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Cabinet Papers

For the Meeting being held on

Sunday 21st August 2016

at the

Holiday Inn

London Road

Ipswich, IP2 0UA



Cabinet Agenda

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

Cabinet Papers

1. Minutes of Last Cabinet Meeting

Lions Clubs International District 105EA – 2015 / 2016

Minutes of the fourth Cabinet meeting of the Lionistic year 2015/16 held on Sunday 15th May 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 Chris Crick (Beccles), PDG Kevin Rodgers (Peterborough), District Governor Elect Lion Nigel Folkard (Southend on Sea), 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Derek Prior (Billericay), Past District Governors (PDG) Lions Tony Prior (Leigh on Sea), Derek Maguire (Haverhill), Barry Miller (Castle Point), Jim Cawte (Wymondham), Paul Martin (UAE Campus Club), District Secretary (DS) Lion David Pope (Peterborough), District Treasurer (DT) Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea), Lions David Goodwin, Len Russell (Haverhill), Jane Gardiner (Bungay), Chris Moreton (Hunstanton), Sandie Briault (Helen Keller), John Potter (March), Martin Langdon (West Norwich), Matt Bungard (Thetford Breckland), Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket and District), Simon Smith (Braintree), Don Drew (Littleport), Trevor Hull and David Smart (Billericay), Mark Lanham (Lowestoft), John Fox (Downham Market), Adrian Robinson (Clacton on Sea), Pam Maguire (Haverhill), Gaby Sharman (Peterborough), Keith Radley (Witham), and Lioness Chair Angela Howard (Saffron Walden).

Sergeant at Arms (SaA) Lion Adrian Robinson called the meeting to order for this, DG Chris' third and final cabinet meeting, and wished him good luck; he gave the usual housekeeping rules, fire exits, etc and asked members to give their name and club before speaking to assist with the minutes. He asked members to get a drink at lunchtime and then go straight to the tables where lunch will be served. Coffee is available all morning just help yourself.

DG Chris welcomed everyone and thanked them for giving up their time and we have a lot to get through today, he declared the meeting open and asked everyone to be upstanding for the Purposes and Ethics

Lions Clubs Purposes were read by Derek Rutter from March Lions Club and **Code of Ethics** was read by Lion John Potter also of March Lions Club

PDG Barry Miller (Almoner) advised Cabinet that three members have been lost to Higher Service since last meeting, Lions Frank Baker from Dereham, Roz Clipson from Wroxham and Hoveton and Bob Gasgoyne from Peterborough and Michael Ballard from Maldon whose passing has just been reported.

Apologies for absence had been received from Lions Chris Hibbert (New Century), Tracey Field (Chelmsford), Sue Cowee (Attleborough), Peter Smith (Stowmarket and District). Phil Nathan; also please accept apologies for Lion Mandy Hawkesley who has been called to her mother who is seriously ill.

1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting –

Proposed PDG Barry Miller, seconded PDG Jim Cawte, agreed unanimously.
No matters arising which will not come up during the meeting.

2.0 District Officers reports

2a DG's report –

DG Chris thanked everyone involved in convention at Stoke by Nayland, it was a great convention, lots of debate and he took on board the views of the district and took them to MD, he thanked everyone for their support. Congratulations to PDG Jim and Jennifer on their 1000 mile drive and New Century on their 100m mile work. Also to PID Phil on his endorsement Council – he asked PDG Tony to give a report on resolutions to get everyone up to scratch, he said DGE Nigel would tell what new council will do, Lioness Chair Angela will report on her presentation to District Governors. Incoming officers 1VDE Derek to update Lion David Pope told Cabinet that he felt the "In memoriam" was disgraceful, especially as it was used as a plug. Lion Pam raised the question of Accounts, or should I say Review. Under convention for the previous year there was just one figure of £30,000+, one can only assume that this was a loss for that year, there is no income / expenditure just one figure under expenditure. PDG Barry Miller and Lion Simon said it was disgraceful, but had the accounts not been previously approved by the District Governors - it was confirmed that this had happened. 1VDE Derek thanked Lion Matty for all the organising he did which made the weekend great. Lion John Fox asked about the "demand" which was made prior to convention and has this happened before, DT Roger said this has not happened before. 1VDE Derek Prior said MD had found 57 out of 65 of their clubs were not in good standing. Lion Roger said 48 hours before convention he received an e mail from MD Treasurer Philip Goodier who said he had just received e mail from LCI saying members taken on in March would not be affected and they rescinded any bills for March so clubs in good standing. You have a month to pay up the bills.

PDG Tony – CoC Simon Moss said the Council of Governors were completely cleared by the adjudicator, he then opened a 90 min debate in front of the resolutions which means none of the resolutions had been read out. Many questions were asked but not one question answered. He stood for 35 mins waiting to speak but the bar came down and he did not get the opportunity to speak in the 90 minute debate; however he did get to talk eventually. A similar situation was experienced by Lion David Pope.

2b DGE – Report before you. With Council of Governors and the incoming council took over in their own right late Saturday when they had had a short meeting regarding MD posts and are waiting for next meeting for clarification. **Redistricting** - agreed way forward to have survey of all members and will come out to COG Elect, his copy has arrived and they will work on this and make any changes or amendments they feel necessary – have to be back by 20th May very tight schedule. Some have made amendments already, the council will have telephone meeting every month. Survey will be sent out to secretaries by 27th May return by 30th June. PDG Kevin said this is a month this time which is quite short, there are still some members of COG and other people trying to scupper this. Lion David Pope says should get districts like BS and BN and E and C to talk together to resolve their problems. We are over 1250 so we do not have to discuss this. Barry said could it not go to zone chairmen to get it around to everyone so that it is discussed. PDG Tony asked the current DGE and VDGE what are we going to put in place to make sure the job is done properly. DG Chris asked if a regional team was being put into place, DGE Nigel said that it was felt that after what they heard everyone should have a say, DG Chris said they will not read every survey returned, we must have some representation. Lion Martin suggested that it went out through David Large's e mail system everyone will get a copy, not necessarily the secretary who looks after IT communications. Lion Adrian said in December we sent out to all members via e mail from a list through MLCI we could do it again. Lion Simon said he belongs to Camra, they are doing a survey like this and are taking a year, Nigel needs to go to council and tell them the period is not long enough, let's do it properly and not have arguments during Centennial year. PDG Paul agreed with PDG Tony we need to set up a group to take this to all Zones and educate everyone. Lion David Pope said there is £18K surplus this year, and all this redistricting is to save £12+K, redistricting is not necessary. PDG Tony and 2VDE Derek Prior says that it will cost £40K per district to rebrand x 8 = £320K to save £12K, PCC Philip Goodier did not questions any figures Derek put forward at convention. There are other things involved as well as finance. Asked whether any other consultation with Districts and DGE Nigel said he understands that there will be further consultations with districts. DGE Nigel said the survey is going to everyone and we should encourage everyone to complete and then let council see all the surveys and comments. Lion Keith said it is not what you put but how you word it, and how it is interpreted, Lion Jayne Gardiner said some presidents don't look at e mails but some don't have facility to run them off. PDG Tony asked again what plans are being put in place to carry this forward. Lion Derek Rutter said that we have a mandate from our convention to go it alone, PDG Tony said we need to put a team in place to start work on this. DG Chris suggested a meeting on 12th June but this is too late, VDGE Derek said we have "save EA" but need a different name, he is prepared to take this on, who is with him, loads put up hand. PDG Tony said there were too many, let's get region teams together and meetings arranged quickly if we wait to June is too late if we wait to end June too late and we will have lost everything that we have gained. Lion Simon should we should loose "save EA" as this is alienating other districts, let's get together with support and remove Save EA from media. Lion John Cheetham says someone said to him at convention you have only put it off until next year, lets include other districts. PDG Paul Martin agrees with PDG Tony we need to get going. When do surveys need to be back – 27th May for Governors and 30th June from Districts - then perhaps we should arrange a meeting before then.

d VDG – no updates

2c District Secretary's report – Lion David Pope said membership sits at 1262 but we are seeing new members coming on the Centennial Club another 3 but one off. Improving gradually but need to keep this up every month it will stop other districts moaning its happening again Southend on Sea have another 3 new members too.

