

Cabinet Papers

1. Minutes of Last Cabinet Meeting

District 105EA – 2015 / 2016

Minutes of the first Cabinet meeting of the Lionistic year 2015/16 held on Sunday 23rd August 2015 at the Holiday Inn, Ipswich. The reports referred to in these minutes have been placed on the web site prior to the meeting.

Present : District Governor (DG) Lion Chris Crick (Beccles), Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Kevin Rodgers (Wisbech), 1st Vice District Governor (1st VDG) Lion Nigel Folkard (Southend on Sea), 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Derek Prior (Billericay), Past District Governors (PDG) Lions Tony Prior (Leigh on Sea), George Harris (Leigh on Sea), Derek Maguire (Haverhill), Derek Greenwood (Peterborough), Barry Miller (Castle Point, Jim Cawte (Wymondham), District Secretary (DS) Lion David Pope (Peterborough), District Treasurer (DT) Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea), Lions David Goodwin (Haverhill), Mandy Hawkesley (Halesworth, Chris Moreton (Hunstanton), Sandie Briault (Helen Keller), Mike Clipston (Wroxham & Hoveton), Ujjal Kullar (Taverham), Lion John Potter (March), Lion Peter Smith (Stowmarket) Lion Mark Lanham (Lowestoft), Lion Sue Cowee (Attleborough 2013), Martin Langdon (West Norwich), Matt Bungard (Thetford Breckland), Derek Rutter (March), Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket and District), Simon Smith (Braintree), David Smart (Wisbech), Don Drew (Littleport), David Parker and Trevor Hull (Billericay), Adrian Robinson (Clacton on Sea), Pam Maguire (Haverhill), Lion John Cheetham and Lion Di Parkin, Gaby Sharman (Peterborough), Lions Keith Radley (Witham), Lion Kay Large (Leigh on Sea), Jane Gardner (Bungay), Lion Tracey Field (Chelmsford) and Lioness Chair Angela Howard (Saffron Walden).

Sergeant at Arms (SaA) Lion Adrian Robinson called the meeting to order for this, DG Chris' first cabinet meeting, and wished him good luck; he gave the usual housekeeping rules, fire exits, etc and asked members to give their name and club before speaking to assist with the minutes.

DG Chris welcomed everyone and thanked them for giving up their time, declaring the meeting open, he asked everyone to be upstanding for the Purposes and Ethics

Lions Clubs Purposes were read by Lion Tracy Fields (Chelmsford) and **Lions Clubs Code of Ethics** was read by Lion Trevor Hull (Billericay)

DG Chris performed the "badging up" of Cabinet members.

Apologies for absence had been received from PID Phil Nathan (South Woodham Ferrers), Lion Penny Tregilus, Lions Len Russell (Haverhill), Dave Large (Leigh on Sea), John Fox (Downham Market), Chris Hibbert (New Century),

1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting –

Acceptance of these was proposed by Jim Cawte and seconded by Douglas Whyte, agreed unanimously

Matters arising – none

2.0 District Officers reports

2a DG's report – COG meeting various things were discussed which have been different in the past. Charitable status came up and every club who earns over £5000 must join. PDG Derek M updated the cabinet as he had attended a meeting at MDHQ the day before, he said it will be trialled in small groups but ultimately every club will join this, apparently it is an easy process and the first forms going out in October. DT Roger said he has been given notice already that treasurers meeting arranged for 7th November and part of this will be set aside for this subject so clubs are not to worry until they hear more. PDG Tony Prior said some clubs already have charitable trust status would this run in parallel to the new status, 2nd VDG Derek P asked about the gift aided status. Lioness Chair Angela asked if this included Lionesses, and the answer was yes. Lion Keith Radley asked if it would be necessary to cancel existing charity – yes. Letter sent out to lioness clubs saying that we are looking to lose lioness clubs, DG reported the COG has written to him to re-iterate that this is not the case lionesses are an important part of our district. Regarding Ireland leaving the Multiple District we should know more by end of October. Two working groups have been put together one on MD Restructuring and the other redistricting. If Ireland goes we will lose approximately £67,000 in income and we are looking see where we go from there to saving money. If Lion went digital we could save £50,000 per annum, not agreed yet but all possibilities. DG thanked PDG Jim for the sterling job he did in stepping in for the Royal Norfolk show and he is doing it again next year; he reported that he had a meeting with PDG John Haynes last week asking if he can have show back, if Cabinet agree to PDG Jim carrying on he will write to John and say no thank you. PDG John is happy to continue with equipment but there are issues with this as the equipment is wide spread he has promised to send out PDF weekly for the news, DG Chris will monitor. Cabinet voted that PDG Jim should continue with the Royal Norfolk show this year. Lion Mandy reminded that all clubs should have a health and safety officer if not, the president automatically takes on the roll, and also risk assessments are required for each event. **b 1st and 2nd VDG** – no updates

2c District Secretary's report – Membership 1135 beginning of August and now 1129 one new, 6 left. Directories still being printed ordered 100 which include cabinet and these will be sent in batches to clubs.

