



**District Governor
2017 – 2018
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Cabinet Papers

For the Meeting being held on

Sunday 6th August 2017

at the

Holiday Inn, London Road, Ipswich, IP2 0UA



Cabinet Agenda

1. Call to Order *(Sergeant-at-Arms)*
2. Housekeeping Rules *(Sergeant-at-Arms)*
3. Welcome *(District Governor)*
4. Ethics, Purposes, Mission Statement *tba*
5. One minutes silence in memory of those Lions & Lionesses who have passed to higher service *(Almoner)*
6. Badging Up *(DG, SAA, CNRO)*
7. Apologies for Absence *(District Secretary)*
8. Minutes of Last Meeting
Approval and Matters Arising
District Governor's Report *(District Governor)*
9. Matter from the Council of Governors *(District Governor)*
10. Adoption of reports as per Cabinet Papers
11. ANOB / Discussions – if time allows
12. Raffle
13. Immediate Past District Governor
14. Tail-Twister(s)
15. Next Meeting and Close
16. Lunch
17. District Trust Meeting (during lunch break)
18. Hearing Trust Meeting (Immediately following the District meeting – Trustees only)
19. Forward Planning meeting (after the Hearing Trust meeting – FP Team only)

Cabinet Papers

1. Minutes of Last Cabinet Meeting

Lions Clubs International District 105EA – 2016 / 2017

Minutes of the final Cabinet meeting of the Lionistic year 2016/17 held on Sunday 14th May 2017 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 Nigel Folkard (Southend on Sea), 1st Vice District Governor Lion Derek Prior (Billericay), 2nd VDG Mandy Hawksley (Bungay), Past District Governors (PDG) Lions Tony Prior, Derek Maguire (Haverhill), Jim Cawte (Wymondham) District Secretary (DS) Lion David Pope (Peterborough), District Treasurer (DT) Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea), Lions Len Russell (Haverhill), Jane and Michael Gardiner (Bungay), Sandie Briault (Lion/Lioness Club of EA and Witham Lionesses), John Potter (March), Martin Langdon (West Norwich), Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket and District), Simon Smith (Braintree), Don Drew (Littleport), Mark Lanham (Lowestoft), Adrian Robinson (Clacton on Sea), Pam Maguire (Haverhill), Gaby Sharman, Di Parkin and John Cheetham (Peterborough), Lioness Chair Angela Howard (Lion/Lioness Club of EA and Saffron Walden Lionesses), Ujjal Kullar (Taverham), David King (New Century), Sue Cowee (Attleborough 2013), Keith Radley (Witham), Chris Hibbert (New Century), Wendy Cook (Ipswich), John Fox (Downham Market), Kay Large (Leigh on Sea), Matt Bungard (Thetford), Trevor Hall, David Parker (Billericay)

Sergeant at Arms (SaA) Lion Adrian Robinson called the meeting to order for this, DG Nigel's final 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. He asked members to get a drink at lunchtime and then go straight to the tables where lunch will be served. Coffee is available all morning just help yourself. OPAC shirts available take what you want and tell Adrian. Finish 12.30 for lunch.

DG Nigel welcomed everyone and thanked them for giving up their time and wished them all good luck for the coming year.

Lions Clubs Purposes were read by Lion Michael Gardner and Lions Club **Code of Ethics** was read by Lion John Fox.

1VDG gave 1 minutes silence for those who passed to higher office
Lion Gaby Sharman then "volunteered" to run with the mike.

Apologies for absence had been received from PID Phil Nathan, David Goodwin, Stuart Macaness, Peter Southerton, Derek Rutter, Peter Smith and David Large

1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting –

Proposed PDG Paul Martin, seconded Lion Don Drew, agreed unanimously.
No matters arising which will not come up during the meeting.

2.0 District Officers reports

2a DG's report – attended last council, meeting very detailed,

At Convention in Blackpool there were 396 delegates in attendance representing 251 clubs, 105 alternates and 700 attended the convention.

Finance reports were published you could have picked up a copy and they are also on the web site

MD officer appointments and applications are being sorted by the incoming Council

MD105 forward – in draft initial response by 105

Shine new spotlight – it was felt this was strong but lacked detail and is to be discussed at International Convention

International convention will have 191 people attending from UK

MD convention 2017 at Blackpool was a weekend of friendship with a good Banquet and Ball; we said a fond farewell to Ireland and voted our International Director PCC Geoff Leeder. Lots of discussion which was friendly and useful. It was agreed we would go to 8 districts from 2020.

2018 convention will be in early May at the Hampshire Court Hotel in Basingstoke Hampshire. Matty only had 4 people reply who want to go, anyone else please let him know or there will not be district hotel.

At the end of Convention Chair of Council was asked where the Council minutes were as last year it was agreed these would go onto the web site this has not happened, and these are now being loaded on the web site. Convention next year has a first class hotel costing £115 instead of usual £195. There are only 90 rooms available and already half taken by MD.

2b 1VDG – none

2d 2VDG – none

2c District Secretary's report – David Pope logged onto system this morning and our current membership stands at 1171, we have lost 6 members and gained 4.

2d District Treasurer's report – New membership is in budget for next year, assumes it is the Cabinet's decision to pay \$25 for new members – please remind treasurers they must send e mail to Lion Roger or they will not get money.

Peterborough Convention has broken even, no profit no loss, due to clubs in 1B who donated £980 to make it special, at the end there was a balance of £440 and it was decided by the committee that the £440 went back to clubs. We didn't have to pay £1000 hire fees. Come to the Treasurers notice two clubs sent donations direct to appeals instead of through him. We like to monitor donations and he cannot help if doesn't know about donations sent direct to MD. \$750 paid for appeal, which we won, has now been \$650 returned.

Paul Martin said regarding payment of joining fees these will increase to \$35, do cabinet absorb this or clubs help. VDE Derek Prior said International President was swamped at convention by everyone telling him this is ridiculous, how not to attract new members!! He is taking back to the Board. What do we do, Derek Prior said the joining fee gets absorbed

into the first dues. Ian constable asked if family membership will continue, Roger says he believes this will continue but they must complete one form and district will only pay one fee.

Paul Martin said family membership is only available on International portion of dues, not MD or District. Only proportions on MD and District dues are for students.

Roger proposed we reimburse \$25 dollars seconded by Derek Prior, agreed by everyone, district can afford at the moment.

2e - Immediate Past District Governor – None

2f -CNR – Tony Prior has been advised there is a meeting tomorrow with E and C regarding their appeal, and another meeting on 14th June. John Cheetham says last paragraph of Tony's report, he thinks northern clubs of EA should make contact with the southern clubs of E and he knows one meeting has been set up. John Potter says they have an event coming up in Peterborough and he has been in touch with clubs north of Peterborough and several clubs have responded they would like to be involved. Derek P invited counterpart in E to next cabinet meeting as observers, hope they will reciprocate but he is doing nothing official until after International Board meeting agrees everything as we are aware there are appeals going forward. Chris Hibbert says he lives in E and goes to many events. Paul Martin said he is concerned that this is handled carefully and diplomatically.

2g - Centennial – PDG Jim ~Cawte no update

2i – Lions Roar -John Fox said he would like to look towards a development of Lions Roar he feels there is a situation out there where lots of club lions do not know what goes on at cabinet. He is looking at an opportunity within Lions Roar to report about what is happening, ie joining fee, and he is looking for someone to do this, and someone to do the quiz. David Pope has volunteered to undertake the Cabinet reporting.

Derek Prior said he has done the quiz for three years someone else help please – Mandy volunteered.

3.0 Zone reports

1A – No update

1B – none

2A – none

2B – No update

3A – No update

3B – Ujjal said two clubs no reports, one late and one still outstanding. They have had a centennial project, renovating two rooms at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, most items for this has been done and handover is to be arranged.

4A - Nothing

4B – No updates

5A – no update

5B – No activity

6A – no update

6B – No updates

4a Almoner – No update

4a Global Membership – Reminder whether or not redistricting goes forward we still face the problem - we need new members.

4b Leadership – Reminder incoming officers day 11th June, everyone welcome members who have held positions before and those who might be thinking about it, everyone's input is welcome.

4d PR – no update not here

4e Centennial Celebrations – no update

4f Competitions – One up date - golf competition this year outside convention we have 1171 members and only 11 players have entered – how can we get more people. Quiz numbers dwindling so this year trying one quiz with clubs taking part (no heats) at old Copdock and see how this goes. Proposed David Parker, second Simon Smith all agreed cost £200. John Potter asked about clubs who enjoy doing zone quiz, it was repeated there will be only one quiz.

New Century sensory garden has had patio laid with help of Bury St Edmunds club, help from Ipswich and Chelmsford clubs too and hopefully get Derek Prior down on presentation day.

4.g Lionesses – 5th May closed down Leicester lioness club, main reason was they could not find anyone to do officers and president has done 3 years and wanted someone to take over. This is the last lioness club formed, two joining lions club and current president may join Lions / Lioness club, want to help community without all the officialdom. Thanked Douglas for all his help.

4.h Lioness Liaison – no update but would like to reply to Angela, he has enjoyed the time working together especially cabinet being told what to do. Thinks time now to sit back and relax, enjoyed every minute with Lionesses.

Chris Hibbert

6.0 Events

6.b – Convention Co-ordinator – Tendring show booked commitment from District for wristbands, not aware about marquees and staffing. Can he have Zone Chairmen collars back unless they are continuing. Tony P mentioned in report don't know where the gazebos are, he has one in garage and Billericay has one. Paul martin has two stored and one in back of car and Ian Constable is taking one back. We need 4 for Norfolk and Norwich, 3 blue and the centennial. Two white at Yarmouth. 3 blue and centennial also for Tendring and from 1st July will not have vehicle to get gazebos around won't fit in vehicle. Simon Smith said he was asked by disabled sports who were desperate for gazebos, Tony P said not desperate but any additional available would be useful, probably have enough for that event. Don Drew asked if we do actually have enough gazebos because Littleport arranged to have one for an event and a month before they went walk about and they used a donated one. Paul said they had requested a gazebo but not confirmed and Paul arranged to meet a member of the club half way to hand one over then had phone call to say don't bother too far. Derek P said we have enough in district the problem is moving them around. Paul travelled miles sorting these out but what we need is co-operation from the clubs to pick them up. Keith Radley said Witham borrowed them last year went to Leigh to pick up and took back. Have accounted for Centennial, (lost one to wind damage at Barley Lands, and claimed on insurance now down to 5, he can account for 4.

If we have insurance then we should replace, Tony says we need a new one but how do we have it printed – Lions Clubs International; until we know more about redistricting and District name etc we could be ordering something which is

wrong. Roger said £450 insurance not sufficient cost for new one but there is a reserve for these. Cost for a new one £650 and Tony Prior proposed we buy a new one as a replacement, this was agreed.

Trevor Hull said the damaged gazebo in Billericay store - does anyone want any of it or should they throw it away, Paul Martin said the frame was useless there is a big tear in the canvas but sides can be saved.

