

**Multiple District 37 Council of Governors Meeting
Minutes
November 5 & 6, 2009
Devon, Alberta**

Agenda items 1 & 2 - Meeting was called to order on November 5, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. by Council Chairperson Donna Coulter with all of the voting members of Council in attendance. In the absence of MD 37 Secretary Treasurer Bill Engram, 2nd Vice District Governor Donna Wozney was acting Secretary. The Lions Pledge was recited.

Moved by DG Jerry and seconded by DG Tom that Council move into an in-camera session. **Carried.**

Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Tom that Council come out of in-camera and resume open session. **Carried.**

Agenda item 3 – Adoption of the August Council meeting – Moved by DG Dave and seconded by DG Tom that minutes be adopted as circulated. **Carried.**

Agenda item 4 – Additions to the agenda –

C09-030 – add DG Fred intent to run for VCC

10. e. - compensation to 2nd Vice District Governors to attend May, 2010 Council meeting and the 2010 MD 37 Convention in Kalispell – DG Dave

10. f. – Lions afghan donated by Mrs. Swatzky – DG Dave

10. d. – Lions Quest – PIP Brian

10. g. – Retroactive dues increase – PID Tom

Agenda item 5 – Adoption of the agenda - Moved by VCC Ben and seconded by DG Jerry the agenda is accepted with the above noted additions. **Carried.**

Agenda item 8 – Business from August, 2009 Council meeting -

CF09-001 – Peace Poster - Moved by DG Tom and seconded by DG Dave that the motion made by the MD 37 Council at its May, 2009 meeting that the Multiple District pay for the actual costs to bring the winning Peace Poster youth and one parent to the MD 37 Convention be rescinded. Motion carried with DG Fred opposed. It was agreed that the MD 37 winner of the Peace Poster contest will be recognized by having their poster digitally shown at the MD 37 Convention and that the district from which the winner comes from will find a suitable way to present the \$300 cheque that will come from the Multiple District. CC Donna reminded the District Governors that their district's winning poster must be received by her by December 1 at the latest.

Agenda item CF09-002 - Banners to replace plaque for MD 37 Hall of Fame – PID Patti will look after this.

CF09-005 - MD 37 Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy Manual updates – PID Jack, DG-elect Bill, 1st Vice Governor Betty are to have their committee's final report ready for the February Council meeting.

CF09-011 - MD 37 Youth Exchange – filed until such time as PCC George Takashima or some other Lion sends a request to speak to the proposal.

CF09- 017 – MD 37 Convention Handbook – a suggested revision was done and sent by CC Donna to the DGs and others asking them to read it and for Council to be prepared to approve it at the February, 2010 Council meeting. CC Donna thanked those who provided her with suggestions for changes.

C09-022 – New LCIF – PIP Brian spoke to this item and provided an update.

C09-030 - Notices of intent from DG Tom and DG Fred to run for MD 37 Vice Council Chairperson for 2010-2011. DG Tom's name will be on the ballot for the 37 L Convention being held this weekend. DG Fred's name will be on a ballot at District O's Convention.

C09-036 – Need for MD 37 office at the LCI Convention in Australia – Moved by DG Tom and VCC Ben that MD 37 have an office in Australia. Motion defeated. **There will be no MD 37 office at the LCI Convention in Australia.**

Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Jerry that the Council meeting be in recess until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow. **Carried.**

Friday, November 6, 2009 – 8:00 a.m.
Council Meeting moved out of recess and into open session.

Agenda Item 10. – MERL team

- a. **Leadership Development** – Chairperson PCC Lynne Coulter presented a report on the MERL workshop he attended in Memphis as well as on the MD 37 DGE training that has been taking place this Lions year prior to the Council meetings. His written report has been filed with these minutes and was provided to the Council at this meeting.

Agenda item CF09-007 – MD 37 Convention 2010 – Lion Ron Hoye of the Kalispell host committee was present and responded to questions.

