



Name **Martin Wright**
Office **Chairman Health and Environment Committee**
Date **July 2009**

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

1. Clubs to be approached asking for a club member to be nominated to act as a liaison officer with this committee.
2. Permission for the 2 newsletters described below to be available on the District website as well as being emailed to clubs.
3. Clarification required on the purchase of a portable hearing loop. Is the purchase of a portable sound system to be in addition or instead of this?

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

1. This will streamline communications with clubs relieving Presidents and Secretaries of being "postmen".
2. This will increase awareness of activities amongst casual visitors to the website and may encourage enquiries about membership.
3. There has been talk of purchasing a cheaper sound system instead of a hearing loop. Whilst this will be acceptable in a pure presentation format, it is not suitable where other people in the room will be making comments or asking questions.

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

Held a well supported committee meeting on 22nd July when actions and targets for the coming year were discussed and agreed.

- Clubs are to be approached for the name of a contact that will be a point of reference for contact environmental and health issues. This is likely to be the community services chairperson.
- A bi-monthly committee newsletter is to be sent out. The lead for each edition will rotate with each edition but here will be space for a brief update on the other committee projects on the reverse. This will also give contact details of all committee members to prompt enquiries.
- A separate quarterly newsletter on speech and hearing is to be distributed. Unlike the previous newsletter which is aimed at clubs this one will be aimed at both clubs and the general public. This will enable clubs to leave copies in suitable locations to spread the word of our activities and to encourage contact with local clubs.
- Copies of both newsletter to be available as a download from the 105M website to spread the word of our activities to other Lions and the general public who may be browsing for information.
- A decision was taken not to undertake formal disability awareness or equality training to the whole District as there are insufficient people capable of delivering the training to a sufficiently high standard. There will however be support and guidance issued to clubs at a later date which will include inviting the involvement of local disability organisations if specific reviews are required for events etc. This will increase engagement with the general public and will minimise criticism if there is a complaint about a disability issue.
- Dates fixed for future meetings 18th October, 13th Jan and 27th March. These coincide with Autumn Forum and Convention to minimise travelling for the committee.

OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage, motivate and support District Officers in their roles
2. Increase awareness of Clubs' in projects managed by the committee.
3. Provide Clubs with the opportunity to raise awareness of projects with the general public.
4. To liaise with MD officers and MDHQ.



Name : Ron Cross
Office : Environment Officer
Date : August 2009

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

I have nothing that needs a decision.

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

My last report as Environment Officer was in 1993. There was a lot of talk about the environment then but very little seems to have been done then and since. Not as far as Lions are concerned. Now I know that some of you are already up in arms because you have done lots to clear up litter etc. Good on ye!. In 1992 I wrote about our responsibility for this rock we live on and its future. That responsibility is probably more acute than 17 years ago. So I sought out the reports from my predecessor and could not find any.

I looked in my directory for the name of the MD Environment Officer, he/she will know. What ! We haven't got one. There is an advert in the latest Lion Magazine asking for applicants. It doesn't say much about what the job is or what qualifications are needed. Shall I apply? No, that would be the blind leading the blind wouldn't it?

I looked on the MD Website. If there is anything with the heading Environment then I could not find it.

I looked on 105 M website. Ah ha! The Environment. A long page about waste at Christmas, using recycled wrapping paper, buying gifts that are durable, long lasting etc etc. Good stuff but, wasn't Christmas over 6 months ago? Have we done anything since? It appears not.

So I tried the International website. At last an Environment Statement. Short and to the point? No. Well, you read it and let me know what it means in terms of what we can do as Lions and Lions Clubs. Ah! A page on Environment Issues. Oh come on guys, something punchy please! Try the Successful Environmental Projects. Now we get to the nitty gritty. They clean cemeteries in Japan. Umfili Lions are trying to save the Black Rhino. A very long list. You read it

Somewhere else they talk about recycling spectacles. Don't we do that already? Move over Sight Officer. This is now an Environment issue. Plant trees, clean canals, clear up litter. And the crème de la crème. They suggest Lions Clubs fabricate and control a communal compost heap!

