

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
MD'A' BUSINESS SESSIONS – Holiday Inn Select, Mississauga
MINUTES
May 28, 2004

OPENING CEREMONIES (Friday)

Council Chair Betty Jean Finlay, called the session to order. After words of welcome, she recognized our International Guest and the PID in the audience.

The Flag Presentation was presented in English and French by Governor Barry Brett and Governor Dan Davis.

Youth Opportunities Committee Report . Chair Tim Cronin presented his report to the assembly. Winners of the Effective Speaking contest delivered their speeches. Our Int'l guest presented prizes and plaques to them. The winning peace poster was displayed to all in attendance. Executive Director Joanne McQuiggan of Thrive (Lions-Quest) presented Q-Bears to Governors from A9, A2, A3, A15 for holding 3,6,6, and 9 sessions in their districts, all increases over last year.

MOTION to receive the Youth Opportunities report BY Gov Fred Cross, seconded by Gov Andy Klonikowski. Carried.

CNIB presentation of E.A. Baker award was made to a deserving Lion in the Multiple for the eighth consecutive year. CNIB president Jim Sanders presented the award to Lion Ron Brown of the Halliburton & District Lions.

Lake Jo Manager Ryan Chin presented Re-Development Awards to Gov Bill Dicks of A711 (\$206K) and Governor Bob Davis of A2 (\$140K) to honour their districts for the highest contributions to the Lake Joseph Centre.

MERL Committee Report. Chair Jack Oatway presented his report to the assembly.

- VDG Elect training: to highlight the VDG role and promotion of Youth Opportunities programs.
- Governors Elect session: planned for the convention weekend
- Membership: follow up activity has included an A9 presentation to new Lions Chelsey and a wrap up newsletter on the membership stats for 03-04
- Extension There is a new club beginning in A5, Providence Bay Lions.
- Retention: Club retreats were the highlight of the year.
- Leadership: Most activities focused on arranging sub District leadership sessions, new club officer orientation, and the promotion of Guiding Lion program.
- MDA Convention Pilot Project: ready to go
- PID Bruce Murray reported on the results of the Impact Team, which ends on June 30th and presented Certificates to District A3, A16, A711, and A5 for membership growth.

MOTION to receive the MERL report BY Gov Kathy Daoust, seconded by Gov Bob Davis. Carried.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION (Saturday)

LCI Report: IPIP presented some updates from LCI

- Affordable hearing aids for Lions
- Expanded webpage
- Leadership training
- Minimum 10 members per club will be enforced from July 05
- Transition districts policy will be enforced effective July 05

Secretary Report: Secretary Proulx reported on the office transition from the Richmond Hill location to a home-based operation.
MOTION to receive the secretary's report BY Gov Jim Ryan, seconded by Gov Fred Cross. Carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Cathy Bock presented the June 30 2003 "audited" financial report to the general assembly.
MOTION to accept the audited financial statements BY Governor Andy Klonikowski, seconded by Gov Barry Brett. Carried.

Hearing Conservation Committee Report: The Board chair of the Lions Home for Deaf People in Ontario addressed the Lions with some chronological details of the progress of the association in support of the Deaf. There was a ceremonial smokeless "Burning" of the Brantford home mortgage.

Colourful and exciting ID Director Candidates Introductions and Presentations followed for ID candidate Carl Young, Yvette Gerber, Mary Jane Gagnier and Terry Graham.

Adjournment 10:45am

CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION (Sunday)

A full auditorium of Lions attended the Memorial Service chaired by PID Bill Moody.

Promotion Committee Report

PCC Dave Overboe reported on the upcoming LCI convention in Detroit-Windsor with some suggested DOs and DON'Ts.

Friendship Arches Draw winners are: 1st prize Russell Lions (\$1000) A4, pin vests for Vanestra Lions A15, St Davids Lions A2, Whitefish Lions A5, Oakridges Lions A16, Hamilton Central Lions A711, Mount Forest Lions A9.

