

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
JULY 27th/28th, 2007
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Council Chair Winston Collins at 7PM.

2. Introduction of Council Members and Guests. Council Chair officially welcomed our newest International Director Dr. Patti Hill. Due to illness District Governor Terri Hill was unable to attend the meeting (DG Terri was able to arrive late Saturday morning for the final sessions of council). VDG Mary Kay Flanagan was also unable to attend due to commitments in Bozeman.

3. Adoption of Council Meeting minutes of May, 2007..PID Tom and ID Patti reported several small errors in the minutes. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING BE ACCEPTED WITH THE CORRECTIONS MADE. CARRIED.***

4. Additions to the Agenda.

- A) Presentation - PID Jack Isaman
- B) Candidate for 2 Vice President of LCI - ID Dr. Patti Hill
- C) No Child Without - Lions and Medic Alert - ID Dr. Patti Hill
- D) Lions Foundation of Canada - Fund raising project - ID Dr. Patti Hill
- E) Thank you to PID Bill Webber - CC Winston Collins
- F) International Awards - ID Dr. Patti Hill
- G) Fund raising for CSFII - "Coffee Table Book" - PID Jack Isaman
- H) Can-Media Project with Lions Clubs - DG Bill Engram
- I) Braille Books - District Governor Jim Johnke

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE AGENDA BE ACCEPTED . CARRIED.

Council Chair acknowledge the arrival of several guests and asked the representative District Governor/Vice District Governor to introduce their guest. District Governor John Watson introduced Lion Denise Isaman and in the absence of District Governor Terri Hill, Vice District Governor Wayne Hintz introduced Past District Governor Gail Witherspoon.

5. Finance Committee - PDG Ben Apeland. PDG Ben reported on the Finance Meeting held prior to council meeting. Members of council were referred to the various financial reports contained in their package.

MOVED BY FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY VICE FINANCE CHAIR JOHN WATSON THAT THE FINAL REPORT FOR 2006-2007 BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.....CARRIED

MOVED BY FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY VICE FINANCE CHAIR JOHN WATSON THAT THE FIRM "YPM" AND THAT OF HARVEY LABUHN BE APPOINTED AS THE ACCOUNTANT/FIRM TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2006-2007. CARRIED

MOVED BY FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY VICE FINANCE CHAIR JOHN WATSON THAT THE BUDGET FOR 2007-2008 BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.. CARRIED.

PDG Ben Apeland reported on a situation that occurred last year where the council approved expenditures in excess of the approved budget that have a major effect on future budgets of the MD.

PDG Ben requested that the policy manual be amended to reflect that large funding requests must be reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to being voted on at Council.

MOVED BY FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY VICE FINANCE CHAIR JOHN WATSON THAT ANY MOTION PRESENTED IN COUNCIL THAT WILL SEE UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1000.00 MUST BE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO BEING VOTED ON AT COUNCIL. CARRIED.

The final item of discussion from the Finance Committee was a suggestion that policy be developed on the number of MD37 Advisors that would be eligible to receive financial assistance for attending Council Meeting. Presently we have 7 MD37 Advisors, while 1 has not attended a council meeting for years, policy has to be developed in the event all 7 were to attend. During ID Dr. Patti Hills 2 years on the Board, her expenses are covered by Lions Clubs International. At the request of the ID/PID's in attendance, they asked to be excused during the discussion to eliminate any pressure.

A frank discussion was held on the role and number of MD37 Advisors, was held during their absence.

MOVED BY FINANCE CHAIR BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY VICE FINANCE CHAIR JOHN WATSON THAT MD37 DEVELOP A POLICY ON LIMITING THE NUMBER OF MD37 ADVISORS THAT QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSE AT EACH COUNCIL MEETING TO A MAXIMUM OF 2 (PLUS ANY SITTING DIRECTOR). CARRIED

MOVED BY FINANCE CHAIR BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY VICE FINANCE CHAIR JOHN WATSON THAT THIS POLICY COME INTO EFFECT WITH THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING...CARRIED.