2d District Treasurer's report – DT Roger Fuller reminded Lion Mandy re her money for DG's Lady's appeal. Brainwaves (charity supported by us) to date only received £900 from 4 clubs can Zone Chairmen remind their clubs regarding donations. Dues received from 53 out of 66 clubs, Zone Chairmen please chase clubs; the new financial suspension policy means that if clubs not paid by end of September they will be suspended. If it happens twice they will not be re-instated. Hunstanton no balance sheet still for 2013. Whilst the Treasurer reimburses clubs for joining fees, can we put on a deadline of 3 months for claims please. PDG Jim Cawte seeks guidance from Norfolk Show, the district received £1200 – which is usually £50 to each club that attended show on the Tuesday, Wisbech, Whittlesly and Peterborough, we still have £1000 from this would it pay for wrist bands for next year? Lion John

Cheetham said another club also attended, Helen Keller assume money not been sent. Wrist bands cost £30 for 1000. Lion Roger replied that Royal Norfolk surplus goes into the budget under promotions committee, in the past the cost of wrist bands was found from budget. Lion David Pope said perhaps should look at donation - if club sends 1 person and another 5 this does not seem very fair. Lion Adrian asked about when need to produce budgets is it October, Lion Roger said he was happy with February but PDG Tony Prior said problems with February with approval because of subs resolution. Lion Roger will have budgets by middle of October please ready for November meeting.

2e - Immediate Past District Governor – Very minor update should read drinking a lot more red wine!

Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions

No updates but comment – we have no Region Chairmen and some vacancies for Zone Chairmen, we are not getting many people coming forward for these roles. DG Chris said must get info out regarding candidates for DG path. Lion Derek Prior said we need new blood coming forward. New call to conference will be going out in the next few weeks
PDG Jim Cawte no updates

3.0 Zone reports

1A – No update

1B – We have held first of centennial convention meetings all clubs by one attended but they will still be involved. Dates confirmed 16th -19th March 2017. Next convention meeting 3rd November Lions Martin and Nigel to attend. More info next meeting

2A – No update

2B – vacancy clubs invited to Lion Sandie's meeting for 2A

3B – Zone meeting arranged for 16th September at the Dereham venue.

3A – No update - Chris

4A - No update

5A – No update. Barley Lands Country Fayre on 12th and 13th September three non Lions attending to be noted for insurance purposes. 2nd VDG Derek P says someone has 3000 wrist bands for this?

5B – No activity- been on holiday. 7th September Zone meeting clubs advised. Thanks to hotel for lovely cookies.

6A – No updates

6B – No update but with DG's permission money for IPDG Kevin £67 for his charity from raffles at club meetings.

4.0 Membership

4a Almoner – No update. PDG Derek Greenwood confirmed he has coffin drapes, contact PDG Barry if required.

4a Global Membership – request for bullet points Roadshow is available for all clubs, zone meetings and next year hopes to attend more lions based events however can't attend if don't know about them.

4b Global Leadership – meeting yesterday at MDHQ and it was suggested that all zone chairmen should be trained as guiding lions. A training session will be included at Convention, and more information will follow.

4d PR – no update

4e Centennial Celebrations – PDG Jim Cawte 2017 Centennial year for lions. Information received said polo shirts available so rang MDGQ and asked where we got information from, they are only available to order and cost **£27** not £15 each. Extensive suggestion list on how we as a district can become involved. Limited info available for Zone chairmen. Vision, Environment, Fly flag etc, please talk to Jim about events you can consider. Gazebo with centennial log cost about £500. Can we encourage clubs to report to Jim on their activities, there is a form they can complete. Lion Simon Smith has seen the new promotional DVD and a copy is with DG we should try and see it this afternoon.

4f Competitions – Updates - changes in district quiz, with the help of Lion Adrian trying to get heats done before end of year (December) forms out by end of August, please advise Lion David Parker when heats completed. Final Saturday 20th February 2016, should we have food? If we have food no charge for venue if no food charge of about £50 for venue. Photography competition two running at moment one for MD and ours based on environment.

4.g Lionesses – no update

4.h Lioness Liaison – no update

6.0 Events

6.a - Agreed date with Dave Large for convention meeting and those who need to attend will be invited.

6.b – Convention Co-ordinator – new budget for 2016 copies in front of everyone. Those already paid will be contacted in the near future asking how you want your refund. New form from Tuesday on line paper copies available from Martin today. David Parker had been asked by a member of his club if confirmation will come for menu choices, Lion Peter Smith said if bookings form accepted menu confirmed. VDG Nigel asked if bookings up to usual Martin said bit low but they are hoping to get to every club in the very near future. Lion Peter Smith said they are trying encouraging evening events.

6c – Events Equipment – PDG John Haynes no updates

7.0 Welfare

7a – Chairman – No update

7.b – Diabetes – report from Lion Trevor Hull before you. Lion John Cheetham said one of ways getting information out is through Balance a publication from Diabetes UK.

7c – Environment – If and Zone Chairmen aware of projects your clubs are doing in relation to environment please advise him.