- a. Moved by DG Tom and seconded by DG Jerry that the budget for the convention be approved as amended to show the MD 37 grant will be \$4,888.50 **Carried.**
- b. Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Dave that the Registration Form be approved with one correction. Under Refund Policy it should read April 14, 2010 and not 2009. **Carried.**

Agenda item CF09-007, continued –

c. Appointments of all MD 37 Convention Committee personnel that Council is responsible to do were done at this meeting and will be provided by CC Donna to the PDG Monte Weisser. CC Donna reminded all of those who agreed to be appointees that they will need to work closely with the PDG Monte Weisser and his committee. The proposed Convention Schedule was reviewed by Council and several recommendations came forward:

- **Thursday evening social event** – it is to be the decision of the host committee as to what type of entertainment to have.
- **Friday schedule** - Moved DG Fred and seconded by DG Jerry that the Don Lawrence Orchestra be removed. **Motion carried with one opposed.**
- **Saturday morning sessions – 4. Speakers:**
 - 4.a. – Lions Foundation of Canada – Guide Dogs** – speaker to be confirmed as soon as possible
 - 4.b. Club Excellence Process** – PID Patti Hill to find a presenter for this and provide that person's information to the host committee.
 - 4.c. – Guiding Lions** – CC Donna will contact PID Jack Isaman and Lion Bill Busst to see if they would present.

It is preferable to have the three sessions as noted above held in separate breakout rooms and the host committee will see if that will be possible. The Convention program will be reviewed again by Council at its meeting in February. The Convention host committee chairperson will be expected to attend that Council meeting and will be so notified.

- d. A list was circulated to fill in what type of hotel rooms members of Council will require so the required number of rooms can be blocked off by the host committee. CC Donna will provide this list to PDG Monte Weisser and ask that these rooms be blocked off along with a suitable room for the International guests.
- e. CC Donna will advise PDG Monte as to what meeting room will be required for the MD 37 Finance Committee meeting and the Council of Governors meeting and for what times.
- f. Lions logo Afghan donation – it was agreed by Council that this will be a silent auction item at the MD 37 Convention. Where the funds are to go is to be decided at the February Council meeting.

At this time International Director Carl Young entered the room and was given a rousing welcome. ID Carl said how pleased he was to have been invited to be the special guest for the District L Convention and also to have been invited to sit in on the Council meeting. He stayed for a time before having to leave.

Agenda item CF09-010 – MD 37 Website – Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Tom that the MD offer the job of MD 37 Webmaster to Lion Bob Booth of Medicine Hat for the amount stated in his proposal. That was that there would be no charge to do the cleanup required. After the cleanup work is completed, he will charge the MD \$50 per hour to update what is there now and to add additional information as required or requested. **Carried.** CC Donna will notify him and the other applicant as to Council's decision.

Agenda Item 7 – Finance Report – VCC Ben suggested that Council wait until after the items that will arise as to financing some of the costs for the Rallies come up before he gives his committee's report. There was general agreement to do this.

Agenda item C09 – 020 – MD 37 Rallies –

- Districts L & I – DG Tom gave his report and all is coming along as planned. Registration forms are available.
- District O & N – DG Fred gave the report. Registration form is available. PID Ross Thorfinnson is to be the international guest.
- District N & S – DG Jerry gave the report and registration form was circulated to Council. He was pleased to announce that PID Dana and PIP Bill Biggs will be coming to the Rally.

Each of the area Rallies will receive, from MD 37 funds, the approved US\$1 per member and the amount each receives is based upon the total number of Lions who are in their respective districts.

After much discussion it was moved by DG Fred and seconded by VCC Ben that up to US\$2,500 be allocated in 2010 from MD 37 funds to provide travel assistance for Lions Clubs International speaker and companion to attend the MD 37 Rallies, as is recommended in the MD 37 Policies. As the Northern area is not having an international guest for their area Rally, the Central area Rally is to receive up to ½ of the US \$2,500 and the Southern Rally to receive up to ½ of the US\$2,500. **The motion was carried.**

Agenda Item 10 e. – Financial assistance for the 2nd Vice District Governors to attend the MD Convention and the Council meeting in Kalispell. Moved by DG Dave and seconded by DG Pam that the MD provide financial assistance for the 2nd Vice District Governors to attend the MD 37 Council of Governors meeting and the MD 37 Convention in Kalispell. Moved by DG Jerry the motion be tabled until after lunch. This item was tabled until after lunch. **Council broke for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.**

Agenda item C09-021 – Finance and Council meetings in Helena- The meetings will be held Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th, 2010 at the Colonial Hotel Red Lion, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT. The Finance Committee meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on the 25th and the Council meeting will begin its meeting at 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. that same day and then recess until 8:00 a.m. the next morning and run to 3:00 p.m. VCC Ben is making arrangements for those who will be going to dinner at the Overland Express Restaurant on the Thursday evening. Unless changed, DGE training won't be done in Helena nor will the MD 37 Friendship Committee meet.