Who is going to organise the Tendring show – Lion Adrian has said in past he will not do it as it causes friction with his club. Nigel asked if he should put out a plea for a volunteer, Paul said in new lion year perhaps the Region Chairman for that year this should be first project and looked at in the future rather than just before the event, causes loads of headaches. Derek P asked what the problem is with Clacton. Adrian said the club feel it is a district event and the club feel it is all left to them, they are becoming anti-district. As it is a district project support will be given by them for this, would they be happy to run this as Clacton lions with support from district. Adrian feels someone from outside must deal with this as he does not feel the club would want to organise it again. Sandie Briault said this conflicts with Witham carnival. This will be discussed outside the cabinet. Don Drew suggested a job description so people can see what the job entails

6.c – Martin Langdon said he requires a decision regarding planning for 2019/20. David Pope said in the light of all going on does not want us to go off until we know the decision of the International Board. Forward planning person next year is Mandy and this should be part of it. Derek Prior agreed with David and this was the content of an e mail he sent to him about a month ago, report only made deadline.

John Potter hoped everyone enjoyed themselves at Convention, he did. Nigel gave big thank you to John and the team for such a wonderful convention, he was overwhelmed.

Tony P asked if we had to make a decision about Convention, Derek said he was asking for cabinet to approve holding off – seconded David Goodwin, passed.

7.0 Welfare

7a – Chairman – No update

7.b – Diabetes – Trevor Hull said this was his last cabinet meeting thanks for support and wish successor and DG every success going forward

7c – Environment – no update

7.d – Gift for Living – no update

7.e – Lions Clubs International Foundation – David P said there is little pack available outlining what LCI is about, also pins available £20, and measles pins too. 12.3% donations across MD which is wonderful considering our membership is running at 10%.

7.f – Lions Eye Health Programme / Sight – no update –

7.g – Medicalert – no update

7.h – Message in a Bottle (MIAB) – No update.

7.i – Speech and hearing – Cost of hearing dog over life now £40,000, Open day at Ear Foundation in Nottingham info available if anyone would like to go, cochlear implants under discussion.

7.j – Vulnerable Persons – No update

7.k - SOGB – no updates

Youth Projects –

8.a – Chairman – No updates

8.b - Young leaders – No updates

8.c - Leo Liaison – No updates

8.d– Life Skills – no updates

8.e – Peace Poster - no update

8.f- Young Ambassador - no updates

8g– Youth entertainment – no update

9.0 Administration

9.a Health and Safety – Regarding DG questionnaire being completed, Michael has been in consultation with Dickie and Derek P and it is requirement that it is completed every year and it will be circulated again for next year. Derek said in Health and Safety policy it has to be done, we have to put in a resolution if we don't want it.

9.b International Relations – No update

9.c – Insurance - no update

9.d - IT/Webmaster 2 – Felixstowe Lions have been asked if they can get in touch with Felixstowe Coastal Patrol Rescue Service.

9e Lions Roar – no update

AOB

DG handover is 12th July please join, Tony P said his club is holding a business meeting you could always join them. David Pope re officers - some clubs have still not advised incoming officers.

Ujjal reported he had attended seminar in Woking re CIO. SE funded this seminar, and had people attending from the Charity Commission, Solicitors and Accountants talking about it.

Change to CIO is like registered company, and any club with a turnover above £5 must register. Must have an audit trail and displayed, trustee is responsible, and insurance may not be honoured if mistake is made or things not done properly. Must have proper paperwork trial or LIONS may not pay on their insurance. With joining a CIO trustees not liable for anything. Gift Aid means we can claim 25% of donations of taxpayers. Roger says every club over £5K must be registered, MD under trustee Phil Goodier and John Bush looking at this, several clubs being used as guinea pigs and there are lots of problems raised which need to be ironed out. Trained people will join the team and once this has been set up and problems resolved they will then come out to districts and invite the clubs to become CIO, more problems the trustees do not want to be swamped by 500 clubs joining, our district has some clubs over 5k and as long as they are known they will be put on waiting list and no action will be taken against them. Derek Prior 147 clubs throughout the MD

who are not registered as charities we only have 9 so doing better; one club not registered as charity earned £147k last year, the problem if person or company owe inland revenue 20% they are committing fraud trustees of that club liable but not charity if registered no trustees so officers liable and also club members and if they did not pay everyone who had been a lion would have to pay. This is serious because if they did not pay they could be prosecuted and max sentence 10 years in prison and unlimited fine. Oh dear! this is why we are spending money fixing this problem, there are about 5 clubs over £100K over £50K an horrendous number of clubs. MD are paying solicitors a large amount of money and one of the benefits is the Gift Aid, on total subscriptions to gift aid £200K per year could be the saving for MD .David Pope said he was astonished when found how much we have spent on solicitors, one pilot club is Wisbech. Roger reported that one club who did not comply members who did not pay up were issued with county court writ. Ujjal said this can take up to a year, can protect yourself from Trustee insurance through MD105. John Fox checked his club was ok they are already charity – yes, any club already a registered charity is fine.

DG Derek's vision statement for next year.
Create lead and inspire

Focus on retention of existing members and recruitment of new members. Paul is knocking himself out getting new members but still managing to lose more than we recruit, we need to plug the hole in the sink and turn taps on. PDG Kevin is looking after retention, not just down to them but everyone needs to be involved. Why do we need more members, it gets us out and seen helping our communities, people need to see us making a difference then they will be interested in joining us. Lions serving with lions, his club serve with other clubs at their events, this gives us more value for money being a lion. His club also help Rotary at local events and also Round Table for fireworks. We should work with other organisations

Nigel said he has been privileged and honoured serving in EA this year and thanked sincerely his cabinet for this year he could not have done what he has this year without their hard work and support. Good luck to Mandy and Ujjal.

David Pope said Nigel had a pretty tough year this year with redistricting, you promised to keep us together and despite what we think about Essex this is happening, discussions were difficult but you have worked hard.

Special thanks to Douglas Whyte and John Cheetham who are both retiring this year, after a long service on Cabinet. PDG Jim Cawte said for a number of years this district was one of 4 who took part in Lord Mayor's Show in London, there is some money left in the account and we as a district will be part of the pay out and he would like to use the money for the walking group in the Norwich Lord Mayor's show on the 8th July, this was agreed, seconded by Gaby Sharman. Tony P said in light of the possible new district structure and the need for charity status should we do it as CIO. Derek P said nothing doing until after October and we should not go alone on CIO but possible need to think.

Nigel thanked everyone for the support of Marian's charity they have been overwhelmed. He thanked Marian for all her support and hard work during the year, it has been exciting
Marian re-iterated everything Nigel said, she enjoyed every minute. Without support of all clubs and lions she would not have achieved what she has without so many people.

Ujjal presented a banner from Turkish participant on the ALLI course in Malaga.

Raffle made £138.00

Tail twister This was carried out in the usual professional manner and raised approximately £41.80

Closing remarks by DG

The next Cabinet meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on Sunday 6th August. He thanked everyone for coming today, safe journey home, bon voyage.

2. Officers Reports

a. District Governor Lion Derek Prior

District Governor Lion Derek will give a verbal report

b. Vice-District Governor Lion Mandy Hawksley

Actions since last report:

Have arranged Club visits as requested by DG Derek, Continue to work with GMT re the road shows.

In my second year as member of the Strategic Development Committee, along side IPCC Heather Jeavons, IPDG Rod Weale, 2VDG David Butler, Council Sec Andy Pemberton, Council Treasurer Philip Goodier, MDHQ Manager Brigitte Green.

Future Plans:

To support DG Lion Derek through the year.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

c. 2nd Vice-District Governor Lion Ujjal Kular

Actions since last report:

With the launch of the new Lionistic year, it has been a pleasure to visit Clubs in our District as advertised in the Lions Roar. I have also been visiting Sheringham and Cromer LC to acknowledge the appointment of the new Zone Chairman Arthur Bailey, and visited again to attend a pre zone meeting. I also visited Acle and Brundall LC annual fayre at our Lions stand.

I shall book a meeting room to hold an introduction day of the Lions in a newly identified area of Reepham, PDG Paul Martin and I will be working on this to form a new club hopefully. An other area is also being looked at, I shall report on this as progress is made.

I have also attended my club meetings and its proceedings.

Future Plans:

To continue to support DG Lion Derek as required.

Attend all Vice Governor training as required.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

d. District Secretary Lion David Pope

Actions since last report:

Membership: As at 30th July we have 1,125 Lions, short of our minimum 1,250 and way short of our optimum 1,300 members, I will update Cabinet of the latest numbers and any changes at the meeting.

This year the District will be paying for a hard copy of the MD Directory, this is costing the District in the region of £560, distribution will be via Zone Chairs – Thanks – it's the cheapest way. This is a new initiative and I hope they are well received. Some Clubs / individuals have purchased additional copies @ £5 each.

The District Diary continues to grow, I am grabbing any relevant information supplied in the weekly news and dropping them into the District Diary, I am pleased to see some of the Zone Chairmen are publicising their Zone meetings, this does help to stimulate attendance at the Zone meetings. When Clubs are organising events, can you encourage them to check the diary first as a clash of dates may reduce the attendance. I will place an article every couple of months into the weekly news with a hyperlink to the diary to publicise what is going on within the District. I have ordered a quantity of new member kits and will bring them with me to the Cabinet meeting if they arrive in time, if not GMT Team Leader Lion Paul still has some.

Future Plans:

To continue to support our clubs with their monthly membership reporting, ensuring our numbers align with MyLCl.

I will also be requesting that Club Secretaries report their activities on the MyLCl website, this will help with reporting for our Centennial Celebrations.

To continue to support DG Lion Derek and our Cabinet to be as slick, professional and efficient a District as possible.

e. District Treasurer Lion Roger Fuller

My report is written as at the 29th July. There will be an update at the meeting.

Account	Current account	Reserve account
Administration account	£4,041.11	£16,719.71
Charity Trust account	£2,285.36	£ 1,898.80

Last year's spend, allowing for audit fees, will be approximately £2,500 over budget. This was due to unbudgeted expenditure on the District restructuring, and financing new membership. Our Capital reserves were also further reduced with purchase of a new gazebo £1,200. I have brought Gazebo reserves back to £2,500. Capital shortfall now stands at £1,944.

The Peterborough District Convention broke even.

The District Capital Reserves are now:-

Account	Balance	Reserve
Administration account	£ 10,919.71	£12,500.00
Convention	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Gazebo	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
IT	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
Total	£16,719.71	£17,800.00
Outstanding payments	£864.00	
Shortfall	£ 1,944.29	

Last year's accounts, including the Convention at Peterborough, are with the reviewers, ESW Ltd (H W Fricker FCA) and will be finalised in time for the next Cabinet Meeting.

Membership Dues.

Membership subs were due by the end of July, 35 clubs have paid. It is important that clubs pay their Oakbrook accounts when they receive their statements. Payments need to be made to me by the 25th of the month. If they send their payment to me after that date the exchange rate can change, which means there will be a small amount showing (credit or debit) on the next statement they receive.

May I remind Club Treasurers that they can go to the website lionsclubs.org to get their club balance and exchange rate.

