

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT N-1
FIRST CABINET MEETING
ST. ELEANORS LIONS CLUB
SUMMERSIDE, PEI
14 SEPTEMBER, 2008.**

Registration was taken by CST George Mitton prior to the meeting with 34 clubs and 94 members present. Including 7 Zone Chairs and 24 Committee Chairs.

District Governor Roderick P. Wright called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

PDG Larry Barton led in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Lion Betty Hoban led in the singing of "O Canada."

A moment of silence for deceased lions, world peace and the safety of our soldiers wherever they may be was observed.

DG Rod then introduced the head table, consisting of himself, King Lion Burton Wilcox of the St. Eleanors Lions Club, CST George, and VDG Claude LeBlanc.

KL Burton then welcomed all in attendance to their club, and gave details on our lunch plans.

DG Rod then called for approval of the agenda, on a motion by CC Tim Hoban and seconded by PCC Sonny Bonnell the agenda was approved.

DG Rod delivered his opening remarks concerning his visitations so far this year and he re-emphasized his goals for the year. 1. Have Fun 2. Recognition 3. Retention 4. Membership

DG Rod asked that all PDGs present stand and be recognized. 16 PDGs were acknowledged.

DG Rod also acknowledged several lioness in attendance.

DG Rod asked VDG Claude to deliver his opening remarks. VDG Claude welcomed all lions in attendance and spoke briefly on the upcoming USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

CST George then presented his roll call report. See above.

The minutes of the convention held in Moncton on 19-20 April, 2008, having been circulated. It was moved by PCC Sonny and seconded by PDG Denzil Bernard that the minutes be approved. Motion carried. Note: These minutes will have to be approved again at next year's convention.

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of 17 August, 2008, having been circulated. It was moved by PCC Rheal Cormier and seconded by PDG Boyd Sangster that they be approved. Motion carried.

Lion Susan Sangster then presented the audited financial statement for 2007-2008. Lion Susan also presented a list of recommendations including a more detailed accounting of the district's convention and certain expenses that should be looked at for inclusion in the policy manual. Acceptance of said audit was then moved by Lion Susan and seconded by Lion Terry Brown. Motion carried.

DG Rod thanked Lion Susan for her work in performing the audit.

At this time a Leadership Workshop on Membership & Service and how they relate was presented by Lion Don Smith. The workshop was very well presented and well received by the members in attendance. This workshop is available to all clubs.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

When the meeting reconvened, DG Rod held the 50/50 draw. PDG Sheila Searle was the winner of \$100.00. The district also profited \$100.00.

DG Rod then called for any Zone and Committee Reports.

1. Zone Chair Liaison PDG Denzil reported on the Zone Chair meeting held earlier this a.m., it was attended by 7/14 chairs.
2. Written reports were submitted by zones 4, 7 & 10. Zone 10's is attached. Note: If any chairs wish to have their reports published with the minutes, please submit them electronically prior to the meetings so as to be included.
3. Hearing & Speech Chair Lion Don Spence presented his report. See attached.
4. MERLOW Team Liaison PCC Bev Semple reported on her team's meeting earlier in the a.m.
5. DG Rod spoke briefly on behalf of Drug Awareness Chair Lion Lorraine Pollock, as she was unable to attend. The Portage Christmas Project will be taking place again this year. Also, the graduation ceremony will be taking place next Sunday, 21 Sep. 08 at Hampton High School.

6. Extension Chair Lion Terry Brown delivered his report, please see attached. Note: The Extension Workshop is scheduled for 15-16 April, 2009 in Fredericton. Registration Forms are available.

7. Constitution & By-Laws Chair PCC Rheal Cormier introduced PDG Fred Morrow 1984-85 who now resides in Florida. PCC Rheal also reported on the fact that the Second Vice District Governor position is now mandatory and must be in place for the 2009-2010 year. He suggests the Long Range Planning and Finance committees look in to the creation of this position.

8. LCIF Chair IPDG Luke Stennick introduced PDG Ned Carr 1972-73 of the Geary Lions Club. He then reported that CSFII had exceeded it's goal, but reminded clubs not to let LCIF have a let down this year after all the hard work of the past 4 years. IPDG Luke also presented CC Tim a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Past Int'l President Jimmy Ross for his dedicated work.

9. Alert Chair Lion Norah Davidson-Wright presented her report including mention of the \$10000.00 grant received from LCIF. Please see attached.

10. Int'l Relations Chair CC Tim reported that MD N will be dispatching a cheque to the district in the amount of \$6666.66 for the Int'l Public Relations Grants that had been applied for by the previous districts 41-O and 41-N1. These funds are earmarked towards the Alert Program and Public Relations.

11. LFC Director NB PDG Fred Cook presented his report. Please see attached. PDG Fred also brought forth and moved the nomination of PCC Sonny to become the new Director for NB to LFC for the years 2009-2012, as selected by PCST Fred Phillips, PDG Sheila Searle and himself, seconded by PDG Kevin Guiggey. Motion carried.

12. Environment Chair Lion Brenda Clark encouraged all lions to visit her display in the hall and she challenged all clubs to do at least one environmentally related project this year.

13. Convention Chair PCC Sonny gave a brief report of the ongoing plans for the annual convention. It will be held at the Fort Howe Hotel (Formerly Keddy's) in Saint John and more info is to follow.

14. Newsletter Chair Lion Susan Sangster reported that lions should submit items in formats other than PDF as they are very difficult to edit. She thanked all lions for their submissions and encouraged more.

15. Peace Poster & Speak-Out Chair Lion Sharon Everett presented her report. Please see attached. Note: Deadline for Peace Poster is fast approaching.

16. PCST John “Happy Jack” MacPherson spoke briefly on eyeglass recycling and the fact that boxes are now available at no charge through the recycling centre in Calgary. Please find contact info below.

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New Business

DG Rod reported the Second Vice District Governor position question is being sent to PCST Gerry Forsythe and his Long Range Planning Committee for recommendations.

DG Rod reminded the meeting of the dates for the fall conference, 24-25 Oct., 2008. In Corner Brook, NL, and the deadline for booking the shuttle from Port aux Basques is 26 Sep. ‘08.

CST George then presented the district’s budget for 2008-2009. See attached. Approval of the budget was moved by Lion Neil Hansen and seconded by PDG Sheila, motion carried.

CST George then presented his financial statement as at 12 Sep. ‘08. See attached. Approval of the financial statement was moved by IPDG Luke and seconded by PDG Denzil, motion carried.

DG Rod then reviewed Dates to Remember.
23 Sept. 08 Moncton Lions Club Steak Night
24-25 Oct. 08 MD N Fall Conference Corner Brook NL
23 Nov. 08 Second Cabinet Meeting Riverview Lions Club

DG Rod also mentioned a very good PR/Fund-raising project. A member from the Nashwaaksis Lions Club has available bottled water that can be labeled with your club’s name. At a cost of \$0.37 a bottle, it is very reasonable. If interested, contact Cedar Valley Springs 1-800-567-7200 or cedarvly@nbnet.nb.ca

The meeting then adjourned at 1:40 p.m. on a motion from PDG Ned Carr.

Respectfully submitted by,

CST George Mitton