission was approved at a special meeting. We will know in May whether a matching grant is approved, and in fact it was, so now less than $13,160 will be needed to complete that purchase.

We have celebrations, but we also have challenges. During the past year, we have added 151 Lions in District N2, but we have lost 172, 49 of them to death. It is more important than ever, given those startling numbers, for us to continue to bring in new and younger members, challenge them with service projects to work on, maintain their interest, and provide opportunities for leadership and growth. These things are essential if we are to play a part in achieving Mission 1.5, strengthen our clubs, and fortify our district.

One step in that direction is participation in ELLI, or the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. Ten years ago, seven Lions in this room, Linda Baltzer, Bill Bruhm, Catherine Gibson, Pat Nixon, Jane Gregory, Heather Tracey, and I participated in an ELLI at Camp Brigadoon. In 2018 Lion Kim Stewart attended an ELLI in Fredericton, New Brunswick. All have become leaders at club, zone, or district levels, or beyond. I am thrilled that 18 Lions from District N2 will be participating in an ELLI in Sackville, New Brunswick, next month. It is my hope, and that of district leadership, that this training will inspire confidence and instill desire to take the next step in the path to leadership. We wish only the best for those who are planning to attend.

Spring convention guest Internation Director brought greetings from Lions International.

Convention Chairperson Lion Beth Emery welcomed everyone and shared housekeeping information.

Voting procedures were explained by Constitution & Bylaws chairperson PDG Clyde Paul.

**Additions and Approval of the Agenda:**

Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia was added to the agenda as item (f) under Chair reports.

DG Joyce announced that she has an item to add as well stating that we have a situation we have never encountered before and hope not to encounter again. Because of that situation, 2nd Vice District Governor Kim and I have had some meaningful discussions regarding how the loss of Lion Karen has affected our succession planning and have come up with a plan that will help us to best move the district forward over the next year or so.

I want you all to know that I am fully supportive of the decision Lion Kim will be announcing and changes in the positions open to election. I wish also to advise that any vacancies that exist following the election will be filled by appointment, according to the Standard Form District Constitution and Bylaws.

So subject to a motion from someone from the floor changing the candidacy from 2nd VDG Kim Stewart as candidate for DG to 2VDG Kim Stewart as candidate for 1st VDG. She called for a motion from the floor.

**It was moved by PDG Lion Jane Gregory seconded by Lion Julie Hicks that the candidacy of 2nd VDG Kim Stewart as a candidate for DG be changed to 2nd VDG Kim Stewart as a candidate for 1st VDG. The motion carried.**

In response to a question from Lion Jamie Harper regarding the appointment of the 2024-2025 District Governor, DG Joyce explained that there is a procedure set by LCI that the DG for 2024-2025 will be appointed by District N2 PIDs, PDGs and VDGs tomorrow.

**IPDG Bill Bruhm who is responsible for calling the meeting to appoint next year’s DG suggested the meeting be held today rather than tomorrow. The majority of those present agreed to have the meeting sometime today.**

Prior to the vote to approve the agenda Lion Lorne Cooke remarked on the drug awareness poster contest.

**It was moved by Lion Dan Yarymowich and seconded by Lion Don Feltmate that the amended agenda be approved with the additions of LFNS report, the motion regarding 2nd VDG Kim Stewart as shown above, a report from Lion Russell Maillet regarding glasses and the drug awareness poster report by Lion Lorne Cooke. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Lion Don Feltmate and seconded by PDG Lion Debbie McGinley to approve the Winter Cabinet meeting minutes held in Milford as earlier circulated. Motion carried.**

**2024 Winter Cabinet Report**

Thankfully the weather was decent on January 27 for the Winter Cabinet, and we had only a few cancellations.

There were 139 in attendance. 137 had the lunch of Chili or Turkey Soup. I believe all enjoyed the meal. 107 were paid attendees and 32 were complimentary attendees.

The Milford Lions would like to say thank you for giving Lion Katelyn the time to speak on using the QR code to assist with promoting our lions’ clubs. She had many Lions contact here and speak to her about using it and she was very pleased and happy to assist.

Total monies taken in was $2635.

Expenses totaled $703.41.

Net Profit $$1931.59

This net profit was only achieved because Lion Sherry was able to get our meat required at a very reduced rate from the original cost at her place of employment.

Thank you to all who attended, we hope you enjoyed your time in Milford, and for the positive feedback we received after the Cabinet Meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Lion Debbie McGinley

Winter Cabinet Chair

**Results of search on surplus funds policies:**

**SURPLUS FUNDS REPORT**

This report has been prepared in response to the request of DG Joyce Gero made at the winter cabinet meeting held in Milford on January 27, 2024. The request was for me to investigate the situation regarding surplus funds held in the District N2 administration account and how these funds will be spent.

Over the last number of years, District N2 has accumulated significant funds n an administrative account now sitting with a balance in excess of $100,000.00. A lot of this accumulated during the Covid 19 years with the district having relatively low expenses.

My investigation led me down a number of roads. My first call was to the District N2 Historian Lion, Ken MacKenzie. He certainly was a wealth of knowledge on the subject. I was advised by Lion Ken that there has never been any action taken either at cabinet meetings or conventions which dealt with the subject and therefore are not found in the minutes of any cabinet meeting or convention. This particular road ended up as a dead end.

My next step was to refer to the District N2 by-laws and policy manual. Again, the use of expenditures of excess funds is not dealt with in either of these documents.

As a last resort I then consulted with the Lions Club International Standard Form District Constitution and by-laws, which govern the operations of District N2 as well as all other districts around the world.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Standard Form District Constitution and by-laws, Section 2 entitled “Remaining Funds” it is provided as follows:

Section 2. **REMAINING FUNDS.** In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the district administrative fund after payment of all District administrative expenses in that year shall remain in said district administrative fund and become available for future district administrative expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or otherwise budgeted for payment of such expenses.

