

Lions Clubs International District 105EA – 2015 / 16

Minutes of the second Cabinet meeting of the Lionistic year 2015/16 held on Sunday 22nd November 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), PID Phil Nathan, 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), Barry Miller (Castle Point, Jim Cawte (Wymondham), Paul Martin (UEA Campus), District Secretary (DS) Lion David Pope (Peterborough), District Treasurer (DT) Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea), Lions David Goodwin (Haverhill), Mandy Hawkesley (Bungay), Chris Moreton (Hunstanton), Sandie Briault (Helen Keller), Mike Clipston (Wroxham & Hoveton), Ujjal Kullar (Taverham), John Potter (March), Peter Smith (Stowmarket) Mark Lanham (Lowestoft), Sue Cowee (Attleborough 2013), Martin Langdon (West Norwich), Matt Bungard (Thetford Breckland), Derek Rutter (March), Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket and District), Don Drew (Littleport), David Parker and Trevor Hull (Billericay), Adrian Robinson (Clacton on Sea), Pam Maguire (Haverhill), John Cheetham, Di Parkin and Gaby Sharman (Peterborough), Lions Keith Radley (Witham), Lion Kay Large (Leigh on Sea), Lion Tracey Field (Chelmsford), Lioness Chair Angela Howard (Saffron Walden). Chris Hibbert (New Century) and John Fox (Downham Market)

Sergeant at Arms (SaA) Lion Adrian Robinson called the meeting to order for this, DG Chris' second 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 Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket & District) and **Lions Clubs Code of Ethics** was read by Lion Sandie Briault (Helen Keller/Witham Lionesses)

DG Chris performed the "badging up" of Cabinet members who were missing at the first Cabinet meeting. PDG Barry Miller reported the death of a very familiar face to Cabinet, PDG George Gardner who had passed away in October, and also in the last few week the passing of PDG Paddy O'Donnell from 105I, a regular visitor to our conventions and supported of 105EA. There have unfortunately been a list of members who have passed to higher officer since the last Cabinet, Lions Bill White, Halesworth, Charles Green, Dereham, Percy Bacon, Harleston, Eric Gibb, Harlow, Gordon Bell, Dereham and Brian Chaplin, Clacton-on-Sea; and he asked for a minutes silence in respect of these Lions.

Apologies for absence had been received from Lions Len Russell (Haverhill), Simon Smith (Braintree) Mark Langham (Lowestoft) Jane Gardner (Bungay) and IPDG Kevin Rodgers (Wisbech)

1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting –

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

Matters arising – PDG Paul Martin was there and Lion Mandy in wrong club - corrected

2.0 District Officers reports

DG's report –

Conventions losses £37K, £19K will come out of balance

COI status - clubs can decide not to join, Gift Aid on dues has not been agreed.

Ireland are moving out of MD105 and will be a Stand-alone Single District.

Marie Curie agreed that no money collected by Lions will be used on admin, all funds will go on nursing hours which cost £20 per hour.

Nothing on Message in a Wallet

Convention will be looked at in regard to new districts

MD posts will be cut from 45 to 25 and will also look at providing training and meetings at MDHQ.

Convention will start on Saturday and Host Night will be cancelled, recognition of Incoming and other Governors and their partners will be at the Banquet and Ball.

B & I costs for reception at International Convention to be reduced and buffet to be served not the type of desserts provided in the past and there will be no district tables reserved.

International team to be disbanded.

Spouses will get tickets to events

From 2017 Directory will be in digital format only.

From 1st July 2016 Lionesses to be disbanded, bridging facilities to be given. They can join Lions, start Branch club or a new club of their own.

1st and 2nd VDG – no updates

District Secretary's report - Lion David Pope said it has been very difficult producing the pack this time as he had to chase quite a few officers for their reports which is why the cabinet papers were late. In the report I quoted membership at 1135, it is now 1133.

