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Cabinet Papers

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

Cabinet Papers

1. Minutes of Last Cabinet Meeting

District 105EA – 2015 / 2016

Minutes of the second Cabinet meeting of the Lionistic year 2015/16 held on Sunday 22nd November 2015 at the Holiday Inn, Ipswich. The reports referred to in these minutes have been placed on the web site prior to the meeting.

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

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

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

Lions Clubs Purposes were read by Lion Douglas Whyte (Stowmarket & District) and **Lions Clubs Code of Ethics** was read by Lion Sandie Briault (Helen Keller/Witham Lionesses)

DG Chris performed the "badging up" of Cabinet members who were missing at the first Cabinet meeting.

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

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

1.0 Minutes of the previous meeting –

Acceptance of these was proposed by PDG Jim Cawte and seconded by Douglas Whyte, agreed unanimously
Matters arising – PDG Paul Martin was there and Lion Mandy in wrong club - corrected

2.0 District Officers reports

DG's report –

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

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

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

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

Nothing on Message in a Wallet

Convention will be looked at in regard to new districts

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

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

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

International team to be disbanded.

Spouses will get tickets to events

From 2017 Directory will be in digital format only.

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

1st and 2nd VDG – no updates

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

District Treasurer's report – DT asked Zone Chairmen to remind clubs treasurers that when new a member joins, if the club wishes to claim back \$25 joining fee they must drop Roger an e-mail or they will not get it. Accounts for year end 2015 have been

circulated and everyone has looked at them and digested them and are there any questions on the content. There being no questions Lion Roger proposed they were accepted, seconded by PDG Jim Cawte and agreed unanimously, they will now go to the Reviewers. Budget has been prepared and agreed with VDG Nigel, are there any questions. PDG Tony Prior suggested everyone pay no subs to use up reserves, Lion Roger said that it has been agreed that reserves be carried forward on pro rata basis to new districts, subs will remain at £9 – all agreed. It could mean a further 90 – 100 subs will be needed to make up reserves. 2VDG Derek Prior says it has come to his attention that some districts are laying on transport to Eastbourne to discuss redistricting and other things, there is nothing in budget for this, what do the members think? PDG Barry asked if armoured transport was available, PDG Paul Martin said he felt it may be the carrot to get people there and if they enjoy it they may wish to go again.

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

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

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

Conventions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With Christmas fast approaching can everyone check that everyone needing them have DBS checks.

Young Ambassador club closing end of month losing 25 members, University of Colchester also closing and losing 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

District NE – not happy at all

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

District SE – extremely disappointed and DG is not being helpful causing much bad feeling. Had district meeting took a vote and they will not become lions and do not want to stay in lions at all. Waiting to see what the clubs do in the MD. Asked them and all others do not take any rash decisions keep talking to each other and her and PDG John. We are part of the lions' family but not being treated as such. Can't imagine how she will feel at conference being the last chairman at their last conference, if goes the way MD want it. They are a family and know each other so well. Told clubs must continue as they always do helping their communities this is going on in the background but keep going. Upset about if they are asked to support anything we are always there to help, feeling very hurt at the moment. Not much more to be said at the moment looking into constitutions, charities etc but will use the 6 months to find out as much information as possible. She was told that at the meeting when vote taken it was unanimous and from that time the council were under the assumption that lionesses were no longer in existence from that moment. PDG John said they must give lionesses the chance to wind up their business. They have appointed MD Centenary officer to work for 100 years celebration and lioness were to celebrate 40 years of lionesses, both of which will not be done if this goes through. Need to be able to trust our lions. DG Chris said it was not unanimous, some did not vote yes. Some people using CIO to get rid of lionesses. We do not seem aware when the CIO was vote in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A PDG from SE went to Deal. The Lions club worried about lions as getting older and if they fold what would happen to the lionesses. Nearest club is the one for present DG. Badged up 2 new members and in same meeting told lionesses they would be

disbanded and they will be a pilot lions club. This was two weeks before the meeting. This PDG is also on the CAC, what is happening in the background? Lioness Angela asked what lionesses have done for them to be treated this way. Lion John Fox asked how many people attend CAC meeting, Chairman of Council, MD Secretary, MD Treasurers, and guests. How many people vote just the 13 DGs, DG Chris replied yes. Lioness Angela was reading newsletters the other day, one especially from Canada which contained a letter from the DG a lady supporting the lionesses 150%. Next Lions Roar see 1 ½ pages of what they do and funds raised. Survey done with lionesses and only 5 might join lions so we are not gaining members. DG Chris asked if Roar goes to other districts, not only on web site but John ~fox said he will send on to all DGs. PID Phil said he felt some DGs would not pass this on. He did not attend last meeting of CAC as he was at International Medical alert conference and he has heard nothing. He read out the protocol of International and as PID he is quite high up and has heard nothing. He is an honorary lioness and really proud of this and he is appalled (and added a couple of other words not for print!). He is going to Serbia would love to have lionesses with him he does not have enough hands. Does he want to be a lion? Lion Martin Langdon asked if this a constitution issue, we could not change things without going to convention, should this not raise a vote of confidence against COC. PDG Tony has MD constitution and cannot find any reference to lionesses but perhaps we should put a resolution to convention about vote of no confidence. Paul said it had been muted by another governor who served in 2013 / 14 that it should be a no confidence in chair of council and CAC? Lioness Angela has been told as they are a project there is no need to take to convention as they are not part of the constitution, PDG John took results of survey back and told them they would not become lions they said they would – how wrong. Lioness newsletter goes out to everyone throughout the district. Lions losing members and people are not aware that they will not only lose lionesses but they will lose lions too who feel so strongly about this. 2VDG Derek P said this is appalling, on a lighter note reading e mails on redistricting etc. his wife says, 'oh another e mail from FIFA.' PDG Jim Cawte asked if any of this has been reported to International, DG Chris says as far as he knows no, Jim said that it should be as there are so many successful clubs throughout the world. Lion David said yes it is terrible what they are doing but we need to decide what we are going to do now. They could be a project of the district can we do this. PDG TonyP said we could do this but what of longer term in view of what else is going on. Resolution should go forward to MD PID Phil said that the next meeting will be when he is in Ukraine and therefore not able to attend and it is very important both Nigel and Derek are attending and they should report back to cabinet immediately. Time is close for resolution and it may not be right. Membership is still an issue. Lion Keith asked about health and safety and insurance if lionesses stay if they report everything to lions club they would be covered? Lioness Angela said their "Understanding" was scrapped at the meeting in October. Lion John Fox advised that last year he produced document of "Understanding" for lionesses and it was presented to COG and it was thrown out as they had no input.