6. Business arising from Council year 2006-2007.

CARRY FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS:

C-07-001(CF) Youth Exchange Assets

Multiple District Secretary reported that all outstanding assets from the former MD37 Youth Exchange Program have been received. An inventory of shirts, jackets and YE pins were given to the members of council to determine further action. After a motion was made to sell the items for \$25.00 for the jackets and \$5.00 for the shirts, each district was given a equal share of the YE pins . Motion was received to close this agenda item.

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THE YOUTH EXCHANGE CLOTHING BE SOLD AT A COST OF \$25.00 FOR THE JACKETS AND \$5.00 FOR THE SHIRTS, AND THE YE PINS BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS.....CARRIED.

MOVED BY MD37 FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CLOSED.CARRIED

C-07-002(CF) MD37 All Star Marching Band Outstanding Loan

Multiple District Secretary reported that a cheque in the amount of \$4,000.00 has been received and placed in the MD account. A letter from PDG Steve Hadnagy was provided to the members of council. No further action on this agenda item is required at this time. Once the band has a program and it is presented to council, further consideration for funding will be determined at that time.

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CLOSED. .CARRIED

C-07-003(CF) Bid for MD37 2008 Convention

The bid from the Lions of Wembley & District was presented to Council. A lot of discussion was held on the matter and a motion was made with regard to the bid from Wembley. While in the discussion stage, a motion to table the request until Saturday morning was presented and accepted. Saturday ... Discussion around the distance to the convention, the reduction in meals but still high registration costs, cost of the rooms and the lack of securing sufficient rooms at the convention hotel were expressed by members of council. It was reminded to all, that time was getting critical for anyone to put on a successful convention; so a decision must be made. The feeling of council was to investigate 2 more locations prior to making a final decision on whether or not to approve the Wembley bid or award it to another location. Council instructed the MD37 Secretary with the assistance of PID Jack Isaman to investigate a previous bid which was originally rejected due to the high costs, but is approx. the same costs as presented by the bid from Wembley and district. A telephone conference or other means will be used to seek the direction of the members of council prior to August 15 and at that time a decision will be made on awarding the 2008 Convention.

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID FROM THE WEMBLEY AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB FOR THE 2008 MD37 CONVENTION. ...TABLED

SATURDAY... MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF

HOLDING THE CONVENTION IN THE CANMORE/KANANASKI AREA AND REVIEW THE BID FROM WEMBLEY LIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL BY AUGUST 15TH. CARRIED.

C-07-004(CF) MD Constitution/By-Laws/Policy Manual Updates

All changes as approved by the previous Council of Governors and the delegates at the MD37 Convention have been incorporated into the By-Laws and the policy manual. The policy manual has been marked as draft until it has been reviewed and other changes made to reflect the current status of the council. District Governor Gayle Collins volunteered to review the policy manual and make recommendations to council at the October meeting as to any proposed changes required in the manual. Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer PCC John Witherspoon has been appointed as the Constitution/By-law chair and will be making recommendations to council at the October meeting of any changes that might be required to be voted on at the next MD37 convention. This agenda item will stay open until the October Council Meeting.

C-07-005(CF) Joint MD37/MD60 Project

Unfortunately due to the late arrival of the documentation from Lion Gerry Leinweber members of council did not have the opportunity to review prior to the telephone conference with Lion Gerry. A lot of discussion was held on the success of the Golf Tournament recently held in Lacombe and further events such as same. Discussion also held on the continued support of the project with MD60 on construction of a Eye Clinic. As no documentation has been presented to LCI for approval of a Sightfirst II funding it was felt nothing could be done until this documentation is done. Background of this project was presented by PID Jack Isaman and it was requested that members of Council take the documentation from Lion Leniweber and review same for the October meeting.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT
THIS AGENDA ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL SUCH TIME THE
REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND
FILED WITH LCI. CARRIED**

C-07-006(CF) MD37 Committee Chair 2007-2008

The District Governor's met after the evening council meeting and completed the 2007-2008 Committee Chairs. This was presented to Council and agenda item was marked closed. It was suggested that the VDG's start now to review this listing and be prepared for the May meeting to presented their committee chairs for the 2008-2009 year at that time.

