

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING HELD ON

SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2010

AT THE HOLIDAY INN, COVENTRY ROAD, SHELDON

Present:

District Governor Lion Femi Onabolu in the Chair

Lions:

Pauline Hoogerwerf	Peter Rotherham	Martin Bye	Stuart Richmond
Heather Lee	Neil Chisholm	Greg Hession	Michelle Bate
Randhir Sahota	David Jeavons	Christine Moss	Pauline Fanti
Bob Dutton	Paul Anstice	Jenny Bryant	Jackie Preece
Doug Cross	Chris Haynes	Bill Ranautta	Phil White
Harry Fry	Eric Hughes	Geoff Thompson	George Billingham
David Jackson	John Barnes	Carl Kings	Linda Cross
Elizabeth Jones	Martin Wright	Ron Cross	Ian Haffner
Roger Handcock	Gulab Mistry	Richard Wilson	Mavis Cooke
Bob Wilkes	Jackie McGuirk	Mike Cooke	Simon Moss
Joy Haffner	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Jones	

Visitors:

Lion Barbara Dutton	Maisie Lou Bate	Roger Starling
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Apologies:

Brian Burgess	Andy Pemberton	Heather Hill	Rob Hill
Andy Lockett	John Bush	Cedric Brocklehurst	Josna Ramji
Suresh Gohil	Mike Jobbins	June Lloyd-Adams	Dave Roberts
Liz Scaffidi	David Cox		

Call to Order:

Lion Peter Rotherham called the meeting to order.

DG Femi welcomed everybody to the meeting and apologised for organising the meeting on Valentine's Day. He then presented all the ladies with a red rose. He thanked everybody for their continuing support throughout the year

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2009 were proposed by Lion Phil White, seconded by Lion Wim Hoogerwerf and approved as a true record.

Matters arising: None.

Notice of Any Other Business: No notice of any other business had been received.

REPORTS

District Governor:

Report as submitted. DG Femi asked for a moment's silence in respect of the five members who had died since the last Cabinet meeting.

Secretary:

Report as submitted.

DG Femi thanked Lion Pauline Hoogerwerf for her hard work.

Treasurer:

Report as submitted. Treasurer's new address as follows:

Holly House,
51 Northampton Road,
Market Harborough.
LE16 9HB.

DG Femi reported that so far, £7,695 had been sent from the District for Haiti. In total £104,000 had been raised in the Multiple District.

Lion Richard Wilson expressed concern over the apparent delay in sending the money after it had been donated. DG Femi said he had signed the cheque earlier in the week. He also said that the LCIF Officer should work closely with the Treasurer.

Lion Linda Cross asked what the donations for the Roy White fund were for and it was confirmed that monies raised would go towards a youth project.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports carried.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**Chairman:**

Report as submitted. DG Femi congratulated Lion Martin on his return to health.

CNRO:

Report as submitted.

DG Femi wished Lion Bill Ranautta well for the future, following his standing down from nomination for the post of 2nd VDG.

Regarding behaviour surrounding the forthcoming election of candidate for 2nd International Vice President, DG Femi confirmed that the two candidates would not be campaigning at our District Convention: PID Howard Lee would be speaking on the Korle Bu project in Ghana or membership initiatives, and PID Phil Nathan would be speaking on Gift for Living.

Concern was expressed over recent emails that were circulated round the District. Lion Mike Cooke said there were limited rules within the MD Constitution governing the election of candidates for 2nd International Vice President and one thing missing was rules for electioneering and the circulation of publicity material.

Health & Safety:

Report as submitted.

Events/Lion Tamer:

Report as submitted.

Convention 2010:

Hotel being signed off on 15th March. 200 car park spaces will be available, but surface may not be finished. Disabled parking will be available, but need to let Lion Heather Lee know in advance.

Lion Heather reported on bookings for Convention events as follows:

Friday Lunch 32
Host Night 53
Saturday Lunch 62
Banquet & Ball 72 (not including Femi's guests)
Clubs booked 21 - Closing date for booking forms is 16th March.

Reminder that exhibition space is available for District Officers to publicise their specialist subjects.

Insurance:

Report as submitted.

Long Range Planning:

Report as submitted.

Lion Neil Chisholm reported that Council of Governors had considered the committee's recommendations favourably. He also said that a 5 year and 10 year programme was being implemented.

Deputy Treasurer:

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports carried.

REGION 1

Chairman:

Report as submitted. Zone A Skittles being held on 26th February. Regional and District finals to be held before Convention. Zone B competition won by Moseley. Zone C won by Acocks Green.

