

**LIONS DISTRICT 105M**  
**MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING HELD ON**  
**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**  
**AT THE HOLIDAY INN, COVENTRY ROAD, SHELDON**

**Present:**

District Governor Lion Femi Onabolu in the Chair

**Lions:**

Peter Rotherham	John Bush	Pauline Hoogerwerf	Martin Bye
Neil Chisholm	Phil White	Eric Hughes	Geoffrey Thompson
David Jeavons	George Billingham	Harry Fry	Mike Jobbins
Andy Lockett	Jackie Preece	Paul Anstice	Bob Dutton
Gregory Hession	Suresh Gohil	Josh Ramji	Jenny Bryant
Trevor Jones	Jackie McGuirk	June Lloyd-Adams	Linda Cross
Doug Cross	Elizabeth Jones	Pauline Fanti	Randhir Sahota
Mike Cooke	Christine Moss	Simon Moss	Martin Wright
Ian Haffner	Joy Haffner	Richard Wilson	Wim Hoogerwerf
Heather Lee	Carl Kings		

**Visitors:**

Lion Barbara Dutton

**Apologies:**

Chris Haynes	Andy Pemberton	Heather Hill	Rob Hill
Bob Wilkes	John Barnes	Cedric Brocklehurst	Ron Cross
Mavis Cooke	Bill Ranautta	Dave Roberts	David Jackson
Brian Burgess	Elizabeth Scaffidi	Gulab Mistry	Michelle Bate
Roger Handcock			

**Call to Order:**

Lion Peter Rotherham called the meeting to order.

DG Femi welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked that officers kept their updates brief.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August were proposed by Lion Greg Hession, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Neil Chisholm and approved as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

**MD Directory** - DG Femi reported that Council of Governors had approved the printing of 7,500 MD Directories next year. One to go to every Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and Cabinet Officer. In addition, another one per five members pro rata per Club. There would be no on-line version because of data protection issues. This decision was accepted by Cabinet.

**National Arboretum** – PCC Mike Cooke updated on the MD Lions project. Clubs had been sent a letter asking for pledges of a minimum £75 per Club. It was clarified that this money could come from Charity Accounts – Mike to circulate this information via the District Webmaster. PCC Mike Cooke and PDG Henry Woodgate acting as MD coordinators for the project. It was hoped that the Lions patron, the Countess of Wessex, may attend the unveiling ceremony in due course.

**Notice of Any Other Business:** No notice of any other business had been received.

## REPORTS

### **District Governor:**

Report as submitted. DG Femi updated on the position regarding Codsall Lions Club and asked for Cabinet's approval to formally close the Club. Following discussion, this action was seconded by PDG John Bush and agreed unanimously.

It was hoped that, at some future time, it would be possible to start another Club in the area, with a different name.

### **Secretary:**

Report as submitted. Lion Pauline thanked those officers who had sent in their reports in the correct format, chastised those who hadn't and presented PCC Mike with an award for having the best idea that caused the most trouble.

It was agreed that the same format would be continued for subsequent Cabinet meetings as well as for Convention reports. Lion Pauline to send out further information regarding reporting in due course.

Lion Pauline asked all present, and especially Region and Zone Chairmen, to make sure that their Clubs complete the Delegate Registration Form for MD Convention and return to her by the due date of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.

### **Treasurer:**

Report as submitted. PDG John asked for approval of the Subscriptions Resolution for Convention – seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Martin Bye and agreed unanimously.

PDG John informed Cabinet that Bedworth Lions Club was still not in good standing, despite several reminders.

Some Clubs still not replied over renaming of Flood Appeal money.

LCIF flood money – matter now settled, report accepted by Oak Brook and outstanding money returned.

PDG John said he was moving house soon and would circulate the details.

### **Sergeant-at-Arms:**

Report as submitted.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

### **Chairman:**

Report as submitted. Discussion took place on request for funding from District for help with MD Leo Convention. DG Femi apologised to Lion Geoff Thompson for any misunderstanding, saying that there was sufficient money in the MD Leo accounts and it was not necessary to ask Clubs for a contribution. PDG John Bush to report back after attending MD Leo meeting.