Chris asked if there was anything else to discuss. Lion John fox said we need to plan what we are going to do. 2VDG Derek P asked what Lioness Angela would like us to do. She said clubs still having meetings and would ask that when they have had meeting if they could send reports to her for collation and then a meeting with district to decide way forward. Lion John Fox said that they as a club do not know which way to go forward they can support their club as both are members of charity trust as are the Witham clubs but they need guidance. Lion Martin Langdon said do we put resolution for no confidence in CC and CAC and if so, have to decide today as resolution for convention in by 31st December. PDG Tony P said that if put forward resolution it can be thrown out COC does not have to allow discussion. Can turn it down on time and other things. New constitution has not been voted on and MD does not have permission from HMRC regarding charity and Gift Aid. 2VDG Derek P said it is proposed a visit to all conventions to explain all four issues, he has told them we are unlikely to get one thing completely right the first year, let alone 4 things. PDG Barry Miller said the only thing on table that is cut and dried is the lionesses and we should write to the COC and tell him that the cabinet of EA will not accept this and we will retain our lionesses. Lion Tracey Fields asked for clarification of the CIO, and Derek Prior gave a brief explanation regarding transfer to CIO giving Gift Aid and it means that as individuals you are not liable for any losses for your club. Lion Keith Radley said if club now responsible not individuals but the club is members. Lion David spoke to HMRC re Gift Aid and registered charity they said yes we could have gift aid, after speaking to Lion Roger and PDG Varesh they both said, so David rang back to HMRC who said no you can't have it because money not going back into charity account and he has had to send back £200. Lion Keith said he does it for Operatic Society and gets money back. Lion Roger said at MD meeting told Gift Aid goes into Admin and this is not in line with the charitable trust he suggests anyone speaks to Varesh Paul. DG Chris asked what we are going to do about lionesses write to COC, but Martin suggested that we put in resolution that this MD reinstates the lionesses. PDG Paul said council 13/14 had this brought before them at the first meeting in July and came about as a result of lions club being discovered when a club not in our district were running a charity shop and members were not paying dues it was coming out of the takings from the charity shop. Spoke to Tom Berry and allocated £4000 to take legal advice, report came back but so complicated to say not very much and sent it back, had to be taken up by next committee. Last year council continually asked about document and was told still working on it. Presented to this year's Governors and no one knew where it had come from it got in under the wire! Lion Derek Rutter said he is aware of another club where this has happened.

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

2VDG Derek P has following questions:

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

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

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

2VDG Derek wants to ask everyone's opinion. PDG Barry says that he is not sure he trusts anything that we are being told are finances, what does Lion Roger think? Lion Roger says if Ireland leave the MD then almost certainly are we will lose £67000 per annum which will increase subs by £5.50 per person.

2VDG Derek said for a resolution to be put forward it must be costed, the new proposal has costs but not savings although he thinks it is cost neutral anyway.

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

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

Happy with consultation December – no need more time.

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

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

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

2VDG Derek said that he had written to COC

Is there a mechanism for implementing the redistricting?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Structure

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

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

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

on our books at £400,000 and have not depreciated money we have spent so would show a loss. This is the responsibility of the MD Treasurer.

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

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

Any other business

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

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

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

PDG Jim Cawte confirmed wrist bands were supplied to Royal Norfolk Show, Tendring and Barley Lands. At Royal Norfolk trade stand cost about £700 will we pay this, need to spend about £1000 for bands can he have go ahead. 2VDG Derek P said there is money in budget for Norfolk show. This was agreed

Usual plea from 2VDG any unwanted pens to him please for the NHS! (ie Sheila).

Tail twister Lions Don and David did good job. £43 raised

Raffle raised £130 – thanks from Evelyn

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

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

2. Officers Reports

a. District Governor Lion Chris Crick

District Governor Lion Chris will give a verbal report

b. Vice District Governor Lion Nigel Folkard

Actions since last report:

Attended Lions redistricting Forum at Estuary Club in Leigh -on-Sea.
Attended Lions redistricting meeting at Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull
Attended day at the Victorian Fair with the Harlow Lions Club
Attended Lions Convention meeting in Shoeburyness
Attended 1st Vice District Governor Training at Solihull

Future Plans:

To attend the Korle Bu Steering committee meeting in Swindon 25th January
To attend the Clacton on Sea Lions Club presentation evening 27th January.
To attend COG week-end 29th-31st January in Solihull
To attend 5b Zone meeting in Rayleigh 8th February
Attend Lions Convention meeting in Eye 10th February
Attend 1b Zone meeting in St Ives 11th February
Attend Lioness Convention in Letchworth 20th -21st February
To attend Sheringham and Cromer 2nd Charter in Cromer 28th February
To attend Lions 105EA Convention in Stoke By Nayland 11th -13th March
Attend UN Day in London 17th March
Attend Castle Point Lions Club 37th Charter 27th March
Attend Southend-on-Sea Lions Club Charter 16th April
To attend Lions MD Convention at Eastbourne 6th May-9th May
Attend Leigh -on-Sea Lions Club Charter 14th May

c. 2nd Vice Governor Lion Derek Prior

Actions since last report:

Arranged visits to Southend, Saffron Walden and Saffron Walden Lionesses
Attended Barry Wise's funeral 11th December 2015
Attended meeting at Bungay Lions 26th November 2015
Attended "Feedback on Redistricting Proposal" meeting in Birmingham 28th November 2015
Various Sleigh outings with Billericay Lions
Attended District Convention agenda meeting 13th Dec 2015
Attended various LCI Webinars
Attended "Save EA" meeting 9th January 2016
Attended District Convention Rehearsal 17th January 2016
Attended Zone 2b (inc 2a) meeting re Redistricting 18th January 2016
Attended Council of Governors' meeting 30th January 2016
Visited Saffron Walden Lionesses 1st February 2016
Attended Mersea Lions Presentation Evening 5th February 2016
Attended Membership Day 6th February 2016

Future Plans:

Visit Saffron Walden Lions
Visit Southend Lions
Attend Lioness National Conference
Attend EA District Convention
Attend Multiple District Convention
Attend any Club, Zone or Region meeting to which I am invited

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

d. District Secretary Lion David Pope

Actions since last report:

Membership: Our membership continues to decline, as at 1st February we have 1,103 Lions, 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 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?

Cabinet Reports:

Disappointingly I had to chase quite a few responses for this Cabinet meeting, hence the reason for its late submission to you again. To receive and collate 46 reports can be extremely time consuming, it makes my job so much easier if the reports are submitted on time (or a bit earlier than the deadline) and they are a **simple email covering - Actions since last report:, Future Plans:, Decisions Required by Cabinet and Justification (if required)**, these are not required in a Word document, just a simple email is all that is required, I will do all the formatting that is required.

Convention Reports:

These MUST be submitted to me by Tuesday 16th February, this will give you sufficient time enable to refresh your reports to cover the Lionistic year to date and for them to be collated and printed for the Convention packs.

District & MD Voting:

I will gladly accept the District & MD Delegate and Alternate forms at this meeting – saves you the cost of postage (sorry PDG Lion Jim), the last day for receipt is 1st March.

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 Chris 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 30th January. There will be an update at the meeting.

Account	Current account	Reserve account
Administration account	£5,008.31	£19,218.79
Donation account	£ 0.00	Closed
Charity Trust account	£3,776.82	£2,154.64

Membership dues – half year ending June 2016.

Convention weekend is the 11th-13th March, and all clubs need to have paid their dues by then. The following club's subscriptions are outstanding. Zone Chairman please chase:-

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Hunstanton	Braintree	Acle	Bury St Edmunds	Basildon	Attleborough
Swaffham	Chelmsford	Dereham	Cambridge	Eastwood	Bungay
Wells	Colchester	Sheringham	Felixstowe	Harlow	Halesworth
Whittlesey	Helen Keller		Haverhill		Harleston
	Maldon		New Century		Long Stratton
	Mersea Isle		Saffron Walden		Southwold
	SWF				Thetford

Budget.

This year's expenditure is within budget figures.

Donations.

The following amounts have been received from the 1st July 2015.

Blind Veterans UK & Blesma	4,200.00	Loomba Foundation Appeal	300.00
DG – 2014-2015	100.00	Message in a Bottle	1,725.00
Dg Lady's Appeal 2015-2016	1,034.11	MD Disaster Fund - Cumbria	8,600.00
District Fun Day	5,005.00	MD Disaster Fund – undesig	2,450.00
Gift for Living	250.00	MD Youth Programme	2,394.00
LCIF – Centennial Appeal	195.62	Sight Savers	7,640.00
LCIF – Disaster Appeal	2,395.00	Special Olympics	400.00
LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellowship	240.00	Water Aid	300.00
LCIF – Membership Pins	35.00	Young Ambassador	90.00
LCIF – Nepal Earthquake	1,774.00		
LCIF - Refugees Appeal	4,150.00		
LCIF – Pacific Hurricane	50.00		
		Total	£43,327.73

Club Accounts Outstanding.

