



5th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES BARRY PRIOR

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH 2024

COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM

**CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL
BANGOR STREET,
CAERNARFON LL55 1AY**

MISSION STATEMENT

**To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs,
encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.**

VISION STATEMENT

**To be the global leader in community and
humanitarian service.**

SOCIAL INFORMATION

FRIDAY MARCH 15th

Tea & coffee available in hotel lounge from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm at £2.50 per cup

Witches and Wizards commences at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the Ballroom. Bar is open from 7.00 pm to 12.00 midnight.

SATURDAY MARCH 16th

Breakfast served from 7.00 am to 10.30 am in the Restaurant.

Tea & coffee available inside and outside the Ballroom (in the hotel bar) from 9:00 am to 4.00 pm at £2.50 per cup

CABINET OFFICERS: THE 4th CABINET MEETING FOR 2023-24 WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY MARCH 16th AT 8.45 AM IN THE BALLROOM.
THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE TO THE BALLROOM TO ANYONE, EXCEPT FOR CABINET MEMBERS UNTIL THIS IS CONCLUDED.

Convention commences at 9.25 am prompt in the Ballroom

Convention Lunches to be collected in the Restaurant for those who have booked, from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm

Banquet & Ball commences 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the Ballroom

Bar is open from 7.00 pm to 12.00 midnight. Wine orders may be made from 4:00pm onwards. Table plan will be available.

SUNDAY MARCH 17th

Breakfast served from 7.30 am to 10.00 am in the Restaurant

PID Geoff Leeder will be hosting a Q & A session from 10 – 12pm in the Caernarfon Room

Tour and talk, free tea and biscuits, 12 – 2pm at Blind Veterans UK Llandudno for those who have booked.

2024 CONVENTION AGENDA

1	Call to Order at 9.25am prompt	SAA Alasdair Francis
2	Health & Safety Announcement	SAA Alasdair Francis
3	Receive: Mayor of Caernarfon Cllr Cai Larsen and his Consort Mrs Lynne Larsen International Guest PID Geoff Leeder and Lion May Leeder	Accompanied by: LP Bill Barry, Caernarfon Lions Club Zone Chair Yvonne Burns
4	National Anthems	All
5	Welcome & Introduction of Top Table	DG Barry Prior
6	Lions Code of Ethics	PDG Sue Tyson
7	LCI Purposes & Mission Statement	DO David Pomroy
8	Official Opening of Convention	Civic Guest Mayor Cllr Cai Larsen

	FIRST BUSINESS SESSION	
9	Summary of Attendance	SAA Alasdair Francis
10	Lighting of Remembrance Candle	Acting Almoner PDG Tony Clarkson SAA assist
11	In Memoriam	Acting Almoner PDG Tony Clarkson SAA assist
12	Invocation	PDG Carole Godden
13	Minutes of 3rd District CN Convention held on March 12 th 2022	DG Barry Prior
14	Announcements Correspondence & Refreshments Civic Guest leaves Convention	Lion Lynn Jackson SAA Alasdair Francis DG Barry Prior
	SECOND BUSINESS SESSION	
15	Convention Standing Orders	Acting CNRO PDG David Morris
16	District Officer Reports	DG Team & District Treasurer
17	Resolution A District Dues	DT PDG John Crompton
18	District Officer Reports	Advisory & Communications
19	District Officer Reports	Global Service Team
20	Presentation on Dementia Awareness	PDG Liz Axten
21	District Officer Reports	Zone Chairs
22	Presentation on ROAR 2024	PDG John Chambers
23	District Officer Reports	Global Membership & Leadership Teams
24	Presentation of Awards - 1 st Session 1. Elliott Trophy 2. Visiting Lion 3. Chris Evans Photographic Competition	Brief (1 minute) introductions 1. PDG Harry Hawksworth 2. DO David Pomroy 3. DO Chris Evans Presentations by DG & PID – SAA to assist
25	Presentation on Braille Reading System	Jade Smith, Prior Learning
26	Introduction of Nominations	Acting CNRO PDG David Morris
27	Proposer for candidate for DG 2024-25	Lion Mike Armstrong – City of Liverpool
28	Address by Candidate for DG 2024-25	1 st VDG Ian Francis
29	Voting procedures	Acting CNRO PDG David Morris
30	SAA Announcements	SAA Alasdair Francis
	THIRD BUSINESS SESSION	
31	Call to Order at 1.30pm prompt & Summary of Attendance	SAA Alasdair Francis
32	Ballot Results for DG & 1stVDG 2024-25	DG Barry Prior
33	Address to Convention by DG Elect 2024-25	DG Elect
34	Presentation of Awards - SAA assist 1. Peace Poster 2. Junior Peace Poster 3. Special Needs Peace Poster 4. Scrapbook Award 5. Young Musician	Brief (1 minute) introductions 1. DO Jane Flegg 2. DO Jane Flegg 3. DO Jane Flegg 4. SAA Alasdair Francis 5. DO Steve Brown Presentations by DG & PID
35	Performance by the winner of the Music Competition - Renay Harper.	Introduced by DO Steve Brown
36	Shipshape Award winner for 2023/24 Harley Phillips	Introduced by DO Steve Brown
37	Presentation of L.I.C.F. Trophy	DO Graham Dow
38	New Voices – Diversity & Inclusion	District Officer Caroline Martin

39	Europa Forum 2024	PDG Neil Martin
40	Introduction of International Guest	DG Barry Prior
41	Address to Convention by International Guest	PID Geoff Leeder
42	Vote of Thanks for International Guest	DG Elect Ian Francis
43	District Governor “Thanks” and Awards - SAA assist	DG Barry Prior
44	Introduction of 2024 Convention Host Committee	PDG John Chambers
45	2025 District Convention	DG Barry Prior
46	Handover of Convention Flag	PDG John Chambers
47	Q&A Session with ID Geoff Leeder - Sunday	DG Barry Prior
48	Any Other Accepted Business	Lion Lynn Jackson
49	Vote of Thanks to DG Barry Prior	PDG David Seager
50	Final Announcements	SAA Alasdair Francis
51	Close of Business: Land of Hope and Glory	DG Barry Prior

PHOTOGRAPHS: please refrain from moving to the front of the Convention Hall to take photographs. Photographs of the whole convention will be available via a link on the district forum; details will be circulated when they are available. Any specific queries should be directed to DO Martin Smith at martinsmith-home@tiscali.co.uk

BREAKS: After the lunch break, please return to your seats promptly to minimise delays in the day’s proceedings



WELCOME TO DISTRICT 105CN 2024 CONVENTION!

Fellow Lions, Distinguished Guests, and Friends. It is with great thanks from all the District Team of 105CN that we welcome you all here today to celebrate our 5th Convention in this the land of my fathers’ - Wales. Because, although I was born in England, I am three quarters Welsh.

I know all the District Team considers it a privilege to serve you all here as fellow Lions and friends, and I am personally honoured to be your District Governor for 105CN for this year.

We extend warm welcomes to our guests Past International Director Lion Geoff Leeder and his wife Lion May, the Mayor of Caernarfon Cllr Cai Larsen and his Consort Mrs Lynne Larsen as well as to all our speakers from all over our district who have come here today to share their knowledge and experiences of the many services we provide as Lions.

Our District consists of nine counties and one Island covering Cheshire, Conwy, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Flintshire, the Isle of Man, Merseyside, Shropshire, and Staffordshire. Across these counties and that one island “We Serve” all their people with enthusiasm, energy, and engagement, has we have done for over six decades. This theme is your theme, a theme that was borne during the first great pandemic of 1917 and now forms the foundation for all the themes of our new District 105CN Moving Forward.

My theme for this year, as it was for our districts second year, is “Humanity is our family” something I feel so strongly about. This year our International President Lion Dr. Patti Hill’s theme is “We can change the World”. She believes that each one of us can do so much good on our own, but Together We Can make the impossible, possible.

Conventions are not achieved without an enormous amount of hard work from all those Lions who form part of the convention team and without all the hours each of them has given to organising and producing what will be another wonderful and memorable Convention for District 105CN. For all this work myself, and the district team, wish to pass on our sincerest thanks. I particularly wish to thank them for the kindness and understanding they have shown in dealing with me and coping with the disorganized chaos that surrounds most district governors but me very definitely.

Our Friday night theme is Witches and Wizards and I hope that wonderfully happy magic will fill the whole of our convention from its first minutes through to its last seconds. We are in such a wonderful place bordered by the sea on one side and the Welsh mountains on the other. The land of song and music - things which I know will dominate this convention and which I hope will long fill all your memories.

We in the District Team pass on our sincere thanks to all our guests, our speakers and all our Lions who have come together to enjoy a convention of friendship, fun and Lionism without all of whom we could not build the memories for our 5th Convention year.

DG Barry

CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

DISTRICT 105CN CONVENTION

1. Chairman

- 1.1 The District Governor shall preside at all sessions of the District Convention. In their absence, the First Vice District Governor shall preside. No Candidate for the post of District Governor shall preside over that part of Convention during which the election of the District Governor for the next succeeding year takes place.
- 1.2 The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers; in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment; and in terminating discussion whenever they consider it appropriate.
- 1.3 The Chairman being entirely neutral shall not be a delegate of their Club and if at any time they wish to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion they shall vacate the chair for this purpose.
- 1.4 Resolutions and/or amendments to be taken as read and may be displayed on screen as part of the audio visuals at Convention.

2. Speakers

- 2.1 On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the chair and immediately resume their seat.
- 2.2 (a) Any delegate wishing to speak on any resolution/amendment or other matter of business must use a microphone, announce their name and Club, and address the Chair.

(b) The District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer shall be exempted from announcing his name and Club when addressing Convention in the direct course of his duties with the proviso that he shall announce his name and Club on the first such occasion.
- 2.3 If a member of the Cabinet wishes to speak on any resolution/amendment or any other matter of business they shall state whether they are representing the views of Cabinet or otherwise.

