

# **Lions Clubs International District 105**

## **Extra Ordinary General Meeting**

### **Districts 105E and 105E**

The meeting was held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Holiday Inn, Peterborough.

**Present:** International Director Lion Geoff Leeder (Luton 105A), DGs Mandy Hawksley (EA) and Steve Scall E, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs Lions Ujjal Kular (EA), Gurcharan (Guch) Manku (E), 2VDGs Lions Stuart Kitchen (E) and David Pope (EA).

There were representatives from the following clubs present:

Attleborough, Belvoir, Billericay, Bourne and District, Bungay, Bury St Edmunds, Caistor and District, Chelmsford, Clacton-on-Sea, Coningsby and Tattershall, Downham Market, EA Lioness/Lion Club, EA New Century, Eastwood, Edwinstowe and Dukeries, Felixstowe, Gainsborough, Glanford and Lindsey, Grimsby Cleethorpes, Haverhill, Helen Keller Internet, Huntingdon and Grafham Water, Ipswich, Leicester Host, Leigh-on-Sea. Lincoln, Long Stratton, Louth and District, March, Market Rasen, Mersea Island, Norwich City of, Norwich North Alpha, Nottingham West, Notts/Derby Hemlockstone, Peterborough, Retford, Saffron Walden Lionesses, Sheringham and Cromer, Shirley, Sleaford and District Lions and Lionesses, Southend-on-Sea, Spalding, Stamford and District, Swaffham Lionesses, Taverham and District, The Deepings, Thetford, UEA Campus, West Norwich, Whittlesey and District, Wisbech, Witham Lionesses and Wymondham.

**Call to Order:** Sergeant at Arms, Lion Adrian Robinson (AR) (Clacton on Sea 105EA) gave the usual housekeeping rules, an example of fire alarm was played, meeting point out of the front of the building. He then called the meeting to order.

**Flag Ceremony and National Anthems:** The flags of Great Britain, United States of America, Lions Clubs International, Lions, Lionesses and Leos were carried by members of Lions clubs from Districts E and EA, and respective anthems played. Flag party was dismissed when flags had been placed

#### **Opening Remarks from the Chairman –ID Geoff Leeder**

ID Geoff welcomed everyone to this very important meeting where many decisions needed to be made, voted on by delegates and this will show how CE will go forward. This happens at the end of the next International Convention in Milan, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The meeting will learn more today how we have had to work to amalgamate these two districts. The DG teams together with a working group made up of representatives from both Districts, have been involved in many meetings which have taken place over a period of six months, they work alongside the lengthy document produced by International. The early meetings were chaired by IPDGs Stephen Green (E) and Derek Prior (EA) and then this was taken over by DGs Steve Scall and Mandy Hawksley, with ID Geoff Leeder providing independent guidance, when required. The Agenda has been prepared carefully to ensure all matters are covered, and Resolutions presented, and a new DG Team elected for District CE for 2019/20.

#### **Lions Clubs International Purposes:**

These were read by DG Steve Scall (Edwinstowe & Dukeries 105E)

#### **Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics:**

These were read by DG Mandy Hawksley (Bungay Area, 105EA)

#### **Apologies for absence: Were received from the following**

2VDG Lion David Pope (105EA) gave apologies from PID Phil Nathan (Lions Centennial 100), (Swaffham Lions), PDG Roy Woodhouse and Lion Bonnie Wade (Long Stratton), Lion Di Parkin (Peterborough). There were no apologies from District E.

#### **District updates:**

##### **DG Many Hawksley (105EA)**

EA has a reputation of being different with its membership and clubs, from East Anglia New Century which evolved from over aged Leos, they featured heavily last weekend at the Feed the 5,000; The Helen Keller chat room club with members outside the UK as well as here, members do service wherever needed and where people live; Lioness Lions club who are not all lions there are many Lionesses, Centennial 100 club which is also all over world and members work where they can: Campus Club whose numbers go up and down like a yoyo because students move about, it is Volunteers day next week so we are hopeful of some new faces. These are all different clubs, not everyone can go out at 8pm for a meeting so we have worked around what suits people. We all know it is difficult to get a but we have formed a new club at Reepham in September and which will charter in November. Diabetes UK has a new screening initiative "Know your risk", we have 7 Lions trained to carry out these screenings and looking to train more as we want to roll this out district wide. One of our clubs, Stowmarket, has recently celebrated their achievement of £1,000,000 for charity since 1986, it is not just the money but the number of people they have helped and this is what we are about, and what we will continue to do in CE, it is the people that count.

