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## **Cabinet Papers**

**For the Meeting being held on**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**at the**

**Holiday Inn, Norwich North,**

**Cromer Road, Norwich, NR6 6JA**



## 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. Apologies for Absence *(District Secretary)*
7. Minutes of Last Meeting  
Approval and Matters Arising  
District Governor's Report *(District Governor)*
8. Matter from the Council of Governors *(District Governor)*
9. Adoption of reports as per Cabinet Papers
10. ANOB / Discussions – if time allows
11. Raffle
12. Immediate Past District Governor
13. Tail-Twister(s)
14. Next Meeting and Close
15. Lunch
16. District Trust Meeting (during lunch break)
17. Hearing Trust Meeting (Immediately following the District meeting – Trustees only)

# Cabinet Papers

## **1. Minutes of Last Cabinet Meeting**

### **Lions Clubs International District 105EA – 2016 / 2017**

Minutes of the second Cabinet meeting of the Lionistic year 2016/17 held on Sunday November 2016 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), IPDG Chris Crick (Beccles), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Derek Prior (Billericay), 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mandy Hawkesley (Bungay), Past District Governors (PDG) Lions Tony Prior and George Harris (Leigh on Sea), Derek Maguire (Haverhill), Barry Miller (Castle Point), Jim Cawte (Wymondham), Paul Martin (UEA Campus Club), Kevin Rodgers (Peterborough), District Secretary (DS) Lion David Pope (Peterborough), District Treasurer (DT) Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea), Lions Len Russell, David Goodwin (Haverhill), Jane and Michael Gardiner (Bungay), Sandie Briault (Lion/Lioness Club of EA and Witham Lionesses), John Potter March), Martin Langdon (West Norwich), Matt Bungard (Thetford Breckland), Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket and District), Simon Smith (Braintree), Don Drew (Littleport) John Fox (Downham Market), Trevor Hull and David Parker (Billericay), Mark Lanham (Lowestoft), Adrian Robinson (Clacton on Sea), Pam Maguire (Haverhill), Gaby Sharman (Peterborough), Lioness Chair Angela Howard (Lion/Lioness Club of EA and Saffron Walden Lionesses), Ujjal Kullar (Taverham), Tracy Field (Chelmsford), Paul Southerton (Kings Lynn), Sue Cowee (Attleborough 2013), Stuart Mackaness (Romford).

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

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

**Lions Clubs Purposes** were read by Lion Michael Gardner (Bungay) and Lions Club **Code of Ethics** was read by Paul Southerton (Kings Lynn).

PDG Barry Miller (Almoner) advised Cabinet that we have lost to higher service the following - William Kimberly (Mersea Island), Donna Perry (Centennial Club), Michael Box, David Doe (Norfolk Broads), Lion/Lioness Susan Ashwood (Swaffham Lionesses and Lions/Lioness Club of East Anglia), John Kent, and Bob Gasgoine a life member of Peterborough. A minutes silence was observed. PDG Barry later advised Cabinet that he had just received a call advising that a former Lion of Grays Thurrock and Maldon, John Elsom, has passed to higher office earlier that morning.

With the assistance of Sergeant at Arms and CNRO the DG badged up the cabinet members present who had not previously received their badges. Lion Tracy Field then "volunteered" to run with the mike.

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Lions Chris Hibbert, David King (New Century), Wendy Cook (Ipswich), John Fox (Downham Market), Di Parkin (Peterborough) and Keith Radley (Witham), PID Phil Nathan (Centennial 100 club), John Cheetham (Peterborough), Trevor Roberts (Southend on Sea), Derek Rutter (March).

#### **1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting –**

Acceptance of these was proposed by Lion Len Russell, seconded by Lion Ujjal Kullar, and agreed unanimously.

No matters arising which will not come up during the meeting.

Lion Sandie reported she had spoken to John English (formerly Colchester Lions Club) and he confirmed that all money left at the closure of Colchester had been distributed and he will deal direct with Lion Adrian as he now lives in Clacton. Proposed by PDG George Harris that this should be accepted, seconded by Sandie Briault, agreed unanimously.

#### **2.0 District Officers reports**

**2a DG's report** – 2 meetings, the 18<sup>th</sup> September and Council to discuss redistricting and the majority members wanted redistricting with 8 districts. The 18<sup>th</sup> was very challenging and continued to recent Council meeting in October. His brief was to keep EA intact when merged with a section of E another which would give another 763 members and a District total of 2020; the name would need to be discussed at a future date and he reminded Cabinet that we need to be sensitive to other districts who have lost their district, PDG Barry queried the numbers, they were confirmed as correct as of that day. Questionnaires have been sent to all clubs to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> December and to date only one club from EA replied please urge clubs to send in their replies, at the council meeting in January they will be looking at replies to prepare resolution for Convention.

July 2017 Ireland goes it alone so we need new badge, but will be keeping name British Isles.

Mentioned Special Olympics but Lion Simon will fill in all details he urged anyone who can help please volunteer.

MD Convention 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April, International President Bob Curlew is attending and will be staying at the Norbrek, looking for support from Districts to support this convention. MDHQ are handling all the bookings.

Countess of Wessex gave a donation of £14,000 for her charity event.

No report on Centennial as PID Phil is not here, £1000 donations received for hearing dogs from New Century, lots of talk about events over the country but not formally approved yet.

DG handing out centennial patches when he visits club for work on the projects. Not all clubs are putting their information on MYLCI.

Chicago International convention 3/4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the advice is the best way to do the arranging is through JTA

Council Secretary, Andy Pemberton is preparing a list of duties to give to council to help them find a new MD Secretary as he is retiring at the end of the Lionistic year in June 2017. DG Nigel said he feels he has done much work over the years which is all voluntary, the MD Treasurer also indicated he will leave the following year (2018), he has also done excellent job. There have been discussions with Marie Curie on the partnership and also with Chichester regarding specs collection. Applications for new Chair of Council for next year, close 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017. CofC Heather has been very good with the Council this year.

PDG Tony Prior raised the question of facilities at Norbrek and how much will it cost. DG said he understands it is a general 3 star hotel, colleagues have stayed there and reported back that the food was good, and they had an enjoyable time. As far as technical facilities are concerned he will have to go back and ask about them and the costs. PDG Tony said figure quoted for providing those facilities was £10,000, DG Nigel will raise at next council. Lion Adrian Robinson said he thought the EA team could offer services this was declined by the team.

ZC Don Drew asked how many questionnaires will be lost this time. DG said MDHQ were very aware of EA and very attentive to our questionnaires. Well done Beccles the only club returned form.

PDG Georg Harris asked if they made a comment about MD would they be taken on board, DG Nigel assured George they will be considered by council. Lion Martin Langdon said his club feel the results are the best we can expect got a good deal, Lincoln is a bit of a distance but whatever it could be much worse. DG Nigel thanked him for the comments. PDG Tony asked if district should be advising members what to reply about district – DG Nigel said no these forms must be completed by members with no advice. PDG Barry Miller agreed with Lion Martin, but the next move is to keep EA in good standing for convention. Lion Simon Smith said he disagreed with PDG Barry there are good people in other districts and we must respect this.

DG Nigel said it is going to be a lot of work to set up the redistricting over the next two years, lots of ideas in the pot for the future, meeting clubs in one area.

**2b 1VDG** – no update to report except spent weekend at NE convention. Their district convention has agreed to pay new member joining fees for joining branch or a new club. They have a big Membership initiative underway.

MDO for Insurance gave a report and it would appear that all members now have medical insurance, ie where running diabetes check, sight things etc certificate on web site for down loading.

Training of trustees for all clubs trust and cabinet is also available.

**2VDG** – no update

**2c District Secretary's report** – 1252 (7 new lost 4). Several lost to higher service not on system yet.

**2d District Treasurer's report** – Updates but mainly chasing. Our accounts are now ready for signing off and have been audited.

Charity account not printed only in and out entries, Admin Account with all expenses taken out, reserves taken a tumble this year and now stand at £6000 below what we should have. These reserves need to be replenished but we will discuss later. Acceptance of accounts proposed by PDG Tony Prior and seconded by PDG Jim Cawte, agreed unanimously.

Next years budget – with expenditure which has gone through the DT advised that we need increase in subs of £2, we have had no increase for about 9 years. He asked DG for approval for this to be deferred to end of meeting as some members present may alter some of the figures during the meeting. 1VDG said this was still much lower than in a lot of Districts.

Chasing accounts – Paul southerton said he visited and told they had been completed Kevin said he was told the same last year.

Have they gone to the wrong place. Also chase others outstanding.

Lion Ujjal asked re Norwich North and Lion Roger confirmed they have been received

**2e - Immediate Past District Governor** – No up date.

**2f - Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions** – CNRO confirmed he has still has not received any resolutions for consideration at convention but looks as if one are mandatory could be coming through from DT today. As mentioned by the DG, MD CNRO has passed through a lot of paperwork which needs to be adopted by EA and many other districts, we have not had time to produce resolution and ensure does not go against our articles. It was suggested a committee be set up to look at this and read out what he considered basis for resolution for convention, he proposed this be a resolution for March, seconded Derek Prior and agreed. John Fox queried whether MD will still go their own way, Tony said the wording is taken from the MD articles. Tony feels the new constitution should be written with new districting and is trying not to do the work twice, but committee need to work on this, not just one person. Keith Radley said if redistricting goes forward we should need to invoice E and C. Paul Martin said surely if tony is CNRO we as cabinet should be guided by his comments. As he understands it the constitution mentioned will be accepted by everyone. DG Nigel asked if Tony if he can have document by February council meeting – Tony replied no, the new constitution will be in 2018 he is anticipating just putting a resolution with the comments from the MDHQ CNRO. Tony said he feels there is not a single voice about keeping our identity, some do not need to, would cost us less money if we kept our identity he feels as far as some clubs in Lincolnshire feel unhappy about joining us. We really need to talk to these people to find out their views, from our point of view we have almost everything we asked for, we said in our proposal that we were happy to welcome new clubs. If there is a funeral in Scarborough it is a very long way for the DG or Team to travel. Lion Martin Langdon has already spoken to his oppo in E and they have discuss the possibility of one central place for all conventions. DG Nigel does not want to endorse these meetings yet until MD Convention is over. Tony reported that he had looked at John Fox comments and he proposed the following wording for new supremacy clause in District Constitution as follows-

“The Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the District unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District and International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of Lions Club International.