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

C-07-007(CF) MD37 Convention bid 2011

This agenda item will remain open until May council meeting to ensure it is placed on the floor for the delegates to vote on.

C-07-008(CF) LCI Off Loading Administration Costs

No reply has been received from LCI on this matter. It was further reported that no acknowledgment has ever been received on the \$1000 donation the council made to LCIF in lieu of gifts to the DGE's. In checking with the DG's , no one found the donation cards in their kits received at DGE training in Chicago. The cheque has been cashed and the donation cards were contained in the same package sent via UPS to Chicago.

PID Jack Isaman volunteered to contact LCI to determine why no acknowledgment for the donation was received and to enquiry to why the donation cards were not supplied to the DGE's. Are they not being used any more?? He will report back further at the October meeting.

C-07-009(CF) MD37 Convention Pins 2008-2013

At the time of the meeting only District 37-S was in a position to present their geographic design for the pin. Being it was decided the order of the pins would be SNOIL, it was requested that the other district have their designs handed in at the October meeting.

Multiple District Secretary was directed to provide the design from 37-S to 2 companies for a bid which will be decided at the October meeting. The size of the pin is to be oval and 1 ¾ in size with 2 posts.

MOVED BY MD37 FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN OF THE "GREAT FALLS-MISSOURI RIVER" AS THE PIN DESIGN FOR 2008, AND WE SEEK PRICING FROM 2 DISTRIBUTERS FOR 1000 PINS EACH YEAR FOR THE 5 YEAR SERIES. CARRIED.

At this time the council meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning.

Saturday morning: Council Chair Winston began the meeting by asking each District Governor to explain the design of their DG pin.

7. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

C-07-010 Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship Request

Letter from Lion Lois Cadue was presented to council. Their request for a progressive Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship was approved. In reviewing the financial matters reported in the letter from Lion Lois, a question was asked on what the admin costs of the fellowships are. The Multiple District Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Lion Lois asking for a breakdown of the costs as they apply to the Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship and with the new Progressive Fellowship.

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT THE REQUEST FOR A PROGRESSIVE DR. JACK DOBUSH FELLOW IN SUPPORT OF ADF AND CANTAB PROGRAMS BE APPROVED. CARRIED

C-07-011 Request from PDG Association

Letter from PDG Margaret Young of the PDG Association read. It was agreed and will be included in future registration and convention handbooks.

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY MD37 FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND

THAT THE REGISTRATION FOR THE PDG BANQUET BE INCLUDED ON ALL FUTURE MD37 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORMS AND ALL MONEY COLLECTED BE TURNED OVER TO THE PDG ASSOCIATION. CARRIED

C-07-012 MD37 2008 Conference Program

Council was reminded that they need to provide direction to PCC John Mathis for the 2008 MD37 Conference. Discussion continued on the various sessions that DG's would like to see. Over the lunch break a detailed list of possible sessions was presented by council and it is recommended that we use the trained facilitators within MD37 to present these topics. District Governor Gayle Collins will co-ordinate the selection of facilitators and topics. Once this information is obtained it will be provide to the Host Committee to help determine the schedule. It is recommended that the schedule be presented at the October Council meeting along with the proposed budget and registration form.

Suggested topics:

Membership

Retention

Fund Raising

Tail Twisting

Public Relations

Lions Quest

Services for Children

Conflict Resolutions

Web Site Usage

Communications

Roberts Rules of Order

Zone Chairs

Club President

How to run a good meeting?