##### **DG Steve Scall (105E)**

105E have had a successful year. Feed 5000 already mentioned, this was put together by PDG Elaine Kitchen (E) and ZC Chris Hibbert (EA) in Leicester, it was a centennial event which took 18 months planning, they worked together, two districts, and this is what we are here for today to merge the two districts to work together for the future. Diabetes screening was good last weekend, he was tested and came out as High risk. PDG Alan Hall had 16 people express an interest in membership, some thought they could help someone. 105E have raised the most money for the Hearing Dogs for the centennial project, continue to support Message in a Bottle and Wallet and have been praised by Emergency Services for this project, support Air Ambulance Lincs and Notts, Marie Curie, everyone touched by cancer and in April/May it is our chance to help them with their daffodils. Start of new year launched Roar 2019, 15 schools taking part in initiative, primary schools working to come up with good ideas to change the world, the final to be held in Nottingham and 1VDG Guch has arranged for town hall at Nottingham 5<sup>th</sup> December. Diabetes screening being next weekend and several others arranged later, a group called Goldstar under take the screening (finger prick), but we will be talking to Lion David King 105E Diabetes Officer, this can really make a difference. Environment Officer started initiative with Veolia and National Trust and they are working together on litter. Other projects too, far too many to mention. Hope after the breakout sessions we can see CE doing more initiatives in the future.

#### **Announcement from Sergeant at Arms**

Attending 156 people, representing 58 Lions Clubs and 4 lioness clubs

93 registered as delegates and no alternates

To date 8 diabetic screenings have been carried out today.

#### **Introduction of Tellers and Description of the Formalities to follow:**

PDG Lion Derek Blow (Lough 105E)

Introduction of tellers – this will be done by the 6 flag bearers who stood to be recognised, Lead Teller will be Lion Graham Venables (105E) anyone wishing to speak must wait to be called, and state their name and club.

International Director, District Governors, Distinguished Guests and my fellow Lions, this is the formal address. If you are representing views of planning committee please advise and wait until asked to speak.

Only once to speak, proposer has 3 minutes, seconder has right to reply, speakers in general debate 1 minute. Only delegate cards must be used in vote, prospers and develop in true spirit friendship and Lionism.

Ballot box is on side. Votes to be counted by May Leeder, Jack de Yong and Claire de Yong from 105C will be helping all are independent scrutineers, supervised by PDG Derek Blow E and RC John Potter EA.

### **Resolution No 1: Adoption of District Constitution for District 105CE**

**Proposer: PCC Michael Phillips** (Coningsby & /Tattersall)

**Seconder: PDG Lion Derek Maguire** Haverhill

This Extra Ordinary Meeting resolves to adopt the Lions Clubs International Standard District Constitution and By-Laws Policy until such time that it can be amended to be a specific and bespoke constitution that can be approved by a future 105CE Convention.

#### **Explanatory Note**

This resolution proposes to adopt the Lions Club Standard District Constitution as there has been insufficient time to hold a full club consultation to produce a specific and bespoke District 105CE Constitution for adoption at this Extra Ordinary Meeting. It is planned that a District Constitution will be produced incorporating the existing amendments, wherever possible, that are already in the current 105E and 105EA District constitutions. This will be produced in time for the first District 105CE Convention in March 2020 when full consultation with all clubs will have taken place in the production of the constitution.

Policy publication can be found at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/la4.pdf>

Straightforward resolution, our new district needs a Constitution and our cabinets have recommended we adopt this constitution on the day the district comes into formation. The new cabinet of the new district can look into any amendments for the future.

There was no debate – resolution passed unanimously

#### **Introduction of candidates for District Governor**

PDG Derek confirmed that a nomination committee from EA and E had convened and confirmed that the candidates fulfil all the requirements to stand for office. They had drawn lots and 1stVDG Ujjal Kular will speak first

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ujjal Kular – Taverham Lions Club**

**Proposer: Lion Sue Howes – Taverham Lions Club**

Taverham Lions are pleased and proud to nominate Lion Ujjal Kular for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. He is an easily recognisable distinguished lion. A member since 23 January 1995 he has held variety of posts in both club and district, he has been Club President twice, Zone Chairman three times, club director twice, Community Liaison Officer, District Almoner, Physical Learning Disabilities Officer, and has been involved in many other projects. Voted 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and then 1<sup>st</sup> VDG for EA and Taverham hope that you will support him this time.

#### **VDG Lion Ujjal Kular**

First of all, I would like to thank Lion President Sue for presenting my Lions life to you in a wonderful way.

In addition to that, I have attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, and attended VDG courses and seminars in preparation for my District Governorship

My colleagues from district EA are familiar with my background, and I am pleased to see District E members present here with whom I am eager to get acquainted.

I have travelled around a bit during my life. At a very young age my family moved to Kenya from India, I was only 3. I was brought up there went to school in Nairobi and stood in the corner most of the time, somehow, I managed to get some O levels. In 1968 I moved to the UK and lived in Birmingham for a few months.

