

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**  
**April 30th/May1st, 2008**  
**Kananaskis, Alberta**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance -.Council Chair Winston Collins called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the final meeting of the 2007-2008 Council of Governors. CC Collins expressed his joy with the return of the Multiple District 37 Secretary-Treasurer PCC John Witherspoon. The Pledge of Allegiance was read by all.

2. Introduction of Council Members and Guests.

Starting with Council Chair Winston Collins all members of the council introduced themselves and their positions. PDG Gail Witherspoon was in attendance to assist in the taking of minutes and other tasks to assist the MD37 Secretary. All members of council were in attendance with the exception of District Governor Terri Hill. The MD office, Council Chair and the hotel were not notified if District Governor Hill was not able to attend the council meeting.

3. Adoption of Council Meeting minutes of January 2008

Minutes of the previous meeting were part of the council package. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED . CARRIED.***

4. Additions to the Agenda.

A) Comments from the MD37 Secretary- health

PCC John Witherspoon outlined his current medical condition and that the results of the recent CT scans will be know next Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. He is very hopeful that the cancer will have been eliminated, however, if a small amount remains the medical staff are very confident that a small series of radiation should eliminate what is left. PCC John expressed both his and Lion Gail's thanks to all for their support and encouragement he had received. PCC John is looking forward to return to the full duties of the Secretary position.

B) DGE's - Thailand International Convention

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer advised the DGE's that we would not be sending the full flag set to Thailand. Instead 36 half Canadian/US flags along with the MD37 Marching banner would be used. A DGE would be required to pick up these items from the MD office and return same at the July Council meeting. DGE Terry Dunn volunteered to be responsible for the flags and the banner. The only item that is required to be returned to the office is the MD37 Banner. The flags can be given away.

C) Waterton Youth Camp - Use of MD37 name

District Governor John Watson advised the Council that the Waterton Youth Camp continues to advertise the camp as a MD37 Youth Camp. The camp is not authorized by District 37-O and should not be using the MD title. When the MD37 Youth Exchange was disbanded in 2005, all parties involved in YE were informed that they were no longer allowed to use or indicate any YE program was a Multiple District project. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson expressed concern over liability if the camp is mis using the MD37 title when in fact it is not authorized by Council. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS, THAT THE MD37 SECRETARY WRITE THOSE INVOLVED IN THE WATERTON CAMP INFORMING THEM TO CEASE USING THE MD37 AS PART OF THEIR ADVERTIZING OR PROMOTION OF THE CAMP. CARRIED.***

D) MD37 Council Ties - sale of same to PDG's

MD37 Secretary reported that he had been successful in obtaining 100 more of the ties adopted by the MD as the official tie of the MD. He also advised that this matter was discussed at the Finance Meeting and a recommendation would be coming from the Finance Chair on this matter.

E) Can Media Project on Digitizing History of Alberta. DG Bill Engram.

District Governor Bill provided an update on this project and requested the DG canvas their districts for clubs willing to take part. He has 21 clubs so far but needs at least 50 for this project to get off the ground. This is a great opportunity for Lions to get valuable exposure without having to spend alot of

money. VDG Terry Dunn asked for a list of clubs who were involved in the first Can Media Project. DG Bill advised he will provide same

## 5. Information/Update Material

### A) MD37 2008 Conference Final Report.

Finance Report will cover this matter.

### B) MD37 2009 Conference Bid - VDG Mary Kay Flanagan 37-S

Letter of intent was presented by VDG Mary Kay Flanagan for hosting this event at Bozeman at the end of January 2009. The approx registration fee and hotel reservations will be around \$85.00 US. A budget was presented, along with hotel information. It was agreed being we have bids for the next three years we would hear all the bids and then make a motion on this matter.

### C) MD37 2009 Convention Bid - VDG Mary Kay Flanagan 37-S

VDG Mary Kay Flanagan presented a letter of intent to bid for the 2009 MD37 Convention from the Lions of Havre, Montana. They have a new facility and are looking forward to hosting this event. They have reviewed the proposed budget for the MD37 2009 Conference and feel the costs will be very similar.

