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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
DISTRICT N-4
ST. JOHN'S – FEBRUARY 3rd 2018

District Governor Lion Diane Bonnell called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. and led in the Lions Invocation. A moment of silence was held for deceased Lions/Lioness/Leos and Peace in the World.

Welcome – DG Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting. Lion John Pearce welcomed everyone to St. John's.

Adoption of Agenda as modified by CST Lion Frank

Lion PDG Paul abbott moved that the agenda be adopted, seconded by Lion Betty Dunlop. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

LCIF Grant – Received CDN \$ 63,527 to be presented today at 1:30 PM. As well the grant for the Burin Peninsula Health Foundation has been completed and all forms and pictures have been forwarded to LCIF.

MD N Convention Dress – In 2021 the International Convention will be held in Montreal. Traditionally our MD has worn various outfits (mostly trying to have a maple leaf or something representing the Atlantic Provinces. This time around we are hoping that all of Canada will be parading together. Question I have today is what do you think we should wear? Something Canadian or something that shows that we are MD N?

Motion by Lion Pat Burse and seconded by PDG Lion Sam Wells that we prefer to go as a country. **Motion carried.**

MD N Pins Request for the district to purchase 200 pins. Motion by Lion Les Caines and seconded by Lion Rita Pennell to purchase the pins. **Motion carried.**

MD N Cabinet Positions – Currently there are three positions available; Const & By Laws, Diabetes and Environment. If anyone is interested they can come see me for an application or use the one I emailed out.

ELLI – There is a training session in Fredericton in May, if any Lion is interested in going applications have to be submitted by February 19th. B&A will provide more information.

Gongs – There was a request to discuss club gongs. It takes 5 members from a visiting club to take a gong and then five from the club would have to go and get it back. All gongs should be returned at years end.

Adoption of Minutes – Lion Perry Kiely moved that the minutes of October 21st 2017 General meeting be accepted as presented, seconded by Lion Harry Cooze.. **Motion carried.**

Business arising from minutes:

None

Reports:

1. B&A Committee – Lion Pat Bursey reported that her committee had reviewed the financials to date and all ok. She then spoke on ELLI and made a motion seconded by Lion Greg King that the district provide up to \$750 each for two Lions to attend ELLI in Fredericton. Application to be sent to DG Diane. **Motion carried.** Motion by Lion Pat and seconded by PDG Sam that we donate \$1000 to the Janeway as a kick off to our Paediatric Cancer Project, **Motion carried.** Lion Geoff Lomond presented a cheque from the Marystown Convention. **(See attached)**
2. Financial Report – CST Frank reported that all clubs have paid their first half dues. Expenses are where we expected for now. Cheques to be presented tomorrow for Diabetes & Sight Projects. Motion by CST Frank and seconded by Lion Mary Felker to accept the financial report. **Motion carried.**
3. Zone Chair Meeting – 1st VDG Lion Jennifer reported that eight of the ten chairs were in attendance and the other two had submitted reports. **(see attached)** Work is being done to get new clubs in Harbour Grace, Paradise, and Port Blandford. There was some discussion on NLC policies. CST Lion Frank to send a letter to NLC for further explanation.
4. ALLI Training – 2nd VDG Lion Carl Chafe **(see attached)**
5. Alert – Lion Les Caines – **(See attached)**
6. Centennial Celebration – Lion Maureen Hynes **(See attached)**
7. Constitution/Bylaws Lion Claudette Coombs reminded Lions that changes to the Constitution & By Laws and Policy Manual take place in April. All requests should be sent to her in time for the committee to review and notify Lions before the convention.
8. Conventions – Lion Danny Campbell **(See attached)**
9. Cultural & Community Affairs – Lion Roxanne Oates reported that she is receiving more reports but still not many clubs reporting. She congratulated the Bishops Falls Lions and LCIF for their contribution to the new Search & Rescue Van for Exploits Valley Search & Rescue.
10. Diabetes – Lion Theresa Lewis reported that she is not hearing from many clubs about their Diabetes Activities. The Cavalcade will be held in Clarendville on June 10th, 2018.
11. Disaster Relief – Lion Randy Driscoll reported that he had only heard from Mount Pearl. He asked that all clubs appoint a Disaster Relief Chair and notify him. He is looking for \$80 per club to top up the Disaster Relief Fund to \$1500.
12. Elections – PDG Lion Paul Abbott provided info the elections that will take place on April 14th. Ballots will be sent to all clubs. Nominations Chair Lion Patrice King announced that nominations were open until 40 days before the election. Positions available are: DG, 1st & 2nd VDG, LMSMC – one 2 year position and one

4 year position, QUEST 1 one year position, Disaster Relief one position.

1st VDG Lion Jennifer was nominated for DG; 2nd VDG Lion Carl was nominated for 1st VDG; Lion Michael Foote and Lion Arch Chapman were nominated for 2nd VDG and Lions Les Caines, Randy Driscoll and Danny Campbell were nominated for the two year position at the Camp. Lion Sam Wells was nominated for the QUEST position.