After doing some temporary jobs, I applied to join the RAF, I was accepted and served for 9 years; dealing with the safety equipment on a variety of aircrafts. My first training camp was Swinderby in Lincolnshire. I then moved to St Athan in South Wales, couldn't understand a word they were saying. After my trade training I moved to Coningsby in Lincolnshire. I then moved to Hullavington in Wiltshire. I managed to jump out of a perfectly serviceable aircraft, not once but twice. Then made it a habit, I can tell you more stories at the Bar. I was then posted to Norfolk and was based at Coltishall. I made Norwich my home now I live in Horsford just outside Norwich. I visited many places in Europe and Denmark many times with the RAF. Tell you more stories at the Bar.

In 1978 after I left the RAF, I worked as a Production Planner in a plastics factory, I was made redundant as the recession took hold. In 1980 I took exams and became self-employed and started my own Driving School, I have been running this business for 37 years now. Plenty more stories to tell, at the Bar.

I am semi-retired now and able to spend more time with the Lions and my family. I am married to Manjit for 44 years, we have a grown-up family and 2 lovely grandchildren, boy and a girl age 9 and 3 respectively.

This is my Life in a briefly. The rest I will tell you at the Bar.

My fellow Lions we are going through a time of change. A change which has to be made for the future of our Organisation of new District. For a good part of this year and last, we have had face to face meetings on line meetings, Group discussions and so on. It raised many issues, we had some agreements- disagreements, but nothing we couldn't resolve. We are all gathered here to take part and promote the merger of District E and EA.

I Lion Ujjal Singh Kular 1<sup>st</sup> VDG District EA, withdraw my application to be District Governor, of the new consolidated District CE in the year 2019- 2020. I do this to enable a smooth and Harmonious merger of our two Districts E and EA.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Gurchuran S Manku – Nottingham West Lions Club**

#### **Proposer: PDG Lion Ajit S Viridi (Nottingham West Lions club)**

It gives me great pleasure to propose 1<sup>st</sup> DG (E) for the post of DG for the new district of 105CE from July 2019. He is a charter member of his club and a Lion for 24 years. He has served as club president 4 time, as well as secretary, treasurer, and trustee, is also an MJF. Currently 1<sup>st</sup> VDG of 105E and he brings familiarisation and experience in business, technology and social media to the fore. He brought back convention back to Nottingham after 35 years and was a very successful convention secretary. He has been working with committee to ensure a smooth merger of the new district. Married to Ravinder for 35 years they have three children who have grown up with their club, helping wherever they can. I commend him to you

### **1<sup>st</sup> VDG Guch Manku**

I am humbled by the confidence you place in me and I am very thankful to be standing here before you as a candidate for the 105CE, 2019-20 District Governorship.

So who am I? Well for those of you that don't know me, I am a Sikh, born in Nairobi, brought up in the Midlands and became a Lion in Nottingham. I am 60 years old, recently retired and am married to Lion Ravinder. We have been married for 36 years and we are very proud parents of 3 lovely children. Prior to retiring earlier this year, I worked in the IT Industry, also for some 36 years. Outside of Lions, on a voluntary basis, I am the General Secretary of a local Sikh Gurdwara, I love DIY and gardening, often mixing the two. I am also a pretty **bad** golfer – something I hope to change!!

Over 25 years a Lion, I am a charter member and 5 times President of NWLC. I have also served as Lion Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Projects and Services Chair and have held other roles in Nottingham West Lions Club.

At a District level, I have served as Zone Chair and Vice District Governor. Also at district level... I was an integral part of the team that brought the 105E District Convention back to Nottingham – after some 34 years, a very insightful and enjoyable 18 months that was. Having worked in the IT Industry for 36 years and with my 25 years as a Lion, I offer a wealth of experience to help us on our journey to serve the less fortunate. Especially, in a technology centric, digital and social media rich future. We have a real opportunity to extend our reach and we must use new ways to make new Lions.

We have an exciting few years ahead, if elected as your District Governor, I will help members of both the great Districts of 105E and 105EA to become valued and integral members of 105CE. The secret will be to work as one united force for good, taking the spirit and members of both 105E and 105EA forward together. Together, we can make a real difference. The recent 'Feed The 5,000' event in Leicester was a great example of working together. Another great example is how we have worked together as a Candidate team for the good of our new District. We do, however, have some work to do. Talking to many of you during this merger process, it is very apparent that not all Lions believe they get value from the wider organisation. Clubs struggle for membership, struggle for new ideas for fund raising and new ways of working and new ways of engaging younger citizens. This will be an area of focus for me. Bringing global value from Lions Clubs International with added value from District 105CE will be a primary goal for me. I will work with the leadership team to make a positive local impact for Lions and for those we serve.

I stand here now, a proud Melvin Jones Fellow. Having served on 105E Cabinet, the 105E Strategic Development Team and the joint merger teams for our new District. I feel I am ready for the challenges ahead. Meeting change head on whilst keeping to our values and not leaving anyone behind

International Director Geoff, District Governor Mandy, District Governor Steve, Distinguished guests and fellow members of the Lions family, together, we can make a real difference. I am very excited about the future, I am ready and willing to serve and to have some fun along the way too. I thank all those family, friends and Lions that have supported me; especially my good friend and fellow Lion, PDG Lion Ajit. And now, I humbly, ask for your vote. Thank You.