2d District Treasurer's report – Report before you. Membership position re subs for Lioness Lion club passed over to PDG Paul for update. He reported that at last meeting a budget of £5000 was agreed for new and continued membership, formed this club with special offer from Oakbrook of £216 per person, encouraged Lionesses to join and pay dues to December, that's position at moment. Roger says saved £1800 with the offer.

94 people asking for pins which they should have had at Stoke by Nayland – Lion Martin Langdon responded and apologised for the mix up if you want to blame anyone blame him. Can get them out in next 4 weeks and will send them out, or do we just give everyone money back. What should we do. VDGE Derek asked if administrative costs on either option, Roger suggested refunds go to each club if refund money and convention will show a small shortfall. It was agreed to order 100 pins and circulate. Lion Matty asked if Martin had heard from PDG Deryck Chambers and passed him an e mail – Lion Martin said that's all right. (6 for pins for the Pin Traders)

Resolutions regarding subs because this year - it was passed before any other resolutions and he feels it should be put in last after all discussions at future conventions

He confirmed he had now received Newmarket and Southend accounts – Zone Chairs please chase others outstanding.

Charity Trust Review return, every club now returned them one of only two districts in MD with full replies.

Lion Derek Rutter asked if the increase in subs could not have been raised as an amendment to the original resolution, PDG Tony said it was agreed that one of two clubs would put in the amendment taking into account the additional expenditure but it was overlooked. An amendment to this would have to be made by a club not cabinet as it is their resolution.

PDG Paul confirmed he now has campus clubs spreadsheets.

2e - Immediate Past District Governor – PDG Kevin did attend Witham lionesses last night he is now very tired,

2f - Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions – update on resolutions

Endorsement for PID Phil – passed MD, their policy is to read out numbers of votes cast, should we carry on with our way – just giving the result – this was agreed unanimously

Ireland – passed on secret ballot

Subs – fixed on £28.50

Tidying up resolutions

Cost cutting resolution got rid of CAC and Long range planning

Emergency resolution passed so resolutions 7 and 8 withdrawn.

One withdrawn as wording incorrect.

Lion David Pope said he was against combining CAC and Long range planning as this will mean decisions being made by a small group of people. PDG Barry asked if he had misheard that the Office Manager was part of Long Range committee, yes that it correct although seems odd.

Our LCI appeal said consultation with all districts.

Assistant CNRO PDG Jim nothing further to add

3.0 Zone reports

1A – No update

1B – No update on Zone but quick up date for next year's convention, good bookings for both host night and banquet and ball. Capacity is 240 banquet and ball.

2A – **Lion** Adrian on behalf of his club asked if Colchester funds been dealt with correctly and regalia collected. MIAB now being supplied by Clacton so they would like the supplies from Colchester. DG Chris asked what usually happens to the money – club decide about donations and IPDG Kevin said when he went there four members donated £2500 to their charities so possibly no much left. Someone will contact John English to see if he has an update.

2B – No update

3A – No update -

4A - No update

4B – no updates but attended Wisbech charter

5A – No update

5B – No activity

6A – **Lion** Mark Langham asked about survey, he does not always get info from his secretary. Should Zone Chairmen be collecting them, should they recommend that they are completed or not, PDG Barry says individuals should fill them in as they feel. **Lion** Mark says not sure how ZC should react should they collect, DG Chris says it is for ZC to contact clubs to make sure they have received them, when they are going as a group to discuss them and when they are going to return them. **Lion** Simon said make sure clubs know this is around and needs discussing etc. **Lion** David Pope says he does not always get things but anything he gets from MD he will forward on.

6B – No updates

Lion Chris Hibbert joined the meeting via a telephone link from somewhere in the South Downs towards the end of his 100 mile walk. Everyone sent their best wishes.

4a Almoner – No update

4a Global Membership – No update but piece of info charter for Lioness lion club 20th August at Waldringfield Golf club. 10th September for charter 25th June certification for Centennial club.

4b - Leadership – no update

4d PR – no update

4e Centennial Celebrations – Slight typing error final paragraph Special Olympics says coming up in August 2016 should be 2017.

4f Competitions – **Lion** David Parker no update

4.g Lionesses – **Lioness** Chair Angela gave an update. We have come a long way since October with tremendous support from our lions. I was invited to COG meeting at Eastbourne, two hours later CoC Simon apologised for delay and invited me to lunch. Angela had gone to the meeting but PDG John Kyte refused. The remit was to report on the new guide lines discussed at the last lioness cabinet, it was agreed in principle apart from couple of words changing, CoC Simon wants to pass it to legal department as they do not want to agree to something and then be told no it is wrong and have to change things but they do not think there is any problem. She was asked if she would answer questions on our new club. Several sceptics on the council and some questions were very direct at EA. Explained about the club, was asked about dues and finances and she told them this was not in her remit so they need to speak to GMT or DG and DG Chris dealt with it. She told them if they keep concentrating on all the negatives not positives they are then setting up to fail and you are questioning people's integrity. Some governors still believe the club was set up to help PID Phil, they are expecting mass walk out at the end of the year and they will be watching us very closely. Comments received were that it was good for Lionesses and Lions of EA. On Sunday new CoC approached Angela, she said the present co-ordinator is very unwell and she appreciated him coming to Eastbourne to be with her, and offered Angela the post of MD Lioness Club co-ordinator, thought about it and Heather phoned her on Tuesday and Angela accepted the position after discussion with her Lioness team. Well done.

DG Chris was asked how much the Lionesses cost us, he told council about the join together scheme and the £300 saving, they asked why they couldn't do it and he told them it has been available and they have until September to use this scheme. He even suggested that any of their lionesses could join EA! PDG Paul pointed out how much grief Angela had received over the new club.

4.h Lioness Liaison – no update

6.0 Events

6.a - **Lion** Adrian Clacton on Sea asked about wrist bands, there is no equipment officer at moment to monitor marquees and we are missing two. One white and one blue are at Billericay – **Lion** Trevor said they are now stored at Rayleigh and the blue one by PDG Paul. DG Chris said still don't know what is held by John Haynes. PDG Jim visited John's house but could find no gazebos or wrist bands, we need to buy wristbands, 40,000. for events this summer. There are two blue marquees with PDG Tony Prior, 3 with Bungay plus PDG Paul has centennial gazebo, Wisbech will store one blue in north district. Suggested speak to Maldon who have had things in past, **Lion** Sandie Briault will speak to them. **Lion** David Pope agreed to take over the job co-ordinating equipment. Proposed PDG Jim Cawte seconded VDGE Derek Prior that we buy 40,000 wristbands, agreed unanimously.

