

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

CABINET REPORT



Name Peter Rotherham
Office Health & Environment Committee Chairman
Date 24th April 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Attended District convention

My meeting with zone C on the 11th of May 2009 has now been confirmed and I look forward to it as this has been the only zone to invite me.

This year the committee meetings have been poorly attended, three members at most, this being down to having members on two committees, or non attendance at cabinet. That being said I would like to thank all the officers on the committee for all their hard work during the year

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To become familiar with all the designated programmes and related Officers activities. These include Environment, Speech and Hearing, Sight Officer, Diabetes Officer, Medical Alert Officer, MiaB Officer and Physical & learning Difficulties Officer.
- 2 To regularly arrange and chair Committee meetings and motivate and encourage its members who are District Officers for the above programmes.
3. To Plan and encourage clubs involvement in the various programmes within the established guidelines of International HQ, Multiple District and District.
4. To co-ordinate the representation of the committee at District and Zone meetings.
5. To attend and submit progress reports to cabinet and Convention and to attend any other Meetings necessary for the performance of the above duties

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CABINET REPORT



Name FEMI ONABOLU

Office SIGHT CONSERVATION, CSF II & LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME (L.E.A.P.)

Date MAY 2009 REPORT



DECISIONS REQUIRED

NONE

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Reminder that Lions World Sight Day will take place on Thursday 12th of October 2009. Information and preparatory notes are being prepared for all Clubs.

Clubs are being reminded that funds for Campaign SightFirst II will continue to be received for the next 2 years but all MD 105 contributions are now being credited to the Moorfields Lions Eye Centre in Ghana. Further contributions totalling £1,750.00 have been received from Clubs.

More donations are being received from Clubs towards 'Eye Camps'.

A new issue of Sight Conservation Newsletter was circulated after District Convention.

L.E.H.P. campaign to save the public from unnecessary blindness due to Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy continues to be intensified in the District; two new programmes have been added, (i) Age –Related Macular Degeneration and (ii) Low Vision. Campaign materials are available with me.

DIRECTION FOR NEXT YEAR

It is highly recommended that Clubs consider appointing Sight Officers to look after Sight related issues. A change-over meeting in May/June will attempt to include sight officers from Clubs to discuss Sight programme for 2009/2010.

Contribution to the Lions/Moorfields Ghana Eye Centre programme needs to be intensified. **Comprehensive Eye Services (Eye Camps) needs to be revamped after Campaign Sight First II. Clubs should be encouraged to engage more with the Lions Eye Health Programme (LEHP)**

OBJECTIVES

Assist my successor with information and materials to take over the position smoothly. Support with advice on how to encourage the District and Clubs on the various Sight programmes initiated by LCI and the MD, how to liaise with Clubs and Zones to ensure participation in Sight programmes, attendance and presentation of reports to District Cabinet and MD Sight Conservation committee meetings.

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CABINET REPORT



Name Roger M Hancock
Office District Speech & Hearing Officer May Cabinet Report
Date 22 April 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

I was amazed and delighted at the number of Lions that commented they had read my Convention Report. I was also amazed at the number who said they had heard about my Convention Report. Shame they did not read it but I guess they did not have access to Convention papers or had discarded them! However, the good news is that I can still supply a copy to anyone who is interested, you only have to ask me and I will be pleased to let you have a copy.

However, we clearly have a long, long way to go.

As District Speech & Hearing Officer, I have on numerous occasions brought to the attention of Cabinet the need for facilities for people with hearing difficulties. I have persistently asked that adequate facilities be made available at Conventions for people with hearing difficulties - not just for me, but for ALL Lions and guests with a hearing impairment. Can you imagine my dismay when I went into the convention hall at around 8.45a.m. on the Saturday to find out what the position was on the loop system and to be told that they hadn't got one fixed up and they did not know what they were going to do yet. It was then that I put my bits on the chair, to reserve it, where I hoped I could best hear, and hoped for the best. As it turned out, because I managed to get a seat placed where it was the best for the position of the speakers, I was in the most part, able to hear. But this was only when there was no other conversations going on around me. Can you believe, there was no working loop system!!! AGAIN. What about the 1 in 7 that were not as lucky as me and had to sit at the back? According to my inquiries, several people were not always able to hear at the back of the room.

Can you now imagine my disbelief on Saturday night when we found there was not even a microphone! I was so disappointed not to be able to join in on Saturday evening, as I am sure many were. There were 10 people on our table. During the speeches, four of them said they could not tell what the speakers were saying! Almost half. I had been looking forward to seeing Malc Stent. I remembered the evening when PDG Mavis Cook had her DG Convention Dinner. I am told the entertainment was very good. I imagine it was as everyone seemed to be laughing. I sat there watching people laughing and wondered what the heck they were laughing at. Can you imagine what that is like. It's humiliating, one feels excluded, frustrated and angry. If I had known, I would not have gone.

