

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

Present :

District Governor Lion Andy Pemberton in the Chair.

Lions :

Mavis Cooke	Femi Onabolu	Mike Cooke
John Bush	Harry Fry	Ann Pemberton
Heather Lee	Wim Hoogerwerf	Rajnikant Hindocha
Eric Hughes	Geoff Thompson	Linda Cross
Peter Rotherham	Gulab Mistry	Alan James
Ron Cross	Richard Wilson	Doug Cross
David Cox	Bill Ranautta	Gill Kendall
Martin Bye	Greg Hession	Pat Proudfoot
Neil Chisholm	Phil White	Liz Scaffidi
Simon Moss	Carl Kings	Elizabeth Jones
Roger Handcock	Mike Barker	Pauline Hoogerwerf
Henry Woodgate	David Jeavons	Angela Lawton
Barbara Dutton		

Apologies :

Stuart Richmond	Joshna Ramji	Peter Rotherham
Rob Hill	Heather Hill	Hardeep Ubhi
Mike Jobbins	Roger Handcock	Suresh Gohil
Chris Haynes	Cedric Brocklehurst	

Visitors :

Lions Bob Dutton	Garry Pool	George Billingham
------------------	------------	-------------------

Sergeant at Arms :

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

Lion Greg Hession read the Lions Clubs International Ethics.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting :

Visitor should be Lion Angela Baker not Barker.

Lion Stuart Richmond had apologised which made it somewhat impossible for him to have voted to second acceptance of a group of reports.

Lion Secretary read a letter received from PDG Lion Roger Handcock requesting clarification on number of members of a Club in order to receive financial support from the District for a membership drive. **This is confirmed as 15 or less.**

The second part of his letter referred to the comments he had made at the last meeting regarding his inability to hear all that had been said and the reaction of those present and his confirmation that he will not be attending the next Cabinet Meeting.

Lion Harry Fry confirmed that all efforts to get Hotels to provide an adequate loop hearing system had failed and an alternative sourced solution had also failed. If any Cabinet member is aware of any suitable system please let the

District Governor know because as he pointed out we are supposed to be an “inclusive” organisation.

Following enquiries it is confirmed that 200 Door Hangers were in stock at MDHQ and that they are now in the hands of the District Governor.

No further information on Lottery grant application for Arboretum Shelter.

Subject to the above corrections approval of the Minutes were

Proposed Lion Doug Cross, seconded Lion Heather Lee, carried.

The Minutes were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising :

There were no further matters arising.

Any other Business :

Notice of a matter of any other business has been received from Lion Heather Jeavons, Malvern Hills Lions Club, and will be dealt with later.

District Secretary :

Report as submitted.

District Treasurer :

Barwell & Earl Shilton have paid the last half year dues with the current half year still to paid. Meeting to be arranged with the Club Treasurer to resolve the situation.

There are 2 Clubs with overdue accounts to LCI making them currently not in good standing.

North Sea Lions monies have been paid.

Lion Linda Cross as District Registration Officer for the District Convention will be informed prior to the Convention reference any Clubs still not in good standing.

Treasurer confirmed that only 14 Clubs have submitted last years accounts to him.

Sergeant at Arms :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports proposed Lion henry Woodgate, seconded Lion Martin Bye, carried

Zone + Region Chairmen.

Zone A :

Attending Codsall Lions Club meeting the following Wednesday.

The next Zone Meeting to be devoted to membership.

Report as submitted.

Zone B :

Lion Barbara Dutton was congratulated on taking on the role of Zone Chairman.

Kings Norton Northfield Lions Club seeking a new meeting place.

Report as submitted.

Zone C :

With District Governors permission Lion Greg Hession read a statement following the sad death of Birmingham Sheldon Lions Club Secretary, Lion Phil O'Brien's, son and daughter in law in the recent plane crash in Staffordshire and that a Trust Fund is being set up for their children which he hopes may receive support from other Lions Clubs in the District.

Report as submitted

Chairman Region 1 :

Report as submitted.

Zone D :

Report as submitted.

Zone E :

Report as submitted.

Zone F :

It is confirmed that although it is preferred not all Lions have to be CRB checked.

Lion David Jeavons reported on excellent "Community" function involving other organisations. He also highlighted the case of Trevor Lloyd-Adams a major Worcester based fund raiser who had suffered a stroke and help that could be given.

Lion David also recommended that if someone who had served in HM Forces required help in your local community then consideration should be given to approaching SAFFA who may be prepared to help.