Creating a newsletter

Secretary

Treasurer
Identify Theft
Theme building

Council Secretary was instructed to write Host Committee with the above . The constituted grant for the Conference (7000 x .25) of \$1750.00 US will be released to the Host committee

C-07-013 **DGE Seminar and LCI Convention comments**

Council Chair Winston asked each of the DG's to express their views of the DGE training and their impressions of the International Convention in Chicago. International Director Dr. Patti Hill advised the members that she is on the Leadership Committee and the DGE's training at the convention is one area of that committee. She appreciates all the comments and they will help her express the concerns at the meeting.

District Governor Jim Johnke
DGE Seminar was excellent, enjoyed the convention, but buses were the negative point of the convention. He questioned the setup of the voting, forced to walk great distances and the time element which almost prevent him from arriving the final session on time.

District Governor John Watson
Echoed DG Jim's comments. He felt the trip to LCI Headquarters was a complete waste of time . They were rushed in and out of the building and really didn't get a chance to enjoy or understanding all the departments and personnel at HQ. The convention was excellent other than the "crowds". Unfortunately, we saw the worst of Lions in relation to crowds and some groups attempts to get on buses. One area that DG John wanted to bring to the attention of Council was how the 2 Leo's were dealt with in relation to busing. The 2 Leo's were on a bus being driven by a out of town driver who did not know where their hotel was. At some point the bus driver told the 2 Leos (young

women) that they had to get off as he could not located the hotel. They were dropped off over 2 miles from the hotel and had to walk back on their own. This was totally unacceptable and could have been very dangerous to the 2 Leo's. DG John reported that the 2 Leo's were submitting to him a full report and that council should write LCI with this breakdown of buses and potential legal ramifications that could have developed over this action.

District Governor Gayle Collins

Agreed with the comments of her fellow District Governor's. Busing was the negative point of the convention. Great DGE School.

District Governor Terri Hill

Had a great time, lots of fun.

District Governor Bill Engram

Also agreed with the comments expressed so far. While the training he received at the DGE seminar was good, he felt the training provided by the MD37 Leadership Team provided him with a better understanding of his role for the upcoming year. Best part of whole event was the interaction with other Lion DGE's..

Several other members who attended the convention were given the opportunity to provide comments on their experiences at the convention. Basically everyone commented on the busing. Most changed to use of taxis as it was low in cost and help avoid the problems with getting a bus or dealing with the crowds.

C-07-014

Updates of District Conventions/Cabinet Meetings

Council Secretary requested all DG's to follow the check list provided them at the training session in March. Only District

37-L has provided the information on location of cabinet meetings (time, date), conventions, listing of club president/secretaries.

It is important that the addresses be provided to the council to ensure proper delivery of items from the MD37 Office.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS
THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED CLOSED. CARRIED.***

C-07-015 MD37 Newsletter

General discussion on the direction of the MD37 Newsletter was held. Everyone involved in the production of a newsletter expressed the same concerns. That being the challenge of receiving item/articles for their district newsletters. It was generally felt that there is a lot of duplication with items appearing in both the District and Multiple District Newsletters. After a lot of suggestions, it was agreed that the current format of the MD newsletter needs to be changed. It was suggested that the MD supply each District Governor items from the MD to be published in each district's newsletter on the same schedule as current MD37 Newsletter (July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June). The MD contain will be the message from the Council Chair, report from our International Director, council matters and other articles of interest for the complete MD. As each district is already aware of the costs of producing their own district newsletter, if the addition of the MD37 information causes the production/ mailing costs to rise, then the additional costs will be billed to the MD. This change will start with the Sep/Oct issue. Council Secretary will communicate with each district governor on what format do they want to receive their information. The MD37 issues given to each District will be posted as a individual newsletter on the MD37 Website so it can be downloaded