District Treasurer's report – DT asked Zone Chairmen to remind clubs treasurers that when new a member joins, if the club wishes to claim back \$25 joining fee they must drop Roger an e-mail or they will not get it. Accounts for year end 2015 have been circulated and everyone has looked at them and digested them and are there any questions on the content. There being no questions Lion Roger proposed they were accepted, seconded by PDG Jim Cawte and agreed unanimously, they will now go to the Reviewers. Budget has been prepared and agreed with VDG Nigel, are there any questions. PDG Tony Prior suggested everyone pay no subs to use up reserves, Lion Roger said that it has been agreed that reserves be carried forward on pro rata basis to new districts, subs will remain at £9 – all agreed. It could mean a further 90 – 100 subs will be needed to make up reserves. 2VDG Derek Prior says it has come to his attention that some districts are laying on transport to Eastbourne to discuss redistricting and other things, there is nothing in budget for this, what do the members think? PDG Barry asked if armoured transport was available, PDG Paul Martin said he felt it may be the carrot to get people there and if they enjoy it they may wish to go again.

Lion David Large said he thought it would be silly not to put transport on even if we charge a nominal fee as we need to show those on high the error of what they are trying to force on us. Lion David Pope suggested someone from Region 1 start looking at this, the top of the district and work down. 2VDG Derek said we need more than one bus and suggested liaise with zone chairs. Lion Roger said if we use reserves we have to replenish. PDG Tony P said we should approve a budget and it should be replenished but we should be going to that meeting, it is the most important during his Lion's career and we should go and listen to what everyone says.

Lion Martin suggested an indicative budget be included for coaches and suggested £1000 proposed PDG Paul and seconded 2VDG Derek Prior, agreed unanimously. Lion John Potter is happy to look into this but need some idea from zone chairman as to how many members would like to go need help to find out who. Lion Derek Rutter said it is important that delegates and alternates go so that they vote

Lion Adrian said there are some items in his report which needs approval. He showed the official shirt at £25 each and a mock up of suggested one at £11.00. Wristbands – he needs support for Tendring show 9th July when they will be manning the gates with the wristbands. 2VDG Derek Prior asked if we are going to support the usual district shows and do we need to approve this every year or is Adrian asking for something different? Lion Adrian says he is asking for people to help, it will not go ahead without the support of the district, there are not enough people at Clacton. DG Chris asked if he needed any more wristbands, not sure whether there is any left. PDG Jim Cawte said in past 30000 ordered by PDG John Haynes in past for Tendring, Royal Norfolk show and Barley Lands. Lion Roger said 50000 ordered last year, PDG Jim to follow up with PDG John Haynes as to how many are left. Lion Matty asked that new bands be green not orange as green stands out more than the orange – this will be looked into. There are no longer Medicalert bands so this should not be a problem.

Conventions

2016 – Stoke by Nayland - Lion Martin Langdon referred to page 21 of the bundle. Convention 2016 most difficult to work with at the moment. We have 66 bookings at the moment and 25 substantial individual bookings for the lodges, booking forms and forms for the lodges are in pack front of you. A relaunch pack going out with help of Lion David Large and a hard copy going out to each club and to zone chairmen to take round to clubs and push. Lions Peter Smith and Martin have expressed concern for this event and attendance is low, he is very worried so please push as many people as possible, also quite a few people here have not booked, breakeven is 135 for the host night, 60 rooms and 180 – 200 at the banquet and ball, and we expect up to 90 staying Saturday at moment below that probably half that at present. Lion David Parker asked if problem with booking, he has not received confirmation and he booked in September. PDG Barry said booked in March and did not get acknowledgement until July. Lion Peter Smith is dealing with this please speak outside of meeting with anything else. Lion Roger said cheques issued got credited to the wrong account, had call from the Chief Executive of Royal Bank of Scotland who grovelled and we have £200 compensation!

2017 at Peterborough - hosted by clubs of Zone 1B. The requirement budget needs to be agreed before we go forward and copy is in front of everyone, at the moment it looks as if we may lose 75p but this could always change if discussions nearer the time prove useful and it is likely that they could be reduced. Proposed Lion Martin seconded Lion David Pope all agreed.