3 Delegate to speak once only.

- 3.1 (a) Subject only to the provision of Standing Order 3.1(b) a delegate shall not speak more than once to the same resolution/amendment without the consent of Convention.

(b) Only the Chairman, or the mover of a resolution exercising their right of reply, shall speak more than once on any resolution.

4 Resolutions & Amendments.

4.1 Each resolution or amendment shall be proposed and seconded as follows:

- (a) By nominees on behalf of the District Cabinet
- (b) Proposed by a delegate from a Club and seconded by a delegate from another Club.

4.2 (a) If no delegates are present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing, at least ten days before the commencement of Convention of the names of an alternative proposer from another Club, other than the Club seconding the resolution/amendment, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn without the consent of Convention.

(b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there is an amendment to that resolution then that amendment shall become the substantive resolution.

(c) All resolutions/amendments shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention, and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at one time.

(d) A delegate shall not move more than one amendment to any resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution.

5. Time limits for speeches

5.1 (a) The proposer of a resolution/amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution/amendment. Normally the seconder will second the resolution without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in the debate by 'catching the eye of the Chairman'. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken the proposer of a resolution shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose.

5.1 (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Standing Order 4.2(b) when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.

5.2 (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Standing Order 5.1(a) every speaker in general debate will be limited

to two minutes and must direct their speech strictly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.

(b) The times specified for speakers shall be exceeded only with the approval of Convention.

6. Emergency Resolutions/Amendments.

The Chairman shall have discretion to submit an emergency resolution/amendment for consideration at Convention provided:

(a) Where appropriate, the resolution/amendment was received by them in writing before the commencement of the opening session of Convention, and

(b) In their opinion the resolution/amendment could not reasonably have been submitted to the Resolutions Officer on or before the closing dates published for their receipt by them, and

(c) Convention consents by a majority of registered delegates present to the resolution/amendment being so considered.

7. Voting.

The voting on any resolution/amendment on general business shall be by a show of Delegate Cards of those present and voting and the Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by twenty or more delegates, the votes shall be counted.

8. Elections.

Any elections of candidates for office, or for the selection of persons or clubs for positions or duties, shall be by secret ballot and the election, or selection, shall be carried out by the method commonly called the Single Transferable Vote or Preferential Voting or the Alternative Vote. For any position or decision within the District requiring a secret written ballot, the ballot papers shall be kept by the then District CNRO for a minimum period of ninety (90) days following the close of convention, just in case any query over the result arises within the said period, necessitating a recount. Following the expiry of the ninety (90) day period the voting slips shall be safely disposed of by the said District CNRO. Further, that Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, regarding the control of voting and issue of ballot papers should be adhered to.

9. Casting Vote.

In the event of a tie following a show of hands or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

10. Motion to Proceed to Next Business.

Any delegate, provided they have not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceed to the next business, and if this resolution be seconded and carried the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention. If the matter under discussion is a resolution (or is an amendment which has become a substantive resolution under paragraph 3(b) above), and a motion to proceed to next business is carried, the Chairman shall give the proposer of the resolution the right to reply before putting the matter to a vote.

11. Questions and Points of Order.

Any delegate may at any time ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

12. Quorum.

A majority of delegates in attendance at Convention shall constitute a quorum.

13. Suspension of Standing Orders

Any one or more of these Standing Orders may be suspended by resolution of Convention in relation to a specific item of business properly before Convention provided that at least two-thirds of the delegates present and voting shall vote for the resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order of Convention

SAA Alasdair Francis

AGENDA ITEM 2: Health & Safety Announcement

SAA Alasdair Francis

AGENDA ITEM 3: Receive Top Table Guests

SAA Alasdair Francis

The Mayor of Caernarfon, Cllr Cai Larsen and his consort Mrs Lynne Larsen
Past International Director Geoff Leeder and Lion May Leeder

AGENDA ITEM 4: National Anthems

The British National Anthem and Welsh National Anthem

AGENDA ITEM 5: Welcome and Introduction of Top Table and Distinguished Guests

DG Barry Prior

AGENDA ITEM 6: Lions Code of Ethics

PDG Sue Tyson

- To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour and means.
- To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Lions Clubs International Purposes & Mission Statement

DO David Pomroy

Lions International Purposes

- To Organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Official Opening of Convention

The Mayor of Caernarfon Cllr Cai Larsen.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 9: Summary of Attendance **Sergeant at Arms Alasdair Francis**

AGENDA ITEM 10 & 11: In Memoriam & Remembrance Candle **Acting Almoner PDG Tony Clarkson, SAA assist.**

AGENDA ITEM 12: Invocation **PDG Carole Godden**

AGENDA ITEM 13: **Minutes of the District CN Convention held online on March 18th 2023.**

1 SAA Alasdair Francis called convention to order at 0925hrs.

2 DG Mary Ann Woodman welcomed all to the 4th Convention for District 105CN, including Past International Director Geoff Leeder and the Mayor of Hyndburn Councillor Mr Abdul Khan. After introducing her “top table” officers, she concluded by hoping that everybody enjoyed the event, as it was a convention for members.

3 UK and Welsh Anthems were played.

4 ZC Vivien Marcus read the Lions Code of Ethics and the Lions Purposes and Mission Statement were presented by ZC Kate Johnson

5 DG Mary Ann introduced Councillor Mr Abdul Khan, Mayor of Hyndburn, and invited him to open Convention.

6 The Mayor spoke briefly on the importance of charity work and opened convention.

7 The In Memoriam was led by district almoner PDG David Seager and Convention remembered the 33 Lions who had sadly passed to higher service during the last 12 months.

8 The Invocation was effectively delivered by PDG Carole Godden

9 The Minutes of District Convention held on March 12th 2022 were accepted by convention delegates.

10 DG Mary Ann thanked hotel manager Fergus MacDonald and his staff for their work and cooperation in the planning and expedition of our convention. She presented him with a certificate of appreciation at the Banquet & Ball dinner.

11 Apologies had been received by PCC Sylvia Fosberry, PDGs Colin Fosberry, Rob Brown, Eric & Beryl Roberts, DO Graham Dow and Lion Marie McMillan of Kirkham & Fylde club.

12 SAA Alasdair had received correspondence and best wishes from the King and several Lions from both district CN and elsewhere in MD105

13 SAA Alasdair informed convention that there were 65 delegates and 120 attendees present.

15 CNRO PCC Philip Goodier stated that Convention was quorate, and briefed attendees of the key points from the Convention Standing Orders, with which the day would be compliant.

16 DG Mary Ann asked delegates to approve the DG Team and district treasurer reports; all voted in favour.

17 Resolutions; CNRO Philip Goodier informed convention of the procedures for resolutions, and followed by asking IPDG Neil Martin to introduce resolutions A(1), A(2) and A(3).

Resolution A; Explanatory Note

The current requirement for 65 delegates was determined on the creation of District 105CN when the expectation was that there would be in the region of 110 Clubs with 1,600 members, giving an approximate

maximum number of delegates of 160. The quorum was calculated based on a minimum of 40% delegates attending.

As at 30th June 2022, the number of Clubs was 89 with a total membership of 1217. The District Cabinet consider that removing a fixed number will allow greater flexibility in operation of Cabinet and bring District CN inline with other Districts.

*A(1); This Convention Resolves to amend the **STANDING ORDERS, DISTRICT 105CN CONVENTION, Paragraph 12 Quorum** by replacing the words 'sixty-five (65)' in the first sentence with the words :*

The attendance in person of a majority of registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) at a session of District Convention shall constitute a quorum.

If approved, ARTICLE VII, Section 7, QUORUM would then read:

The attendance in person of a majority of registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) at a session of District Convention shall constitute a quorum.

Delegates voted in favour of this resolution.

- *A(2); This Convention Resolves to amend **EXHIBIT A, RULES OF PROCEDURE, DISTRICT 105CN CONVENTION, Rule 1** by replacing the words 'sixty-five (65)' in the third sentence with the words*

The attendance in person of a majority of registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) at a session of District Convention shall constitute a quorum.

*If approved, **EXHIBIT A, RULES OF PROCEDURE, DISTRICT 105CN CONVENTION, Rule 1** would then read :*

The District Governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention. Registration and certification hours may not be changed. The attendance in person of a majority of registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) at a session of District Convention shall constitute a quorum.

Delegates voted in favour of this resolution.

*A(3); This Convention Resolves to amend the **STANDING ORDERS, DISTRICT 105CN CONVENTION, Paragraph 12 Quorum** by replacing the words 'sixty-five (65)' in the first sentence with the words :*

The attendance in person of a majority of registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) at a session of District Convention shall constitute a quorum.

*If approved, the **STANDING ORDERS, DISTRICT 105CN CONVENTION, Paragraph 12 Quorum** would then read:*

The attendance in person of a majority of registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) at a session of District Convention shall constitute a quorum.

If such a quorum is found not to be present during any session of Convention during which matters requiring a vote by registered delegates remain to be dealt with, the Chairperson shall immediately declare that Convention Stands Adjourned – until a time and place to be determined by the District Cabinet.

Delegates voted in favour of this resolution.

Resolution B Cabinet Officers

*This Convention Resolves to amend **Article VI, Section 2, Officers and District Cabinet** of the District Constitution by the following:*

After the words 'contained herein.. insert the words 'and such other District Cabinet members as the District Governor shall consider necessary for the efficient operation of the District'.

Explanatory Note

As a District, we have not always been able to secure a quorum at in-person Cabinet meetings.

In accordance with Article VI of the Standard District & District CN Constitution, we have a maximum of 23 voting members of the District Cabinet, currently, of which 17 are Zone Chair positions; there are no region Chairs. A quorum is therefore 12.

As there are vacancies in 4 of the Zones, the attendance of the majority of ZCs has not always been achieved and decisions have not been able to be taken as a consequence.

Whilst it sounds a little repetitive, it allows the DG the freedom to include other officer roles without enforcing a requirement to fill a role on future DG's and gives all such officers a vote.

