

**CABINET MEETING – 7th September 2008.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN**

Present :

District Governor Lion Andy Pemberton in the Chair.

Lions :

Suresh Gohil	Femi Onabolu	Mike Cooke
John Bush	Harry Fry	Rob Hill
Ann Pemberton	Stuart Richmond	Heather Lee
Eric Hughes	Geoff Thompson	Linda Cross
Peter Rotherham	Rajnikant Hindocha	Gulab Mistry
Ron Cross	Richard Wilson	Doug Cross
David Cox	Heather Hill	Bill Ranautta
Phil White	Martin Bye	Greg Hession
Neil Chisholm	Chris Haynes	

Apologies :

Wim Hoogerwerf	Alan James	Pat Proudfoot
Mike Jobbins	Simon Moss	Carl Kings
Elizabeth Jones	Roger Handcock	Cedric Brocklehurst
Mike Barker	Pauline Hoogerwerf	Henry Woodgate
David Jeavons	Mavis Cooke	

Sergeant at Arms :

Lion Harry Fry called the meeting to order and confirmed the fire alarm arrangements.

Lion David Cox read the Lions Clubs International Purposes.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting :

IPDG Lion Suresh Gohill asked for the name of the Past International President to be corrected to Mahendra Amarasuriya in the International Committee report.

Lion Eric Hughes confirmed that he had been in attendance at the meeting and that his report was "as read".

The role of 2nd Vice District Governor was approved at the International Convention in Bangkok.

A report on the proposals for the National Arboretum has been sent to the Council of Governors.

Proposed PDG Lion Heather Lee, seconded IPDG Lion Suresh Gohil, carried.

The Minutes were signed as a true record subject to the above amendments.

Matters Arising :

PDG Lion John Bush reported that Northampton Chinatown Lions Club are paid up to date and Lutterworth Lions Club should be paid up to June 2008. The Fellowship Cup has been presented.

District Governor confirmed that the late delivery of Multiple District Directories was due to late information submitted by other Districts.

Any other Business :

There was no notice of any other business.

District Secretary :

Requested Cabinet Officers to pay particular attention to date for submission of reports for the next Cabinet Meeting.

Report as submitted.

District Treasurer :

Lion Richard Wilson confirmed that "PLAN" referred to in his report is a particular Street Children project details are available on the Multiple District Web Site.

Treasurer Packs were sent out to all Clubs in a single posting however a number of Club Treasurers have not received them.

Can Zone Chairmen please ascertain if Clubs in their Zone are missing this information and also ask Clubs to confirm the position that they understand it to be regarding outstanding payments to Lions Clubs International HQ.

Decision re Alcester funds covered in Membership report.

Sergeant at Arms :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports proposed Lion Phil White, seconded Lion Peter Rotherham, carried.

Zone + Region Chairmen.

Zone A :

District Governor requested all Zones to firm up dates for their Skittles so that the competition can be taken forward to region level.

Codsall Lions Club are proposing a membership card drop.

Report as submitted.

Zone B :

Family Membership information now obtained.

It is confirmed that a DVD is available from MDHQ Kings Heath also from Lions Clubs International HQ.

A handbook for new members is currently in preparation and when it is complete all new members will get a copy in the New Member Pack..

Membership retention information is also available as a download from LCI HQ Oakbrook.

Zone C :

District Governor confirmed that he has requested the SWOT Analysis from Clubs but that it is the Club members themselves who should carry it out, he would however like to see a copy.

Congratulations were expressed for the recent marriage between Lions Greg and Maxine and thanks to Region Chairman Lion Martin Bye for being willing to step in when Lion Greg is absent.

Chairman Region 1 :

Having confirmed that he is Chairman for Region 1 not 2 his report is as submitted.

Zone D :

Report as submitted.

Zone E :

Report as submitted.

Zone F :

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 2 :

Report as submitted.

Zone G :

No report submitted and no knowledge of arranged Zone Meetings or Club visits. District Governor to contact Zone Chairman.

Zone H :

Report as submitted.

Zone I :

Agreed that appointment of Zone Chairman urgently needed, report as submitted.

Chairman Region 3 :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of Zone and Region Reports proposed Lion Eric Hughes, seconded Lion Richard Wilson, carried.

Membership.

Region 1 :

Agreed that appointment of Membership Officer urgently needed.

Region 2 :

Disability Policy statement is set out on pages 4 + 5 of the Multiple District Directory.

There are a number of Lions throughout the Multiple District who have disabilities, for example our own PDG Jim and Jackie Rowley.

PCC Lion Mike Cooke confirmed that Shirley Lions Club have a member who is visually impaired, is a very active member of the Club within his limitations but the Club recognizes their commitment to him regarding transport etc.

Report as submitted.

Region 3 :

Report as submitted.

Leadership Development Officer :

It was agreed that a budget of up to £200 is available for the purchase of a new display screen.

Guidelines and Responsibilities for the roles of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor are being prepared.

Any Lions of less than 6 years experience who wish to attend the forthcoming Emerging Lions Institute should be notified to Lion Phil White as soon as possible.

Report as submitted.

District Almoner :

District Governor urged all Cabinet members, in particular Zone Chairman to keep PDG Lion Mavis Cooke informed when any commiserations or congratulations are needed. Feedback indicates how much our messages are appreciated.

MERL Chairman :

PDG Lion Doug Cross reinforced the comments made regarding card drops, the need for appointment of the missing Cabinet Officers and for informal Guiding Lions to help with low membership Clubs and those in need of help. Lion Phil White and ANO are to attend a train the Guiding Lion seminar in order that they in turn can train Lions within the District.
Report as submitted.