2018 – We are trying to get conventions into a 3 year cycle but there is likely to be an issue on this one. Have spoken to Norwich clubs and Airport Hotel and we can get it and would like to make a provisional booking and pay a deposit, because we may need a convention. 2VDG Derek Prior said that he felt we should go ahead with the convention as it is likely that there will be two conventions that year to finalise details. To clarify Lion Martin said he should plan for convention in 2018, 2VDG Derek P said that next Saturday there will be feedback by DG team as to what their district say about the redistricting so we should hold back until then. PDG Tony P said he proposed the last one in Essex, Lion Martin asked if Leigh on Sea was offering to host. Can Lion Martin contact opposite numbers to see what we can do for spring 2018 with new district as well as EA Convention. Agreed

PID Phil not happy with £25 per shirt for Centenary but couple of observations - this is an MD thing and the one we have is slightly different. There is no writing on back, PDG Jim said this can be arranged. Lion Chris Hibbert said we should not lose the idea that this is an MD project and we all want to look the same promoting the same. Lion Adrian said if we add all the other writing the cost will be nearer £25.

Lion Derek Rutter reminded clubs that they need to complete the forms correctly and include centennial hours and other project details in full.

IPDG Kevin Rodgers had asked the DG to remind all officers and club presidents to give him opportunity to visit clubs and meetings to talk about the work of the Lions Club International Foundation.

Lion Trevor Hull - quick update Witham Lions have had three screening days since June and will all count towards centenary, also Billericay etc. His appointment as Deputy Diabetes Officer for MD has been confirmed appointment – congratulations.

Report from Len Russell regarding Operation Friendship – there were three applicants but one couple have had to withdraw due to their granddaughters wedding. The other two couples will be considered and details will follow with the winners.

Lion John Cheetham - please keep trying to find venues and organisations for deaf aware training.

Competitions Officer Lion David Parker thanked everyone who have arranged heats for the quiz. To date there is only one project for the Environment competition, if any more please advise him.

Lion Gaby – There were 2 definite young ambassador candidates and we now have another making three so there will be a competition this year.

Lion Keith Radley said Lion Trevor is collecting stats on diabetes for centenary who is collecting stats on spectacles. Lion Derek Rutter said you can go on mylci as secretary and fill in appropriate form.

Lion Mandy's appeal for Gift for Living, she asked if the money raised could go towards special mattresses as they are desperate for these to help alleviate bed sores, the money was originally for mannequins but the need has changed – agreed.

Equipment – DG team had a meeting recently and came up with a plan and DG Chris asked if there is anywhere in any Zones where gazebos could be stored, we have 6 in total, 2 in Peterborough, 2 Norwich and 2 Clacton and other equipment. Nothing else has come back yet. We need to make sure they are fit for purpose, service them etc. PDG Tony P has two district gazebos in his garage for information team. Lion Sue Cowee offered space for one. PDG Paul Martin requested he keep Roadshow gazebo he has arranged repair etc and it is likely to be used every weekend next summer. Littleport can store one. Storage is important but need someone to co-ordinate them.

With Christmas fast approaching can everyone check that everyone needing them have DBS checks. Young Ambassador club closing end of month losing 25 members, University of Colchester also closing and losing 8.

Lion Adrian asked if anything has been decided about Colchester, at the moment the member is alternating between Mersea and Clacton. DG Chris said the member is quite happy as things are at the moment John English is happy to carry on with his inflatable to try to drum up business.

Lionesses – Lioness chair Angela was given the floor to update Cabinet with what had recently happened. She has been bombarded with e mails, letters, messages and phone calls everyday since the announcement. Thanks to everyone in our district for their support. Our District Governor has tried and supported them well. Thanks also to Governors and members from other districts. On 25th October she was invited to meeting with MD Lioness co-ordinator and then uninvited. The Lionesses had been asked to update their constitution for 17th October which was done. PDG John Kyte asked CAC if he still needed to attend as he was going on holiday, the reply came back he should still attend but not Angela and she has heard nothing after that. PDG John told her the outcome on the Monday morning but she was sworn to secrecy until the letter came out, she could not even tell her husband. She had loads of events arranged, went along to big breakfast and other events not being able to say anything. A letter to presidents with the accompanying letter from CC Simon Moss which he was asked to pass on to Lionesses, PDG John felt this was not correct, the letter should go from Angela which she did. A second letter has now gone from CC Simon clarifying issues which were not clear in the first letter. This issue only applies to us in UK not worldwide or Ireland. Lionesses are very upset and hurt that they are being targeted and feel whole matter handled very badly especially the way she has been treated. Some info from other Districts