**This is ultimately the answer to the question posed to be investigated. That is not to say however that the funds are not available to the district to spend. There are however, in my opinion, parameters which have to be met. They are administrative funds and can only be used to cover administrative expenses which may from time to time be approved by cabinet. Such items may include additional training sessions or the acquisition of equipment necessary to the District for its more effective operation.**

One thing is for sure however, such surplus funds cannot be budgeted in the District annual budget preparation process. That process is strictly based upon income and projected expenses for any given Lions year.

I hope the above is of value and provides guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde A. Paul, PDG

Chair – Budget and Audit Committee

It was suggested that if the District could not pay their bills it is possible to upon approval of the cabinet use the reserve funds.

Under Old business item (c) Glasses. Lion Russell Maillet reported that Kingston, Coldbrook and Aylesford has offered to help him the collection of glasses.

**Speak Out Competition chaired by Lion Lorne Cooke:**

There were 4 speakers this year. The winner of the competition was Seba Naim who received a cheque for $250.00 and advanced to the MDN spring convention speak out competition being held in Moncton, NB. May 4. Colette Peng placed second and received a cheque for $100.00. Gray Tupper and Daniel Shasky each received a cheque for $50.00.

**Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer’s: CST Lion Frank**

Our current bank balance is $108,558.28.

Our current East Coast Credit Union balance including all accounts is $59,371.62.

I recently received a cheque for $2000.00 from District N1 for the wildfires. I will be sending a cheque for $1000.00 to Barrington Lions Club and St. Margret’s Bay Lions club.

So far, we have raised $38,193.82.00 toward the IWK project with another pledged $1000.00 outstanding.

Hearing For All has raised $900.00.

Only one club is behind in their Jan-June dues.

District dues collected is $22,871.25.

The MDN dues of $8,827.50 have been paid in full.

Actual surplus funds as of June 2023 is $96,042.67

Respectfully submitted,

CST Lion Frank

**LCIF DISTRICT N2 REPORT**

District Governor Joyce, SVDG Kim, CST Frank, Fellow Lions

As your District LCIF Coordinator, I would like to thank all the Lions that have made

personal donations and to the clubs that have donated to LCIF this year and to all

clubs that have yet to make a donation. LCIF should be in all club budgets each year. We still have a long way to reach our district goal with 29% of it completed.

I am hoping we can build on that today.

The application is in for a Matching Grant to assist with the IWK Project for the Optical Biometry Machine needed to ensure that children get the help they need in the comfort of the IWK hospital. Thank you to the clubs that have donated so far, we have raised $39,193.82. With only $13,158.68 left to go. And since we first submitted the request for a matching grant, the price of the Optical Biometry Machine has gone up in price. But we are sure that we can work together and make this happen.

So, I ask, if your club has not already donated, please go back to your membership and see if you can contribute to this much deserving cause. Last year we received two Emergency Disaster Grants from LCIF for Hurricane Fiona and for the two Wildfires. To date we have received more funds than District N2 has given.

Every day there seems to be a disaster in the world and LCIF is there to help. Donate to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, you never know when another disaster will strike close to home.

Come by my LCIF display, I have lots of information on LCIF, grants and the legacy program that may interest you or your club. I am also having a raffle for anyone that makes a personal donation today, you will receive a ballot and the prize is an LCIF backpack filled with a water bottle, phone case, luggage tags, sunglasses and a $25 Tim Horton Gift Card and a few more goodies. All proceeds will go towards a district donation to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.

I am also selling “Welcome” signs for $7 each. Get yours today before they run out. This will contribute to the district proceeds that will be sent to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF. They promote Lions in general and can be regarded as a membership tool.

There will be envelopes at my table for you to take if you would like to make an anonymous donation. Every dollar makes a difference, nothing is too big or small.Thank you once again and remember to put LCIF in your club budgets for next year. PIP Frank Moore says "It's not what you give, but that you give". And remember to assign someone as your Club LCIF Chair. They are the ones that will receive the information first and who reaches out to your District LCIF Coordinator if you have any questions.

If you haven’t requested your Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for a deserving Lion, you still have time to get it before the end of the year. If you need more information, feel free to contact me anytime.

Remember, stop by my table, and say hi. You never know what I might have to give

away.

Respectively submitted,

Lion Jane Gregory

LCIF District N2 Coordinator

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**Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides: PDG Bill Bruhm**

**Difference Campaign**

Prior to her passing, 1st VDG Karen LaVigne was the Nova Scotia Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Difference Campaign. Her aim was to inform the clubs of the progress and process involved in the construction of the new training facility outside of Oakville, Ontario. She had been able to visit a number of clubs and was successful in raising some funding. Following her passing I agreed to take on this role, combining it with the work I do as the Nova Scotia for the Dog Guides Foundation.

There are a number of exciting events which have happened over the past few months. The ground was ceremonial broken at the new site last November and since then the footings and sub-basement are being constructed. Just last week I received news that the sale of the current training facility has been approved and those funds will be entered into the new building funding.

With the increase of all construction materials and supplies, the cost of the total construction budget has risen to slightly over $70 million dollars. Lions clubs, and individual Lions, have been challenged to contribute what they can to assist with the fund (an amount of approximately 4.5 million dollars. I am happy to share that Lions have generously donated and, at last report, we were still a few hundred thousand dollars from the final goal. In January we received a report that only 16% of Lions Clubs in N2 had made a donation to the Difference Campaign. I am happy to report that since that report a number of clubs have made generous donations or pledges over a number of years and we are grateful for that support.

If your club would be interested in learning more about the Difference Campaign, I have a 20 minute presentation which would remind your members of the importance of the training programs for our Dog Guides and our clients followed by a sneak peek into the new training centre.

Please reach out if your club, or you, would like more information.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Bill

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Following PDG Bill’s report clubs made donations totalling $23,750.00.

**Long Range Planning: PCC Scott MacKenzie**

N2 Forward is a 5 year Strategic Plan for District N2 which is meant to examine our

guidelines and procedures to implement best practices. This is achieved by examining

past trends, modern conventions and demographics, consultation with District Lion Members and by aligning with Lions Clubs International operations and focus.