New Members.

International have increased the joining fees for new members to \$35.00 (increase of \$10.00).

Please remind your Club Treasurers that Cabinet has agreed this year to pay \$25.00 of the \$35.00 International joining fee. **It is up to each club treasurer to claim re-imburement from the District Treasurer within three months from date of statement.**

Donations.

The following amounts were received during the year ended 30th June 2017.

Blind Veterans UK & Blesma	100.00	LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellow	240.00
Centennial Appeal	3,826.12	Little dresses for Africa	900.00
Countess of Wessex Appeal	2,400.00	MD Disaster Appeal - Grenfell	1,402.23
District Fun Day	3,585.00	Measles Appeal	3,568.34
DG Lady's Appeal 2016-2017	9,110.79	Medic Alert	275.00
DG Lady's Appeal 2017-2018	100.00	Message in a Bottle	4,025.00
English Fed. of Disabled Sports	300.00	MD Youth Programme	3,377.00
Gift for Living	760.33	Peace Poster	365.00
Life Skills	450.00	Sight Savers	2,310.00
LCIF – Disaster Appeal Undesig.	7,560.00	Special Olympics	1,250.00
LCIF – Gambia Earthquake	100.00	Water Aid	200.00
LCIF – Haiti Hurricane	9,965.00	Wristbands	120.00
LCIF - Indonesia	250.00	Young Ambassador	30.00
LCIF – Italian Earthquake	4,980.00		
LCIF – Japan Earthquake	350.00	Total	£51,899.99

The following amounts have been received for the year ending 30th June 2018.

District Fun Day	750.00	Sight Savers	250.00
English Fed. of Disabled Sports	100.00	Special Olympics	250.00
LCIF - Measles	500.00	Undesignated dons – District	100.00
LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellow	80.00	Water Aid	250.00
MD Disaster Appeal - Grenfell	500.00	Total	£2,780.00

Club Accounts Outstanding.

2016 – E.A. Centennial – Dereham – New Century – E.A. Lioness – U.E.A. Campus

Both the Charity account and the Administration account need to be reviewed. **Please may I remind Clubs that they need to get their balance sheets signed by the Reviewer, the Immediate Past President and this year's President before forwarding them to me.** These accounts should be sent to me by the 31st December 2017.

Budget for year 2018 – 2019

Membership subscriptions have been maintained at £9 per annum per member. It is appreciated that the budgets are set one year in advance, but I can only produce a budget on figures given to me. **I must stress the importance of keeping your expenditure within the budget figures given to me.**

The budget for July 2018 to June 2019 has to be presented for Cabinet approval at the November 2017 meeting. **Please let me have your requirements by end of October 2017.**

f. Immediate Past Governor Lion Nigel Folkard

Actions since last report:

Please convey my apologies to the DG and Cabinet, as I will be working as a volunteer at the Special Olympics in Sheffield in the transport section.

Actions since last report - Attended the LCI Convention in Chicago

Future Plans

To attend the Special Olympics in Sheffield, as a volunteer in the transport section.

To support the DG as and when required.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

g. Const. Noms. & Resolutions Lion Tony Prior

Nominations for Election to High Office at District Convention 2018

30th September 2017 is the closing date for nominations for candidates wishing to stand for election as District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor at District Convention in March 2018.

At the time of writing I have received the following nominations:

To stand for election as Second Vice Governor to serve from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019 – **District Secretary Lion David Pope** (Peterborough)

Resolutions for debate at District Convention 2018

31st December 2017 is the closing date for submission of resolutions to be considered for debate at District Convention in March 2018.

At the time of writing, I have not received any such resolutions but would expect Cabinet to submit a 'subscriptions' resolution after consideration of a budget prepared by the District Treasurer.

Submission of Resolutions & Nominations

Nominations and resolutions should be sent to me by email using the following address: cnro@lions105ea.com

h. Forward Planning Lion Mandy Hawksley

The first District Forward Planning meeting of this year will take place following the Cabinet Meeting the attendees are to be: DG, VDG, 2VDG, DS, GMT, GLT & GST

3. Region & Zone Reports

a. Region 1 Lion John Potter

Continuing to support Zone 1B with the Promotional Event in Peterborough on the 19th Aug.
Have discussed with both Zone Chairs the possibility of a Regional Quiz in Oct as the Zone Heats will not now be held. This received a very positive response from both of them. This to be put to their Zone Meetings following Cabinet. It would incorporate social activity, probably a meal. Will be meeting with Zone Chair Lion Paul (1A) on the 31st July to discover more about Zone. 1A and discuss further cross-region activities. We intend to hold a meeting of the Regional Chair and the 2 Zone Chairs when everyone is back from holidays

b. Zone 1A Lion Paul Southerton

Actions since last report:

The clubs within the Zone had a presentation evening to finally hand over to the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Kings Lynn the cheques amounting to £16,115 for the last lionistic year's Zone project which was for the multi - functional chemotherapy pumps for the Cancer and Treatment centre at King's Lynn hospital.

I recently attended the Centennial Ball hosted by Swaffham Lions.

The clubs are working towards their own summer projects with events such as ---- minature railway enthusiasts weekend, a sixties disco evening, stalls at a local scout fete, plus local work within the community and the Guardian Angel scheme.

I have arranged a Zone meeting for August.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

c. Zone 1B Lion Bill Peacock

Actions since last report:

I am sorry I can't be with you but I will be away on holiday

Zone Projects Taking Place

Lions Awareness Day August 19th 2017 at Cathedral Square, Peterborough

Four clubs from the zone are taking part plus one and possibly two neighbouring clubs taking part.

The zone 1B are about to start another Zone Project to create a Sensory Garden for the City Hospital in Peterborough.

All five clubs have committed both finance and labour to carry out this project

Club Activites

Wisbech Lions carried out a successful Rose Fair which was attended by a large number of people.

Whittlesey are busy organising a Music in the Square event on September 3rd

from 2-5pm in the Whittlesey Market Place

Decisions required by Cabinet:

None

d. Region 2 Sandie Briault

Actions since last report:

Working closely with my 2 Zone Chairman, both are very active and look forward to a successful year. The pre-meeting with all Region & Zone Chairs on 6th August will be crucial for direction setting.

e. Zone 2A Lion Liz Godden

Actions since last report:

Since taking over this role on 1st July, I have attended the Mersea Island Business meeting as well as my own club Clacton on Sea Business meeting.

Mersea Island currently has 16 members, 15 active and 1 Lion at Large and start the new Lionistic year with a change of Club President – Margaret Kimberley, a 1st Vice President – Colin Kimble, a new Secretary – Roy Chamberlain, new Membership Chairman Carol Fountain and a new Treasurer – Keith Bird. They openly admit that last year was a difficult year but are very positive for the future of the Club, and a busy 2017 / 2018 programme confirms that.

Clacton on Sea currently has 37 members, 35 active, 1 Affiliate and 1 Privileged and start the new Lionistic Year with a new Club President – Peter Luckhurst, and a new 1st Vice President – Jim Godden. All other officers remain the same. They also have a busy 2017 / 2018 programme planned and are actively seeking a Young Ambassador of the Year as it has been about 6 years since they found a suitable candidate.

I have been given a Club Diary from Mersea Island, showing all their meetings and events planned, and also have the one for Clacton on Sea. We are currently looking for mutually convenient dates and venues for the 2017 / 2018 Zone 2A meetings.

Future Plans:

Confirm dates and venues for the 2017 / 2018 Zone 2A meetings.

In years past, these two Clubs worked closely together, helping out each other whenever they could. I am aware that some of the event dates do clash but would like to try to renew this friendship.

f. Zone 2B Lion Paul Skilton

Actions since last report:

On review of the club reports provide at the last Zone meeting in the prior Lionistic Year, I can see that all clubs are generally doing well and continue to put in a lot of time and effort into their particular service and community related activities and events.

I've attended the recent Tendering Show with the assistance of Chelmsford Lions & Lionesses where we helped other clubs including Clacton & Mersea Lions distribute the Guardian Angel wristbands as well as man the Lions PR Stand.

I've also attended Chelmsford Lions meeting (not hard as I'm currently President) who have just held a sold-out Centennial Sensations Variety Show which raised £1,500 for Fayleigh Hospice and Essex Sight.

Future Plans:

To hold my first Zone meeting and arrange to visits to other clubs in my zone whilst making every effort to assist and support.

I will be helping with the PR stand road show activities at the Henham Steam Rally in September.

g. Region 3 Lion Mike Clipston

Actions since last report:

Since the start of the Lionistic year, I have made initial contact with all the Club Presidents in my Region.

I will be arranging a timetable of visits to the clubs on my return from holiday in mid September.

A Zone meeting, primarily as a 'get to know you' was held in 3B on 25th July, but unfortunately due to a prior engagement, I was not able to attend. I understand the meeting went well, with discussions on increasing membership and projects which see clubs working together – very much on the same lines I have in mind.

A Zone meeting in 3A is scheduled for when I am away in Canada. I will therefore liaise with ZC Lion Phil on the outcome of this.

Future Plans:

As indicated, visits to all clubs will be arranged but in the meantime I stand ready to assist both the club and zone Chairmen as required.

It is my plans to arrange a Region meeting so that the clubs in both Zones can come together with a view to finding projects on which they can work together, (as was done so successfully with the Jenny Lind Hospital Sensory Room) and enjoy a social get together.

There has been a suggestion put forward to form a new Branch Club covering the area to the South West of Gt. Yarmouth and North West of Lowestoft and this is being looked into in conjunction with GMT New Clubs Officer Lion Keith Radley.

h. Zone 3A Lion Philip Mobbs

Actions since last report:

Sorry but I've been rather preoccupied of late to compile a ZC report. The only thing of note worth mentioning I suppose, is that the storm within the Great Yarmouth club seems to have burnt itself out and calmed down. So with a full calendar, hopefully the members will be too busy to worry about anymore infighting and devote their time to serving the community.

I'm hoping to persuade the 5 clubs in Zone, to come together, as we all have limited membership/resources and to organise a joint project and achieve the same goals.

First part of the plan to get people onboard, is to bring back the Zone socials. These were very popular in the past and brought us together in a relaxed atmosphere and more open to ideas.

Members requested we have guest speakers at meetings again and to this end I've managed to arrange 3 from outside lions.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

i. Zone 3B

Lion Arthur Bailey

Actions since last report:

This report is obviously quite short, as it covers the period from Saturday 1st July 2017, to Saturday 29th July 2017. At the time of printing this report, I have not yet been officially appointed the Zone Chairman of Lions Zone 105EA 3B.

I am pleased to report that on accepting the position of Zone Chairman for Zone 3B, Lions 105EA, I gave great thought to how I would carry out my duties assisting the members of the various clubs in the Zone.

Firstly, I have called a Zone meeting for Tuesday 25th July 2017, at the Morley Club, Sheringham, at 7:30pm.

At this meeting, I intend to discuss with the Club Presidents, my outlines for the development of the clubs in the Zone.