Lion Greg Hession thanked volunteers who helped at the first Disability Games, which was a fantastic event. 22 Volunteers attended.

Next event on 16th May – volunteers still needed. Permission granted to put up Lions display material at the event. Lion Greg asked for support at the dinner/annual award ceremony on Thursday 25th March. He also asked for District sponsorship of an award at £75. Lion Mike Cooke proposed, Lion Greg seconded, vote carried.

Zone A:

Report as submitted.

Zone B:

Report as submitted.

Zone C:

Report as submitted.

REGION 2

Chairman:

Report as submitted. RC David Jeavons reported that Warwick had won the Regional Skittles competition and thanked Lions Ian and Joy Haffner for organising a great event. DG Femi congratulated Warwick Lions.

Zone D:

Report as submitted.

Zone E:

Report as submitted.

Zone F:

Report as submitted.

REGION 3

Chairman:

Report as submitted. RC Paul Anstice reported that Rugby Rokeby had won the Zone G Skittles. Next round to be played by the end of February.

Zone G:

Report as submitted.

Zone H:

Report as submitted.

Zone I:

Report as submitted.

DG Femi asked Region and Zone Chairmen to notify him as soon as possible of names of Lions who deserve recognition for their Lions work.

Adoption of Region and Zone reports carried.

MEMBERSHIP/MERL COMMITTEE**Chairman:**

Report as submitted. Lion Doug Cross said that redistricting might be a possibility if membership numbers did not increase to 1250. The way forward is to form new Clubs. Doug reported that seventeen Clubs now have less than ten members. Special help needed in the North and South of the District. Volunteers needed to help MERL committee.

MERL MD Committee Representative:

Nil report.

Membership Region 1:

Report as submitted.

Membership Region 2:

Report as submitted. Lion Neil Chisholm reported that Alcester now has eight members.

Membership Region 2B:

Report as submitted. Meeting in Sparkhill planned.

Membership Region 3:

Report as submitted. Venue now found for Daventry – Casey's Club. Card drop on 9th May, volunteers would be welcome. Difficulties with Corby and Rushden being addressed.

Zone H had a membership committee meeting and the Clubs in Zone H are working together.

Membership Region 3C:

Report as submitted. Lion Bill Ranautta reported that Coventry Phoenix had a meeting on 11th February and inducted seven members.

Leadership Development:

Zone Chairmen's Review meeting held. District diary suggested for all events and deadlines to be available early in the Lions year.

It was suggested that District Officers should contact Region and Zone Chairmen direct if they want anything to be promoted, rather than relying on circulation through the Webmaster.

Membership session for Sandwell Club being arranged in April.

DG Femi thanked Doug for his committee's continuing efforts.

Adoption of reports carried.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Chairman:

Report as submitted.

Lion Harry Fry proposed that £330 be paid from District funds for Godiva Leo Club officers to attend the MD Leo Convention. Seconded by Lion Geoff Thompson – agreed by Cabinet.

Lion Harry asked for more support for youth projects in the Regions and Zones and requested Region and Zone Chairmen to invite the Youth team to their meetings. He requested that the Zone Chairman training session should include youth projects.

Vulnerable Persons:

Report as submitted.

Leo Liaison:

Report as submitted.

Young Ambassadors:

Report as submitted. Open invitation to attend finals of MD Competition in Dudley on 21st February.

Youth Exchange:

Report as submitted.

Youth Camp:

Report as submitted. Region Chairmen to let Lion John Barnes know as soon as possible, when they are planning their Region Day out for camp participants. Transport will be provided and further money might be available if required – contact Lion John for information.

Youth Football:

Report as submitted.

Education, Life Skills & TACADE:

Lion Harry Fry apologised for the absence of a report from Lion Liz Scaffidi, due to personal difficulties. He said that new literature was now out, which would be available at Convention.

Competitions:

Report as submitted. PDG Linda Cross expressed concern over the Agenda for District Convention, as the competitions would be judged in the morning, leaving not enough time to judge the PR and Scrapbook. DG Femi said it was important to try new ideas and the entries for PR and Scrapbook should be handed in by Friday evening. The Convention First Timers competition result would be announced, as usual, after lunch at Convention.

Cultural & Community Affairs:

Report as submitted. Lion Elizabeth Jones reported that next year's instrument would be the oboe and the following year the cello.

Adoption of reports carried.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman:

Lion Martin Wright updated on the hearing loop, which had been purchased, but the microphones were out of stock, so he had lent one from his place of work. He was planning to undertake a survey, asking members if they liked the Health Committee newsletters. He suggested that projects could be linked between the various committees and suggested that committees could work together.