Whenever there may exist a conflict of a contradiction between the provisions set out in the District Constitution and By-Laws and the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws then the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the District Constitution and By-Laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.”

This was seconded PDG Kevin Rodgers, and agreed unanimously

### 3.0 Zone reports

**1A** – No update

**1B** – no update

**2A** – no update

**2B** – No update

**3A** – No update

**3B** – Looking into a project on two rooms in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital which need decorating, this will involve other zones. What happened to the money collected for Bert Mason bust in Ireland. DT reported that he thinks there was a slight surplus at the end but without looking up the figures he is not sure. PDG Paul confirmed there was a small surplus left over and the last communication from Liam in Ireland said he was sorting out with his DT to redistribute the surplus. Lion Ujjal asked if we are still collecting foreign coins; yes please give it to Jane Gardner at Bungay.

**4A** - Spoken to Presidents of Ipswich and Bury and VP Lion Tony Wass at Stowmarket in good state and preparing for Christmas activities. 4A hosted a swimming gala at Crown Pool Ipswich, and thanks to Carol Malpas. Zone meeting week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December. Paul Bradley is now out of hospital and having further treatment and recuperating but will be out of action for a little while.

**4B** – No updates

**5A** – No further update but draw attention to point in report that he attended Barley lands for the Essex Show, but this will be the last.

**5B** – No updates

**6A** – As per report explain Harleston president rotated between two members and they had told him they would finish next year, but now they now have no venue, tried to get new members much publicity but no one interest so they are folding December. Zone meeting is on Tuesday with Derek Rutter attending to talk about his project but he is now not able to attend however there are sufficient speakers to cover this.

**6B** – No updates

**4a Almoner** – No update but please remember photos for in memoriam

**4a Global Membership** – No update as such, couple of things discussed. Through DG there was a time when zone chairmen copied their zone meeting minutes and club visit reports to MERL he has seen one set from Sandie (who said it was actually meant for Mandy). Roadshows - should they continue, are they worth doing, and the other thing was that we should as a district put forward a strategy on retention. Proposals have to get through at MD convention. Any thoughts or comments on the above please report to Paul. PDG Tony said Region forums ideal place for roadshows. 1VDG Derek spoke about next year as he has region chairmen coming back so region meetings a good idea. GMT at the moment is only Paul, next year team will include officers for woman, cultural, youth and retention. PDG Kevin going back to retention said it is very important, for many years we have gained 130 members but lost 135, never know until see it on forms it needs all clubs reporting to Paul when people are fed up or there are problems to try and help us save them. PDG Paul said this is why he is asking for copies of minutes etc. PDG Barry Miller said winter forum not the right name should be summer forum.

**Leadership** – No update, hoping to run Guiding Lion course in the North of the District in February and he will contact NE re trustee training,

**4d PR** – no update not here

**4e Centennial Celebrations** – Mandy Broadbent is requesting information for project, this was in weekly news, so not only does Jim need info but also Mandy for the portfolio she is preparing.

**4f Competitions** – Now knows 6 heats taking place for quiz can other 6 let him know whether taking part. Travelling Lion / Lioness club need more applications. Fancy dress at convention don't forget, but it is optional. Stowmarket planning quiz in January.

**4.g Lionesses** – Thank you for all the support of Lions last year and the continuing support and Tony for all he has done for the district. Membership still an issue, charted with 98 members lost one to higher service, currently 31 members will stay and pay dues, if rest leave this will leave a deficit of 67. What have they done, Angela asked one lioness from each club to ask their lionesses, Derek Prior attended the last district meeting about the new club and they were going away to discuss with their members. As MD chair she said Lionesses were having same issues as lions we are all getting older and it is more difficult to do all that we want to do. Lost 30 lionesses last year, two clubs in ea struggling, but Downham Market working very hard to keep going. Thetford are not taking part Dorothy feels club will dwindle out, membership a real problem. The club is going very well, it's had its first face to face meeting and lots of good ideas coming forward. This is the situation at the moment, can district suggest anything else we can do, if so please tell Angela know. Lion John Fox says Margaret and other members of the club have heard nothing from new club, please talk to them. Kay Large asked if it is purely financial reasons some are leaving, have you put in place monthly direct debit, Angela says they have spoken about this and how they can help to subsidize the dues, her club have decided they will put in a small amount at the moment and then they do an event to cover the dues, making it clear what they raising the funds for admin not charity. Have talked about setting up direct debits, feels doing everything they can to keep the numbers, there is still an issue with some e mail addresses but working on it, also using Facebook, and other means. Tony says dual membership dues is a dangerous way forward, but have you tried to get a sponsor for the club, 60 member loss will be very difficult to cope with, possibly several small sponsors could help. Lion Roger F has done sums and District holds Lioness sub on account at moment and feels this could be used towards subs. £448 would be very helpful. Angela says they have discussed sponsorship but not looked into it yet, will do now. Very positive start to new club. Roger says we have worked so hard with numbers and everyone would love us to go down to 1200, so that they can say "told you so". What if district could waive subs, anything would help, Tony said terrible shame to lose this club, we need to look at everything.

**4.h Lioness Liaison** – no updates.

### 6.0 Events

**6.a** - Adrian asked about the purple pimples. Lion David Parker said Billericay waiting on a claim for a damaged pimple.

**6.b – Convention Co-ordinator** – Very brief summary of the likely cost for the 3 days in Norwich 2018, the room hire will be inside the balance shown in the treasurers costings. Three days cost £466.80. talking to various people about options for 2019 and will keep everyone informed. Proposed Martin seconded Lion Gaby, agreed. 2019 will be 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our district.

6.c – Convention host chair John Potter reported 87 bookings deficit now very much reduced. Reminded everyone to book and Zone Chairmen please push convention with clubs.

## 7.0 Welfare

**7a – Chairman** – No update but would mention that at the last cabinet asked ZC take to next meeting and up date what they are doing for the centennial

**7.b – Diabetes** – Lion Trevor spoke to Joy Jones last night at New Century Charter and she suggested training on using their questionnaire which they consider to be a better form of screening, he will follow this up with her. Reiterate Lion David's comment please ZC ask clubs to tell him what is going on.

**7c – Environment** – No up date but photo competition closes 31<sup>st</sup> ~December,

**7.d – Gift for Living** – no update

**7.e – Lions Clubs International Foundation** – Donations from EA were second lowest in MD but now after Italy and Haiti we lead the way being top of the table. LCIF badges available from Kevin and he did not attend the meeting at MD as Geoff Leeder was unwell and it was postponed.

Simon asked about donation from Braintree for Italy as acknowledgement said thanks for donation to general fund. Roger said it all goes to MD but if designated for a place this is told to LCIF.

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

**7.g – Medicalert** – We have had our first donation to early start programme made by Downham Market. Matty said that he was at a MIAB meeting and message in a wallet was discussed and it was said clubs should do what they want. PDG Paul said when he was DG this raised its head and they sought legal advice and told not to support it, happened next year same thing happened and advice was same. Lion David proposed that the advice to clubs be not to support this, seconded by PDG Derek, agreed unanimously.

**7.h – Message in a Bottle (MIAB)** – Bottles supplied to Deaf Blind new boxes available from Lowestoft lions

**7.i – Speech and hearing** – No update

**7.j – Vulnerable Persons** – No update

**7.k – SOGB** – Simon went to last council meeting and the presentation was longer than expected but received very well. Whole event revolves around fact we need to raise money, £25,000, thanks to those who already have but need resources and most of all help. 21 different events, EA more volunteers than rest of MD put together. New club (Sheffield) formed and they are working very hard. Packs available from Simon. Cornerstone event for centennial lots of publicity already.

## 8.0 Youth Projects –

**8.a – Chairman** – Lion Kay no update, Peace Posters on wall after judging today Third place went to the Wisbech entry, Second also to a Wisbech entry and First place to an Ipswich entry, the winner will now go forward to the MD competition in the new year.

**8.b** - Young leaders – no update

**8.c – Leo Liaison** – New Century are happy to support them in the new Leo club they are working on.

**8.d – Life Skills** – see typed note

**8.e – Peace Poster** - no update

**8.f – Young Ambassador** - the report is as written, would cabinet like the competition to take place at the November meeting next year, max 30 mins extra on the day, Lion Gaby says would be good for candidates. Lion Adrian asked if there is a cost involved possibly, £150 for room plus meals etc. David Parker said there is always a cost involved so why not at cabinet. Roger asked what if we had more than 3 candidates, Lion Gaby said she would be jumping for joy. Proposed Lion David Large, seconded David Pope = agreed.

**8g – Youth entertainment no update**

## 9.0 Administration

**9.a Health and Safety** – Michael Gardner said only received 23 of 60 please help with task and get everyone to send in their forms.

**9.b International Relations** – No update

**9.c – Insurance** - PDG George said that since report had 11 clubs contact him re copies of insurance policy please ZC tell clubs it is on our web site. PDG Tony Prior said he understands that there are funds left over from the insurance premiums paid by clubs to MD for the Insurance Policy, he understands that after the premium has been paid have funds left over and these are being used for other things. DT Roger says he gives out instructions to clubs as instructed by MD Treasurers. Tony asked if we could get a firm answer to this as if insurance premiums are taken out of charity accounts it cannot be used for other things as this is in breach of Charities Commission rules. PDG Paul asked where the money is going, would DG Nigel take to council. PDG Kevin said the cost is £21.40 and we charged £44, PDG Kevin he was asked at council (when he was DG) to sit back and not take part in a vote as they wanted a unanimous vote. It is thought the balance used for administration which is disgusting, and not charity. Keith Radley said this is fraud. Simon said Brian Riley asked this question and apparently it was agreed at the council meeting in April 2016 PDG Chris Crick agreed this was correct. 1<sup>st</sup> vdg had meeting at weekend at NE and agreed not to discuss with anyone but the topic was discussed and you will soon find out. It will not happen when he is DG. Lion Roger says that he thinks what happened before insurance done by outside company then made it self funding with ceiling of £100,000 after a few years this was reached and cost of £21.40 was needed to keep it topped up and so use money for other things. 1VDG Derek said that the additional £23.60 is being used and if not available subs would have to pay, but not done the correct way. Lion Simon asked George to find out what cyber insurance we have and why do we pay a broker for this insurance of £22,000.