### **Introduction of candidate for 2VDG**

Lots were drawn and Lion Stuart Kitchen will stand first

### **Proposer Lion Tom Laking - Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club**

Lion Tom said he was proud to propose Lion Stuart Kitchen for this position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG who has been a member of Lions for some 20 years and was originally a charter member of Grimsby North Lion. He has been Club President, Treasurer, Membership, Health and Welfare co-ordinator and director at club level. Supported branch clubs and supports a local Leo club with his wife Elaine and the new Phoenix club. On Cabinet he has served a LCIF and Centennial officer and served as Sergeant at Arms for 10 years and been Zone Chairman on two occasions. He has extensive experience and will be good for

post. He has been married to Elaine for 44 years, they have two grown up sons and grandchildren, and he enjoys his allotments. Glanford and Lindsey Lions are confident he will carry out the duties of this post admirably to support the smooth running of the new merged district 105CE

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Stuart Kitchen**

Lion Stuart said it gave him great pleasure to stand before the meeting today being put forward as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, and he thanked his club for their support. He said he had worked tirelessly as a Lion for 21 years, helping with the formation of new clubs, and taking on many roles at both club and -district level. This meeting is the start of a new era for our two districts and we should embrace the situation and move forward to our new district. Distance no longer a problem with technology allowing on line meetings, easy communication etc and there is not the need to travel. This has been happening for some time and this must be the way forward.

Change is difficult for everyone. Strategic thinking and help from International, we can cascade ideas down and put them to work in our district.

To support the DG team to ensure harmony I am stepping down at this time for our new district

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion David Pope – Peterborough Lions Club**

#### **Proposer - PDG Kevin Rodgers Peterborough Lions Club**

It gives me great propose Lion David Pope for this position. He is a most of us prominent member of our District, serving as District Secretary for the past 5 years, after having passed his apprenticeship with the previous long serving District Secretary. He joined Peterborough Leos in the first instance, he become President and worked up to District Leo president and ultimately MD District Leo Chairman. Many celebrations have taken place at mum's house and many headaches treated.

Joined Peterborough Lions, he has been to three convention Hong Kong, Minneapolis and Birmingham, he is married to Claire and they have two daughters. He was selected as a carrier for the Olympic torch through his employer BT, and he enjoyed it so much he did a second leg. David is and always has been a "doer" 2016 retirement to play golf and spend time with family. I ask you all to support his nomination for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, District 105CE from July 2019

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion David Pope (105EA)**

David gave his thanks to everyone supporting him, especially PDG Kevin. This is the second time he has stood for this position, but this time it is for new district 105CE. He joined organisation in 1981 and the late Lion David Chandler persuaded him to become District President for Leos, and he moved on from there. In 1996 his first daughter Imogen arrived and with a promotion he was travelling around more. In 2000 daughter number 2 arrived, Isabelle. Served in many post at club level and then District eventually becoming District Secretary 2014, also served as LCIF officer and Convention chair for two conventions held here at this hotel. He is serving on Forward planning, and the committee involved with the merger. He said he is proud to be given this opportunity.

Why am I here now? MD decided we have to reduce districts many people were not happy but we have to move forward and I am standing to help lead our new district; I want to do job while still young not balding and slim. I would ask that you support me in my bid to lead our new District.

PDG Derek Blow advised that voting forms had been printed, including the two withdrawals, he asked that the delegates strike a line through the name of those who have withdrawn, voting requires a cross in the appropriate box. He thanked everyone for their attention during the candidates' address, we look forward to moving on to one district CE with harmony co-operation and friendship.

### **Resolution No 2: regarding the post of Vice District Governor for District 105CE for 2019/20**

#### **Proposer: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Ujjal Kular – Taverham Lions Club (105EA)**

## **Secunder : 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Stuart Kitchen – Glanford & Lindsey Lions Club (105E)**

This Extra Ordinary Meeting resolves to create a vacancy for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for the year 2019/2020 in the New Consolidated District 105CE in order that the current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor who is not standing for election for District Governor 2019/2020 would be eligible to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for the year 2019/2020, if so appointed at a meeting called to fill such vacancy, as provided for in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

### **Explanatory Note**

Constitutionally, a candidate for election to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, is required to be a serving 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG in his/her District. However, if there is a vacancy in the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, the qualifications required to fill that vacancy are changed from the qualifications usually required of a candidate.

This change enables the vacancy to be filled by any suitably qualified Lion who is not currently serving as a 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG at a meeting called to fill such a vacancy.

By holding a vacancy for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG 2019/2020, a current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2018/2019 would be eligible to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> VDG 2019/2020 if so appointed at a meeting called to fill such a vacancy.

