

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**  
**October 18th/19th, 2007**  
**VEGREVILLE, ALBERTA**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Council Chair Winston Collins at 8:25 PM.
2. Introduction of Council Members and Guests.
3. Adoption of Council Meeting minutes of July 2007.  
***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE THAT THE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.***
4. Additions to the Agenda.
  - A) CSF-II Presentation
  - B) PCC Andre' Nimchuk on K20 / Membership (item # 8)
5. Information Material
  - A) Financial Report on ID Dr. Patti Hill's campaign - PID Jack Isaman
  - B) Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship report
  - C) CLERC Quartely Report
  - D) MD37 2007-2008 Committee Chairs
6. Finance Committee - PDG Ben Apeland.

PDG Ben Apeland, Finance Chair reported on the Finance Meeting held earlier in the day. Discussion were held on the transfer of funds currently held by the MD37 Office for future campaign at the International level. As the MD37 Secretary-Treasurer PCC John Witherspoon was unable to attend the meeting due to health reasons, it was suggested that PCC Andre' Nimchuk who volunteered to act as secretary for this council meeting, be granted actual expenses occurred as result of his stepping forward. The paper on the proposed election of the Council Chair/ Vice Council Chair was discussed as it relates to future budget considerations. It was also discussed that future MD37 newsletters be forwarded to each DG via electronic format. Policy manual to be amended to reflect this direction. The proposed Senior Consular Award was discussed as it

related to providing sufficient funding to allow it to be started this year. Following Motions were presented to Council for their consideration:

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE FUND CURRENTLY HELD BY THE MD37 OFFICE, BE TRANSFERRED TO THE MD37 FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE, IF RESTRUCTURING IS APPROVED BY COUNCIL.....CARRIED***

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY PCC ANDRE' NIMCHUK AS ACTING MD37 SECRETARY BE COVERED. CARRIED.***

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR/VICE COUNCIL CHAIR BE APPROVED IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL PICTURE OF THE MD. CARRIED***

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT A POLICY MANUAL CHANGE BE MADE TO ALLOW MD37 SECRETARY-TREASURER TO SEND THE MD NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY AT NO ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO EACH DISTRICT GOVERNOR. CARRIED***

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THE SENIOR CONSULAR AWARD FOR 2007-2008 BE FUNDED BY USE OF UP TO \$3000.00 FROM RESERVES TO COVER THE AWARDS AND GIFTS FOR THIS YEAR. CARRIED.***

In conclusion PDG Ben Apeland reported the financial material received from the MD37 Secretary-Treasurer for review were all in order and at this time under budget.

#### 7. Business arising from July Council Meeting

##### **C07-003 - MD37 2008 Convention**

PID Jack Isaman reported to the council that a joint hosting of the MD37 Convention being held in Kananaskis Delta will be the Calgary Northeast EyeOpener and Calgary Southridge Lions Club. More details and input from the council will be requested at the January meeting. It is important that we promote this convention and ensure Lions make their reservations before

March 15 as that is the last day the hotel will hold the reservations for us at the price quoted.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE 2008 MD37 CONVENTION BE AWARDED TO THE JOINT HOST COMMITTEE OF CALGARY NORTHEAST EYEOPENER AND THE CALGARY SOUTHRIDGE LIONS CLUBS. THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE CLOSED.***

**CARRIED.**

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

District Governor Gayle Collins requested this agenda item be carried over to the January meeting and that all the members of council review the Policy Manual. Recommendations for policy changes to be presented at the January Council meeting.

**C07-005 - MD37/M60 Joint Project**

PID Jack Isaman and PIP Judge Brian Stevenson reported on their meetings with Dr. Leinweber. They went over the proper submission of forms to LCIF. This agenda item will be kept open until the required documentation is filed and acknowledgment is received from Lions Clubs International Foundation

**C07-009 - Selection of Vendor and series MD37 Trading Pins**

Discussions held on the 2 designs presented. On the one from Laurie Artist, it was suggested that flags, more detail on the "Great Falls, and changing of wording. The second pin from PDG Dave Armstrong was presented, several changes recommended by PDG Ben Apeland were discussed.

It was recommended that the pins be ordered and made available at the January Council meeting as that will eliminate shipping and duty charges. The price quoted by US provided only included delivery to Billings, Montana. By handing out the pins at the January meeting will make it easier for the office and the various DG's to return to Canada with the pins.