**9.d – IT/Webmaster 2** – Plea for ZC – photographs needed for In memoriam at ~Convention

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sland - Kim Kimberley, Centennial - Donna Perry, Swaffham Lionesses/Lioness Lions Club – Susan Ashwood, and Lion John Kent.

**9e Lions Roar** – no update

**AOB**

The events supported by district Royal Norfolk Show, Tendring, Barley Lands (apparently there will be no Barley Lands), we have stock of wristbands to cover Norfolk and Tendring, but there is another event in April at the Norfolk Showground, the Spring Fling held at Norfolk, where children get up close to animals etc, do we support this as a district or do local clubs attend and pay for the MIAB themselves. Matt has several boxes in garage left over from Barley Lands. PDG Jim said these are the property of district will we supply these to Spring Fling, the cost of these is £120. Roger said take it out of supply seconded by 1VDG Derek. We do not want to buy any new wristbands until we get redistricting sorted.

Young ambassador – DT said we need to put some money in for this and looking at funds for sub costs for Lioness club so propose subs to £11.00 seconded by Lion David Large agreed; this will now go forward as a resolution at Convention.

Plea from 1VDG - in case anyone doesn't know Derek collects unwanted pens from the meeting for his wife who works for the NHS.

At this point the partners joined cabinet

Raffle made £121 thanks to everyone.

**Vote of thanks**

IPDG Chris invited to speak! IDG Chris thanked Nigel for taking us through the meeting and giving us the opportunity to discuss redistricting and other things and still running almost on time! Some very strong subjects discussed today but you kept us on target very well. Keep up the good work.

**Tail twister** This was carried out in the usual professional manner and raised approximately £41

**Closing remarks by DG**

DG Nigel thanked everyone for giving up their time today, we got through a lot of business, some difficult. The next Cabinet meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## 2. Officers Reports

### a. District Governor Lion Nigel Folkard

District Governor Lion Nigel will give a verbal report

### b. Vice District Governor Lion Derek Prior

#### Actions since last report:

I have attended around a dozen official Club Visits on behalf of the District Governor, as well as a number of Funerals, Charter Anniversaries and various District events such as the Quiz and the EA Lionesses District Meeting. I have also attended the District NE Convention, and various Club events round the District.

In addition I have attended the various Training sessions as First Vice District Governor and attended my own club's meetings and events as far as possible.

#### Future Plans:

I plan to attend the upcoming Council of Governors' meeting, District, Multiple District and International Convention and attend all future VDG / DGE Training.

I also plan to attend the usual Club Meetings and duties and attend any Club, Zone or Region meeting to which I am invited as well as supporting the other members of the DG Team and Cabinet in any way required.

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

### c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor Lion Mandy Hawksley

#### Actions since last report:

Continue to visit Clubs as request by DG Nigel. Which I thoroughly enjoy, especially discovering the different ways Clubs fund raise and the many varied projects they are involved with in their communities, proving once again Where there's a need there's a Lion.

I have passed on 704 pillowcase dresses, 23 skirts, 36prs shorts, numerous bras, 15 vests, 468prs pants, 21prs school trousers and 10 school dresses, and £900 towards transport costs. These will all shortly be changing the lives of children in Africa.

This appeal as surpassed all my expectations and I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity, Lionism at its very best.

#### Future Plans:

To continue to support the District in anyway I can

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

### d. District Secretary Lion David Pope

#### Actions since last report:

**Membership:** As at 30<sup>th</sup> January we have 1,180 Lions, now 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. As our membership continues to age we will not able to do the service work we currently do, clubs should consider creating a contingency plan to ensure that our younger / newer members are appropriately engaged in the important activities of each club ? 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 a quantity of new member kits and will bring them with me to the Cabinet meeting.

Convention is fast approaching, the cut-off for receiving Convention reports – showcasing your years work (either Convention to Convention or Lionistic year if new into post) is **26<sup>th</sup> February**, the Convention pack is being created very quickly afterwards – PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE, this is your opportunity to motivate the Lions who attend Convention to do more, contribute more and give more to your Lions specialism.



LCIF – Gambia Earthquake	100.00
LCIF – Haiti Hurricane	9,965.00
LCIF - Indonesia	250.00
LCIF – Italian Earthquake	4,980.00

Special Olympics	250.00
Water Aid	200.00
Young Ambassador	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£39,911.74</b>

**Club Accounts Outstanding.**

30th June 2014 and 2015. –Maldon

30th June 2016

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
E.A. Centennial	Colchester	Acle	Cambridge	Basildon	Attleborough
Peterborough	Maldon	Dereham	Haverhill	Eastwood	EA Lioness
		Norfolk Broads	New Century		Lowestoft
			Newmarket		U.E.A. Campus
			Stowmarket		Thetford

Zone Chairman please chase.

Thank you to all Treasurers' who have sent me their Club's Membership fees and Club's accounts.

**Oakbrook Statement.**

Please remind Club Treasurers that when they receive their Club's Oakbrook statement showing an outstanding balance, it should be forwarded to me by the 25th of that month, which will ensure they get the exchange rate quoted on the statement.

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

**Decisions required by Cabinet.**

Lioness dues increase from £4.00 to £11.00 payable January and July at £5.50.

**f. Immediate Past Governor                      Lion Chris Crick**

**Actions since last report:**

Evelyn and I attended New century charter, cheque presented to Rumanian Pride for £3000  
A second cheque for £300 was presented to EACH  
Plenty of Christmas action during November and December with Beccles Lions  
Beccles Lions Christmas party  
Beccles lights switch on  
Evelyn and I cooked and served lunch at the Salvation Army on Christmas Day.  
Attended the 6a zone meeting

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

**g. Const. Noms. & Resolutions                      Lion Tony Prior**

As at 31st December 2016, being the closing date for submission of nominations for trustees and resolutions for debate at Convention :

**Trustee Nominations**

There were no nominations for candidates to stand for election as Trustees serving on the District Charitable Trust or the District Hearing Trust.  
Existing trustees may be able to co-opt new trustees to serve in accordance with the provisions set out in the relevant Trust Deeds.

## **Resolutions**

There were two resolutions submitted by District Cabinet.

### **Resolution No 1 - District Subscriptions**

This Convention resolves that the District Dues for the fiscal year 2017/2018 should be set at £11.00 per capita.

Proposer: Lion Roger Fuller      Seconder: tba

*This resolution is an ordinary resolution and requires a straight majority of the delegates present and voting at Convention.*

### **Resolution No 2 - District Constitution – Precedence**

This Convention resolves that the wording of Section 2 (Precedence) of Article 1 (Purpose) of the District Constitution be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following:

“The Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the District unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District and International Constitution and By Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the District Constitution and By-Laws and the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, then the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the District Constitution and By-Laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.”

Proposer: PDG Lion Tony Prior    Seconder: PDG Lion Jim Cawte

*This resolution is a constitutional resolution and requires a two-thirds' majority of the delegates present and voting at Convention.*

## **Standard Form District Constitution July 2016**

In order to comply with mandatory provisions set out in the above:

- a A **Credentials Committee** has been created for the purpose of verifying Club delegate's credentials.
- b **Registration of Delegates** will close at 10.30am on the morning of Convention.
- c A **Nominating Committee** has been created to verify District Governor/Vice Governor candidate's credentials and prepare relevant reports for the Elections Committee prior to Convention.
- d **The Elections Committee** will be responsible for the preparation of the election documentation, overseeing the counting of ballots and producing a comprehensive report on the outcome of the elections.
- e Each candidate for high office will be entitled to have an observer from their Club present at the counting of the ballots.
- f A sub-committee has been set up for the purpose of creating a **new District Constitution** to incorporate forty-two mandatory provisions contained in the current Standard Form District Constitution.

### **District Governor / Vice District Governor Nominations**

Nominations for High Office will be covered in the Deputy Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer's Report to Cabinet.

#### **h. Asst. Cons and Noms Officer      Lion Jim Cawte**

By the 30th September 2016, Nominations for District Governor and Vice Governors, to serve District 105EA, for the Fiscal year 2017/2018, are shown below:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR      Lion DEREK PRIOR (Billericay) Proposed by the Lions Club of Billericay

1st VICE GOVERNOR      Lion MANDY HAWKESLEY (Bungay Area) Proposed by the Lions Club of Bungay Area.

2nd VICE GOVERNOR      Lion UJJAL KULAR (Taverham & District) Proposed by the Lions Club of Taverham & District.

The Nominations Committee has confirmed the qualification of the above Candidates and they will stand for Election at Convention in March.

**Future Plans:**

To continue to offer assistance to Cons & Noms and to gain greater awareness of the tasks involved.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

**3. Zone Reports**

**a. Zone 1A Lion Paul Southerton**

**Actions since last report:**

A recent Zone meeting was hosted by Hunstanton and had 23 members from all 7 clubs within the Zone. All clubs within the Zone are working towards the Zone project for the chemotherapy multi-functional pumps with events such as Bra and Boxer day, sponsored walk, bag packing at supermarkets, golf day, fashion show, plus a donation from a local "Sixties" group. It is hoped that all possible events will be concluded by June and resulting in a presentation of £19000 to the Macmillan Cancer Care and Treatment Centre at the Kings Lynn Hospital. A recent Civic reception hosted by Swaffham Lions and Swaffham Town Council celebrating 100 years of Lions worldwide, was very well attended by clubs within the District. Efforts are still going ahead to try and resurrect Fakenham Lions Club.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

**b. Zone 1B Lion John Potter**

**Actions since last report:**

Followed the last Cabinet Meeting with a Zone Meeting, hosted by the Hunts & Grafham Club. Clubs were updated with information from Cabinet and listened to Ujjal Kular, candidate for 2nd VDG, explain some of his history and give us his thoughts on Lionism. Chaired a successful Centennial Convention Meetings in Jan '17. Attended Club Meetings at Whittlesey and Hunts&Grafham. Will have attended a Club Meeting at Wisbech before the Cabinet Meeting. Continuing to work with a small PR Group, drawn from Clubs in the Zone with the intention of delivering a 'whole' Zone Event in Peterborough's Cathedral Square. This has included meetings to look at publicity through posters, roundabout signage, magazine entries, video and social media. Work with 20/20 Productions (a local video production business) and Peterborough City Council.