6.b – Convention Co-ordinator –

Lion Martin talked about lessons learned from this year's convention, he has written a new manual on how to host a convention and waiting for some of them to come back, financial framework, time line in section 2.5 years, weekends plan. Need more guidelines for the host committee. We know that if a hotel says no we are not going to host the convention we can take them to court, but within 6 weeks you cannot go anywhere else. You cannot have more than one major discussion / argument with the hotel as this will ruin the weekend. He is looking at taking advice (free) as to how we can amend our contract. He said he is sure Peterborough was ok for next year. One of the problems this year was he could not get to meet the Operations manager early enough this year. As far as Peterborough goes we are not running golf on Friday morning last three times have been cancelled or had too few participants. The Don Peech trophy will be played at another time of the year, if anyone does not agree with this please come back and offer to play and find players for the Friday. **Lion** Trevor Hull said as a player he feels that moving to

May/June would be much better conditions for all playing. Pins usually order 250 cost about £200 if order 100 would it be more and have all the costs been factored in to the accounts.

Lion Peter Smith's report would not get same deals if hotel had to do reservations. Standing orders are difficult to set up these days but credit card payments involve a cost. Lion Roger said cannot do direct debit but on line bankers can set up standing order on line. Lion Keith Radley said as treasurer of another club they pay Standing Orders to bank. Lion David Pope said as a lion delegate he just wants the committee to deal with it all. Lion Roger says he agrees with everything David said.

Lion Martin says do we go ahead and plan 2019 convention. This was agreed unanimously.

Lion Peter Smith's recommendations were rejected.

7.0 Welfare

7a – Chairman – No update

7.b – Diabetes – been let down on screening for 21st May another in the near future watch this space.

7c – Environment –

7.d – Gift for Living – Lin Jayne asked where can she get rid of foreign coins - speak to PDG Brian Stanbridge

7.e – Lions Clubs International Foundation – at convention we gave donation towards progressive MJF to International Guest, has anything been done, Lion David Pope said that it was agreed at charity trust meeting he will contact Arthur Clenton but feel there is sufficient money in our funds for this.

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

7.g – Medicalert –

7.h – Message in a Bottle (MIAB) – Lion Matty is the MD officer again this year, well done.

7.i - Speech and hearing – next year looking to give 10 dogs out for children since start now 35 dogs out. In England and Wales there are 934 working dogs, and John has puppy sponsor forms.

7.j – Vulnerable Persons – No updates – people helping with disabled sports make sure covered by DBS.

SOGB – Lion Simon Smith said he has got a few lions on board at Sheffield still looking for volunteers. Attending disabled sports day next month.

Youth Projects –

8.a – Chairman – no updates

8.b - Young leaders – no update but please ask me to come along

8.c - Leo Liaison –

8.d– Life Skills – they are very short of money to get this project printed, nothing mentioned at MD

8.e – Peace Poster -

8.f- Young Ambassador - no updates

8g– Youth entertainment – researching brass and silver bands but have heard md pulling out

9.0 Administration

9.a Health and Safety –

9.b International Relations – No update but nice to be back

9.c – Insurance -

9.d - IT/Webmaster 2 – clubs still owe Lion Simon money personally. Colchester and Isle of Ely folded without paying the money.

He personally pays money as he cannot register clubs individually. VDGE Derek Prior proposed and Lion John Fox seconded that district should pay for the two clubs who have gone this this was agreed unanimously.

9e Lions Roar – no update

AOB

VDGE Derek Prior draft please look at it and pass on any comments for lions who think about things and don't always follow through.

DGE Nigel spoke of a long journey forward and really looking forward to the challenge. Thought he had finished his assignments but another has arrived this week to take with him as a discussion point of the training, it's on social media, Raffle ; made £118 thanks to everyone.

Vote of thanks

IPDG Kevin said DG Chris had said this morning where has the year gone, but had four cabinet meetings had laughter, fun and done a lot of work, thanked DG Chris for what he has done in the year but one job left to go remind DGE Nigel how quickly the year will go – he won't believe you either.

Tail twister

Duties carried out very well by PDG Derek Maguire and Lion David Parker. Raised £37.

Closing remarks by DG

DG Chris thanked everyone for coming along to the Cabinet meetings and giving up their time over the last year. During these meetings there has been a lot of discussion and debate and he hopes we are moving forward to a good future.

The next Cabinet meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on Sunday 21st August 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:

Attended EA District Handover Night 8/7/16
Attended Tendring Show 9/7/16
Attended Billericay Lions Business Meeting 11/7/16
Attended Membership Meeting 16/7/16
Attended Acle and Brundle Lions 50th Charter Anniversary 20/7/16
Attended Billericay Lions Fellowship Meeting 25/7/16
Attended Funeral of Lions Ernie Pearce on behalf of DG 30/7/16
Visited Littleport Lions Club Meeting 7/8/16
Attended Billericay Lions Business Meeting 8/8/16
Visited Witham Lions Club Meeting 9/8/16
Visited Beccles Lions Club Meeting 10/8/16
Visited Bungay Lions Club Meeting 11/8/16
Vacation in Scotland 12/8/16 - 29/8/16

To assist in the gathering of feedback on the Redistricting Questionnaire.

Future Plans:

Attend usual Club Meetings and duties
Attend Billericay Bookstall 3/9/16
Visit Felixstowe Lions Club Meeting 5/9/16
Visit Huntingdon & Grafham Water Lions Club Meeting 8/9/16
Attend Zone 5A Project Essex Country Show at Barleylands 10 - 11/9/16
Attend Billericay Lions Business Meeting 12/9/16
Visit Castle Point Lions Club Meeting 13/9/16
Visit Chelmsford Lions Club Meeting 14/9/16
Attend Diabetes Collection 16/9/16
Attend Henham Steam Fair 17 - 18/9/16
Attend Billericay Senior Citizens' Concert 24/9/16
Attend Billericay Lions Fellowship Meeting 26/9/16
Attend Billericay Lions Business Meeting 10/10/16
Visit Eastwood Lions Club Meeting 11/10/16
Visit Braintree Lions Club Meeting 13/10/16
Attend Billericay International Disabled Swimming Gala 14-16th/10/16
Attend Great Yarmouth Lions Charter Anniversary 22/10/16
Attend Billericay Lions Fellowship Meeting 24/10/16
Attend Billericay Bonfire Building 4/11/16
Visit Basildon and Wickford Lions Club Meeting 7/11/16
Attend Billericay Bookstall 12/11/16
Attend Billericay Lions Business Meeting 14/11/16
Attend 105NE Convention 18-19/11/16
Attend 105EA Cabinet 20/11/16

Attend any Club, Zone or Region meeting to which I am invited
To support the other members of the DG Team and Cabinet in any way required.

To assist in the gathering of further feedback on the Redistricting Questionnaire.

c. 2nd Vice Governor Lion Mandy Hawksley

Actions since last report:

Have completed my first three Club visits on behalf of the District Governor, and supported the District roadshow at various events. Attended the Charter presentation for the Lioness Lions Club of East Anglia.