In Year 1, we began to identify issues and started to consult with Lion Members through

Questionnaires at Cabinet meetings and circulated throughout the District. In Year 2, findings were presented and additional Questionnaires circulated. In Year 3 certain Motions were made and passed at Cabinet regarding Communications and Inclusion. N2 Forward is presented today for receipt by the Convention. Next Year we anticipate further progress on the recommendations contained in the report by the District Team. And in Year 5 we encourage further implementation and finally measurement of results to date with a discussion of any ongoing process necessary.

In N2 Forward we make several “**suggestions**” which we ask the affected Lions or committees to consider and if they feel persuaded to act upon. We make “**recommendations**” which are meant to be brought to Cabinet for debate by the District Team as they wish.

When we look forward, we need to look back. Our Lion logo, the two Lions, one looking ahead at a bright future and one looking back at our proud past. Let’s have a look at recent years and trends.

Over the last decade + Membership in our District has remained relatively flat. During the “Covid” years we took a large decrease in numbers and it will be a challenge to regain our previous level.

Our Revenues have remained flat, reflecting the Membership trend and the absence of dues increases.

Prudent management, or more likely fear of running a deficit, has given us small surpluses in most years until Covid 19 reduced our expenses while revenues stayed constant. We now have significant surplus funds built up over a number of years.

You might look at those figures that I showed you (included in the Report) and be inclined to say “ Why do we need to change anything, we’re doing just fine”. But returning to our “glory” years of 40 years ago where membership was in the order of 2500 Lions would seem to be an impossible task. When examined through the lens of current trends; e.g., large population gains in the general public (Nova Scotia population over 1Million) aided by increased immigration, stagnant growth is even more concerning. How do we appeal to newcomers, many from other countries, and urban population growth where Lions have little presence?

We should not subscribe to complacency, to the status quo. We should always strive to do better. As the saying goes “if you’re not going ahead, you’re going behind.”

When you read N2 Forward, I ask you to keep an open mind, examine the issues and criticize if you must with constructive comments. We welcome your feedback. Nothing, I repeat, nothing in any part of N2 Forward should be viewed as an attack on any Lion in any past or present position. It is an honest evaluation of processes in our District and an attempt to stimulate conversation on how to better serve both our Lion Members and those we serve.

Our very own International President Patti Hill says to us “ We are Changing the World”. But

the World is changing us at the same time. We must grow and we must remain relevant to

our changing world to ensure that our Association of Lions Clubs continues to be the largest

and greatest Service Club organization in the World.

Thank you, Lions for your attention. District Governor Joyce, I ask you to receive this strategic plan on behalf of the District.

In Lions Service

Lion Scott MacKenzie, PCC

Chair, Long Range Planning

DG Joyce thanked PCC Scott and the Long Range Planning Committee for all their hard work over the last several years.

**Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia Report: PDG Rhonda Trickett**

Good day Lions, The Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia is our Foundation, it belongs to all Lions. For just $100.00, you can bestow on them an Honorary Life Membership to the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, or a Progressive Life Member, and for $250.00 you can bestow on them an Honorary Foundation Fellowship. 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.

The success we have achieved 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.

If you have any questions, reach out to the director for your zone, or you can contact me directly.

Yours in Lionism PDG Rhonda Trickett Chairman – LFNS

On behalf of the Directors of the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia, It was moved By PDG Lion Rhonda Trickett that the Foundation donate $3,000.00 to Camp Lion Maxwell, this will be considered a Sponsorship to the Pump Couture. It was seconded by PDG Lion John Stoddart. Motion Carried.

We adjourned for lunch and several events took place during that time. One was the Speak out awards which is already mentioned earlier in the minutes.

Another was the distribution of the Mission 1.5 pins to the following clubs that increased their membership by 5 or more members so far this year. Armdale-Fairview-Rockingham (42% increase), Stellarton & Area (41%) and Fall River Riverlake District (36%).

Also, during lunch Tanya Poulton, representative from Diabetes Canada made a presentation to Karen LaVigne’s husband Paul and daughter Sabrina, of a picture of a stone that will be placed at the Frederick Banting building in Ottawa in Karen’s memory later this year. Engraved on the stone “In memory of Lion Karen LaVigne Diabetes Chair and D-Camp supporter Nova Scotia”.

**Peace Poster Report: Lion Cindy Bruhm**

***General Information:***

For more than 35 years Lions International has supported Peace Poster Contests. Students are encouraged to create a vision of what Peace looks like or brings to mind for them. This program is designed for students 11 to 13 years of age. Students can share their creative talents and win great prizes. The Peace Poster Contest is an opportunity for our Lions Clubs to inspire, encourage and interact with students in their communities. It showcases one way that Lions serve.

***Why should we Sponsor Peace Poster Contests?***

When students express their feelings through art, they discover new ways to speak their minds.

Participating in a Peace Poster Contest can boost self-esteem and let individuals know that their ideas matter. By gaining confidence in our young people, we are encouraging leaders, peacemakers, and possible future Lions.

Within our clubs, we are promoting Peace throughout the world.

Social Media influences many of us, but even more so our young people. Sharing peace through thoughts and images is beneficial to all.

Working together with schools, young people, and community leaders increases visibility in our community.

Most importantly, in a world of conflict and uncertainty we give adults and children hope for a peaceful future.

The theme for 2024-2025 is ***Peace Without Limits.***

I encourage you to return to your clubs and Promote the Peace Poster Contest this upcoming Lions year. Information about getting your Peace Poster Contest Information packet is available on our LCI website.

***This year*** we received Peace Posters from four areas: Kentville, Kingston, Bridgewater and Liverpool. The local and district judges had a difficult time judging the entries from the many talented artists. Ultimately, the winners for each area were sent forward and our District chose Mia Gordon from the Kingston area as the top winner. This poster was then sent on to the Multiple District as one of four participants.

***Respectfully submitted by Lion Cindy Bruhm***

**Meeting reconvened after lunch.**

**Pin Chairman PDG David Hunter turned in $560.00.**

**Introduction of electoral candidates and brief speeches:**

Candidate for 1st VDG – 2nd VDG Lion Kim Stewart

Candidate for 2nd VDG – Lion Pat Nixon

Following speeches Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson PDG Clyde Paul explained the voting procedures.

Voting by zones took place during Table Talk exercises led by GLT coordinator PDG Bill Bruhm.

**WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY**

DG Joyce, CST Frank, 1VDG Kim, 2VDG Pat & fellow Lions:

Here is a breakdown of the WWID on April 27th, 2024, at the Spring Convention in Truro.

We Inducted 10 new members with the assistance of DG Joyce & ID Joanne Ogden, with

International President Dr. Patti Hill inducting our new members virtually.

Here is a list of the new members and their sponsors;

Aylesford Lions Club: Theodore Palmer, sponsor Pam Hart

Stephen Banks, sponsor Randy Bevis

Chezzetcook & District Lions Club: Phyllis Marchand, sponsor David Hunter

Wayne Marchand, sponsor David Hunter

Stellarton & Area Lions Club: Diana Swaby, sponsor Diana Feit

Coldbrook Lions Club: Debbie Kaiser, sponsor Mary MacKinnon

April Doherty, sponsor Fred Goucher

Beaver Bank/Kinsac Lions Club: Sandra Burgess, sponsor Tara LeBlanc

Tara LeBlanc, sponsor Scott Melanson

Bedford Lions Club: Tina Oldfield, sponsor Roxanne Vail

A special Thank You, goes out to Dan Yarymowich Amherst Lions Club, who worked with

me to achieve the WWID event this year. Also, to Beth (chair) of the Spring Convention for

answering questions, we had prior to the event and for making sure the cake was ordered &

picked up on time.

Thank you to ID Joanne & DG Joyce for their assistance throughout the event.

And most importantly, a very big Thank You to all the Sponsors who had the foresight to

bring in new members to help increase our service within the District.

And last but not least, the Lions here today, New, Old & Between, Thank you for your

Service!

GMT,

Lion Linda

PDG Clyde Paul announced that each candidate obtained the necessary number of yes votes. Therefor 1st VDG for 2024-2025 will be Lion Kim Stewart and 2nd VDG for and 2024-2025 will be Lion Pat Nixon. It was moved by PDG Clyde Paul seconded by PDG Sharon Dykman to destroy the voting ballots. Motion Carried.

**The Tail-Twister collected $277.60 for Camp Lions Maxwell**

**Rose Bowl**

3rd place Beaver Bank/Kinsac – 1 244

2nd place Kingston - 1492

1st place Aylesford District – 2220

**The Drug Awareness poster contest winners.** 1st prize winner from Canso Lions club was Jasmine George and 1st school prize winner was the Fanning Education Center Academy. 2nd prize winner from Aylesford District Lions Club went to Aleigha McCulley Morgan and 2nd school prize winner went to St. Mary Elementary School.

Motion to adjourn-Moved by 1st VDGE Lion Kim, seconded by PDG Lion Susan Taylor. Motion carried.

Necrology service was conducted by PDG Bill Bruhm.

**For the record regarding the appointment of Lion Jane Gregory to the position of DG for 2024-2025**

**IPDG Bill Bruhm who is responsible for calling the meeting of PDGs and PIDs to appoint next year’s DG suggested that the meeting that was to be tomorrow (Sunday) be held today (Saturday) instead.  Those present agreed to have the meeting sometime today (Saturday).  I (CST) did not hear anyone opposing the meeting.**

**The meeting was held immediately following the adjournment of the NS Spring convention in the hall.**

**The following PIDs and PDGs were present:**

**Lion Debbie McGinley**

**Lion John Stoddart**

**Lion Frank Hartman**

**Lion Bill Bruhm**

**Lion Evie Morine**

**Lion Clyde Paul**

**Lion David Hunter**

**Lion Jane Gregory**

**Lion Scott MacKenzie**

**Lion Bob Lyle**

**Lion Sharon Dykman**

**Lion Susan Taylor**

**Lion Gord Taylor**

**Lion Bobby Dean**

**PID Len Giffen**

**DG Joyce Gero**

**Missing Lions Rhonda Trickett, Peter Reid and PID Jim Sherry (?)**

**It was moved by PDG Lion Debbie McGinley and seconded by PDG John Stoddart to appoint PDG Jane Gregory to the position of DGE for 2024-2025.  The motion carried but not unanimously.   There was one no vote.**

The following reports were sent to the CST prior to the Spring Convention but not reported at the convention.

**PIN CHAIR – Spring Convention Report**

**OVERVIEW**

2023-2024 PIN Chair sales going well.

**ACTIVITIES**

Going to be attending the Spring Convention and the MD Convention in Moncton.  This will provide opportunity for those in the other areas who indicated that wanted more pins to be able to buy.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Have bundles up the pins to make it more attractive to the buyer.  They get 5 pins for $20.

There is approximately $300 to turn in at the convention.

**ISSUES AND TRENDS**

No issues and sales are going well.

**CONCLUSION**

As pin chair I have been enjoying meeting and interaction all, while selling the pins.

**Hearing for All – Spring Convention Report**

**OVERVIEW**

The Hearing for All Program continues to provide support where needed to help those in need of hearing.

**STATUS**

Following the pandemic, Dalhousie has been working hard to follow up with their existing clients—many of whom they had not seen for over two years.  Several of these people had hearing aids that were no longer working, and they’ve been working with them to get them situated.  During that period, they were not accepting new applications because they simply didn’t have enough human resources.  The clinic operates two half-days a week and they still haven’t finished following up on the current 150 clients.

However, they are starting to accept new applications again.  They are working with their receptionist to revamp the applications and will be accepting some new clients for September when their students are back in the school.

The program at Dal is now called HEAR @ DAL.

From September to January, they have seen 41 patients for appointments that include hearing evaluations, hearing-aid service, and hearing-aid fitting.  During that period 14 hearing aids were provided to patients.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Chezzetcook and District Lions Club by way of a group called the Sociable Cupcakes has helped to raise over $5,000 this Lions year for the program.  We need more clubs to help with this endeavor.

**ISSUES AND TRENDS**

The issue remains funding.  We need to work together to raise monies for this cause.  We also need to produce better ways in which to help our local community be able to achieve this goal.

**CONCLUSION**

Any clubs wishing to make donations, please feel free to do so by writing a cheque to the district and in the memo section write “Hearing for All!”