**Future plans:**

A Zone Meeting has been scheduled for the 16th Feb 2017, the March Club has kindly agreed to host. A major agenda item will be the involvement and activities which need developing for the Zone Event. To visit the Peterborough Club and visit March 'officially'. A Guiding Lions Course has been scheduled for the 26th Feb 2017 to be delivered by PDG Lion Derek Maguire and held at my home. To continue to develop the Zone Event and keep the Convention on track. Continue to actively support the Zone's Clubs in their activities and especially their recruitment drive.

**Decisions required by Cabinet:**

None

**c. Zone 2A post vacant**

**d. Zone 2B Lion Sandie Briault**

**Actions since last report:**

All the active clubs in Zones 2a and 2b had a very successful Christmas period. Braintree Chelmsford and Clacton Lions reported record takings on their Christmas floats with Father Christmas. The Clubs taking part in shopping events with stalls selling a variety of Christmas good all reported very good takings.

We had a very successful Zone Meeting with Lions Jane and Michael Gardener visiting and talk to us about Gift for Living and Health and Safety.

It is good to see most of my Clubs taking part in Centennial projects are far exceeding the targets they set themselves. We have held our heats for the District Quiz with Clacton Lions the finalists for 2a and Braintree Lions for 2b. Both teams will take part in the finals in February.

**Future Plans:**

In early February I will be attending Mersea Island Lions Presentation Evening where they will also be unveiling their newly purchased mini-bus and giving away the main money's raised this year.

Clacton and Chelmsford are also holding presentation evenings.

Plans are underway with Chelmsford Lions for the Potty Challenge. As holders of the Potty they organise the next Challenge.

**e. Zone 3A Lion David King**

**Actions since last report:**

I held my 2nd zone meeting back in November, which was hosted by the North Walsham Lions club. The meeting was well attended and quite positive. All clubs within the zone are staying active. I have asked clubs to concentrate on membership and we had a good discussion on changing the way we recruit.

I attended Acle & Brundall Lions Carol Service, which was well supported by other zone clubs.

Clubs are also taking on their own centennial projects within their communities.

Unfortunately, the zone quiz had to be cancelled due to myself being off sick for nearly a month.

**Future Plans:**

Next zone meeting will be held on 23rd February, hosted by Norfolk Broads Lions.

To attend club meetings and support clubs at their events.

To encourage clubs to continue recruiting new members.

To continue to promote Centennial activities to all clubs.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**f. Zone 3B Lion Ujjal Kular**

**Actions since last report:**

Lions Clubs of 3B, Taverham, Norwich North Alpha, Norwich City, Norwich West, Sheringham & Cromer, are involved in a Centenary project; to refurbish a Jenny Lind, Childrens room at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. The Cost of refurbishment was too great for Taverham to fund so the Zone got together to raise funds.

ZC Sue Cowee and her Clubs, Heathersett, Long Stratton, Attleborough, have also shown interest and have made pledges. ZC David King's Club Wroxham and Hoveton has yet to respond. Finer details are being dealt with and hopefully this project will soon realise. PDG Jim Cawte has been attending the meetings and is aware of the current situation.

**Norwich City** has been collecting glasses, batteries for recycling, sponsored a local athlete SOGB National games, donated to MD Youth Project and local Charities.

**Sheringham & Cromer** Lions Member made a personal donation of £250 towards the Centenary Project. They have been collecting food items and also purchased some to help 12 families over the Christmas period. The Club is also working on their own Centenary Project to hold a 1000 Bike show. The Club is to hold open days to promote "Lions" and what Lionism is all about.

**Dereham** has been raising funds over the Christmas period and have helped 18 individuals over this period, held a Senior Citizens Christmas party for 100 guests for the 42nd Year consecutively. Made donations to Sight Savers, Lion Pam Goldsmith is in Gambia with anti malaria nets. They have given community service awards to two high schools, the list goes on.

**Norwich Alpha** have been mixing with the Good And Great and switched on the Christmas Lights in Thorpe St Andrews, they have been raising funds at the same with a Tombola stall. Had a float for the Community, gave donations for Christmas Lunches, helping to grow flowers and veg for the Webster Court residents, have help build a school in Malawi in the past and giving help and support, and the list goes on

**Taverham** have been collecting funds at football car parks together with Norwich City, during Christmas at Tesco stores, and with a float from house to house. Had a Barn dance to help a local Junior School swimming pool. Donations

have been made to Norwich Stroke Survivors Club, to District for stricken people by earthquakes, typhoid, measles and others. Monetary help was also given to Norwich Food Bank.

**Norwich West** have been having several race nights for various charities, they are collecting specs since July and have collected 12462 pairs.

They have inducted a new member.

This is a hard working Zone with hardworking Lions and I am very proud to write this report.

**PDG John Jones was concerned why there was no feedback about the Burt Mason Bust.**

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

g. Zone 4A Lion Paul Bradley

**Actions since last report:**

Currently incapacitated, post being cover by Peter Smith who will update the meeting if time permits.

h. Zone 4B Lion Don Drew

**Actions since last report:**

Attended the Ely Christmas Lights Switch On, Littleport and New Century Lions had their respective stalls.

Attended the Littleport Breakfast with Santa as "meet and greet" This event was formerly hosted by Isle of Ely Lions and following the demise of that club Littleport have taken it over.

Attended the Haverhill Lions Charter.

Attended the Littleport Lions social carvery Luncheon.

**Turned 70 years old** – wondering how the hell did that happen, the RAF did their best to stop it.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

i. Zone 5A Lion Stuart Mackaness

**Actions since last report:**

Relatively quiet period for coordinated activities in the Zone as clubs have been heavily focussed on their own seasonal commitments.

Following my first Zone Meeting in Billericay area, I have now held a second Zone Meeting meeting of the Lionistic year, this time in the catchment area of Brentwood Club.

Attended Harlow Lions excellent Victorian Christmas Fare. Ensured that not only was the PR stand in fine fettle but that also that my consumption of Mulled Wine was moderated.

**Future Plans:**

Current confirmed commitments are:

Hold 3rd Zone meeting on 8th February at Romford Fire Station (under the kind auspices of Romford Lions).

Arrange ZC visit to Billericay Lions.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

j. Zone 5B Lion Trevor Roberts

**Actions since last report:**

Zone meeting notes extract: All bullet points from the Cabinet Meeting of the 20th. November 2016 were read and discussed.

The Zone Challenge Cup that is held by Southend was displayed, and I asked that if any Club wishes to Challenge Southend to a competition, to contact Lion Rod Nolan to arrange.

Lion Pam Roberts has asked if Leigh Townswomen's Guild would like to make and donate Dresses for Africa, they will discuss and let her know.

Zone Projects. Working Dogs. Eastwood will try to arrange for a rep. from Working Dogs to come and give the Zone a insight as to the Working Dogs Project.

The Zone quiz that was held in conjunction with Zone 5A, at The Hullbridge Community Centre was won by Leigh on Sea, they will now travel to the Zone final.

Lion Rod mentioned the comments that had been placed on FACEBOOK re. Morrison's Christmas Collection. LP Martin Parson's said that Castle Point LC & Morrison's were have discussions.

**Future Plans:**

To continue with Club visits

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**k. Zone 6A Lion Mark Lanham**

**Actions since last report:**

The last 3 months has seen all clubs active over the festive season.

December 2016 saw Harleston club fold , after talks and discussions , the club felt it was time to fold. All funds have gone in to the local community.

In November the zone ripped up the zone meeting format to hold an evening of presentations , PDG Paul Martin on membership with 2ND VDG Mandy plus PDG Chris , to also bail me out , and clubs were given a health and safety briefing by Lion Michael , other speakers were planned but had to drop out , so as zone chair I gave a presentation on why after 20 years I am still my clubs youngest member ?? and I got the other presentation wrong ?? Apologies to all present.

The event was aimed at growing membership and saying goodbye to Harleston. Whilst the questions and answers created much debate , only time will tell if the meeting has worked.

Clubs continue to work , plan and listen.

We struggle to get members to attend zone events , so 34 for a zone meeting was great ,

Earsham Hall – event in June has been cancelled as rising costs and advance costs make the event not viable.

Visit to Beccles booked for Feb , then visits to club events planned.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**l. Zone 6B Lion Sue Cowee**

**Actions since last report:**

I have visited clubs in the zone they are doing well and getting new member's so they are doing the right thing for there community. We had our zone quiz on the 17th January and Wymonham will be attending the final at Ipswich.

I attended a meeting at the Costessey centre on the 26th January chair by lion president Nigel of Taverham & district lions club about a Centinial project at the N&N hospital to refurbish a children's room and possibly another room the meeting was attended by 4 club from zone 6b and several clubs from other zones.