PDG John clarified the position regarding the surplus Leo money in the District account, saying that this was available only for the Leo District organisation.

### **CNRO:**

Report as submitted. PDG Wim Hoogerwerf reported that there was currently one candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and that nominations would close at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> November. **Subsequent to the meeting a further nomination was received.**

### **Health & Safety:**

Report as submitted. A comment was made regarding the officer's statement that he had not received any invitations to attend Zone meetings and it was pointed out that officers should not wait to be invited, but

should be pro-active in seeking attendance at meetings. ZC Pauline Fanti said there was an available slot at her next Zone meeting, if any officer would like to contact her.

**Events/Lion Tamer:**

Report as submitted. Roller banners were available for each Zone Chairman and feather flags for each Region Chairman and Clubs were urged to use these at their events.

**Convention 2010:**

Report as submitted.

**Insurance:**

Report as submitted. DG Femi congratulated PDG Suresh on keeping the Clubs updated and on becoming the Deputy MD Insurance Adviser. ZC Christine Moss asked about insurance for the over-85's and PDG Suresh confirmed that the Lions insurance was not age limited. Contact PDG Suresh regarding any claims or queries.

**Long Range Planning:**

Report as submitted.

**Deputy Treasurer:**

Report as submitted.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**REGION 1**

**Chairman:**

Report as submitted. Some Zones had already held their skittles competitions. RC Gregory Hession asked for approval to write to all Clubs asking for volunteers to help with the Disability Games, held annually at the Alexandra Stadium on the third Sunday in May. Approval was given.

**Zone A:**

Report as submitted.

**Zone B:**

Report as submitted.

**Zone C:**

Report as submitted.

**REGION 2**

**Chairman:**

Report as submitted. RC David Jeavons reported that Warwick had won the Zone E Skittles and Bromsgrove won Zone F.

**Zone D:**

Report as submitted.

**Zone E:**

Report as submitted.

**Zone F:**

Report as submitted.

**REGION 3**

**Chairman:**

Report as submitted. RC Paul Anstice reported that Brixworth Branch had won the Zone H skittles.

**Zone G:**

Report as submitted.

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Report as submitted.

**Zone I:**

Report as submitted. Zone meeting dates confirmed as follows:

27<sup>th</sup> January, hosted by Bushby & Thurnby

21<sup>st</sup> April, hosted by Kettering

DG Femi thanked the Zone Chairmen for their comprehensive reports and gave special congratulations to Castle Bromwich for their recent induction of six new members.

*Adoption of Region and Zone reports carried.*

**MEMBERSHIP/MERL COMMITTEE****Chairman:**

Report as submitted. PDG Doug Cross asked for volunteers to help with attending Club meetings. He also asked for help with Erdington's Christmas sleigh, as they only had four members plus four potential. Contact Club secretary for further details.

**MERL MD Committee Representative:**

Nil report.

**Membership Region 1:**

Report as submitted.

**Membership Region 2:**

Report as submitted.

**Membership Region 3:**

Report as submitted.

**Membership Special Duties:**

Report as submitted.

**Membership Birmingham Inner City:**

Report as submitted.

**Leadership Development:**

Report as submitted.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH****Chairman:**

Report as submitted.

Lion Harry Fry asked that Clubs be encouraged to form more Leo Clubs as only five were needed to form a Leo District. Only two candidates for Young Ambassador Competition so far. Information being sent out on Young Leaders in Service Award. Pilot Bereavement programme being launched for TACADE shortly. No candidates currently for Music competition.

**Vulnerable Persons:**

Report as submitted.

**Leo Liaison:**

Report as submitted.

**Young Ambassadors:**

Report as submitted. It was confirmed that there was no international Young Ambassador competition any longer, but it would continue at District and European level.

**Youth Exchange:**

Report as submitted.

**Youth Camp:**

Report as submitted. More information was requested regarding what was required for the 2010 camp and DG Femi agreed to contact Lion John Barnes.