30th June 2013 – Hunstanton

30th June 2014 – Hunstanton, Maldon and Norwich North

30th June 2015

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
Hunstanton	Braintree	Acle	Bury St Eds	Rayleigh Charity only	Beccles
Swaffham	Harlow	Great Yarmouth	Haverhill	Southend on Sea	Thetford
Wisbech	Maldon	Norfolk Broads	Mildenhall		
	SWF	Norwich North	Newmarket		
			Stowmarket		

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.

Budget required for District re-structure and new membership drive.

f. Immediate Past Governor Lion Kevin Rodgers

Actions since last report:

I continue to support DG Chris wherever required and continue to support the District whenever I can.

Future Plans

I will hope to assist DG Chris wherever it is required.

Nominations for District Governor & Vice District Governors

At 30th September 2015, being the closing date for submission, the following Nominations had been received with all candidates being qualified to stand for the positions stated :

Standing for election to serve in District 105EA from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 as:

District Governor is 1st VDG **Lion Nigel Folkard** (Southend on Sea)

1st Vice District Governor is 2nd VDG **Lion Derek Prior** (Billericay)

2nd Vice District Governor is **Lion Mandy Hawksley** (Bungay)

Resolutions

At 31st December 2015, being the closing date for resolutions to be considered at District Convention in March 2016, the following resolutions had been received:

Resolution No 1. "This convention resolves that the District dues for the fiscal year 2016 / 2017 be set at £9.00 per capita"

Proposer: Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea)

Secunder: PDG Lion Derek Maguire (Haverhill)

This is an ordinary resolution requiring a straight majority of those delegates present and voting and has been submitted by District Cabinet

Resolution No 2. Submitted by Clacton on Sea Lions Club

This Convention confirms its full and lasting support for Lioness Clubs and their activities in our communities and hereby instructs the District Governor to formally to oppose any move to close any Lioness Clubs in the British Isles and Ireland.

Resolution No 3. Submitted by Clacton on Sea Lions Club

This Convention resolves that the District Governor should oppose any consolidation of districts in MD105 until after full and proper consultation with the members throughout the British Isles has taken place.

Resolution No 4. Submitted by Leigh on Sea Lions Club

This Convention resolves that the Clubs in District 105-EA are redistricted by the formation of a Single District separate from Multiple District 105 comprising the counties of Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk.

***Notes:** It is envisaged that, at the time District 105EA becomes a separate District there will be at least 1,250 active members paying MD105 annual subscriptions of £28.50 each which would amount to £35,625.00 in lost revenue for the MD105. However, the Multiple District would make savings in many areas relating to certain services, training and supply & distribution of The Lions magazine. Members of the new separate District would enjoy a substantial reduction in per capita annual subscriptions which would be a great incentive for new and old members alike. It is understood the new District may also be entitled to a percentage of the MD105 reserves as well as a proportion of the value of the MDHQ building and unallocated insurance reserves.*

Endorsements

Seeking endorsement to stand as a candidate for **International Vice President is Past International Director Lion Phil Nathan MBE**

Proposed by The Lions Club of South Woodham Ferrers

Seconded by

Nominations for Hosting Convention and District Trustees

At 31st December 2015, being the closing date for nominations to host District Convention in 2018 and nominations for trustees to serve on both the District Charitable Trust and District Hearing Trust, no nominations had been received.

Followed the last Cabinet Meeting with an enjoyable Zone Meeting, hosted by the Peterborough Club, at which Clubs were updated with information from Cabinet and we had an interesting presentation on LCIF and discussed the re-districting proposals in some detail.

Have obtained quotes and contacted other Zone Chairs and Clubs re the proposal to provide a coach to MD Convention in Eastbourne. I've had very limited response from the north of the district although several Clubs have indicated that their delegates will be present but travel independently.

Attended the Young Leaders in Service Awards evening held by the March Club.

Have encouraged two Clubs within the Zone to use contact they have with local primary schools to introduce the Peace Poster Competition.

Attended a very constructive meeting with the Chief Exec of Peterborough to discuss support for the Centennial Convention – significant support will be forthcoming.

Attended EA's Re-districting Meeting.

Future plans:

To Chair the Centennial Convention meeting to be held on the 10th Feb 2016.

A Zone Meeting has been scheduled for the 11th February 2016, the Hunts & Grafham Club has kindly agreed to host and 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and Mandy Hawksley have agreed to attend.

To visit the Wisbech and Peterborough Clubs.

To attend the Wisbech, Peterborough and Hunts & Grafham Charter Evenings.

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

Decisions required by Cabinet:

Whether or not a coach to Eastbourne is feasible from the N of the district.

c. **Zone 2A** post currently vacant

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

Actions since last report:

Held a successful Zone Meeting in early January where all Clubs in Zone 2b attended and three of the four Clubs in Zone 2a also joined us.

2nd Vice Governor Lion Derek Prior gave us a presentation on the re-districting.

Three of the Clubs in the Zone reported record takings on their Christmas Floats and Santa events.

Sadly I won't be able to attend the final of the District Quiz as it clashes with Lioness Conference.

Future Plans:

To Visit Braintree Lions on 11th February where I am to induct a new member.

To Visit S.W.F. Lions on 10th March.

To hold a Zone Meeting in early March

To attend the Membership meeting on 6th Feb at Ipswich

To attend District Convention in March

To attend MD Convention in Eastbourne in May

To continue to support the Clubs in Zone 2a and 2b.

To attend Lioness Conference in February 2016

I fully intend to support all my clubs events and Anniversaries where possible.

Note:

It was pleasing that there was good attendance from both Zones 2b at the meeting on January 9th at Ipswich. Everyone felt that it was a very professional and informative meeting and we all left with a better understanding of the situation.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

e. **Zone 3A** post currently vacant

f. Zone 3B

Lion Ujjal Kular

Actions since last report:

All clubs have been involved in Christmas collections and I am pleased to say that they have collected record sums this year so more funds and more help for the local communities.

A zone meeting was held on 1st Dec, hosted by Norwich North Alpha Lions at the Holiday Inn Norwich Airport. The meeting was well attended by all the six Clubs. The reports for the clubs were given and it was good to hear that Norwich West had gained three members. Taverham Club had lost one member.

DG Chris answered the questions from the members and also presented a 25 year award to LP Jill Diggie of Norwich North Alpha Lions.

PDG Paul gave a talk on the district membership and how it was possible to improve it by getting in touch with groups who get together for other purposes e.g. parent and toddler groups etc.

PDG Paul gave an over view of how the District EA will be affected by the redistricting, all present were expected to take the information back to their Clubs and discuss this matter.

PDG Kevin gave a detailed talk on LCIF , a lot of questions were coming from the members but time did not allow for all to be answered, it was interesting to see how little we were aware of.

I attended the meeting "Save EA " on the 9th Jan 2016 at Holiday Inn Ipswich, Lion Presidents of Taverham, Sheringham and Cromer, Norwich City, and members of Norwich West also attended this very important meeting. I hope all Clubs can show their feelings at the Convention. I made suggestions that if people did not want to go for the whole hog then attend the business session and let their feelings be heard.

I have been visiting clubs namely Taverham, Sheringham& Cromer, Norwich West and Dereham Lions and hearing their views about redistricting, it seems clubs have mixed feelings.

Clubs have also been made aware of the transport facilities that have been discussed for the MD convention, a future reminder will be made when we get together.

