

SECTION 7: REGION 1 REPORTS

NAME: Gregory Hession

OFFICE: Region 1 Chairman

DATE: 25th April 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED:

District Regalia will be required for the 8th May 2010 for the Disability Games.

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION:

Huge Lion's PR opportunity not to be missed

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

- Attended The English Federation of Disability Sports Awards Dinner with ten fellow Lions, a fantastic night was had by all, 1st VDG Lion Neil Chisholm did an excellent job as Lion Ambassador on the night when he presented the District 105M Lions Award for the most outstanding volunteer to the Games, the evening was recorded and was shown on Central TV over two evenings with two ½ hour slots. Fantastic PR exercise.
- Submitted a report for Convention
- Attended District Convention
- At the time of going to print, I have received one report from ZC Andy Luckett of Zone C. I have learnt ZC Randhir of Zone B is poorly at the moment and is convalescing abroad at this moment in time. I have tried to contact ZC Michelle from Zone A, as has Lion Pauline to no avail, I do not know if they are away at the moment.
- Attended Acocks Green LC April Meeting and presented an award from Sight Savers to their LC for their Sponsorship of an Eye Camp.
- Organised with Lion Phil White a New Members Training Session at Kings Heath Head Quarters. Ten Lions Attended and their feedback was immensely complementary and positive. My personal thanks go to Lion Phil for the tremendous amount of hard work that has been put in by her behind the scenes to make these orientation sessions the success they are. Every new Lion came away with a better understanding of the structure of LCI within their respective Lion Clubs, the MD and beyond and were delighted to participate and give up their time for what they believed would stand them in good stead for the future, it is my personal belief that New Lion's who go through this New Members Training Seminar will be Lion's far longer than those new Lion's who do not. Well-done Lion Phil.

I would like to mention a particular thank you to PDG Lion Mavis Cook who role as almoner would almost go unnoticed unless you are a recipient of the marvellous work she carries out on behalf of us all. This year Mavis has furnished both Maxine and I with numerous

telephone messages of good wishes, cards and kind thoughts that really do mean so much to the recipient. Thank you Mavis, you really are appreciated

OBJECTIVES:

As previously reported

Future

- Planning is going well for the Disability Games on 8th May 2010, to date 38 Lion Volunteers have come forward for the day, we still require some 42 more, and so one final push will help to ensure the games will go ahead. Someone recently asked me if I ever worry about not having enough volunteers on the day, I replied “whenever my back is pushed firmly against a wall, God looks down and seeing my predicament, he always sends me angels in the form of Lion Volunteers”, and I am so grateful for all the support for this and every event I become involved with. It is you the Lions who ensure the successes, not I.
- Planning is well underway for the DG’s Partners Charity “Hospice at Home” PJ Walk in Cannon Hill Park, any Lions Club within our District wishing to have a side stall/table at this event, please contact me directly.
- I have been invited to attend Acocks Green LC to induct a new Member at their May Meeting, and I am looking forward to carrying out this most special duty.
- I will be attending the three Zone meetings in Region 1 quite soon after Cabinet.

Region 1

Working with Lion John Barnes International Youth Centre Chairman

Plans to host the students during the Youth Centre are as follows: -

- **Zone A** are providing a Civic Reception with the Mayor of Dudley and a day out at the Black Country Living Museum.
- **Zone B** are providing a Chinese Meal on a different evening during the Youth Centre.

After a quick wash and brush up and a change of clothes

- **Zone C** are providing a Fish and Chip Supper evening with Skittles following on from Zone A’s day out.

Luncheon and travel costs have been catered for. However, any other costs that may be incurred must be strictly negotiated then split between those Clubs within Region 1 who choose to become involved.

Finally

I will be thanking the Lion’s of Region 1 for the generosity of their time, support, dedication and commitment that have given me so many treasured memories during my year in office.

My thanks must also go to my three Zone Chairmen Michelle, Randhir and Andy with their help and support; it has made my role all the more enjoyable. Thank you.

As this is the last Cabinet meeting of this fiscal year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank DG Lion Femi for entrusting the Chairmanship of Region 1 with me. It has been a most rewarding role and I would recommend the post to any Lion within our region. Thank you.

Lion Gregory Hession

Name **Lion Andy Lockett**
Office **Zone Chairman, Zone C**
Date **Friday 23rd April 2010**

DECISIONS REQUIRED : Agree report

ACTION SINCE LAST REPORT

Youth Camp: Arrangements for the Skittles evening finalised.
 Date: Monday 26th July – 7.30pm to 11.00pm.
 Venue – Solihull Municipal club Brick Kiln Lane. Evening includes a Fish And Chip Supper.
 The final round of club visits will take place in May 2010.
 Zone Diary updated and circulated on a regular basis.
 Youth Football competition. Knowle F C (Sponsored by Shirley Lions) plays in the National Quarter Finals on Sunday 25th April.