Environment:

Report as submitted.

Sight/LEHP:

Report as submitted.

Diabetes:

Report as submitted. Article on diabetes to go in the next Newsletter.

Speech & Hearing:

Report as submitted. Decision to hold a Lions Deaf Awareness Day not needed. DG Femi congratulated Lion Roger Handcock on his initiative and urged him to go ahead.

Decision on display stand at Convention not required. DG Femi urged all officers to display their materials.

MedicAlert:

Report as submitted.

Message in a Bottle:

Report as submitted. Discussion on Lions Lifeline, which operates in Northamptonshire. A suggestion was made that the two be merged, but Lion Richard Wilson said that Lifeline had been developed before MIAB and all the Northamptonshire emergency services and members of the public were familiar with it, so they would not want to change the name at this stage.

Physical & Learning Difficulties:

Report as submitted.

DG Femi congratulated Lion Martin on his committee's efforts.

Adoption of reports carried.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**Chairman:**

Report as submitted.

LCIF:

Report as submitted.

Participating Lions pins soon to be available from Lion Richard Wilson.

Lion David Jeavons put forward a proposal "Can we do it better" regarding Haiti. Lion David suggested that Lions become involved with the Shelter Box Charity, which has sent immediate aid and tents to Haiti. He said there was no disaster response plan at District or Multiple District level. DG Femi said that Council of Governors had recently appointed a committee of five members, including himself, to deliberate on a MD strategy for such disasters and a MD account was to be set up.

Lion Wim Hoogerwerf expressed concerns. He said that LCIF have permanent dedicated staff at Oak Brook and it was important to remember that LCIF is the Lions foundation, not District or Council of Governors. He said that LCIF undertakes long-term projects.

DG Femi agreed that it was important to think beyond immediate need and the new committee was being set up to consider all aspects.

International Relations:

Report as submitted.

North Sea Lions:

Report as submitted. It was agreed by those present that 200 Euros be paid from District towards the cost of producing a North Sea Lions banner.

WaterAid & Street Children:

Report as submitted.

Europa Forum:

Report as submitted.

District Projects:

Lion Jackie McGuirk updated her report with information about a Pyjama Walk in Cannon Hill Park on 6th June, for the Hospice at Home project – further details to be confirmed later, but there would be a 1 km walk, suitable also for wheelchair users, and a 5 km walk. Volunteers for the day would be required.

Adoption of reports carried.

INFORMATION, PR & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**Chairman:**

Report as submitted.

Lion Mike Cooke agreed to compile a diary for the website, if Officers would send information to him. Lions in Sight day had gone well, with various Clubs getting involved. Lion Mike urged Clubs to publish information in libraries and suggested having a display in an empty shop if possible.

Contact had been made with Aldridge Neighbourhood Watch and Lions information put into the NW newsletter – suggest Clubs contact Neighbourhood Watch groups elsewhere.

Registrar:

Update to report: Net gain of approximately 12 taking membership to 1080. February MMR forms steadily arriving. Only three Clubs have not submitted a report since December – Coventry Leofric, Wellingborough, Worcester.

IT/Webmaster:

Report as submitted.

Midland News:

Report as submitted.

Publicity Internal:

Report as submitted. Lion Trevor Curtis to continue with ongoing DVD project. DG Femi suggested that Lion Trevor speak to Lion Ian Haffner regarding promotion of specialist Sight and Sound software for blind people.

Press Officer – External:

Report as submitted.

Almoner:

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports carried.

1st Vice District Governor

Report as submitted.

2nd Vice District Governor

Report as submitted.

Immediate Past District Governor

Report as submitted.

Adoption of reports carried.

Any other business:

Lion Doug Cross: MD Convention 2012 taking place 2nd – 6th May 2012 at Birmingham Metropole Hotel.

Lion Mike Cooke: Pledges coming in for Arboretum Shelter – already over £20,000. Not all Clubs have pledged and are urged to do so. Lion Mike to circulate information very soon regarding payment of pledges. Meeting to be held in March re drawings and planning permission.

Tail Twister:

Somebody was pretty evil but, sadly, I can't remember who!!

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting:

Saturday 8th May at the Holiday Inn, Coventry Road, Sheldon.

Region and Zone Chairmen to meet with District Governor at 9.15 a.m.

Full Cabinet meeting to start at 10.30 a.m.

Note from District Secretary:

- ***Reports to be with the District Secretary no later than 23rd April – St. George's Day.***