If no vacancy is held open for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG 2019/2020 then a current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2018/2019 not standing as a candidate for the role of DG 2019/2020 would be unable to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG 2019/2020 position by reason of the usual Constitutional requirements for a candidate. This resolution is also recommended and endorsed by the joint redistricting team in the continuation of harmonious cooperation between all.

### **Proposed Ujjal Kular (Taverham and District)**

My Fellow Lions, we are all assembled here in this, an Extra Ordinary Meeting. This is unlikely to happen again in the foreseeable future, we are all here to resolve the issues of the merger and give a fair chance to all persons running for office

This resolution resolves, that a vacancy is created in the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG 2019-2020 in the consolidated District CE. It will enable any suitably qualified person to stand for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG in the said year. I have declared that I am not standing for the position of District Governor a short while ago for the said year. However, by creating a vacancy, it will enable me to stand for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2019-2020, along with any other applicant in the consolidated district CE.

I declared my withdrawal to enable a harmonious merger. It has not been an easy decision on my part as it effects my life and plans, my family and my fellow Lions around me who gave me the support to get this far. I did this to enable something more important, that is the success in the formation of our new District. I want to be a part of this new district to serve.

I will be putting my name forward to be considered for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor at a meeting called to fill such a vacancy.

This resolution 2 has been recommended and endorsed by the redistricting team of both Districts E and EA.

Fellow Lions I strongly ask you to support the Resolution to be accepted.

I reserve the right to reply.

### **Seconded: Lion Stuart Kitchen (Glanford & Lindsey)**

Lion Stuart seconded the resolution and reserved the right to reply.

ID Geoff said we had heard both proposal and explanatory note regarding this, is there any debate. None. Card vote taken - 1 against, 3 abstentions, resolution carried.

ID Geoff thanked everyone for listening carefully to the candidates who are standing and the passion given by the **1VDG** for 105EA and said he would like to see him move into this position.

**Sergeant at Arms** remind everyone about removing the withdrawn candidates from their voting papers, anything done wrong will mean a spoilt paper. PDG Derek and Lion Adrian showed the meeting ballot box was empty, this was then sealed and will be left until the end of lunch time when it will be removed.

### **Break for lunch**

**SAA Lion Adrian Robinson** - Handed over to ID Geoff

He introduced DG Steve to talk about breakout sessions based on five global causes and every district all over the world will be concentrating on these.

He introduced Diabetes, Hunger, Child Cancer, Environment and Vision.

Everyone has a coloured star on their pack and there are five flip charts around the room, each with a colour of the stars, please go to the session which is starred on your pack. A facilitator will lead each cause, they are not there to talk to you but to get everyone to talk and brainstorm, we would like everyone to bring back a project for new district 105CE to consider and move on immediately we become new district. The facilitators will be writing everything on the flip charts and then feeding back. Everyone broke into their groups, having 25 minutes for discussion and 5 minutes for facilitator to summarise.

Handed over to DG Steve who introduced the Facilitators passed the session over to them.

At the end of the Breakout session the Facilitators

**Vision** – The group had spoken about things being done across the both district and they came up with “Vista” as a project to take forward in CE. There is already being worked on in Leicester where Vista Charitable Group) go in to schools to test children’s eyes. It was suggested we could try and involve our Patron in this project, Countess of Wessex, and palace of Westminster Lions, and possibly Minister of Health who is a local MP in Suffolk.

**Diabetes** - This is a massive problem and we have started a way forward in EA in conjunction with Diabetes UK. It is called “Know Your Risk”, a screening process which is totally anonymous, nonintrusive and individuals can complete this themselves. We have carried out assessments today, 43 in total of which 31 were assessed as Moderate/High risk with a letter to take to their medical practice. We want to spread this through the new district, ideally we would like 2 new members of each Zone to be trained to help take this forward, we can go out and set up now as we have 7 Lions already trained and willing to go anywhere if free to help. Diabetes UK require one trained person at each screening. At present District E use Goldstart for Diabetes screening and it was agreed these two could both be offered, the more people we reach the better.

**Hunger** – PDG Elaine Kitchen and ZC Chris Hibbert – nearly all clubs doing something for feeding hungry people, lots of discussion went on, some good and some not so good.

Education came up teaching children that healthy food can be good.

Poverty and children - Choice was education for children on how to prepare food and to try and get parents in as well to be part of this education

Holiday hunger and will to live – a new project at the moment Elaine is working with Tesco on how to feed children during school holidays.

Chris said about teaching children about healthy eating and cooking is also useful to diabetics and others with health problems.



They played a short video about the event Feed the 5,000 last weekend. They thanked everyone who went last weekend and helped with the event, this was a joint district venture, the first of many. DG Steve gave thanks to Elaine and Chris for their wonderful work on this project.

**Child cancer** – Child cancer co-ordinator Lion/Lioness Angela Howard (105EA) told the group that today 11 children will be diagnosed with cancer and each day. Observations made Wetherspoons they have their collection tins in their pubs and fund raise continually for CLIC Sargent. Could clubs help on screening events?