### D) MD37 2010 Convention Bid - Kallispell Lions

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer reported to Council that the MD office had received a letter of intent to bid for the 2010 MD37 Convention in Kallispell, Montana. If their bid is accepted they will immediately start the planning of the event.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THESE BIDS AND ALONG WITH THE BID FROM MEDICINE HAT LIONS FOR 2011 MD37 CONVENTION BE PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES OF THIS YEARS CONVENTION FOR ACCEPTANCE. CARRIED.** It should be noted that this is the first time in many years that we have locations selected to hold our annual conventions. The incoming Council of Governors should now

start looking for bids for the 2012 convention so it can be presented to the delegates at the MD37 Convention in 2009.

E) MD37 2006-2007 Audit report

This matter will be part of the Finance Committee report to Council.

#### 6. Finance Committee - PDG Ben Apeland.

PDG Ben Apeland provided an overview of the Finance Committee meeting and the recommendations from same. MD37 Secretary-Treasurer John had outlined some problems with clubs/individuals ordering material from the MD office and taking several months to pay for same.

**RECOMMENDATION 1: THAT INDIVIDUALS ORDERING ITEMS FROM THE MD OFFICE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE. LIONS CLUBS OR LION CLUB MEMBERS ORDERING ITEMS FROM THE COST IN EXCESS OF \$50.00 MUST ALSO PAY IN ADVANCE.**

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer advised that the MD Laptop (Lenovo) is no longer under warranty and is having difficulties with the LCD screen. He is having a problem with Lenovo as the screen was replaced in January. The warranty expired in March and they will not honor any further replacement. He has raised the situation with level 2 supervisors of Lenovo who have forwarded the situation to management for a decision.

**RECOMMENDATION 2: THAT IF UNSUCCESSFUL WITH LENOVO, THEN MD37 SECRETARY-TREASURER IS AUTHORIZED TO REPLACE THE LAPTOP.**

Discussion was held on the reimbursement of our International Advisors. Some confusion had developed over which 2 PID's would receive reimbursement for attending the various council meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION 3; THAT ONE OF 2 PID'S WHO QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTENDING THE COUNCIL MEETING BE THE PID WHO SITS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS HE/SHE MUST ATTEND ALL MEETINGS. THE REMAINING PID WOULD BE THE PID WHO HAD TO TRAVEL THE FARTHEST TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer advised that currently in the US Saving account we have \$100,000 US. There is no need for that large amount and he was suggesting that a portion be invested in a CD.

***RECOMMENDATION 4: THAT THE MD37 SECRETARY-TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO INVEST UP TO \$50,000 US IN A TERM DEPOSIT.***

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer outlined that he had been able to secure a further 100 MD37 Ties. There has been a number of PDG's enquiring at the MD office if they could purchase same. MD37 Secretary-Treasurer suggested that we allow a small quantity of the ties to be made available to PDG's for purchase.

***RECOMMENDATION 5: THAT THE MD37 TIES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY PDG'S ON THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: 50 TIES BE PLACED INTO THE RESERVE POOL FOR FUTURE MALE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S, 30 TIES BE TURNED INTO SCARFS, AND 30 TIES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY MALE PDG'S AT A COST OF \$20.00 AND 5 SCARFS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY FEMALE PDG'S AT A COST OF \$30.00.***

The Finance Committee reviewed the current financial records for the year to date and have determined that the MD37 Finances and Financial records are in good shape and well within the approved Budget for 2007-2008.

The final report from the MD37 2008 Conference was reviewed and accepted as presented. The profit of \$2,000US will be split as per the constitution 50/50 with the Great Falls Electric City Lions.

The proposed budget for 2008-2009 was reviewed and agreed with pending the final approval at the July 2008 council meeting when all the locations for council meetings/conventions and members of Council are known.

As the MD37 Secretary-Treasurer was not available for the January meeting, his contract was reviewed. A formal presentation will be made to council later in the meeting on the contract and reimbursements.