See PDG David Hunter for more information and for business cards to hand out to those in need.

**CPAP Machine Report**

DG Joyce,

I would like to thank all those clubs that participate in the CPAP Machine Project. I am pleased to announce that as to date we have collected 867 CPAP machines. Keep up the good work. Thank you!!!!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jan Deveaux

CPAP Chairperson

**CLUB PUBLICITY**

In early April we asked Sarah to circulate a questionnaire on Club Publicity. The purpose of that questionnaire was to assess the clubs community awareness. hoping that we are not an unknown entity in Nova Scotia. I would like to thank the 22 clubs that completed the questionnaire and also those who gave additional information. Much appreciated.

From the information received: Newspaper coverage 14 have newspaper coverage. Areas Covered – Cape Breton Post, Eastern Shore, Eastern Passage, Cow Bay, Sherwater, South Shore, Spryfield and area, Valley, Kingston and Greenwood.

Radio:13 clubs have radio with the announcers

Facebook – 21 clubs use facebook with news entries often.

Website – 14 clubs have websites with updated often

Road Signs – 18 clubs have road signs, 1 with 4, 1 with 3 and 1 with 2

All members with window sticker – 3, (This is not good)

Participate in community events such as Canada Day – 20

Information table at mall or other event – 14

Community Reception like New Years Levee – 8

Sponsor Youth Groups 7 in all, Cadets 7, Scouts 5, Guides 2, 4H 2, Baseball 1

Free publicity for guest speakers, donations, award presentations 13

Strong Community support – 5 Use of local sign boards, newsletter and more.

Distribute posters around town and on sign boards 2

Signs outside building and displayed in side - 2

Also a lot of clubs get support from their local MLA and MP.

NOW is the time for action from all clubs. I know we have only touched the surface. Lets start by showing Nove Scotians that we are serving. Lets get every Lion with a window stickers. Best placed on the drivers side of the back window. Signs are available through club supplies, you can even get them with your club name on them. A nice gift for a new Lion. How about a discussion at a Zone meeting to discuss club publicity improvements.

We have achieved digital NS Lion and completing District Activity report on line. Now lets work together to let Nova Scotians that we are here and serving.

Your Public Relations Team

ZONE 3 – THIRD QUARTER REPORT

OVERVIEW

All but one club are showing positive growth and all remain active. However there is very little interaction between clubs and there have been no joint or common activities. By the same token, only one or two clubs have participated in district events.

ZONE ACTIVITIES

Visits: Planned visits to Parrsboro had to be cancelled twice due to weather. Another visit is planned for May 2nd

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Meetings: A zoom meeting scheduled for April 24th had two participants. Two others were unable to join due to technical difficulties.

Elections: Only one candidate was nominated. Lion Frank Sellars was nominated by the Amherst Club and elected by acclamation. This marks the first time in several years that Zone 3 has chosen its own Zone Chair.

NS Lions Foundation: The Amherst Lions Club nominated Lion Frank Sellars as the Zone 3

representative to the Board. He is now confirmed.

Training: A Zone orientation using the in-house orientation package developed here and approved by the GLT is tentatively planned for June 2nd. We hope to invite observers from District.

Communications: A zone newsletter was published. We are looking at the possibility of publishing on a regular basis with the addition of pictures and other features. (See attached)

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Please refer to the club reports. It is very encouraging that the at risk clubs continue to provide meaningful and visible services such as meals for seniors in Springhill and recreation in Parrsboro.

Speak Out: None of the clubs which expressed interest were able to recruit participants

Elections: All elections were held on schedule and at least three clubs were able to record the results before the old portal closed.

Membership: Zone 3 continues to show small positive net growth.

Leadership: The loss of Past President Joe Fitzmmons in late April is a sad blow. He helped start the turn-around for the Oxford club and was a wonderful person who will be missed by all who knew him. Acting President Robert Moores is continuing the work that was started and results are showing.

ISSUES AND TRENDS

Despite the sad loss of Lion Joe, the Oxford Lions Club is showing signs of growth and renewal. This, together with the election of a new Zone Chair is promising. The Membership Extension may wish to engage with Zone 3 in a feasibility study regarding new clubs.

There is continuing difficulty in getting clubs to respond to calls and emails. In addition, two clubs meet on the same night. This combines with the inability to drive at night to complicate visits. Many thanks to Lion Frank for participating in these visits.

OUTLOOK

A visit to Parrsboro is scheduled for May 2nd. We are considering a final round of visits or another meeting to introduce the new Zone Chair

CONCLUSION

As stated elsewhere there is a very mixed situation with some clubs doing well and others at risk. We will continue efforts to make the zone more relevant and provide assistance to the at-risk clubs

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Dan Yarymowich

Chair, Zone 3

Signed: Dan Yarymowich

**Zone 4 Spring Convention report**

I am happy to share an important initiative considered at our most recent zone meeting.  On April 8th, our clubs met in Stellarton with a fantastic turn out from all 3 clubs.  We had very effective brain storming session, to consider possible joint projects which would further support the connections between our clubs.

Members were very receptive and agreed to a fund raising project that is quite large, requiring the efforts and participation of many members from all 3 clubs, over the course of approximately one year. A committee was formed at this meeting, with further plans to be discussed at our next meeting in June in River John.  I look forward to sharing further details and updates of the project once we are beyond the preliminary development phase.

Further details will be shared once more details are confirmed.
Sincerely,
Lion Diana S
Zone 4 Chair

**Zone 6**

COLDBROOK & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB MEETING CALL TO ORDER TIME 6:59

President Lion Fred Goucher welcomed the PDG’S & PCC, Lions, and guests.

Singing of O Canada.

The meal was served by the Coldbrook Lions, followed by the regular meeting of the

Coldbrook & District Lions Club. Donations amounting to a total of $100,000 were made to

various organizations in attendance.

Following the Coldbrook Lions presentations, the Zone 6 meeting was conducted by

AZC Lion Bob Lyle PCC.

ZONE 6 MEETING APRIL 10, 2024

AZC Lion Bob Lyle opened the meeting at 8:15pm with the Lions Invocation in unison...

