

CABINET MEETING – 16th November 2008.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HOTEL

Present :

District Governor Lion Andy Pemberton in the Chair.

Lions :

Suresh Gohil	Femi Onabolu	Mike Cooke
John Bush	Harry Fry	Rob Hill
Ann Pemberton	Heather Lee	Wim Hoogerwerf
Eric Hughes	Geoff Thompson	Linda Cross
Peter Rotherham	Gulab Mistry	Alan James
Ron Cross	Richard Wilson	Doug Cross
David Cox	Heather Hill	Bill Ranautta
Martin Bye	Greg Hession	Pat Proudfoot
Neil Chisholm	Chris Haynes	Mike Jobbins
Simon Moss	Carl Kings	Elizabeth Jones
Roger Handcock	Mike Barker	Pauline Hoogerwerf
Henry Woodgate	David Jeavons	

Apologies :

Mavis Cooke	Stuart Richmond	Joshna Ramji
Rajnikant Hindocha	Phil White	Hardeep Ubhi

Visitors :

Lions Bob Dutton	Barbara Dutton	Angela Barker
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Sergeant at Arms :

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

Lion Martin Bye read the Lions Clubs International Ethics.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting :

Proposed Lion Heather Lee, seconded Lion Femi Onabolu, carried.

The Minutes were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising :

No matters arising.

Any other Business :

Lion Linda Cross requested all Cabinet members to place their votes for the Peace Poster entries. The theme being "Peace Begins With Me".

District Secretary :

Report as submitted.

District Treasurer :

Accounts have been submitted for audit.

One Club still has to pay subs.

Four Clubs are 90 days overdue with payments to LCI and are being followed up.

A remittance advice and letter is being sent to all Club Treasurers.

Proposed by Lion Doug Cross that a £100 contribution be made to Lion Phil White to meet expenses incurred in carrying out her District duties, seconded Lion Greg Hession. 2 against, no abstentions, carried.

Consideration given to Resolution.

Certain dates and figures to be amended.

District Governor expressed concern that NSL expenses reflect a cost of 50p per member. Figure to be reduced from £600 to £450.

Resolution subject to agreed amendments proposed Lion John Bush, seconded Lion Heather Lee. 1 against, no abstentions, carried.

Lion Alan James confirmed that he had proposed that future NSL Board Meetings be held in a central easily accessed venue e.g. Amsterdam, but this had been rejected.

Sergeant at Arms :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports proposed Lion Mike Cooke, seconded Lion Harry Fry, carried

Zone + Region Chairmen.

Zone A :

Further Zone Meetings to held on 15th February and 1st April.

Report as submitted.

Zone B :

Report as submitted.

Zone C :

Zone skittles competition winners are Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club.

Chairman Region 1 :

Report as submitted.

Zone D :

A visit to Erdington Lions Club has been arranged for the 17th November.

Report as submitted.

Zone E :

Zone meeting to be held at Falcon Hotel, Stratford upon Avon. International Committee invited.

Report as submitted.

Zone F :

Zone skittles winners are Bromsgrove Lions Club.

The latest leaflet drops have proved not to be successful but a possible 3 new members have come as a result of newspaper article.

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 2 :

There was a good turnout of Lions for the Ian Botham charity walk and the beer was good !

Report as submitted.

Zone G :

District Governor has written to Lion Amy Benn and is currently endeavouring to appoint a replacement Zone Chairman.

Report as submitted.

Zone H :

Drinks and Nibbles for Northampton Lions Club being held.

Report as submitted.

Zone I :

110 attended Thurnby Lions Club Charter Presentation with 15 Clubs represented.

District Governor recommended that future Charter Presentations be discussed with the then current District Governor to ensure that this important occasion does not clash with too many other events being held thereby ensuring maximum attendance.

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 3 :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of Zone and Region Reports proposed Lion Richard Wilson, seconded Lion David Jeavons, carried.

Membership.**Region 1 :**

Appointment of Membership Officer still needed.

Region 2 :

As reported by Zone Chairman, Lion Pauline Hoogerwerf a visit has been arranged to Erdington Lions Club.

Report as submitted.

Region 3 :

Report as submitted.

Leadership Development Officer :

A Membership Handbook has been prepared and is being checked in preparation for sending to all future new members and to all current Club Presidents.

Report as submitted.

District Almoner :

All Cabinet members, in particular Zone Chairman, are requested to continue to keep PDG Lion Mavis Cooke informed when any commiserations or congratulations are needed. Feedback indicates how much our messages are appreciated. Thanks expressed to those who have forwarded information.

Report as submitted.

MERL Chairman :

Birmingham Moseley Lions Club has been renamed with the approval of LCI as Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath Lions Club.

The rebuilding of Coventry Lions Club is being actively pursued.

Help is needed from experienced Lions to be appointed to help Lions Clubs in the northern Birmingham area, if you are willing to help then please contact District Governor or Lion Doug Cross.

The target date for the formation of the Sandwell Lions Club is March 2009.

Following enquiry by Lion Roger Handcock it is confirmed that subject to application new member fees will be paid for by District for Lions Clubs with less than 15 members.

Lion Mike Jobbins confirmed that some factually incorrect member numbers had been recorded at the beginning of the year and therefore follow up numbers are also incorrect.