Agenda item C09-023 – Tree Canada – PIP Brian encouraged the clubs to get involved with this program.

Agenda item C09-024 – Medic Alert – No Child Without – Thirty-two school districts in Alberta are now signed on.

Agenda item CF09-004 – Long Range Planning Committee – Moved by DG Dave and seconded by DG Pam that the recommended changes to MD 37 Policy, as written below, be approved and PID Patti Hill be appointed as Long Range Planning Chairperson for 2009-2010. **Carried.** MD 37 Policy 13-8-17 - Long Range Planning Committee to be changed to read as follows:

- i. Function:
To assist the Council of Governors and the Lions of MD 37 in the future development and betterment of Lionism by studying plans, proposals, and ideas presented to them. The Committee shall meet from time to time as deemed necessary to perform its duties and shall make recommendations to the Council after each such meeting.
- ii. Qualifications:
The MD 37 Council of Governors shall appoint a Chairperson of this committee for each Lions year.
- iii. District Governors:
Each year the District Governors will appoint a district representative for the Long Range Planning committee. To ensure the continuity of the committee, the Long Range Planning committee will determine the rotation of these District representatives. The District representatives will serve for three (3) years. Each term will expire as follows:
District 37L – Year 1
District 37I - Year 1
District 370 - Year 2
District 37N - Year 3
District 37S - Year 3

Vacancies will be filled by appointment by the District Governor. No District representatives shall serve more that two (2) consecutive terms.

Agenda Item 10. E. Tabled motion – Moved by DG Dave and seconded by DG Pam that the MD 37 2nd Vice District Governors receive MD 37 Rules of Audit reimbursement to attend the May, 2010 Council of Governors meeting and the MD 37 Convention in Kalispell. **Carried.**

Agenda item 6 – MD 37 Secretary Treasurer situation – Moved by DG Dave and seconded by DG Fred that the following be added to the MD 37 Policy under Multiple District Secretary Treasurer Chapter 11. 3.30 and the wording be written as follows below. **Carried.**

In the event of the Multiple District 37 Secretary-Treasurer being temporarily unable or incapacitated so as to limit his/her ability to fully discharge his/ her obligations to the Multiple District, temporary assistance shall be provided. The need for such action shall be determined by:

- a. A letter from the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer to the MD 37 Council of Governors requesting assistance and stating the limitations and expected time frame for such assistance.
- b. A decision by the Council of Governors that the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer's obligations to the Council are not being met and reasons for this are temporary and beyond the control of the Secretary Treasurer.

When either or both of the above are presented to and accepted by the Council of Governors (*Council may choose to terminate the contract*) the Council may appoint an interim secretary, and/or an interim treasurer, and/or an interim secretary-treasurer to assist with the administrative business of Council.

The MD 37 Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, interim assistant(s) and, if available, the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer shall meet to negotiate a fair compensation for the level of services to be provided by the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer *and* the interim assistant(s). Said compensation shall be considered to be a part of the contract fee paid to the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer had he/she performed these duties. The total of these costs may be less than but no greater than the contract fee. An agreement providing the details of this compensation package shall be signed by the negotiators, including the MD37 Secretary-Treasurer if he/she is able. This action shall replace the contract accepted by the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer and the Council of Governors until such time as the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer and the Council of Governors deem the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer to be available and fit to assume full responsibilities for his/her duties.

The MD 37 Council Chairperson shall conduct a monthly review of the status of the MD 37 Secretary-Treasurer to determine if he/she is fit and available to assume full responsibility of his/her duties. The Council Chairperson shall report to Council as to what further action may be required.

Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Jerry that PID Dr. Patti Hill be appointed as MD 37 interim Secretary -Treasurer on a month-to-month basis starting November 6, 2009. **Carried.**

Moved by DG Tom and seconded by DG Dave that PID Patti be added as an additional signing authority on all of the MD 37 bank accounts. **Carried.**

Agenda item C09-029 – Societies Act of Alberta – PIP Brian advised all Alberta Lions clubs to register with the Society as there is some legal advantage to the clubs by doing so. CC Donna encouraged the DGs to go on-line and read about the Act.

Agenda item C09-031 – Alert Program – Council did not see the need to appoint an MD 37 chairperson for the program at this time.