The remaining districts of N, O, I and L did not present their graphics for the remaining years of the 5 year pin design. It is suggested that N and O present their designs at the January meeting at the latest and I & L at the May meeting. This will allow the incoming councils to made the decision on the number of pins at their first meeting of the year.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE DESIGN PRESENTED BY PDG DAVE ARMSTRONG BE ACCEPTED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION MADE BY PDG BEN APELAND.. CARRIED**

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT AN ORDER OF 1000 WITH THE FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION 37-L=250, 37-I=200, 37-O=150, 37-N=200 AND 37-S=200.**

**COST OF THE PINS WILL BE \$1.45 US.**

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

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Update. After conversation with Council Chair Winston Collins it was felt that this item should remain open to ensure the submission the district graphics for the remaining outstanding districts.

**C07-012 - MD37 2008 Conference Program**

District Governor Gayle Collins addressed the council. At the 37-S Convention in Lewistown the Governor's had the opportunity to meet with PCC John Mathis who is the conference chair. A over discussion was held on the proposed program and they offered PCC John suggestions for the breakout sessions.

Suggested topics for the conference were rules of order, retention, officer training, Zone Chair/Region Chair training, orientation, conflict resolution and communications. A total of 6 breakout rooms required. Moderators for the conference so far are

Flag ceremony – DG Gayle Collins

Noon luncheon – VCC Bill Engram

Copies of the proposed budget and registration form for the upcoming conference were presented for approval. Registration cost will be \$60.00 US person.

As part of this topic PID Jack Isaman discussed the topic of faculty development institute in Calgary in February 7-9, 2008. He needs recommendations for candidates.

He also presented the final report from Lion Ken Moore on the 2007 MD37 Convention held in Lethbridge. PID Jack Isaman recommended that the report be accepted and reference to the MD37 2007 Convention be closed.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM BE ACCEPTED AS OUTLINED AND CIRCULATED....CARRIED***

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET, REGISTRATION FEE OF \$60.00 AND REGISTRATION FORM BE APPROVED....CARRIED***

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

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE MD37 2007 CONVENTION REPORT BE ACCEPTED....CARRIED.***

**C07-015 - MD37 Newsletter Update**

Discussion held on the status of District newsletters. While it appears some districts might not be putting out a regular newsletter, it was agreed that the MD37 newsletter would be send electronically to each district as per the constitutional requirements and timeline. For those who are putting out a newsletter, they can include the MD portion in their newsletter. For those not putting out a newsletter, they will be requested to forward the MD37 newsletter via electronic means to the Lions of their district. The MD newsletter will be posted to the MD37 Website for anyone who wishes to download.

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

Before closing the evening session, Council Chair Winston Collins discussed the topic of International President Medal and International President Leadership Medal. No names were submitted as per the Policy manual deadline. This item will be tabled until tomorrow (Friday) at which time International Director Dr. Patti Hill will be in attendance.

Meeting recessed at 9:45 until Friday morning at 8:30 am.

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE THAT THE COUNCIL NOW STANDS RECESSED UNTIL 8:30 AM FRIDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>. CARRIED***

Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - 8:30AM Meeting reconvened.

Meeting opened and returned to the discussion on the topic of International Awards. International Director Dr. Patti Hill, stated that this situation has occurred before in terms of deadlines being missed and the procedure that will be followed as a result. The advisors will meet to discuss and submit candidates names for these awards. Names submitted to International Director Patti today may be considered as well. It was stated by PID Jack Isaman that very few MD's give governors the opportunity to submit names, in many MD's the past officers select the candidates. PID Bill Webber advised that past district officers should be contacted to provide input to these selections.

***Recommendation International Awards Recipients...In an effort to encourage the nomination of deserving award recipients from each district the following is proposed. " That each district name an "International Awards Committee". Such committee to be chaired by the Immediate Past District Governor with the assistance of two additional Lions Named by the District Governor."***

#### **C07-016 - Policy on Senior Leadership Award**

PDG Ben Apeland reviewed the ceremony he witnessed at the MD5 convention and outlined some of his thoughts on this award. As previous mentioned this award is to honor PDG's who continue to serve in the Multiple District.