Future Plans:

1. I recently received a report giving numbers of each club in this Zone, and I notice that some clubs have very low numbers of members. It is my intention that we work together with ideas to improve the membership of the various Clubs in the Zone .

2. The clubs with small numbers will find it difficult to carry out some fundraising activities. I intend that all clubs now work together to help raise the profile of the Lions Clubs in this Zone, and fully support those clubs with small membership increase the various fundraising ideas of that club

3. During the last Lionistic Year, most clubs in the Zone, worked together to raise in excess of £8000.00 to support the Children's Jenny Lind Hospital, at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital Sensory Room. This was a wonderful and constructive fundraising event, and it is my intention that we repeat this with a new venture this year.

4. Clubs will be recommended to use publicity, including local free newspapers and local radio, to advertise what they are doing. Also, when fundraising, advertise what the funds are being raised for.

5. I intend to have a new membership drive, using the offices of the Lions Club support team, to try to increase the number of members at all clubs.

I also intend to visit every one of the clubs in my Zone in the next few weeks, to both introduce myself to the members, and to tell them of my ideas and expectations.

I also intend to attend every Cabinet Meeting during my period as Zone Chairman, plus attend each Club's Charter event.

I intend that at the end of this Lionistic year, each club will have increased in membership by as many as possible.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

j. Region 4

Lion Don Drew

Actions since last report:

I held my final Zone meeting at the Rutland Arms Hotel, in Newmarket at which we had as guest speaker Lisa Walsh, who is Area coordinator for Blind Veterans formally St. Dunstan's.

Following the meeting I volunteered my services as Home Visitor, I have now completed my training, and now await my first assignment.

I have not had any reports from Zone Chairs but have had a very fruitful meeting with Zone 4B Chair Lion Derek Thomas, and the first Zone meeting for his Zone is Tuesday 8th of August at the Rutland Arms Hotel,

I will be on the same day and time attending Zone 4A Zone meeting in Ipswich.

k. Zone 4A

Lion Mark Keable

Actions since last report:

As we haven't yet had our first meeting of this Lionistic Year (it takes place at the Ipswich Hotel, 8th August at 7.30pm).

I'm hoping to continue the Swimming Gala which our Zone has organised in the past. However Carol Malpass is no longer able to organise to ill-health. I've asked for all paperwork and contacts to be sent to me so that I can bring this up at our first Zone Meeting however I am still awaiting to receive anything.

Despite contacting all clubs in my Zone I've only heard back from Ipswich and Woodbridge (both their reports are attached but in brief I'll give it to you in brief here as week

Ipswich – Membership is now 26

Annual Art Show held in May however revenue for this was down on previous years.

A new event, Mutt Strutt, was held at Alton Water and while only raising £150 it was a try-out and will be run again next year.

Big Table Top Sale 29 July looks to be a big event with nearly 30 tables sold

Club continues with it's race nights and other community fundraisers.

Promoting Young Leaders, Ambassadors and Peace Poster.

Spectacles are continuing to be collected for recycling.

Community helping and financially supporting Hospice, Hospital and RDA as well as individuals

Woodbridge – Membership is now 24

Club was heavily involved in the Woodbridge Regatta helping with marshalling and staffing as well as fundraising with their Duck Dive.

Community Service: Replaced play equipment in town park

Distributing food parcels to needy and lonely people.

Later in year the club will hold it's 10k and 5k Race and Fun Run

Plus October will see an Art Show

I. Zone 4B **Lion Derek Thomas**

Actions since last report:

Have met with region chairman and discussed dates of visits. I have e-mailed club presidents introducing myself, and details of my future plans. Have asked for a club report and if they will be able to attend.

Future Plans:

A zone meeting is booked for the 8th August in Newmarket and I will be attending Littleport charter in September.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

m. Region 5 **Lion Kay Large**

Actions since last report:

I have contacted all Clubs in the Region to introduce myself and wish them well for the coming Year. I am looking forward to working with the Zone Chairmen and I have made arrangements with both Stuart & Tim to attend their first Zone meetings of the year. The Zone A Clubs are working well together on a Centenary Project to help a local Riding for the Disabled group. Zone 5B has been without a Zone Chairman for most of the past year (due to ill health) but we have a willing volunteer in Tim Watts who has now taken over the position. I have attended the Disabled Sports Day hosted by the Clubs of South East Essex which was an excellent day, enjoyed by all, and a presentation evening at Eastwood Lions Club with speakers from Dogs for Good, a very worthwhile charity. The evening was well attended by Zone 5B Clubs.

Future Plans:

To arrange visits to Clubs or Club events within Region 5 to support their work.

To offer assistance/advice to Zone Chairmen as required.

To support the DG Team.

With the Zone Chairmen, to arrange a Forum within the Region to increase knowledge and fellowship.

n. Zone 5A **Lion Stuart Mackaness**

Actions since last report:

Report extracted from a letter ZC Lion Stuart has sent out to his clubs

We have DG Derek Prior to lead us in the new Lionistic Year and he has an excellent cabinet of officers to support him.

We have a new Region Chair (hooray!) Lion Kay Large will no doubt be a much needed additional level of support for us and I have already invited her to attend our next Zone Meeting.

Zone meetings this coming year will be held at various locations around the Zone and I would ask for clubs to volunteer their meeting places (or suggest nearby suitable ones) in the same manner as last year. We had a fantastic response with meetings held in Billericay, Brentwood, Romford and Thurrock. It will be great to see new parts of the Zone (and revisit others) in this new year.

The provisional dates for the Zone Meetings (8pm start, locations to be confirmed) are:

Wednesday 29th November 2017

Wednesday 21st February 2018

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Unfortunately because of my work commitments I cannot fit a Zone Meeting in August this year, I am looking to see if it is possible for one in September. If not then (and for now) I will treat the November meeting as our next Zone Meeting and look for a club to volunteer a location for us. Even without a Zone Meeting, I will, of course, endeavour to keep the clubs updated as to activities and events over the next few months.

Finally, we have an update from Barrow Farm in regard to our Centennial Project that you have all so excellently offered your support to. Lion Julie Chandlers (Chelmsford) has been working with Barrow Farm on getting a further couple of quotations for the woodland path work. She is also looking into getting plantings cheaper through her

contacts. I hope to give you more information soon when the work might be done once we have finalised the costings. On another note, Barrow Farm would like to recruit some new blood to their board of trustees, I attach the information for your consideration.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

o. Zone 5B Lion Tim Watts

Actions since last report:

Initial review of zone member numbers over the last Lionistic year carried out. Whilst all five clubs still have sufficient numbers to be active, the overall trend was negative with a net loss of 4 to bring the starting figure of this Lionistic year to 108.

In addition to individual club activities, the annual Disabled Sports Day was held on 15 July. This was the first year it has been run as a zone project and feedback so far has been very positive with the quality of the organisation highlighted.

Investigated the possibility of a late zone entry to this year's Southend Carnival.

Future Plans

Full engagement with the clubs via a programme of club visits and cabinet feedback will proceed.

First zone meeting scheduled for 23 August.

Investigation of recruitment and retention plans of clubs.

Exploration of future zone project possibilities.

Engagement with local government and third sector organisations to identify where community needs are not being met.

p. Region 6 Lion Sue Cowee

I am looking forward to working with all the clubs in the region ,I will be contacting the clubs in August and September to arrange a visit with them.

q. Zone 6A Lion Michael Gardiner

Actions since last report:

Since taking over the role on 1st July i have arranged dates for the 4 zone meetings i will be holding in the 2017/2018 year and arranged dates with all club presidents in my zone to attend my first club visits. I look forward to meeting and working with all lions in my zone over the coming months.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

r. Zone 6B Lion Derek Fripp

Actions since last report:

No actions taken since start of Lionistic year.

I am intending to visit all clubs in 6B during the Autumn.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

During the Autumn I expect to be arranging a Zone meeting but do not expect this to be done until I have visited the clubs and agreed a suitable agenda.

4. Membership Group

a. Almoner Lion Barry Miller

I am pleased to report at the moment no lions have been lost to higher service since my report to cabinet in May.

I always have available a coffin drape for use in the South of the District. Derek Greenwood and PDG Lion Jim Cawte also have them available for use in the north of the District. We should consider moving the drape held by Derek Greenwood to somewhere more central in our District.

b. Global Leadership Officer Lion Derek Maguire

Actions since last report:

I have completed Incoming Officers information day together with Zone and Region Chairmen orientation, with the assistance of the DG Derek, GMT co-ordinator Paul, District. Secretary David and GST co-ordinator David.

Future Plans:

We will be conducting more information away days for incoming Officers and Zone Chairmen later in the year. I will advise of the dates and content later. If any Lions feel that they would like to have more information about anything related the Lions Organisation, please let me know,

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

There are no decisions required by Cabinet, but I would continue to ask all Cabinet Officers Especially Zone and Region Chairmen to ask the club members in your zones and your fellow Lions in your Clubs and Regions what information days they would like us to put in place. We as a District will arrange and set them up for them. Remember that the future of our District Leadership and Growth of our district is in your own hands. We have done our bit for the District and now we are here to help you to do your bit.

I would be very grateful for any information from Zone and Region chairmen regarding Lions they think would make good District Officers, Zone or Region Chairmen or Vice and District Governor. We need to identify any potential leaders for the future.

Justification of above:

To ensure that we as a District put in place effective away days that our members want, to make them more aware about our organisation which they can then pass on to the people in their communities who may want to get involved and become the Lions of the future. We want to give Our Lions what they want and not what we think they want.

c. Global Membership Team Leader Lion Paul Martin

Actions since last report:

Once again we start another Lionistic year with membership in decline, we started this year with 1125 members (1st July 2017) as of time of writing 26th July 2017 at 17.49 we are down to 1123.

The DG Teams will shortly be entering negotiations with District ' E ' with regard to re-districting, (assuming the plans are agreed by the LCI Board in October,). Personally I believe this will be rubber stamped. With membership in decline they will not be working from a position of strength.

DG Derek has appointed some new members to the GMT Team with specific objectives, this is already proving useful as several have volunteered to help with the Membership Road Shows around the District.

Thank you DG Derek and those Members of the Team who have offered help.

d. Global Membership – Ethnicity Lion Ujjal Kular

Actions since last report:

New to the role, will gain more direction following the Cabinet meeting.

e. Global Membership – Women Lion Jenny King

Actions since last report:

New to the role, will gain more direction following the Cabinet meeting.

f. Global Membership – Youth & LEO Liaison Lion Ian Constable

Actions since last report:

New to the role, will gain more direction following the Cabinet meeting.

g. Global Membership – New Members Lion Tracey Field

Actions since last report:

I don't have a report this time, as yet we've not met with Derek, or anyone, to discuss how this team is going to work. Hopefully we'll be able to meet during lunch time to formulate some ideas and plans. Now that Ben Nevis and variety nights are over, I should have some time to do something with this role

Future Plans:

Attended Tendring show on the lions awareness stand, and am booked into several more similar events.

h. Global Membership – New Clubs Lion Keith Radley

Actions since last report:

At the Incoming Officers day discussions about the possible creation of a new club based around the Blundeston/Browson Green area of Norfolk (see below), I am available to assist them in any way they need. I have emailed Lion Chris Hibbard with the request of using the 'Feed the 5000' project as a catalyst for finding potential Lions from the volunteers coming forward for that project. I along with Chris hope that Zones and Regions can come together and identify areas where new clubs could be formed and then getting on board for the 'Feed the 5000' project in that area when the GMT team can also help and hopefully form new clubs as a result of the volunteers wanting to do more.

