

**MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT N-1
THIRD CABINET MEETING
WINSLOE LIONS CLUB
WINSLOE, PEI
1 FEBRUARY, 2009.**

Registration was taken by CST George Mitton prior to the meeting with 29 clubs and 93 members present. Including 9 Zone Chairs and 21 Committee Chairs.

District Governor Roderick P. Wright called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

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

VDG Claude LeBlanc led in the singing of "O Canada."

A moment of silence for deceased lions and world peace, with special remembrances of PDGs Jacques Gallant & Norm Hatto, was observed.

DG Rod then called for approval of the agenda. Approval of the agenda was moved by Lion Paul Matheson and seconded by Zone Chair Dale, motion carried.

DG Rod delivered his opening remarks concerning the Extension Workshop coming up in April, and then introduced King Lion Peter Lamont of the Winsloe Lions Club.

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

DG Rod then introduced the head table, consisting of himself, King Lion Peter Lamont of the Winsloe Lions Club, CST George, and VDG Claude LeBlanc.

DG Rod asked that all PDGs present stand and state the years they had served. 16 PDGs were acknowledged.

DG Rod also acknowledged one lioness member in attendance. Hi Evelyn!

DG Rod asked VDG Claude to deliver his opening remarks. VDG Claude welcomed all lions in attendance.

The minutes of the Second Cabinet Meeting of 23 November, 2008, having been circulated. It was moved by PDG Rheal Cormier and seconded by PDG Denzil Bernard that they be approved. Motion carried.

The District Financial report, having been circulated. On a motion from PCST Gerry Forsythe and seconded by IPDG Luke Stennick, that the report be accepted as presented, motion carried.

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

At this time a Leadership Workshop on Member Retention was presented by Leadership Chair PDG Larry Barton. The workshop was very well presented and well received by the members in attendance. This workshop is available to all clubs.

DG Rod thanked PDG Larry and his committee for their work this year.

DG Rod then called for any Zone and Committee Reports.

1. Alert Chair Lion Norah Davidson-Wright presented her report on the progress of the program and upcoming plans for an article in the Lion. She then called on the Barkers Point President, PDG Jan Phillips, to come forward and receive the Alert Banner Patch from International.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

2. CDA PEI Chair George Vail encouraged all members to visit the display he has set up in the hall. He also announced that Cavalcade PEI will be held 30 June, 2009.

3. Constitution & By-Laws Chair PCC Rheal Cormier reported on the planned amendments to our Constitution & By-Laws and Policy Manual. These Notices of Motion are attached.

4. Drug Awareness, DG Rod announced that Portage is looking for used books that are in good condition for their library. Contact Lion Lorraine or himself with donations.

5. Elections Chair PDG Jan Phillips reported on the requirements for office and election procedures.

6. Hearing & Speech Chair Lion Don Spence reported on the progress of the program regarding noise pollution and school aged children. He also reported on the possibility of a hearing aid program for low income individuals coming to Canada.

7. IT Chair Lion Paul reported on the web site and a new link for carpooling. He encouraged all lions to check it out. www.lionsdistrictn1.ca
8. Leadership Chair PDG Larry Barton reported on his committees' work and thanked Lions Don Smith and Doug Small for their help in doing presentations. Also, these presentations will be available via our web site. PDG Larry also announced the leadership seminars and presenters for Saint John, these presentations will also be available on the web site.
9. LCIF Chair IPDG Luke Stennick reminded all clubs, that during this economic downturn, their continued support of LCIF is essential.
10. LFC NB Director PDG Fred Cook reported on the dog guide process and passed out handouts on the same. He also reported that LFC had graduated 1381 dogs to date and that there are currently 163 people on the waiting list. PDG Fred provided information on the breakdown of donations to LFC, i.e. corporate/private/lions, and on the media coverage received and documented by LFC.
11. LFC Director PEI PDG Don Bell reported that he has an information meeting for dog walks planned for early March. He also reported on several active case files on the island and the process of finding a replacement for his position on the board at LFC.
12. MERLOW Team Liaison PCC Bev Semple thanked her team for all their efforts and acknowledged them. She also reported on their progress in setting short term and long term goals. Increasing attendance at cabinet meetings and getting training out to all clubs to name a few. She is very pleased with their progress.
13. MD-N Convention 2010 Chair PDG Jan reported that the convention will be held entirely at the Fredericton Motor Inn 19-21 May, 2010. The hotel has been very cooperative in their negotiations. She also reported on the N-Former and requested submissions with a deadline of 20 February, 2009. She stated that digital pics and non-Adobe files were the best to work with and that action pics v. just presentations were better also.
14. Newsletter Chair Lion Susan Sangster reiterated what PDG Jan had said with regards to submissions. She also noted that releases should be obtained if using photos from newspapers.
15. Orientation Chair Lion Andy Robb reported that an orientation seminar will be coming to the web site and remarked on the importance of orientation with regards to the leadership workshop today on retention.
16. Zone Chair Liaison PDG Denzil Bernard asked the zone chairs present to stand and be recognized. PDG Denzil also reminded all in attendance of the importance of filing their clubs PU-101s.

17. Cavalcade NB, PCST Gerry Forsythe reported that he and Lion Wayne Snider, along with the Burton Lions Club, were working hard to make this project a huge success on behalf of Joe 5-0. Lion Joe's goal was to break the \$500K mark for cavalcade. Let's do it for Joe.

New Business

DG Rod acknowledged Lion Wanda of the Barkers Point Lions Club who was attending her first cabinet meeting. Lion Wanda has been in lions for approximately 2 months.

DG Rod then introduced Lion Doug from the Charlottetown Lions Club. Lion Doug thanked the clubs for their overwhelming response to the fund-raising efforts to acquire a sleep apnea machine for PCST John "Happy Jack" MacPherson.

DG Rod then introduced Happy Jack. He reported on eyeglass collection operations on the island and that non-shaped eyeglass is accepted at the recycling centre. Lion Jack then delivered his heartfelt thanks to the meeting for the generosity in his time of need.

DG Rod then went over the Dates to Remember:

District N-1 Convention 17-19 Apr. 09 Saint John, NB

MD-N Convention 15-17 May 09 Truro, NS

Cavalcade NB 30 May 09 Burton Lions Club

DG Rod then called for any announcements.

CST George reminded members that the Rexton Lions Club is hosting its' 4th Annual Ladies Night on 14 Feb. '09.

CST George also reminded clubs to bring their district awards to the convention in April so they can be prepared for next fall.

DG Rod then conducted the 50/50 draw. PDG Sheila Searle won again. \$145.00.

The meeting then adjourned at 1:45 p.m. on a motion from PDG Denzil Bernard.

Respectfully submitted by,

CST George Mitton