Adoption of membership reports proposed PDG Lion Ron Cross, seconded Lion Martin Bye and carried.

Youth Committee.**Youth Chairman :**

PDG Lion Heather Lee is looking for input from other from the other committee members for the powerpoint presentation that she has prepared.

Vulnerable Persons :

Report as submitted.

Leo Liaison :

Report as submitted.

District Governor lion Andy Pemberton would like to see more Leo Clubs in the District.

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century :

Report as submitted.

Youth Exchange :

Report as submitted.

PDG Lion Cross wished it to be recorded our recognition of the tremendous work done by Lion Harry and Janet Fry over the period of the arrival and departure of candidates, particularly at Birmingham Airport. This was carried with acclaim.

Youth Football :

Report as submitted.

Competitions :

Report as submitted.

Peace Poster packs are now available from Multiple District Headquarters and can be purchased directly by Clubs.

The travelling Lion competition is headed by Shirley Lions Club with Kings Norton Northfield in hot pursuit and Bushby some way behind.

Cultural & Community Affairs :

Report as submitted.

The budget of £500 requested was approved.

It is confirmed that the District winner will automatically go forward to the Multiple District final.

Life Skills :

No report submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed by PDG Lion Heather Lee, seconded Lion Geoff Thompson and carried.

Health & Environment Committee.

Committee Chairman ;

Report as submitted.

Sight Conservation, CSF II, Lions Eye Health Programme :

Report as submitted.

Diabetes Awareness ;

Report as submitted.

The Officer is requested to ensure that discussion is had with District 105E for any work carried out in Leicester which is outside District 105M.

Officer Objectives are missing from circulated report, they are "To train or assist interested Clubs in promoting Diabetes Awareness in compliance with approved Diabetes Strategy"

Speech & Hearing :

Report as submitted.

Medic Alert :

Report as submitted.

"Green to be Seen" are wrist bands issued to children at public events e.g. firework display referred to in order to ensure their safety. Clubs are recommended to obtain supplies to be used in any of their public events.

Message in a Bottle :

Report as submitted.

Physical & Learning Disabilities :

Report as submitted.

Concern expressed that Multiple District Officer appears to concentrate only on Special Olympics and the National Disabled Games.

At this point District Governor asked for feedback from all District Officers on whether they have been contacted by their relevant Multiple District Officer and if any Multiple District meetings have been arranged.

Environment :

No report submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed Lion Peter Rotherham, seconded Lion Gulab Mistry and carried.

International Relations Committee.

Report as submitted.

Contributing Membership costs £10 per person.

North Sea Lions :

Report as submitted.

Early payment of North Sea Lions contributions has been highlighted in the District Governors Newsletter.

Water Aid :

Report as submitted.

Street Children :

Report as submitted.

Reference to "PLAN" covered in District Treasurer report and Street Children has been included in the District Governors "shopping list" included in the Newsletter.

Europa Forum :

Report as submitted.

International Relations & Twinning :

Nil Report.

Approval of reports proposed PDG Lion Ron Cross, seconded Lion Richard Wilson and carried.

Long Range Planning / Finance & Administration.

Chairman :

Report as submitted.

Public Relations & Marketing :

Report as submitted.

Officer asked to prepare a "Press Statement" to be issued to each Club for use during Lions Awareness Week.

Midlands News & District Governors Newsletter :

Report as submitted.

Please keep articles coming.

Chairman Finance & Administration Committee :

Report as submitted.

Constitution, Nominations & Resolutions :

Report as submitted.

Meeting held with nominated Vice District Governor candidates.

Insurance, Health & Safety :

Report as submitted.

There will be a presentation at District Forum.

District Governor asked for copies of contracts that Clubs may be asked to enter into in case legal advice may be required.

District Registrar :

Report as submitted.

It is confirmed that a document advising new Club Officers on necessary administration matters is in preparation and that the officers willingness to assist is noted.

Events & Lion Tamer :

No report submitted.

District Convention Chairman :

Report as submitted.

District Governor brought the attention of the meeting to the "Pull up Banner" at the back of the room and confirmed that they are available to any Club including Club information at a cost of £90 including VAT and postage.

Webmaster & IT Co-ordinator :

Report as submitted.

Lion Simon Moss is to be congratulated on the updated web site.

Adoption of reports proposed VDG Lion Femi Onabolu, seconded Lion Rob Hill and carried.

Immediate Past District Governor :

Report as submitted.

IPDG Lion Suresh confirmed that the confusion regarding member numbers of Bushby and Thurnby Lions Clubs has now been clarified, but not yet corrected by LCI Oakbrook

Vice District Governor :

Report as submitted.

District Governor :

Report as submitted.

District Governor presented lapel identification badges to Immediate Past District Governor and Vice District Governor and Anna.

District Governor mugs were presented to Lions Rob and Heather Hill.

District Governor confirmed that Autumn Forum would commence at 10.00hrs and he looked forward to seeing as many Cabinet Officers as possible in attendance.

Tail Twister :

District Governor was quite rightly fine for referring to Lion Ann Pemberton as "my dear" when we all know it is "Lion my dear". The remaining Cabinet members were fined for completely unjustified reasons.

The meeting closed at 12.54 pm.

Next Meeting :

The next meeting will be held at the **Village Hotel, Coventry** on **Sunday 16th November**.

District Secretary requested all Cabinet Officers to submit their reports by **27th October** as this will only leave 3 days for them to be assembled and forwarded to the Webmaster for circulation.