

7. LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH REPORTS

NAME: LION HARRY FRY
OFFICE: DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH CHAIRMAN.
DATE: 29th January 2010

DECISION REQUIRED. That District 105M pays for Godiva Leos principal officers to attend their MD Leo Conference hotel stay of 2 nights.

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION:

Other Districts in 105 namely 105 NE pay for their Leos to attend the Leo Conference every year. As Godiva Leos are organising the 2010 Conference and are not wage earners it would be a gesture of support from the District for this year only.

GENERAL REPORT:

LEOS. As above but a reminder that all Lions are invited to attend the Leo Conference (note: that Leos use the term Conference for Convention) to be hosted by Godiva Leos. This is an honour for the Leos and our District. Lions requiring information contact District Leo Advisor Geoff Thompson.

FOOTBALL As usual the weather has been against us but I know that Lion Carl King has this under control.

MUSIC COMPETITION. As you will see from Lion Elizabeth Jones' report we have a candidate although not from our District. We wish this young man the best of luck.

YOUNG AMBASSADOR. Lion George Billingham has spent a lot of time and effort to arouse interest this year, it was disappointing that only 3 clubs initially reported but due to circumstances beyond our control, weather, examinations etc, we are left with only 1.

SKILLS FOR LIFE TACADE. Lion Liz Scaffidi. There has been little response from clubs in the District which again is disappointing. We only had one club in the District who purchased a programme for the schools within the last 12 months.

YOUTH EXCHANGE this is ongoing please encourage your Club to participate in hosting.

YOUTH CAMP. Lion John Barnes requires volunteers, please contact him.

PEACE POSTER. PDG Linda Cross. The completion went well this year with the winner being chosen at the last cabinet meeting,

FINALLY FELLOW LIONS I am disappointed with the response we have had for our Youth Programmes this year, ZONE CHAIRMAN, have you invited any members of the Youth Team to your Zone Meetings?. Our Youth Programme is an important part of our service to the community and one of the best ways to encourage Clubs to participate is by reminding them about our Youth Programmes through your meetings.

NAME: Eric Hughes
Cabinet/Convention Report of Vulnerable Persons Officer

Progress achieved since last District Convention

I have attended all Multiple District meetings of Vulnerable Persons Officers, although the last one was postponed because of bad weather and is scheduled for April 2010.

In relation to the new legislation, **The Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006**, presentations have now been made to most of the Lions Clubs in the District. Arrangements are in hand to complete those remaining over the next two months.

I would like to thank Lions Peter Wells, Ken Barker, George Billingham and Paul Anstice for their energy and help in completing these presentations. All four, together with myself, are authorized counter signatories for CRB applications.

Many will be aware of the public outcry at the extent of the legislation, which resulted in the government referring it back to Sir Roger Singleton, the chairman of the Independent Safeguarding Authority, for him to review at what point the line should be drawn before people would be obliged to register with ISA. This resulted in recommended changes to the legislation, some of which have been accepted including the definition of regulated activity criteria.

The legislation itself is still not perfectly clear in how it will affect Lions club activities. We are still awaiting definitive legal guidance on this.

I have attended two government run workshops, held in relation to the introduction of the new legislation. There are a new series of workshops arranged for the future and I have attempted to enrol, only to find that with the exception of one in Belfast, all places had been taken with a waiting list.

Once the legal guidance has been released, it is my intention to circulate relevant advice to all clubs by way of hard copy.

I have continued to complete CRB applications in respect of Lions and would remind Clubs that Disclosure certificates are only valid for 3 years for Lions purposes.

Overview of direction for the forthcoming year

To continue to advise clubs and individuals of their responsibilities in relation to Children and Vulnerable Persons. To continue submitting CRB applications and ISA registrations for Lions Clubs members where required.

NAME: Geoff Thompson
Cabinet/Convention Report of Leos Liaison Officer

Progress achieved since last District Convention.

Up to now, this year, 09 to10, has not been the best for 105M Leos. We have lost two of our three Leo Clubs.

Rugby Rokeby Leos have disbanded, the old chestnut of all going into higher education at the same time. Better news from Rugby though, is that one of the Lions members is looking at the idea of a merger with a young church group to reform Rugby Rokeby Leos club.

Hinckley & Burbage Leos. Disbanded, No news, no action

Coventry Godiva Leos. Not all bad news. Coventry Godiva Leos are working very hard under the guidance of Leo Advisor, Rani, and Leo President, Sona, and other Godiva Lions, to organise and host the Multiple District Leo Convention. I am also grateful to a few 105M District Lions who have taken a lot of interest in this convention which is to run from 9th to 11th April 2010. The venue is the Britannia Hotel, Fairfax Street, Coventry. Please do support these youngsters.

Friday 9th Fancy dress £13 per head. Bollywood or Hollywood theme

Saturday 10th – day conference – evening Banquet & Ball £19, black tie.

Beside the above activities, Godiva Leos have been running a car boot sale and have donated cheques to worthwhile causes.

Three Lions clubs have been in contact regarding the formation of Leos clubs and information has been given. I have received nothing in return but remain forever optimistic.

NAME: George Billingham
OFFICE: Young Ambassador
DATE: February 2010

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

Actively chased Clubs to submit details of their Candidates for the Young Ambassador Of The 21st Century Competition.

Confirmed arrangements with Events Organiser Lion Stuart Richmond for the venue for the District Young Ambassador Competition, Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport for Sunday 10th January 2010. Details of 105M winner to be sent off to Lion Jane Armitage (Young Ambassador MD Officer by 15th January 2010).