Future Plans:

Will be attending the Centennial 100 Club Charter presentation night, and continuing with Club visits on behalf of the District Governor and attending roadshows throughout the District.
Will continue to liaise with Clubs who are taking part in the Little Dresses for Africa appeal.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

d. District Secretary Lion David Pope

Actions since last report:

Membership: As at 14th August we have 1,257 Lions, still 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 be 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.

Future Plans:

To continue to support our clubs with their monthly membership reporting, ensuring our numbers align with MyLCI. I will also be requesting that Club Secretaries report their activities on the MyLCI website, this will help with reporting for our Centennial Celebrations.

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

e. District Treasurer Lion Roger Fuller

My report is written as at the 13th August. There will be an update at the meeting.

Account	Current account	Reserve account
Administration account	£17,058.53	£11811.58
Donation account	£ 0.00	closed
Charity Trust account	£9,982.20	£,2575.16

Last year’s spend, allowing for audit fees, will be approximately £2,500 over budget. This was due to unbudgeted expenditure on the District restructuring, and financing new membership. Our Capital reserves were also further reduced with purchase of a new gazebo £1200.

Cabinet agreed to pay the East Anglia Lioness half year’s dues to 31st December 2016, which was unbudgeted for. I have taken payment from our reserves. The District Capital Reserves are now:-

Account	Balance	Reserve
Administration account	£ 7,510.98	£12,500.00
Convention	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Gazebo	£1 ,300.00	£ 2,500.00
Total	£11,811.58	£17,500.00
Shortfall	£ 5,688.42	

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

I am pleased to report that the Convention appears to have broken even (£2.78 surplus).

Membership Dues.

Membership subs were due by the end of July, there are 30 clubs still to pay. It is important that clubs pay their Oakbrook accounts when they receive their statements. Payments need to be made to me by the 25th of the month, if they send their payment to me after that date the exchange can change which means there will be a small amount showing (credit or debit) on the next statement they receive.

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

New Members.

Please remind your Club Treasurers that Cabinet has again agreed this year to pay the International joining fee of \$25 for each new member. **It is up to each club treasurer to claim within three months re-imburement from the District Treasurer.**

Donations.

The following amounts were received during the year ended 30th June 2016.

Blind Veterans UK & Blesma	4,500.00	Loomba Foundation Appeal	300.00
DG – 2014-2015	100.00	Measles Appeal	350.00
Dg Lady's Appeal 2015-2016	5,377.36	Medic Alert	50.00
District Fun Day	5,005.00	Message in a Bottle	3,550.00
English Fed of Disabled Sports	800.00	MD Disaster Fund – Cumbria	13,800.00
Gift for Living	2,053.00	MD Disaster Fund – undesig.	2,450.00
LCIF – Centennial Appeal	195.62	MD Youth Programme	3,560.00
LCIF – Disaster Appeal	5,435.00	Sight Savers	8,400.00
LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellowship	320.00	Special Olympics	1,250.00
LCIF – Membership Pins	35.00	Water Aid	300.00
LCIF–Ecuador/Pacific Hurricane	2,950.00	Young Ambassador	90.00
LCIF – Nepal Earthquake	1,974.00		
LCIF - Refugees Appeal	4,650.00	Total	£67,494.98

The following amounts have been received for the year ending 30th June 2017.

Countess of Wessex Appeal	1,800.00	Message in a Bottle	50.00
DG Lady's Appeal 2016-2017	143.00	MD Youth Programme	360.00
LCIF – Disaster Appeal	350.00	Sight Savers	500.00
LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellow	80.00		
Little dresses for Africa	350.00		
Measles Appeal	100.00	Total	£3,733.00

Club Accounts Outstanding.

2013- Hunstanton

2014 – Hunstanton - Maldon - Norwich North

2015 – Acle – Harlow – Hunstanton – Maldon – Norwich North – U.E.A. Campus

Both the Charity account and the Administration account need to be reviewed. Please may I remind Clubs that they need to get their balance sheets signed by the Reviewer, the Immediate Past President and this year's President before forwarding them to me. These accounts should be sent to me by the 31st December 2016.

Budget for year 2016 – 2017

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

There will be an increase in subscriptions in this budget to replenish the shortfall (£5,688) in the Capital structure. The budget for July 2017 to June 2018 has to be presented for Cabinet approval at the November 2016 meeting.

f. Immediate Past Governor Lion Chris Crick

Actions since last report:

Apologies for non attendance, working.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

g. Const. Noms. & Resolutions Lion Tony Prior

Official Call to Convention due to be sent to club by the end of August, additional complication of a "nomination committee" is now required to receive DG, & VDG nominations, DG Lion Nigel aware and working with him.

h. Asst. Cons and Noms Officer Lion Jim Cawte

At this time, I am not aware of any Resolutions for discussion at Convention.

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:

I have spoken to all club presidents regarding the upcoming Zone meeting later this month.

Summer events within the Zone have included : an Olympic style carnival, a hog roast, a water festival, helping out with kite surfing, fun day with international artists, car boots and a bra and boxer day by Hunstanton Lions which I attended, and helping other organisations by providing manpower for their events.

There is a possibility of a Zone project to help raise funds for a vital piece of medical equipment for cancer patients.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

b. Zone 1B Lion John Potter

Actions since last report:

Attended March Charter.

Followed the last Cabinet Meeting with a well attended Zone Meeting, hosted by the Wisbech Club. Clubs were updated with information from Cabinet and we had an interesting and informative presentations by PDG Paul Martin on Membership [apologies for the projector malfunction!] and PDG Derek Maguire on Guiding Lions [there is interest in the Zone to hold a course here].

With the DG and 1st VDG's permission asked for volunteers to shadow the Zone Chair Role with the intention of becoming Zone Chair in July '17. Lion Bill Peacock of Peterborough has taken up the position.

Attended the District Training Day at the Cedars [this time the projector worked].

Chaired another successful Centennial Convention Meeting in June.

Have visited the Whittlesey, Huntingdon & Grafham Water and Peterborough Clubs.

Through the contacts with Peterborough City Council re the Centennial Convention, I am exploring the possibility of a whole Zone event to take place in Cathedral Square, Peterborough one Saturday next June.

Future plans:

To Chair the Centennial Convention meeting to be held at the end of this month.

A Zone Meeting has been scheduled for the 1st Sept 2016, the Whittlesey Club has kindly agreed to host.

To visit the Wisbech Club, attend one of their social events and make contact with the Centennial Club.

To pursue the possibility of a Zone Event.

Continue to actively support the Zone's Clubs in their activities and especially their recruitment drive.

Decisions required by Cabinet:

None

c. Zone 2A Lion Rod Nolan

New to role, will be arranging our 1st Zone meeting in the next few weeks

d. Zone 2B Lion Sandie Briault

Actions since last report:

The final part of the last fiscal year ended on a sad note with the loss of South Woodham Ferrers Lions Club after 28 years of exemplary service. Several of the members have joined the new Centennial 100 Lions Club.

On a higher note the Zone ended the year with a Zone Potty Challenge hosted by the holders of the potty Chelmsford Lions Club. This was a crazy golf challenge with all of Zone 2b taking part with Clacton Lions as our guests. It was a fun evening with lots of laughter and was won on a tie breaker by Chelmsford once again.