My next zone meeting is on the 7th February at the Netherton House the street Longstratton NR17 2XG.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**4. Membership Group**

**a. Almoner Lion Barry Miller**

**Lion Frank Baker**

**Lions Club of Dereham**

**Lion Ros Clipson**

**Lions Club of Wroxham and Hoveton**

**Lion Bob Gascoyne**

**Lions Club of Peterborough**

<b>Lion Michael Ballard</b>	<b>Lions Club of Maldon</b>
<b>Lion Jack Hobbs</b>	<b>Lions Club of Southend on Sea</b>
<b>Lion Ernie Pearce</b>	<b>Lions Club of Stowmarket and District</b>
<b>Lion Rosemary (Peggy) Kearney</b>	<b>Lions Club of Littleport</b>
<b>Lion William (Kim) Kimberley</b>	<b>Lions Club of Mersea Island</b>
<b>Lion Donna Perry</b>	<b>Centennial 100 Lions Club of EA</b>
<b>Lion Michael Box</b>	<b>Lions Club of Norfolk Broads</b>
<b>Lion David Doe</b>	<b>Lions Club of Norfolk Broads</b>
<b>Lion Lioness Susan Ashford</b>	<b>Lioness Lions Club of EA and Swaffham Lioness Club.</b>
<b>Lion John Kent</b>	<b>Lions Club of Lowestoft</b>
<b>Lion Brian Thomas</b>	<b>Lions Club of Stowmarket and District</b>
<b>Lion Peter Wood</b>	<b>Lions Club of Castle Point</b>
<b>Lion Peter Riches</b>	<b>Lions Club of Dereham</b>
<b>Lion Graham Spinks</b>	<b>Lions Club of Norwich West</b>

**b. Global Membership Lion Paul Martin**

**Actions since last report:**

Since my last report, the Road Show attended Felixstowe Christmas Light Switch On and an information day at HMP Norwich. I completed the 3 part online training for District GMT Coordinators, which resulted in a membership grant of \$250 from LCI. Participated in numerous LCI webinars and GMT Area webinars where many varied topics are discussed, not to everyone's taste but I find them in, the most part interesting and informative. I have passed details of prospective members to clubs, at this stage 1 has already joined and 2 more will be inducted shortly. Membership is, as always a prickly subject, every Lion in this District can and should be trying to recruit new members, just by ' Asking '. In the last 3 months I have asked 20 people to become Lions, 1 did. Not a good result, but better than not asking at all. If we all made the commitment to ask 20 people in the next 3 months, and the result, 1 in 20 become Lions, we would effectively double our membership numbers.

**c. Global Leadership Officer Lion Derek Maguire**

**Actions since last report:**

I have arranged another Certified Guiding Lion course for the 3rd February in the north-eastern region of the District.

**Future Plans:**

We will be conducting more information away days later in the year. I will advise of the content later.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

There are no decisions required by Cabinet, but I would continue to ask all Cabinet Officers especially Zone Chairmen to ask the club members in your zones and your fellow Lions in your Clubs and Regions what workshops they would like to see us put in place. We as a District will arrange and set them up for up for them. Remember that the future of our District Leadership and Growth in 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.

**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 need.

**d. Marketing/PR Officer Lion Wendy Cook**

**Actions since last report:**

I have continued to be available to help clubs and members with any PR they may require. A few weeks ago I assisted a member of the Stowmarket Lions with some help and coaching for a radio interview on a slot on BBC Radio Suffolk which highlights local charities.

I would also like to encourage clubs who have organised their Centennial Projects to contact their local press and let them know what they are up to. The Lion's Centennial is a great excuse to get lots of PR for the Lions.

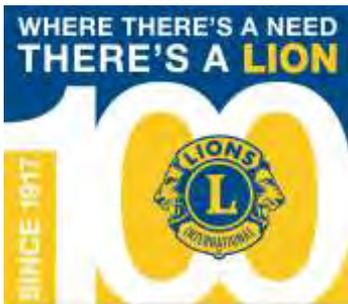
Also, these days social media plays a big part in lots of peoples lives and it is a great way to spread the word out about Lions, what we are up to, the events we are organising and any donations etc we make. So I would also like to encourage clubs to look at social media and maybe even create a Facebook page and get a twitter account for their clubs if they haven't already done so.

As always I am here to help in any way I can."

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**e. Lions Centennial Celebrations Co-ordinator Lion Jim Cawte**



With the start of this calendar year, Clubs are getting into gear with Centennial Projects. Swaffham have already had an excellent Centennial Civic Reception and Wymondham have a similar event coming up in March. As the year progresses, I am looking forward to hearing about all the projects that are currently in the planning stage but will no doubt, come to fruition.

In Zone 1A, Clubs have got together to provide special pumps for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn. In Zone 3B, Clubs in the catchment area of the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, are working towards kitting out two rooms; one a Sensory Room and the other a Family Room, at the N&NUH.

A Buggy Push from Shoeburyness to Southend Pier, has already taken place, as has a Care Home Sensory Garden, headed by New Century Lions Club. Some Clubs are considering Environmental Projects such as adopting a Planter, filled with small plants and positioned in or near Town Centres, or possibly near the Entrance of the larger supermarkets. You never know if Tesco, Asda, Morrison's, Sainsbury's might even sponsor them, with a bit of prompting by Lions Clubs?

We already exceed the target for recycling specs but don't forget other things;

Batteries can be recycled at local supermarkets. Just make a note how many you put into these boxes and claim the number on MyLCI. (size is not important! AAA, AA, C, D, even the small stud batteries from Christmas decorations!)

Hearing Aids can be sent off to Chichester with specs; again, just make a note how many are sent and claim on MyLCI.

During the Autumn months of 2016, New Century and Wymondham Clubs were part of a 'Gleaning' Project. This involved getting Lions onto fields previously harvested commercially. Tonnes (not exaggerating!) of Brassicas, courgettes, onions, potatoes etc, all perfectly edible, were collected and distributed to Community Food outlets such as Food Banks. Hundred of portions of food were rescued that would otherwise have gone to waste. Our contact names have been retained and I have no doubt we will be called upon again this year. This type of Activity is perfect for the Hunger element of CentennialChallenge. Those Clubs that were involved with Christmas Lunches could also claim the hours as part of Centennial. (Hunger).

In the Summer of this year, I am hoping to get additional entrance Passes for the Royal Norfolk Show, in order to attract up to 100 Lions to be part of the 'Show Closing Ceremony'. Still working on this one!  
The Norwich Lord Mayor's Street Procession is in early July and it would be good to get 100 Lions (or more!) to be part of that Procession....all wearing Centennial Shirts!??  
Thank you to all of you, for all the time and energies you are putting in to Centennial Challenges. It has been a pleasure to work with you on suggestions, on advising what may be possible, and to encourage participation in the opportunities to Celebrate our Century of Service.

**Decisions required by Cabinet:**

None

**f. Assistant Lions Centennial Celebrations Co-ordinator**

**Lion Chris Hibbert**

The actual date for the Centenary is June 7th 2017

To date 19 clubs within our district have reported centennial activities within the 2016 – 2017 period. I am sure there are clubs within the district that are undertaking projects that could be counted towards these totals. It's a shame that they are not being recorded and I would like to see all clubs reporting their activities.

I won't go through everything as a full district by district report can be made available and does make some very interested reading with some exciting projects going on around the MD. However, I will mention a few topics that I think are interesting and worthy of particular note. More info can be obtained and provided on any project if required.

**Planting Trees:** Available via Woodland Trust, and companies such as Veolia and Cory Environmental offer sponsorship. This could be something that clubs in our district could consider.

Used postage stamps:

These can be collected and given to hearing dogs (not to eat obviously!)

**Helping Hands Garden:** This is a garden that has been produced and showed at local shows, where it attracted a huge amount of interest. The garden is designed to represent the various activities undertaken by Lions Clubs. This garden will appear again at the Lincolnshire show and could be developed for used at shows in our district such as the Norfolk show?

**Defibrillators:** It has been suggested via LIVES, that there may be a push to have Defibrillators in ALL schools, this could be an opportunity for Lions?

**Beer Mats:** 105E have a design for a beer mat with the Centennial logo on one side and contact info on the other. I have suggested that it might be an idea to create a set of beer mats, one for each Centennial theme (logos are already designed). These could then prove to be collectable and would serve to explain some of the work we do. I have asked Elaine Kitchen for a price for 5000 off, will cost c. £240 and suggested that maybe five districts could cover the costs of 5000 of one design and share the costs. Then 1000 of each could be provided to each district for distribution.

**Feed the 5000:** This is my baby! Well one of them! I want Lions to organise a Feed the 5000 event and have been asked to consider putting a team together to plan an event for April 2018. This is basically an awareness raising event where we feed 5000 people for free from food that would have gone to waste. IT WILL NOT MAKE MONEY! It may cost money! Another suggestion linked to this, is that I would like Lions to have a stall at every convention which is essentially a fruit and veg stall comprising 100% food that otherwise have been wasted. This will serve to show people what this food is like and also allow them to take the food away for an optional donation. Any money raised will be collated and put towards organising the Feed the 5000 event.

**Summary:** We need to provide our members with regular updates now via the District Newsletter, district mailings and website, complete with where we are with the various targets and more importantly with reports on what our clubs are doing.

The graph below shows the progress to date on the various targets. I have used three colours, red = <50%, orange = >50% to <100% and green = >100%.

As you can see we have achieved a great deal but only 1/3rd of clubs in EA are reporting centennial activities and this is not much better in other districts. The graph also highlights areas where we could do with a bit of a push if we can convince our clubs to do so. Especially, tree planting, battery recycling, hearing dogs, LEHP referrals and blood products, most of which are fairly easy. Also, and quite worrying, is the complete lack of data for the swimming challenge, especially as I know of three clubs in 105EA, Billericay, Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrars who have all done pretty huge swimathons.



**Decisions required by Cabinet:**

None

**g. Competitions Officer Lion David Parker**

**Actions since last report:**

I have requested via the District newsletter of the 29th January 2017 that all competition winners please return their trophy's making sure they are engraved, I asked for trophies to be passed to either Zone Chairman or a Cabinet officer to bring them to Cabinet on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, and be passed to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Derek who in turn will pass to me.