Possible types of awards and potential number of candidates was discussed. PDG Ben Apeland suggested a small crystal time piece with a plaque on it

would be an appropriate gift for this award. He suggested that he will bring a sample and costs to the January meeting for the council to consider. As 2008 would be a catch up year, the recommendation from the Finance Committee to use up to \$3000.00 from reserves to cover these awards.

Discussion followed on procedure to select the first year recipients. PIP Judge Brian Stevenson suggested that each district be responsible for selecting candidates from their respective districts.

District Governor Gayle Collins will write up amendments to the Policy Manual on how future candidates will be selected.

***MOVED BY PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THT MD37 ADOPT A SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM, SIMILAR TO ONE PRESENTLY IN USE IN MD5 BUT TO INCLUDE A 25 YEAR RECOGNITIONS AWARD AS WELL...CARRIED***

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM THAT THE NAMES BE SUBMITTED FROM EACH DISTRICT BY THE BEGINNING OF THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING IN GREAT FALLS. CARRIED.***

**C07-019 - Changes to format of MD37 Conference.**

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson again recommended that more of forum style conference be adopted in future conferences. A decision needs to be made in regards to whether one or two conferences be held; one in the US and one in Canada. Possibly a way to get Lions more enthused in attending the conference. A constitutional change is required to have two forums style events for 2009. PIP Brian Stevenson offered to consult with the other past officers to make a proposal for these event at the January Council Meeting.

**C07-020 - Election of Council/Vice Council Chairs**

PDG Ben Apeland addressed this topic as to the changes and recommendations and possible time lines as out lined in the paper presented by MD37 Secretary-Treasurer. One suggestion was that if a vacancy occurs after the election of the Council/Vice Council chair, that Council be

responsible for the appointment for the remaining portion of the term. It was also recommended that each district be allowed only 1 candidate for VCC. If more than one exists from the district, the district must decide on their representative.

International Director Dr. Patti Hill suggested that this document go back to Multiple District Secretary John Witherspoon for revision to outline all district procedures for voting and selection. Past International Director Bill Webber suggested a committee be struck to work with PCC John Witherspoon. PDG Ben Apeland and Past International Director Bill will work with PCC John to make these revisions.

## 8. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

### **CSF - II**

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson addressed the meeting. The five steps to success for all levels of coordinators were outlined. He emphasized the topic of personal giving for this project e.g. "Loonie Lions" or "Loonie a Day". A draft copy of this proposal was circulated. PID Bill Webber suggested that more contact names be added to the pledge forms. District Governor's are asked to circulate this info to clubs.

***MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE ENDORSE AND AGREED TO JOIN THE MD37 LOONIE-A-DAY CLUB, TO BE INCLUDED ON THE DRAFT PROPOSAL PRESENTED TO THE CLUBS....CARRIED.***

### **C07-021 - MD37 Friendship Committee Structure**

Discussion on the rationale on the changes was presented to Council for their consideration by PID Jack Isaman.

Multiple District 37 Secretary will communicate with PID Jack on the closing and transfer of funds currently held at the MD level to the MD37 Friendship committee.

***MOVED BY PDG BEN APELAND AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT THIS COUNCIL ADOPT THE***

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MD37 FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE  
AS SUBMITTED BY PID TOM LEHMAN.....CARRIED.**

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

**C07-022 - Women in Lionism - DG Terri Hill**

District Governor Terri asked the members of council for their advise on providing this info to the Lioness clubs converting them to Lions Clubs.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRI HILL AND SECONDED BY  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM BE  
CLOSED....CARRIED**

**C07-023 - Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians**

District Governor Terri Hill outlined the contents of the letter in regards to the Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRI HILL AND SECONDED BY  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM  
BE MARKED CLOSED.**

**C07-024 - MD37 Quest Core 4 Grant - PID Bill Webber**

PID Bill Webber presented a proposal to apply for a Core 4 LCIF grant to continue to emphasize the Quest Program in Alberta. This proposal requires the endorsement of MD37 for the application. Fred Moore and PID Bill have agreed to continue to work with this program.