Future plans:

To work with clubs, Zones and/or Regions to identify areas where new clubs could be formed and help drive the formation of new clubs. Hopefully work with the 'Feed the 5000' project in these with a view of forming new clubs.

Possible areas for local clubs, Zone and Region chairs to look at forming new clubs are:

The Gorleston on Sea/Blundeston (Norfolk/Suffolk border) - I have spoken with the Region Chair and an interested Lion about this possibility, the Region Chair is taking careful soundings.

Colchester, Maldon, Sudbury where Lions Clubs have previously existed.

Diss and Fakenham, plus any other areas that may be identified over time.

I will be at the following events with the GMT stall:

12/08/2017 Mersea Island 20/08/2017 GY Lions Fete Hopton

28/08/2017 Lowestoft Gala 10/09/2017 Leigh Regatta

i. Global Membership – Retention Lion Kevin Rodgers

Actions since last report:

During the following Lionistic year I hope to visit every zone at one or more of their meetings to explain that membership retention is the job of EVERY member and hopefully to suggest ways of retaining members and recognising when these actions might be necessary.

I have already spoken to some Zone Chairmen and arranged my attendance and I ask others to consider my request to attend at least one of their meetings.

j. Global Service Team Lion David Goodwin

Actions since last report:

Firstly I would like to thank District Governor Derek for his faith in asking me to take on this new appointment and look forward to developing the new role as more information becomes available over the next twelve months. As this is a new position to date no actions to report as my instructions are to implement and develop the role over the next twelve months as more information about the role becomes available from Oakbrook.

Future Plans:

Assist District Governor in helping him achieve his 3 general priorities especially in promoting Lions Service to clubs and the public by working with Region, Zone and Club Service Chairpersons.

k. Marketing/PR Officer Lion Wendy Cook

Actions since last report:

Now at the start of my second year in the roll as PRO, I spent most of last year getting to know people and seeing how the land lies, whilst of course, being on hand to help when required.

This year I would like to encourage clubs to publicise themselves more, and letting a much wider audience know what the Lions are and what we do etc.

There are lots of ways to publicise you club and what you are doing, and I would always encourage Clubs to make friends with their local media organisations. Know who is the contact for community stories at the local newspaper and be on first name terms. This is also true for local radio, get to know contacts there too, especially your local BBC radio station, they are always glad of a community story.

Press releases are vital. A good press release popping up in an inbox of a community reporter at a point when they have a gap to fill may well get published... But, only if it is written and presented in the right way.

Press releases are best written in the third person and should not take up more than one side of A4 when typed up. Ensure that you get all of the important information in the first paragraph, as in busy pressrooms this is sometimes all that is read before a reporter decides to use it. Try and include an image – but never embed this into your word document always attach separately. And, don't forget to include your contact details.

Not everything that you send will be used, however your local paper will get to know that you will reliably send something regularly and when they have gaps on deadline day, they will use some of your pieces.

Now, I know your going to say, "But we don't have something to write about every week..." Here you have to be a little creative, there are many things that Lions Clubs just do, that can also make a good press release, be it a new president, a fund raising event, cheque presentations, centennial projects, members stories etc the list really is endless.

One thing to remember though is that what you submit to the media, must be written in a way that is reader friendly. Remember, when writing, that the reader may never have heard of the Lions so you have to explain a little more. For example we all know what the role of a District Governor is within the Lions, however Mrs Smith somewhere in Suffolk doesn't...

I'm always on hand to help with all things marketing and promotion, whether you are struggling to get noticed by your local press, want help and ideas for press releases, have been sending press releases out but not getting published, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

I. Lions Centennial Celebrations Co-ordinator Lion Chris Hibbert



Lions clubs throughout the district continue to undertake various Centennial activities, including tea parties, 100 years of entertainment, environmental projects, legacy projects etc. See Jim's report for further details.

As mentioned in my presentation at the last cabinet meeting I have set up a small team to help me through the final push on the Centennial and we have had some initial discussions. Also, following the presentation Lion Tony Prior expressed an interest in helping to organise a Feed the 5000 event in Southend, since then Tony has received the support of Sir David Amess (MP for Southend West) and Councilor Fay Evans (Southend Major). More recently, I have also received interest from Lion Keith Radford in his role of GMT new clubs. Keith is keen to hold the event in an area devoid of Lions. Finally, on this subject I attended a MD Centennial meeting on the 22nd July to talk about this project. Lion Phil Nathan has suggested that we could look at holding 12 events simultaneously (1 per district). This may seem like madness! but if it could be achieved it would really show what Lions can do when they all pull together and would be a fitting testament to Melvin Jones' legacy as we conclude our centennial celebrations.

I have also been tasked with working with Keith Hedges (MD Diabetes and LEHP Officer) to review and re-energise our work on Diabetes since this has become the fifth main theme of the centennial as well as the next few years of Lionism. To this end, Keith, Trevor and I have had a couple of meetings with Diabetes UK to discuss how we can reinvigorate this incredibly important project. We are in the process of agreeing a new memorandum of understanding between our two organisations, which we hope will be based on three main themes, 'Know your RISK', simple questionnaires that provide a risk score for developing Diabetes, promoting a healthy lifestyle (exercise and nutrition) and education.

Finally, I would like to encourage Lions from 105EA to support the forthcoming musical extravaganza '100 years of music' which will take place on the 24th – 25th November at the Armories in Leeds, tickets are available from just £25 per person for afternoon tea, to £135 per person for the Friday night entertainment, Saturday afternoon tea and Saturday night entertainment. Hotel packages are also available.

Future Plans:

My main aims for this Lionistic year are to:

Encourage and assist with the organisation of a 105EA Feed the 5000 event, acting as Liaison between Lions and Feedback.

Encourage and assist with the organisation of a cookery demonstration evening aimed at people who are struggling to make ends meet. I have some ideas how this would work but hope to work with other clubs to run this event as an example.

Decisions required by cabinet:

Decide where we are going to hold a Feed the 5000 event

Decide who is going to lead the team and fully support their actions.

m. Assistant Lions Centennial Celebrations Co-ordinator Lion Jim Cawte

Centennial Team

There has been a steady programme of Centennial activities;

Dereham LC held an afternoon tea at Yaxham Village Hall, on 11 June. On that same date, Hethersett LC also had an afternoon Tea. Trying to visit both in the afternoon was an interesting journey across country roads!

Lowestoft LC had the most easterly afternoon tea - on Claremont Pier, followed by photo-shoot of Centennial garden and Bench seat in the municipal gardens opposite the Pier.

Wymondham LC has a joint project with their Town Council; the Council supplied two planters and growing medium, with the Lions Club supplying the plants and this has brightened up the pathway near the Heritage Museum.

A number of Clubs in the catchment area of the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, combined to supply a Sensory Room and Parents Room, as a Centennial Legacy Project. This Project was officially presented in June, Another Hospital Legacy Project was undertaken by Clubs in Region 1, namely supporting the purchase of equipment for the Cancer unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn.

Still in June, some 26 Lions (and Lioness!) from around the District, paraded in the Grand Ring at Royal Norfolk Show, for the Sunset Ceremony. We were well noticed in our Centennial shirts!

The Norwich Lord Mayor's Street Procession on 8 July featured a Lions Club Centennial Float, with our new Centennial Banners on the Float and another Centennial banner proudly displayed by Swaffham Lions Dennis and Pam Tallon. Pictures of the float available on the EDP 24 web-site.

No doubt, still some Centennial activities to come.

Decisions required by Cabinet:

None

n. Competitions Officer Lion David Parker

Actions since last report:

New Lionistic Year – New Governor – Same Competitions Officer!! As before my first task was to update the MD105ea website and it is now current and up to date, my thanks to the Webmaster for making the changes. As stated all dates and rules are now up to date on the website.

All competitions have now restarted and again I ask Zone Chairman to encourage all clubs to take part, none of the competitions are time consuming, and many encourage fellowship between clubs, ie District Quiz, travelling lion/lioness. Please remember that although we (The Cabinet) know about these competitions there are newer members in our District who are yet to learn of them so I ask and encourage Zone Chairman to pass on to Presidents and Secretaries to make their new members aware of them. As already stated all information required is on our District website.

In addition to Zone Chair promoting Competitions I will periodically post something in our weekly newsletter to try and broaden the audience and make more Lions aware. In addition to this I will also try and send information out to Presidents and secretaries of each club providing they have email.

Phil Daubeney Environment Photo Competition - Most people have a camera on their phone now so entering the photographic competition is easy when you are out and about and I'm pleased to say that I have had a few enquiries regarding the rules and timings of this competition.

Travelling Lion, and Lionesses - again it is the same as last year with only 3 or 4 clubs entering this, at the moment there is still only one Lioness club submitting entries! The Idea behind this competition is to encourage fellowship among clubs in our district and beyond, and I'm sure there are more clubs travelling around our district, they're just not telling me, so again can Zone Chair please promote this to their clubs, it's a simple form on the web site that they need to submit so no postage required.

District Quiz This Year There will be no Zone heats. The District Competitions Officer will arrange and supervise the District Final, and advise Zone Chairman details to pass on to their clubs..

The District Quiz Final Further to my announcement at the last cabinet meeting that we are this Lionistic year holding just the Final which has now been provisionally booked for Saturday 3rd February 2018 (the day before Cabinet at a new venue) - "Ipswich Hotel" – formerly known as the "Copdock", London Rd, Copdock, Ipswich IP8 3JD from 13:00 till 17:00. The cost of hire is £100 for the room plus a charge of £3 per head for coffee and teas. Cabinet agreed at the last meeting to pay for the hire of the room and we charge participants the £3 to cover costs. There will also be a Raffle and any surplus will be given to DG Ladies Charity.

I believe that holding this on a Saturday will give the participants time to plan and have a more relaxed journey, rather than rushing to the venue on a weekday night.

Don Peech Golf Trophy For this years Golf Day held on May 17th. The day Started very Bleak and as we travelled to Ufford Park this year's venue for the Don Peech Golf Trophy the Rain Poured down leaving the players to wonder whether they were going to play or not.

However come 11am when we all met the Sun broke through and dried out the course whilst we were all enjoying the Bacon Butties and coffee provided for us.

At 12.15 , all players were in a jovial mood (not sure what was in the coffee!!!), and the first group of 4 ball tee' d off closely followed by the next 4, then a little gap until the last two tee' d off. The Golfers then enjoyed Mediterranean type weather for the rest of the afternoon Basking in the unpredicted sunshine. Come 4.45pm the First group were strolling up the 18th with the 2 ball close behind, the second group were an hour behind and at one stage it was suggested we send out a search party for them.