MOTION to receive the Promotion Committee report BY Gov Fred Cross, seconded by Gov Bob Davis. Carried.

Magazine Committee Report. Chair Wayne Hoey highlighted the largest task of this committee was to operate in the black. To resolve this situation, a sales consultant was added to solicit ads (Lion Dave Coles). Reporters were added this year, Lion Doug Carmichael (A1, A2, A711, A9, A12. Lion John Brimmell for Districts A3, A4, A5, A12, A16. The French translation was removed to make room for district stories. The old issues dating back to 1918 are kept in our publisher's office in Barrie. A new price structure for advertising was approved at a prior council meeting.

Following the report, Coordinator Rick Thibodeau of the Bulletin Contest announced the winners for the year.

- Governors Newsletter: A12
- Bimonthly Club Bulletin: Callander Lions A5
- Monthly Club Bulletin: Trenton Lions A3

MOTION to receive the Magazine committee reports By Gov Dan Davis, seconded by Gov Barry Brett. Carried.

Olde Tyme Convention Final Report

- Convention 50/50 Draw winner of \$6,325 is the Lighthouse Cove Lions (Tilbury)
- Presentation of traveling Lion; to follow
- The Stuart O'Brien Golf Tournament trophy was won by members of the Georgetown Lions
- PDG Dave Hansen, host convention chair of the Sparkling Waters II MDA convention for 2005 invited all to attend.

- The Mississauga final report is as follows
 - Registrations 1404
 - DG- DGE Dinner 47
 - PDG Dinner 140
 - Friday Luncheon 385
 - Friday Dinner Theatre 535
 - Int'l Banquet 540

MOTION to receive the Convention report BY Gov Kathy Daoust, seconded by Gov Jim Ryan. Carried.

Detroit-Windsor LCI Convention Report

Chairperson Ron Devos reported that registrations are at 8500 with 218 from MDA. Two thousand plan to attend the Canadian Lions Fun Festival event on Friday in Windsor. Souvenirs will be available at the MDA convention.

MOTION to receive the LCI Int'l Convention report BY Gov Eric Buss, seconded by Gov Bill Dicks. Carried.

The winner of the Monster Draw (Doctors Lions) will be announced in the Lion Magazine.

Lions Foundation of Canada Report

PDG Michael Salter presented his report after serving one year on the board. Some issues remain. He presented an award to charter chairperson PID Bill Moody.

MOTION to receive the LFC report BY Gov Bill Dicks, seconded by Gov Barry Brett. Carried.

Credentials Committee Report

PDG Bill Daoust reported that 831 delegates were certified. The "fines" collected for having an unsigned membership card grew from \$14 last year to \$600 this year. All delegates were asked to contribute to raise enough funds for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The funds were deposited with MDA until enough is raised for this purpose.

MOTION to receive the credentials committee report BY Gov Jim Ryan, seconded by Gov Fred Cross. Carried.

Elections Committee Report

FIRST BALLOT for Int'l Director. Of the four candidates, the first two winning candidates continue to the second ballot and they are PCC Carl Young and PDG Terry Graham. 831 Lions were certified, 831 Lions voted, 2 votes were spoiled,

SECOND BALLOT for Int'l Director. 831 Lions were certified, 741 voted. The winning candidate for Int'l Director 2005-2007 is TERRY GRAHAM.

Constitution & By-Laws Amendments. From the 831 delegates who cast their vote, 92% agreed with the changes.

MOTION to destroy the ballots BY Gov Andy Klonikowski, seconded by Gov Barry Brett. Carried.

Vice Council Chairperson Kathy Daoust presented a Lions Fellowship Award from LFC to Council Chairperson Betty Jean Finlay for her commitment in her year as Council Chairperson.

Council Chair Betty Jean Finlay introduced Council Chair Elect Dan Davis and the Governors and their partners for 2004-2005.

Adjournment 1:40PM