District A - they have a meeting on 2nd December and Angela is going and will follow up with their lions.

District C - Lionesses talking and don't want to become lions but even if they decide to do something on their own they will still help their lions club who are quite elderly.

District E – meeting last Thursday but not caught up with them yet. Pam has been in touch with Leicester waiting to hear their views.

District EA – clubs setting up meetings, Downham Market not happy or complimentary

District NE – not happy at all

District W – Lionesses appalled had meeting and DG invited he went and the subject of the way their District co-ordinator was treated was discussed

District SE – extremely disappointed and DG is not being helpful causing much bad feeling. Had district meeting took a vote and they will not become lions and do not want to stay in lions at all. Waiting to see what the clubs do in the MD. Asked them and all others do not take any rash decisions keep talking to each other and her and PDG John. We are part of the lions' family but not being treated as such. Can't imagine how she will feel at conference being the last chairman at their last conference, if goes the way MD want it. They are a family and know each other so well. Told clubs must continue as they always do helping their communities this is going on in the background but keep going. Upset about if they are asked to support anything we are always there to help, feeling very hurt at the moment. Not much more to be said at the moment looking into constitutions, charities etc but will use the 6 months to find out as much information as possible. She was told that at the meeting when vote taken it was unanimous and from that time the council were under the assumption that lionesses were no longer in existence from that

moment. PDG John said they must give lionesses the chance to wind up their business. They have appointed MD Centenary officer to work for 100 years celebration and lioness were to celebrate 40 years of lionesses, both of which will not be done if this goes through. Need to be able to trust our lions. DG Chris said it was not unanimous, some did not vote yes. Some people using CIO to get rid of lionesses. We do not seem aware when the CIO was vote in.

Advice received from Charity Commission and lawyers any mention of lioness in charity would be incompatible

Lion Keith Radley Witham it is assumed lions clubs are not running lioness clubs correctly we have however been talking to the Charity Commission who were not in receipt of full facts. Also spoke to a treasurer of another organisation and they get gift aid on dues, why are we going down this route.

PDG Paul said the CIO is an excuse to get rid of lionesses who are a project of lions club as is Sight, MIAB, Young Leaders, etc. The governors are not and have no right to tell lions clubs what projects we take part in and support

2VDG Derek P – said two letters received one is a stop it and the second is if you give up gift aid you can keep lionesses. Derek asked PDG Tony Prior to explain the higherachy of lions. Tony said as far as he can see the agreement with HMRC has not been thought through and agreed properly and clubs do not have to agree to it. We have lions clubs constitutions which we can continue to abide by. MD constitution article 1 etc, if Lionesses do not fall into this category then he does not understand. The governors cannot do this.

Lion David Pope said lionesses have been treated abysmally and what can we do. If it is about money then there could be another line in the accounts showing lioness. He thinks the present CoC has been disgraceful. He has visited clubs and the Lionesses do so much work.

PDG Barry Miller said the same, they do such excellent work and read out the piece in the previous minutes when DG had said that it was not true that lionesses would be disbanded, was it true they had gone back on this – yes. Can you tell what the vote was - no.

A PDG from SE went to Deal. The Lions club worried about lions as getting older and if they fold what would happen to the lionesses. Nearest club is the one for present DG. Badged up 2 new members and in same meeting told lionesses they would be disbanded and they will be a pilot lions club. This was two weeks before the meeting. This PDG is also on the CAC, what is happening in the background? Lioness Angela asked what lionesses have done for them to be treated this way.