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 2 :

The region Skittles Heat had had to be postponed and it is confirmed that the DVD/TV is now with Lion Phil White.

Report as submitted.

Zone G :

Hinckley & Burbage Lions Club are arranging a membership card drop.

The Club were disappointed in the decision of the Finance & Administration Committee's decision in turning down financial assistance for the Swimming Gala. IPDG Lion Suresh Gohil had paid for last years medals.

Following discussion it was proposed by District Governor and seconded by Lion Alan James that £500 be sent to the Club, this was carried unanimously.

A Zone Chairman is still required for this Zone, can any volunteer please let District Governor know.

Report as submitted.

Zone H :

It is confirmed that Northampton Chinatown Lions Club have closed. All Club regalia is to be collected.

Report as submitted.

Zone I :

Report as submitted.

Chairman Region 3 :

Report as submitted.

Adoption of Zone and Region Reports proposed Lion Ron Cross, seconded Lion Richard Wilson, carried.

Membership.

Region 1 :

Appointment of Membership Officer still needed.

Region 2 :

A visit to Hinckley & Burbage Lions Club is to be made the following week.

Report as submitted.

Region 3 :

Will be attending Market Harborough Club Branch next meeting to arrange a membership card drop.

Report as submitted.

Leadership Development Officer :

The "New Members Handbook" is now being proof read.

Lion Phil White asked Lion Gary Poole, Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club, to report on his attendance at the recent Multiple District Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. He confirmed that despite having attended many business associated training workshops he found this to be one of the most worthwhile he has attended. Attendees were of varying ages and Lionistic experience and proved to be thoroughly involved and enthusiastic. He recommended that Clubs really should encourage Club members to attend any future Institutes.

Report as submitted.

District Almoner :

Lion Mavis Cooke confirmed that she was now hearing from Lions throughout the District enabling her to send cards. She asked Lion Harry Fry to relate his recent experience from his stay in Hospital and the patient in the adjoining bed who was a former member of Walsall Lions club.

Report as submitted.

MERL Chairman :

The new Sandwell Lions Club formation will take place on the 25th March with a membership of 25 including 5 transfers from Bilston & Willenhall Lions Club.

The proposed Nechells Lions Club has been abandoned with 3 of the potential members joining existing Clubs.

Report as submitted.

Adoption of membership reports proposed Lion Greg Hession, seconded Lion Richard Wilson and carried.

Youth Committee.

Youth Chairman :

Thanks to Solihull Lions Club for the cleaning of the Bill Pye Cup.

Report as submitted.

Vulnerable Persons :

It is confirmed that if a Lion is involved in a "Regulated Activity" then they must be CRB checked. Clarification of what constitutes a "Regulated Activity" were clarified. Lions in doubt should refer to Lion Eric Hughes.

A meeting has been held with the helpers and a further meeting is to be held. Before Clubs can be approached final legal advice is awaited.

Report as submitted.

Leo Liaison :

Lion Geoff Thompson apologised to Cabinet as his “assistant” had submitted the wrong report but it would have been.....

Report as submitted.

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century :

District Governor congratulated the winner of the District Final and wished them luck for the forthcoming Multiple District Final being held at the Village Hotel, Dudley, over the weekend of 20th to 22nd February.

Report as submitted.

Youth Exchange :

Report as submitted.

Youth Football :

Report as submitted.

Life Skills :

Sufficient copies of the new TACADE brochure was available for each Zone Chairman to circulate to Zone Clubs.

Report as submitted.

Competitions :

Peace Poster and Environmental Photograph competitions held.

Scrapbooks and other entries required for submission at Convention.

All trophies to be returned preferably cleaned.

A new competition for the best Club Web Site will be held and approval for a trophy for the winner was given.

Report as submitted.

Cultural & Community Affairs :

District Governor congratulated a well run District Final and wished our candidate all the best for the Multiple District final.

Report as submitted.

Approval of the reports proposed by PDG Lion Phil White, seconded Lion Angela Lawton and carried.

Health & Environment Committee.**Committee Chairman ;**

Report as submitted.

Sight Conservation, CSF II, Lions Eye Health Programme :

Lion Femi Onabolu caught the whole Cabinet by surprise by stating

Report as submitted.

Diabetes Awareness ;

Lion Rajnikant Hindocha confirmed that following concerns raised on his report that we as Lions are not working in competition with any other parties.