I am sad to report that by Christmas only 3 Candidates from District 105M had submitted Application Forms.

Then because of the poor travel conditions and the forecast of more snow the District Final planned for Sunday 10th January was cancelled (on Thursday 7th January) – Lion Harry Fry informed Hotel as Lion Stuart was still trying to get back into the Country.

Having failed to have the Final on 10th January the 3 candidates were then involved in School AS Level Examinations and there for they were not available to attend a re-arranged Final before the 15th January.

By agreement the candidate from Aldridge & District Lions Club Eleanor Grice was declared our Candidate to the MD Final at the Village Hotel Dudley over the weekend 19th to 21st February 2010.

There are Functions on the Friday and Saturday evenings with presentations on the Sunday morning – Lions are welcome to come along to support the Young Ambassadors.

As the District Young Ambassador Officer I am involved with the MD Final and will have to stay at the Village Hotel all weekend.

OBJECTIVES:

There will be a MD Young Ambassadors Officers Meeting at Dudley on Sunday during the Finals Weekend to discuss arrangements for next year's Young Ambassadors Events.

Hopefully the Young Ambassadors Youth Programme will be better supported by our Lions Clubs Next Year.

NAME: David Jackson
OFFICE: Youth Exchange Officer
DATE: 1st February 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED:
None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:
Started preparing the Multiple district Inward exchange control spreadsheets for MD YEC

OBJECTIVES:
To encourage clubs to partake in youth exchange activities and especially to send a youth from 105M to a foreign camp

NAME: John Barnes
OFFICE: Youth Centre 2010
DATE: 30th January 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: NONE

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:
There have been a number of Volunteers come forward to assist with organising of the Centre. Lion Pauline Hoogerwerf will nearer the date co-ordinate the volunteers as soon as we know our requirements.

Each Region has been ask to Host one day out from the Centre and the Programme is being co-ordinated by Lion Ron Cross.

Application forms are being sent out via Oakbrook and are being dealt with by MD Youth Exchange Officer Lion Richard Williams.

To date we have accepted 20 applicants plus 3 reserves, unfortunately at the current time only one applicant is physically handicapped.

Information is now on MD105 Website and will constantly be updated as we have further information for the prospective candidates.

OBJECTIVES:
To run a successful camp.

NAME: Carl Kings
OFFICE: Youth Football
DATE: 31/01/10

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT
The 1st round game between Barwell & Earl Shilton and Sheldon did not take place because Sheldon withdrew from the competition

The other game between Shirley & Rugby took place last Saturday, this was delayed from last December because of the bad weather. Shirley won by 10 goals to nil. They go on to play Barwell & Earl Shilton in round 2, this will be for the District 105M cup. Time and date to be advised but it must be by the end of February.

OBJECTIVES

To get more teams interested in taking part in next year's competition. It is a Youth Project.

NAME : Linda Cross
OFFICE : Competitions Officer
DATE : February 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: No decisions required

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

The Peace Poster Competition had a very disappointing entry of only two posters. The Competition was judged at the November Cabinet Meeting. The winning poster was submitted by Redditch Lions Club. This was submitted for judging at MD level. This judging took place in December 2009. Unfortunately our entry has been returned to me and so did not win at MD level.

Once again one of the reasons that the Peace Poster Contest is poorly supported seems to be the paper sizes specified by Oakbrook. They do not specify paper sizes which are the standard sizes of paper used in Britain. It would appear that Art teachers do not read the rules carefully enough, as perhaps they could cut paper down to the required size, or perhaps they are not sufficiently interested in our Competition. Perhaps we can get Oakbrook to change their rules on paper size!

The Environment Photograph Competition has been taken over by the Environment Officer. This however had very few entries despite their being some very keen photographers amongst our Lions.

The Travelling Lion Competition, after a very keen start by a few clubs, seems also to be fading away. The poor weather that we have had may have made a difference to Lions getting out and visiting other clubs.

Travelling Lion 2009/10 District 105M

Club	Points
Shirley	2294.5
Bilston & Willenhall	2102
Birmingham KingsNorton/Northfield	1596
Walsall	1200.5
Kingswinford & Stourbridge	957.5
Aldridge	410
Bromsgrove	300
Dudley	125
Castle Bromwich	82.5
Codsall	50
Wolverhampton	25

OBJECTIVES

To try and rekindle interest in the Competitions that we do have in place and hope that Convention will bring entries for the Scrapbook and PR Competitions.

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CABINET REPORT



Name : Elizabeth Jones
Office : Cultural and Community Affairs
Date : January 25th 2010

2009-10

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

As no Classical Guitarist had been entered from Clubs in 105M, I accepted a young student, James Swarbrick, studying at Chetham's School of Music, Manchester, from 105BN. The school had provided names of several suitable students who were interested in entering.

The closing date of October 31st had passed and at that time no other name had been sent to me.

I therefore spoke both to the mother of James and also to his tutor.

I said that, as the only candidate, James would represent 105M at the MD Final @Birmingham Conservatoire.

A few weeks later Rushden Club notified me that they had found a candidate, but as I had already made the commitment to James, I couldn't go back on my word. Sadly therefore I had to explain the situation and disappoint the club members.

OBJECTIVES

To support James at the MD Final and continue to promote the Music Competition which is now in the Europa Forum Portfolio.