If approved, Article VI, Section 2, Officers and District Cabinet would then read:

The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the immediate past District Governor, the first and second vice District Governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), the zone chairpersons, a cabinet secretary/treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein, and such other District Cabinet members as the District Governor shall consider necessary for the efficient operation of the District. In addition, the global membership team district coordinator, global leadership team district coordinator, global service team district coordinator and LCIF district coordinator shall be non-voting members of the district cabinet. Each such cabinet member shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district. In the event a Leo or Leo-Lion is appointed to the position of Leo/Leo-Lion cabinet liaison, the position would serve as a non-voting advisor to the cabinet.

Delegates voted in favour of this resolution.

Resolution C Region/Zone Chair Qualifications

This Convention resolves to amend Article II, Section 7 of the District Constitution and By-Laws by deleting sub-sections (c) and (d) in their entirety.

This Section is shown as currently drafted:

Section 7. REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON QUALIFICATIONS. *Each region and zone chairperson shall:*

- (a) Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone; and*
- (b) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or zone chairperson as president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years.*
- (c) Have not previously served a full term or a major portion thereof as district governor*
- (d) Zone and region chairpersons may serve no more than three (3) cumulative years in said position.*

Explanatory Note

Since 105CN came into being we have struggled to find Lions willing to act as Zone Chairs and Cabinet have drafted a Resolution to be presented to Convention to change the following section of the District Constitution, which mirrors the Standard District Constitution.

It is not (yet) an obligatory Section so is not required by LCI to be in every District Constitution.

If we omit sub-sections c and d in Section 7 it will give the DGE much more scope to appoint when volunteers are reluctant to step up to do the job. The District Cabinet believe this to be important with the large area to be covered as the Zone Chairperson role is important to act as a conduit between Clubs and District administrations.

If approved, Article II, Section 7, of the District Constitution would then read:

*Section 7. **REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON QUALIFICATIONS.** Each region and zone chairperson shall:*
(a) Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone; and
(b) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or zone chairperson as president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years.

Delegates voted in favour of this resolution.

Resolution D District Dues

PER CAPITA LEVY

This Convention Resolves that: “The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 shall be £8.50p per Lion, payable in two equal instalments, the first in July 2023 based on membership as at 30 June 2023 and the second in January 2024 based on membership as at 31 December 2023.”

Explanatory Note:

Whilst the membership of District 105CN is declining a little, the District does have reserves which are in a healthy state to cope with any budgeted loss in the year.

This conforms with the following section of the Constitution:

By-Laws ARTICLE VIII, District Finance Section 1.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (a) The revenue to pay the administrative expenses of the District shall be provided by funds remitted to the District Treasurer by every club in the District. A District Subscription to be paid by every member of every Club shall be decided upon at every Annual District Convention and shall be paid by every Club in two equal instalments due not later than 31st July and 31st January in each year. The amounts payable by each Club shall be ascertained by reference to the membership of each Club on 30th June and 31st December in each year.

(b) STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: Any member being a student as is defined by Lions Clubs International on the 1st July in any year shall pay a per capita levy equal to one half (1/2) of the capita levy set in accordance with Section 1(a) above.

After discussions about using reserves, it was agreed that cabinet would review this issue

Delegates voted in favour of this resolution, with 1 vote against.

18 Delegates voted in favour of accepting the reports of both the Advisory & Communications group of district officers, and the Global Service Team.

19 Dr John Patterson, head of St Vincent’s School in Liverpool, spoke to convention on his work with students with sensory impairments and other needs. The vote of thanks was given by PDG David Barwick

20 DG Mary Ann asked delegates to vote in favour of accepting reports of the Zone Chairs; all did so.

21 Brain Tumour Research; Matthew Price, of Brain Tumour Research, enlightened convention on the invaluable work being progressed by his organisation and thanked Lions for their continuing donations. The vote of thanks was given by PDG Tom Tyson

22 All delegates voted in favour of accepting the reports of the Global Membership team, the Almoner and the Global Leadership team.

23 PDG Liz Axten spoke to convention on Dementia

24 DG Mary Ann introduced the 1st session of Awards for district competitions, which were;

- Elliott Trophy, introduced by PDG Harry Hawksworth and awarded to the club with the most effective website. He revealed the winner Stafford club
- Visiting Lions Competition; district officer Pam Trevena announced the winning club as Stoke on Trent
- Chris Evans Photographic competition; DO Chris Evans announced the winners as;
 - British Birds category; Brian Seedle of Fleetwood & Cleveleys club
 - Landscape category; Ann McLoughlin of Fleetwood & Cleveleys club
 - British Native Wildlife; Ivan Pool of Barton under Needwood branch club
 - British Wild Flowers; Geoff Trevena of Barton under Needwood branch club
 - Rivers category; David Pomroy of Barton under Needwood branch club
 - Runner Up: Mary Ann Woodman of Fleetwood & Cleveleys Lions Club

25 PDG David Morris made a presentation to convention on Diabetes.

26 ZC Jane Flegg spoke on the subject of Hunger.

27 DO Caroline Martin introduced New Voices to convention, supported by some “younger” members in our district who were Lion Kate & Dave Johnston of Stoke on Trent Lions Club.

28 Nomination for office of District Governor for 2023-24; after briefing convention on the procedure for the nomination process, CNRO Philip invited PDG Evan Jones of Douglas Valley club to propose 1st Vice District Governor Barry Prior for the position. After the proposal, candidate 1st VDG Barry addressed convention in support of his nomination.

29 Nomination for office of 1st Vice District Governor for 2023-24; CNRO Philip invited PDG Evan Jones of Douglas Valley club to propose 2nd Vice District Governor Ian Francis of the City of Liverpool club for the position. After the proposal, candidate 2nd VDG Ian addressed convention in support of his nomination.

30 CNRO Philip then informed delegates of the voting procedure for this nomination.

31 SAA Alasdair briefed all on the lunch arrangements.

32 Convention resumed at 1.30 pm and DG Mary Ann welcomed all on their return. SAA Alasdair stated that current attendance remained the same at 65 delegates and 120 attendees present.

33. DG Mary Ann informed convention that the count of ballot papers resulted in the unanimous election of 1st Vice District Governor Barry Prior as District Governor for 2023-24, and 2nd Vice District Governor Ian Francis as 1st Vice District Governor for 2023-24.

34 District Governor Elect Barry Prior addressed convention, reflecting on his memorable moments of his Lion's life and that he was honoured to serve as DG again.

35 Moving on to the remaining district competitions, DG Mary Ann and PID Geoff presented the following awards;

- Peace Poster winners announced by district officer Jane Flegg
 - International competition winner Inés Campuzano Martinez-Arroyo sponsored by Whalley & District club
 - Junior district competition winner Isaac Day sponsored by Furness club

- *Special district competition winner Matt sponsored by Kendal & District club*
- *Scrapbook competition was won by Llandudno club*
- *Young Musician competition announced by district officer Susan Dodgson. At the end of a successful competition held on February 25th 2023 with 23 entrants and 26 performances, the winner was Georgie Pugh from Matlock Bath playing the pedal harp.*

36 Convention enjoyed the performance of the Music Competition category winners shown on video.

37 District Officer Steve Brown then spoke to convention about last year's Young Ambassador Khan Oditia

38 After an introduction by DGE Barry, author of Wild Tribe Heroes books Ellie Jackson engaged with convention on her involvement with children on environmental issues, through her books. She was thanked by PDG John Crompton.

39 L.C.I. F. presentation, including a video on Ukraine, was made by SAA Alasdair Francis on behalf of DO Graham Dow. He presented the District LCIF Award to Keswick club.

40 Global Service Week; PCC Philip Goodier and Lion Jaqueline Goodier spoke to convention on their recent trip to Kenya, as part of Lions Global Service Week

41 Council Chair Alastair Joel encouraged members to Embrace Change

42 After an introduction by DG Mary Ann, PID Geoff Leeder briefed convention on his own experiences within Lions. PID Geoff spoke to several clubs with a short Q&A to each. He was thanked by DGE Barry.

43 DG Awards; DG Mary Ann, together with PID Geoff presented the following awards;

- *District Officer Caroline Martin; International President's Leadership Medal*
- *Lion June Liddell; International President's Membership Award*
- *Lion Alan Wilde; International President's Certificate of Appreciation*
- *PDG Rob Brown; International President's Certificate of Appreciation*
- *IPDG Neil Martin; IP International President's Douglas Alexander's Medal*
- *IPDG Neil Martin; Chairpersons Medal on behalf of PIP Lion Douglas Alexander for all the work you do for LCIF.*
- *District Officer Jane Flegg; Bert Mason Award*

41 Convention chair PDG David Seager was asked to present the convention host committee. DG Mary Ann gave her personal thanks for the hard work that had been expended to produce this excellent convention. The committee was then thanked by all at convention.

42 A.O.B.; PDG Carole Godden expressed concern that, with the incoming Lion Portal requiring all members to have an email address, those without one would feel excluded! DG Mary Ann will follow-up and respond.

43 PDG James Woods provided the vote of thanks to DG Mary Ann for her hard work and commitment during this successful year of district CN

44 SAA Alasdair Francis made the final announcements.

45 DG Mary Ann officially closed the 4th convention for district 105CN and all joined in with the traditional Land of Hope and Glory

It was noted that the Host Night fancy dress competition winners were;

- *Best male* PDG Pete Dilloway of Brighton club
- *Best female* May Edmundson of Accrington club
- *Best club* Stoke on Trent

Minutes approved by DG Mary Ann Woodman

Minutes compiled by Lion Lynn Jackson

Date; March 21st 2023

Apologies Lion Lynn Jackson
Correspondence & Refreshments SAA Alasdair Francis

AGENDA ITEM 15: Convention Standing Orders

CNRO PCC Philip Goodier

In the past I have held many district roles, but the one that is nearest travelling wise to my present one, was when I was District Public relations officer for the old 105BN. Then I would drive great distances between club meetings, particularly to the northern lakes. This was in the 1990s when actually, in many respects, the roads were much better than they are now. There were no long stretches of motorway slowed down because of road works and it was possible to maintain an average high speed all the way north.