Lion John Fox asked how many people attend CAC meeting, Chairman of Council, MD Secretary, MD Treasurers, and guests. How many people vote just the 13 DGs, DG Chris replied yes. Lioness Angela was reading newsletters the other day, one especially from Canada which contained a letter from the DG a lady supporting the lionesses 150%. Next Loins Roar see 1 ½ pages of what they do and funds raised. Survey done with lionesses and only 5 might join lions so we are not gaining members.

DG Chris asked if Roar goes to other districts, no only on web site but John ~fox said he will send on to all DGs.

PID Phil said he felt some DGs would not pass this on. He did not attend last meeting of CAC as he was at International Medicalert conference and he has heard nothing. He read out the protocol of International and as PID he is quite high up and has heard nothing. He is an honorary lioness and really proud of this and he is appalled (and added a couple of other words not for print!). He is going to Serbia would love to have lionesses with him he does not have enough hands. Does he want to be a lion?

Lion Martin Langdon asked if this a constitution issue, we could not change things without going to convention, should this not raise a vote of confidence against COC.

PDG Tony has MD constitution and cannot find any reference to lionesses but perhaps we should put a resolution to convention about vote of no confidence.

Paul said it had been muted by another governor who served in 2013 / 14 that it should be a no confidence in chair of council and CAC?

Lioness Angela has been told as they are a project there is no need to take to convention as they are not part of the constitution, PDG John took results of survey back and told them they would not become lions they said they would – how wrong. Lioness newsletter goes out to everyone throughout the district.

Lions losing members and people are not aware that they will not only lose lionesses but they will lose lions too who feel so strongly about this.

2VDG Derek P said this is appalling, on a lighter note reading e mails on redistricting etc. his wife says, 'oh another e mail from FIFA.'

PDG Jim Cawte asked if any of this has been reported to International, DG Chris says as far as he knows no, Jim said that it should be as there are so many successful clubs throughout the world.

Lion David said yes it is terrible what they are doing but we need to decide what we are going to do now. They could be a project of the district can we do this.

PDG TonyP said we could do this but what of longer term in view of what else is going on. Resolution should go forward to MD

PID Phil said that the next meeting will be when he is in Ukraine and therefore not able to attend and it is very important both Nigel and Derek are attending and they should report back to cabinet immediately. Time is close for resolution and it may not be right. Membership is still an issue.

Lion Keith asked about health and safety and insurance if lionesses stay if they report everything to lions club they would be covered?

Lioness Angela said their "Understanding" was scrapped at the meeting in October.

Lion John Fox advised that last year he produced document of "Understanding" for lionesses and it was presented to COG and it was thrown out as they had no input.

Chris asked if there was anything else to discuss. Lion John fox said we need to plan what we are going to do.

2VDG Derek P asked what Lioness Angela would like us to do. She said clubs still having meetings and would ask that when they have had meeting if they could send reports to her for collation and then a meeting with district to decide way forward.

Lion John Fox said that they as a club do not know which way to go forward they can support their club as both are members of charity trust as are the Witham clubs but they need guidance.

Lion Martin Langdon said do we put resolution for no confidence in CC and CAC and if so, have to decide today as resolution for convention in by 31st December. PDG Tony P said that if put forward resolution it can be thrown out COC does not have to allow discussion. Can turn it down on time and other things.

New constitution has not been voted on and MD does not have permission from HMRC regarding charity and Gift Aid.

2VDG Derek P said it is proposed a visit to all conventions to explain all four issues, he has told them we are unlikely to get one thing completely right the first year, let alone 4 things.

PDG Barry Miller said the only thing on table that is cut and dried is the lionesses and we should write to the COC and tell him that the cabinet of EA will not accept this and we will retain our lionesses.

Lion Tracey Fields asked for clarification of the CIO, and Derek Prior gave a brief explanation regarding transfer to CIO giving Gift Aid and it means that as individuals you are not liable for any losses for your club.

Lion Keith Radley said if club now responsible not individuals but the club is members.