As part of the 2008-2009 budget, a discussion was held on whether or not the MD should have an office at the 2009 International Convention in St. Paul, Mn. It was felt at this time we should defer the decision until October to determine whether or not anything was planned for the outgoing International Director Dr Patti Hill and if sufficient Lions members were planning to attend same. The

amount of \$5,000 has been placed into the budget but final decision will be made by the council at their October meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION 6: THAT THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT THE MD HAS AN OFFICE AT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BE DETERMINED BY THE 2008-2009 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AT THEIR OCTOBER 2008 MEETING.**

The final items discussed at the Finance Meeting was the 2006-2007 Audit of the MD37 Financial records. An independent audit was conducted and their report was reviewed. No outstanding matters or concerns were expressed by the auditors.

**RECOMMENDATION 7: THAT THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND FILED.**

**MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THE SEVEN (7) RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S. CARRIED.**

Changes to the MD37 Policy Manual will be made with the assistance of PID Jack Isaman and MD37 Secretary-Treasurer prior to the July Council Meeting.

#### 7. MD37 Secretary-Treasurer Contract

The MD37 Secretary was excused for the rest of the evening while the discussion on the Secretary contract was discussed at Council. Lion PDG Gail Witherspoon attended the meeting to take notes for the remaining part of the evening as PCC John Witherspoon had retired for the evening. PDG Ben Apeland reported on the executive session of Council relation to the MD37 Secretary's contract for 2008-2009. It was agreed unanimously by council to offer a contract for 2008-2009 to PCC John Witherspoon for the duties of MD37 Secretary-Treasurer for 2008-2009 with the same salary and benefits as in the 2007-2008 contract with the following exceptions. That the mileage claim be increased from current .28 cents US to .50 cents US effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and a bonus in the amount of \$3,500 be granted. **MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT A CONTRACT BE EXTENDED TO PCC JOHN WITHERSPOON FOR THE POSITION OF MD37 SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009 WITH SIMILAR CONDITIONS AND SALARY AS IN THE 2007-2008 CONTRACT AND FURTHER THAT THE MILEAGE BE INCREASED FROM .28**

**CENTS US TO .50 CENTS US, AND THAT A BONUS OF \$3,500 BE GRANTED FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008. CARRIED.**

Discussion was held on a request from PCC Ardith Tjorunland in regards to her convention registration. Due to illness of Lion Otto, she would not be able to attend the convention. She does not want a refund, but would like a draw of the newest Lions in attendance and the winner be provided a refund. It was agreed that a motion would be placed on the floor at the opening session of the convention to extend the boundaries of the convention to the community of Cardston. Lion Vice District Governor Wayne Hintz agreed to make this motion.

A discussion was held on the MD37 Senior Leadership and Master Leadership Awards. District Governor John Watson questioned the names of some of the proposed recipients. PID Jack Isaman challenged the members of council at the adjournment of tonight meeting to review all the names submitted and report back to council on Thursday with the final selection of names.

Meeting was adjourned until 8:30 Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting called back into order. With the non attendance of the District Governor from 37-N, it was **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT VDG WAYNE HINTZ BE ALLOWED VOTING RIGHTS SO THAT DISTRICT 37-N IS REPRESENTED AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.**

PID Bill Webber was welcomed to the meeting .

8. Business arising from January Council Meeting

C07-003 - MD37 2008 Convention - Budget, Registration, Program

PID Jack Isaman went over the program and responsibilities of the various members of council for the convention. Registration is disappointing but for those who attend they will have a great time. Our guest is PID Scott and Dale Storm who will be arriving on Thursday afternoon, so hopefully the council meeting will be over so that members can meet the Storms upon their arrival at the Delta. Council Chair Winston assigned the various duties to individual DG's.