13. Environment – Lion Pam Wall Jordan reported that LCI had dropped the Photo Contest. She stated that you can put photos on Twitter #WESERVE. As reported by other chairs Lion Pam reported that she is not receiving reports from the clubs.
14. GLT – Lion Jannie Howse (**see attached**)
15. GMT – Lion Ches Pike (**See attached**)
16. GST _ PCC Lion Herb Burry (**See attached**)
17. Hearing & Speech – Lion Eric McGrath reported that he had heard from only three clubs. If boxes are required please email him or Lion Bradley Moss.
18. Honorary – PCC Lion Herb Burry reported that the committee suggested training for Zone 3 & 4 similar to the training in Badgers Quay.
19. Hunger – Lion Arch Chapman (**See attached**)
20. Information Technology – Lion Sylvain Gallant (**See attached**)
21. International Understanding – Lion Walter Snow (**See attached**)
22. LCIF – Lion Pat reported for Lino Bob who is recuperating at home and is now Cancer free.
23. Presentations –
 - a. Gathering Place. Joanne Thompson thanked the Lions for the food donation as well as the cheque for over \$2000.
 - b. HCF Carmella Butland gave a presentation (**See attached**) and thanked the Lions for the \$71,898.96
 - c. Diabetes – Ms Morgan Tobin Camp Director thanked the Lions for their continuous support of the Diabetes Camp and thanked us for this year's donation of \$8636.
24. N4 Foundation – Lion Jim Ford No report
25. LFC – Lion Tom Janes. Presented certificates to 14 clubs for last years Dog walk. He reported that the \$40,000 was raised and matched by the anonymous donor. Of that \$40,000, thirteen clubs from district N4 donated \$11,812.20. May 27th is National Walk Day.
26. LMSMC – Lion John Oates – (**See attached**)
27. Long Range Planning – Lion Mary Felkar – The committee is currently looking at the criteria for the Youth Exchange Program

28. Opportunities For Youth – Lion Jane Smith Parsons – (**See attached**)

- a. LEO's Lion Loretta Ryan - Leo convention is booked for the weekend of march 24-25 at the burry heights camp. Our quest speaker for the convention is Lion Bradley Moss and we have also asked if miss nl would like to attend. We will have aprox 70 people at the convention. The Leo club in come by Chance are down in numbers and we will take a look and do a drive at the school in Sept and see if we can get more members, if that doesn't work out in our favour the club will then decide what we will do concerning our Leo Club. There is another Club in our district who is down in numbers also and are going to see if there is anything they can do to try and get more youth interested in the Leo program.
 - b. Lions Quest Report Lion Greg King reported that he will be taking on the chair position for now. They had visited a number of schools and there was no interest. They are now changing focus to go to the parents. The first meeting has been scheduled for Pouch Cove.
 - c. Peace Poster Lion Mary Felker reported. Eighteen schools participated this year and the winner was Brittany Fowler representing the Bay Robert's Lions. Kits for the new year are available from LCI
 - d. Speak Out Lion Geoff Lomond emphasized public speaking and reported that information was sent via the newsletter. He asked the Zone Chairs to report to him as soon as possible with the student's names and topics for Gander.
 - e. Youth Exchange – Loin Chris Squires reported that a youth visited from Australia and had a great experience. He has received three applications from students wishing to visit NL and has two applications from youth in our area wanting to go on an exchange. It was commented that it should be a true exchange with the youth going hosting as well. It was also commented that we should only sponsor a youth once. LRP is looking at guidelines. This year we only have funds for one exchange.
29. Paediatric Cancer PDG Lion Sam Wells – The committee toured the Janeway. There is no special paediatric centre. A three year plan is put into place. This year we will give them some funds to but disposable goods, like crayons, etc. In year two we will try to plan a trip to the LMSMC and in year three possibly look into a grant from LCIF.
30. Pins – Lion Terry Clarke reported that all the anniversary pins are sold as well as all the LMSMC pins and Gambo pins.
31. PR – PDG Lion Harry Harding very few reports are coming in. He stressed that reports especially to your community are very important.
32. Reading Action Program – PDG Lion Joan Forward reported that the district is quite active although only four clubs reported. She stated that Lions should set an example by reading to their children and grandchildren. Speak outs are an opportunity for young people to read. Breakfast programs are a place to promote reading.
33. Sight Conservation Lion Bradley Moss (**see attached**)
34. VOVM – Lion Maxine Ings (**See attached**) Miranda Antle from VOVM Cares also reported on the Bingo (**See attached**) She was asked how much money had Lions raised for VOVM Cares since the Bingo started? She will obtain the number and inform Lion Maxine. She reported that under Provincial legislation the bingo has to go at week 28. Previously it did go at week 14 and week 28. She also reported that due to changes at VOVM all money must be in before and cheques can be released. They are currently waiting on oee store.
35. Travel Count was conducted – Lion s in attendance

New Business:

None

Adjournment: DG Diane adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. on a motion by Lion Roxanne Oates

Lion Frank CST

162 Lions were in attendance for the travel count

Over 200 Lions at the banquet .

This weekend:

We disbursed the following:

HCF Eye clinic	\$ 71,898.96 (including grant from LCIF)
Diabetes Canada	\$ 8,636.31
LCIF	\$ 6,196.90
LFC (Diabetes Dog)	\$ 4,318.15
LFC (MD N Legacy Fund)	\$ 2,500.00
LMSMC	\$ 5,000.00
Burin Health Care Foundation	\$ 1,013.45
Bonavista Health Care Foundation	\$ 1,013.45
Janeway Hospital	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$101,577.42