Future Plans:

I am to start my visits to Clubs in September and will do my best to support all my Clubs wherever possible

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

e. Zone 3A Lion David King

I have emailed all clubs within my zone to introduce myself as zone chairman. All clubs have responded with the exception of one and have invited me to their future club meetings. At least three of the five clubs are reporting that they are undertaking Centennial projects/activities within their communities.

Three of the five clubs have also reported an increase in membership since the start of this Lionistic year. This includes North Walsham Lions Club who are currently "rebuilding" following a "club rift" a couple of years ago.

Future Plans:

To hold first zone meeting on 1st September at The Imperial Hotel, Great Yarmouth.

To attend club meetings and support clubs at their events.

To encourage clubs to actively recruit new members.

To continue to promote Centennial activities to all clubs.

To organise a zone activity (to be chosen by members within the zone).

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

f. Zone 3B Lion Ujjal Kular

Actions since last report:

A Zone meeting was held on the 9th June to get an update from all the Clubs in my Zone. I invited the Club Presidents and the incoming Presidents to this meeting for continuity purposes of the business conducted in this Zone. PDG Paul attended the meeting and he gave a very thorough talk on the re-districting and the questionnaire which was to be sent to MD after completion. A lot of questions were asked and opinions were given.

Centenary celebrations were discussed(thus the invitation to incoming Presidents), progress is being made and a possible joint Zone project is being discussed. PDG Jim has been visiting the Clubs with information which has been most welcome.

PDG Paul sent me a contact details of a new member, I have contacted Jonathan and have known him for many years, I have invited him to attend a meeting of Taverham Lions on Monday 8th August.

I have planned to visit the Clubs but as yet have not visited any. I met all new Presidents and have wished them a good year.

I would have visited two clubs before the Cabinet meeting, if any questions arise I shall bring them to the Cabinets attention.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

g. Zone 4A Lion Paul Bradley

Actions since last report:

New to role, will be arranging our 1st Zone meeting in the next few weeks

h. Zone 4B Lion Don Drew

Actions since last report:

I have not been very busy with clubs in my own zone but have travelled in June to holiday up in Northumbria when I dropped in and visited The Morpeth Lions Club then in early July another visit to Bridlington both clubs are not in favour of the redistricting. On a visit to Otley in late July during the meeting this topic came up and again they do not want it to happen. The three clubs think it is going to tear the Lions clubs apart and many will lose members, I have to agree with them.

Now my travels are over (well almost I want to return to Skipton in September and that will be another visit to Otley lions) I will be getting out and visiting clubs in my zone.

I did get a phone call from the Lake District letting me know that a Kiwi Lion was visiting the area and could I get in touch with club details in the Cambridge area which I did and also asked for the Email to be sent to Len Russell of Haverhill who is International Relations Officer.

Future Plans:

I will continue to visit the clubs in my zone and support them in their activities where possible.

The Leo's formation will continue to get my support and I hope there will be more news on this in my next report.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

i. Zone 5A Lion Stuart Mackaness

Actions since last report:

Set the date, time and provisional location for intended Zone meetings in this Lionistic year

Made contact with all clubs and arranging first club visits and encouraging attendance to first zone meeting.

Assisted in coordinating clubs to provide Lion volunteers for Zone Project at Essex County Show.

Future Plans:

Current confirmed commitments are :

Hold 1st Zone meeting on 24th August at Burstead Golf Club in Billericay.

Support the Zone Project - Essex Country Show at Barleylands, Essex on 10th and 11th September

In a broader sense my future plans will be to build a sense of camaraderie and mutual support in Zone 5A. United in service as opposed to being united in adversity. As such, I propose this will be done by a three-pronged strategy:

Foster friendly competition and social ties between the clubs with fellowship activities.

Coordinate inter-club support for projects such as Brentwood's Donkey Derby on Sunday 4th September or Harlow's Victorian Christmas Fair on Sunday 27th November.

Organise and support zone-wide initiatives by promoting good practice and worthy service and fundraising activities from other clubs.

I can only be as effective in the zone as the clubs are willing to support this strategy. So my first meetings and my personal rapport with the club presidents and secretaries is essential. In that regard: More updates to follow!

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

j. Zone 5B Lion Trevor Roberts

Actions since last report:

New to role, will be arranging our 1st Zone meeting in the next few weeks

k. Zone 6A Lion Mark Lanham

Actions since last report:

All clubs working well together , joint zone membership flyer designed and printed and out for circulation.

Completed all club visit or assisting at an event , attended last of club charters.

Club visits to commence after the cabinet meeting.

Genuine concern that new Presidents or Club officers are not coming through to take office , this could lead to clubs to fold in the zone , and concerns from membership that MD need to curb costs and leave districts alone with membership over 1250.

This will be addressed and discussed at the next zone meeting

Organising a zone host fun night on **24TH SEPT 2016 – ZONE 6A ZONE HOST FUN NIGHT** invites to all , via district news soon.

And get ready for the 100 year celebration - Earsham Hall - June 25th – Sunday 2017

Tuesday 22rd November zone meeting to be a Lions information evening, any volunteers to talk are appreciated – venue Carlton Manor Hotel – Carlton Colville.

Decisions by Cabinet

MIAB – all clubs supporting the project at the Local Hospital with over 2000 bottles distributed. Also supported by neighbouring Gt Yarmouth Lions. However 100 plus bottles a week are being distributed , is there potential funding from the district. A question has been raised if District or Multiple district funding exists.

Also a national deaf and blind organisation have booked a local holiday camp in Lowestoft , they have requested MIAB and a talk from local lions. The talk is the easy part , can District or MD fund the 400 bottles.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

Donation of 400 MIAB Bottles from District

l. Zone 6B Lion Sue Cowee

Actions since last report:

Nothing to report this quarter

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

4. Membership Group

a. Almoner Lion Barry Miller

We have lost the following members of the Lions family since my last report in May

Lion Jack Hobbs

Lions Club of Southend on Sea

Lion Ernie Pearce

Lions Club of Stowmarket and District

Lion Rosemary (Peggy) Kearney

Lions Club of Littleport

I always have available a coffin drape for use in the south of the District. and PDG Lion Jim Cawte also have them available for use in the north of the District

b. Global Membership Lion Paul Martin

Actions since last report:

I would like to wish DG Nigel well for his first Cabinet Meeting.

Congratulations to all those Clubs that have inducted new members recently, please keep it up. Recruitment and retention needs to be an ongoing project for all of us.

The latest requests for the Road Show are published on the District Web Site on the Membership Page.

c. Global Leadership Officer Lion Derek Maguire

Actions since last report:

Following the successful Certified Guiding Lion course, we have held an Incoming Club and District Officers and Zone Chairman training on the 12th of June at the Cedars Hotel.

This was again a very successful day with very good comments about how much people enjoyed and how experienced lions said that had learned a lot. This was especially noticeable from Lions who had been secretaries for a while.

Future Plans:

We will be conducting another Certified Guiding Lion course towards the end of the year in the northern part of the district and perhaps another in the south in the New Year.

As I keep saying to everybody "tell me what you want and I will arrange. If you do not tell me I won't know what to arrange.

So please Zone Chairman ask the Lions in your Zones what they would like to know more about. We would also like to know if they know of any suitable inexpensive or even free venues in their areas where we could conduct our workshops.