A Zone meeting has been arranged on the 3rd March hosted by Norwich West Lions Club at 7.30. Brook Hotel, Bothorpe, Norwich. This meeting is close to the convention so it will be interesting to hear the club views.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

g. Zone 4A

Lion Peter Smith

Actions since last report:

All of the Clubs within the zone have had a very busy festive season and New Year with various fund raising and community based activities, I visited Bury St Edmunds Lions Club for their club Christmas Meal and New Century Lions Club for their darts marathon and meeting.

Having failed to request reports from clubs in time for inclusion in this report, details of full club activities will be provided verbally at Cabinet.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

h. Zone 4B

Lion Don Drew

Actions since last report:

Attended the membership meeting before and after the last Cabinet meet in November 2015.

I held my Zone meeting just two days after the November Cabinet meeting when just three clubs in the zone plus myself attended

Been out to Newmarket Lions club on two occasions the first was my club visit and the second was to attend a social meeting where the badged up 3 new members into the Lion family.

I attended the Re-districting meeting at Ipswich.

It also seems I have 'lost' another club in my zone with the demise of Isle of Ely.

Future Plans:

I continue to contact club secretaries to arrange my visits.

This year I am attending the MD Convention at Eastbourne, this will be my first MD.

I have booked the Zone meeting again just two days after the forthcoming Cabinet meeting.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

i. Zone 5A Lion Derek Prior

Actions since last report:

Held 2nd Zone meeting on 25th November
Arranged all club visits for 2nd half year (except Harlow)
All reports submitted
Handed out questionnaire to all clubs - Passed returned questionnaires to Mandy

Future Plans:

Hold 3rd Zone meeting on 10th February at Bursted Golf Club
Visit Brentwood Lions 23rd February 2016
Visit Thurrock Lions 2nd March 2016
Visit Romford 25th February 2016
Attend EA District Convention
Attend Multiple District Convention

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

j. Zone 5B Lion Barry Miller

Actions since last report:

We held a Zone meeting on 23rd November hosted by Southend on Sea at the Ekco Sports and Social Club. All clubs reported a healthy set of activities and services. They are all actively looking at increasing members but all agreed that obtaining new members was difficult. There was a lot of disquiet around the redistricting proposal and the way the Lionesses were being treated. The feeling was that Essex was being treated with contempt and it ultimately could cause a loss of members.

All clubs have been very active over Christmas collecting for their own clubs and other charities such as Children in need, Essex Air Ambulance and Havens Hospices.

Our next Zone meeting is February 8th hosted by Rayleigh.

I have attended all the Charter presentations and anniversaries held so far this year. I will also be attending the anniversaries of the other clubs in my Zone during next year.

Club visits are underway but I have now held off until this year as all the clubs have been busy planning their events for the festive season. As we are a geographically close Zone we do come together for quite a few events so I am in contact with all the clubs on a regular basis.

I have ensured that all clubs are aware of the redistricting proposal. A forum on the subject was hosted by Leigh on Sea at their Meeting venue on Wednesday 25th November. All clubs in the Zone attended along with the Vice and 2nd Vice District Governor. It was a good meeting and a lot of information was imparted. Disgust was felt about the way clubs in Essex were being treated. Vice Governor Nigel agreed to pass our sentiments onto DG and MD.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

k. Zone 6A Lion Mark Lanham

Actions since last report:

Visit to clubs carry on

Lowestoft and Beccles are in the BI Lion mag. You wait years to be in the mag and then 2 clubs appear.

MIAB - Lowestoft has re invented the wheel and produced a MIAB display box , demand is such that clubs all over the MD are requesting them , MD were approached however they have stocks of the boxes that fall apart , and can not stock them. We have prices reducing down for quantities so if clubs in the district wish to order some please advise , be warned 15 boxes in local surgeries and pharmacies have moved 600 plus bottles in under 3 months.

At last zone meeting our clubs agreed to produce a zone membership leaflet , this is now complete and ready for launch. Also available to other zones.

All clubs busy and active over Christmas and planning for 2016.

Zone quiz won by Southwold sole bay lions , however the timing of the finals might not suit them.

Three of the zone clubs attended the meeting in Ipswich , there is concern about splitting EA . However should we just accept the decision passed down to us and move on , is a view of a lot , it is difficult to explain to members and is not helping Presidents or officers of clubs in this current year. Zone 6A is listening and reporting back , it will not make some happy but that the view on the ground at meetings.

Enjoying the year and will be attending convention business session.

ZONE 6A – EVENTS PLANNER – 2015 - 2016

13TH FEBRUARY 2016 – SOUTHWOLD CHARTER – ST FELIX SCHOOL – REYDON
17TH FEBRUARY 2016 – ZONE MEETING – 7.45PM HARLESTON – APOLLO ROOMS
5TH MARCH 2016 - LOWESTOFT CHARTER DINNER –IVY HOUSE COUNTRY HOTEL
10TH – 13TH MARCH 2016 – DISTRICT CONVENTION – STOKE BY NAYLAND
9TH APRIL 2016 - BECCLES CHARTER DINNER -WAVENEY HOUSE HOTEL
1ST May 2016 - BUNGAY CAR RALLY – BUNGAY
14TH MAY – PETTICOAT LANE - LOWESTOFT
20TH MAY 2016 - HARLESTON CHARTER DINNER -APOLLO ROOMS
30TH MAY 2016 – SOUTHWOLD FETE – SOUTHWOLD
18TH JUNE 2016 – BUNGAY CHARTER – at EARSHAM HALL
23RD – 24TH JULY 2016 – LOWESTOFT SUMMER FESTIVAL - LOWESTOFT
17TH-18TH SEPT 2016 – HENHAM STEAM RALLY – SOUTHWOLD
24TH SEPT 2016 – ZONE 6A ZONE HOST FUN NIGHT – ZONE CHAIR

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

I. Zone 6B Lion Sue Cowee

Actions since last report:

after cabinet i will be having a zone meeting on Wednesday 10th of February at the fox and hound Firth way Gt Moulton NR17 2HE
and will be asking when i can visit the clubs in zone 6B.

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 August

Lion Barry Wise **Lions Club of South Woodham Ferrers**

Lion Brian Chaplin **Lions Club of Clacton**

Lion Dick Wilson **Lions Club of Castle Point**

I always have available a coffin drape for use in the south of the District. PDG Lion Derek Greenwood 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:

Attended the joint GLT/GMT summit at Kenilworth on 28th/29th November, Save EA Meeting 9th January, took part in the MD Webinar on Membership on the 18th January, the LCI Recruit Through Service Webinar on 28th January and the District Membership Meeting on 6th February.

Future Plans:

Attend our Convention as a voting Delegate and the MD Convention also as a voting Delegate.

Decisions from Cabinet:

I would ask Cabinet to approve an increase in the Membership Budget, to enable Clubs to be more Pro-Active in recruiting New Members.

At this stage I can only put forward some suggestions;

To Advertise in the Main Regional Papers for New Members:
Cost for 1 quarter page advert in all three for 1 week in excess of £1000.00
Cost for 1 quarter page advert in all three for 4 weeks is just under £4000.00
All of the above cannot guarantee any New Members.

If however we can offer Clubs a realistic option we may get a long term, sustainable strategy for recruitment and retention of members.

I therefore put forward a suggestion to be considered by Cabinet;

District will offer to pay half of, District, MD and International Dues, if claimed by the Clubs recruiting New Members, this would be claimed in two parts, first after successful induction of the New Member, second after completing one year of Membership.

Based on the last 4 years figures, this would cost District approximately £3000 in the first 2 years.

I am very aware that some Clubs are able to subsidise their Membership Dues, so individual Clubs should make it quite clear the amount of their yearly dues before claiming, if for example the dues are £ 45.00 that would be the maximum claimable.

At the District Membership Meeting on the 6th February (Day before Cabinet) it is my intention to ask the attendees for their input on this matter, so my report may be updated accordingly.

c. Global Leadership Officer Lion Derek Maguire

Actions since last report:

As this is the third report for me for this Lionistic year as the Global Leadership Team there are no actions from me but I do have information to be shared with the Lions in our district.

