

LIONS DISTRICT 105M

CABINET REPORT



Name Heather Hill
Office Region 2 Membership Officer
Date 18th August 2008



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

1. Had arranged to attend Sutton Coldfield Club with Zone Chair Pauline Hoogerwerf, but the meeting was cancelled – will arrange an alternative date.
2. Tried to arrange meeting with Erdington Club with Zone Chair Pauline, but this meeting was cancelled – has been re-arranged for 15th September next.
3. Had telephone call (via Rob) from a Susie Wareing from Carers Centre in Birmingham asking about whether a visually impaired person could get involved with us and we will invite him to our next drinks and nibbles evening (gentleman lives in our area) and Rob had the forethought when Ms. Wareing stated she lived in Castle Bromwich, to ask her to the drinks and nibbles also.

OBJECTIVES

1. To liaise with Zone Chair and Region Chairman and to assist where required in order to grow membership within the region.
2. To attend MERL meetings with the same objective.

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CABINET REPORT



Name Lion Bill Ranautta
Office District Membership Chairman Region 3
Date 19 August 2008



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

N/A

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Alcester Lions Club

After the Drinks & Nibbles evening and subsequent follow on meetings, we have secured 15 prospective members. We now meet regularly every third Thursday of the month at the Fire Fighters Club, Seggs Lane, Alcester, at 8pm. The prospective members are now enthusiastically getting involved in activities of fundraising and membership recruitment. The next event being at this month end. As soon as we get to 20 plus members, this Club will be officially formed.

Coventry Lions Club

I have had a membership stall with Coventry Leofric Lions Club at their Donkey Derby which was on Saturday 9th August 2008. Leaflets were handed out to recruit membership. Few people were interested and this will be followed on in the near future.

OBJECTIVES

1. To form Alcester Lions Club.
2. Provide assistance in reforming Coventry Lions Club
3. Most of the Clubs with less than 20 members fall in region 3. I intend to get in touch with all these Clubs to encourage and provide assistance for further membership recruitment.



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Office
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Date
August
2008.



DECISIONS REQUIRED

None

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION

None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

1. E-mail sent to each Region and Zone Chairman requesting them to assist me in carrying out my role as District Almoner by keeping me informed about Lions or partners who are ill, have passed away or who are to be congratulated for whatever reason in order that I can send an appropriate card.
2. It is important that I have these details as it is the wish of District Governor Andy to acknowledge their contributions made to District 105M.
3. During July and August I have sent 1 bouquet of flowers, 4 Get Well cards, 3 Condolence cards and 3 Congratulations cards.

OBJECTIVES

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

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CABINET REPORT



Name Phil White
Office Leadership Development Officer
Date 22 August 2008



DECISIONS REQUIRED

To purchase a new display screen

JUSTIFICATION FOR DECISION(S)

The current screen is falling apart and moves whilst in use. I will obtain some costs before the Cabinet meeting.

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

During May, New Members seminars were delivered in Regions 2, 3 and 5. Thank you to PDG Lion Heather Lee and ZC Mike Barker for their assistance and to the relevant RC's for arranging the venues and the attendance of new members.

Workshops for Incoming Cabinet Officers and Incoming Region 1 Club Officers were held on 18 May and 24 June respectively.

Attended District Changeover on 13 July

On the 17 August I gave a talk to Zone A's first meeting. This had a dual focus. Firstly, it was to inform them of the responsibilities of my role, where I fit into the cabinet structure and what Leadership Development has to offer them. Secondly it was to promote both the range of workshops offered by Leadership Development and the MD Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, which will take place in January 2009, at the Apollo Hotel. I also tried to encourage attendance at both Autumn Forum and District Convention. Thank you to ZC Lion Mike Barker for inviting me.

I will be delivering a presentation to prospective DG's on 27 August.

I have produced guidance notes on the completing of both Cabinet and Convention Reports and the District Secretary has distributed to Cabinet Officers.

I am currently updating the Members Handbook, which is normally distributed at New Members meetings. When completed, subject to approval, printing quotes will be obtained and further supplies ordered as there are no stocks remaining.

I am working with DG Andy in order to produce job descriptions for DG, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG

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

LIONS DISTRICT 105M CABINET REPORT



Name Douglas Cross
Office MERL Chairman
Date September 7th 2008



General situation with membership is good not only in 105M but across the World

Membership numbers in clubs generally is on the increase but the 60 or so extra members gained last year will easily be lost unless a continuous membership programme is not kept to

The situation varies between Regions and Zones.

The District Governors idea of reducing Regions to three puts more pressure on the three Region Chairman.

For the new system to work however means that the 3 Region Chairman and the 8 (still one short) Zone Chairman must work closely with the MERL committee.

The planned scheme of a Region Membership officer in each Region does not work for a few reasons.

- 1 David Cox became Zone Chairman in Zone A leaving Region 1 without a membership Officer. Additionally with new clubs planned in this Region help is URGENTLY required. Does any Cabinet officer know a Lion or two would like to help in this capacity.
- 2 In Region 2 Bill Ranuuta is working on the new Alcester Club. But he is the Region 3 membership guy so again additional help would be welcome
- 3 Membership drives, weak clubs, new clubs vary from Region to Region and Zone to Zone so a group of three (now 2) Membership officers are insufficient to do the job.