PID Jack advised that the PDG's meeting will be held on Friday morning at 8:00AM, Lunch at noon with PCC Gordon Zeigler (PDG Ben Apeland Moderator) followed by the opening session chaired by Council Chair Winston

Collins at 1PM. The Flag Ceremonies will be using the DGE's and our International Guest PID Scott Storm. PID Bill Webber will speak on the proposed ballot change for the election of the Vice Council Chair and PIP Judge Brian Stevenson will speak on the ballot change in regards to the changing of the MD37 Conference to Area forums. At the completion of Friday's program there will be approx 1 hour break prior to the District Dinners and then at 8:30 we will enjoy the entertainment of Jack Gladstone. Saturday will start at 8:30 AM with District Governor Jim Johnke as Moderation. District Governor John Watson and Vice District Governor Christina Pond will be responsible for voting. VDG's from each district will also be responsible for voting. All districts have paid their MD37 dues so are eligible to vote. Voting will take place at 11:30. The Saturday Luncheon will take place in the Gold/Silver room and will see the presentation of the Hall of Fame, MD37 Senior and Master Leadership Awards and the Green Jacket Presentations. The moderator will be District Governor Bill Engram. PIP Brian Stevenson will present the bio's of the DGE's while PID Bill Webber will present the bio's of the Hall of Fame recipients. PID Jack Isaman will present the MD37 Leadership Awards to those in attendance. District Governors will be responsible to present those not in attendance at a suit time and place the Leadership Awards. This will be followed by the memorial service.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS  
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN  
WATSON THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED  
CLOSED. CARRIED.***

C07-004 - MD Constitution/By-Laws/Policy Manual Changes

This agenda item will remain open and be a carry over to the 2008-2009 as we will not know the outcome of proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws until after the delegates had an opportunity to vote on same at this convention. Once the decision of the delegates is know, the required changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual will be made and provided to the Council at their first meeting in July for approval.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM***

**AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THIS ITEM BE CARRIED OVER TO THE 2008-2009 COUNCIL FOR THE NECESSARY APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL CHANGES. CARRIED.**

C07-005 - LCIF Sightfirst Grant

This agenda time will be a carry over to the 2008-2009 Council as nothing has been received in regards to placing a submission to LCIF. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2008-2009 COUNCIL. CARRIED**

C07-007 - MD37 2011 Convention Bid - Medicine Hat Lions

This bid along with the other 3 will be put to the delegates at this convention for approval. Once the delegates have had the opportunity to approval or decline, letters will be provided to the respective Host Clubs outlining the decision. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS ITEM BE CLOSED. CARRIED**

C07-009 - MD37 Trading Pins

District 37-L provided their design, however, with the non attendance of District Governor of 37-N this matter will have to be a carryover to next year. DGE Wayne Hintz was informed that he must have the design submitted at the July meeting as the pin design from 37-N must be put out for bid prior to the October meeting so that council can approve the winning bid. Failure to have the design available at the July meeting will mean the pins will not be available until the May meeting. **MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CARRIED OVER TO 2008-2009 COUNCIL. CARRIED.**

- C07-016 - Policy on Senior Leadership Award
- Discussion was held on the policy manual changes on who qualifies for this award. A new section will be placed into the policy manual to ensure that only qualified individuals are eligible for this award. It should be noted that after this year the numbers will drop to a max of 7 Senior Leadership Awards and only several Master Leadership Awards. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY PDG BEN APELAND THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CARRIED OVER TO 2008-2009 FOR THE NECESSARY APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL CHANGES. CARRIED.***
- C07-019 - Changes to format of MD37 Conference.
- Depending on the outcome of the delegates at the convention it was agreed that this item should be moved to the 2008-2009 Council as the Constitution/By-Laws/Policy Manual will require numerous changes. These changes must be approved by the incoming council. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CARRIED OVER TO 2008-2009 COUNCIL. CARRIED.***
- C07-020 - Election of Council/Vice Council Chairs
- Depending on the outcome of the delegates at the convention it was agreed that this item should be moved to the 2008-2009 Council as the Constitution/By-Laws/Policy Manual will require numerous changes. These changes must be approved by the incoming council. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CARRIED OVER TO 2008-2009 COUNCIL. CARRIED.***
- C07-025 - MD37 Hall of Fame Presentation-MD37 Historian
- Procedure for presentation of these awards was discussed. Due to a “graduation in Blairmore” PDG Scotty Duff will not be in attendance. He has asked that DGE Wayne Hintz present his ‘Hall of Fame’ at the