**PHIL DAUBNEY Environment Photographic Competition**

Winners for each Category

**Plant Life** - The Winner is Lion Gaby Sharman (Peterborough) - Eye Tree

**Animal Life** - The Winner is Lion Alison Penny (Helen Keller Internet) – Owl

**Weather** - The Winner is Lion Alison Penny (Helen Keller Internet) – Low Mountain Cloud

**Special Theme** - The Winner is Lion Gaby Sharman (Peterborough) - Natures Window

**The Winner of the Philip Daubney Environmental Photographic Competition**

Lion Gaby Sharman (Peterborough) Eye Tree This has been forwarded to MD105 for inclusion in the MD Competition There were only 5 Entrants who submitted 22 Photos. The Trophy will be presented at MD 105EA convention and the pictures will also be on display during the presentation

**District Quiz**

First, Congratulations to all the winners of their Heats. I look forward to meeting you all on the 11<sup>th</sup>. (Next Week) The Final is to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Holiday Inn Ipswich (the one where cabinet is normally held). There will be a cost of £3pp to cover coffee and tea. The Quiz will start at 14:00 prompt and hopefully should be completed the latest by 4.30pm. We will then have a short presentation ceremony to present the Winners with the Trophy. To date the following Winners have been advised: -

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>1A</b> TBA            | <b>1B</b> Peterborough |
| <b>2A</b> Clacton-on-Sea | <b>2B</b> Braintree    |
| <b>3A</b> TBA            | <b>3B</b> TBA          |
| <b>4A</b> Felixstowe     | <b>4B</b> TBA          |
| <b>5A</b> Billericay     | <b>5B</b> Leigh-on Sea |
| <b>6A</b> TBA            | <b>6B</b> Wymondham    |

I am a little disappointed with the fact that only 7 out of the 12 Zones will be participating in the final. If those Zone Chairmen that do not have a team representing their Zone could give me some feedback, I can then at least evaluate the validity of this competition for next year. Can the winners from Essex Also note the Roadworks on the A12 will probably affect your journey so if you want to have food before the Quiz please allow plenty of time.

#### **Travelling Lion / Lioness / Leos**

Would all Participants please note that all entries must be received by the Competitions officer no later than **28 FEB 2017** and the results will be announced at MD105EA Convention. So far I have 3 Lions Clubs and 1 Lioness that has been participating. I would love to see more clubs taking part.

#### **Don Peech Golf Competition**

I have sent via the District newsletter the Following Message

“Fellow Lions I would ask ALL Presidents or Secretaries in our District to pass on to ALL Lions Members Interested This is for all golfing Lions in our District;

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 a) to those who attended the convention, and b) was dependant on the weather and amount of light available for that time of year.

In answer to this I have now arranged a Golf day to be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017** the venue will be **Ufford Park Woodbridge** and is open to all Golf enthusiasts in our District.

The Address is Ufford Park, Yarmouth road, Melton, Woodbridge, Suffolk. IP12 1QW

I have reserved the 1st Tee from 12.00 until 14.00 so far until I can clarify numbers when we can tailor it a bit more. I have agreed the best package with the golf club as the Classic Golf Package which includes: coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf and a one course lunch.

The itinerary recommended would be:

From 11.30 - 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 in the Sports Bar Area with Presentation of the Cup and Prizes for Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin

Nearer the Time I will notify those who wish to take part of the menu and Tee off times etc.

To cover the cost of the Golf Day and Prizes I propose a Cost of £39pp with any excess funds being donated to one of the centennial projects probably the Hearing Dogs.

If those interested could please make cheques payable to LCI District 105EA and mark on the back “golf competition”, and then send them to me.

If the sender could also enclose with the cheque His or Her Club with First & Last names of the participant.

If paying direct into bank, please ensure they e-mail to let both the District Treasurer and me know, also advising the Club and Name as Above.

Bank: - Sort code 55-50-28 Account number 94584338 Account – LCI District Admin”

So far, I have had 8 Lions showing interest. Can those that wish to participate please let me know ASAP so I can confirm the Numbers to the Golf Club.

#### **Scribe**

This is judged by the Editor of the Lions Roar and I will be contacting him shortly to ask who he judges to be the winner for this competition. The winner will be announced at convention.

#### **ScrapBooks – Lions and Lioness**

This will be judged at Convention and as already mentioned I have put in the newsletter a reminder to bring Scrapbooks along to be judged.

#### **Environment Projects**

This has been covered in more detail in my report for environment officer.

#### **Host Night at Convention Fancy Dress**

As in the past there will be the fancy dress competitions at this year’s convention Host Night. I am not sure what the theme is this year but as it is to be held on St Patricks’ day. I assume that there may be some connection this will need to be confirmed by the convention host. The Prizes will be awarded at the convention the following Day.

Remember you have to be in it to win it. So, let’s see more participation next year.

#### **Future Plans:**

To continue to promote all competitions around the District with the help of all Zone Chairmen

#### **Decisions Required By Cabinet**

None

**Actions since last report:**

The seven clubs have a combined membership of 116 members, and clubs are still reporting that they have prospective members although the overall number of Lionesses in the Multiple District sadly, is gradually decreasing. Having read their reports all clubs have been very active throughout the festive season, including helping with Santa sleighs and grottos, holding Christmas stalls, carol singing and many other activities. Welfare work has all so been carried out in abundance by helping with collections, providing food parcels and wrapping presents, helping at Christmas parties and outings for pensioners and visiting individuals who are either sick or in need as well as numerous other hours spent helping in the community. They have also not forgotten to have lots of fun and fellowship at their Christmas meals and outings.

A lot of time and discussion has taken place with Lionesses regarding the new Lioness Lions Club and retention of members. Both guiding Lions, Lion Mandy and Lion Kevin and Vice District Governor Lion Derek and Past District Governor Lion Paul have all been very supportive to me in trying to avoid the loss of members.

It is with sadness, disappointment, and embarrassment that I have to report that we have lost a large number of members from this club, and this now gives the District considerable concerns over the membership and the cost incurred to form the club.

I will be at the district membership meeting and want to be able to do whatever I can to assist the district in trying to find a solution to the situation. The Lioness Lions Club in itself is progressing well and still has 37 members, which are committed to making the club successful and are making lots of good plans for the future.

It has now held three on line meetings and two face to face meetings, the meetings have been both positive and productive.

The next Lioness District meeting is being held on the 25th February hosted by Felixstowe Lioness Club. The meetings are usually well attended and prove to be informative and beneficial. We look forward to another successful meeting. The Lionesses are looking forward to our forthcoming MD Lioness Conference and all seven clubs will have representatives in attendance.

I am looking forward to attending the Anniversaries of the clubs and other events, and meeting up with the Lionesses over the coming months.

**Future Plans:**

To help and support the District through this current difficult situation, a District I am very proud to be part of and want to see its existence continue long into the future.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**Actions since last report:**

This Report should be read in conjunction with the Report from the District Lioness Chairman

**General**

A Guid New Year to one and all.(that not a spelling mistake)

The Lioness Clubs have had a busy year after recovering from the shock of being threatened with disbanding late in the 2015 lionistic year. E.A were lucky that no clubs were lost although two clubs nearly ceases to function but ae now recovering.

A number of our clubs are reporting interest from prospective new members. The membership stands at 116 members at the end of January.

All the clubs have been very active over the festive season both with community work and fundraising including at times assisting their Lions Club at some for the lion's activities

They have all been planning for the Lioness 40 year celebrations with it is hoped a nationwide function.

The Annual MD Lioness Conference is being looked forward too by many of our District members

**Future Plans:**

To attend the Lion Cabinet on the 5th Feb.

To attend the Zone 4 meeting on the 6th of Feb. at the Cedars Hotel

To attend the MD Lioness Conference

To attend other functions of Lioness Clubs

To attend the District Lion Convention at Peterborough

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

## 5. Events Group

### a. Chairman Lion Adrian Robinson

#### Actions since last report:

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I have attended the Convention Agenda Meeting and will be visiting the Convention 2017 venue for the Convention "Dress Rehearsal" on Sunday 12th February.

We are going to repeat the parade of Clubs at the start of the Opening Ceremony where the names of all the Clubs in the District will be paraded – in Zones. As before we would like this to be done by the Zone Chairman for each Zone but where the Zone Chairman is unable to participate then please can you nominate another Lion to take your place. As for the Review of the Year, I do need a lot more photos to be submitted as currently I have very little to work with. Photos need to be received by the end of February.

#### Future Plans:

The forms have arrived for the Tendring Show 2016 PR Stand and will be submitted soon as the Booking Window is quite short. I would ask that this date - 8th July - is put in the District Diary as volunteers will be needed from District and local Clubs (only Mersea Island, Clacton on Sea and Ipswich are near) for the child tagging – for which I have just received a request from the Show Organisers.

For personal reasons, I am not able to be involved so a District Officer who knows the Show needs to be in charge of this aspect.

To establish that all the existing marquees have been returned to good condition ready for another important show season and placed in the appropriate stores around the District.

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

Our International Guest at Convention is from The Netherlands and we do not have such a flag in stock for the Flag Ceremony so it may be necessary for me to purchase a Flag if one cannot be sourced any other way

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

### b. Convention Co-ordinator Lion Martin Langdon

#### Convention 2017 - centenary - Peterborough (Zone 1b)

Host Chair John Potter will report on the detailed arrangements but I can advise the cabinet that:

1. Finance: the financial position is sound and should deliver a balanced out-turn or a small surplus.
2. Planning: the planning is going well and there are no gaps in the arrangements at present. Some interesting ways of celebrating the Lions Centenary are being prepared.
3. Bookings: bookings for everything are going well although a few more people attending the Centenary Banquet and Ball would be preferable; the current numbers will, however, lead to an excellent event.

#### Convention 2018 - Norwich ( Group of Norwich clubs)

Contract: An outline contract has been agreed with the Holiday Inn, Norwich North (The Airport) within the agreed budget and work continues with the new hotel management team for events. By the time of this cabinet meeting a Convention Committee meeting will have been arranged.

The hotel (despite the changed events management team) and the Norwich clubs are extremely experienced and there is every confidence that planning for 2018 will go well.

#### Convention 2019 - Venue and hosts yet to be agreed

Venues: I have been looking at possible venues and, following a couple of visits and some feedback, we have excluded the Cameo Hotel in Copdock as still unready for an event of this size. Were changes to take place rapidly in this venue we could review this decision but the location may not be suitable anyway; see the paragraph below headed 'district configuration'.