Phil White is controlling Leadership and will report separately, but new clubs and rebuilt clubs would benefit from a detailed presentation by Phil.

In order to keep continuity between MERL Regions & Zones I have been asked by Andy to attend the early Cabinet meeting when membership will be among the items discussed.

The situation in Regions & Zones are as follows, individual Region & Zone reports may well bring out differing points

I apologise because of the length of these comments but at least for the first meeting it will give us a membership agenda to consider.

REGION 1

Zone A (6 Clubs) Codsall & Wolverhampton are weak in numbers and Yellow Card drops are planned for September. Jackie MacGuike is helping with this. It must be remembered that when the new Sandwell Club is formed Bilston will lose 5/6 members, and they should plan a Yellow Card drop.

Zone B (6) Edgbaston is a club short of members and guidance, Harry Hunden has offered help here. Northfield Kings Norton are virtually a new club with new officers and guidance is required here also. ZC David is visiting shortly. **Sandwell** club will join this Zone when formed, meeting are processing and a Card drop will probably be used. Bilston & W are acting as Mother club with Stuart Richmond & Jackie McGuirk acting as guiding Lions.

Nechalls New Club is now meeting but proceeding only slowly trying to establish A area base. Chinatown are acting a Mother Club with VDG Femi & ZC David taking the lead.

Suresh is going to organise a second meeting in the **Sparkbrook** area Martin B & I attended the first, but very early days yet.

Zone C This Zone only has 5 clubs all fairly strong in numbers.
(5) The first Yellow card drop for the new **Heart of England** Club will take place on Sept 7th with Balsall Common/K&D/ Solihull jointly working on this, if successful they will join this Zone. Meetings at Stonebridge Golf Club.

REGION 2

Zone D The big problem here is two weak clubs.
(6) Sutton Coldfield had a very successful YC drop, but the after programme was not followed up and it appears very few new members will be joining?
Erdington appear to be leaderless and lacking in organisation losing 2 more members. ZC Pauline & RM Heather Hill are aware of these problems but with cancelled meetings are finding it had to act.
Worth pointing out BC inducted 9 new lions from their YC drop last year.

Zone E Generally clubs in this Zone are fairly strong but most have lost members over the years and are not replacing them via YC drops. Wellesbourne have had success with theirs
(7) The new **Alcester** Club is being worked on and if successful will go in this Zone due to location but we should not have 8 clubs in a Zone. Bill R is heading this but could do with help Shakespeare will be mother club

Zone F All of the clubs could do with a membership drive, although Worcester have successfully increased over the last few years.
(7) Please remember Teme Valley still exists as a club with two members and Stuart Firth discussed with Andy a rebuild, but it is difficult to get support due to location, ideas would be appreciated.

REGION 3

Zone G Although two of the strongest clubs are in this Zone, others should be planning YC drops to avoid falling into the trap of being too small to recover. Hinckley & B seem to fit into this sector.
(7) The new **Coventry** Club is being worked on by Leofric & Godviva but no positive action seems to have taken place yet and we will quickly be in the winter if we are not careful. Neil Chisholm & Davinder Mankoo are leading this.
Davinder also has contacts in the Leamington Area.

Zone H Hopefully Richard Wilson's move to Northampton will help membership here (6+1) and they are planning a YC drop. Northants 80 are in fairly good position. Rushden require a YC drop, Wellingborough have just had one.
Chinatown are a different problem all together Paul A is keeping check but they meet in Milton K which is not in M but A. Any help would assist here.

Brixworth CB are losing their way, decreasing numbers instead of increasing and now meeting in Lions houses, we will lose them as a CB unless action is taken, Jackie is now Pres of 80 so a strong guiding Lion type member is urgently required.

Zone I Lack of a ZC here is a big problem. I am sure Chris H is doing his best but meeting etc have got to be organised.
(7+1) Again YC drops would help clubs here. Corby did one last year but was it followed up. Lutterworth & Rowell urgently want a surge in numbers.
Market Harbough CB is not moving forward as we hoped by now we should be looking at transfer to a full club. Is there enough urge to do the final push.

Good to see a new Club in Thurnby but Busby have lost members is it through this.
Thurnby now want support from local clubs during their first years.

But the most important point of building club membership is to keep the ones you have, make sure they all have jobs, and keep everyone busy.

The MERL committee will assist financially any club planning a Yellow Card drop but remember we only have a limited amount of money available.

Most clubs (including mine) can afford to fund their own card drops allowing us to support clubs weak in number.

BUT providing we can find the right locations then the best way to rebuild 105M membership back to 1250 is by forming new clubs. I have detailed those we are working on but what about other locations in areas that cabinet officers know.

What about the ones we discussed in the past but never achieved we used to have a future shopping list so what about

Brownhills, Chipping Camden (I know it not in M), Silverstone, Pershore, Wythall, Stourbridge, Penkridge

Or let's reform

Atherstone, Brackley, Coleshill, Henley in Arden, Daventry.

If the MERL committee can help anywhere please get in touch, but we would like help from dedicated Lions who will lead in the membership course.

REMEMBER YOU MUST NOT LOSE WHAT YOU GAINED LAST YEAR.

Doug Cross
21st August 2008.