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE
THAT WE DISCONTINUE THE MD37 NEWSLETTER IN
ITS PRESENT STATE AND THE MD PROVIDE
INFORMATION TO EACH DISTRICT TO BE INCLUDED IN***

THEIR NEWSLETTERS STARTING WITH THE SEPT/OCT ISSUE AND THAT ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS BE PRESENTED BY DISTRICTS TO COUNCIL. CARRIED

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED CLOSED. CLOSED

C-07-016 **DGE Welcoming Ceremony**

PDG Ben Apeland outlined the procedure used in MD5 to welcome/introduce the DGE's to the membership at their annual convention. The council chair invites all the DGE's/partner/spouse to gather at the end of the room, then with the assistance of the current sitting DG, the DGE is escorted to the front while the DGE's bio is read. The spouse/partner of the DG also escorts the spouse/partner of the DGE. Once at the front, the Vice District Jacket (Navy) is removed and the "official MD jacket (red) is presented to the DGE. After that an opportunity for delegates to take pictures. Upon completion of all the DGE's, an official photograph of the complete council is taken. The discussion by members of the our council felt this was a more professional way of welcoming/presenting our incoming District Governors. While several express an interest in retain some of the current ceremony in some format, it was felt it was time to change our methods. One possible suggestion was to use the current format to welcome the DG's into the PDG Association. It was also felt it was time to change the color our Council Jackets, as seen at the International Convention the color of Navy was very common. International Director Dr. Patti Hill stated some groups in the parade had their District Governor's Elect in a different color which made their presence more visible. It is important that whatever color is chosen, it must remain available for years to come. MD37 Secretary reported that since the agenda item was received for discussion he has researched the internet for companies that supply color sport coats. One company was located in the US that supplies a jacket in the color of "forest green" which is the official color of the Master's Golf Tournament. They also have the jackets available in both men and women sizes. The cost

would be \$159.00 per jacket. While the jacket is available in a lot of other colors we know the "forest green" will remain available for years due to its involvement with the Masters Tournament. All members of council agreed with the color and felt we should begin with this years current council and have the policy manual amended to reflect the new dress code and that a proper ceremony be developed and implemented at the 2008 May MD37 Convention. PDG Ben Apeland reported that this matter was discussed at the finance committee and sufficient funds are available to implement this change. It was felt the first year would see 13 jackets order and future years would see only 5 to 6 additional jackets purchased. Several suggestions in relation to pants were discussed but no final decision was made (continue with grey, use tan/beige or black pants, white shirts). It was felt the current MD37 tie will still be acceptable with the new color.

It was also agreed that policy should be put in place to ensure only the sitting council would wear the green jackets at Multiple District 37 functions. Once they are PDG they could wear their green jackets at district functions but with a similar procedure being promoted that at MD37 function only the sitting council would wear whites. This would allow for instant identification of current council members.

The second part of PDG Ben's presentation was the Senior Counselors award. They present an official recognition to PDG's who have remained active in either their own district or at the multiple district level for the past 10 years. All felt this was an excellent way to recognize PDG's that continue to remain active. A small gift (clock) is presented at the MD convention to each of these individuals. Council felt this was an excellent opportunity to thank these Lions who have continued to promote Lions at District/MD level. It was felt we should adopt this ceremony in our MD and that the MD Secretary contact MD5 on any policy/procedures they have developed in regards to the selection of these individuals. The first year we implement this award we will see a number of recipients but after that a max of only 1 per district should surface for the award. Further research on this item will be presented at the October Council meeting once more details have been received from MD5.

JULY 30th UPDATE. While speaking with MD5 Secretary-Treasurer, the company where they obtain their jackets was contacted. They have the same jacket available in both male/female sizes. The cost is considerable less at \$105.00 per jacket. The measurement guide/sizing chart was requested and provided to the various members of council that will wear the jacket this year.