Lion David spoke to HMRC re Gift Aid and registered charity they said yes we could have gift aid, after speaking to Lion Roger and PDG Varesh they both said, so David rang back to HMRC who said no you can't have it because money not going back into charity account and he has had to send back £200.

Lion Keith said he does it for Operatic Society and gets money back.

Lion Roger said at MD meeting told Gift Aid goes into Admin and this is not in line with the charitable trust he suggests anyone speaks to Varesh Paul.

DG Chris asked what we are going to do about lionesses write to COC, but Martin suggested that we put in resolution that this MD reinstates the lionesses. PDG Paul said council 13/14 had this brought before them at the first meeting in July and came about as a result of lions club being discovered when a club not in our district were running a charity shop and members were not paying dues it was coming out of the takings from the charity shop. Spoke to Tom Berry and allocated £4000 to take legal advice, report came back but so complicated to say not very much and sent it back, had to be taken up by next committee. Last year council continually asked about document and was told still working on it.

Presented to this year's Governors and no one knew where it had come from it got in under the wire!

Lion Derek Rutter said he is aware of another club where this has happened.

Redistricting

DG Chris said he has received lots of things from north of the district and a lot more from the south. He has spoken to DG in E and A, but they have no issues. PDG Tony P is chairing a meeting in the next week to discuss this subject and will put results to 1VDG Nigel and 2VDG Derek P who will bring these to the meeting at MDHQ next week when they both have 5 minutes to put over their points.

2VDG Derek P has following questions:

Do you think we need to redistrict – his answer would be yes

Are you happy with the consultation period – his answer would be no

Are we happy with the proposed options – his answer would be it needs more work, fiddling round the edges.

2VDG Derek wants to ask everyone's opinion. PDG Barry says that he is not sure he trusts anything that we are being told are finances, what does Lion Roger think? Lion Roger says if Ireland leave the MD then almost certainly are we will lose £67000 per annum which will increase subs by £5.50 per person. 2VDG Derek said for a resolution to be put forward it must be costed, the new proposal has costs but not savings although he thinks it is cost neutral anyway.

PDG Tony said International says 1250 members is cost effective for a district and without this a district cannot endorse a member for higher office within International. If less than 1250 members in the district only get vote at MD, these are things we can suffer if not redistricting.

2VDG Derek asked questions again about need for redistricting, almost half yes, but over half needs more information, no-one said no.

Happy with consultation December – no need more time.

Happy with redistricting option – no need more information and time.

Lion Douglas Whyte asked what happens to this district if we get 1250 members, PDG Tony said International must have resolution approved by districts with 1250; it goes to MD for discussion first. If it gets past MD does it then have to go to International, can they not approve, they must have some justifiable reason.

PDG Barry Miller said in 1977 his club formed and was in A, and in 79 they had a convention in Cambridge and in the afternoon they split into EA. There were various reasons for this, we thought we were a great group and could go it alone but if split happens we will lose many members especially in the south, this is already being muted by members. PDG Paul had asked questions about why this is happening, regarding financial reason in the report there are two figures on separate pages which are different. 2VDG Derek said they have now been changed so they are the same, but PDG Paul asked if they are any more correct! The background regarding people and numbers in districts - it is not being done for the good of Lions but for personal agendas. If we are not careful despite our good efforts we could come unstuck at MD Convention, we need to flood the place with voting delegates and supporters. Lion David Pope believes that it is because there are some people who cannot control the DGs as there are people like DG Chris who have views of their own so this is their agenda. He suggests EA stay together and take in home-counties and Peterborough will be in the centre.

2VDG Derek said that he had written to COC

Is there a mechanism for implementing the redistricting?

Lion Martin said that it is crucial this is done with the minimum of stress to members, where as it is actually causing the maximum; looking at NE at the top of Scotland no clubs at all.