**Youth Football:**

Report as submitted.

**Education, Life Skills & TACADE:**

Report as submitted.

**Competitions:**

Report as submitted. PDG Linda Cross had only two entries for the Peace Poster competition, which were judged by Cabinet. The winner was sponsored by Redditch Lions Club.

**Cultural & Community Affairs:**

Report as submitted. Lion Elizabeth Jones reported that next year's instrument is the saxophone. The MD winner of the European competition for violin, from District 105 BS, would be going to International Convention in Sydney where the international competition was taking place.

On behalf of Cabinet, DG Femi congratulated Lion Harry on his recovery and Lion Harry thanked everybody for their support during his illness.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE****Chairman:**

Lion Martin Wright reported that approval had been given from the Airport Community Fund for the hearing loop. A Newsletter would be circulated via the Webmaster.

Concern was expressed about meetings being held at venues without lifts, causing problems for people in wheelchairs. DG Femi said that the Council meetings were being moved from the Apollo to the St. John's Hotel in future.

**Environment:**

Report as submitted.

Deadline for entries to Environmental Photo Competition 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sight/LEHP:**

Report as submitted.

**Diabetes:**

Report as submitted.

**Speech & Hearing:**

Report as submitted.

**MedicAlert:**

Report as submitted.

**Message in a Bottle:**

Report as submitted.

**Physical & Learning Difficulties:**

Report as submitted.

DG Femi congratulated Lion Martin on his proactive work.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE****Chairman:**

PDG Suresh Gohil updated his report. He requested that Clubs be asked for £25 towards WaterAid, but it was pointed out that this was already in the DG's Shopping List. Lion Bob Wilkes was hoping to prepare a play outlining the problems of street children. This could then be performed across the District.

Bushby, Thurnby and Southam Clubs keen to twin with District 324 Sri Lanka. Suggested that other Clubs twin with Clubs in Sri Lanka so that resources go to different areas, rather than just to Hikadua.

**LCIF:**

Report as submitted. Decision withdrawn.

Regarding the recent floods in Cumbria, PDG Wim Hoogerwerf reminded Cabinet that there was flood money available in the District accounts. DG Femi reported that the DG in 105 BN was coordinating the appeal and would contact Lions as and when necessary.

**International Relations:**

Report as submitted.

**North Sea Lions:**

Report as submitted.

**WaterAid & Street Children:**

Report as submitted.

**Europa Forum:**

Report as submitted.

**District Projects:**

Report as submitted.

DG Femi thanked PDG Suresh for his efforts.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**INFORMATION, PR & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE****Chairman:**

Report as submitted. PDG Mike Cooke reported that the Almoner would send out cards for all occasions, not just in the event of illness or bereavement. He thanked Lion Trevor Curtis for all his hard work.

**Registrar:**

Report as submitted.

**IT/Webmaster:**

Report as submitted.

**Midland News:**

Report as submitted.

**Publicity Internal:**

Report as submitted. Request to contact all Clubs regarding the making of personalised DVDs approved.

**Press Officer – External:**

Report as submitted.

**Almoner:**

Report as submitted.

ZC Bob Dutton commented that Remembrance Day should be acknowledged by all Clubs if possible.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor**

Report as submitted.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**

Report as submitted.

**Immediate Past District Governor**

Report as submitted.

*Adoption of reports carried.*

**Tail Twister:**

PDG Linda Cross was very efficient!

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at the Holiday Inn, Coventry Road, Sheldon.**

**Region and Zone Chairmen to meet with District Governor at 9.15 a.m.**

**Full Cabinet meeting to start at 10.30 a.m.**

***Note from District Secretary:***

- ***Reports to be with the District Secretary no later than 29<sup>th</sup> January – make her day – don't make her chase you!***
- ***Reports for District Convention due at the same time.***
- ***If your report is the same for both, please say so when submitting.***
- ***Convention reports should have no decisions required.***
- ***NB: Both reports should be on blank documents in Arial font, size 11.***