Now one cannot plan how long it will take to get to any destination with absolute certainty. An example of this was Penrith Charter, which I have attended twice during this year. In July last year Debbie and I set off for Penrith Charter at 9.30am on Sunday morning, a journey which should have lasted under two hours. It was five hours later when we arrived! Yes, 2.30 pm, but Penrith Lions Club were brilliant and saved us some food and I managed to deliver my speech after that, relieving that duty from the shoulders of Past District Governor Roy Axten who had been waiting in the wings if I had not turned up in time. Thanks for that Roy, by the way. It took a further 3 and half hours to get home. Last week I once again attended Penrith Charter, Remembering last year's charter, I set off at 8.45 am, I was sat watching the birds in the trees at the charter hotel before 11am having coffee and I had a nice relax for two hours. As I said, you can forget certainty when you're a DG. In a similar vein, on the theme of charters, clubs use to give out District Governor invitations for their charters to DG's immediately after the announcement of the District Governor Election Result. The invitation then usually took the form of a congratulatory card with the invitation inscribed on the inside. This card gave the date of the invitation if not the location. The procedure followed by the DGE was that the new district governor elect would take the pen they carried and write down a number on the envelope indicating the order they received these invitation cards. When the DGE got home they would then look at the cards in the order they were received and providing there was not a special anniversary charter on the same date they would agree to attend these charters in that order. If such a special anniversary charter occurred on that date, they would be prioritised according to length of club service involved., 60 years, 50years etc. Unfortunately, such protocols seem not to be followed anymore! Because of this, some clubs are placing DGs in very awkward situations with last minute requests to attend charters. Please, if you know the date of your charter, could you please follow the above convention, if it is possible, because it makes DG's planning a considerably easier task.

Overview of direction for next year:

I would wish to see a much more planned path for next year than as occurred this year. We need a clear path of training for all cabinet officers, including Zone chairs.

I personally feel that we may have too many zones and perhaps this should be looked at again.

I would like to see more future planning committee meetings on zoom so that a concise and well thought out future approach to setting up Branch clubs can be developed.

We need to take a much more concerted approach to outwardly facing publicity and this should be concentrated on with a much higher priority than inwardly facing PR.

We need to investigate each and every loss to our membership, not just tertiary, but in depth to find out why we are losing members who have not been in Lions more than a couple of years. This I feel should be carried out periodically by the full GAT team who should be provided with as much information as possible by the GMT. I feel that information on these matters is power and the more we have of it the better.

I am still determined to look at the setting up of new clubs in our district because I am sure that if we could only extend what GMT lead PDG John Chambers has done in Llandudno across the whole district, particularly into our schools, we might well be able to create a lot of new clubs with younger profiles. We must not despair there is still hope for our district if we now talk less and act more.

I plan on correlating the result from my recent SWOT analysis, which I am still receiving, and see if these can help us find an alternative approach to increasing membership, retention of members different from something which we have already considered.

Finally, I plan on visiting as many club meetings and charters as I possibly can between now and the end of the year, I know I will not get to them all, or even most of them, but just as many as I can. Thank you to the members of all those clubs have shown me such a welcome in the past few months, and thanks to those members who have shown such empathy and sympathy with my recent bereavements, your kind words have meant an enormous amount to me.

Immediate Past District Governor Mary Ann Woodman

My 7th Year with District and another 2 Conventions! District and Multiple District. Each one in every year completely different. The Convention for last year as your District Governor was somewhat bad on timing during the business sessions, but nevertheless it was one in which service was at the heart of what we do as Lions, covering all of our pillars of service as well as many other projects we as Lions are involved with. Due

to ill health, I have not been able to support our District Governor Lion Barry or help the District as much as I would wish to.

Nonetheless, I was able to attend fourteen club visits, as well as all my own club meetings. Three separate Zone meetings, two forward planning committee meetings, handover, 2 Multiple District Global Service Team Meetings and four MD105CN Brian Tumour & Paediatric Foundation District Officers and three Trustees meetings.

Due to ongoing health issues that have been with me since May last year, which has still not completely gone, I stepped down from Brain Tumour Research, District and Zone in November and have only just begun to get back to visiting clubs and helping District Governor Lion Barry.

Section Two Overview of direction for the following year:

With all the support from all the various teams within our District & HQ it is hoped we can continue to enhance the strengths of our members and clubs and their contribution to the district. As well as, helping them to increase membership. Training of our officers and members is vitally important to enhancing firstly officers' abilities to understand their role both at club, district and international level. Secondly, members gain so much by having an insight into the service we do and the impact we have on our communities, nationally and around the world provided by training face to face and on line. Our District despite club and member losses is still vast and we need to consider the distance between clubs and the ability of District and Club Officers to travel long distances to attend Zone & Cabinet Meetings. We are still without a 2nd Vice District Governor and following our Convention we will not have a 1st Vice District Governor once he is elected to District Governor 2024-2025, which could prove really problematic in the coming years. Despite the search by the past Four District Governors and the current District Governor we have not been able to encourage Lions to step forward to District. As we move forward beyond the upcoming 105CN District Convention we have a lot to achieve if we are to be the best we can be as a District of 105. It would be wonderful to see all District Posts filled which will enhance the support for our members, clubs, zones and district as we enter our 6th year as 105CN.

1st Vice District Governor Ian Francis

Progress since last Convention

Since the last convention, I have attended the ALLI Course in Oslo Norway and completed that training as well as the online training that is required for the role of 2nd Vice District Governor.

I have also attended the MD Council of Governor meetings in person and on Zoom that have taken place this year.

I have completed the online training for 1st VDG's our trainer was Steward Sherman Khan, who was also our trainer last year. It is good that Stewart is our trainer as there has been continuity with our training and our Group of 1stVDG's has become quite close, as we all keep in contact with each other via WhatsApp.

I have also attended the 1st VDG training at the Q Centre in St Charles, near Chicago; this was excellent and reinforced the training modules that we have completed online.

These were my objectives for my journey to become District Governor of 105CN

Overview of direction for the following year

I am going to put into practice all my learning over the last 2 years and work with my cabinet to produce Smart Goals for the district. These goals will form the basis for Action and also to try and stem the direction of the numbers of membership within the district. We have been set targets from international and by working together from all parts of the district, we will try and achieve these targets.

The approaches that have been given are in very recent years are the Global Membership Approach and Mission 1.5.

Mission 1.5 is the Goal and Global Membership Approach is how to achieve the goal. We need to know where we are and what opportunities are out there to achieve, if we break the Goals down into small achievable steps, we can get there together.

Barry our district governor has recently sent out a SWOT analysis to all the clubs, this is to find out our state of play and which direction we can go to seek and take up any opportunity that we come across. We can learn to achieve, and if we achieve small steps on the road to complete the larger goal, and build momentum and reward success, but not only reward, learn from the successes of areas, and adapt what is successful to our own

communities, also don't be afraid to try something new, learn from that also, not only what went wrong, but what went well.

To achieve together, we have to work together, and to work together, we have to learn together

District Treasurer; PDG John Crompton

It is my pleasure to present my second convention report as District Treasurer. Extracts from the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2023 are shown in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 in these papers.

We have six operational bank accounts all based with HSBC.

1. Administration account which deals with all subscriptions and administrative expenses of the District, this is summarized in Appendix 1.
2. Charity Account which deals with all the Charitable Donations of the District, this is summarized in Appendix 2.
3. Current Account which acts as the account to pay items from the Administration and Charity Accounts.
4. Members Accounts, which is used for the social events at Convention and Handover.
5. BN Disaster Fund, carried over from that District, the Balance in that account as at 30th June 2023 was £7787.63.
6. BS Disaster Fund, carried over from that District, the Balance in that account as at 30th June 2023 was £4579.22.

Turning to the Administration Account (Appendix 1), there was a surplus received in the year of £432.29, taking our Bank balance to £36,674.91. Our Budget for the year was a deficit of £2663.50, the difference being achieved with lower Convention Costs and Travel expenses.

Looking at the Charity Account (Appendix 2), Total Donations received was £99,330, very comparable with last year's figure of £100,137, both of these figures were inflated by donations for Ukraine. Donations to date are £33,538 and probably reflect a more normal period.

The District Dues resolution proposed at this convention looks to maintain them at last year's rate and is based on the number of members in the District as of 30th June 2023. I can report that these numbers have continued to decrease.

The membership as of 31st January 2023 on which the budget for 2024-25 has been based is now 1118, which is 53 members fewer than when the 2023-24 budget was set. Please note that this is a much better position than last year when we had lost 108 members from when the 2022-23 budget was set.

Based on the current membership numbers and the costs to run the District as shown in the document below, a dues levy of £13.80 per member per year would be needed just to cover the budgeted costs.

There is an argument to a gradual increase from our current level of £8.50 per member to the figure of £13.80 above per member. This was discussed at a Future planning committee meeting, but we still are of the opinion that given the reserves we have of £36,765 it is not necessary to do this at this point, but we will continue to monitor this into the coming years.

The District Budget for 2024-25 is shown below. The main increase in cost is in the Convention and Travel Expenses (as the mileage rate was increased from 25 pence per mile to 30 pence per mile, in line with MD).