PDG Tony P said that if resolution is put forward it must be submitted to Coms and Noms by 31st December otherwise it must be an emergency resolution so it needs to be a very simple and practical resolution which needs the support of Eastbourne Convention, not sure if this can be done. Eastbourne is a very important convention to attend by as many members as possible for the business session and to ensure discussion and debate. Abandon all of the districts and form all new districts, alienate all members through the md, don't use expertise new constitution. You cannot put forward resolution and then amendments which could flaw the resolution, we must get it right in the first place or bring it forward when it is correct. Lion Chris Hibbert said there does not appear to be much consultation with the clubsm

could we not put forward a resolution that this is left till after Centenary, which will be our biggest effort on membership, and see what happens then.

Lion David Goodwin said he has spent most of his working life looking at redistricting and it is so difficult, most industry now goes on post codes, PDG Tony prior postcodes or county boundaries are usually used. PDG Tony said we can't put a resolution forward if MD haven't put theirs forward. 2VDG Derek said the meeting next week is for all DG teams to look at all the comments and then discuss the resolution which would go forward, possibly as an emergency Resolution.

Lion Martin said he still thinks we need to put forward a resolution by 31st December that this should be put back until 2018 when there has been sufficient time to discuss the whole situation and will be outside our Centennial year.

PDG Paul asked for confirmation that resolutions have to be in 31st December - yes, so no resolution has been put forward at the moment - no, Governors meet in January and Ireland will have decided to go by that time so it will be an emergency resolution accepted based of finances matters.

Lion John Fox said we can rely on a resolution going forward after the meeting on Saturday and Governors will be told what they have to vote on, and it will be a done deal. He proposed that we put forward a resolution which we should do after the meeting at Leigh on Sea, so that the wording can be correct. This was seconded by PDG Tony Prior and agreed unanimously.

Lion John Cheetham said that he is concerned that one person has the right to say yes or no. 2VDG Derek Prior said you know what we have to do - amend the constitution.

Structure

2VDG Derek P said there still needs work done on this.

Lion David Parker asked if we can find out at meeting next week whether redistricting needs straight forward majority.

PDG Tony said one thing would likely go be raised at meeting is Section 2 - MDHQ considered whether building should be sold and another office found, but no costing included. DG Chris said the building had been valued at £375,000 in 2012 looked at comparable properties and renting other properties but feel as they make money from car parking not to sell; but if we sell it we would have to give a percentage to Ireland. 2VDG Derek P said they will need it anyway for Ireland but it is much worse because the building sits on our books at £400,000 and have not depreciated money we have spent so would show a loss. This is the responsibility of the MD Treasurer.

Lion Martin said he knows we have had these discussions frequently but what is the system for removing the CAC, they are undemocratic, dictatorial and doing things that in a commercial or public service would not be acceptable; so what does this mean we have to do resolution with 2/3 majority.

2VDC Derek P asked if everyone was happy with the International changes – again need more teeking but better.

Any other business

Lion Adrian pointed out that as far as data protection with MYLCI is concerned, safe harbour rules no longer apply. This is being discussed with other European data officers to get European agreement to send to America, advice is for time being carry, on but could be liable for prosecution.

Lion Derek Rutter said Norway last year tried to organise a Youth Camp for disabled people, takes place near Bergen but cancelled last year due to lack of support, if they can get themselves there between 4th – 13th July at their cost, the rest paid by Norwegian Lions.

Lion David Pope said there were a few directories available if anyone wanted them.

PDG Jim Cawte confirmed wrist bands were supplied to Royal Norfolk Show, Tendring and Barley Lands. At Royal Norfolk trade stand cost about £700 will we pay this, need to spend about £1000 for bands can he have go ahead. 2VDG Derek P said there is money in budget for Norfolk show. This was agreed Usual plea from 2VDG any unwanted pens to him please for the NHS! (ie Sheila).

Tail twister Lions Don and David did good job. £43 raised
Raffle raised £130 – thanks from Evelyn

Peace poster winner March lions 2nd Thurrock and 3rd Ipswich, Special Needs Leigh on Sea.

PDG Paul gave vote of thanks in absence of IPDG Kevin who was living it up at a Governors reunion. This has been a very difficult cabinet meeting today which you handled in an excellent manner. You have had so much dropped on your lap but you have dealt with it all well and we congratulate you.