We are also keen to get involved with Lions who would like to perhaps LEAD our District in the future, so once again Zone Chairman please keep your ears and eyes open for Lions who could and would like to be Zone Chairman or VDG's We will be looking to hold a Certified Guiding Lion workshop in the not too distant future.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

There are no decisions required by Cabinet, but I would ask all Cabinet Members to ask your own club members and your fellow Lions in your Zones and Regions what workshops they would like to see us as a District arranging and setting up for them. Remember the future of the District Leadership and Growth in your 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 workshops 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:

New to role, have made contact with MD Pro team, my aim is to help clubs to be more successful in getting into the press, also drafting press releases to help promote the EA Roadshows.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

e. Lions Centennial Celebrations Co-ordinator Lion Jim Cawte



I am delighted that so many Clubs have taken on Centennial Challenges. Clearly, these activities are being reported and I have some recognition badges to present. I will contact Clubs directly to arrange a visit.

SIGHT

Spectacle collections are going very well and the target of 1,000,000 pairs to be recycled each year, in the build-up to Centenary year, will almost certainly be exceeded.

ENVIRONMENT

Some Clubs have already planted bulbs and plans are being made for Centennial flower beds and/or gardens. Battery collections are also going very well.

HUNGER

New Century Lions Club assisted with the processing of 8 TONS of unwanted Parsnips!! These were distributed through Fairshare throughout the UK but several thousand families were assisted. That's what I call original! But that's not to miss the many hours that other Clubs give to Soup Kitchens and the like.

DIABETES

Many thanks to Lion Chris Hibbert for undertaking - with others - the Walk for Diabetes, linking nicely with MD Convention.

There are other opportunities for celebrating our Centennial; Possibly a Grand Garden Party or an Afternoon Tea. I believe there might be something happening at Earsham Hall, nr Bungay, in June 2017. Is there scope to have a Float or Waking Group of 100 Lions in the Norwich Lord Mayor's Street Procession? Are there other Carnivals that could involve Lions Clubs? Could we have 100 Lions in the Sunset Ceremony at Royal Norfolk Show?

The District has purchased a Centennial Gazebo in bright yellow with Centennial logo, and this is available for events. Please contact PDG Paul for availability.

If a Club or Zone is planning something for the Centennial, please let me know.

Decisions required by Cabinet:

None

f. Competitions Officer Lion David Parker

Actions since last report:

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

http://www.lions105ea.com/specialist_officer/competitions.html

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

In addition to Zone Chair promoting Competitions I will periodically post something in our weekly newsletter to try and broaden the audience and make more Lions aware.

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

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

District Quiz as last year Heat questions will be distributed to Zone Chairman by the end of August allowing them to organise their Zone Heats before Christmas so you have September to organise and October –November to hold the Heats, remember, you can run a Region heat if you coordinate with your other Zone Chair in your Region. It is my belief that there will be plenty of time to hold your heats, and I would ask Zone Chairman to keep me informed oa when they hold their Heats.

The District Quiz Final has been booked for Saturday 4th February 2017 (the day before Cabinet at a new venue) - The Holiday Inn London Road Ipswich IP2 0UA from 13:00 till 17:00. The cost of hire is £100 for the room plus a charge of £3 per head for coffee and teas. I propose as last year that District pay for the hire of the room and we charge participants the £3 to cover costs.

I believe this gives the participants time to plan and have a more relaxed journey, rather than rushing to the venue on a weekday night.

Clay Pidgeon Shoot - As last years' competition was cancelled due to organisers not being able to accommodate us, I have decided not to pursue organisation this year. If any Lions want to continue this then please contact me on competitions@lions105ea.com so I can see what interest there is in this, as last year only 1 club was disappointed it did not happen.

Future Plans:

To promote all competitions around the District

Decisions Required By Cabinet

Approval for £100 to pay for room Hire for District Quiz.

g. Lioness Chair _____ Lioness Angela Howard

Actions since last report:

The total membership was standing at 123 members but unfortunately the membership has suffered a drop in the numbers, which is sadly due to the loss of several members all at the same time, within one club. The membership now stands at 116 members in 7 clubs. The club in question is Downham Market Lioness Club, I have been to visit the club and we had a very productive and enjoyable afternoon. The lionesses were busy wrapping presents for their stall at the forthcoming Water Festival in Downham Market. Whilst doing this we discussed the situation and the remaining members are very positive about the future of the club and determined to continue serving. They are in good spirits and busy regrouping, planning for the future and enjoying themselves. Other clubs are reporting that they have prospective members coming along which is good news for future growth.

I have visited 5 out of the 7 clubs in EA already this year and have 2 more to visit in September. Despite the events of last year I am pleased to report that all the clubs are working as hard as ever and still really enjoying themselves. They continue to work well with their Lions Clubs and are still keen to support District, Multiple District and International Projects.

The new Lioness Lions Club of East Anglia is holding its' formation night on Saturday, 20th August all plans are now in place and those attending are looking forward to the evening.

Our last District Meeting took place in June hosted by Swaffham Lioness Club and was another well attended and successful meeting. We were very pleased to welcome Lion Tony Briault who is recovering well from his heart attack and has now rejoined the pride and looking forward to being a member of the new Lioness Lions Club. He was also delighted to be made an honorary lioness.

Two of the clubs Chelmsford and Thetford Breckland will be celebrating their Certification Anniversaries in October. I am looking forward to attending both Anniversaries; I am sure both occasions will be very enjoyable.

I look forward to working with District Governor Lion Nigel and all members on the new cabinet; I hope we will all have a very productive and successful year

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

h. Lioness Liaison Officer _____ Lion Douglas Whyte

Actions since last report:

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

General

After the hiatus and worry caused in the latter part of the last Lionistic year by the MD 's request that Lionesses be disbanded and become Lions. The Lionesses have now after considerable negotiation have, for the present ,accepted the new arrangements which allows them to continue to be Lionesses and to control much of their own destiny. However a number of clubs have lost a few members including one in 105EA. The District Lioness members have dropped from 121 to 116 in the quarter

But looking on the bright side, clubs are managing to recruit new members and have some prospective new members in the pipeline

All the 7 clubs have very active over the mid-summer months. They have all been engaged in various types of Social Work e.g. Helping at Toddlers group, running and assisting at garden and village fetes. Acting as Social visitors to people in Hospitals and nursing Home, While at the same time enjoying social contact in their clubs (Eat drink and be Merry)

Activities Since last report

Attended the Zone Meeting at the Cedars hotel on 24 May 2016

Attended the Swaffham Lioness 25th Certification Dinner

Attended the Felixstowe Lionesses Certification Lunch

Future Plans

To attend Zone meetings

To Attend Lioness District meetings

To visit clubs in the district
Attend any dinners or Celebration Lunches of the Lionesses
Attend the Charter Dinner of the new Lioness Lions Club
To accept the Thetford Lioness 27th Charter lunch invitation

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

5. Events Group

a. Chairman _____ Lion Adrian Robinson

Actions since last report:

Since the last cabinet meeting, I have been involved in the production of the President's Organisers and the District Handbook. Thanks to VDG Derek and District Secretary David for their input on the Handbook.

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

The Tending Show also went very well from the feedback and my thanks to all who helped especially my Club for again handling the logistics, and a busload of Lions from Mersea Island Club, plus Chelmsford and Southend Lions on the gates.