By now you must all realise that this is a cry for help. No I am not yet suicidal but I could do with some assistance. Please will all clubs let me know what they do for the environment, so that we can spread the word. We must be doing something, lets blow our own trumpet

OBJECTIVES

I intend to find out what is going on in the Clubs and report it somewhere.

I intend to put something meaningful on the M and MD websites

I intend to clarify the policy statement which was formulated in 1972

I intend to promote the Environment Photo Competition. 105M did very well last year. No PDG Linda it's not yours!

I intend to find a site for that blasted compost Heap!

Thank you DG Femi, what have you let me in for?



Name **Ian Haffner**
Office **Sight & LEHP**
Date **28th July 2009**

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

Introduced myself to MD Sight Officer Patrick Hamblin, there is a meeting for all District Sight Officers arranged at MDHQ on the 6th September 2009.

The first full meeting of the Health and Environment Committee took place and has agreed to produce a bi-monthly newsletter. First Newsletter issued focusing on World Sight Day on 8th October and to bring this to the attention of all clubs.

Two donations received for Sight First Project from Coventry Godiva and Kenilworth Lions Clubs.

OBJECTIVES

Follow up H&E Newsletter to further promote World Sight Day through Region and Zone Chairmen.

Further promote spectacle collections and understand the number of clubs actively collecting. - though direct contact via e-mail.

Promote awareness of Lions Eye Health Programme, Eye Camps, Moorfields Centre through H&E Newsletter and direct contact with clubs through Region and Zone Chairmen. Either by personal visit or a prepared script for other H&E Officers to use.



Name **Rajnikant Hindocha**
Office **DIABETES AWARENESS OFFICER**
Date **15TH JULY 2009**

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

none

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

Not applicable

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

PCT has agreed to work with Bushby Lions to raise awareness about Diabetes .This project would involve local British Diabetes Association as well .In August we would display our(the one I use i.e. my company stand) Diabetes Stand, as agreed previously.£200.00 pounds have been approved for this.

OBJECTIVES

Continue promoting Lions activity About Diabetes awareness.



Name Roger Handcock
Office District Speech & Hearing Officer
Date 28 July 2009

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

I would first like to thank all the Lions who have given me positive comments following my last cabinet report and to say that it has given me encouragement to see that some Lions are appreciating some of the problems encountered by people with speech & hearing difficulties.

I am most grateful to IPP Lion Pauline Fanti of Warwick Lions Club for the invitation to talk at their club meeting on 3 June. I was made very welcome and the members appeared to enjoy my talk. I am quite happy to give talks but I would ask, where possible, that they are confined to Zone or Region meetings as I have so far to travel.

I also attended a meeting of the Health & Environment Committee on 22 July at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport, chaired by Lion Martin Wright. As some Lions will be aware, Lion Martin provided a Loop System at the last Cabinet Meeting. I found this to be an excellent system for meetings of this kind and particularly versatile for a small portable system. However, I would have my doubts as to whether it would be suitable for meetings such as theatre style for a forum or convention! And it would NOT replace the need for a microphone and speaker system. I believe this needs to be made clear and further investigation is needed before spending money on any system.

I intend to produce an awareness newsletter to go out via the District Webmaster. The first issue will be going out soon and a further three will be issued during the year. It is called HEAR THIS and will form part of my Lions Clubs District 105M 'HEARING FOR ALL CAMPAIGN'.

I requested a 'spot' at Autumn Forum and I am pleased to say I will be giving a talk on speech & hearing. I look forward to an interesting year and again thank all Lions who have supported my endeavours.

OBJECTIVES

To try and make Lions and the public more aware of the problems encountered by people with speech & hearing difficulties and to develop better understanding and tolerance of the problem.