Lion Bob thanked the Coldbrook Lions for hosting the Zone 6 meeting and thanked LCIF

Chair Lion PDG Jane for being here. ZC Lion Bob also sent his best regards to the zone

secretary Lion Catherine (zone secretary for the remainder of the year) after a fall today

and thanked acting secretary Lion Joy for stepping in for the meeting.

CLUB ASSESSMENT DISTRICT N2 FOR ZONE 6

As of the end of March, our current membership is 193.

We have added 31 new members and dropped 32 with a net gain of –1.

We have 40% of our clubs with less than 20 members.

The top two clubs in the district are EPCB in first place followed by Kingston in second

place.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Lion Terry Taylor 2

nd by Lion Randy Bevis that the agenda be approved as

presented. Motion carried.

ELECTION FOR ZONE 6

Zone 6 Club nominations were extended to April 8th. Only one nomination was received

from Coldbrook & District Lions club. Lion Gerald Little has accepted the nomination.

As per the By-law of District N2 Article II, page five (5), as the Zone Chairman, Lion Bob Lyle

declare Lion Gerlad Little officially elected as ZC for the 2024/2025 Lions year.

ZC TRAINING – 2024-2025 LION YEAR

No location or Date has been set by District Leadership chairman PDG Bill Bruhm.

Once all the zone chairs have been elected, he will provide a time & location for training.

LFNS (Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia District N2)

Director: No election this year as we are in an even year.

Brief Report: Zone 6 Director Lion Bob Lyle PCC

Foundation financial status:

Trust Funds - $270,975.19 (only the interest earned from these funds can be spent)

Operating funds - $9,423.62.

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LFNS (Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia District N2) continued ….

Held in trust for Lions Quest programs - $11,057.75.

I have given an overview Pamphlet to each of the Presidents and Secretaries here tonight.

Copies can be made by your clubs, so all members are informed.

NOTE: The NS Lions Foundation just donated $5,000.00 to the IWK District Project to

purchase an Optical Biometry Machine.

CLUB REPORTS

Brief Verbal reports were given and are attached by:

President Myrna Harnum Kentville

President Rick Acker Kingston

President Randy Bevis Aylesford

Secretary Craig Lansburg Berwick

President Fred Goucher Coldbrook

SPEAKER’S

Before Zone Chairman Lion Bob introduced the following candidates for District N2 he

noted that they would be formally introduced at the NS convention.

2nd VDG Kim Stewart...is a candidate for DG 2024-2025 Lions year.

Lion Kim joined the Wolfville club in 2016 then transferred to the NS Cyber Lions club

where she is presently serving as their secretary. Please welcome 2nd VDG Lion Kim Stuart.

Lion Kim spoke of the great loss of 1st VDG Karen LaVigne that she had worked with over the

past couple of years along with Lion Pat. Lion Kim spoke on the GMT committees, the GLT

committee's and new member orientations. She is looking at a lot of options with the zone

to help new members. Celebrating our lions next year.

Kingston Club secretary Lion Pat Nixon is a candidate for 2nd VDG for 2024-2025 Lions year.

Lion Pat has served the Kingston club as President and is presently serving as secretary.

Unfortunately, Lion Pat was called away for personal reasons and was not able to address

the members.

As of the deadline 05 April...District N2 doesn’t have a candidate for 1st VDG, and based on

the Internation Constitution and By-laws, Article IX, section 4 and the standard District by

Laws Article II Section 5, a special meeting will be held by DG Joyce and the District TEAM &

the PID’S & PDG’S Association within 15 days of the NS Convention to determine who will

fill this position.

Once a Lion has been selected, LCI will determine the candidate eligibility before they are

appointed by DG Joyce Gero.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NS Convention Truro 26 – 27 April 2024.

Election for DG, 2nd and 1st VDG’S.

Voting Delegates...Deadline is Aprill 19th

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WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

Request from Lion Linda Balsor...District Membership Chairperson.

WWID will take place on April 27th, 2024, of the convention weekend.

Need names & Pictures by April 10th

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Please send pictures & names even though the deadline has passed.

Kentville Lions Club has an induction on April 10th as President Myrna said in her report.

The Aylesford & District Lions club has an induction on Tuesday April 16th

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ZONE SOCIAL 07 MAY 2024

ZC Lion Bob thanked the Aylesford & District Lions Club for hosting this event to be held on

07 May. It will be a time of FELLOWSHIP.

This will not be a BUSINESS meeting & if an issue arises, we will address it.

Our Zone Social TROPHEY will be awarded.

I will send the criteria to our Zone before the meeting.

If there are any issues over the next several months that need attention, please contact me

And I will take appropriate action.

MDN CONVENTION

MDN (Multiple District N)

Five positions need to be filled.

Anyone interested speak to your secretary as the Job description for each position was

emailed to all clubs for consideration.

NEW PORTAL FROM LCI

Update...

Leadership Chair PDG Bill Bruhm had a zoom meeting on 7th April 2024 with 35 Lions in

attendance.

ZOOM PORTAL TRAINING

Training is happening tonight at 8:00 pm, and Sunday 14th 7:00 pm. The new portal will not

impact PDGS/ID’s. LCI’S intent is to streamline the system, making it easier to navigate.

ZC’S need to know the Portal system so they can assist the clubs in their zones.

Club presidents and secretaries' need to know how to use the Portal.

You can put the following address in your browser: lionsclubs.org/portal-updates ... there

is a verbal and tutorial display to show you how to navigate the LCI New Portal Training.

Can use the QR Code to access the Portal. You must report your new Executive officers to

LCI before 9:00 am Friday 12th April. If you don’t, your club will not have access to the new

Portal, and it could be some time before the issue is addressed.

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ANNOUNEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of life will be held at the EPCB Lions club on Saturday 13th April 2024 from

1:00 – 3:00 pm for the late 1st VDG Lion Karen LaVigne.

Donations in memory of Lion Karen can be made to the Camp Lion Maxwell Diabetic

Camp.

Zone Chair Elec Lion Paul & his Daughter Lion Sabrina welcome all who can attend.

Lion Barbara and I will be attending.