District 37-N convention in October. MD37 Secretary-Treasurer reminded the incoming DGE's that this is a MD37 Award and proper completion of the required forms is necessary. Remember when submitting the bio of the member, think of the delegates listening to the bio. A lot of the bio are very "heavy" with awards. The delegates aren't interested in this, they want to know why the individual is being inducted into the Hall of Fame.  
**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CLOSED. CARRIED.**

C07-027 - USA/CANADA Forum Update

PID Jack Isaman provided a update on the forum and advised the members of Council that PCC Gordon Zeigler from MD5 will be speaking on the matter at the convention. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED CLOSED. CARRIED.**

C07-031 - Council Meeting Dates

With the bid to host the 2009 MD37 Conference in Bozeman the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the Conference. The finance meeting will be at 7PM on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and Full Council meeting will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> . Also if the bid is accepted for the 2009 Convention to be held in Havre, the final meeting will held in conjunction with the convention. Once the dates are known it will be provided to the Council.  
**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED CLOSED. CARRIED**

C07-032 - MD37 2008-2009 Committee Chairs

DGE Christina Pond advised the Council that the DGE's had completed the assignment of the various chairs and will provided an electronic verison to the MD37 office as soon as possible.  
**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON**

**AND SECONDED BY VDG WAYNE HINTZ THAT THIS ITEM BE MARKED CLOSED. CARRIED.**

8. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

C07-033 - LCIF gift to LCI

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer outlined the situation that occurred last year with our donation of 1000.00 as per the constitution. No acknowledge was received from LCI nor was the thank cards for the various DGE's used. The general discussion was that it might be time to discontinue this practice, if LCI is not going to take the time to acknowledge our donation. PID Bill advised that any changes to this procedure will require a constitution/by-law change. This change will only occur, after the delegates have the opportunity to vote on this matter at the 2009 Convention. This agenda item will be a carry over to the 2008-2009 year. The donation for this year will continue in the usually way but the donation cards will be be send. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY PDG BEN APELAND THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE FORWARDED TO 2008-2009 FOR THE NECESSARY CONSTITUTIONAL/BY-LAW AMENDMENTS. CARRIED**

C07-034 - Disposition of Tail Twister Funds

At the MD37 2008 Conference, Council did not assign where the Tail Twisting funds would go. PID Jack advised that due to the higher costs at the MD37 2008 Convention, a decision was made not to have tail twisting. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TAIL TWISTING AT THE 2008 CONFERENCE BE ASSIGNED TO CSF-II IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT FALLS ELECTRIC CITY LIONS CLUB. FURTHER THAT THE MD37 SECRETARY WRITE A LETTER TO THE GREAT FALLS ELECTRIC CITY ADVISING OF THE 800.00 US**

**DONATION TO CSFII, IN THE EVENT THEY MAY WISH TO INCREASE IT TO \$1000.00 FOR A MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP. CARRIED.**

C07-035 - Clarification on Past Officers Expenses

As discussion and part of the Finance Committee recommendations, a motion was passed that the 2 PID's who qualify for reimbursement, would be the PID who sits on the Finance Committee, as that PID is required at all Council meetings, and the PID who travels the greatest distance to get to the Council meeting. PID Jack Isaman advised the Council he did not take part in the discussion held at the Finance meeting on this matter.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE BEING CHANGES TO THE POLICY MANUAL WILL BE REQUIRED THAT THIS BE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2008-2009 COUNCIL SO THAT NECESSARY POLICY MANUAL CHANGES CAN BE APPROVED. CARRIED.**

C07-036 - Payment of Candidates attending recent leadership Institute in Calgary

Discussion was held on the payment of various candidates who took part in this training. There is a \$1,500 approved budget for this training and it was felt that 4 Lions who attended from outside the City of Calgary should qualify for reimbursement of mileage and meals at the rules of audit guidelines. These being Lions Bill Engram, Mary Kay Flanagan, Terry Dunn and Christine Lank. Upon submission of receipts and notification of mileage, they will be reimbursed .

