

CABINET MEETING – 9th May 2009.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT HOLIDAY INN

Present :

District Governor Lion Andy Pemberton in the Chair.

Lions :

Suresh Gohil	Mike Jobbins	Femi Onabolu
Mike Cooke	John Bush	Harry Fry
Ann Pemberton	Heather Lee	Wim Hoogerwerf
Eric Hughes	Geoff Thompson	Peter Rotherham
Joshna Ramji	Ron Cross	Richard Wilson
Doug Cross	Bill Ranautta	Martin Bye
Greg Hession	Pat Proudfoot	Neil Chisholm
Phil White	Liz Scaffidi	Simon Moss
Carl Kings	Elizabeth Jones	Roger Handcock
Mike Barker	Pauline Hoogerwerf	David Jeavons
Barbara Dutton	Roger Handcock	Chris Haynes

Apologies :

Stuart Richmond	Rob Hill	Heather Hill
Linda Cross	Chris Haynes	Cedric Brocklehurst
Alan James	Angela Lawton	Rajnikant Hindocha
Gulab Mistry	Gill Kendall	Mavis Cooke
Henry Woodgate		

Incoming Cabinet :

Lions :

Joy Haffner	Ian Haffner	John Barnes
Martin Wright	June Lloyd-Adams	Michelle Bates
Andy Lockett	Christine Moss	Pauline Fanti
Bob Dutton	Paul Anstice	Jackie Preece
Jenny Bryant		

Apologies :

Trevor Jones	Jackie McGuirk	Dave Roberts
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Visitors :

Lion Chris Bates & Maisie-Louise

Sergeant at Arms :

Lion Harry Fry called the meeting to order.
Lion Wim Hoogerwerf read the Lions Clubs International Purposes.
This was followed by a minutes silence in respect for Lion Roy White,
Birmingham Handsworth LC, who died while on holiday in Cyprus.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting :

Vulnerable Persons
“CRB checked” should read “ISA registered”
Zone A

A special meeting was held on 31st March to discuss membership within the Zone and the Zone Meeting was held on 1st April.

Minutes of previous meeting

It was not picked up that in the correction of the previous Cabinet Minutes the correction of "Lion Angela Lawson" to "Lion Angela Lawton" was minuted as Lion Angela "Baker" not "Barker".

Subject to the above corrections approval of the Minutes were Proposed Lion Mike Jobbins, seconded Lion Heather Lee, carried.

The Minutes were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising :

There were no further matters arising.

Any other Business :

No notice of any other business has been received.

District Secretary :

Concern re-iterated that no previous signed Minutes etc have been received from predecessor.

Report as submitted.

District Treasurer :

All Clubs now in good standing.

Balance of monies donated for Flood Appeal but not used are being held as an emergency fund for immediate response for any future emergencies.

The fund needs to be formalised as "Emergency Fund" at next District Convention.

Report as submitted.

Sergeant at Arms :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports proposed Lion Chris Haynes, seconded Lion Suresh Gohil, carried.

Zone + Region Chairmen.

Zone A :

Lion Brigitte Waterfield gave an excellent presentation on the work of MDHQ.

Report as submitted.

Zone B :

A correction of the misunderstanding with Birmingham Handsworth LC has been published in the District Governors Newsletter.

Report as submitted.

Zone C :

District Governor agreed to circulation of letter by Birmingham Sheldon LC regarding support for children orphaned by loss of parents in plane crash.

There is to be a special event at The Black Country Museum on December 5th.

No report submitted

Chairman Region 1 :

Report as submitted.

Zone D :

Form PU 101 for Birmingham Erdington LC now completed.

Report as submitted.

Zone E :

Kenilworth LC held a successful membership drive by making use of an empty shop premises for the day. Consideration could be given to taking up a Market Stall where appropriate.

Report as submitted.

Zone F :

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 2 :

Report as submitted.

Zone G :

Report as submitted.

Zone H :

District Governor to make necessary arrangements for the formal closing of Northampton Chinatown LC.

Report as submitted.

Zone I :

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 3 :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of Zone and Region Reports proposed Lion Phil White, seconded Lion Eric Hughes, carried.

Membership.

Region 1 :

No Officer.

Region 2 :

Report as submitted.