Future Plans:

As last year I am talking and liaising with the Global Membership Team Leader and we will be working closely together throughout our term of office. I will work with the District to support and promote any training workshops that are required. I am looking to conduct a Certified Guiding Lions Training session later this Lionistic year and will be promoting it in the weekly news and will put it in the EA news. Details will be sent to clubs in plenty of time. It has been suggested that all Zone Chairman and potential Lions leaders should all be Certified Guiding Lions!

There will also be an Advanced Lions Leadership course running for MD105 April 8,9 & 10th 2016. This is open to Lions who are looking to move to higher positions in our organisation and details were circulated in the weekly news. It could also help with your business career. I would ask all Zone chairmen to promote this event as time is running out.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

There are no decisions required by Cabinet but I would ask all cabinet members to ask their club members and Lions in their Zones and Regions what workshops they would like to see the District arranging and setting up. After all it is yours and their District and we want the workshops to be for you and their benefit not ours.

Justification of above:

To ensure that we as a District put in place effective workshops that our member's want and not what we think they want so that we can develop and grow the district. I mean to grow the district in numbers as well as with new and potential leaders.

d. Marketing/PR Officer Lion Derek Prior

Actions since last report:

Launch of PR Toolkit for clubs
Submitted budget for LY 2016 - 17

Future Plans:

Attend other events as PR support - please let me know where and when we can help. Article to this effect submitted to Lions Roar asking for which events we should target in 2016 - 17

Attend Zone / Region meetings to discuss local, District and national PR initiatives.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None



As we move into 2016, we are just a short time away from our Centennial Year and I know some Clubs are giving thought to how we might celebrate 100 years.

Of course, we are already doing various things; spectacle recycling, Hearing aid recycling, YLIS and so on, but there are other areas that we might consider.

The four principal areas of the Centennial Challenge are Youth, Sight, Environment and Hunger.

YOUTH

Within the MD, we have a target of 100,000 hours spent on Young Leaders in Service and even now, we have passed the halfway mark. In the last few weeks, I know of at least two Clubs who have presented Gold Awards for 100 hours service. The YLIS Scheme recognises our Young people and the turn-round for certificates is just a few days. There are other Youth Schemes within EA; Peace Poster and Young Ambassador. We operate Child Tagging scheme at a number of District Events; how many children have we tagged.....???? Mostly children of course but maybe a few dogs, even Grandparents!

VISION

An on-going Project is recycling spectacles and our MD target is 1,000,000 by end of December 2017. We are well ahead in achieving that and the thought of 1,000,000 people having the opportunity of sight correction is mind-blowing! For just a short period of time spent in collection, packing and sending specs off to Chichester, someone we will never know, can see clearly again and have their life transformed.

ENVIRONMENT

Adopt a flower bed in a Public Park or Town Centre; A Lions Rose is available or perhaps plant the bed with crocuses in Lions colours, maybe in the shape of a Lions/Lioness/Leo emblem.

Batteries have been recycled for some years; there is no requirement to have a battery bin at home as most supermarkets have suitable containers. All we have to do is note how many we dispose of and record that amount within MyLCI.

HUNGER

A number of Clubs in our District give assistance with Soup Kitchens or similar, for the Homeless. Certainly, during December, there were many Community Christmas Lunches where Lions were involved. All this Service is relevant to the Centennial Challenge. If it is properly recorded, we can quite rightly be proud of that Service. The PR potential is tremendous ; I SERVED WITH MY FRIENDS, I CARED WITH MY FRIENDS, I LISTENED WITH MY FRIENDS....and so on!

Don't stop there - Special Olympics is coming up in August. Get Registered as a helper with the Family Programme. Lion Simon Smith will be delighted to hear from you!

Have a Garden Party at a Grand House.....or a modest house.....for 100 people!

Centennial Polo Shirts are available from Sgt At Arms Adrian Robinson.

Decisions required by Cabinet:

None

Actions since last report:

I have requested via the District newsletter of the 24th January 2016 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 7th February.

I also put a reminder to clubs attending convention, to bring their scrapbooks, to be judged on Saturday at Convention.

PHIL DAUBNEY Environment Photographic Competition

Winners for each Category

Animal Life - Berry Birdie – David King – New Century Lions - **Overall Winner** this has been forwarded to MD105 for Judging by District MD105

Plant Life - Little Red – David King – New Century Lions

Urban or Natural Landscape –Caroline & Be-Jae – Ron Porter – Romford Lions

Weather Phenomenom - Hebridean weather – Ron Porter – Romford Lions

Special Theme - No suitable Photo Submitted

There were only 4 Entrants who submitted 27 Photos but 5 had to be omitted due to Rules of the Competition (No humans in Photos Please). The Trophy will be presented at MD 105EA convention and the pictures will also be on display during the presentation

District Quiz

First of all, Congratulations to all the winners of their Heats. I look forward to meeting you all on the 20th.

The Final is to be held on Saturday 20th February at the Cedars Hotel Stowmarket. The Quiz will start at 12:30 prompt and hopefully should be completed the latest by 3pm. We will then have a short presentation ceremony to present the Winners with the Trophy. To date the following Winners have been advised:-

1A	TBA	1B	March
2A	Clacton-on-Sea	2B	Braintree
3A	No Heat Held	3B	TBA
4A	TBA	4B	Newmarket (Will not be attending Final)
5A	Billericay	5B	Leigh-on Sea (A)
6A	Southwold Sole Bay	6B	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 Chairman 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.

Travelling Lion / Lioness / Leos

Would all Participants please note that all entries must be received by the Competitions officer no later than **29 FEB 2016** and the results will be announced at MD105EA Convention. Once again Leos have not participated in this competition could I ask the Leo Liaison Officer to make sure there is some participation next year

Don Peech Golf Competition

I had offered to Help organise the **Convention Golf Competition** and have requested the number of participants, and what the course availability is, **Can the organisers please advise what the status of this is please and if they require my help? To date I still have had no response to my original offer**

Clay Pidgeon Shoot Competition

In regard to holding the annual Clay Shoot next year plans are ongoing, at the moment it is being planned sometime in April 2016 but when I have a firm commitment on dates I will put details on the web page and notify District.

Future Plans:

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

Decisions Required By Cabinet

Current cost of the room hire for the District Quiz Final on the 20th February is £125

Would Cabinet be prepared to fund this cost, or do they feel the cost should be paid by those attending. Please note there will be no food served at this years final, as it is being held on a Saturday afternoon.

g. Lioness Chair Lioness Angela Howard

Actions since last report:

Membership currently stands at 115 members in 7 clubs, and it is very encouraging to hear that some clubs have reported that they have prospective members attending their meetings, who will hopefully be badged up in the near future. Felixstowe Lioness Club continues to make very good progress in rebuilding their club and has now gone up to 14 members with two prospective.

We have two clubs celebrating their 25th anniversaries this year, my own club Saffron Walden in April and Swaffham Lioness Club in May, I am looking forward to attending both events, I am sure they will both be very special, memorable occasions.

Our next District Meeting is in February, the week-end following Conference, when we look forward to going to Felixstowe who are hosting this meeting, the meetings continue to be well supported and beneficial to the clubs. We all enjoy the meetings and gain a lot from them.

I have now completed all my official visits to the clubs as well as attending some other club events, which I hope to do more of as the year goes on. I am very proud and pleased to report that all the clubs despite the major concerns they have over their future, are continuing to remain positive and are working as hard as ever with their fundraising events

and welfare work, giving great service to their communities and the wider world. Lionesses continue to work very well with their Lions Clubs and are as always keen to support Lions projects on all levels, District, Multiple District and International.