Queens Medical Centre at Nottingham already being supported.

We could assistance to families.

We should contact organisations and find out more detailed analysis to find out what help would be useful, other than fund raising.

Set up a room dedicated from Lions. CLIC Sargent have rooms set up where families can stay together during treatment.

Not become aligned to one specific charity.

Support EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) although they support other conditions as well as cancer.

Are we going to appoint an officer for District 105CE?

*Outcomes* - to have no single project, write out notes from today and they can be feedback to individual clubs to decide what they wanted to do and appoint a child cancer officer for District CE.

**Environment** – PDG Alan Hall gave big thanks to everyone in group, after much discussion we reached the following outcomes

To publicise what everyone is doing regarding Waste, not everyone has same policy on this.

Education - get into schools to get the help of children, they love this and consciences about the Environment.

Suggested Environmental day in district where clubs do a project, perhaps look at finding a celebrity to open this event perhaps.

Very good ideas moving forward, thinking about things and this should help us go forward.

ID Geoff handed back to PDG Derek Blow for results of the elections. He showed meeting the empty box and confirmed the voting papers for both elections matched exactly to the delegates. He thanked May, Clare and John for ensuring everything was done exactly correct and also Wisbech and Louth for running the registration desk.

**District Governor elect for District 105CE 2019/20 – Lion Guch Manku** (Nottingham West Lions Club)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect for District 105CE 2019/2020 – Lion David Pope** (Peterborough Lions /club)

PDG Derek requested delegates agreement to the ballot papers being kept in a sealed box and stored for 90 days before they are disposed of. Approval unanimous.

ID Geoff invited DG Elect Guch Manku to address the meeting.

### **Guch**

It has been a complicated and interesting journey to get to this point and we would not have got here without the support of all of you in 105E and 105EA and especially the joint district merger teams lead by the District Governors for both 2017-18 and 2018-19 Lionistic years. And of course, the excellent support and direction from our very own International Director Geoff Leeder, which is invaluable. I say is and not was, because I know Geoff will lend a helping hand if required.

There are too many names to mention, my thanks to the leadership teams in both 105E and 105EA, lately lead by District Governors Mandy and Steve. A special thanks also to fellow candidates, Lions Ujjal Kular, Stuart Kitchen and David Pope who have worked together to achieve an outcome that will provide a solid foundation and strength for our new District.

On a personal note, thank you to my wife Lion Ravinder for being by my side, to Nottingham West Lions Club for nominating me and to PDG Lion Ajit for his address. I am also supported today by NWLC Secretary Lion Manjit Gahir, Immediate Past Council Chair Lion Balvinder and his good lady Lion Rashpal. And of course, a very big thank you to the EGM organisation team that have put this EGM together. Many of us were here yesterday, it is indeed hard work to pull these events off, thanks guys and girls, you did a great job. My thanks also to the hotel management team for doing a great job of hosting us.

Looking ahead, we have a real opportunity to extend our reach as Lions, Lionesses and Leos. We must use new ways to make new Lions, Lionesses and Leos so we can serve even more people as we grow. We really need to be innovative in the ways we work and engage, especially, in a technology centric digital and social media rich future.

Although my industry experience and my tenure as a Lion, offers a wealth of experience to help us on our journey. I know, only too well, that I will only succeed with your support. Together, we can make a real difference. One big challenge that has been highlighted by the merger process is that for many Lions the perception is that the wider Lions organisation does not deliver value. Just imagine if all clubs (Lions, Lionesses & Leos) could benefit from the global marketing, global campaigns and global ideas. It is firmly down to the District leadership teams to harness this value and bring it to bear on our members and those we serve. Together, we can fix this and bring global value from Lions Clubs International, MD105 and our District. This will be a primary goal for me, working with the leadership team to make a positive local impact for Lions and for those we serve.

As for the immediate future, I look forward to continue to work with the joint merger team to finalising planning and implement the District structure for 2019-20. Both Lion Ujjal and I have been working with 105E and 105EA Cabinet members to understand how they wish to participate going forward. We will announce our plans in due course. Looking a little further ahead, the 2019 District Conventions for both 105E and 105EA are booked and you can all attend both and party in celebration of the achievements of these two great Districts.

As we look forward, we should not forget our past and I hope that our past leadership teams will be keen to support the new District 105CE Cabinet, their input will be most welcome.

International Director Geoff, District Governor Mandy, District Governor Steve, Distinguished guests and fellow members of the Lions family, I am very excited about the future, I am ready and willing to serve, and together, we can make a real difference.

Once again a big thank you to all that have supported me. Let's enjoy the rest of the EGM. Thank You.

### ***David Pope***

A big thank you for the two district cabinets who have worked so hard to bring this together, thanks for support of EGM to ensure that happens and showing your confidence in me. People know me I will do everything in my power to ensure the success of the new district, see you at both conventions 15 – 17 and 22 – 24 March.