Hantsport 40th Charter Night

20th April 6:00 for 6:30

$15 Per person, Sweet/Sour Meatballs, rice etc...

Location St. Andrews’s Anglican Church Hall.

ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)

Sackville NB May 24 – 26, 2024

Application deadline extended to 15th April.

Registration: $100 covers meals & Accommodations. You must cover your cost for travel

to & from Sackville.

Anyone can apply! Previous Leadership training or Offices held.

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Louisville Sept 5 – 7, 2024

Great job on the meal, thanks to Coldbrook Lions, very happy to hear all the presentations.

I am always available for questions.

ADJOURMENT

With no further business at this time, it was moved by KL Randy Bevis seconded by KL Fred

Goucher that we adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion Carried.

Lion Bob Lyle Lion Joy Hebert

ZONE 6 CHAIRMAN 2023-24 ACTING ZONE SECRETARY 2023-24

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**Zone 10 Report**

Zone 10 recently held there 3rd meeting on the 22nd April in Sackville along with zone 11. All clubs are actively involved in there community. Zone chair 11 Dale has been reappointed as ZC and has agreed to take on ZC for 10 also. Below is the reports from the 4 clubs in Zone 10 and sorry for the delay for the report as I was waiting for one last report

Hubbards:

tt’s hard to believe we are already into April. It has been a busy few months for us since our last zone report was completed.
Our evenings continue to be busy with cribbage and 45’s. We offer meals on these nights as well for a low cost in keeping with our concerns with food security within our community as well as our pancake breakfast, coffee at the club and end of month meals being offered with a donation at the door option, leaving no one excluded. This is working well.
Backpack buddies is ongoing also, providing weekend snacks and meals to school children who need it.
Other ongoing programs include our medical loan and social services programs, both important factors within our community.
We pride ourselves in being a busy club, providing many activities for both young and old members of our community. Most recently we held breakfast with the Easter bunny and a Good Friday fish fry.
Early next week we are hosting first aid training then we are working with a neighbouring parish to assemble 250 seed kits/pots for the community. 130 of these will be donated to our local elementary school kids to take home for Earth Day. This is a way to teach kids the importance of growing their own vegetables. This is our third year participating in this program which we now host at our lions club.
We are 20 members strong and a proud partner with the Bay Treasure Chest Association. Our international and district dues are up to date as are all of our reports.

Lion Deanna Burns
Secretary/Treasurer
Hubbards Area Lions Club

Armdale Fairview Rockingham Lions Club

Zone Report

April 2024

1. Membership is at 10 members. This includes 1 life member.
2. All international and district dues are paid.
3. We continue to collect used eyeglasses.
4. We continue to distribute COVID-19 rapid test kits to non-profits around the city.
5. We have supported the 2632 Halifax West Royal Canadian Army Cadets with pr for their bottle drive

 Spryfield Report for Zone

 January -March 2024

Spryfield Lions Club has 19 members -15 active members

 Our board meetings is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our regular meeting is 4th Tuesday of the month. All dues are paid in full.

January:

9 Spryfield Lions Club members went to Winter Cabinet Meeting and turn in 574 glasses, 218 cases, 70 sunglasses, 41 clip on,26 lenses.

 total of 929.

Visitations- 8 Lions Visited Eastern Passage -Cow Bay

7 Lions went to Sackville Lions Club Dinner meeting.

We are trying to deal with the lost of our den.

February:

 Spryfield Lions Had 18 members (1 lion resigned)14 active members. Donated to Diabetes Nova Scotia, Blind Golf Association, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Dreams take flight and OLIVIA a child that needs spinal surgery. Participated with Long Lake Provincial Park BBQ 6 lions helped, K.L. Wallace and Sect Lion Starr went to zone meeting.

March:

Visited AFR March 13th 6 Lions went.

Donated to J.L. Ilsley High School Musical.

Summitted by Secretary Lion Starr Bogue.

**Zone 11 Report**

We held our Zone Meeting on 22 April 2024 and Lion Dale Clarke was elected to serve as Zone Chair for Zone 10 and Zone 11 for 2024-2025.

**Beaver Bank/Kinsac:**  1. 3 new members.

                          2. dues are paid

                            3. donations made to children`s and Cobequid hostipal.

   4. Melvin John`s awards to 2 members.                                                     5. 46 members.

K/L Brian Britten

**Bedford**

Membership - Bedford Club started the year with 43 members,

we are now at 47. Like most clubs we have an age issue. Our

oldest member is 95 and the youngest 38. About 35 members

are able to help with projects. We are working on 1.5.

Zone Chair Dale will be our guest at our May 2 meeting

and will induct 2 new members.

Training – We had 5 Lions attend an orientation session on March 9 and 2 at

an April 16 session. Also 3 Lions complete the food handling course

in early March and out incoming Secretary has already attend a 2.5

hours of training session.

Activities - We are pleased to say we had a great Speak Out competition with

7 excellent speakers. Looking forward to the District competition.

- Our newest project this year is our Food Pantry, suggested by our

youngest member. With lots of help it opened in early

February and is very busy. Without our supporters we would have

had a big challenge. We are very thankful to the schools in

Bedford and sports teams that are doing food drives. We also

have support from as far away as Kentville. To date I would say the

schools have donated over 2800 items.

We had a Cornholers tournament on March 22 which donated

over $1500.00 to our Food Pantry. We have had several cash

donations which are much appreciated.

PDG John Stoddart

President

Bedford Lions Club

**Fall River Riverlake**

Membership

3-Life Members

1- Member at Large

15- Regular Members

Dues

All up to Date

Fundraising

Our main fundraiser is our weekly Thursday Night WING NIGHTS

Both Take Out and Dine In

Average Manpower

8- Lions

8- Volunteers

Ranging from four to six hours each per week

This year will be our 13th Annual Golf Fundraiser --Friday August 23 2024

Community Support

Hold a Spring and Fall Free dinner for our Seniors 90 plus served

Regular Financial support to Beacon House Food Band

Regular Financial support to The Cobequid Health Care Foundation

Provide Lock View High Students with  5-$1000.00 Scholarships and $500.00 in support of their Prom Night

Supported a youth dancer from the community with $500.00 for her participation

in an International Dance competition in Prague later this year

Purchased a new stove for the local community hall kitchen

Provider help with Power Bills, Fuel Oil, Rent and purchase of furniture for community folks in need

And finally the largest one time donation in our clubs history $15,000.00

to the Committee that are helping to raise funds for The New All Weather Turf Field to be built next to Lock View High School in Fall River

Proud to Serve

KL Kirk Stephen

Fall River Riverlake and District Lions Club

**Sackville**

1. We currently have 37 members.

2. We continue to buy $200.00 worth of food on a monthly basis to take to Gateway Food Bank

3. We are supporting the MD Convention Project-Pregnancy Centre and will be purchasing

$500.00 worth of baby items.