After discussion it was agreed to table briefly for more information. It was then suggested that if a Quest Core 4 grant was applied for it may interfere with the Jamaica CSF-II grant request. It was then determined that in fact two requests cannot be in process at the same time. This matter will remain open to allow for update reporting on the Jamaica CSF-II grant proposal at the January 2008 Council Meeting

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED BY  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR TERRI HILL THAT THE MD37 COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNORS ENDORSE THE APPLICATION FOR CORE 4 FUNDING FROM  
LCIF. LCIF FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE COMBINED WITH FUNDS FROM**

**ALBERTA LIONS CLUBS; PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS; FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER DONORS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE LIONS QUEST PROGRAM THROUGHOUT ALBERTA....CARRIED.**

**C07-025 - MD37 Hall of Fame Presentation**

Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson agreed with the proposed changes to the presentation of the Hall of Fame nominations at the MD 37 Convention as presented by PDG Donna Coulter.

PDG Donna Coulter will be contacted by Council Chair Winston Collins and will provide her answer to council at a later time.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE THAT THE POSITION OF HISTORIAN BE RESTORED AS A MD37 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO CO-ORDINATE THE HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION AND MD37 HISTORY. CARRIED**

**C07-026 - International Awards**

This matter has been addressed previous by International Director Dr. Patti Hill. ID Patti Hill reminded the District Governors of the other Challenge to Change Awards outlined in DR39 document.

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

**C07-027 - USA/Canada 2008 Leadership Forum**

International Director Dr Patti Hill, encouraged the promotion of this forum in our Multiple District. Goal for our MD is 250 delegates. It was recommended that Secretary-Treasurer John contact forum registrar Geri Drabek to ask what hotel would be most available to accommodate delegates of MD37 and then relate this info to the District Governor's

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson suggested that zone chairperson, be assigned the task of informing clubs about the forum.

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS AND SECONDED**

**BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL ENGRAM, THAT PID JACK ISAMAN PREPARE A SCRIPT TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE DG'S THAT THE ZONE CHAIRPERSON CA USE IN PRESENTING THIS INFORMATION TO THE CLUBS. CARRIED.**

**C07-028 - Lions Eye Bank of Alberta Board Appointments**

**MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAYLE COLLINS THAT THE RECOMMENDED BOARD MEMBERS PDG JIM TAYLOR (37-I) AND LION FRED SCHMALTZ (37-O) TO THE LIONS ALBERTA EYE BANK BE APPROVED.....CARRIED**

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

9. Membership Status as of August 30th, 2007. The membership in MD37 continues to decline.

Council Chair Winston Collins made his suggestions on increasing membership e.g. 1 new club in each district this year. International Director Dr. Patti Hill and International Director Ed reviewed the rebranding concept "The New Image of Lions". PCC Andre' Nimchuk the MD37 20K chairperson, requested information from each District Governor with regards to the Bi-Monthly report to fulfill the Team 20K requirements.

10. Report on Extension - PID Jack Isaman reported on a branch club in Calgary has been formed and other possibilities are in the works within the MD37.
10. Report on Retention - No Chairman - No report. PID Jack Isaman recommended that PDG Gordon Prusky be approached to lead the Retention Chair in MD37. **MOVED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM JOHNKE AND SECONDED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN WATSON THAT PDG GORDON BE APPROACHED TO BECOME RETENTION CHAIRMAN FOR THE MD AND BE APPROVED CONDITIONAL ON HIS ACCEPTANCE. CARRIED.**
11. Report on Leadership - International Director Dr. Patti Hill discussed the upcoming Faculty Development Institute in Calgary. Three names were suggested on Friday evening were provided to ID Patti Hill. International

Director Dr. Patti Hill proposed the concept of an exotic family Lions Leadership Institute. ID Hill also provided an update on the Sid Scruggs campaign for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. More information will follow in the future.

12. Comments from advisors:

PIP Judge Brian Stevenson: Impressed with the council's accepting the "Challenge to Change" and move forward in changing policy.

PID Jack Isaman, congratulated the members on their attempt to close more items. Thanks for commitment and keep up the good work.

PID Bill Webber. Rebranding is critical. Keep abreast of the progress. Urged DG to use the new "Mission Statement". Thank you for sharing your inspirations with clubs.

ID Dr. Patti Hill. Regrets about missing the Thursday night meeting. Congratulations on working on 20K goals and embracing the CSF-II goals. You are all part of the team.

ID Ed. During impressed with the Multiple District and Districts and embracing the "Challenge to Change".

13. Adjournment at 12:13 PM.