ID Geoff requested a round of applause for Ujjal and Stuart for making sure we go forward in harmony.

### **Resolution 3: Dues for the Financial Year 2019/2020**

**Proposed by Paula Mellows (Lincoln District 105E) speaking on behalf of the Joint Cabinets**

**Seconded by Lion Roger Fuller (Southend on Sea Lions Club)**

This Extra Ordinary Meeting resolves to adopt the dues level of £9.00 per member as indicated in the proposed budget for the year 2019/20 for District 105CE, as laid out in the Budget Documents (see Appendix 1) presented to this convention, to be collected in two half yearly instalments in July 2019 and January 2020.

## **Explanatory Note**

It is recommended by the District Governor Team, and endorsed by the joint redistricting team, that the Consolidated District of 105CE should adopt the budget put forward at this Extra Ordinary Meeting of 2019/20

In preparing this budget the two districts have analysed the current expenditure and member's dues payment of District 105E and District 105EA (presently District E £9.40 and District EA £10.00) to establish a consolidated budget for the new District 105CE, taking into consideration the effects of integrating two teams of District Officers.

In some sections of the budget savings can be made, for example the District Convention, with future consolidated Conventions taking place in the new District 105CE.

In both existing Districts, not all Cabinet/District Officers make claims for their legitimate expenses, but we have to make funds available to cover the individual officer's requirements to fulfil the aims of the District Strategic Plan. It goes without saying that the budget will be scrutinised regularly to ensure the expenditure does not exceed the income and the costs are within the expected expenditure estimates, measures will be put in place to control the budget expenditure.

Following on from the advice of the MD Finance Sub Committee, the two District Governor teams, District Treasurer Roger and myself have spent any hours discussing and fine tuning this proposed budget for our new District.

Savings have been made from the combining of the District Conventions and also from there only being one District Governor Team. We have also considered that this first year we will have someone off expenses (for example regalia).

As suggested by the finance committee we have made sure that the dues amount comes in below the current lowest amount across both districts. We have also taken into account the different elements from across both districts. Going forward some of these items will need to be ratified at future conventions but in the short term and not wishing to leave anything out we have incorporated everything into the budget.

This resolution requires simple majority.

ID Geoff asked if there were any questions.

Lioness Pam Kite (Sleaford Lionesses – (105E)

July 2016 CoC approved the Lioness Guidelines, a Lions club regardless of number pay £44 for insurance, Lionesses pay £4 voluntary contribution which a lioness can decide not to pay.

PDG John Kite (105E) said if you vote you are accepting budget as you see it.

Under gazebo would like explanation why reserves at £2500 and under expenditure is £250 for repairs Directories cost of £1,000 the cost should be included in md dues not paid by district.

Reserves should be agreed, what will be done should be decided at District Convention, not districts money, suggest new budget prepared and presented at E and EA conventions

Lion Tom Laking – Glanford and Lindsey (105E) – Income Norfolk employed for show, need to know the longevity of this.

Convention – includes £500 for Australian Friendship, visitors from Australia, if I visit anywhere else I expect to pay for myself.

Heard lot about technology as Cabinet Officer I have worked without a paper directory, why do we need to have copies.

£500.00 contingency, that is what reserves are for.

PDG Derek asked for permission to move to the next item whilst the two treasurers consult and come back to the meeting with the answers to the queries. All agreed.

#### **Resolution 4: Hosting for 105CE District Convention in 2020 and 2021**

**Proposer: Martin Langdon (Norwich West, District 105EA)**

**Seconded: PDG Alan Hall (Glanford and Lindsey, District 105E)**

This Extra Ordinary Meeting resolves that the 2020 and 2021 Conventions of District 105CE should be held at the Peterborough West Holiday Inn. The 2020 Convention being hosted by the Lions Clubs of Zone 1B (in current District 105 EA) Lions Clubs will be invited to host the 2021 Convention at Peterborough.

#### **Explanatory Note**

The Holiday Inn in Peterborough has been a very successful base for Lion's conventions over the past 8 years, 3 having been run there including the extremely successful 105EA Centenary Convention. The venue is very accessible from both 105EA and 105E, making it central to our new District. The hotel is very well supplied with both main meeting rooms capacity for increased attendance from the new District, and a number of large supporting rooms. It also has around 140 bedrooms and there is close access to other hotels with space to accommodate overflow. In suggesting this venue, it would be sensible for District 105EA, Zone 1B, to be asked to host the 2020 Convention, the first for District 105CE as they have considerable experience.

A working party will be set up to develop the approach to manage all future Conventions so as not to over burden clubs local to the Peterborough area.

Lion Martin Langdon said this (Holiday Inn Peterborough) is a good venue for a convention, covering from Humber to the Thames. We are proposing to hold conventions here, we have a good offer from hotel have cleaned a few edges off and it comes out about the same cost as this weekend. Following year is still being negotiated, but very hopeful of a good deal. We are endeavouring to make conventions physically accessible for everyone in the new district.