Come 6pm we were all settled in the bar and in true Lions fashion, we were enjoying a pint and some friendly banter. All enjoyed a delicious meal and prizes were awarded as follows

Nearest the pin on 3rd green, Barry Sheldrake from Norwich West. Nearest the pin on the 10th went to David Pope from Peterborough. Straightest drive on the 18th green went to Trevor Hull from Billericay. Which left the overall winner Andy Elden from Hethersett, unfortunately we could not present him with the Don Peech Trophy as last year's winner (David Pope) forgot to bring it with him, it was suggested he was expecting to win again! David got the trophy to Hethersett Lions so they can add to their collection!!! Players commented that the Course was a little testing but they had thoroughly enjoyed their day

As many of you are aware we have in the past organised the Don Peech Golf Competition on the Friday of our convention weekend, and it was felt this restricted numbers to those who attended the convention, was dependant on the weather and amount of light available for that time of year.

We are now arranging the Golf day to be held in either May or June the venue will be Advised, and is open to all Golf enthusiasts in our District.

The 1st Tee will be from 12.00 until 14.00 until District Competitions Officer can clarify numbers when we can tailor it a bit more.

Scoring will be Stableford 4 Ball.

A Golf Package which includes: coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf and a one course lunch. Will be arranged for the day.

The itinerary recommended would be:

From 11.00 - Coffee and Bacon Rolls

From 12.00 - 18 Holes of Golf from 1st Tee (individual Stableford Full Handicap)

From 17.30-18.00 - One Course Lunch, served at the chosen venue, with Presentation of the Cup and Prizes for Straightest Drive and Nearest the Pin (X2)

Nearer the Time of the Golf Day, Participants will be notified of the menu and Tee off times etc.

To cover the cost of the Golf Day and Prizes A Cost of between £40 -£45pp with any excess funds being donated to DG Lady's chosen Charity.

Future Plans:

To promote all competitions around the District

Decisions Required By Cabinet

None

h. Lioness Chair Lioness Lion Angela Howard

Actions since last report:

We have a combined membership of 111 members, in seven clubs, unfortunately we are down by 5 members but clubs are still reporting that they have prospective members; this is good to hear and helps us keep a positive attitude for the future of our clubs. All clubs are very busy with their many varied summer events, fundraising events range from stalls at carnivals, cake & bake contest, quiz nights, tombola stalls grand draw, coffee mornings and many more. The Welfare work carried out by our clubs like the fundraising covers a wide variety of activities from baby sitting to

visiting the sick, volunteering to help with groups, i.e. toddler group. Volunteers helping in shops i.e. The Salvation Army Charity Shop. Serving refreshments; at Blood Donor Sessions to name but a few. The total service hours are well into the hundreds each month (one club alone does 143 service hours every month). With all this hard work, everyone needs to take time to enjoy themselves and there is no shortage of fun and fellowship within the clubs in EA they really enjoy their social events especially the food and drink! They are also actively supporting the Lions centennial projects either by collecting items of various things i.e. spectacles, bras, batteries etc for re-cycling or attending events like the Norfolk Show where Lionesses will be helping out on the stands and giving out wrist bands to the children or attending social events organised by the Lions i.e. a variety show.

The Ruby Tea Party celebrations were reported by clubs as being very successful and enjoyable. My own club Saffron Walden held a Ruby Vintage Tea Party and were pleased to welcome our incoming Lion Liaison officer Lion Jim Cawte (also known as Postman Pat) and Jennifer who had travelled down in their Royal Mail Van accompanied of course by Jess the black and white cat. We had a lovely afternoon tea and musical entertainment.

I have attended several Anniversaries, Witham, (congratulations this was their 30th Anniversary), Saffron Walden and Felixstowe Lioness clubs and also Saffron Walden Lions Club all of them were very enjoyable events. I also attended the Pontefract Lioness Club's 40th Anniversary, many congratulations to them; a wonderful achievement. It was a great pleasure to take part in the Norfolk Show and the Lord Mayor's Procession in Norwich and an honour to carry the Lioness Flag on both occasions.

The Lioness District meeting on the 17th June was once again well attended and an enjoyable and informative day. Lion Douglas now retiring from the position of District Lion Liaison Officer after 10 years was presented with gifts and a thank you card from the Lionesses and was also made an honorary lioness, he was delighted and wishes to keep in touch with Lionesses and hopefully still attend some of their anniversaries in the future. We also welcomed Lion Jim and Jennifer to the meeting and look forward to working with Lion Jim as our new Lion Liaison Officer.

The Lioness Lions Club's first Charter Night has been changed from the 5th August at The Waldringfield Golf Club in Felixstowe to the 16th September at The Brook Hotel, Felixstowe. If you would like to attend please contact the President Lion Sue Wharton who will be pleased to hear from you.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

i. Lioness Liaison Officer Lion Jim Cawte

Actions since last report:

I am delighted to be appointed as the Lioness Liaison Officer and record my thanks to Lion Douglas Whyte for all his time and energies over the past 10 years.

Our District has the largest number of Lioness Clubs in MD105 and many of the Clubs have had celebrations for 40 years of Lionesses in MD. One such celebration being afternoon tea at Saffron Walden. A most delightful way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

Nationally, discussions are taking place to strengthen the relationship between Lions and Lioness, to ensure the Lionesses can meet current (Charities) legislation.

Our District Lioness Officer, Angela, completed two years of Chairman for Lioness Clubs in MD and is to be congratulated on her Leadership of Lionesses during a period of uncertainty. The MD 105 Lioness Clubs slogan is: "Together we make a Difference". I have no doubt at all, that will happen!

I attended the last quartely meeting of Lioness Clubs in EA, hosted by Thetford Lioness Club. The reports at these meetings are most informative and the diversity of their Club Activities is amazing! It is my intention to attend these quartely meetings, and to visit each Lioness Club at least once in the next Lions year.

Future Plans:

The National Conference for Lioness Clubs will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon, 16-18 February 2018 and I hope some of our Lions may be able to attend. Some of our District Lionesses hold MD Lioness positions and I am confident the Conference will succeed and Lionesses go from strength to strength.

5. Events Group

a. Chairman

Lion Adrian Robinson

Actions since last report:

Since the last cabinet meeting, I have been involved in the production of the President's and the Region/Zone Chairmen's Organisers as well as updating the District Handbook. Thanks to DG Derek and District Secretary David for their input on the Handbook. All these documents are available to download on the District Website.

Many thanks to PDG Jim Cawte for organising the District's efforts at the Royal Norfolk Show and he will be reporting (below) on proceedings there.

The Tendring Show also went very well from the feedback and my thanks to all who helped and for Region Chairman Lion Sandie Briault for her organisation. A total of £201.83 was collected at the gates to cover District's costs. I have passed the contact details for the Show Organisers to Lion Sandie so she can deal direct in the future. I am happy to continue to handle the booking of the PR Stall.

Marquees: Following my appeal for updates via the Weekly News; I have established the current - well at the time of asking – whereabouts of 3 White Marquees and 5 Blue Tits although 3 of these are in need of work to ensure they are usable going forward and this is in hand the last I heard.

I also know the location of the Centennial Marquee and when it is committed to the Roadshow. Any bookings for this though should be directed to PDG Paul Martin. Please ensure bookings for the other marquees are sent to me even if the marquee is already in your Club's store otherwise it may get promised to another Club.

Future Plans:

The arrangements for the Convention Agenda Meeting have been advised to those who would be required to attend and a site visit will be arranged for later in the year even though we know the venue pretty well. Some dates regarding the Rehearsal/Technical Day will be discussed at Cabinet.

The next Cabinet Meeting is on 19th November at the same venue and the menu choices will be advised nearer the time.

Update from the Norfolk Show from Lion Jim Cawte

A HUGE thank you to all those Members of the Lions Family, for attending the Royal Norfolk Show this year.

Members braved the inclement conditions over the Set-up day and the two Show days, issuing wristbands at the main Public entrance gates, in addition to a District PR stand. Some 120 Lion-days were spent at the Showground over three days from across the District.

Clubs represented were, in no particular order,

GT YARMOUTH, PETERBOROUGH, WHITTLESEY, WYMONDHAM, ATTLEBOROUGH, LIONESSE LIONS, LOWESTOFT, BUNGAY, UEA CAMPUS, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, TAVERHAM, WEST NORWICH, DEREHAM, WROXHAM & HOVETON, & NEW CENTURY.

From lunch time on set-up day (Tuesday,) it rained and rained.....but our stalwart Members continued with Sheep Penning, setting-up the District Gazebos and the main PR stand, plus manning the caravan parks.

The first Show Day, Wednesday, was wet and muddy all day, with a distinct lack of the usual crowds.

Thursday was fine but still muddy underfoot and attendance better than Day 1 but nowhere near expected numbers.

None the less, we persevered with child tagging and PR and over the 2 days we issued approx. 3000 bands. This was in addition to the 7,000 issued in advance to schools so wristband numbers were close to normal.

The PR stand was not sited in the position we have had in the past and footfall was well down. While we were near stands featuring Public Schools – good for promoting YLIS, Young Ambassador and the like – we didn't have thousands of visitors. The position of the stand may influence our decision to have a PR stand next year.

On a positive note, we were invited to join the Sunset Ceremony, joining other voluntary Groups in the Grand Ring, recognising their contribution to the Show. We had 26 Members in the Parade, led by DG Nigel holding the Lions Flag and DO Lioness Angela parading the Lioness Flag, leading our contingent. We were positioned very close to the Band and Choir so you couldn't miss us!

A thoroughly worthwhile District event and one I hope we can be part of again next year but we may need to consider the value of having a stand, aside from the normal wristbands tents at each gate.

A Charity stand costs the District £557-50 incl VAT. We have no say in where we are positioned and certainly our position this year, was not ideal. While PR is difficult to measure membership-wise, I doubt we had too many enquiries about possible members.

Perhaps we might do better by having MIAB table at each gate, with the wristbands being issued as the customers come in and MIAB being pursued as they go out. Wristbands are very visual and a worthwhile Community Service. For the 'Show, we issued 10,000 'bands over 2 days, to a reported figure of 80,000 people attending. Costs for the wristbands is £350.....ish.

I currently have approx. 43,000 wristbands in stock – well catered for until Re-Districting.

In due course, I expect a cheque from the 'Norfolk Show – a donation for services rendered with the wristbands. For the past few years, a cheque for £1200 has come to us; whether we get that amount this year.....????

b. Convention Co-ordinator Lion Martin Langdon

Planning is now under way for the next three conventions. The planning assumptions for each are: - 2017 to be run as normal in Norwich as described in the Host Chair's report - 2018 is being planned as normal by the potential host clubs but discussions are being opened with 105E about having a joint activity with them and the form this might take if we do.

- 2019 will be planned jointly with 105E.

2017 Convention in Norwich.

This is covered by the Host Chair's report. However booking numbers are not at the usual level. Articles will be included in the weekly news on a monthly basis to encourage attendance and, in the Autumn, I intend to visit clubs and zones (if invited). Booking forms are being made available to all cabinet members.