District Configuration: Until the future configuration of the Multi-District and the timetable to achieve this are both a little clearer, it is difficult to see how any serious discussions can take place with a venue. I have set September of 2017 as an absolute deadline for making initial arrangements and I will advise progress (and possibly bring a budget) to the August 2017 Cabinet meeting. By this time I would hope to see a clear direction for the configuration of the district in which EA will fall and would also hope to have had discussions with opposite numbers, possible venues and with possible hosts. Should the position be no clearer than now I will have to start to pursue an EA only solution with a view to adjusting this if necessary. Any putative venue should probably be in the West of the district to allow for easy access should we be merging with all, or part of, another district.

### **Actions by Cabinet:**

1. To note progress in planning for the 2017 and 2018 Conventions.
2. In the light of the continuing uncertainty about the configuration of the districts in which we will fall, to support the convention coordinator in the approach to planning the 2019 convention outlined above

#### **c. Convention (Host) Chairman      Lion John Potter**

The Convention is now well developed and certainly contains the WOW factor.

The Convention Committee meets and communicates regularly.

All the Mayors from the Zone have been invited to the Host Night, most have responded positively with only 1 reply now still outstanding.

The Murder Mystery is well advanced with our colleagues in the Westwood Players about to receive their 'roles'.

Gifts and decorations have been finalised and the team is working on final elements.

The Pins have been purchased and are with us.

An Agenda setting meeting took place on the 8th Jan at the home of Lions David and Kay Large. Questions arose from the meeting which have now been successfully answered.

A Convention Meeting is scheduled for the 7th Feb, following which detailed discussions with the Hotel will take place.

The rehearsal is set for the 12th Feb at the Hotel when the flag party [Whittlesey Scouts] will also be in attendance.

As at late January the numbers who had booked were as follows:

Total Bookings: 120

Thurs: 12 Rooms 24 Meals

Host Night: 91 Rooms 135 Meals

Sat: 96 Rooms 182 Banquet & Ball

Currently the hotel is booked out totally to our Convention but, following the Committee Meeting on the 7th Feb, we will release rooms back to the hotel so I would urge anyone who hasn't booked but intends to, to book asap.

## **7. Health Portfolio**

### **a. Chairman      Lion David Goodwin**

#### **Actions since last report:**

This report covers period July 2016 to January 2107 during which the EARS team have received no requests for assistance. I did however attend Swaffham & District Health Awareness/Diabetes Screening day as Medic Alert Officer and included on my display stand other Lion Health information leaflets.

Physical & Learning Disabilities also forms part of my brief as District Health Portfolio Chairman, as part of my August 2016 report to Cabinet I included the following: - "At the start of 2015/16 I requested via the District Weekly News information on clubs activities within this field and received information on two activities that took place within the District but despite numerous requests during the year for other activities to be reported to me none were received. Because of no other activities being reported to me I had to submit three further reports to the Multi District Officer which subsequently are reported to the Council of Governors that no activities are taking place within the District to support Physical & Learning Disabilities" I did not believe this to be correct so I wrote to all 2016/17 Zone Chairman requesting them to discuss this at their Zone Meetings to see if we can obtain a true picture." received three replies but if that means there are no activities in the other Zones then the District support for Physical & Learning Disabilities is rather poor unless I am told otherwise.

#### **Future Plans:**

As mentioned above I did attend Swaffham & Districts Health Awareness/Diabetes Screening Day in early November, part of this day was advice on both Diabetes & High Blood pressure including Diabetes Testing were necessary and Blood Pressures testing, both these activities were carried out by local NHS Community Nurses, various other Medical Associations also had display stands at the event. I believe these days are very worthwhile and plan to encourage other clubs to look at running similar events including looking to use NHS Community Nurses if available as an alternative to Pharmacies if they are unable to assist. Please remember if any club would like assistance from the Specialist District Medical Officers in helping to promote Lions Medical schemes we all would be only too happy to help.

#### **Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**b. LCI Foundation Lion David Pope (covering)**

**Actions since last report:**

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

I recently attended the latest LCIF co-ordinators meeting, hot topics are:

Personal Contribution Pins – I have a quantity of Bronze Pins @£20 each – I will have these at the Cabinet meeting, bring your spare twenties with you.

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

Melvyn 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 is being refreshed – but it is really easy to undertake.

**Future Plans:**

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

**Decisions required by cabinet.**

None

**c. Lions Eye Health/Sight Lion Jim Cawte**

**Actions since last report:**

I am delighted that so many Clubs continue to support Lions Sight Savers and I have been pleased to present Banner Patches to two Clubs, for their contributions. Eye Camps are still very much part of the LEHP programme and we know that people in the developing world, will walk miles in the hope of being able to have their sight corrected.

During Sight Awareness Week in October '16, I know a number of Clubs arranged a 'Sight Walk', inviting(?) Civic Leaders to take part and become more aware of the problems facing the Visually Impaired.

Spectacle Collections continue and within MD 105, we have exceeded the 1,000,000 target. While the target is achieved, we cannot stop; so many people in the World need their sight corrected and for just a few hours spent collecting specs in our District, the end result in being able to supply a pair of specs to someone we will know, is priceless.

There are many Talking Newspapers in our District and some Lions are directly involved in the production of these, and other projects including Social Clubs for the Blind. Some funding for Sight related projects, may be available via Chichester Lions Club. Please let me know if you wish to apply.

Our Lions Roar is available in Audio format, for any Lion who is registered Blind. With valuable assistance from Wymondham & Attleborough TN, just one Audio copy of Lions Roar is issued per month but we could easily produce more, if required. This District is the only one in MD 105, to produce an audio version of the DG's Newsletter, so one up for us! The Lion magazine is also available in audio format, should any Blind Lion require it.

Whatever you are doing for our Sight programme, A HUGE thank you for continuing our commitment.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

**d. Diabetes Officer Lion Trevor Hull**

**Actions since last report:**

Nothing to report

**Future Plans:**

No future plans currently

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

e. Environment Officer Lion David Parker

**Actions since last report:**

On Previous Occasions I have asked If Zone Chair could promote to all their clubs the importance of our environment, and promote the Environment Competitions for the Lions, Lioness & Leo clubs that has made the best impact in helping the environment, I have given a talk at the last Zone 5A meeting in November which was well received (I Think!!), and I have given the Zone a flavour of some of the projects that Lions already involved in. Sadly, I am only aware of 1 Lions Club that has undertaken an environment project during the last Lionistic Year and the winner will be announced at the Convention in Peterborough. The closing date was the end of January 2017, And again, sadly no Lioness Club submitted any project and therefore there will be no winner to announce at convention, I can only assume that due to the turmoil created for Lioness clubs, is the reason for no entries, but I am sure there were many more clubs doing very worthwhile projects for the benefit of their communities, I just wasn't told about them! The Leo Trophy again has been put on hold as I understand there are no Leo clubs currently in our District but I am sure the Leo s liaison officer will ensure any new Leos are aware of these Projects.

As a reminder the Environment section of the website has been updated.

There is information taken from the International Website and hopefully I have put Ideas and resources on the website to allow clubs to become actively involved in their communities, in an environmentally friendly way. There is also a you-tube link promoting the centennial celebrations initiatives.

**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

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

f. Gift for Living Officer Lion Jane Gardiner

**Actions since last report:**

I have given a presentation on Gift for living at 2B zone meeting. Have also with the help of Derek Greenwood located somewhere to change foreign currency .

**Future Plans:**

I will be attending District Convention in March and if anyone has any foreign currency please feel free to bring it to me .

I am also still available to attend Zone or Club meetings to give a presentation on Gift for Living .

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None.

g. Medic Alert Officer Lion David Goodwin

**Actions since last report:**

This report covers period July 2016 to January 2017, unfortunately still have to report that the support for Medic Alert from clubs within the District is very negative, however we are not alone as most Districts are having the same problem, although I am pleased to report that during the period Downham Market became the first club within the District to give a donation to the Early Start Programme. Do have four actions to report YTD 1) Supplied one application form, 2) Attended the Royal Norfolk Show for one of the two days as part of the District Promotion Stand which included promoting Medic Alert, 3) Maned a Medic Alert Stand at Swaffham & District Health Awareness/Diabetes Screening Day which proved to be a very worthwhile day, with not only Diabetes Screening taking place but also Blood Pressure being taken, both these activities was carried out by NHS Community Nurses who also gave advice on both subjects, plus various Medical advice, 4) Attended the first MD Medic Alert meeting of this Lions Year which was an update meeting followed by a very interesting visit to Medic Alert Offices and Factory in Milton Keynes, pleased to report both these premises are very impressive with considerable investment having been put into the factory, so that now the UK factory is starting to supply UK manufactured jewellery to other Medic Alert associations worldwide. Some very interesting topics & ideas were discussed at the meeting and if these proceed may have some positive news to report in the future regarding Medic Alert.

**Future Plans:**

No immediate plans apart from to continue to promote Medic Alert although as mentioned above may have some interesting developments to report in the future.

**h. MIAB Officer Lion Matthew Bungard**

**Actions since last report:**

This year the District has purchase some 25,000 bottles.

These have been at Norfolk Show, Suffolk Show, Tendering Show and other Club events.

I have various MIAB posters, some you can add your club name to, I can email these to you if you require them.

A box contains quantity of 90 costing £25, I shall be at the EA District Convention any questions please come and ask me.

If you would like me to bring some MIAB to Convention for your club please let me know.

The District webpage gets hits from all over the UK and worldwide.

Thanks to all the clubs for supporting MIAB this year and to Dave (IT) for his help with the webpage.

**Future Plans:**

Any events I can get to if asked

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**i. SOGB Officer Lion Simon Smith**

**Actions since last report:**

Since the last cabinet meeting I was invited to the Clacton Lions presentation evening. Not only was I able to give the lions and guests a presentation on SOGB, but was also very pleased to accept a donation of £500.

I am still actively working to promote the SOGB National Summer Games, in Sheffield 2017. SOGB are looking for 750+ volunteers for this event, and at least 40 of these will need to be Lions. If you want to register as a volunteer please visit their website <http://www.registration-sheffield2017.org.uk/>. For those who would like to volunteer, but are concerned about accommodation we are currently working on some low-coat possibilities in Sheffield city centre.