I attended the Save EA meeting on the 9th January which I thought was very well organised and the facilitators did a very good job in the running of the meeting. It was really pleasing to see such a high attendance and very good to see that every Lioness Club was represented. I shall be attending the Membership meeting on the 6th of February and hope we will have another successful and productive meeting.

Following the decision taken by our Council of Governors in October regarding the disbanding of Lionesses, the Lions of District EA have been extremely helpful and supportive and we are very appreciative of all their efforts to help us secure our future as Lionesses within the "Lions Family".

On an MD level I have attended Advisory Body Meetings, Conference Meetings, other Lioness Club meetings within MD105 and the recently the Lioness District meeting in SE. We are now in the run up to our MD Lioness Conference which I am sure for many reasons will be a very memorable one. The Chairman of Council Lion Simon will be attending and there will be a full discussion/debate on the subject of the future of Lionesses. If the ethos of Lions and their Objects and Purposes still remain true then hopefully the long-term outcome will be that Lionesses remain serving within the "Lions Family" for many years to come.

Future Plans:

To continue to help and support the Lioness Clubs as much as possible in all they do, promote their good work and invaluable service to their communities and to encourage membership growth.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

h. Lioness Liaison Officer Lion Douglas Whyte

Actions since last report:

Christmas with all its busy activities and feasting at the various Lioness Dens in the District has passed. There has been much fundraising and community work at all the clubs together with fun on social occasions.

However the plan by MD to disband the Lionesses has been causing much discussion around the clubs. Various suggestions have been put forward at the SAVE EA meeting arranged by the EA105 Cabinet which a number of lionesses attended, where whole hearted support for the continuation of Lioness Clubs was offered by the Lions, has given some hope that there will be a future for Lioness Clubs in EA if not in the rest of the country.

Even with the threat of abandonment the Clubs have still been recruiting new members. The numbers are now up to 115 members and have a number of prospective members in the pipeline.

Future Plans:

1. To attend the Cabinet Meeting on the 7th Feb.
2. To attend the Lioness Conference 19th to 21st.
3. To attend the Lioness District Meeting at Felixstowe 9am. 27th Feb.
4. To attend the District Convention 11th to 13th March.
5. Will be, later in the year, joining with a number of Clubs at their 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

5. Events Group

a. Chairman Lion Adrian Robinson

Actions since last report:

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, I have visited the Convention 2016 venue twice including the Convention "Dress Rehearsal" and attended the Convention Agenda Meeting. Unfortunately, the "Dress Rehearsal" had to restrict itself to sorting out various locational and technical aspects of the arrangements for the Business Session. We have still to meet the Flag Party to walk them through the ceremony as there is no time to do this on Convention Day.

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 their 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.

In addition to preparation for Convention, I have also been involved in arranging and supporting the Special District Meeting on 9th January and the Membership Workshop yesterday.

Future Plans:

The forms have arrived for the Tendring Show 2016 and will be submitted next week as the Booking Window is quite short. I would ask that this date - 9th July - is put in the District Diary and I will appeal for volunteers from District and local Clubs. I will prepare the rotas but, with Cabinet's permission, I will ask Lion Jim Godden from my Club to take charge of the procurement and erection of marquees and other arrangements on the day as he did last year. I presume that the Roadshow team will cover off the Stand from the point of view of display material etc..

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.

b. Convention Co-ordinator Lion Martin Langdon

Convention 2016 @ Stoke by Nayland Country Club

An update from the Host Chairman on what is a rapidly changing situation will be available for the Cabinet Meeting

Convention 2017 (Centenary)

Planning for this convention, hosted by Zone 1B, is progressing well and booking forms should be available at the 2016 convention.

Convention 2018

At present we do not know what the framework for this convention will be but we can expect that it will take place. It will be one of three things:-

1. The last ever EA convention and will be back to back with a first AGM to elect the officers of the new district
2. A regular EA convention because the proposed changes have been rejected or postponed
3. The first ever convention for EA to independent district, no longer as a part of the 105 MD.

I am therefore exploring the possibility of running this convention at Norwich Holiday Inn. Others may yet come forward indicating a wish to be the host.

It will however be essential to decide about the convention taking place and where by the time when the deposit becomes payable (we do not know when as yet).

Action required by Cabinet:

To note the above and the expected update at the meeting: discuss particularly the nature of the 2018 convention

c. Convention (Host) Chairman Lion Peter Smith

A verbal update will be given at the Cabinet meeting.

Decisions required by Cabinet

None

7. Health Portfolio

a. Chairman Lion David Goodwin

Actions since last report:

During the first six months of this Lions year 2015/16 no requests have been received for assistance from the EARS team by either District Officers or Clubs. Was invited to attend the September Multiple District Physical & Learning Disabilities meeting which unfortunately I was unable to attend due to previous commitments, however did submit a report on the two Districts activities that were reported to me following my request in the Weekly News i.e. a Mid - Summer Disabled Sports Day and Fun Festival run by Leigh on Sea Lions Club in conjunction with Lions Clubs of South East Essex and an International Disabled Swimming Gala to which Billericay Lions Club enters a team. Following the inclusion of the two request letters asking for funds to support English Federation of Disability Sports and Special Olympics Great Britain in the multi document that was sent to clubs December 1st 2015 arranged for these letters with District Governor's permission to be included in 24th January 2016 Weekly Newsletter to bring to members attention.

Future Plans:

If any Clubs or Zones do run events that support Physical & Learning Disability members of their communities please let me know so I can record these and report to future Multi District meetings. As mention above no requests have been received for assistance from the EARS team by District Officers or Clubs recently so if your club is running an event during 2016 that can help promote District Health projects please remember your EARS team of specialist officers are willing and waiting to assist you if required.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

b. LCI Foundation Lion Kevin Rodgers

Actions since last report:

Visited zone meetings and made presentations on workings of LCIF to approx. ten clubs.

Future plans:

To continue as above. I am always willing to attend either individual Clubs or Zone meetings to help with any questions on our Foundation.

c. Lions Eye Health/Sight Lion Jim Cawte

Actions since last report:

During November and December, Clubs in our District made donations amounting to £4230 - a truly wonderful sum and made even better by the Government offering to match donations pound for pound.

Thank you all so much.

These donations are going towards saving and restoring Sight in the developing World and by supporting Sight Savers, Lions are changing thousands of people's lives for the better - enabling them to see, to work and live with hope again. 'A Million Miracles' is Sight Savers campaign to fund one million operations to restore, save and protect people's sight in some of the poorest parts of the world. A sight-saving operation costs just £30 and can transform someone's life forever.

Spectacle Collections continue and within MD, we are approaching the Centennial target of recycling 1 million pairs of specs by 2017. By the end of next year, we will exceed that by many thousands! For just committing the time to collect, pack-up and despatch these unwanted specs, someone, somewhere in the world will have that precious gift of sight corrected - a gift that is priceless!

To all our Lions Clubs, Thank you for everything you do to help us continue our sight-saving work.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

d. Diabetes Officer Lion Trevor Hull

Actions since last report:

Due to the run up to the busy Christmas period, no actions have been taken since the last report.

Future Plans:

I will be attending the District Officers meeting in Birmingham on Sunday, 14th February where we will be trying to address the direction that we need to move forward in to help promote diabetes awareness. We will be looking to adopt what is considered the best suggestions put forward by all the other district officers. We will also be looking to anglicise the US Strides Programme hopefully in time for it to be used for the summer season of shows.

I'm in the process of organising another diabetes screening day in conjunction with Lloyds Pharmacy for Billericay Lions that will be held on Saturday, 14th May.

I have been asked to make a presentation to the Chelmsford & District Diabetes UK Group on Tuesday, 19th July. This will serve two purposes; one to inform them how Lions go about promoting diabetes awareness and secondly it will also serve to highlight all the other work undertaken by Lions at the same time.