MOVED BY MD37 FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT WE ADOPT A SIMILAR CERMONY THAT IS USED IN MD5 TO INTRODUCE THEIR DGE'S AND THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE "GREEN JACKETS" AS THE OFFICIAL COLOR OF THE COUNCIL AND FURTHER THAT THE JACKETS BE SUPPLIED BY MD37 TO THE CURRENT COUNCIL. CARRIED

MOVED BY MD37 FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT MD37 ADOPT A SENIOR COUNSELORS PROGRAM SIMILAR TO ONE PRESENTLY IN USE IN MD5. CARRIED.

C-07-017

District Convention Speakers

District Governor's were reminded to get their speaker request forms in asap. Several were submitted prior to their taking office, so it was suggested they re-submit. Please provide the MD37 office with a copy of the speaker request form and also to ID Dr. Patti Hill. Dr. Patti Hill asked if anyone had any preferences for the MD37 Conference. Nothing surfaced so she will select a speaker and advise. MD37 Secretary advised ID Dr. Patti Hill, that once the location of the MD37 2008 Convention is approved and the name of the speaker the MD37 Conference is provided, then the office will submit the necessary forms.

MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRI HILL AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE MARKED CLOSED

C-07-018 Request on Ad rates for publishing in MD newsletter

With the change in structure of the MD37 Newsletter this matter is no longer relative. A letter will be sent to Canadian Diabetic Association recommending they contact each district for inclusion of their items in district newsletters.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS
THAT THIS AGENDA BE MARKED CLOSED. CARRIED***

C-07-019(CF) Structure of MD37 Conference

As the information for this item was received just prior to the council meeting, the District Governor's felt it would be too late for this council meeting to discuss and suggested that it be a priority item at the October council meeting.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM
THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM RECEIVE PRIORITY
CONSIDERATION AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.
CARRIED***

8. Membership Status as of June 30th, 2007. Nothing has been received since the May 2007 report which was contained in the May/June newsletter. The membership in MD37 continues to decline.
9. Report on Extension - PID Jack Isaman reported that work continues on the possibility of 2 new clubs and 1 possible Leo club. PDG Ben Apeland also reported that 1 new club and leo club are being worked on in Montana
10. Report on Retension - No Chairman - No report

At this point with the absence of District Governor Terri Hill, a discussion was held as to whether or not Council should allow Vice District Governor Wayne Hintz the opportunity to vote on the various agenda discussions. While it is not possible at this time to amend the constitution due to restrictions from Lions Clubs International, members felt it could be a decision of council whether to grant Vice District Governors voting privileges when the District Governor is unable to attend. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND
SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT WHEN THE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR IS UNABLE TO ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING, THE
VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF THAT DISTRICT WILL BE GRANTED
VOTING RIGHTS DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING...CARRIED.***

11. Report on Leadership - Nothing received
12. MD37 2007 Convention - PCC John Witherspoon reported while the books have not been received for the convention, a cheque in the amount of \$5,900 has been received which represents the MD37 portion of the profit from the convention. A total of almost 4000.00 from donations and tail twisting events have been donated to CSFII from the convention. The 4 host clubs will each receive around \$900 per club from the remaining profit. This should serve as good example to clubs willing to host a convention that if they do a good job and work hard, there is an excellent opportunity to receive a good donation to their administrative fund from the profit of the convention. ***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT JOHN WATSON THAT THE COUNCIL FORMALLY THANK THE 4 LIONS CLUBS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCELLENT CONVENTION HELD IN LETHBRIDGE MAY 2007. CARRIED.***
13. Action on addition agenda items (Item 5)
 - 4(A) PID Jack Isaman advised the council that while at the International Convention the International President gave the Past Officers of MD37 5 International Leadership Awards. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, PID Bill Webber and PID Jack Isaman discussed who will receive these awards. Being they will be presented at the various cabinet meetings, PID Jack Isaman was not planning to attend one of the cabinet meetings due to the distance, therefore PID Jack Isaman took the opportunity to present PDG Ben Apeland with a International Presidents Leadership Award. Congratulations from all in attendance to PDG Ben Apeland. The remain recipients would be announced after their presentation at the various cabinet meetings.