4. We continue to have our weekly bingos and they are going well.

5. We boxed up 1300 pairs of glasses, 446 cases and 940 lenses to take to the NS Convention

6. We will be giving out $4,000.00 in bursaries this year.

7. We have 7 Lions attending the NS Convention in Truro anad 3 Lions to MD Convention.

8. We have helped a few families with medical expenses

9. We support Blind Golf

9. We collect pill bottles for the Scouts and pop tabs for the Kinsman and they in return collect glasses for us.

10. We donated to Sagewood to help with their activities.

11. We held our first Easter Egg Hunt for the first time and it was a great success with over 100 children attending.

12. Our Social Services Chairman continues to help people in the community with oil, food**,** glasses

13. We have medical equipment to loan to people in the community.

Respectfully submitted

K/L Ron Webb

Respectfully submitted

Lion Dale Clarke

Zone Chair

**Zone 12 Report**

Lions all, all clubs has been meeting in person on a regular basis. Last zone meeting took place on April 02/24 at Dartmouth Lions Club when we held our election Lion Paul LaVigne of CH was elected as ZC. We continue to collect eye glasses, hearing aids, cpat and raising funds by doing breakfast’s, bbq, dances, bingo etc as we continue to help the needy in our zone and district

**Lake Echo &**

 **Area Lady Lioness Club Branch - Zone meeting – April 2024**

We currently have 20 members. We inducted a new member last month and will be inducting a new member at our next meeting. Unfortunately we had a member pass away suddenly in January.

Health & Welfare– We send card to community members for special birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, get well, etc.

Collect – Postage stamps for the district & pop tabs for the Kinsman Club.

Bingo – Run the bingo canteen on Sunday nights

50/50 ticket sales at bingo & darts

 Admin. Account Fundraisers - Lottery, Joker Draw & Tailtwister Draws

Food Bank – Members bring donations to our meetings. One of our members is the chairperson of the Food Bank.

**Recent donations**

Dreams Take Flight, Chezzetcook Lions for Olivia who needs spinal surgery and we presented a cheque for $925.00 towards the purchase of Lion Perry Oliver’s IWK cataract machine project.

**Events/Activities**

* We had two members attend the Winter Cabinet meeting in Milford
* We helped host a Celebration of Life Ceremony for Lioness Lisa Fraser who passed away suddenly in January.
* We purchased games for both elementary schools in our district for their after school programs.
* We are in the planning stages for a celebration of club’s 45th anniversary to be held in June.

**EASTERN PASSAGE/**

**COW BAY LIONS CLUB**

Zone Report

April 2, 2024

Zone Report

We currently have a membership of 50, we have inducted 3 new lions since our last zone meeting, and we approved one at our meeting last night.

Since our last Zone Meeting the Eastern Passage / Cow Bay Lions Club continues to advertise in the local newspaper, on our community and club sign, on our face book page, as well as on our website. Both the Facebook page and the website have been revamped and updated on a regular basis. We collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, stamps, and CPAP machines. We loan out medical aids when required.

We continue to do our monthly breakfast, our regular Tuesday night Bingo, our monthly Dog Guide Dance, and the monthly foot care clinic. We continue to give the use of our hall to the Explore Church at no cost. We had a successful merchandise Bingo for Easter. The hall was used for the annual Easter Egg hunt held by the Summer Carnival Committee.

We are preparing for this year’s Dog Guide walk and school bursaries. Work will soon start on the completion of our new gazebo. We have completed our election process for the new executive.

Still have much more to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

KL Barbara Adams

Eastern Passage / Cow Bay Lions

Lake Echo& Area

Lake Echo and Area Lions Club currently has 13 members

Lady Lioness Branch Club has 23 members for a total of 36 Lions

Our principal fundraiser continues to be our weekly bingo

We are holding regular meetings on the first and third Thursday of the month

Donated $1000 to the IWK for the purchase of a Optical Biometric Device

Donated $500 to Lee Bellefontaine

Donated $500 to Olivia Cousins for her spinal surgery

We inducted two new members

Attended the skit night in East Preston

Working with HRM to build a new lions den in the Lake Echo Rec Center hoping to move in early new year

President Steven Munroe

**Dartmouth Lions Club**

**Zone 12 Meeting April 2, 2024**

**Dartmouth Lions Club – Mic Mac AAC 6:00 pm**

Dartmouth Lions have 12 regular members and 2 at large for a total of 14. We had one dropped member but added one new. We are still working on transferring a Lion from Nigeria.

Our Facebook page continues to be updated and we have signage on Mic Mac Canoe Club.

We continue our recycle of bottles, pop cans, juice containers, wine bottles and beer cans.

We continue to pick up eyeglasses from a number of optical businesses in Dartmouth.

Our club has assisted 7 people to get exam since last report. We recently received a request to assist a disabled person who is in need of gluten free food.

2 CPAP machines picked up since last report.

Our club has picked up and delivered 2 hearing aids to Dal.

Dartmouth Lions 18 Air Cadet Squadron is currently providing summer training. This gives senior cadets opportunities for summer employment.

We recently purchased a shed and had it set up on Lion’s Beach beside Senobe Canoe Club. We hope to host barbeques for the public this summer out of the shed.

Our club is very busy working on our upcoming Spring dance fundraiser scheduled for April 20, 2024 to be held at Mic Mac Canoe Club featuring the band Ruckus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Elaine MacLeod

Secretary

Dartmouth Lions