I continue to be available to assist clubs in any way I can and also to provide help and assistance to the DG, VDG and all Cabinet and District Officers

DISTRICT 105CN BUDGET 2024-25

District 105CN

Budget 2024-25

Membership at 31/01/2024	1118
Membership Expected income	£9,503.00
INCOME	
Membership	1118
Dues	£8.50
Income from Dues	£9,503.50
Bank deposit interest Estimate	£400.00
Total Income	£9,903.50

EXPENDITURE

District Convention	£4,500.00
Gift International Guest	£100.00
District Meetings	£1,840.00
Travel Expenses	£2,860.00
Post & Stationery	£200.00
Printing (all)	£200.00
Regalia	£250.00
GMT	£500.00
GLT	£2,000.00
GST	£500.00
District Almoner	£150.00
Information Technology	£300.00
Advanced Lions Courses	£440.00
DG Expenses	£1,000.00
1st VDG	£600.00
2nd VDG	£400.00
Total Expenses	£15,840.00

Possible Deficit* £5936.50

*This deficit is based on all District Officers claiming up to their allowed budget.

Historically, claims have been made which total much less than the budgeted figure.

This has meant that the reserves remain quite healthy.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Resolution A :

PER CAPITA LEVY

This Convention Resolves that: “The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 shall be £8.50p per Lion, payable in two equal instalments, the first in July 2024 based on membership as at 30 June 2024 and the second in January 2025 based on membership as at 31 December 2024.”

Explanatory Note:

Looking at the position of the District on 30th June 2023, the reserves stood at £36,675. There was a budgeted deficit for that year of £2663, but the actual position was a surplus of £432, due to many lions not using their budget. The initial budget for 2023/24 is a deficit of £4736 but based on 2022/23 figures that figure is more likely to be a deficit of £2,500. Potentially it could take 10 years for our reserves to be exhausted. Due to this it is thought prudent to keep dues at the current level and monitor this situation on a year-by-year basis.

This conforms with the following section of the Constitution:

By-Laws ARTICLE VIII, District Finance Section 1.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (a) The revenue to pay the administrative expenses of the District shall be provided by funds remitted to the District Treasurer by every club in the District. A District Subscription to be paid by every member of every Club shall be decided upon at every Annual District Convention and shall be paid by every Club in two equal instalments due not later than 31st July and 31st January in each year. The amounts payable by each Club shall be ascertained by reference to the membership of each Club on 30th June and 31st December in each year.

(b) STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: Any member being a student as is defined by Lions Clubs International on the 1st July in any year shall pay a per capita levy equal to one half (1/2) of the capita levy set in accordance with Section 1(a) above.

AGENDA ITEM 18 : DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS, ADVISORY & COMMUNICATIONS

Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions ; CNRO PCC Philip Goodier

Firstly, I must give my apologies. As a consequence of providing the wrong date I will not be at the 2024 Convention but will instead be travelling to Melbourne, Australia, to undertake the pre-visit for the 2024 International Convention in my capacity as the MD International Convention Committee Chair.

1 Progress achieved since last Convention:

The range of questions that are asked that involve the District CNRO are many and varied. I have provided advice and guidance on all matters Constitutional and, where appropriate, provided assistance to Officers and individuals in the execution of their duties.

Resolutions and Nominations received for the District Convention in March 2024 were circulated on the 7th November 2023.

The closing date for receipt of Amendments was set as the 2nd February 2024: no amendments have been received.

As detailed in the District Constitution, nominations may not be made from the floor of Convention for the Office of either 1VDG or 2VDG at the forthcoming Convention. As no Nominations had been received by the published closing date, Cabinet will need to seek a candidate and hold an election.

All matters of a constitutional nature that have been referred to me for guidance and advice have been responded to.

I have liaised with the nominee for the Office of District Governor 2024-25.

2 Overview of direction for the following year:

The role of the District CNRO is very much prescribed as certain tasks have to be carried out in accordance with the Constitution and there is no discretion in these matters.

It is the role of the CNRO to provide advice and guidance on all matters Constitutional to those who seek such advice.

We have our own Constitution to work to, a document that has stood the test of time and is proving to be what I designed it to be.

Convention Chair : PDG John Chambers

We started the year with a good team and a great venue Celtic Royal in Caernarfon. This has continued and we have had a number of meetings and site visits, and everyone has worked hard to ensure we have a successful Convention in 2024.

As at the time of writing this we have not had any Zone or club wishing to take on 2025 convention. We did have a booking earlier in the year but unfortunately the hotel went out of business.

We are however pursuing other venues and hope to be able to announce something soon.

Health & Safety : Vacant Office

Data Protection Compliance Officer : PDG Rob Brown

Nothing to report

District Administration Officer; PDG Eric Roberts

Nothing to report

District Data Officer;

No Report

Charitable Incorporated Organisations; North :PDG Evan Jones

1 Progress achieved since last Convention

There has been no change in the number of former District 105BN Clubs registered as CIOs which remains at 20, of which I have mentored 18.

In the course of the year clarification has been sought by Clubs on 2 matters :-

- a) Can a non-Club member be appointed as a Trustee ? - Yes because the Lions Generic Governing Document does not explicitly state that a Trustee must be a Club member.
- b) Does Limited Liability exclude the personal Assets of members of Clubs with CIO status from having their Assets seized if the Club is successfully sued for damages ? - Yes as long as the Club has not acted negligently, or committed a criminal act, similarly a Club cannot insure against negligence or criminality.

2 Overview of Direction for the following year

It would appear that there is no desire from Clubs who do not currently have CIO status to seek it.

Charitable Incorporated Organisations; South

No Report

Communications : Lead Officer Webmaster David Allen

Decision Required : Request for on-time presentations for 105 CN Convention

Anyone invited to present at 105CN Convention is requested to submit slides (complying with time allocated) by 29th February 2023 to: dr.allen@btinternet.com or it@lionsclubs.co.uk

2. Justification for Decision Required: None

3. Action taken since last Report

MD Convention 2024

Secured best costs from AV Suppliers. Visit to review venue is being planned.

Directory completion

2023-2024 directory uploaded and revised for current edition #13.

Lions websites updates

Support content development to ensure functionality of latest software and updates, 365 and cloud storage of documents and files

DGs and MD officers reminded to use their Microsoft 365 Lions accounts and store all official documents and files in the Cloud system. Contact Dave Allen (MDO IT) for instructions on use of 365 and/or resolution of problems.

Online meetings and resolving IT problems

Ongoing management of licenses and support set up of online meetings via Zoom and Teams. Continue to respond to calls by National HQ staff and Lions to resolve IT problems.

4. Progress towards objectives for the year

Website issue outside our control experienced during the holiday period was resolved promptly with the hosting company. An update of Google Ads provides strong SEO results for the public site. Redesign of front page of member site has improved access to Lions directory (as evidenced in site analytics).

- As noted in previous reports, there are ongoing challenges with social media platforms.

Issues with Facebook continue to affect club and groups pages, which may be removed without notice or ability to reinstate. Guidance for clubs affected has been provided and added to the Members' site.

Digest Coordinator; PDG Harry Hawsworth

1 Progress achieved since last Convention.

As part of the communications team, I have continued to respond to requests for help, from fellow members. I have also continued to produce the weekly Communications Digest and the District Calendar.

In co-ordination with DO Eric Roberts and DT John Crompton, we have used Mail Chimp and one of its facilities to email unique Dues Invoices to respective Club Treasurers.

I have received a number of positive replies, in response to my invitation to all clubs, to enter their Websites and Social Media sites into the District competition, for the Elliott Trophy. At the time of writing this report, the adjudication is almost complete.

2 Overview of Direction for the following year.

Hopefully, again, If I am invited, I will continue in my current role, in the communications team and give assistance to fellow members as and when required.

Newsletter Coordinator; Alan Wilde

Nothing to report

Travelling Lions; DO David Pomroy

What a fantastic year we have had. It is good to see that Clubs are starting to get back on track after Covid. Well done to all clubs that have given me their Traveling Lions forms. Congratulations to Llandudno who win the Travelling Lions Competition with 173 visiting club members and to Runners up Stoke on Trent with 82 visiting club members.

However, Travelling Lions is not just about the competition. It involves so much more. It is crucial for clubs as it provides Club advancement, knowledge exchange and support. It enhances visibility, fosters collaboration and opens doors to new possibilities. By letting me know about your club visits it can highlight these benefits and help guide clubs in building and maintaining valuable connections.

Looking forward to the new year's entries Starting March 2024.

Welsh Advisor; PDG Eric Roberts

Nothing to report

District Photographer; Martin Smith

Nothing to report

AGENDA ITEM 19 : DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM GST Lead Officer PDG David Morris

“Service”: The Key to Membership

At the Convention Friendship area you will be able to recognise members from the GST that are there to help and provide you with information, they will be wearing the bright blue vests

Once again the Global Services Team have been available to assist clubs with their service projects, which is their main objectives. Many thanks to all of them for their commitment.

I have represented the District at a number of MD GST meetings throughout the last 12 months.

We are one of the lowest districts in the MD for reporting activities on MyLion, The figures after 7 months in this Lionistic year recorded on MyLion are: 133,103 people served, 900 service activities completed, 17,470 volunteer hours. Clubs have donated over £100,000 and raised nearly £200,000. Just think what these figures would be if all clubs entered onto MyLion. If clubs would like their activities reported, then please get in touch and we can enter it for them.

Spectacles collections - the problems with transport to our national office would appear to all be sorted now with zones and clubs making their own arrangements. It's reported that over 1.5 million pairs from the national office in Birmingham have been sent overseas to help others in this last year a total of over 3 million since the pandemic.

Sight Camera - this future service activity is due to be rolled out soon. When the final approval is received, we will be looking for volunteers in the district to be trained to carry out the testing in schools.

Contacts have been made with our Youth Team and the Diabetes UK Youth Team to see if they can work together for our mutual benefit.

Kindness Matters Award I am very pleased to announce that our Districts nomination has been selected to represent the MD at the next stage. Congratulations to Kendal and District Lions Club.

Don't forget it's not too early to get your entry started. Full timeline will have been given at your last zone meeting or contact myself.

SOCIAL AND WELLBEING TEAM LEAD : PDG DAVID MORRIS

BLIND VETERANS UK : PDG JOHN CHAMBERS

We still have a great contact with Blind Veterans UK and since the last convention our final total of Donations from our appeal was £9000. This will go towards the transport fleet which will operate all over the northwest of UK and Wales. They will be putting our Logo on several of the buses.