OBJECTIVES

To hold a successful fellowship evening (Zone skittle competition) for the Zone.
 Agree a Zone project for the year (2009/2010). Now agreed & being undertaken by the five clubs.
 To foster a spirit of co-operation amongst the Clubs within the Zone.
 To encourage greater participation in the District Youth competitions.

Zone Chairmen - Additional Information

Club	Members June	Members Current	Members Prospective	Membership Actions Done and to do
Acocks Green	21	20		
Sheldon	20	19		Through various activities the club is currently seeking new members.
Knowle & Dorridge	26	27	2	Specific leaflet produced & distributed at all suitable events.
Shirley	25	20	1	Membership display in Shirley Library & membership drive targeted for the Spring.
Solihull	27	27		Sad loss of Lion Bill Humphries who has been ill for some years. New Yellow Card Drop planned for April. Drinks and nibbles fixed for 11 th May.

Club	Fund raising activities	Fellowship activities	Other comments Service / Welfare
Birmingham Acocks Green		Attended & won the Master Team competition organised by K & D Lions	OAP's Xmas Party postponed until March due to the severe weather. Visit to Ninestiles School planned to support their production of Annie.
Birmingham Sheldon	Recent Wedding Fair at Hatton raised over £6400. Easter raffle raised £400. Tombola by Shirley & Mick Harris raised £121.	Charter held in February – a great evening with good friends. 30 Lions & Friends attended the Host Night at our D.C. Lion Greg accompanied by other Lions attended the Disability Games award evening.	Regular weekday lunches arranged for 90 local elderly are being held. Donation to Sue Nightingale made to assist with expenses assoc. with helping disabled in travelling abroad. Donation to Alfie Lancett towards the provision of additional bathroom facilities. Donation to local boy Brendon Comerford for a nebuliser. Several Lions attended the Lion flag changing ceremony at the NEC.
Shirley	Successful Casino night held on February. Donation to be made to the Trust Fund for Callum and Joel. Easter egg raffle at Sainsbury, Maypole raised £500 for Acorns. Next event is the Donkey Derby in Shirley Park on Saturday 1st May	Charter held on 17 th April in York. Four MJF awards present to Lions Martin Wright, Phil Ripington, Barbara and Brian Branch.	The pensioner's party was held on 10 th April Great weather – great event. Knowle F.C. won the District Youth Football Competition & now represents us in the National competition.
Solihull	Tin Rattle at Morrison raised £850. Fun day scheme with a football theme being planned for 26 th June (during the World Cup)	Skittle evening planed for 27 th April at the Highway Pub.	Message in a Bottle continues. Gateway club visits continue. Donation to be made to the Arboretum Shelter appeal. Donations made to Solihull Moving on Club, a Tanzanian Orphanage & a single parent family with twins suffering from Mitochondrial Disease.
Knowle & Dorridge	Easter egg raffle recently held at the Black Boy. Annual tin shake took place in Knowle on 10 th April. The next major fund raising event is the Annual Fun Run on 16 th May.	Excellent Master Quiz held in February at the Strawberry Bank. The next fellowship event is the Charter on 22 nd May at Henley G & C Club.	The three main charities for 2010-11 have been selected. They are the Stroke Association, Air Ambulance & Dorridge & Knowle Scout Troop. Donation made to the National Memorial Arboretum project, Chernobyl children visit to Knowle, Eye Camp & The Zone project.

Zone Meeting Dates and Venues

- 1 Monday 24th May 2010; Solihull Moors Football Club, Damson Parkway Solihull

COMMENTS:

The District Convention was held during this period, with the Business meeting being well attended on Saturday 27th March. The event was organised by Zone D. Congratulations to Lion Heather Lee & her team for providing an excellent weekend for us all to enjoy.

Shop in Touchwood – called “Your Space”. Empty unit in Touchwood being used for membership promotion from 17th to 22nd May 2010.

CHARTER DINNER/DANCES confirmed

Acocks Green Lions - Saturday 15th May 2010 - Chester (Contact Sue Downs)

Knowle & Dorridge - Saturday 22nd May 2010 - Henley Golf & Country Club.

INCOMING PRESIDENTS

Birmingham Acocks Green Lion Terry Smith

Birmingham Sheldon Lion Mark Bowden

Knowle & Dorridge Lion Adrian Harris

Shirley Lion Martin Conlon

Solihull Lion Ken Bates