

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT N-1
ANNUAL CONVENTION
RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL, DIEPPE, N.B.
HOSTED BY THE MONCTON LIONS CLUB
19 & 20 APRIL, 2008.**

Registration was taken prior to and during the Convention by CST George Mitton. 114 delegates were certified, including 18 Past District Governors. Representing 47 clubs and 270 attendees.

District Governor Luke Stennick called the convention to order at 9:36 a.m. Saturday 19 April, 2008.

The colours were marched on by cadets from the Moncton Navy League.

PCC Bev Semple led in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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

DG Luke led in a moment of silence for world peace and deceased lions and the Lions Invocation.

DG Luke then introduced the Right Honourable Shawn Graham, Premier of the province of New Brunswick.

Premier Graham welcomed all lions and wished us a successful convention while extolling the work of lions.

DG Luke then called upon PCC Bev to inform the convention of the Officer's School schedule.

DG Luke then adjourned the business session of the convention until Sunday morning.

DG Luke reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Sunday 20 April, 2008.

DG Luke then called for approval of the agenda. It was moved by PCC Sonny Bonnell and seconded by IPDG Tim Hoban, that the agenda be approved, motion carried.

DG Luke then called upon Elections Committee Chair PCC Denzil Bernard to explain the election procedures. After doing so, he informed the convention that he currently had proper

paperwork for 7 Zone Chairs. They are as follows: Zone 5 Lion Bernie Touseard of the Riverview Lions Club, Zone 8 Lion Victor Chiasson of the Bathurst Lions Club, Zone 9 Lion Cliff McLeod of the Woodstock Lions Club, Zone 10 Lion Keith Trask of the McAdam Lions Club, Zone 12 PDG Ron Branscombe of the Jemseg Lions Club, Zone 13 Lion Mike Menzies of the Millidgeville-North End Lions Club and Zone 14 Lion Mary Small of the Pickwauket Lions Club.

PCC Denzil then called for the movers and seconders for the candidates for the position of Vice-District Governor to come forward.

PCC Rheal Cormier moved the nomination of ZC Lucio Cordisco of the Shippagan Lions Club, seconded by Lion Joe Ruet.

ZC Lucio addressed the convention.

King Lion Alice Carter moved the nomination of ZC Claude LeBlanc of the Rexton Lions Club, seconded by Lion John Roberts.

ZC Claude addressed the convention.

PCC Denzil then called for the nominations for the position of District Governor.

PDG Jan Phillips moved the nomination of VDG Rod Wright of the Barkers Point Lions Club, seconded by PCST Gerry Forsythe.

VDG Rod addressed the convention.

DG Luke welcomed all in attendance and delivered his opening remarks. He thanked the convention committee and also spoke on his enjoyment of being DG over the past year, and his appreciation of being given the opportunity to serve.

DG Luke then introduced the head table, consisting of CST George Mitton, VDG Rod Wright, and himself.

DG Luke acknowledged all PDGs, Lioness, Lionettes and Leos present.

DG Luke introduced KL Eric Hussey of the Moncton Lions Club, KL Eric welcomed all lions in attendance. He also thanked Lion Brian Kingston for all his hard work on making the convention a success.

DG Luke introduced Vice-District Governor Rod Wright, VDG Rod thanked Moncton's organizing committee and KL Todd Prime of the Riverview Lions Club for his work on the

Necrology Service held earlier this morning.

DG Luke then adjourned the convention briefly to alleviate the line-ups for voting.

When the convention reconvened, DG Luke asked for approval of the minutes of the Third Cabinet Meeting held at the Simonds Lions Club on 3 February, 2008, having been circulated, it was moved by KL Todd and seconded by PDG Fred Cook that they be approved. Motion carried.

DG Luke then asked for approval of the Financial Report as of 16 April, 2008. It was then moved by PCC Sonny Bonnell and seconded by Lion Alfie Ranson that the Financial Statement be accepted. Motion carried.