We have put in place a visit to the centre on Sunday 17th March 12-2pm where you will be able to see the rooms and other services that Lions have helped build at the centre, this will also include a talk from Billy Baxter to give you a background to what happens at the centre.

Other visits will be planned in the future.

GST GLEANING SUPPORT OFFICER : PDG NEIL MARTIN

Section Three: Current State of play

This year gleaning is a new role within the GST team and part of the welfare and environment team. The aim of this role is to highlight the environmental benefits of gleaning food produce, that not only prevents waste but enables food to feed the hungry. It is also an activity that promotes volunteering within and outside of the Lions organisation, educating others on the benefits of eating fresh produce on health, while bringing the whole map of service in other areas closer together. This can bring service activities that involve or support the youth, promoting good health and wellbeing, while being a tool for increasing the visibility of Lions Service. This can lead to more volunteering and increased membership. By working closely with our Environment, Loneliness / Homelessness, Poverty, Hunger and Magic Breakfast Officers – gleaning will support the objectives of these officers' portfolios.

Section Four: Achievements this year since March 2023

As a district we have the resources of the Lions Gleaning Hub, a national network that promoted the opportunities for gleaning throughout the country. We can identify opportunities such as community gleans, harvesting unused produce. By sharing events clubs have arranged throughout the MD we can share ideas, best practice and contacts through the hub. Below are some district activities that have been recorded and passed to the hub and MD officer to provide an overview of activities through the British Isles.

Gleaning projects undertaken in District 105CN since Spring 2023

1. 30 tonnes Pumpkins producing thousands of individual meals including soup, chutneys, stew and cake
2. Spinach providing 50 litres of soup / 120 servings (40kg)
3. Root vegetables : 20 litres of soup / 50 servings (65kg)
4. Apples / Pears: 20 portions of crumble: 60 pieces of fruit (40kg)

We also arranged a GST Zoom Workshop on Thursday 27th July 2023 to educate and share information about gleaning within District 105CN. Earlier in 2024 a calendar of gleaning opportunities and produce was distributed via cabinet, stating the kind of produce available each month for harvesting.

Feed the 5000

More work is required to secure this event. The most suitable timing for this is now early November 2024. A budget needs to be set for a template event in Manchester to cover the running costs of such event. A proposal will be presented by the May cabinet for ratification by voting Cabinet members.

HOMELESS, LONELINESS, HUNGER, POVERTY AND MAGIC BREAKFAST.

LION KATIE SORFLEET

Since the last convention we have sold the last remaining Sleep pods, there is now none left. If there are requests for more pods, the district will be asked to initially fund these but only if the orders are over 50. To date I've have had no requests for sleep pods or further updates from the co-founders of SPs as Lions are actively contacting them themselves for pods under 20. There have been a number of clubs donating to Magic

Breakfast, and with the cost of living crisis, we have found out that 4 million children are going hungry (almost a third of the UK's child population). This figure is rising all the time. Again, I have learnt a lot during this year's position of Hunger and Poverty due to the continuation of the cost of living crisis. It's not an easy role to cover, with so many going hungry or in need of food and funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER : LION CHRISTOPHER EVANS

Tree Whips are still available free of charge from the Woodland Trust. I have available the contact details to assist all Lions Clubs.

There are about three trillion trees on the planet, and they play a major role in producing the oxygen we all breathe. But twice as many existed before the start of human civilisation. Today, 10 billion more trees are cut down than are planted every year.

There has been a good response to the Environmental Photographic Competition, Tree Whip Planting and Recycle of used spectacles and now working well.

Environmental Photographic Competition. This gives all Lion club members opportunity to enjoy fun activity opportunity to win prizes First, Second, Third Place and nine categories to choose from.

Since the last convention a number of clubs have presented The Wild Tribe Heroes Education Books into schools in their area, and they have been very well received.

Overview of direction for the following year

Recommendations.

Environmental Officer to have any success needs to have direct electronic communication with Lion President not through Zone Chairpersons.

Suggestions and Future plans

Suggest/recommend.

Planting Tree Whips, Identify the most Tree Leaves Scrapbook Competition – this is for children,

Wildflower Seed Planting Plant a young sapling tree in memory of the fallen, or Lion Club Member passed away.

HEALTH TEAM REPORTS, TEAM LEAD PDG TOM TYSON

VISION OFFICER: PDG DAVID BARWICK

No report recieved

SPEECH & HEARING : PDG SUE TYSON

I have, in the past, mentioned in my cabinet reports the difficulties in communication faced by many people suffering from hearing loss and I have not had much to report since last convention. But towards the latter part of 2022/23 I mentioned the value of British Sign Language (BSL). There are currently about 151,000 people in the UK who use this rich language, full of expression, emotions and pictures.

BSL was recognised as our second national language in 2003, yet few outside the deaf community are aware of this. This began to change last year with several TV dramas featuring cast members who used sign language. It has continued in 2024. With the popular media becoming more inclusive, with more hard of hearing characters in productions and advertising. It demonstrates the many different ways of communicating.

Hearing Aid recycling - For over 30 years Lions in this Multiple District have played an active role in the Collection of Used Hearing Project by collecting and donating unwanted or broken analogue and digital hearing aids and audiological equipment. These are refurbished (cleaned and repaired) by Dr Michael Nolan. Refurbished hearing equipment is then sent abroad by Dr Nolan for re-use by hearing impaired children and adults living in Cambodia, Chad, Djibouti, Mauritania, Philippines Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Yemen and Zambia, When a hearing impaired person receives refurbished hearing aids, or audiological equipment, it opens up a whole new world to them and they can enjoy hearing the sounds of life we take for granted.

During the Lionistic year of 2022-2023 almost 17,000 hearing aids were donated by Lions Clubs for refurbishment. So far, this Lionistic year almost 11,000 hearing aids have been donated.

It has been my privilege to serve District 105CN once again in the fascinating role that is Speech & Hearing.

CHILD CANCER/BRAIN TUMOUR TRUST

No officer appointed

DISABILITY SPORTS : LION ERICA COLLINS

No report received

PROSTATE CANCER : PDG TOM TYSON

In 2023 there was a problem over insurance for events such as Prostate Screening. This has been overcome with the help of the Graham Fulford Trust. This has enabled those clubs who organise screening events to continue to provide this invaluable service.

To those Clubs that are organising PSA screening events I ask if you would please let me know the time, date, and venue.

Once again fundraising events are taking place to highlight and raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. These include runs, half marathons and numerous other events around the UK. If you are interested in any of these events, information is available on the Prostate Cancer UK website. Get your club involved.

On a more sombre note, the National Prostate Cancer Audit 2021 from England and Wales published in January found the number of patients being diagnosed with prostate cancer fell 54% in England between April and June 2020 highlighting the staggering impact the pandemic has had on detecting other serious diseases. Of the men diagnosed with Prostate Cancer since April 2020 a higher proportion – 21% against 17% – were diagnosed at the most advanced stage compared with the previous year

Between 2017-2019 a total of 12,000 men died from prostate cancer, a 16% increase since the 1970's. This shows the importance of early testing. I shall once again conclude with this comment. If you just feel that you have any prostate problems - **GET A TEST!!! DO NOT HESITATE.**

I must once again thank our District Governor Barry for the opportunity to serve in the role of Prostate Cancer Officer.

DISABILITIES : PDG DAVE HANDLEY

Maintained a liaison with the National HQ officer to help stay abreast of any significant developments in our field.

Two - Overview of the direction for the following year

On a national level society has broken 'disabilities' down to singular conditions and mental issues with each area of limitation, be it physical or mental, being supported by their own medical teams and support organisations. It is mental well-being that is the headline of late; be it the conditions that develop through age such as Alzheimer's Disease or through birth such as ADHD and Autism etc.

Within Lions we are following a similar division of support and at a District level we have our own Diabetes Officer, Alzheimer's Disease officer and so on. The role of a 'Disabilities Officer' may be seen as surplus to requirements.

DEMENTIA CHAMPION: PDG LIZ AXTEN

The work that Lions do in this area will be of significant help, especially when I have recently heard that dementia is now the leading cause of death.

Clubs continue to support dementia groups as they are able.

One club has funded zoom courses to help people/carers support people with dementia, by giving practical ideas/tips to insights into what could be causing certain behaviours. These have been run by a not-for-profit organisation, Dignity in Dementia, there are four sessions, to each course and is supported with a booklet and a prompt card. These sessions have proved extremely valuable to the attendees.

For further info please do not hesitate to ask me.

We have dementia friendly clubs and dementia buddy clubs all supporting those living with or caring for someone with dementia.

This support has been continued by clubs, which will help many families who are caring for someone with dementia.

So, clubs could support by:

Raising Awareness:

We now have many resources available that offers advice for people living with dementia or care for someone who has dementia.

Home – Checklist, gives advice/tips on what can help in the home.

Driving with dementia. How to talk to someone about stopping driving

Lasting power of attorney (New)
Looking for a dementia aware care home
Practical Items available:
Stickers for:
Rooms
Various Items, clothes, crockery, cleaning equipment, food etc (New)
Wallet/purse cards – ‘I have dementia’ (New)
Key tags
Dementia Buddies from the Good deeds Trust
Resources for businesses: (New since convention 2023)
Business- Checklist, gives advice/tips on what can help within a business environment.
Window stickers – there are a variety available, they depict pictorial symbols to illustrate what a business offers, so helps people with cognitive issues, eyesight problems or English is not their first language.
Toilet signs- these are not always easy to spot or see in various businesses.
Other activities clubs could get involved with:
Twiddle Muffs – how to make them.
Dementia Cafes – how to organise (new)
Dementia friendly walks – how to organise.
Memory boxes – how to create them.
I will be bringing all the resources available to convention for you to see, please come and find the information stand.