Try and organise a Strides Event in conjunction with Billericay Lions Club and Basildon and District Rambling Club in the autumn. I envisage a 2 to 3 mile walk empowering Lions to join the fight against diabetes. This is an opportunity to make the public more aware about the implications of living with diabetes.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

e. Environment Officer Lion David Parker

Actions since last report:

In January 24th s MD Newsletter I 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, are underway and the winners are to be announced at the Convention in Stoke by Nayland. **The closing date was the end of January 2016**, Sadly I only received 3 written submissions, 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 but would I welcome any input from any Leos, again could the Leo s liaison officer make sure 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.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None.

f. Gift for Living Officer Lion Jane Gardiner

Actions since last report:

Since last Cabinet meeting been to Ipswich club and gave presentation on Gift for living Made most welcome.

Future Plans:

Going to give a presentation in April at Huntingdon Grafham Water Club. Will be attending District Convention in March and M D Convention in May

g. Medic Alert Officer Lion David Goodwin

Actions since last report:

During the first six months of this Lions year 2015/16 have had two requests from clubs for assistance one was for information and application form which I was able to assist with, the second was a late telephone request (original electronic request not received) to attend an event which unfortunately I was not able to attend because of prior commitments. Attended the M D Medic Alert meeting in Birmingham in October during which we were updated on the projects Medic Alert UK are taking commercially to increase membership. Also from the meeting it was clear all District Officers including myself are finding it difficult to promote Medic Alert within their Districts, this may be one of the reason Medic Alert are looking at commercial projects as if a Charity is to survive it has to have a successful side. Further to that it is with regret that have to report no donations has been donated by clubs in this District to Medic Alert since July 2015.

Future Plans:

Continue to promote Medic Alert including the Early Start Programme within the District, by attending Zone Meetings or Club/Zone Health awareness events if required, although feel this is not enough to generate interest in Medic Alert alone and will be requesting at next Multi District Medic Alert meeting for Lions and Medic Alert to investigate some sort of new promotion etc. to help bring Medic Alert to the attention of clubs.

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
On second pallet of bottles since last cabinet meeting

Future Plans:

EA Convention, Norfolk Show, Tendering Show, Essex County Show
Any event I can get to I will

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

i. SOGB Officer Lion Simon Smith

Actions since last report:

Since the last cabinet meeting I have attended another planning meeting for Sheffield 2017. The planning for the Lions part of this event (The Families Program) is progressing and the national launch date for this has been set for the 25th February. SOGB will be looking for 750+ volunteers for this event, and at least 50 of these will need to be Lions. The volunteer registration launch date is currently planned for the 5th/6th April. As soon as I details I will ensure this is published in the weekly eNews and Lions Roar.

Strengthening the relationship between SOGB and the Lions of the MD is taking time, but it is progressing and I have another meeting planned for the 10th Feb.

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 – **I am the process of transferring all the equipment from Hastings to another collecting area.**

Derek Rutter is sorting this out! Please continue to collect and send.

Hearing Dogs for Children – I am booked to give a talk in February in Eye in Cambridgeshire.

Cochlear implants for children – The majority of profoundly deaf children in the U.K. have an implant. About 350 children per year are born deaf enough to be considered for an implant. The annual demand for cochlear implants is about 1200, of which approximately 450 are children under the age of 18 years. Bone conducting implants are now being considered for children as well as adults. The Ear Foundation at Nottingham is holding many courses throughout the coming year for children who have hearing loss. If you know of anyone who is interested in possibly attending any of these courses then please ask them to contact me, or the Ear Foundation for further details.

Multiple Districts Project “Deaf Aware” – Lion Penny Tregillus has had a teaching session in District 105D. 20 people attended. After the session Brigit Hendy told Penny she would like to be trained to become a trainer. I have supplied a hospital in Southend with 100 Deaf Aware cards, apparently they are used a lot by the Deaf Community there.

Multiple District Door Hanger Project – I have received additional Hangers. I have distributed 30 Hangers.

“I See What You’re Saying” Badges – I have issued another 4 badges.

Speech Aid – Please contact David Lloyd, or myself, if you wish to know anything about the new units.

Music and the Deaf – This organisation still provides a musical experience for deaf people. It is trying to assemble a deaf musicians orchestra, which it hopes will travel the U.K. playing with local orchestras. See below the latest communication from MATD.

Hello John,

It was lovely to speak to you earlier. As promised, please see the link below with some information about Music and the Deaf’s new group called Forte, which is a small cohort of deaf musicians:

<http://www.matd.org.uk/news/2015-12-18-4orte-championing-performances-by-deaf-musicians>

The group is looking to secure performance opportunities in 2016 with any orchestras and venues to help increase deaf awareness and music opportunities for deaf people.

The Forte group would also offer workshops, at the same time passing on and sharing techniques to orchestra members who want to further develop their own teaching skills. A concert performed with an existing orchestra would be the catalyst for the development and furtherance of a partnership that opens up the development of audiences and educational work.

I would be extremely grateful if you could pass this on to anyone who may be interested in working with us.

Thanks and best wishes, Danny Lane, Artistic Director

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:

Lion Trevor Hull has passed over his DBS paperwork and details to me as he is now heavily involved in other roles within District Cabinet. Thank you to Lion Trevor for his hard work in the Essex region and for his support to both myself and to David Colville (MD)

Future Plans: 'Update' is completed electronically, need to keep reminding all Members applying for new DBS clearances to sign up for the 'Update Service'

Counter Signatories are not informed when Clearances are accepted or returned there have been instances where clearances with a lot of information on 'Private Individuals' is either 'lost in the post' or lost in the system
If an application is not acceptable to DBS this is then returned to H Q who then forward to David Colville (M D Officer) who then returns the form to the Counter Signatory – takes time and easy to lose in the various systems. There have been instances where an unacceptable form has been returned to the individual and missed out the Counter Signatory altogether

We need Counter Signatories for Essex and for Norfolk – anyone interested do please make contact. With the update system in place and working the role of Counter Signatory will only be active when new Members join or with keeping information up to date on Lion Members leaving the organisation and the reasons for such

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

8. Youth Group

a. Chairman Lion Kay Large

Actions since last report:

Congratulations to Gaby for the success of the Young Ambassador competition this year. I would like to thank the Clubs who got behind this competition and Gaby for her hard work putting the final together.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

b. Young Leaders In Service Lion Derek Rutter

Actions since last report:

Apologies for missing this meeting

I am pleased to say that interest is growing in this project.

I am now aware of at least 2 more clubs getting involved, Peterborough club with the Voyager School and now the Young Carers trust and Rayleigh club are talking to 2 groups of students from 6th forms in their area.

I have supplied Wymondham Lions Club with another 30 log books.

Since the start of this Lionistic year I have requested 22 Certificates of which 18 have been Gold Seal Certificates.

March Lions recently held their presentation evening at which 13 Young Leaders received their Certificates. 12 of them Gold Seal awards.

Other than Zone 1b I have had no invitations from any Zone Chairman asking me to come to their meeting to talk about this project, it really is a great project to get involved with, giving you access into local Youth Groups and Schools, from which some really good relationships can be formed.

I have a stock of log books and leaflets which I am happy to supply for 10p each to clubs wanting to get involved.

c. LEO Liaison Officer Lion Tracey Field

Actions since last report:

Maldon LEOs - In my last report I advised that there were no longer any members in the club and the Lions were considering closing the club at the beginning of this year. However, they now have a couple of youngsters showing interest. They will be meeting with them soon to explain what it's all about, the possible new members are quite young, 12 years old, but Maldon Lions are happy to progress with the youngsters and feel this is a good age to get them interested, before they get involved in other things. I offered to go along to the first meeting but the Lions felt there would be too many adults present so I'll go along at a later date.