It is also confirmed that the proceeds from the Malvern Hills Lions Club Walk on the 17th May are for Diabetes Uk

Request for the approval of a £200 budget was proposed by Lion Rajnikant Hindocha, seconded by Lion Wim Hoogerwerf and carried.

District Governor to contact District Governor of 105E regarding working in Leicestershire.

Report as submitted.

Speech & Hearing :

Items raised by Lion Roger Handcock were dealt with above.
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 Eric Hughes, seconded Lion Heather Lee and carried

International Relations Committee.

LCIF :

Permission given to circulate all Clubs with an update on LCIF procedures and protocol.

Report as submitted.

International Relations :

Report as submitted.

North Sea Lions :

Lion Alan James raised the question of the appointment of a Deputy North Sea Lions Officer with particular reference to the North Sea Lions Covenant. Under the terms of the Covenant it is anticipated that in the North Sea Lions Officer's 3rd year a deputy is appointed to take over the office the following year thus giving some continuity.

District Governor confirmed that he was not aware of the Covenant and neither are the Vice District Governor candidates which has clearly lead to the current situation regarding appointments.

It was also confirmed that as the North Sea Lions Covenant does not form part of our District Constitution, and is only therefore a recommendation, then the District Governor is the final arbiter on who he appoints, as with all other Cabinet appointments.

District Governor will discuss this matter outside the meeting with Vice District Governor, Lion Femi Onabolu.

Report as submitted.

Water Aid :

Report as submitted.

Street Children :

Report as submitted.

Europa Forum :

Report as submitted.

Approval of reports proposed Lion Henry Woodgate, seconded Lion Greg Hession and carried.

Long Range Planning / Finance & Administration.

Chairman :

For the second time Lion Femi Onabolu stated
Report as submitted.

Public Relations & Marketing :

District Governor gave Cabinet advance notice of updated literature which will
be available from MDHQ.

*Following the meeting District Secretary enquired if MDHQ had supplied
"centres" for poppy wreaths and it is confirmed that they did not.*

Report as submitted.

Midlands News & District Governors Newsletter :

It is the District Governors wish that every Club in the District will have
submitted at least one article by the end of the year.

Report as submitted.

Chairman Finance & Administration Committee :

This had now become a habit as once again Lion Femi Onabolu stated
Report as submitted.

Constitution, Nominations & Resolutions :

Following subsequent clarification on the need for a Club to appoint a Health
& Safety Officer there will be no need for the proposed resolution at
Convention and Lion Wim Hoogerwerf requested Cabinet permission to obtain
Convention agreement that it be withdrawn.

Proposed Lion Wim Hoogerwerf, seconded Lions Alan James and carried.

Report as submitted.

Insurance, Health & Safety :

Cabinet agreed that a further letter be circulated to all Clubs.

Report as submitted.

District Registrar :

Report as submitted.

Events & Lion Tamer :

Report as submitted.

District Convention Chairman :

Preliminary numbers attending were given and Lion Pat Proudfoot reminded
Cabinet that partners trips will be organized by request.

He also asked that any District Officers requiring display and / or tables give
him advance notice so that necessary arrangements can be made.

A £2000 cheque towards the Convention budget was issued.

Report as submitted.

Webmaster & IT Co-ordinator :

Report as submitted.

Approval of reports proposed Lion Linda Cross, seconded Lion Neil Chisholm
and carried.

Immediate Past District Governor :

Report as submitted.

Vice District Governor :

Report as submitted.

District Governor :

District Governor thanked all cabinet Officers for their continuing work on behalf of the District.
Report as submitted.

Any other Business ;

Lion Heather Jeavons, Malvern Hills Lions Club, was asked by the Club to raise their concerns regarding the dollar exchange rate and it's effect on the amount required for International dues.

District Governor stated that this matter had been discussed at Council of Governors and that the proposed increase in Multiple District dues had been reduced, in part, to acknowledge this matter.

It was also confirmed that the issue had been raised at the recent North Sea Lions Board Meeting showing that this is not just a matter of concern to Multiple District 105.

It was also noted that in the past the dollar exchange rate has been to our advantage. The conclusion was that we have to accept the situation as it stands.

Tail Twister :

On the basis that everyone even if they had not spoken had committed some sort of misdemeanour no one left the room without paying a fine.

The meeting closed at 13.15 pm.

Next Meeting :

The next meeting will be held at the **Holiday Inn Hotel, Coventry Road, Sheldon** (entrance to original Birmingham Airport) on **Saturday 9th May 2009**.

Reports to be submitted by **Friday 24th April**. A reminder notice will be issued nearer the date.