7.d – Gift for Living – Zone Chairmen please ask for coinage to be given to them and then pass on to officer.

7.e – Lions Clubs International Foundation – There are several clubs in EA who have never given to LCIF and he would like five minutes at zone meetings to try to rectify this. Lion Martin says clubs give funds tagged but LCIF want it undesignated is there anything we can do. Lion Roger says the funds he gets go as requested by clubs. Derek Greenwood says donations go for 5 years in designated funds then goes into main account if the designated funds have not all been spent.

7.f – Lions Eye Health Programme / Sight – World sight day 10th October

7.g – Medicalert – New catalogue is now available on line. Derek Lion Rutter asked about early start, it had passed him by. Lion David G replied more information should be available for next meeting.

7.h – Message in a Bottle (MIAB) – Lion Matty reminded about requesting in advance for supplies. DG Chris congratulated Lion Matty on his appointment as MD MIAB officer, and also Lion Simon Smith on his appointment with the Special Olympic Games Board.

7.i - Speech and hearing – New literature available about the difference a dog has made to people and sponsor forms to train a dog.

7.j – Vulnerable Persons – No updates

8.0 Youth Projects –

8.a – Chairman – no updates

8.b - Young leaders – Lion Derek R had some new certificates which took 3 days to turn round. In the past because it is a signature project pins and log books have been supplied but they are now no longer free of charge. Will be asking cabinet to keep a small stock available he has some which he will pass on free of charge.

8.c - Leo Liaison – No update

8.d– Life Skills – New information should be available at next meeting

8.e – Peace Poster - final November cabinet meeting advice going out to all clubs.

8.f- Young Ambassador - Info for Zone Chairmen we need to find entrants by middle of October so that we can get a district final.

8g– Youth entertainment – No update but Zone Chairmen please push the competition. Possibly the last year MD will do this competition.

9.0 Administration

9.a Health and Safety – remind clubs need Health and Safety officer, and questionnaire sent out needs to be returned.

9.b International Relations – No update

9.c – Insurance - Since update a couple of claims paid, one president burgled and lost chain and bars his claim would not be paid out by his insurance company because burglar alarm not on whilst he was in the house! Lion David asked about new policy document George has this coming and will put on the web as soon as available. Second claim club lost gazebo at motor show this has been paid out. DG Chris suggested replace with centennial gazebo.

9.d - IT/Webmaster – Lion Simon has invoices for web site hosting please pick up invoices before you go. Lions Simon and David Large have updated their computers and need a further £100 for cabling and bits essential to run the projectors for convention due to compatibility problems. Lion Roger said there was no money in budget. 2nd VDG Derek P said that the projectors are used for training days too, possibly GLT budget could be used. Lion Martin asked if this will get us through this convention and then we need to make investment – Lion Simon said would be fine for this convention, but not sure how long projectors will last replacing bulbs cost between £500 and £650. PDG Tony P suggested put in budget in future for updating equipment, £2500 under spend on audit costs and proposed £100 for this convention, seconded 2nd VDG Derek P all agreed. Lion David Pope advised Cabinet of Margaret Kimberly's retirement (Editor of Lion Magazine) and her replacement lives in Peterborough and is being badged up this week as a member of their club. DG Chris has given permission for her to attend next cabinet meeting to meet everyone.

AOB

Lion Adrian made his usual plea for photos etc for next convention review of the year.

Lion Ujjal spoke about Lions sashes which are expensive, is there any other source which is cheaper. Lion Simon offered shipping via his company which greatly reduces costs, just give him a call.

PDG Paul said about PDG Jim had spoken about gazebo for centenary, PDG Paul wanted to speak about replacing these as we are at the stage where we have to replace probably one this year and another the year after and his suggestion is that we have two or three sides with logo printed on. He will look at costing for existing. PDG George said if Paul has a claim for a gazebo if he signs form George will put in a claim.

2nd ~VDG Derek Prior suggested the "Dereks" wear yellow socks for this year in memory of Derek Snelling.

It was suggested that a copy of the reports referred to in the minutes be attached to minutes – David Pope said present report is 28 pages long of which 20 are reports this will meeting, if the reports from the previous meeting were included this would add a further 20 pages to the printed pack.

Simon showed the centennial dvd. Comments were made it was just a load of figures. Hopefully something will be available on U Tube. Lion David Pope spoke about the targets set in video and said a lot of these things we are already doing if we report it these on my LCI.

DG lady's appeal – Lion Evelyn told cabinet that the first part of the appeal is for Romanian Pride and the second is for EACH especially the new hospice which is being built in Norwich, the Nook. If clubs would like to do an event for this charity she would be most grateful.

Raffle raised £106 – thanks to everyone

IPDG Kevin thanked DG Chris for a good cabinet meeting, started off well determined to finish at lunchtime but some people just wanted to talk! We have had some laughs and a very good meeting, well done.

Tail twister

Duties carried out very well by Lions Sandie and Ujjal, and Lion Adrian paid up his mobile phone fine to Evelyn.

Date of next meeting

22nd November here