A big question which I have mentioned a number of times is that of Storage. Currently my Club's store is storing three District Marquees (2 Blue – one of which has previously been condemned and one white) plus all the District Regalia etc., the majority of which is used only at Convention. The store is not only bursting at the seams at present but is also under threat as we have new landlords which could either mean a big rent increase or a notice to vacate. The District needs to have a store preferably somewhere central to the District

Future Plans:

The arrangements for the Convention Agenda Meeting will be settled shortly and for a site visit even though we know the venue pretty well.

The next Cabinet Meeting is on 20th November at the same venue and the menu choices will be advised nearer the time.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

What to do about storage

b. Convention Co-ordinator _____ Lion Martin Langdon

Convention 2016 (Stoke by Nayland)

Following on from this convention, the outstanding pins have been received and most have been circulated. In order to assess the likely cost of postage, I took a sample package to the post office in Eaton Village, they told me that 2nd class letter post would be adequate.

I thus posted them at this price, however it turns out that I was misled and the Post Office have since surcharged a number of Lions for their packages.

The balance is being sent 2nd class package post through the post office counters.

Convention 2017 (Peterborough)

Planning for this 'Centenary' convention is progressing well, a deposit of £500 has been paid to fix the contract. The detailed contract has been discussed with the hotel management and a number of issues raised for their consideration and further discussion prior to signature.

The detailed report on this convention can be seen in the report from the Convention Host Chair.

Convention 2018 (Norwich)

Planning for the 2018 convention in the Holiday Inn Norwich North (Airport) is progressing. The appropriate weekend has been booked and an outline programme discussed with the hotel.

Convention 2019

The working assumption is that we will need to plan for a convention in 2019 whatever transpires over redistricting. A possible location has been identified and discussions commenced with possible hosts.

Decisions required by cabinet.

None

c. Lions Eye Health/Sight Lion Jim Cawte

Actions since last report:

I am encouraged by so many Clubs recycling specs and I became aware of a slight problem from Southend, in the collections by Parcelforce. A quick call to Chichester soon solved the problem and everything's fine now. Spectacle collections are so much a part of our contribution to LEHP; just one pair of specs from our District will mean the World to someone we will never know but will be eternally grateful for the time we give. Please make sure the number of specs sent to Chichester are recorded on MyLCI, in the Centennial section, to ensure we get proper recognition. Some Clubs take Spec cases in good condition to Charity Shops and while we might not know how much is raised from subsequent sales, at least the cases are doing some good somewhere.

A number of Clubs continue to support their local Talking Newspaper, with direct grants or being part of the production Team.

At least two Clubs (Ipswich & Gt Yarmouth) are undertaking a 'Blind Walk' on or about 15th October, for World Sight Day. Local Civic Dignitaries and/or MP's take part and this certainly highlights some of the difficulties faced by those with visual impairment. If there are more Clubs doing such a 'Walk', please let me know.

I have a supply of LEHP leaflets and a roll-up banner and supply the Road Shows as required. I will be pleased to make these available to Clubs on request.

A reminder, if Clubs are involved with a Blind Social Club, or Talking Newspaper, in whatever capacity, grants can be applied for from Chichester Lions Club.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

d. Diabetes Officer Lion Trevor Hull

Actions since last report:

Continuing on from the previous Lionistic year as diabetes officer.

Unfortunately, Billericay Lions had to cancel their screening day on Saturday, 21st May because they were let down by Lloyds Pharmacy at short notice due to a change in the local branch management.

There have been updates to the webpage to reflect the upcoming Tesco's Big Collection and a request for all the new Zone Chairmen to encourage getting their club members screened and also encourage their clubs to get members of the public screened as well, either through the local branch of Lloyds Pharmacy or their GP's.

Future plans:

Diabetes UK and Tesco's have organised another collection weekend for 16th & 17th September. There is an article about this on the webpage and I have also gone and it is also a good PR opportunity for Lions getting involved with this collection.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

e. Environment Officer Lion David Parker

Actions since last report:

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

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

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

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

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

http://www.lions105ea.com/specialist_officer/Environment.html

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

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

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

The Environment Competition for the Lions, Lioness & Leo clubs that has made the best impact in helping the environment, is underway and the winners will be announced at Convention next year. The closing date will be the end of January 2017. Please let me know what projects are being undertaken so that they can be considered. I have already seen one entry from social media, The Leo Trophy has not seen any entries for a few years now so I would welcome any input from any Leos and there is still plenty of scope for Lions and Lionesses to shine.

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

Future Plans:

To work with Zone Chair promoting to all clubs the importance of our environment. And to ask them to keep me informed of any projects clubs are involved in, in their Zone

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

f. Gift for Living Officer Lion Jane Gardiner

Actions since last report:

I have placed a item in the Weekly News reminding clubs that I am still looking for donations for Gift for Living and as last year I am happy to visit Zone and Club meetings to give a presentation if required .

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

g. Medic Alert Officer Lion David Goodwin

Actions since last report:

Am now entering my fourth year as the Districts Medic Alert Officer and unfortunately I have to report that the support for Medic Alert from clubs within the District during the past twelve months has been very negative with only one club making a donation, two requests for application forms plus one request to attend an event, to help combat this I am currently working on a plan with our District Governor in an effort to hopefully generate support from clubs during 2016/17

Future Plans:

My future plans have been mentioned above so the message is watch this space. I will be attending Swaffham & District clubs Health Awareness day in November 2016 which I was unable to attend in 2105.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

h. MIAB Officer Lion Matthew Bungard

Actions since last report:

District web page used a lot by the public, outside our district and internationally
Bottles really going well throughout the District
MIAB has been at Norfolk Show, Tendering Show and a few other local shows

Future Plans:

Upcoming events Essex County Show, Henham Steam Rally

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

i. **SOGB Officer** **Lion Simon Smith**

Actions since last report:

Since the last cabinet meeting I have had the privilege to volunteer at the Lions Clubs of South East Essex Sport Day. This was the first time I had attended this event, well it does clash with my club's Real Ale Festival ☺. I was amazed at not only the number of athletes that attended, but also number of Lions from across the district who helped. This is an event that for many, outside South Essex, sneaks under the radar. It is a superb event that could easily be replicated across other parts of the district. When I explained the event to my club they spoke to our local Mencap branch and they hope to enter a small team next year. My congratulations to all of the organising team for this event. 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 50 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**

Action since last report:

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

Hearing Dogs for Children – WE now have 27 children who have hearing dogs. It is hoped to increase this number year on year, but it depends of course on subscriptions. There are also 875 dogs allocated to adults with severe or profound deafness. Puppy sponsorship forms can be had from me.

Cochlear implants for children – No further update

Multiple Districts Project “Deaf Aware” - We have not had any requests for talks or training. Clacton on Sea Lions Club are issuing our small deaf aware cards as part of their Centenary projects.

Multiple District Door Hanger Project – Clacton on Sea Lions club are making the issue of these one of their Centenary projects. They are hoping to distribute with the help of the local fire service over 500 hangers to hotels and guest houses. I have requested 500 be sent to them from HQ.

“I See What You’re Saying” Badges - I have issued 4 badges on singular requests.

Speech Aid – I have just received information telling me this project has been discontinued.

Music and the Deaf - No additional update

ACTION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN:

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!!

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

Actions since last report:

General enquiries dealt with – Lion Brian Stanbridge is now the Counter Signatory for Essex his paperwork has been processed and he is ‘up and running’

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:

May I remind all Youth District Officers that they should copy me in when sending reports to the District Secretary. Thank you.