At this time District Governor Terri Hill arrived at the meeting and advised she was released from the hospital on Friday but is still fighting this lung infection.

- 4(B) Candidate for 2 Vice President of LCI - ID Dr. Patti Hill presented the council with a message PIP Judge Brian Stevenson received requesting support of PID Sid Scruggs. ***MOVED BY MD37 FINANCE CHAIR PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRI HILL THAT A LETTER OF SUPPORT BE FORWARDED TO PID JOE MARCHEGGIANI INDICATING OUR MULTIPLE DISTRICT SUPPORT OF PID SID SCRUGGS FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT. CARRIED.***
- 4 (C) No Child Without - Lions and Medic Alert - ID Dr. Patti Hill. ID Hill reported on the meetings attended by Judge Brian Stevenson on the proposed alliance with the Medic Alert Program and Lions Clubs of Canada in the

No Child Without program. A handout of the information was provided to the members of council and a copy of the powerpoint presentation was forwarded by the MD37 Secretary to all members of the council. ID Hill reported at this time they were only seeking endorsement by the various Multiple District Council of Governors across Canada. This will allow them to continue to provide information to the District Governors on this program. ID Hill reported that due to the location of the Medic Alert HQ in Ontario and the end of his term, PID Terry Graham has been asked to be her liaison with the program. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37 SUPPORT AN AFFILIATION WITH THE CANADIAN MEDIC ALERT FOUNDATION "NO CHILD WITHOUT" PROGRAM...CARRIED.**

- 4 (D) Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC) - Fund raising project - ID Dr. Patti Hill advised that at the DGE weekend this past June, the proposed funding raising project for LFC selling energy saving light bulbs was presented. She asked if the DG's had received their information packages from LFC, but all replied they have not received anything. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRI HILL THAT THE COUNCIL ENDORSE THE LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA PROJECT ON THE SALE OF "ENERGY SAVING " BULBS. CARRIED.**
- 4(E) Thank you to PID Bill Webber - CC Winston Collins spoke on the outstanding job PID Bill and Joan Webber did on the campaign to elect Dr. Patti Hill as International Director. He felt a suitable award/plaque should be presented to PID Bill and Joan. In the general discussion that followed, it was pointed out that council has not recognized past campaign chairs so did not feel it was appropriate to start now. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT A LETTER FROM COUNCIL CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, BE SENT TO PID BILL AND JOAN WEBBER, EXPRESSING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE CAMPAIGN BY THESE TWO DEDICATED LIONS. CARRIED.**
- 4(F) International Awards - ID Dr. Patti Hill reported on the procedure to recommend to LCI various Lions for the International Presidents Award and International Presidents Leadership Award. With our current membership we should qualify for 2 Presidential Awards and 3 Leadership Awards. Director Hill advised that the International President had or would be sending the criteria for these awards to use as guides. She also reminded the District Governors that they should refer to the listing of past recipients of these awards and not award the same award to these

individuals unless the rationale is different. Also if you are awarding a International President's Appreciation Certificate at your district convention, you should not recommend them for either of the two above described awards. The Policy Manual XXI outlines the procedure. Director Hill reminded the District Governor their recommendations must be filed with the MD office by the end of Sept to meet the deadline outlined in policy (21 days prior to council meeting). MD37 Secretary John also reminded them to provide along with their names the rationale for selection and bio of the recommended Lions. This information will be provide to all the District Governors so they can review the nominations prior to the meeting.