So what feed back have I had. People came up to me after the function and said, "you were quite right, I could not hear what they were saying" another said "I couldn't hear either".

Several people came up to me on the Saturday morning and pointed out that they had read my Convention Report. How gratifying that was. However, obviously an awful lot had not read it! It states, "It seems quite clear to me that very few people have any concern for people with hearing difficulties". It also states that..."many people do not seem to take hearing loss as a serious issue". Further more it states..."I have now run out of ideas" and that "I see this as a dead end job". I am disheartened. I feel I am really wasting my time. I don't really know what to do for the best. I feel that many people see it as me making a fuss because I have hearing difficulties myself, not as someone who is trying to champion on behalf of all those people (1 in 7) that have a similar disability to the one I have!

Well. I am NOT giving up. DG Elect Femi has asked me to carry on as District Speech & Hearing Officer, and although initially I thought I would not, I have decided to accept the challenge and see if I really can make an impact. I am well placed to carry on the job campaigning for better understanding for people with a hearing impairment and I have a number of new initiatives I would like to try. Whether I succeed in making an impression, I do not know, but at least I will be able to hold my own head high and say, I tried.

I have met with the Incoming Health & Environment Committee Chairman, Lion Martin Wright, who works in the field of helping people with various disabilities, and I have discussed with him the options available for people with hearing difficulties.

I understand Lion Martin has written to both DG Lion Andy and DG Elect Lion Femi on the subject of what he considers could be suitable to District needs and set out his proposals. I do not know whether DG Lion Andy would want to take this forward now or whether it was felt best to leave it to DG Elect Lion Femi to pursue on taking office. Whatever, no doubt this can be looked at in due course.

I would at this point like to thank Lion Martin for the attention, help and understanding he has given to the subject of hearing equipment so far and I look forward to working with him over the next Lions year.

It is pleasing to report that I have been invited to Warwick Lions Club to give a talk on the subject of Speech & Hearing. This will take place on Wednesday, 3 June if anyone wants to go on a club visit!

If incoming Zone and Region Chairs are looking for a speaker at one of their meetings in the new fiscal year, I would be pleased to give a talk on the subject of Hearing Impairment. I can assure you, you will find it quite enlightening. I would prefer, where possible, to talk to Zone and Region meetings as, because of where I live in the District, it is a long way for me to travel to many individual clubs.

Deaf Awareness Week, 4 to 10 May 2009.

You may not be aware that our DG Lion Andy has chosen to have his last Cabinet meeting during Deaf Awareness Week.

During Deaf Awareness Week, RNID (The Royal National Institute for Deaf People) will be promoting how to communicate clearly with people who are deaf or hard of hearing. This is to make more people aware of the problems encountered by 9 million people in the UK who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Members of RNID, and I am one of them, will be campaigning and lobbying to raise awareness of the impact of deafness and hearing loss. If you want to know what it is like – ask me.

Finally, I would like to thank those Lions that have supported me during the past year, and in particular, DG Lion Andy who has always been understanding and supportive in my endeavours to increase awareness of the problems encountered by people with hearing difficulties.

I hope I haven't been too much of a pain trying to get my message heard!

OBJECTIVES

To CONTINUE 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.

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CABINET REPORT



Name Cedric Brocklehurst
Office District MedicAlert Officer
Date 21st April 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Little activity to report.

I was unable to attend the Multiple District meeting at MDHQ on the 21st February but a written report was submitted outlining 105M activities.

The meeting was, in part, designed to coincide with a Multiple District Message in a Bottle meeting where it was hoped to agree some form of mutual strategy.

OBJECTIVES

This concludes my report.

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CABINET REPORT



Name Gulab Mistry
Office Message in a bottle officer
Date 21st April 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/a

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Since July 07, we have distributed 208 boxes, which equates to some 43,000 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.

Awaiting order from Leicester PCT, discussion in progress.

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.



Name	Peter Rotherham
Office	Physical and Learning Disabilities Officer
Date	18 th January 2007

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

Attended District convention.

A meeting with Zone C in May as now been confirmed

Saturday 25th July 2009 sees the Opening Ceremony of the (8th) Special Olympics Great Britain National Summer Games at Leicester City Football Club's Walkers Stadium from 6.30pm. Those wishing to act as volunteers need to apply by going online to

. [SOGB > Homepage](#)

This needs to be done by the 5th of May.

OBJECTIVES

1. To attend Health and Environment Committee meetings and become as informed as possible on the problems experienced by both people who have physical and/or learning disabilities and people who deal with those with special needs
2. To promote to clubs the idea of forming closer relationships with individuals and organisations who serve in this needy area.
3. 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.
4. To encourage Clubs, to be aware of and consider the special needs of those having disabilities when organising or helping with events