In my capacity as Youth Exchange contact for EA I am pleased to report David Pope and his family successfully hosted a young lady called Franka from Croatia for 10 days in July. All arrangements went to plan and it sounds as though Franka had a great time exploring East Anglia and London, before going up to Dumfries for the Youth Camp. I am very grateful to David and his family – it has been some years since EA took part in the Youth Exchange project, and David's enthusiasm for hosting will hopefully encourage others! If you would like to know more, please speak to David or me.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

b. Young Leaders In Service Lion Derek Rutter

Actions since last report:

I have some hard copies of resources, but it is now not necessary to purchase these resources since they are available to download, all you have to do is go to the Young Leaders in Service Officer's page on the District Website and the link will take you there.

We are using old stocks, but there is a new pin and cloth badge, and all recipients are to be asked whether they would prefer a pin or cloth badge, and this will be provided at no cost to clubs, and sent out with the Certificates.

I would very much like to be invited to come to Region, Zone or club meetings to talk about this very worthwhile project. It really is a way to raise the profile of Lions Clubs in the local community, once the project is set up it can almost run itself, and then every year the club can have a major event to award the Young People with their certificates. It is also a fantastic opportunity to identify potential Young Ambassador of the 21st Century entrants.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

c. LEO Liaison Officer Lion Tracey Field

Actions since last report:

Chelmsford Lions and New Century are still intending to start Leo clubs, and are still looking at increasing numbers to form the clubs.

If your Lions club would like to know more about what's involved with sponsoring a Leo Club, then please contact me. The 105EA website is still to be updated with the information I prepared several months ago. The changes have not yet been made.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

d. Life Skills Officer Lion Derek Rutter

Actions since last report:

Regrettably I am still having to report that only my Zone Chairman has invited me to a Lions meeting, be it Club, Zone, Region or District to talk about Lions Lifeskills.

I believe that the biggest opportunity to have an impact in this District will be with the launch of Life Changes 2, which helps deal with traumatic events in the pupil's lives, be it bereavement, parental breakup, relationship issues, and other hidden issues that can affect pupil's academic performance.

Life Changes 2 for Secondary Schools was scheduled to come out at the beginning of 2016, it has been trialled in several schools and academies across the UK all with very positive comments and reviews, however Lions Lifeskills has a major shortfall in funding which means we have been unable to publish this resource. By the time of this Cabinet

meeting there will have been a Multiple District Lifeskills meeting which I intend to attend, and there may be news about how we are hoping to raise the money required to publish this very important resource. The resources we are offering have been reduced in range, and again I'm hoping to update Cabinet following the Lifeskills meeting on 18th August. 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:

All Competition packs handed out at Convention have now been paid for. The Peace Poster Competition website has been updated and I continue to assist Clubs with any queries relating to the competition. It is not too late for a school or youth group to enter the competition after the summer holidays, provided judging can take place by October half term.

Future Plans:

To continue to encourage Clubs to participate in the Competition.
To arrange the District Final for the November Cabinet meeting and advise Clubs accordingly.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

f. Young Ambassador Officer Lion Gaby Sharman

Actions since last report:

I have had 3 Clubs contact me inquiring about the YA scheme and I am expecting at least 2 of these Clubs to put forward a candidate unfortunately the other Club's candidate was too young to take part this year but hopefully they will be able to take part next year. In an ideal world we would have a few more candidate so we could hold a Region competition in November and a District Final in early January, each stage would give the candidates a chance to practice their interview and public speaking skills which would prepare them for the Multiple District final in Dudley in February, with that aim in mind I will be contacting all the Clubs in the District shortly to see if we can find a few more young people deserving of being recognised as a Young Ambassador.

Our Young Ambassador for this year Maddie Booth has now returned from the USA where she attended the UN Global Leaders Conference, while there she and a few of the others had the opportunity to speak at the UN.

Future Plans:

To attend the Multiple District Y.A officers meeting on September 17th in Birmingham.
To continue to encourage Clubs to support the Young Ambassadors Scheme,
To organise a District Finals.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

g. Youth Entertainment/Music Officer Lion Keith Radley

Position: Youth Music

Actions since last report:

No change since last cabinet. Information on the district web site is up to date.

Future Plans

Continue publicising the idea, encouraging clubs to get involved not only to support their young entertainer but also get good publicity for Lions Clubs and hopefully increase our membership.

I am ready and able to visit clubs, zone or region meeting with ideas on how to both organise, publicise and push membership at a Young Entertainers event,

Decisions required

None

Position: Youth Entertainer Officer

Actions since the start of the Lionistic year

No change since last cabinet.

Decisions required

None

9. Administration Group

a. Health & Safety Officer Lion Michael Gardiner

Actions since last report:

I have identified to the DG that the current District Health and Safety Policy needs to be reviewed/updated as it was last signed of 16/02/13

Future plans.

All clubs will receive DG Health and Safety Questionnaires to be completed by end of October 2016 I will then chase clubs that do not make this deadline.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

b. International Relations Lion Len Russell

Actions since last report:

Firstly many thanks for being ask to continue for another year
Still continuing with many aspects of the position
Have been asked to help two clubs start the Twinning process
Have helped Lions from abroad coming for holidays to find
Local clubs to visit, plus accommodation.
And one lion and his family to find accommodation with lions aboard.

Future Plans:

If continuing as International Relations Officer (and better health I hope) I will get involve with Water Aid – Twinning – and Operation Friendship, and much more I am sure.
I intend to contact clubs via Lions Roar to let them know of the opportunities of friendship reversed, UK lions could visit our friendship guests overseas. I would also love to get lions from New Zealand to visit us.
Will start the process to find Lions to come and visit us as part of the district Operation friendship, and attend our District Convention 2017
A lot of interest has been shown by clubs to Twin with clubs abroad. This is not easy, but if you need any help, I am a novice but will do my best.

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

Actions since last report:

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

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. Please can all region and Zone chairmen publicise this new service. Instructions on how to join can be found on the District Website on the Weekly news page.

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

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

Future Plans:

Update as required of District website.

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

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

Actions since last report:

I continue to update club websites, when clubs ask. We do not look through the 'Yellow Book' for new officers.

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

Actions since last report:

Firstly my apologies for non-attendance today but the call of the cruise liner is even stronger than that of the Governor!

I hope that, by the time the Cabinet meets, the latest Lions Roar will have been completed and will be circulated through the next Weekly News. I continue to be pleased that there are different contributors to Lions Roar as more Clubs enjoy seeing their events being publicised and more PR Offices are utilising the facility.

I would also like to remind all District Officers that there is an opportunity for you to promote your specialism to the District through Lions Roar. I would not intend to publish a "Specialist Officer" edition but at least a page a month could be designated to promoting the special services that we offer.

I would like to express my thanks, once again, to Hayden Charles of the Wymondham & Attleborough Talking Newspaper, who produces an audio version of the Lions Roar each month – this is available on the District website alongside archived pdf and audio copies.

Future Plans: To continue to publish and develop Lions Roar to the advantage of Lions Clubs, particularly in 105EA.

Lion Magazine: I continue to submit copy to the Lion Magazine with about an average success rate – as I regularly say: if we don't send it, it won't get published! I would also add, if you don't let me have the copy, along with decent quality photographs as appropriate, there's even less chance of getting it published!

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

Notified Other Business