Region 3 :

Alcester Club meeting re-arranged for 2nd June. A new Club will hopefully be formed before the end of the fiscal year.

District Governor thanked Lion Chris Haynes for his help in clearing up Barwell & Earl Shilton LC accounts.

Report as submitted.

Leadership Development Officer :

Printed copies of New Members Handbook were handed to Lion Phil White.

Report as submitted.

District Almoner :

District Governor was pleased to report the mentioning of the card sent to Lion Harry Fry, Aldridge & District LC, when he was in Hospital at the Multiple District Convention.

Report as submitted.

MERL Chairman :

A membership card drop for the Birmingham Erdington LC is to take place. Region Chairman, Lion Martin Bye, will be having a meeting in Wolverhampton with the local Clubs to plan for the future.
Report as submitted.

Adoption of membership reports proposed Lion John Bush, seconded Lion Heather Lee and carried.

Youth Committee.**Youth Chairman :**

Report as submitted.

Vulnerable Persons :

“Regulated Activities” where registration is required are still to be finally defined.

In a question raised by Lion Wim Hoogerwerf, Marston Green & District LC, where members visit the 80 year old widow of a former member it was confirmed that these are visits by “a friend” and not a Lions activity in the usual sense of the word.

District Governor reported that both the Multiple District Vulnerable Persons Officer and Legal Advisor have resigned over issues related to vulnerable Persons policy.

Report as submitted.

Leo Liaison :

Report as submitted.

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century :

Report as submitted.

Youth Exchange :

Report as submitted.

Youth Football :

Report as submitted.

Life Skills :

No report submitted.

Competitions :

Report as submitted.

Cultural & Community Affairs :

The trophies for the winner of the Multiple District Music Competition Winner were on display at the meeting. Birmingham Exhibition LC have purchased 8 silver salvers for presentation to the current and future winner to keep. A decision will need to be made in 7 years time regarding further salvers.

Report as submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed by Lion Heather Lee, seconded Lion Martin Bye and carried.

Health & Environment Committee.**Committee Chairman ;**

Report as submitted.

Sight Conservation, CSF II, Lions Eye Health Programme :

World Sight Day is to be 12th October and District Governor pointed out that this is an ideal opportunity for good public relations referring to what the Wolverhampton area Clubs did last year and also to the display of "blind football" demonstrated at Mutiple District Convention.

Report as submitted.

Diabetes Awareness ;

No report submitted.

Speech & Hearing :

District Governor congratulated Lion Roger Handcock on an excellent and passionate report.

Lion Martin Wright, Shirley LC, explained the hearing loop system that had been provided for this meeting and that the cost was in the region of £1000, depending on the number of items required. Following discussion it was proposed by LionFemi Onabolu, Castle Bromwich & District LC, seconded by Lion Henry Woodgate, Kenilworth LC, that District purchase the system demonstrated and to seek any available grants, carried.

Lion Richard Wilson, Northampton LC, has obtained a Speak Eze system as advertised in the Lion Magazine. This is to be made available for use at the District Changeover. **NB** It has been learnt subsequent to the Cabinet meeting that this firm has now gone out of business.

Report as submitted.

Medic Alert :

Report as submitted.

Message in a Bottle :

Lion Martin Wright, Shirley LC, is to speak to District Officer regarding "Flu Friend"

Report as submitted.

Physical & Learning Disabilities :

Report as submitted.

Environment :

No report submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed Lion Phil White, seconded Lion Chris Haynes and carried

International Relations Committee.

LCIF :

Lion Ron Cross apologised for lack of submitted report.

International Relations :

No report submitted.

North Sea Lions :

District Governor remarked that report was a personal statement not a report.

Water Aid :

Following an 80th Birthday celebration a £250 donation was made to each of Water Aid and Eye Camp.

Report as submitted.

Street Children :

Report as submitted.

Europa Forum :

District Governor commented on the expense of attendance at the Forum. To fully participate in both the business and social parts will cost approximately £1000 plus air fares and spending monies.

Report as submitted.

Approval of reports proposed Lion Ron Cross, seconded Lion Bill Ranautta and carried.

Long Range Planning / Finance & Administration.**Chairman :**

District Governor thanked Lion Mavis Cooke, Shirley LC, for representing District 105M on the Multiple District LRP Committee and for taking Lion Bob Stear from Kenilworth LC to the last meeting and that he feels that the Committee are at last making progress.