DIABETES OFFICER: PDG DAVID MORRIS

Once again, many thanks to all the clubs that have promoted the Education and Awareness of Diabetes in some way during the last 12 months. Clubs have the ability to promote Diabetes Awareness and Education and help to improve the quality of life for their community. Again, many thanks to all the clubs that have been doing what they can in promoting Diabetes either with displays or on their social media platforms etc., it's greatly appreciated. Remember this is a relatively low cost but effective service project that can improve the quality of life for many people in our community.

We have contacts with all the three regions of Diabetes UK which cover our district and they are only too willing to support all clubs along with myself at events that clubs or zones are planning to hold in the future. There is a wealth of free professional information available from Diabetes UK and from our National office in Birmingham at their normal charges. These are an invaluable resource to clubs meeting with the public again. Diabetes UK “Know Your Risk” is now currently only available online. There are documents available from LCI website along with information from Diabetes UK that give a step by step guide and advice on setting up a diabetes support group in your area.

Our vision is to “Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed”

Our Goal “To help Lions educate their communities about diabetes and pre-diabetes.

Lions have a strong commitment to fight diabetes and diabetic eye disease, but we still have a long way to go to achieve our vision and goals.

The number of people with diabetes has doubled in the last 20 years in the UK, it's estimated there will be more than 5.5 million people with diabetes by 2030 in the UK African, Asian and Indian groups are most at risk.

It's more important than ever we should set an example and promote healthy lifestyles and eat healthy, loose weight and get more exercise. You will be able to see all the specific items in the banner on display at convention. Once again many thanks to all the clubs that have supported the diabetes programme this year.

Diabetes awareness week is 12th to 17th June and world Diabetes day is 14th November both ideal opportunities to promote Diabetes Awareness and education.

There have been many zoom meetings of Diabetes District Officers team during the last 12 months. Work is progressing to forge a greater working relationship to Diabetes UK and there are plans to hold a joint workshop with them when all Lions will be invited to attend this will be by zoom.

There is now an MD website that contains Diabetes information link below along with links to the YouTube videos .

<https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/diabetes/>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFbSkxpfBoseI2Le7t1gxviX0FWkkTiVt>

Also linked on the members diabetes page to the various project planners on the Lions International website as clubs may find these useful <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service->

MIAB/MIAW/MEDIC ALERT OFFICER: PDG DAVID MORRIS

Medic Alert is still in the back seat as a Lions sponsored service. I would urge clubs to promote Medic Alert at all their events and even consider making a donation to them.

Clubs continue to promote and hand out many MIABs, they are going out by the box load. To help reduce the amount of plastic could I again ask clubs to make available just the inserts to anyone who just have a change of details and have bottle already. They are available from National HQ. Many thanks to all clubs that have been promoting MIABs this year.

YOUTH TEAM REPORTS: TEAM LEAD. LION STEVE BROWN

District Officers have promoted their respective projects with enthusiasm and a lot of hard work. MD and District competitions continue to attract entries, but these seem to be getting lower each year. The Youth team would like to thank those clubs who continue to support these projects and support children and young people in the District.

Whether it's sharing a positive message through our Peace Poster competitions, providing a showcase for youth talent via the music competition or supporting young people with their individual projects and service through Young Ambassador and Young Leaders in Service we invest in the future of our children and young people. We empower the next generation of leaders in our organisation.

I would encourage all clubs to go out into their areas and find the youngsters who, like us, keep the help they give to their peers and their communities a secret. I would also like to thank those clubs who support the Youth Trust for their donations and ask that those clubs who at present don't to consider a small donation this year.

Overview of Direction for the following year

Continue to promote all youth projects with more emphasis on the use of Facebook, Twitter, and digital information - promote directly to our young people. Continue to provide District competitions alongside MD and International projects.

ROAR: PDG JOHN CHAMBERS

This has been an exciting year for Roar in our district we had 11 schools enter from the district with the winner coming from Ysgol Morfa Rhianedd Llandudno.

The programme is now ready for presentations to the schools to get them to sign up.

It is so easy and most schools when they see what is involved love it as it is all part of the National Curriculum. A presentation of how and what it is all about will be made at Convention and further details will be on our 105CN site later but full details are already on the MD 105 site.

YOUNG AMBASSADOR OFFICERS (NORTH) LION STEVE BROWN & PDG CAROLE GODDEN (SOUTH)

We are glad to report that this year we had two excellent candidates for the District competition, Harley-Jai Phillips sponsored by Bolton Lions Club and Honor Sutton sponsored by Stafford Lions Club. After a close contest Harley-Jai was chosen as the District Young Ambassador and went on to the MD Final in Dudley where he was awarded the Shipshape Award. Shipshape Award is given to someone who the judges felt would benefit from leadership training and Harley-Jai will be spending 5 days crewing on one of the Tall Ships Trust yachts.

Young people are our future, and we would urge all our clubs to foster involvement with them through schools, colleges, uninformed organisations and church groups.

Overview of Direction for the following year

Continue to promote the benefits of this project to clubs and look at ways of promoting the project directly to young people in the District.

PEACE POSTER OFFICER: LION JANE FLEGG

International Peace Poster competition

In November 2023 the judging of the District peace poster took place with DG Barry Prior, PDG Mary-Ann Woodman and 1st vice DG Ian judging all the posters against the theme 'Dare to Dream'.

For the International entry there was 14 entries from the following clubs: Hyndburn, Stone, Macclesfield, Grange, Kendal, Littleborough, Lancaster & Morecambe, Matlock & Derwent Valley, and Blackburn.

All posters were of a high standard, which made judging of the posters very difficult to choose a winner. The District winning poster came from Matlock & Derwent Valley, 2nd place Blackburn Lions Club and 3rd place Littleborough & District Lions Club.

Our District entry was put forward to the judging at National level and nationally the winning entry came from Bexhill Lions Club of District 105SE.

Well done to all clubs and participants in their efforts within the competition the posters were of a high standard, beautiful to look at and hard to judge.

This year's competition theme 2024/25 is 'Peace without limits'.

Information for this year's competition will be sent out to clubs in 105CN. Closing date for the competition is 15th November 2024. Packs for the competition can be obtained from District for free only one per club, any unused packs, the cost of £14 will be charged to clubs. Any further peace poster packs can be purchased from MDHQ for the International competition.

Junior Peace Poster Competition

In the districts junior competition, we had over 20 entries from the following clubs: Hyndburn, Littleborough, Kendal and Furness. The winning poster came from Littleborough & District 2nd Hyndburn Centennial and joint 3rd places coming from Hyndburn Centennial Lions Club and Furness Lions Club.

All entries were lovely to look at and they really showed the time and effort the young people had put into their artwork, and they came up with some original ideas.

The junior competition will run once again alongside the senior competition with the same rules as the senior competition apart from any paper size can be used and the children must be aged 7-10 years. Each Lions Club can submit as many entries as they wish, and it is free to enter and do not need a peace poster pack.

Special Needs Competition

In the districts special needs competition, we had 19 entries from the following clubs: Kendal Lions Club, Llandudno Lions club and Blackburn Lions Club.

All entries showed great thought and effort in their artwork. All entries showed individually in relation to the theme of 'Dare to Dream' this made it tough for judges to choose a winner.

The District winner came from Kendal Lions Club, Llandudno Lions came 2nd and Blackburn Lions came 3rd. Well done to all the young people who took part in this year's competitions.

The special needs competition will run once again alongside the senior and junior competitions. Young people can decorate the poster as they wish with no restriction on poster size. The poster will be judged against the theme. Each Lions Club can submit as many entries as they wish and it is free to enter and do not need a peace poster pack.

Overview of direction for the following year:

To increase participation in all peace poster competitions by increasing the amount of advertising for the competitions to Lions Clubs in the district and to find out if there is any barriers to participation of Lions Clubs in the district to taking part in the competitions. To ensure all clubs in the district know the rules and closing date for the competitions.

MUSIC COMPETITION OFFICER: LION SUSAN DODGSON

The Music Competition in March 2023 again proved to be successful with again over 20 candidates playing at different levels and all the candidates and parents seemed to have enjoyed the event. The Music teacher responsible for entering a number of the candidates in 2023 has dedicated this term to the Lions Music Competition so I hope to at least equal the number of candidates from last year and possibly exceed that number.

This competition this year is scheduled for Saturday 24th February at Lancaster University Chaplaincy centre which has super facilities and a Steinway Piano included in the hire cost..

I have contacted the usual Music Services, various Music services in my local area, previous Candidates and the competition has been publicised in the CN Digest, Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Overview of direction for the following year

I think that maybe after 15 years firstly as the European Music Competition but following the withdrawal of MD105 from that competition subsequently becoming the CN Music Competition it might just be starting to gain traction.

FOOTBALL OFFICER: PDG FRANK MARNELL

The football competition will take place on either 27th or 28th April 2024 at a venue yet to be determined. The age group is under 15 as of the 1st September 2023. Competition will be 7 aside with 5 substitutes allowed. The duration of the games will depend on the number of teams in the competition. Each team must be Registered with their County F.A registration - Number required. All players must be affiliated to F.A normal Team Sheet with Name Age and or D.O.B. including a FAN number for the players and Manager/Coach Registration Fee £35 If you want to get involved either to help or submit a team please get in touch. Because we are such a big district it may be that we could do a knockout of teams close to your area this can be arranged. Cheshire Football Association have sanctioned the competition. Application Forms will in the Digest Please contact me for your commitment, Mob 07801064211

YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARD & LEO'S: PDG FRANK MARNELL

Young Leaders in Service is a free project that all clubs can get involved with At present I have had only Six clubs Participate in Requesting certificates or get involved even contact myself for more information This project is completely free to Clubs I have attended two Sixth form presentations - 1 Greater Manchester, 1 North Wales, 1 Zone Meeting. To gain the award a young person must complete, in one year, a community activity by volunteering. Age limits 8 to 18. Bronze Award 25 Hours service. Silver Award 50 Hours service. Gold Award 100 Hours Service. A special award for over 100 hours will be awarded

The young person has to commit to helping either, Service for the Elderly Service for Young Persons Service to the Homeless/Hungry/Safety Training, Service to the Family Education /Public Health and Taking a Leading Role, Helping Lions Clubs

DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG PERSON THAT DOES NOT DO ONE OF THESE TASKS?