Convention pretty big – normally EA business 300 banquet and ball 220, could be 400+ and 300+ for banquet and ball, we need not only a premises big enough only, of which there are only 2 in EA, but need the staff and ability to host this event. This hotel meets the criteria.

If we use this centre how do we involve other clubs than just the local clubs, how do we get clubs in Nottingham, Norwich, etc, to arrange conventions. Martin Langdon will convene working parties across both districts on line so that can have discussions to make it work. This resolution is recommended to the meeting.

**Seconded PDG Alan Hall (Glanford and Lindsey)**

Formally second this resolution

There was no debate or questions, resolution carried unanimously.

#### **Something different - a view of both sides**

Lion Adrian Robinson showed a variety of slide of Lions at work! This involved both Districts and caused quite a laugh at some of the antics.

ID Geoff handed back to PDG Derek Blow who returned to Resolution 3.

PDG Derek commented that as CNRO his thoughts were that a lot of work had gone on behind the scenes from both districts trying to bring everything together. He then handed over to **DGE Guch** to facilitate the replies on the queries. He re-iterated PDG Derek's words that a lot of hard work had gone into the budget but the aim of budget was to reduce the dues to and both districts and carry on with reduced budget.

Lion Roger Fuller advised that Lionesses donations which appear in the budget (£360) come from the 9 clubs of EA only which is donation they have made for many years and is contribution towards our expenses. Lioness District Chair Angela Howard was asked to confirm this is correct. She said it is voluntary contribution agreed in 2000 with District Governor Matt Jones, it is a contribution towards District Officer and other expenses, been paying last 18 years and our district clubs happy to do this. Paula Mellows added each club pays £44.25 for insurance but each person pays £2.25 in MD dues. £360 is EA money, nothing has been asked from E yet.

Money held for gazebo is held in EA, we have purchased 6 of these and they are used by any club in the district for their events and also go to road shows, district shows etc. Life expectancy is low because of high usage so built up fund to have money available for replacement, £250 is for minor repairs which are quite frequent and without carrying them out life expectancy is less.

Directories – 2<sup>nd</sup> DGE elect replied to this. He said he got fed up with not getting directories and working without them, in EA he got good feedback about directors, we give one to cabinet member, one to club President and one per PDG. Not everyone has a computer, we also sell any left over, sold 30 last year at £5.

Royal Norfolk show for over 10 years the district of 105EA has been invited to take part in the Royal Norfolk show. Our presence is required to provide wrist bands for children, some adults etc, at each of the 5 entrances, and these have to be paid for, in the past we have had a charity stand space but last year position not in thoroughfare and very inclement weather, cost was high and not productive in encouraging new members, or even getting visitors to the stand, we have no say in where we are positioned. This year opted not to take charity space and worked on the gates. Each year district has purchased gazebos and there has to be a fund available. Royal Norfolk show is a premier event in our district and obviously we need to know we have sufficient money to take on this event. Lions employed by Norfolk show provide service, this is already booked, we will discuss next convention but in place now also supply Message in a Bottle at this event.

Roger Fuller said the Australian Operation Friendship has taken place as long as he has been on cabinet two people come to UK to visit us, done 2 or three time go back the other way. Do not rent technical equipment so have saving, cost is putting up in hotels and cost of convention.

Reserves - MD treasurer says good practice to have two years reserves in hand. Just a rough figure and we have nearly two years in hand

The sundry contingency - this is a new district and we don't know what expenses will be like, travel expenses etc, hence £500 contingency, if we don't use it will go back in to the accounts.

Proceedings were handed back to PDG Derek Blow who reminded the meeting that a lot of work was put in to this budget to try and cover all things and has been brought together in a fair and consistent way. Will be merger of two districts and dues will be £9.00 per member.

Vote on Resolution 3: Votes for 62    Votes against 16    Abstentions 14  
Resolution carried.

PDG Derek said this brings his job to a close

ID Geoff thanked everyone for their participation in the last resolution but before he passed over to Sergeant at Arms he just wanted to say his involvement with DG teams to go forward has been a pleasure to be able to assist and he will be around to help if needed. Many people involved: please stand and be recognised and many thanks.

SAA Adrian thanked everyone for being well behaved and thanked everyone on the sound table especially trainee Dobby, and also everyone who helped yesterday get this room ready, especially Muscles Mandy and the chairs.

DG Steve thanked DG Mandy for her co-operation and candour, and the team for making this successful.

DG Mandy reiterated the words of Steve, we have had our ups and downs but it has come right, special thanks to ID Geoff for getting us here, the DG Team presented gifts to May and ID Geoff as a personal thanks.

Top table party, including DGE Guch Manku and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE David Pope left room.

Meeting closed at 4.40 pm.