The session to plan the Saturday business meeting has been arranged for Late November 2017.

2018 Convention

New Century and Chelmsford Lions clubs are exploring possible venues to host this convention and I am organising a meeting with 105E to discuss how we might all work together over the next two years. This may include a plan for a joint activity in 2018.

2019 Convention

As shown above, this will be planned with 105E, I will bring a joint plan for the process for doing this to the November Cabinet.

c. Convention (Host) Chairman Lion Jim Cawte

At time of writing this report, we have just about 20 bookings, which is lower than we would like, with a little over 7 months to go. We need to have a collective effort to increase bookings and I would ask ZC and RC to raise Convention 2018 during their Club visits, and please, agenda it at every meeting.

Note the date! Convention Weekend is 16 -18 March 2018.

Booking forms were issued at our last Convention in Peterborough and the forms are also available on the District web site.

Host Night on Friday 16th March, will be a Ceilidh, with leanings towards Robbie Burns... so Tammy's, kilts, Tartan sashes or ties, sporrans.....I'm sure some might have interesting interpretations!

For Partners, the hotel is well situated with easy access to main City shopping areas and there will also be an organised tour with a boat trip. More details to be published when we know that bookings are progressing.

District Specialist Officers requiring tables and space for promoting their subject, should e-mail me in the first instance, with details of space required. (Please don't leave your requests too late!)

The Specialist tables will be in the main Convention Hall, so those Officers can still hear debate in Convention.

The Convention Committee are meeting regularly as a Team and we are also having Meetings with the Management at Holiday Inn, Norwich North. We have used this Hotel for several Conventions and I know we are in for a great time in 2018.

7. Health Portfolio

a. LCI Foundation Lion David Pope

Actions since last report:

The recent appeal for donations to our Foundation have been well supported in our District – as per the Treasurers report – THANK YOU.

Last year we (in 105EA) donated just over £27,000 which was 11.3% of the MD donations – well above our weighted average. We also received an anonymous legacy donation of £10,000 from a will, what a super generous donation.

I am expecting to receive a quantity of Personal Contribution Bronze Pins @£20 each – If they arrive I will bring them to this Cabinet meeting – if not the November Cabinet meeting, bring your spare twenties (£20) with you !

At our last Cabinet meeting I created a pack of information for our Zone Chairmen to share at their Zone Meetings, also a small quantity of the Personal Contribution Pins for you to offer for donations (sell) – was it useful to you ? were you able to “sell” any of the £20 personal contribution pins ??

Lions Measles Initiative – One Shot One Life is still ongoing and does require further contributions.

Melvin Jones Fellowships, we have many clubs in credit from prior donations and could gain great publicity by presenting an MJF or two to local people who really deserve to be recognised for their contribution. (I can very quickly tell you how many you have). The MJF process has been refreshed – and really easy to undertake.

Future Plans:

To support the District in increasing the awareness of our LCI Foundation and will attend any Club / Zone whenever asked.

To increase our contributions to LCIF both in £'s donations (£27,000), personal donations (£180) and club participation 76.19% (against the MD average of 60.03%).

Decisions required by cabinet.

None

b. Lions Eye Health/Sight Lion David Goodwin

Actions since last report:

After four years as District 105EA Medic Alert Officer I am pleased to be taking on the role of District Lions Eye Health Officer and thank District Governor for giving me this opportunity. To date I have no actions to report but would like to congratulate West Norfolk Club for their efforts as reported in 23rd July Weekly News in collecting 72,000 pairs of used spectacles over the last 3 ½ years which is helping towards placing a defibrillator in a local shopping precinct.

Future Plans:

Arrange a hand over meeting with previous LEHP officer PDG Jim Cawte, and draw up an action plan to continue to promote Eye Health throughout the District.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

c. Diabetes Officer Lion David King

Actions since last report:

Nothing of much significance to report at this stage.

Future Plans:

To hold talks with Lion Keith Hedges and Lion Chris Hibbert about discussions they have been having with Diabetes UK. Plans to be outlined to Cabinet when things are more concrete.

Work is underway towards creating a new agreed memorandum of understanding with Diabetes UK.

I will also be trying to encourage clubs to actively promote Diabetes awareness in their communities.

I would also like to try and find a way to raise awareness of Diabetes to a younger audience via education through schools or youth groups.

World Diabetes Day is on 14th November 2017.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

d. Environment Officer Lion David Parker

Actions since last report:

The Environment is an enormous subject and covers such a wide variety of aspects but Lions need to be concerned with the Natural Environment as what we do now can affect generations to come.

The Environment has been part of Lions International policy since October 1972 when it was stated that "Lions Clubs International, recognizing the profound impact of man's activity on the inter-relations of all components of the natural environment, declares that it is the continuing policy of Lions Clubs International to foster and promote the general welfare; to help create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations of mankind". The full text can be seen on the LCI website.

However, many Lions do not immediately think of the Environment as being part of their Lions service, but unless we look after our own communities' environments, and encourage others in the wider world to do the same, our successors will have a much poorer place to live in.

CENTENNIAL TARGETS - There are several which are relevant to the Environment – Trees, Bulb planting, Clear a path, Sea Lions- endangered species, Trees and those dealing with recycling –Batteries, Hearing Aids and Spectacles.

I have updated the Environment section of the website and again thank the District Webmaster for his patience in helping me to get it right.

There are plenty of helpful tips and information to help clubs.

I ask Zone Chairman to encourage clubs to update my LCI with any of the above projects they are involved in to show Lions do care and we are achieving our centennial targets.

Adopt a Beehive as an initiative in our district I have posted to our website information to help save our declining bee population. More information can be found on the website but if every club adopted a beehive think what a difference Lions have made.

The Environment Competition for the Lions, Lioness & Leo clubs that has made the best impact in helping the environment, is underway and the winners will be announced at Convention next year. The closing date will be the

end of January 2018. If Zone chairman can get their clubs to let me know what projects are being undertaken so that they can be considered. I have already one entry which was just too late for last year, The Leo Trophy has not seen any entries for a few years now so I would welcome any input from any Leos and there is still plenty of scope for Lions and Lionesses to shine.

Photo Competition The rules have been posted on the Lions 105EA website for the trophy in memory of PID Philip Daubeney presented by the Past DG "Red Socks". Please get involved in this as the winner will be forwarded to MD105 competition and if successful to the international Competition. The rules are on the Environment web page, with a link to it on the Competition web page as well as.

Future Plans:

To work with Zone Chair promoting to all clubs the importance of our environment. And to ask them to keep me informed of any projects clubs are involved in, in their Zone. If any zone Chair or club wishes I can visit and talk more about this subject.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

e. Gift for Living Officer Lion Jane Gardiner

Actions since last report:

I have recently received an update from PID Phil Nathan regarding the excellent work the Gift for Living Project is doing. I would love to share it with you and your Region / Zone. I am happy to attend any Region, Zone or Club meeting to give a presentation on Gift for Living.

Don't forget I am still collecting Foreign Currency which can be brought by you to future cabinet meetings, this is then exchanged for £'s cash and donated to Gift for Living.

Future Plans:

Giving a presentation on gift for living at 6A zone meeting on Wednesday the 17th May 2017.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

f. Medic Alert Officer Lion Matthew Bungard

Actions since last report:

With MedicAlert being one of the centennial projects, I hope all clubs will be offering this to the public.

If only by means of a leaflet and talking about how it works.

MedicAlert was well supported by the district in the past and may need clubs to push it more.

Newer re branded leaflets and posters are available, with many different designs as well as the traditional ones.

Future events- District 105EA Convention 2018

g. MIAB Officer Lion Matthew Bungard

Actions since last report:

Request from the Alzheimer's Society passed to MDHQ this will be a national project working with them on their committee.

Clubs still ordering MIAB supporting the community, web page is still being used a lot in and outside of the district.

If you require bottles don't leave it to the last minute, please check with me for postage charge.

I have various posters and a PowerPoint presentation I can email out if required.

MIAB recently at Norfolk show, Tendering show and other local events.

DO's meeting at MDHQ 9th September.

Future Plans:

Any events I can get to if asked

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

h. SOGB Officer Lion Simon Smith

Actions since last report:

Apologies for not being at the Cabinet meeting, but along with a number of other EA Lions, I will be up in Sheffield at the SOGB Summer Games. Whilst it has been a long road to get to this point, but I am sure that not only the Lions but more importantly will have a fantastic time. My thanks to all clubs that donated to this event. Now is the time for clubs, zones or regions to use this event to make contact with their local ID athletes. For more details please contact me.

Also in the middle of July the Lions club from South Essex again held their very successful Disabled Sports Day.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

i. Speech & Hearing Officer Lion Brian Stanbridge

Actions since last report:

I have tried to make contact with my predecessor Lion John on several occasions since accepting the position, either by E-mail or telephone, but John has been too ill for me to go and see him. John finally contacted me on Wednesday 12th July and after a short conversation he agreed to send me various information by e-mail as he was still not well enough for me to go and visit him. He'd had the 'flu' and as his immune system is affected because of his Cancer Treatment and he has not been able to fight the effects off as quickly as others.

Because of his 'Health situation' John advised me to contact Penny Tregillus from District '105A' which I did. I've now had a reply from her and she has sent several E-mails with attachments which I have downloaded and studied (not very diligently yet).

I've had one request for '200 Door Hangers' from Lion Richard Barr of Great Yarmouth for a project being organised by the local Fire & Rescue Service. I haven't got that number so I referred him to MDHQ who have a large stock.

John e-mails me on the 26th of July informing me that he was still quite weak, but was going to take part in a 'Lions Awareness day on the 19th of August' in the centre of Peterborough. All surrounding clubs are taking part.

Peterborough's theme is 'Deaf Awareness!!!' & would be using the boards there, and all the leaflets etc. He said he felt he had to promote it and asked me to include it in my August report.

Future Plans:

The MD Officer Lion Derek Rutter is arranging a meeting at M.D.H.Q. for MD105 Speech & Hearing Officers on the 9th September, and subject to me not being in hospital I will be attending.

To get to grips with the role of 'Speech & Hearing Officer'. Penny has put me on the right road, she has been covering for John and has told me what she has done so far so I can take over where she has been.

Decision Required by Cabinet:

None at this time.

One question though. Do I have a budget Lion Treasurer?, if so would you be so kind and tell me what it is please.

j. Vulnerable Persons Officer Lion Dianne Parkin

Actions since last report:

Continuing to order DBS Clearance Forms and distributing when requested to Counter-signatories and Club Liaison Officers

Future Plans:

To work with DBS in Wootton Bassett and to suggest a system whereby if a form is incorrect that they are returned to the Counter-signatory preferably not via H.Q.'s or M D VPO Officer – information contained in the forms could be misused if mis-delivered and I have had many cases of returned forms not 'coming to light'

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

8. Youth Group

a. Young Leaders In Service Lion Derek Rutter

Actions since last report:

Disappointingly only 2 clubs requested Certificates for Young Leaders in Service during the last Lionistic year. However, at least 1 club is hoping to award certificates following a link up with their local Duke of Edinburgh Award group.

