

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT N-1
ANNUAL CONVENTION
FORT HOWE HOTEL, SAINT JOHN, N.B.
HOSTED BY THE SIMONDS LIONS CLUB
18 & 19 APRIL, 2009.**

District Governor Rod Wright called the convention to order at 8:15 a.m. Saturday 18 April, 2009.

Zone Chair Dale Carter led in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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

DG Rod led in a moment of silence for deceased lions and Council Chair Tim Hoban led the Lions Invocation.

DG Rod then introduced the head table, consisting of CST George Mitton, CC Tim, VDG Claude LeBlanc, PID Bill Moody, PID Randy Heitmann, and himself. DG Rod also acknowledged PID Randy's wife Cathy.

DG Rod acknowledged those PDGs in attendance, 11 were recognized.

DG Rod then informed the convention of the Officer's School schedule, presenters, and locations.

DG Rod then introduced PID Randy, he greeted the convention warmly, and wished us well with our leadership training.

DG Rod then introduced PCC Sonny Bonnell, who was tardy, but looked good, as host club King Lion and Convention Chair. PCC Sonny welcomed the members to convention.

DG Rod then called for a motion to recess the business session of the convention until Sunday morning. So moved by KL Terry Brown at 8:32 a.m.

DG Rod reconvened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday 19 April, 2009.

Zone Chair Dale Carter led in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

PDG Rheel Cormier led in the singing of "O Canada."

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

DG Rod 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 Rod then introduced the head table, consisting of CST George, PCC Sonny, VDG Claude, PID Randy, and himself.

DG Rod then introduced PID Randy for his final remarks to the convention.

DG Rod acknowledged all PDGs and Lioness present. 19 PDGs were recognized.

DG Rod introduced KL Sonny of the Simonds Lions Club, KL Sonny welcomed all lions in attendance. He also thanked them for making the convention a success on behalf of himself and the Simonds Lions Club.

DG Rod introduced Vice-District Governor Claude, VDG Claude briefly addressed the convention.

DG Rod then called on CST George to deliver his Roll Call Summation. CST George reported that 95 delegates had been certified, including 19 PDGs.

DG Rod then asked for approval of the minutes of last year's convention. It was moved by PDG Denzil Bernard and seconded by King Lion Terry Brown that they be approved as circulated, with one correction. KL Terry had in fact received a Fellowship in LFC not a Life Membership (p.4). Motion carried.

DG Rod asked for approval of the minutes of the Third Cabinet Meeting held at the Winsloe Lions Club on 1 February, 2009, having been circulated, it was moved by PCC Sonny and seconded by Lion John Roberts that they be approved, with one omission, the extension workshop had been confirmed for 15-16 April, 2009, (p.4). Motion carried.

DG Rod then asked for approval of the Financial Report as of 31 March, 2009. It was then moved by ZC Dale and seconded by PDG Carl Semple that the Financial Statement be accepted. Motion carried.

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

1. CDA NB Chair Lion Neil Hanssen reported that a Lions Diabetes Tag Day was being planned for 14 Nov., 2009, more info to follow. He also reported that he had Cavalcade posters and pins available.
2. Alert Chair Lion Norah Davidson-Wright delivered her report, please see attached. She also presented the International Alert Patch to the Barkers Point-Northside Lions Club.
3. Cavalcade NB Co-Chair PCST Gerry Forsythe that all is in place for 30 May, 09 in Burton. He encouraged all clubs to help reach Lion Joe 5-0's goal of \$500K raised through Cavalcade.
4. Constitution & By-Laws Chair PDG Rheal Cormier then presented the Notices of Motion, please see attached.

The amendments to the Constitution were moved by PDG Rheal and seconded by IPDG Luke, motion carried.

The amendments to the By-Laws were moved by PDG Rheal and seconded by PCC Kevin Guiggey, motion carried.

The amendments to the Policy Manual were moved by PDG Rheal and seconded by ZC Gerry Hartigan, motion carried.

The revised Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy Manual will be posted on the district's web site and circulated via email.