- 4(G) PID Jack Isaman - "Coffee Table Book" - fund raising for CSFII. PID Jack showed the book that was presented at LFC as a possible fund raiser for CSFII. He has purchased 100 of these books, so if anyone is interested they can purchase same from him at a cost of \$25.00 each. They will sell for \$50.00 each.
- 4(H) Can-Media Project with Lions Clubs - DG Bill Engram outlined this project that was presented at the last council meeting. We need to advise Can Media if we are going to take part in this project. ***Moved by District Governor Bill Engram and seconded by District Governor Gayle Collins that the Lions Clubs of Alberta participate in the DVD Verison of the Alberta Historical Digital Database Program, by applying for government funding. Carried.*** District Governor Bill will advise the Canadian District Governors of their involvement in this program as the details become available.
- 4(I) District Governor Jim Johnke advised the council that he would like to have Council's support in providing braille books. He reported how impressed he was with the guest speaker at the May convention and her reporting of the lack of books available for the blind. General discussion took place on the availability of books in Canada and in the United States. It was suggested that he research this topic further and if he wants he can have it placed on the agenda for October Meeting. District Governor Jim Johnke agreed to research the matter.
14. Election of Council Chair/Vice Council Chair. Discussion took place with the other changes the council approved in relation to the presentation of jackets to DGE's, it might be time to change the procedure on how the Council Chair is elected. Numerous other MD's use the MD convention as a venue to elect the Vice Council Chair. This increases the interest in MD conventions as each district has the opportunity to present an candidate for this position. It was agreed that anything that increases the interest in

attending the MD convention is worth looking into. MD37 Secretary was instructed to contact other MD's such as Oregon and MD19 on the policy they use to elect their Vice Council Chair. This information will be placed on the agenda for the October meeting. This will be made subject of an agenda number for tracking C07-020.

15. PID Bill Webber forwarded to council for their attention the final report minus the financial reports of the campaign to elect PCC Dr. Patti Hill for International Director. PID Jack advised that the financial reports will be forwarded once completed. Once the MD office receives these reports they will be supplied to all members of council.
16. MD37 Friendship Committee. PID Jack Isaman and PID Tom Lehman outlined the history of this committee. This committee seldom meets due to several of the members no longer on council. The current makeup is the Immediate Past Council Chair, Council Chair, MD37 Secretary-Treasurer, all Past Officers of the MD and one District Governor. Normally at the first meeting of the year, there would be a change in Chairman with the current chair stepping down and IPCC taking over. As both of these Lions are no longer on council it doesn't justify having these 2 drive to meeting for a short meeting. PID Jack suggested it might be time to rethink the makeup of the committee to the current council chair, MD37 Secretary-Treasurer and the Past Officers of the MD, and 1 district governor. Currently the MD37 office maintains a bank account for campaigns and under the constitution pays .75 cents per member to the Friendship committee each year. One possible solution would be to transfer all funds currently held by the MD office to the MD37 Friendship committee and that committee would provide reporting to council of the financial status of the Friendship Committee at various times of the year.

PID Tom Lehman requested all members of council to provide him with any comments or suggestions they might have on the Friendship committee prior to the October meeting.

17. Comments from advisors:

PID Tom Lehman. Thanks Secretary John for all the information received prior to and during the meeting, thanks to Council Chair Winston and to members of council on their first meeting. He stated that it was time the VDG's started work on their cabinets and MD committee chairs, find locations for conventions and help train your successor. Thanked everyone for the opportunity to take part in the meeting.

PID Jack Isaman. Echoed PID Tom's comments. Good work by the members of council.

PID Gary Tschache. Good moves were made by the council that will bring wonderful changes to our Multiple District. Good effort and good job.

ID Dr. Patti Hill. Quoting her , words are not enough to express her thanks to everyone involved in her campaign to be elected International Director. She thanked everyone for making her children feel so comfortable being with everyone. While being elected International Director was the goal, watching all the Lions during her campaign having so much fun was the major hi-lite of the convention. It is a learning experience both at the International level and at council but she is enjoying every minute of it. Best to all and again Thanks to all.

18. Adjournment