**MOVED BY VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WAYNE HINTZ AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THESE FOUR (4) LIONS WHO ATTENDED THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IN CALGARY BE REIMBURSED VIA RULES OF AUDIT FOR MILEAGE AND MEALS...CARRIED**

VDG Mary Kay spoke on the experience of attending this training. VDG Terry Dunn, VDG Christina Pond and District Governor Bill Engram also provided their feelings and experiences from the training. All pointed out that it was one of best training sessions they have ever attended.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED AS CLOSED. CARRIED.**

C07-037 - Lions Legacy Scholarship Fund - PID Bill Webber

PID Bill Webber reminded the Canadian District Governors of this scholarship which is provided via the Lions of Alberta Foundation with making grants . Only 14 scholarships were handed out so far and encourage all to promote this project. Unfortunately, being the funds come from “gaming funds” the scholarships can’t be awarded to anyone outside of the Province of Alberta.

**MOVED BY PDG DISTRICT GOVERNOR BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CLOSED. CARRIED.**

9. Membership Status as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer reported to the council the stat’s just received from LCI. The overall membership decline for the MD37 so far this year is only -7 members. That is the lowest drop of members seen in along time. District 37-N and 37-S are the only 2 districts that continue to show an increase.

10. Voting Procedures - MD37 Secretary-Treasurer

MD37 Secretary-Treasurer John outlined the voting procedures, voting ballots, certification listing for each district. District Governor John Watson and DGE Christina Pond volunteered to handle the voting for the event. PDG Greg Clarke and PDG Jim Taylor will assist in the voting procedure.

11. No Child Without - CC Winston Collins

Council Chair Winston advised the importance of assigning a cabinet member to this position. This is a project only available to Lions on the Canadian side. Council Chair Winston advised that the Multiple District Chair for this project is Lion Dan Drew from the Red Deer Central Lions Club. He encouraged all the Canadian District Governor's to appoint a Lion in their district to chair this important position.

12. Report on Extension - PID Jack Isaman

No report at this time.

13. Report on Retention - No Chairman -

14. Report on Leadership

Letter from PCC Lynne Coulter outlining the recent DGE training sessions held in Lethbridge. Copy of the report provided to Council..

15. Procedure for Hall of Fame, Leadership Awards, Green Jacket

District Governor's/Spouse, District Governor Elect/Spouse were reminded that when the last District is being presented with the Leadership Awards, they are to line up in L,I,O,N,S order for the Green Jacket presentation. The current DG will remove the Blue Jacket and the Council Chair will present the Green Jacket. Once all the jackets have been presented an opportunity for the delegates to take pictures will be available prior to the continuation of the program.

16. Comments from advisors:

Due to the arrival in Calgary of PID Scott/Dale Storm, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson and PID Jack Isaman (accompanied by their spouses) were absent at the conclusion of the Council Meeting. PID Bill Webber thanked the council for their good work and as he put it the miracles of medicine/prayers/support the safe return of our MD37 Secretary-Treasurer. He encouraged the soon to be PDG's to start active with in their districts and provide the necessary leadership for future leaders of our MD.

17. Adjournment at 1:30 PM

**Special Meeting Called at 5:00PM.** Those in attendance where Council Chair, Finance Chair, Vice Finance Chair, District Governor's 37-L, 37-I, 37-S, VDG 37-S. PID Jack Isaman

Meeting called to order ***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT WE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. CARRIED.***

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT WE COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND REPORT TO COUNCIL. CARRIED***

It was discussed at the Finance Meeting that Policy manual needs to be amended so that the situation encountered at this council meeting does not happen again.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE POLICY MANUAL BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THAT IF A DISTRICT GOVERNOR FAILS TO ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, THAT DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES FROM THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT. IF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY BEEN REIMBURSED FROM THE MD, FOR PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING, THEN THE AMOUNT PAID WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY ANNUAL ALLOWANCE THE SAID DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFIES FOR. CARRIED.***

***IT WAS FURTHER MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT ANY COSTS INCURRED AT THE HOTEL DUE TO FAILING TO CANCEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SAID DISTRICT GOVERNOR , AND THE MD37 OFFICE WILL BILL THE SAID DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR THESE COSTS . CARRIED.***

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND THAT THIS SPECIAL MEETING BE ADJOURNED. CARRIED.***