5. Elections Chair PDG Jan Phillips explained the election procedures. After doing so, she informed the convention that she currently had proper paperwork for 2 Zone Chairs. They are as follows: Zone 11 PDG Jan Phillips of the Barkers Point - Northside Lions Club and Zone 12 Lion Polly Carr of the Geary Lions Club. She then opened the floor to nominations for Zone Chair. They were as follows:

Zone 1 No nominations
Zone 2 Lion George Vail Parkdale-Sherwood Lions Club
Zone 3 PDG Carl Semple Kensington Lions Club
Zone 4 No nominations
Zone 5 Lion Laurie Stewart Havelock Lions Club
Zone 6 No nominations
Zone 7 ZC Dale Carter Rexton Lions Club
Zone 8 KL Lucio Cordisco Shippagan Lions Club
Zone 9 No nominations
Zone 10 PDG Jack Moffitt McAdam Lions Club
Zone 11 & 12 See above

Zone 13 ZC Mike Menzies Simonds Lions Club
Zone 14 Lion Norm Pollock Sussex Lions Club

These positions were all acclaimed.

PDG Jan then reported that the proper papers had been filed for one candidate for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor, two candidates for the position of 1st Vice District Governor, and one candidate for the position of District Governor.

PDG Jan then called for the movers and seconders for the candidate for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor to come forward.

PDG Carl Semple moved the nomination of ZC Gerard Hartigan of the Summerside Lions Club, seconded by Lion George Vail.

ZC Gerry addressed the convention.

PDG Jan then called for the movers and seconders for the candidates for the position of 1st Vice District Governor to come forward.

PDG Bob Kirkpatrick moved the nomination of PCST Gerry Forsythe of the Riverview Lions Club, seconded by Lion Doug Small.

PCST Gerry addressed the convention.

IPDG Luke Stennick moved the nomination of CST George Mitton of the Rexton Lions Club, seconded by PCC Bev Semple.

CST George addressed the convention.

PDG Jan then called for the nominations for the position of District Governor.

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

VDG Claude addressed the convention.

The convention recessed briefly for voting. Upon completion of voting.

6. International Relations Chair CC Tim delivered his report on the MD-N Public Relations Grant, please see attached. CC Tim then moved that he follow through with the PR plan, seconded by Lion Betty, motion carried.

7. PDG Boyd Sangster gave a brief report on the Lion Ron Evans Bursary Fund. This report will be circulated via the Newsletter. He also encouraged all clubs to donate to this worthwhile cause.

8. Speak-Out Chair Lion Sharon Everett reported on Speak-Out and announced the winner from yesterday. It was Fenton Corey who was sponsored by the Nackawic Lions Club.

9. Extension Chair KL Terry reported on the Extension Workshop held last week and the formation of two new clubs in the Oromocto and Hanwell areas. He also reported on the Guiding Lion training held yesterday. He briefly discussed the possibility of sharing the cost of certain new club necessities, such as gong, gavel, banner, etc. throughout the clubs of the district.

10. DG Rod then presented an International President's Commendation to PDG Don Bell prior to his LFC Director PEI report. PDG Don reported that PCC Bev had been approved by the board of LFC, but required a motion from the PEI clubs of the district. On a motion by PDG Don and seconded by ZC Gerry that PCC Bev be approved for the board, motion carried.

New Business

DG Rod asked that any club with a perpetual award to please return it to either the CST or himself.

DG Rod then addressed the issue of his DG expense account. Whereas, it has been expended and there are monies left over in the DG Banners and Pins accounts. It was moved by PCC Sonny and seconded by PCC Bev that those funds be allocated to the DG Expense account. Motion carried.

PDG Jack Moffitt then presented a CSFII Model Club Patch to Past King Lion Sandy Taylor of the Barkers Point-Northside Lions Club.

DG Rod then presented VDG Claude with a pen & pencil set for his work as VDG.

DG Rod presented CST George with a beautiful ink portrait of a lion for his work as CST.

CST George in turn presented DG Rod a similar portrait for his service as DG.

PDG Jan then came forward to announce the election results. She thanked her scrutineers, and the help of her club members in the election process. PDG Jan confirmed that ZC Gerry had been duly elected 2nd VDG and that VDG Claude had been duly elected DG. Both thanked the convention. She then announced that CST George had been elected 1st VDG. VDGE George thanked the convention.

PDG Jan then moved that the ballots be destroyed, seconded by PCC Sonny, motion carried.

DGE Claude then announced that Lion Norah Davidson-Wright would be serving as the district's CST next year.

DG Rod then passed the gavel to DGE Claude and declared the convention closed at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

CST George Mitton