Lion Rob Hill confirmed that a leaflet drop in February would normally be considered as too early and that March / April and September / October are recommended.

**Proposed Lion Doug Cross, seconded Lion Heather Lee,
“A membership grant be applied for from Lions Clubs International”
This was unanimously carried.**

Report as submitted.

Adoption of membership reports proposed Lion Heather Hill, seconded Lion Bill Ranauta and carried.

The Lions Purposes were read by Lion Neil Chisholm.

Youth Committee.

Youth Chairman :

Report as submitted.

Vulnerable Persons :

New presentations to clubs will begin in January

Report as submitted.

Leo Liaison :

Report as submitted.

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century :

Report as submitted.

Youth Exchange :

Report as submitted.

Youth Football :

Balsall Common beat Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath.

Barwell & Earl Shilton beat Market Harborough and go forward to play Shirley.

Report as submitted.

Life Skills :

Report as submitted.

Competitions :

Following voting by Cabinet members the submission by Redditch Lions Club was chosen as the District winner.

Report as submitted.

Cultural & Community Affairs :

There are sufficient entries for a District Final to be held on 30th November.

The instrument for the Bologna Forum will be the Guitar and for the Maastricht Forum the Saxophone.

Report as submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed by PDG Lion Heather Lee, seconded Lion Carl Kings 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.

Speech & Hearing :

The "Door Hangers" were originally sent to Region Chairmen but Lion Roger has received no feedback as to whether any remain.

Lion Pauline Hoogerwerf requested that if any come to light she would like to receive some.

District Governor will make enquiries with the Multiple District Officer.

Report as submitted.

Medic Alert :

Report as submitted.

Message in a Bottle :

Report as submitted.

Physical & Learning Disabilities :

Report as submitted.

Environment :

No report submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed Lion Mike Jobbins, seconded Lion Greg Hession and carried

International Relations Committee.

The committee are seeking invitations to Clubs or Zone Meetings.

Contributing Member pins are "on the way".

Report as submitted.

North Sea Lions :

A booklet giving project details is to be sent to all Clubs.

Report as submitted.

Water Aid :

Following discussion it was proposed by Lion Richard Wilson and seconded by Lion Alan James that a TV/DVD be purchased, an amendment was proposed by Lion John Bush and seconded by Lion Peter Rotherham that a TV/DVD be purchased for each Region with a budget of £600 with technical advice from Lion Simon Moss to ensure suitable compatibility with existing equipment. 3 against, 2 abstentions, carried by majority.

Report as submitted.

Street Children :

Report as submitted.

Europa Forum :

Lion Richard Wilson reported that the Cannes Forum was the worst organized that he and many others had experienced. When it was mentioned to International President, Lion Al Brandel, that France were hoping to host an International Convention his comment was "interesting".

Lion Mike Jobbins remarked that in view of the views expressed perhaps it should have been "can't"
Report as submitted.

International Relations & Twinning :

Nil Report.

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

Long Range Planning / Finance & Administration.

Chairman :

Report as submitted.

Public Relations & Marketing :

Report as submitted.

Midlands News & District Governors Newsletter :

Report as submitted.

Chairman Finance & Administration Committee :

Report as submitted.

Constitution, Nominations & Resolutions :

Financial Resolution accepted subject to agreed amendments.

District Constitution Amendment Resolution ref 2nd Vice District Governor proposed Lion Doug Cross, seconded Lion Ron Cross, accepted.

Resolution regarding appointment of Club Health & Safety Officer proposed Lion Alan James, seconded Lion Martin Bye, accepted.

A resolution is expected from Marston Green & District Lions Club.

Report as submitted.

Insurance, Health & Safety :

Health & Safety questionnaire to be copied to Region and Zone Chairmen.

Report as submitted.

District Registrar :

Questions raised in the report have been answered at the earlier MERL/RC/ZC meeting.

Report as submitted.

Events & Lion Tamer :

The aim is to increase attendance of both Lions and Clubs by 10%.

Report as submitted.

District Convention Chairman :

All matters are going to plan, booking forms etc ready for e-mailing and hard copies to all Clubs and Cabinet Officers.

Partners trips will be organized by request.

Report as submitted.

Webmaster & IT Co-ordinator :

Due to the lack of response from District Officers regarding information for the web site Lion Simon will be e-mailing Officers direct.

Report as submitted.

Approval of reports proposed Lion Peter Rotherham, seconded Lion Stuart Richmond and carried.

Immediate Past District Governor :

Report as submitted.

Vice District Governor :

Report as submitted.

District Governor :

Report as submitted.

Any other Business ;

The proposals for a shelter at the National Arboretum were put back once again by the Council of Governors. At the suggestion of Lion Doug Cross the question of a lottery Grant is to be investigated. Lions Alan James, Mike Cooke, Henry Woodgate and District Governor to pursue.

Tail Twister :

Fines were inflicted for the most unjustified minor misdemeanours, well mine was at least.

The meeting closed at 13.15 pm.

Next Meeting :

The next meeting will be held at the **Village Hotel, Coventry** on **Sunday 8th February 2009.**

Reports to be submitted by Friday 23rd January. Cabinet Officers are once again reminded that two reports are required, firstly, a Cabinet Report and secondly a Convention Report covering the period since our last Convention held in Northampton.