



Name Heather Hill
Office Region 2 Membership Officer
Date 22nd January 2009

DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

I have attended at Erdington Lions with MERL Chairman Doug Cross and with Doug and Zone Chair Pauline Hoogerwerf on the last occasion. The members are very positive and have re-scheduled their drinks and nibbles evening for 14th May next. Their card drop is scheduled for Sunday 3rd May which I know is the bank holiday, but if anyone can help, this would be much appreciated. They will follow up with a skittles night and if other clubs can get teams of 4 to join in, then again that will be appreciated.

I have been to Hinckley and Burbage to discuss them holding a drinks and nibbles evening and they are going to do this in September – again any help – please offer.

I have also been to Rugby Rokeby to give a talk on drinks and nibbles and they will be holding one in the future.

I attended the Northfield and Kings Norton drinks and nibbles night in order to give the ten minute talk on Lions, but unfortunately due to a severe cold and cough, had to ask Rob to give this instead. They had four people attend, who seemed quite keen and we are hopeful that at least two might join.

OBJECTIVES

To assist DG Andy and Region Chairman Neil on membership matters and try to increase membership within the district as much as possible.

I will be available to attend any clubs in the region that require assistance with their membership drives via the drinks and nibbles evenings – if requested to do so.

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

CABINET REPORT



Name Lion Bill Ranautta
Office District Membership Chairman Region 3
Date 27 April 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Alcester Lions Club

Since the Convention much of the energy has been ploughed into the possibility of a Club in Alcester. More than 2,500 cards have been dropped for the Drinks & Nibbles Evening to take place at the Firefighter's Club, Seggs Lane, Alcester on the 5th May 2009 at 8.00pm.

The card drop was a struggle this time because only three Clubs in the Zone, namely Shakespeare, Evesham Vale and Warwick, together with the Zone Chairman, Regional Chairman, Doug Cross and Sheila and myself with three prospective members in Alcester, came forward to help the team with the distribution.

Region 3 Zone I

A card drop is being planned for the Market Harborough Branch Club in September 2009.

Future action

To keep helping Clubs that require assistance to expand their membership

OBJECTIVES

1. To bring Alcester Lions Club to a successful conclusion.
2. To increase membership.

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

CABINET REPORT



Name Phil White
Office Leadership Development Officer
Date 20 April 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION(S)

N/A

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

I attended District Convention in March.

The new Members handbook is now available and some have already been distributed. They will be issued to all new members attending at New Members Workshops later in the year.

I delivered the Incoming Zone Chairmen's and Region Chairmen's workshops on Sunday 19 April aided and abetted by PDG Lion Heather Lee. All 3 IRC's were in attendance but only 5 of the 9 IZC's attended. Thank you Heather for your input.

The Incoming District Officers Workshop is scheduled for the morning of Sunday 17 May. It is predominantly for Committee Chairmen and new District Officers but any other Incoming District Officer is welcome to attend.

The Incoming Region Chairmen have been asked to arrange dates and venues for Incoming Club Officers' Workshops no later than June. The Leadership team of presenters will deliver them.

I have updated District Officer Post Descriptions, where necessary, and produced new ones for posts which did not previously have descriptions.

I had intended to offer a workshop to all Lions across the District in early May but was not able to meet the deadline to circulate details via the webmaster, prior to his holiday break. This will be deferred until Lion Simon has returned from his holiday.

OBJECTIVES

To promote the range of workshops/seminars available and encourage ideas for new ones.

To promote Lions Leadership Institutes

To provide information/training as required

To deliver a minimum of one of the offered workshops during this year

To look for potential in all fellow Lions in the District and encourage and develop that potential where possible

To keep up to date my knowledge on leadership and training and attend any courses available to me

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

CABINET REPORT



Name Mavis Cooke
Office Almoner
Date May 2009



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

May I thank all those Lions who have continued to send me information regarding the welfare of our fellow Lions.

An illustration of the impact of the cards which I send out was the fact that the Council Chairman at Multiple District Convention referred to the card sent to Lion Harry Fry during his recent stay in hospital and the effect that it had on the patient in the adjoining bed who was very poorly and rather miserable. Having seen the Lions badge on the front of the card he mentioned that he used to be a Lion with Walsall Lions Club and he and Harry had a good old chat about Lionism. That evening he remarked to a nurse that he had had a really good afternoon talking about old times and how much he had enjoyed himself.

Unfortunately he passed away during the night, but it is a comfort to know how happy he had been and confirmation of that fellowship of Lionism.