DG Luke then asked for approval of the last two sub-district conventions for both 41-N1 and 41-O. It was moved by Lion Jim Belliveau and seconded by Lion Terry Brown that they be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

DG Luke then called for any reports from the district's Zone Chairs.

1. Zone 2 Chair PCST Doug Cook informed the meeting of the activities of the clubs in his zone, and that he hopes the clubs in his zone will show a net increase in membership as of 30 June, 2008. He also announced that there will be a LFC Walk for Dog Guides held Sunday 30 June, 2008.

2. Acting Zone 12 Chair Harold Borden informed the convention that due to work related issues he was replacing ZC Murray Doucet. He encouraged his clubs to get the M & A reports in and announced that zones 11 & 12 in conjunction with the St. Mary's Entertainment Centre are holding a Diabetic Bingo on Saturday 3 May, 2008. Workers are needed and that a portion of the proceeds are going to Cavalcade.

Written reports were submitted by the following:

Zone 2 PCST Doug Cook, Zone 6 Paul Babin, Zone 7 Claude LeBlanc, Zone 9 Paul Greer and Zone 14 Don Doran.

DG Luke then asked for reports from committee chairs, they were as follows:

1. LFC Director for NB PDG Fred Cook reported that donations to the foundation have increased by 212% over last year, totaling approx. \$24000.00. He also reported on Canada Post issuing a stamp featuring a LFC guide dog.

2. Extension Chair Lion Terry Brown also spoke on the Canada Post stamp and a request to have

the corporation recognize an official lions stamp. He also spoke on the planned extension workshop in the fall, and informed the meeting that the International Peace Poster Display will be available through the end of the month. Please contact Lion Terry if your club is interested.

3. Leadership Chair PCC Bev Semple recognized Lion Betty Hoban for her work on the skit that was performed at the opening of the convention. She also recognized and thanked all the presenters for the officer's school.

4. Lion Frank Carroll of the McAdam Lions Foundation which administers the Lion Ron Evans Bursary Fund presented the fund's financial statements. The fund's balance as at 31 March, 2008 was \$9597.48. Lion Frank then moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Lion Joe Ruet. Motion carried.

5. Cavalcade NB Chair Lion Joe Ruet reported on the schedule for the Cavalcade on 31 May, 2008 in Woodstock.

6. PDG Association Chair IPDG Tim Hoban reported that his committee's work had been centered on drafting their structure and function for inclusion in the Policy Manual. IPDG Tim also reported that Lions Appreciation Day in NB had been declared by the Premier for Monday 21 April, 2008.

7. Cavalcade PEI Chair Lion Arnold Yates reported on the plans for the 18th Annual Drive for Diabetes. All plans are in place for 31 May, 2008.

8. MD N Convention Chair Lion George Vail reported on the plans for the MD N Convention and encouraged all lions to attend.

DG Luke then called on IPDG Boyd Sangster to present several awards on behalf of the former District 41-O.

The following lions were presented with Life Memberships in the LFC by IPDG Boyd, PDG Fred Cook and Chairman of the Board of LFC PCST Fred Phillips: Lions Gary Rideout, Stephanie Pollack, Karl Bowland, and Terry Brown. DG Luke and PDGs Jan Phillips, Denzil Bernard and Bev Semple. They also presented Fellowships in the foundation to the following: Lions Brian Edmondson, Frank Carroll, Scott Tracey, Blake Heatherington, Ron Evans, Keith Fullerton and Brian Price. ZC Ron Hanbury and PDGs Kevin Guigey and Jack Moffitt.

PDG Jan then presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Joyce Edmondson.

PCC Denzil presented a MJF to Lion Michael Menzies.

PDG Jan and PCC Denzil presented a MJF to IPDG Boyd Sangster.

Old Business

PCST Gerry Forsythe presented the audited financial statement from the former District 41-N1. It was moved by PCC Rheal and seconded by IPDG Tim that they be accepted. Motion carried.