Report as submitted.

Public Relations & Marketing :

Each Club is to receive details of the new recommended corporate image and PR materials that are available from MDHQ.

Report as submitted.

Midlands News & District Governors Newsletter :

It is the District Governors wish that every Club will have submitted an article by the end of his year.

Report as submitted.

Chairman Finance & Administration Committee :

District Governor will endeavour to determine which Clubs have yet to nominate a Club Health & Safety Officer.

Report as submitted.

Constitution, Nominations & Resolutions :

Report as submitted.

Insurance, Health & Safety :

No report submitted.

District Registrar :

District Governor elect, Lion Femi Onabolu, is chasing 4 outstanding PU 101 forms. Situation in District regarding submission of MMR's is now very good. It is noted that female members are 21.5% of District membership.

Report as submitted.

Events & Lion Tamer :

No report submitted.

District Convention Chairman :

District Governor thanked Convention Chairman and committee on their work towards a successful Convention.

Accounts are close to completion.

Report as submitted.

Webmaster & IT Co-ordinator :

Normal services will now be resumed following Officers holidays and business training courses. District Officer resumee's still awaited. Consideration to be given for appointment of deputy to cover during holidays etc.

Report as submitted.

Approval of reports proposed Lion Femi Onabolu, seconded Lion Neil Chisholm and carried.

Immediate Past District Governor :

Lion Suresh Gohil apologised for lack of submitted report.

He congratulated District Governor Lion Andy on his election as Chairman of Council 2009-2010.

District Governor Elect :

Lion Femi Onabolu was pleased to report that all Cabinet positions have been filled and invited all incoming Cabinet officers to stay after the Cabinet for a short briefing meeting.

Report as submitted.

District Governor :

District Governor once again thanked all Cabinet Officers for their continuing work on behalf of the District and to everyone who had attended District Convention and helped to make it a success.

Zone Chairmen reports have been giving a positive picture on membership and overall he believes we have taken the District "FORWARD TOGETHER". Multiple District Convention 2012 was due to be held in Jersey but they have now withdrawn. Venues have been explored in this District for 26th -29th April 2012 and if accepted a Convention Committee will need to be formed.

A project of some sort at the National Memorial Arboretum has not been dismissed and further investigations are to be made and to link it in with the 60th anniversary of Lionism in MD105.

District Governor 105NE, Lion Bill Fraser, has been contacted by the Tillburg Lions Club, District 110 Netherlands, who are organising an event for veterans to celebrate their part in the liberation of Tillburg in October 1944. Although it was mainly Scottish Regiments that were involved it is possible that former soldiers who took part are living in 105M and may need some assistance to participate in the celebrations. This is advance notice of the proposals and no action needs to be taken yet other than identifying possible participants.

Report as submitted.

Lion Elizabeth Jones, Birmingham Exhibition LC, proposed a vote of thanks to District Governor Lion Andy and Ann for their enthusiasm and leadership of the District. This was supported with acclaim.

Any other Business ;

Lion John Bush, Market Harborough LC, was asked to provide an article for the Midland News regarding the Clubs very successful "Target Bowls" event which raised £3600.

A Youth Symposium is to be held on the 13th / 14th June at the Apollo Hotel and each District has been asked to nominate four attendees but any Lion is welcome to attend subject to available places.

A Multiple District Youth Centre is to be held in this District and is to be a combined able bodied and physically disabled centre. Volunteers are required to assist in the running of the centre. There are monies, £3500, available in District funds held following a previous Youth Centre. It was proposed by Lion John Barnes, Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath LC, seconded by Lion Harry Fry, Aldridge & District LC, that District funds up to a maximum of £3500 be used to offset the additional costs incurred for the disabled element of the Centre and was carried.

Lion Harry Fry thanked Cabinet on behalf of the Multiple District Youth Committee.

Tail Twister :

PDG Lion Mike Jobbins twisted money from Cabinet members in his own inimitable way

The meeting closed at 13.00 pm.

Next Meeting :

The next meeting will be held at the **Holiday Inn Hotel, Coventry Road, Sheldon** (entrance to original Birmingham Airport) on **Sunday 16th August 2009**.