I again ask that Zone chairmen push SOGB at their zone meetings and ask that any clubs/zones that do work with ID athletes please let me know. Not only so the MD knows, but also to update SOGB as they often do not know about Lions involvement.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**j. Speech & Hearing Officer Lion John Cheetham**

**Actions since last report:**

Used Hearing Aids – Please continue to collect and send used hearing aids as before.

Hearing Dogs for Children – Awaiting projected statistics for the New Year. Please continue to support our puppy training scheme.

Cochlear implants for children – No further update

Multiple Districts Project “Deaf Aware”- I will be giving a talk in March to an ‘Afternoon Fellowship’ club.

Multiple District Door Hanger Project – I have run out of hangers and awaiting some more from Derek Rutter

“I See What You’re Saying” Badges – Sold two badges.

Music and the Deaf – No additional update

**ACTION REQUIRED**

To get all Lion members to try and get work of a teaching or talk nature for the Lions Hearing Forum. Residential Homes, and other organisations etc are good places to start. Drop off our leaflet at the places if you feel unable to make physical contact!! It also helps making contact with carers, and so possible new members

**k. Vulnerable Persons Officer Lion Dianne Parkin**

**Actions since last report:**

General enquiries dealt with by Mandy Hawksley, Brian Stanbridge and myself

**Future Plans:**

Still need a Counter Signatory for Norfolk – apart from New Members joining I think the role of VPO will be fairly quiet as mostly the Members who need and request clearances are now ‘signed up’ to the Update Service

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

## **8. Youth Group**

### **a. Chairman Lion Kay Large**

#### **Actions since last report:**

It would seem that interest throughout the District in Youth Projects is waning somewhat. Our District Officers work hard to generate participation but are not always successful. Would Zone Chairmen please assist with the promotion of Youth Projects at their Zone Meetings. I am sure requests for presentations or cascade of information would be welcome.

#### **Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

### **b. Young Leaders In Service Lion Derek Rutter**

#### **Actions since last report:**

Since the start of this Lionistic year I have requested 26 Certificates of which 16 have been Gold Seal Certificates. This amounts to a total of 2928 hours of service, by these young people.

Over 20 young leaders are set to receive their certificates on 20th January.

Unfortunately due to unexpected hospitalisation in November I was unable to attend the Zone meetings I was booked in to attend, I do hope to attend Zone 5a meeting in February.

I may have to give a brief update on 5th February following a Young Leaders in Service meeting on 29th January

I hope to be invited to other zones 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

### **c. LEO Liaison Officer Lion Tracey Field**

#### **Actions since last report:**

**New Century** - Currently no change with the prospective school based Leos that Lion Sue Hibbert has been looking into. Sue will update us once she has more information.

**Chelmsford** - At the moment the girls that were interested in forming the Leo Club are concentrating on school and possibly going on to university. However they are continuing to join in with Lions events, and will be helping at our centennial variety show in July. We'll continue to keep them involved as much as we can and then possibly they will become our 'New Gen Lions Club' at some point in the future.

If any Lions club is interested in finding out more about starting a Leo club, please let me know, I'd be more than happy to discuss this and help you.

If you feel that Leos is not for your club due to the support it might need, why not consider starting your own 'New Gen Lions Club' – as far as I am aware this isn't an official term used by Lions International but is perhaps the way forward for Lions in the UK. I see this as a way of getting a younger generation, probably those that have completed education but not yet with families to consider, interested in Lions by forming new branch clubs. They would possibly need less support from the Lions Club but would always have an experienced Lions club to guide and advice them.

#### **Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

### **d. Life Skills Officer Lion Derek Rutter**

#### **Actions since last report:**

I am sorry that I was not able to attend the planned Zone meetings in November due to unexpected hospitalisation, however Zone 5a chairman has now invited me to his Zone meeting in February.

So far I have only been advised of 1 club that has responded positively to the appeal for funds to send resources to Malawi and Southern Africa.

Similarly up to now I have only heard of 1 club ordering resources, that club has now ordered 7 copies of the Health and Wellbeing cd. I have contacted the 2 clubs where educational establishments have ordered resources direct from Lifeskills.

Following the District Officer's meeting on 17th November 2016, I can confirm that the appeal for funding resources for Malawi and Southern Africa will be put out again in the near future.

The next Mutiple District Officers Lifeskills meeting is Thursday 6th April, which I hope to attend.

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

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**e. Peace Poster Officer                      Lion Kay Large**

**Actions since last report:**

Following our District Final in November I have notified the winners and sent an article to the Lions Roar encouraging participation in the 2017 competition. Our entry to the MD 2016 final, sponsored by Ipswich Lions Club was pronounced Third – congratulations to Ipswich Lions.

**Future Plans:**

The theme for this year's Competition has been announced as "The Future of Peace" and the District website has been suitably updated. I have contacted all Clubs through the Weekly News to seek orders for competition packs. A slow response so far, and a reminder will be sent out this weekend. Last year's entries will be on display at Convention in March, and pre-ordered packs may be available then.

I am happy to answer any queries from Clubs interested in taking part, and can accept orders for packs until the end of February. After that they can be ordered direct from MDHQ subject to availability.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**f. Young Ambassador Officer                      Lion Gaby Sharman**

**Actions since last report:**

After high hopes of holding a District Final this year, I have to report that this did not take place as we only had one candidate that was edible to be entered our Young Ambassador competition, but what we lack in quantity we make up for in quality, Susan Hart is an excellent candidate who is Sponsored by Great Yarmouth Lions Club and will be representing us at the Multiple District Final in Dudley on 25th February.

Susan who will be Just 17 the day before the MD finals is studying for her A levels at Lowestoft Sixth Form College, she is a keen musician and a member of St John Ambulance. Her project is to raised £56.000 to buy and kit out a much needed car for the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, something I am sure this amazing young lady will achieve.

With the Plans to bring forward next Years Young Ambassador District final to be to held at the November Cabinet meeting we need to start looking for that special young person to represent EA now, they need to be aged between 15 and 18 years old and are involved in a project their community, I have information and leaflets available if anyone wants to know more about this exciting and fulfilling scheme.

**Future Plans.**

To attend and support Y.A Susan at the Multiple District Final in Dudley.

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.

**Decisions required by Cabinet:**

None

**g. Youth Entertainment/Music Officer                      Lion Keith Radley**

**Actions since last report:**

Information on the district web site is up to date.

I have not heard from any Region, Zone or Club wishing to hear how to get a young entertainers evening up and running.

So we are missing the opportunity to not only engage with many young people but more importantly we are also missing out on some good publicity, the chance to speak to many parents, uncles/aunts and grandparents etc who about Lions and using the evening as a recruitment opportunity

Future plans:

Continue to be available to speak to fellow Lions on the probable advantages of this type of event.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

## 9. Administration Group

### a. Health & Safety Officer                      Lion Michael Gardiner

#### Actions since last report:

I have liaised and advised Felixstowe club after an accident occurred in November. Also via Weekly News and e/mails have continued to chase clubs to complete this years Health and Safety Questionnaire.

#### Future Actions

There are currently still 19 clubs who have not completed this years Health and Safety Questionnaire, I will continue to chase these clubs with an aim to get all clubs to complete before Convention.

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

### b. International Relations                      Lion Len Russell

#### Actions since last report:

Have been extremely busy with the friendship side of my position As I.R.O, unfortunately I have failed for the first time to find a friendship guest In either Australia or New Zealand willing to come to EA, I have had enquires but with what's going on in the world, they seem uncertain about travelling. Sorry to have failed the District this time. The Convention Teams and Sergeant at Arms have been informed

I am still spreading the word that lions in EA can visit lions in both our friendship countries.

#### Future Plans:

I still 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 promoting Water-aid and other activities.

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

### 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.

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

### d. IT/Webmaster                      Lion David Large

#### Actions since last report:

The District Website has been updated as needed with various items, changes of club meeting places etc. As normal I continue to maintain PID Phil Nathans campaign website, the MD Lioness website again updating as needed.

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.

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.

Continue preparations for Convention 2017.

#### Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

**e. IT/Webmaster 2**

**Lion Simon Smith**

**Actions since last report:**

I continue to update club websites, when clubs ask. We do not look through the 'Yellow Book' for new officers. I now have an agreement, with a UK-based, web hosting company that they will host websites for any Lions for free if they are a registered charity. This allows a Lions club to have a much better (well more modern) website that David and I can currently offer. Lowestoft, Clacton, Saffron Walden and the Lioness Lions clubs have taken up this offer. These new websites 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.braintreeions.org.uk](http://www.braintreeions.org.uk). There will still be the domain registration fee to pay, but this is a small amount each years. Can Zone Chairmen please pass this information to their clubs, especially the clubs that have their sites hosted by the district.

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

**f. Lion Magazine/Lion's Roar**

**Lion John Fox**

**Actions since last report:**

I have continued to publish the Lions Roar on a monthly basis and am delighted that there continues to be an increase in the number of contributors. This hopefully means that more ideas are being shared across the District and therefore even more opportunities to ensure that "We Serve" are being taken.

I continue to be pleased to promote any Specialist Officer's interests to increase the knowledge of what Lions do.

**Future Plans:**

To continue to publish and develop Lions Roar to the advantage of Lions Clubs, particularly in 105EA. I repeat that if you feel that there are matters concerning the District that are not covered adequately then please let me have copy or advice on how you would like to see these matters promoted.

**Lion Magazine:**

I have continued to submit copy to the Lion Magazine with some reasonable amount of success recently but – as I regularly say: if we don't send it, it won't get published! So please let me have copy for the wider Multiple District as well. I don't mind being reminded if you think your copy should be submitted to the Lion Magazine! I confess that making an interesting Lions Roar for EA is my main priority.

Once again, for both Lions Roar and the Lion magazine please encourage people to get reasonable quality photographs – look at the picture before you press the button. Not a good idea to take pictures against a window!

**Decisions Required by Cabinet:**

None

## **Notified Other Business**

## **FEBRUARY 2017 CABINET PAPERS - FINAL PAGE**