PDG Jack Moffitt then presented the auditor's report from the former District 41-O. It was moved by PDG Jan and seconded by Lion Terry Brown that the auditor's report be accepted. Motion carried.

DG Luke then called on Lion Terry Brown to present the Notice of Motion known as Awards & Criteria. It was moved by Lion Terry and seconded by PCC Rheal that said criteria be adopted.

Lion Terry then moved several amendments to the motion. Please see attached Appendix B, pages i, ii and iii. These amendments were seconded by IPDG Tim, motion carried.

DG Luke then called for the vote on the original motion as amended, motion carried.

DG Luke then thanked the Awards & Criteria Committee for all their hard work.

DG Luke then called on Constitution & By-Laws Chair PCC Rheal to present the Proposed Policy Manual and the remaining Notices of Motion.

PCC Rheal then moved the following Notices of Motion.

1. Referred to as Notice #1 (Housekeeping), seconded by PCST Gerry, motion carried.
2. Referred to as Notice #2 (Administration Fund), seconded by PCC Denzil, motion carried.
3. Referred to as Notice #3 (Zones and Regions), seconded by PCST Gerry, motion carried.
4. Referred to as Notice #4 (Appointment of Committees for Convention), seconded by Lion Ken Clark, motion carried.

PCC Rheal then presented the Proposed Policy Manual and moved the adoption of said manual, seconded by Lion Claude LeBlanc.

PCC Rheal then moved several amendments, see attached Appendix A, seconded by IPDG Tim, motion carried.

Lion Susan Sangster then moved that paragraph 2 under the section titled Fund-raising, p.8 of the manual be amended to read, "Only the District may conduct fund-raising activities such as raffles, ticket sales at a Cabinet Meeting or District Convention." Seconded by PDG Fred Cook. Motion carried.

PCC Rheel then moved that whereas the Rules for Collecting Gongs had been previously amended under Awards & Criteria, that this replace Appendix A-1 p. 1-2 of the manual, seconded by PDG Bob Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

DG Luke then called for the vote on the Policy Manual, motion carried.

Lion Mike Menzies then announced his candidacy for the position of VDG for the year 2030.

New Business

It was moved by ZC Doug Cook and seconded by Lion Joe Ruet that the District pay the application fees for an additional two lions to attend the Regional Leadership Institute. Motion carried.

DG Luke then called upon PDG Jan to conduct the District raffle. PDG Jan thanked all clubs and individual lions for their support. The raffle has raised \$1140.00 to date. She also thanked all lions for their support of the auction held at the Meet & Greet. \$378.00 was turned in from the auction. ZC Lucio Cordisco was the winner of the \$200 gift cards from Superstore, KL Eric Hussey and the Hunter River Lions Club were the consolation prize winners of the Lions Bags.

PCC Denzil then came forward to announce the election results. He thanked his scrutineers, ZC Wayne Scott of the Kensington Lions Club and Lion Ron Berube of the Nackawic Lions Club. PCC Denzil then announced that 102 ballots had been cast in the VDG election and a clear majority had been determined. The District's VDG Elect is Lion Claude LeBlanc of the Rexton Lions Club.

VDGE Claude delivered his acceptance speech.

PCC Denzil then announced that VDG Rod's candidacy for DG had been accepted by a clear majority.

DGE Rod delivered his acceptance speech. DGE Rod also announced that CST George will continue to serve in that position next year.

It was then moved by IPDG Tim and seconded by KL Neil Hansen that all ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

Lion Joe Ruet announced that there will be a leadership training session at the MD-N Convention on Saturday 17 May, 2008. He has transportation available for the day only for 14 lions. Please contact Lion Joe.

DG Luke then reviewed the Dates to Remember, he also thanked the host club for their work, and all his cabinet for their work over the past year.

DG Luke then declared the convention closed at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

CST George Mitton