Thurrock Lions Club - One of the Lions was going to contact the school that is hoping to start up a Leo club, but is on holiday now for a few weeks. Once he's back he'll try to make contact with them. The Lion that I am in contact will

keep me posted.
East Anglian Leo Club - An update will be provided at the meeting.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

d. Life Skills Officer _____ Lion Derek Rutter

Actions since last report:

Apologies for missing this meeting

Regrettably I am still having to report that apart from my own Zone Chairman, no-one has invited me to a Lions meeting, be it Club, Zone, Region or District to talk about Lions Lifeskills.

I am optimistic that we may get some orders for resources later in the year.

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 is now scheduled to come out at Easter 2016, it has been trialled in several schools and academies across the UK all with very positive comments and reviews.

At the same time this is being launched I would like to suggest that we revisit Life Changes for the primary school child, several ex teacher, Lions, friends of mine have been very impressed with what they have seen and wish it had been available for when they were teaching. These Life Changes resources could make a significant difference to the future progress of school pupils helping teachers help them deal with all too frequent traumatic events during their lives at school.

STOP PRESS

Following a recent meeting of the Trustees of Lions LifeSkills it has been decided to try to extend the very successful Healthy Schools London programme to urban areas around the country. When I return from holiday I shall try to contact Education Departments in Norwich, Ipswich, Peterborough and the larger Essex Councils.

The only downside of this initiative is that if it is launched in any of these areas, it may be necessary to try to provide some funding from clubs and / or District.

Zone Chairmen, please invite me to come to one of your Zone meetings to talk about these excellent resources. You would of course get Buy One Get One Free, with me also taking the opportunity to talk about Young Leaders in Service!!

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

e. Peace Poster Officer _____ Lion Kay Large

Actions since last report:

The final of the Peace Poster Competition took place at the last Cabinet meeting and I would like to thank DG Chris and Evelyn, along with our independent judge, Sue, for judging the posters. The District website has been updated with details of the winners, and also an article was sent to the Lions Roar. Unfortunately our entry from March Lions Club was not successful in the MD Final. All our posters will be on display at Convention in Stoke By Nayland. The website has also been updated with this year's theme "A Celebration of Peace". I have asked all Clubs to let me know how many packs they would like for this year, and an order has been submitted to MDHQ, which can be updated as more requests are received. The cost of packs has yet to be announced but will be around £11 each. I do have a summary of the rules if Clubs would like to approach their schools and Youth Groups before the packs become available. Just send me an email request.

Will all Zone Chairmen remind their Clubs about the Competition and encourage participation. The Special Needs category would particularly benefit from more entries.

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None

f. Young Ambassador Officer _____ Lion Gaby Sharman

Actions since last report:

I am pleased to report that three Lions Clubs, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk Broads and Wisbech enter candidates for this year's competition.

The District Finals was held at the Great Yarmouth and Caister golf club in January. We enjoyed listening to the

amazing presentations from three very strong candidates on their difference community projects each of them would of been worthy of winning the bursary, it made for an exciting competition and gave the three independent Judges, Councillor Shirley Weymouth (Mayor of Great Yarmouth) Councillor Barry Coleman and Janet Dowcra (JP), a very difficult job in deciding on a winner. After much deliberation they agreed the young person going on to represent us in the Multiple District final in February will be Maddie Booth sponsored by Wisbech Lions Club. The evening concluded with DG Chris presenting the certificates and YA trophy to Maddie.

We have an outstanding candidate in Maddie, caring and hardworking, as well as studying for her A levels her charity work in the community including work with Wisbech Lions her main project is working with a night shelter in the town, and this is what her bursary will be spent on. I am sure the District will wish her well in the Multiple District competition in Dudley at the end of February.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lion David Richardson from Norfolk Broads and Lion Lyn Thomas from Great Yarmouth for all their help and advise, without it I am sure the District final would not of been the success it was.

Future Plans:

To attend the Multiple District Finals weekend in Dudley in February to support and guide Maddie.

To support and introduce Maddie to the District at our Convention in March

To start to look at for next year's competition, to encourage all Clubs in the District to look at taking part in the Young Ambassadors competition.

g. Youth Entertainment/Music Officer Lion Keith Radley

Position: Youth Music

Actions since last report:

Up-dated the District website (thanks to David Large) with the 2015-2016 Music list, rules and application form.

Notified all clubs, via the weekly email posting, of the details of the competition and showing the district website link to all the forms rules etc., followed this up with two reminders also via the weekly email.

Published on the District website a researched list of orchestras, music schools etc in alphabetical county lists.

Responded to three club enquires about the competition.

As at the District closing date no entries received, have notified MD officer EA will not have a candidate this year.

Future Plans

To continue publicizing the competition, encouraging clubs to get involved, organise the district final if more than one candidate come forward – as long as the MD continues to enter.

If the district has a candidate for the next competition then in conjunction with the sponsoring club arrange entry into the MD final and attend the final to support our candidate

Attend any Club, Zone or Region meeting to encourage clubs to get involved and discuss the clubs, districts and MD responsibilities, prizes etc.

Position: Youth Entertainer Officer

Actions since last report:

Published details on the District website and encouraged clubs to hold an event to support the young entertainers in their area.

Future Plans

Continue publicizing 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 organize, publicize and push membership at a Young Entertainers event,

Decisions Required by Cabinet:

None required

9. Administration Group

a. Health & Safety Officer Lion Mandy Hawksley

Actions since last report:

I still haven't had all Clubs questionnaires returned, would Zone Chairmen please remind all Clubs at their next Zone meetings that these are annual questionnaires and need to be done at the beginning of the Lionistic year. Even though these have been a requirement for several years I have had Clubs saying they didn't realise they were annual and so had not thought it necessary to do one this year.

I know health and safety is like a red rag to a bull with most Lions, but it is necessary to keep all Clubs legal and reduce the risk of harm to themselves and the public. Please remember that it is the Club and its members that are liable not District or MD if heaven forbid anything goes wrong and you do not have the relevant paperwork place.

Future Plans:

To chase down the last remaining late H&S questionnaires

b. International Relations Lion Len Russell

Actions since last report:

Firstly may I thank Lions Pam and Derek Maguire for doing most of the work re our Friendship guests, me being unable to do very much due to spending so much time in hospital and now having Chemo **thanks both of you**

We have confirmed our Australian guest this year who will attend Convention. Lion Cyril Ellis and his partner Susan Morse from the lions club of Haddon District 201 V1-4 lives near Ballarat the old mining town in Victoria. They will arrive in EA on the 6th of March staying till the 19th March. **WE STILL NEED HOSTS** == it is unfair that Haverhill Lions and lions Pam and Derek take the brunt of hosting our guests. There must be lions in EA that could host them for a few days ??

I have been able to carry on most of my other duties as I.R.O This by the way of e/mails and the telephone.

Future Plans:

If continuing as International Relations Officer (and better health) I will get involve with Water Aid – Twinning – and Operation Friendship Twinning and any help that clubs need.

I also 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.

Sad News:

With regret I must inform fellow lions and Cabinet that our Friendship guest Lion Andrew Mc Dougall who visited 105ea in 2012 has passed to higher office. We send our thoughts and condolences to his partner Christine.

c. Insurance Officer Lion George Harris

Actions since last report:

I have been able to respond to a number of insurance queries during the year and I would like to register my thanks to the MD Insurance officer PCC Lion Bryan Riley for his help. Clubs have had a number of claims throughout the year and I am glad to report that all claims have been successful.

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 refreshed as needed to reflect any updates advised.

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 as this, the automated system continues to work well, with Lions subscribing and unsubscribing as needed.