Agenda item C09-033 – STARS 25th Anniversary publication notice – for information - no action taken

Agenda item C09-034 – Lions Eye Bank (Alberta) Society (LEBAS)– Moved by DG Pam and seconded by DG Fred that Council approve the recommended appointments of PCC Bill Engram and PDG Terry Dunn as LEBAS Board members for 2009-2012. **Carried.**

Agenda item C09-035 – Insurance coverage for MD 37 office equipment – PID Patti will ask Lion Shirley Engram if that is covered under their home insurance coverage policy.

Agenda item C09-037 – LCI Trademark policies – for information, only.

Agenda item C09-038 – Club Excellence Process – PID Patti briefly explained this process that is currently being piloted in several areas. The results of this pilot may show Lions how we can move forward.

Agenda item C09-040 – Canada Youth Music Competition – Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Jerry that the MD provide \$100 (Cdn.) towards the prize for the overall winner from Canada. **Carried.**

Agenda item C09-041 – Endorsement of PID Wayne Madden for LCI 2nd Vice President – Moved by DG Dave and seconded by DG Tom that MD 37 endorse PID Madden. **Carried.** CC Donna will send letters to the required Lions.

Agenda item # 7 – Finance committee's report – Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Tom that the report as provided by VCC Ben be accepted as amended. **Carried.** The report is available by contacting VCC Ben.

Agenda item C09-042 – Redistribution of districts and district’s input into the process - discussion but no specific action taken on the motion

Agenda item C09-043 – reduce dues for Charter Lions clubs for the first year – it was suggested that this be brought up at the International Director’s Question & Answer session that will take place at the District L Convention.

Agenda item 10. MERL – continued...

- a. **Membership** – Chairperson PCC Malcolm Macleod was absent – no written report received. All of Council agreed that our membership in MD 37 must increase and that we must all work on this problem.
- b. **Extension** – Chairperson PID Jack Isaman was absent and had advised CC Donna that he would not be at Council...no written report.
- c. **Retention** – Chairperson VCC Ben – encouraged everyone to work with the GMT to build new clubs.
- d. **Leadership Development** – Chairperson PCC Lynne Coulter gave his report in the morning.

Agenda item 10 b. - Organ donation awareness program – PDG Brian Grier provided a written report and a copy was included in the Council’s information packets. District Governors were reminded to find someone in their district who is interested in working with PDG Brian to get this promotion about the need for organ donations out to the general public. Moved by DG Tom and seconded by DG Jerry that the report be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**

Agenda item 10, c. – Canadian Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC) - PDG Bernie Gribben provided a written report and copies of that report were included in the Council’s information packets. Moved by VCC Ben and seconded by DG Fred that the report be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**

Agenda item 10. d. – Lions Quest – PIP Brian advised Council that Thrive Canada is in severe financial difficulty and their office may be in danger of closing. Moved by DG Jerry and seconded by DG Dave that the MD 37 Lions Quest chairpersons Lion Fred Moore (South) and Lion Lori Perley (North) be approved to order new materials, including the bound books that are printed in color instead of the binders, from LCI for MD37 and that they also be approved to access the Core 4 grant monies to assist with purchasing of said materials providing the criteria for allocating the Core 4 grant funds are fully met. **Carried.**

Agenda item C09-039 – MD 37 pin...#3 in a series of 5. Moved by DG Fred and seconded by DG Pam that the VCC Ben be approved to order 1200 pins. District L to take 250; District I to take 200; District O to take 250; District N to take 200; and District S to take 250. **Carried.** The pins will be ready for delivery in Helena. The next pin graphics will come from District I.

Agenda Item 10. g. – Dues increase at District N Convention – it was agreed that this is a district concern and not an MD 37 issue.

Agenda Item 11 – Closing remarks

- District Governors – CC Donna was thanked by all for chairing another productive and on-time meeting as well as for all the work she has done since MD Secretary Treasurer Bill's surgery.
- Vice District Governors – thanked all for an effective learning experience
- PIDs Patti and Tom - a lot was accomplished in a relatively short time and thanked Council for its work in addressing items that came before them.
- PIP Brian – thanked CC Donna, VCC Ben and PID Patti for stepping in to help where help is needed.
- VCC Ben – thanked CC Donna for doing what needed to be done and for being there when he needed some assistance or advice.
- CC Donna – thanked VCC Ben for his invaluable assistance and also thanked all Lions present for their cooperation for the betterment of MD 37 and for their continued thoughts and prayers for MD Secretary Treasurer Bill and Lion Shirley Engram.

Council Chairperson Donna adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