This is a very worthwhile project to get involved with the Youth in your areas. Once set up the project almost runs itself, and it gives clubs the opportunity to get excellent publicity.

New leaflets and logbooks with the new logo are going to be available imminently

I hope to be invited to zone meetings to speak about this very worthwhile project, not only does it give you the opportunity to identify possible Young Ambassador entrants, but it also can give you access to potential members (parents)!

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

b. LEO Liaison Officer Lion Sue Hibbert

Actions since last report:

I am pleased to open my report with news that we have begun the year chartering a Leo Club in EA. New Century Lions have sponsored an Alpha Club aged 12-18 which will be an MD based Club initially. It will include members from Littleport, Lowestoft, Little Downham and Derby. The idea is that as the membership grows in each area they may progress to form separate Leo Clubs. The paperwork is with Oak Brook and we are awaiting receipt of the Charter.

I may be a new face to some members in the District but I have previously held this post in District E and have quite a few years behind me of supporting Lions to form Leo Clubs in various formats across various age ranges.

Future plans – to increase the membership of the newly formed MD Leo Club both within District EA and the wider MD by liaising with ZCs and other DLOs.

As I live slightly outside of the District my visits to Clubs will be at weekends but I am always available on the phone or by email.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

c. Life Skills Officer Lion Derek Rutter

Actions since last report:

This project continues to receive very little support from this District. Over the last few months there have been too many traumatic happenings which local schools could have benefitted from having the "Life Changes" resource available to help teachers guide pupils through these life changing events.

I have just heard that the funding has been obtained to publish Life Changes 2 for secondary schools, this valuable resource should be available from October.

I am hoping to attend the next Multiple District Lifeskills meeting during August.

Zone and Region Chairmen, please invite me to come to one of your meetings to talk about these excellent resources

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

Actions since last report:

The theme changes each year – last year was “A Celebration of Peace”, The theme for 2017-2018 is “The Future of Peace.”

At the Cabinet meeting on 20 November 2016, DG Nigel along with Marion and Manjit Kular (our independent judge) had the difficult task of deciding which of this year’s entries should go forward to the MD final. After much deliberation, the entry from Xavier Baker-Wood, sponsored by the Lions Club of Ipswich, was declared the winner.



Peace Poster Winner 2016

Xavier’s poster incorporates the flags and national flowers of many countries around the world. The peace sign symbolises the sun rising and a new day dawning with new hope for peace in our trouble world. The runners up will be revealed at Convention next year in Peterborough.

At the MD final in December our entry was awarded 3rd Place. Congratulations to Ipswich Lions Club and Xavier.

Special Needs Category

The entry from Kingsdown School, submitted by Lions Club of Leigh on Sea won the Special Needs category. which was created by Jamie Roundtree, age 13. His poster concept was “my friends and I under a rainbow of Peace”.



Special Needs Peace Poster Winner 2016

The Judges agreed that all the posters were of a very high standard and all participants were to be congratulated.

The posters will be on display at Convention in Peterborough.

More entries are always welcome – please email Lion Dave Parker, District Peace Poster Officer for details about how to enter peaceposter@lions105ea.com

General Information

The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 350,000 children from more than 65 countries participate in the contest annually.

The competition is open to young people who will be 11, 12 or 13 years old on November 15, either in schools or youth groups such as Scouts and Guides. Within our own District there is also a trophy for the best entry from a Special School. The theme changes each year – last year was “Share Peace”, this year the theme is “A Celebration of Peace”.

A Peace Poster Pack is required for each school or group involved. The packs become available in Spring and can be collected at Convention in March, or ordered direct from MDHQ. The current cost is £14.00+P&P per pack. An important fact to remember is that the rules are very particular about the size of paper used. A2 is the closest standard size available.

The competition provides us with the chance to interact with young people in our communities, introducing the youth to international understanding, as well as giving our Clubs a vehicle for obtaining positive publicity.

For each contest a Club sponsors, one winner is chosen to advance to the District Final, which usually takes place in November. The overall winner here advances to the Multiple District competition where one poster is chosen to send to the International level of the competition.

The International grand prize winner receives a trip to a special award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations, along with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US\$5000.

So that is a brief summary of how the Peace Poster competition benefits both young people and ourselves. For

additional information and the full Rules and Conditions please follow the link to the LCI Peace Poster pages. Please contact me if you have any query relating to the Competition.

Lion Dave Parker District Peace Poster Officer. peaceposter@lions105ea.com

[Click here to see the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Video – Peace, Love and Understanding](#)

[Click here to see the Lions Clubs International Web page](#)

OFFICER TimeTable

January –new theme announced. Search LCI website for this. Arrange with Convention crew that you can display posters. Check whether Velcro or blu tack required. Usually around 20 posters. Ask Clubs to return trophies by Feb Cabinet latest.

February – update District Spec Officer website with new theme and ask Clubs for their pack orders by end of Feb. Send reminder 2 weeks later via weekly news. Ask MD how much. Currently £14 +p&p. At Cabinet meeting ask DG to sign Certificates for Convention so you can get them ready in frames.

March – early March or before put in order to MD for required packs. Sometimes these can be received in time for Convention which reduces p&p costs, or a friendly DG may be able to collect them for you! Prepare separate invoices for each club. Payment at Convention please. Each poster will need to be labelled with sponsoring Club when on display at Convention.

April – remind Clubs that packs are still available through MD if they did not order in time for Convention.

August – Check with the DG that judging can be done at November Cabinet meeting. This has worked well over recent years. You need an Independent judge as well as DG and partner or A N Other. Remind Clubs that final judging of local competitions should ideally be complete by October half term latest as District final will be held at November Cabinet meeting. District Treasurer usually asks for budget this month too. I usually go for £40 but rarely use that much. Just minor expenses like frames for District winners' certificates, postage, sticky Velcro etc. In the past I have got trophies engraved before Convention so that is another expense, but one you may wish to avoid.

October – remind all Clubs that posters are required on or before November Cabinet meeting.

November – Judging. Ask DG to sign label on back of winning Poster. Post it off to MD by end of November. The Special Needs winner does not go to MD. Article for Lions Roar with photos. Update web page too. Send good photo of winners and runners up to David Large for Convention power point, along with students' names and sponsoring Clubs.

December – District Final judging. Await advice of winner and second place. Share news with Club concerned if appropriate. Ask MD to ensure you get EA's posted back to you or collected by DG. They usually send them out in New Year after Christmas post rush died down. You want it back for Convention display so don't let the Clubs get it.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

e. Young Ambassador Officer

Lion Gaby Sharman

Actions since last report:

I have emailed a letter to all Club Presidents and Club Secretary's asking them to consider their club taking part in this years competition. ever the optimist i am hoping to get a few enquiries from it, i have set the deadline of September 18th for applications being sent to me , this will give me time to arrange regional heats if i get inundated with applicants, if i get 3 or less entry's then all will all be entered into the District finals being held on November 19th, can i request that all Cabinet members promote the Young Ambassador competition, in your Club, or if you do Club visits and/ or Zone Meetings over the next couple of months.

The plan on the day will be for each applicant to do their presentations to Cabinet just before we breaks lunch, I think it is very important that the candidates do their presentation in front of Cabinet, as its good practise because being able to speak publicly about their project is an important part of the Y. A competition. this is what they will need to do if the go to MD finals in Dudley and also at Convention as well. They will then be interviewed by the 3 independent Judges, after lunch the Judges and Applicants will join cabinet and the winner will be announced.

Future Plans:

To continue to promote and encourage all the Clubs in the District to look for a young person in there area to enter the Y.A. competition.

To attend the Multiple District Young Ambassadors officers meeting at MDHQ on Saturday 23rd September,

To continue work on the Y A District Final on November 19th

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

9. Administration Group

a. Health & Safety Officer Lion Michael Gardiner

Actions since last report:

I have e/mailed all Club Secretaries the District Governors Health and Safety Questionnaire for the 2017/2018 lionistic year. The date i have asked for this task to be completed is end of September 2017 i am hopeful this can be achieved as i have already had approx 20 clubs return the form to me.

b. International Relations Lion Len Russell

Actions since last report:

Have been busy with clubs enquiring generally about Twinning with other clubs abroad, also enquires re UK disasters and were to send donations.

Clubs were referred to the specialist officers concerned.

As I.R.O, I have also dealt with enquires on Wateraid etc.

Contact with previous guests and Lions clubs in Australia and New Zealand.

Future Plans

In the next two weeks will be sending our 2018 Friendship invitation to the editor of the LION magazine in both Australia and New Zealand, this letter has been approved by our DG. I am very confident that I will succeed this year.

I will keep in contact with previous guests, and hope that through them

I may be able to encourage lions to visit us next year

I am in regular contact with the M.D. I,R,O Officer

And continue to promote Water-aid and other M.D.activities.

c. Insurance Officer Lion George Harris

Actions since last report:

Nothing to report this quarter

Future Plans:

To continue to support the District on all insurance matters.

d. IT/Webmaster Lion David Large

Actions since last report:

The District Website has been refreshed as needed to reflect the changes for the new Lionistic year, along with all generic email addresses.

I continue with the weekly newsletter to all that wish to receive this via the "subscription" system that is now in place, some 560+ subscribe. Please can all region and Zone chairmen publicise this new service. Instructions on how to join can be found on the District Website on the Weekly news page.

As needed I have passed on details of all Lions Family Members that have passed to higher service along with funeral details as and when made known to me.

Numerous Emails have been passed on to various Clubs in the district regarding either possible new members or requests for help.

Future Plans:

Update as required of District website.

Prepare and Update Club websites as required with the assistance of Simon Smith of Braintree.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

Actions since last report:

Apologies for the lack of club website updates, but the MD SOGB project has taken up much of my time. Lion David and I are now in a position to split the updates between us and so I hope they will all be completed soon. Please remember we do not look through the 'Yellow Book' for new officers.

I have been in contact with a UK-based web hosting company that is offering free website hosting for any registered charity. This allows a Lions club to have a much better (well more modern) website that David and myself can currently offer. This also allows clubs to update the websites themselves. So you can easily add a press release or an event to the site. For an example of the type of website this can be please visit www.braintreelions.org.uk. A number of clubs have now taken up this offer. There will still be the domain registration fee to pay, but this is a small amount every two years.

Actions since last report:

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to publish the summary of Cabinet Business in June's Lions Roar as hoped for at the last Cabinet Meeting. We will try to include such a summary from this meeting in the next edition.

The usual editions of the EA Lions Roar have again been published via the appropriate Weekly News and on the EA Website. They also appear within the MD Website.

Future Plans:

It is my intention to continue producing the Lions Roar for the District on a monthly basis and to continue trying to develop the scope of the publication to keep the membership informed. This is, of course, entirely dependent upon the support, submissions and ideas from the membership.

Lion Magazine:

I continue to send occasional pieces to the Lion magazine for publication. Not too much success with the latest edition but, as I always say to Club PR Officers "keep trying, one day something will slip through the net".

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

Notified Other Business

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