So please keep the news coming so that greetings or condolences can be sent on behalf of District Governor and the Lions of the District, you never know how important that card may be.

OBJECTIVES

To encourage us all to remember that "Lions Caring About People" includes our fellow Lions and their families.

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

CABINET REPORT



Name Douglas Cross
Office MERL Chairman
Date May 9th 2009



Our numbers are still fairly static around the 1100 mark but we are still a transitional district, one thing is certain we will never make the 1250 we require to become a full District again unless a bigger effort is made by us all. NOW
One day those Lions from across the pond will redistrict all of 105MD unless we act.

We have gained a new club in the form of Sandwell but lost Northampton Chinatown so the gain is almost lost in the same period.

But **Sandwell Lions Club** formation was well organised and well supported with 22 members including one transfer in from 105C.

DG Andy presented a President's collar to new President Richard Beedles on behalf of 105M

A big thank you to Stuart Pemberton & Jackie McGuirk for their work as guiding Lions in the formation of the new Club. Plus thanks to Bilston & Willenhall Lions for acting as mother club.

Thurnby Lions Club was of course chartered earlier in DG Andy's year

New Clubs are still the best way to increase membership & provide service to a completely new area, but at present the only new club planned we are not working on is the third **Coventry Club** were the DG is organising a meeting with both existing clubs, probably in a non City centre location.

Following my report to convention even the idea of failed new clubs is a satisfactory method of gaining members, but they must be followed up.

We decided not to proceed with **Nechalls**, one member joined Castle Bromwich 3 were going to join Birmingham Chinatown but were have they gone?

We decided not to proceed with **Heart of England**, three will join Balsall Common, and one will join Solihull in June. what of the other two probably to K&D

Retention is still the biggest problem to all of our clubs
lets try to keep them my fellow Lions. (we have lost about 60 members this year)

In the current financial situation we find ourselves membership costs are certain to be discussed. So let's try to keep costs down probably by organising our own Admin events to avoid increasing member's costs: Do not pay for room hire.

Yellow card drops are being planned for the spring in many cases can you all try to get the results from the clubs you know that are holding one.

Indeed please let me know of any planned card drops before they take place if possible.

I understand **Northfield Kings Norton** have recently held a YC drop
Both of the **Market Harborough Lions Clubs** and **Hinckley & Burbage** are planning drops.

We have a system we know works, try to deliver your cards on a Sunday morning if at all possible, but it is more important to make sure all of the cards are delivered.

The proposed new **Alcester Lions Club** is proceeding slowly with a few keen prospective members from the first card drop, 6 of them helping with the second.

But the second card drop last Sunday which included the outlying villages was not well supported by local clubs. Shakespeare & Evesham did their bit. But of the others only Warwick with the help of RC Neil & ZC Henry delivered cards these were taken out on the Saturday, because of other meetings.

The remaining 750 were delivered by Sheila, Bill & I on Wednesday, again making the point delivery is the most important factor.

Will all of this effort give us enough members to form the club or a half way Club Branch ?

A Yellow Card drop is planned to assist **Erdington** who only have 6 members but with help from Zone Clubs we hope to revive the club in the next few months.

Financially the club is sound and all subs are paid up.

Wolverhampton are now planning a rebuild scheme and discussions with RC Martin Bye are taking place. Certainly help will be required from the clubs in the Zone.

We have had success's this year

Balsall Common 10 new members, **Sheldon** 3, **Aldridge** 2, **Sutton Coldfield** 2, **Worcester** 4, **Knowle & Dorridge** 4.

Personnel invitation is still the best way to get quality members and **Birmingham Exhibition** had added 2 this year by that system.

The MERL Committee will help out financially with membership programmes; I am awaiting the response from LCI about our grant application. Andy "screwed" another £1000.00 recently from MD105 towards our increasing costs.

But we must be careful many of the larger established clubs (like mine) can afford their own costs, so please do not ask for money.

I get embarrassed saying NO. Lets help those with a few members.

If your club is under 15 strong the District will pay the LCI joining fee in all cases

Please make sure the District is in a position to help with cash **before** you start to incur costs.

**A late reminder that District Governor Andy's request for all clubs to increase by one member in his year
Very few club have achieved this at present**

REMEMBER YOU ARE LOSING THE GAINS YOU MADE LAST YEAR,

Finally a great job done by Heather Hill & Bill Ranautta trying to attend clubs, Drinks & Nibbles etc in all three regions.

Also my thanks to Lion Phil White for the excellent work she continues to do on the Leadership side for both District 105M and the MERL committee

Doug Cross 23rd April 2009.