Name : Cedric Brocklehurst
Office : MedicAlert Officer
Date : 21st July 2009

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

n/a

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

MedicAlert Office has not yet forwarded the new season advertising and PR material to me, but I am sure it will arrive quite soon. As in the past, this material will be distributed to Zone Chairs in sufficient quantities to ensure a supply to all Clubs. Quantities are carefully controlled by MedicAlert and there is very little wastage.

The frustration of this position is that "feedback" is very rarely achieved. This is particularly so now that all necessary information and application forms can be downloaded, and very often is. Indeed, the last referral to me from a Club was to enquire if, by applying through me rather than on-line, the cost would be lower. The answer, I have to say, is NO! Also no feedback.

The fairly new scheme introduced by MedicAlert, the "Green to be Seen" children's wristband, which helps children lost in a crowd to be reunited with parents/carers, will again feature in Nuneaton Civic Bonfire & Fireworks Display on November 2nd this year. Last year some very good press coverage was achieved in local papers. I feel event organisers could consider incorporating this idea in event planning and have a quantity of MedicAlert leaflets to hand when giving out the wristbands.

OBJECTIVES

To be available to liaise with Club MedicAlert Officers as and when required.



Name **Gulab Mistry**
Office **Message in a bottle**
Date **24th July 2009**

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

Request all Clubs to nominate a “ Health and Environment “ officer who would be the main point of contact for District Officers to liaise with regard to health issues

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

At present communication is via President or Secretary of Club but this does not seem to attract the attention it deserves due to their other commitments.

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

Since July 07, we have distributed 220 boxes, which equates to some 46,200 bottles

In addition Solihull PCT have taken some 90 boxes (19,000 bottles) which have been distributed with some Lions Clubs in the area more active than others.

BEN PCT area have over 60,000 bottles distributed to people over 65, but not to people who are in need but are much younger; requests from them for bottles are being referred to local Lions Clubs where appropriate.

Leicester Constabulary have funded the purchase (cost £5,500.00) of an initial distribution of some 31,500 bottles (150 boxes) by the Lions Clubs in the region, through local Pharmacies. This distribution is in progress.

Leicester PCT, purchased 15 boxes (3150 bottles) for distribution direct to patients.

OBJECTIVES

To promote the Lions Message in a Bottle Scheme to all the Clubs and other organisations in the district. I hope to continue to attend Zone meetings to encourage more Clubs to participate in MiaB.

Also aim to publish the benefits of Miab with regard to current swine flu pandemic via “ Heath and Environment “ Newsletter.



Name **Paul Murphy**
Office **Physical & Learning Difficulties Officer**
Date **July 2009**

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

Firstly, can I thank DG Femi for inviting me to serve on his cabinet this year.

I must also apologise to Lion Peter Rotherham, my predecessor for not contacting him to arrange a handover. However, I hope to have done this by the time we meet for Cabinet. (I must thank him for the objectives though, as I have 'cut and pasted' them from his previous report!)

I enjoyed meeting the other members of the Health and Environment Team on Wednesday 22nd July, and came away from that meeting with lots of ideas and the ways to move forward in this role.

Whilst, I may not know the answers to many of the questions clubs may have for me, I am only too happy to try and find the answers for you, so would welcome contact!

I am looking into the possibility of creating a guide for clubs to access when arranging events and meetings and the suitability of venues chosen for people with physical and learning difficulties, with support from Lion Martin Wright who has lots of experience in this area

By the time of the Cabinet meeting I hope to have made contact with the MD Physical & Learning Disabilities Officer.

OBJECTIVES

- To attend H& E committee meetings and become as informed as possible on the needs and problems of those who suffer from or attend the needs of people who have physical and /or learning disabilities.
- To promote to clubs/zones the idea of forming closer relationships with individuals and organisations who serve these needs.
- To advise, encourage and assist lions to overcome any embarrassment or fears in working in a "hands on situation" in the home or work place with those having physical and /or learning disabilities.
- To encourage clubs, when organising or helping with events, to respond to the needs of those having such problems.
- To liaise with the MD Physical & Learning Disabilities Officer