Because I do not Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Boys Brigade Girls Brigade, Football, Rugby, Tennis, Netball, St Johns Ambulance, Red Cross, Food Banks, Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, and Air Training Corps. Then we have Schools Duke of Edinburgh commitments

Yes, the potential is out there. Present the awards at a presentation evening and the PR you can get is unbelievable. I have not been invited to any Zone meetings this year, but I would attend if asked please get in touch.

LEOS

June 2023 saw the induction of Stafford Grammar School Alpha Leos Club headed by 16-year-old President Honor, also Stafford Lions Young Ambassador candidate.

The new Leos club is well supported by members of Stafford Lions Club.

Since induction the Leos have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into serving their community, helping with the food bank, collecting used spectacles and raised funds for Honor's provision of "Goody Bags" to support women's aid service users and "Child of Mine" charity.

The club has 3 potential new members and encouraging younger children in school, known as "Leo Cubs" to become involved in the spectacle recycling project.

As busy start to their Lionistic service and future Lions in the making.

LCIF: LION GRAHAM DOW

LCIF contributions continue to flow in at a very regular rate and ensures that we can help those in need wherever they may be.

We find that the need is ever greater, and the compassion and caring nature exhibited by all lions is something to be proud of. There is always a needy cause requiring our support.

I would re-emphasise that not only have we supported people in other parts of the world, we have given support to those closer to home as a direct result of the heavier than normal rainfall which has created drastic flooding in most areas of the country and sadly continues to do so.

As mentioned in a previous report from July 2023 to December 2023 LCIF awarded disaster grants of \$5,750,476. That is just a small sample of what LCIF does regularly every year. Support from LCIF worldwide exceeds 1 billion dollars, a magnificent sum and all down to our wonderful family of Lions worldwide.

And so-it goes on

“There is always someone somewhere in need of support, and it’s all - too often. That’s why we Lions worldwide, work so hard to serve others.”

Please accept my heartfelt thanks once again for your wonderful, continued support to LCIF.

Kindly NOTE: if your club LCIF rep or club point of contact changes, then please inform me ASAP, as there have been a few instances when the rep has left or changed, I have not been notified. Alas the bottom line is a delay on all LCIF notifications not reaching your club.

**AGENDA ITEM 20: Presentation on Dementia Awareness
PDG LIZ AXTEN**

AGENDA ITEM 21: District Officer Reports Zone Chairs

**Zone 1 Chair: John Rogerson
No Report**

Zone 2 Chair: David Stubbings

I have to start by apologising but the last few months for my own Club have been dramatic and that, together with some work I’ve been doing on Gift Aid and helping Clubs with their Tax Returns have meant I’ve taken my eye off the Zone Chairman side of things.

On the Grange front our Santa Sleigh events were successful and passed off without incident raising an excellent total of £945 for our local volunteer organisations, several of whom helped us on the evenings. Our coffee morning raised a further £300.

Our weekly raffles at the Cumbria Grand Hotel tailed off in the run up to Christmas but have just started again. We raise funds primarily for St Mary’s Hospice in Ulverston and Jigsaw (the Children’s Hospice in Carlisle). With the help of individual contributions from our members and other friends we have been able to provide a monthly income to a Community Foodshare arrangement in Grange and pay the accommodation and education fees for a lovely orphaned young lady in Kenya.

Sadly over the last couple of months we’ve had to deal with a couple of personal tragedies. One of our members is currently in Preston Hospital having suffered a brain bleed in the last few days. We await news of her progress but she’s in our thoughts and we pray that she’ll recover. The daughter of our President Dave Khan and his wife Helen gave birth four years ago to a baby boy, Harvey, who was seriously deformed and was not expected to live long. Harvey showed amazing fighting qualities and was an inspiration to us all! He left us after a spell in the wonderful Derian House in January (see below).

Having realised that the pressures on the remaining and ageing Lions was going to give us a serious problem in the future we organised a cheese and wine evening at the end of January, printed leaflets that we posted through doors when we were out with the Sleigh and put up in shops and libraries. The weather on the night was foul and we were not optimistic of anyone else turning up. In the event four people turned up, we had a superb evening, and we’re delighted to report that all four have joined our Club which transforms us!

For many years we’ve held a Presentation evening where we invite organisations to come and join us and receive their donations over a buffet and appropriate refreshments. We’ll be making donations to Derian House in Harvey’s memory (I’m delighted to report that Windermere and Ambleside Lions have also agreed to contribute), St Mary’s Hospice, Jigsaw and several other local organisations.

**Zone 3 Chair Facilitator: IPDG Mary Ann Woodman
No Report**

Zone 4 Chair: PDG Neil Martin

Progress achieved since last Convention Key Objectives status Clubs to play an active role within the Zone The Clubs continue to build on the progress made to build closer links within the Zone. Various club events have been supported by various other Zone clubs and in some cases beyond. Events such the Accrington Lions Charity Boxing, Whalley Day and Clitheroe Food Festival are examples of multi-club participation. A recruitment campaign was also held in Longridge a town that has been without an active club for over 10 years. We hope to develop zone wide initiatives and service projects such as gleaning, welfare & hunger.

Increase Zone participation in other District and Multiple District initiatives

Clubs continue to support district and multiple district initiatives. As mentioned gleaning has been one area, with other clubs continuing successful engagement in the youth projects and competitions such as peace poster, young leaders in service and service projects such as spectacle recycling. Zone 4 has teamed up Bury and Zone 6 to collect spectacles at a single point for collection and delivery to Birmingham HQ. The Zone also took host to the 2023 District Convention in Accrington and was well attended by Zone club members.

Successes

Each Club has performed well by creating great fundraising activities and, most important, community-driven service projects. A few examples are listed below:

- Monthly Coffee Mornings
- Installation of defibrillator units
- Christmas Day Lunches for the lonely and elderly
- Children's parties at Halloween & Christmas
- Macular Degeneration Awareness
- Spectacle Recycling
- Befriending Services
- Support to natural disasters through LCIF
- Support to refugees and displaced people due to the effect of war or environmental factors
- Community Garden Schemes
- Brain Tumour Research Fundraising
- Message in a Bottle
- Arranging and fundraising at Bonfire and Firework displays
- Gleaning of food produce from source, food retailers and restaurants for distribution to those in need and for environmental awareness
- Litter picks, spring cleans and community environmental projects such as tree planting
- Plus lots more.....

Overview of direction for the following year

The Zone's key objectives for 2024/25 will be membership recruitment and retention within current Clubs and steps taken to re- establish a club in Longridge – west of the Ribble Valley. Encourage Clubs to make new Lions champions for specific events/activities and share good news stories between clubs and within the media, locally or socially.

Zone 5 Chair; Yvonne Burns

Progress from Last Convention

At the first zone meeting of the year in August 2023, minutes were received for the fourth zone meeting of the previous year and these contained details of discussions around Insurance concerns and risk assessments. These have now been clarified with the new information having been issued to all clubs.

Overview of Direction for 2023-2024

My objective of creating a greener and cleaner environment in our zone has just started to progress with local beach cleans having taken place along the Southport and Ainsdale coast with Lions members becoming involved and engaging more with our local community to raise awareness of who Lions are and what we do. The next date will be 19th March in Ainsdale.

Recycling of spectacles is moving forward with more and more spectacles being collected every month. I organised a zone wide van delivery of 40 boxes of spectacles to HQ in Birmingham and this took place on 6th February. Thanks to Southport Lions for facilitating this.

I found this opportunity to visit Birmingham extremely informative and enabled me to see for myself how the process works and to feed this back to our clubs and shop volunteers involved in the collections. This will be an ongoing project throughout the zone.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to organise a date for a combined zone social and this will be discussed ongoing to try and get all clubs to a social event together before the end of this year.

Costs and quality samples have been obtained for a zone leaflet as we are exploring the possibility of undertaking co-ordinated leaflet drops as a form of membership drive for the entire zone as clubs are in need of new members.

Although some clubs do already have their own leaflet it was felt that by co-operating with one another using one standard leaflet we could eventually cover the entire zone, informing people about who Lions are, what we do, and why they should join or alternatively support us by donating, volunteering etc. Individual clubs could then follow up any interest with their own bespoke leaflets. This is an ongoing project which I am hoping to pass over to my successor for the forthcoming year to progress further.

Another area I am also hoping to pass over is the wider use of social media within zone clubs to reach a wider audience. Some clubs are looking at seeking professional assistance with social media posts and promotion and ideas are being shared at zone meetings and also arranging training for those members who are not confident to use the various platforms available.

The clubs' status in February is as follows:

Membership: CL 15; C&D 20; DV 20; M&D 11; O&D 12; S 18; UHTV 22 Total for Zone **118** members.
This equates to a net loss of members since July 2023 of 6 members

Zone 6 Chair; Vivien Marcus

All Clubs in Good standing and financially secure.

All Clubs remain active despite a problem with membership, recruitment, and a fall in membership due to bereavements.

Zone meetings have been very well attended by most Clubs and have been lively and enjoyable. We do have one Club that struggles to attend.

Due to factors beyond our control a joint activity has not taken place, but there is still time. Heywood, Rochdale and Bury Clubs were again placed together at the Gala that took place in September 2023 at Queens Park Oldham. It was good to meet up again for yet another fine day.

I continue to attend Cabinet meetings and pass relevant information on to the Clubs in Zone 6:- Bolton, Bury, Heywood, Littleborough, Prestwich and Rochdale.

Next Zone meeting to be held on the 19th February 2024

Zone 7 Chair; PDG Beryl Roberts

No change since the last report.

Zone 8 Chair; Wendy Mylchreest

Through out the Lionistic year in Zone 8 has worked really well together with Zone meetings, social and communications.

Each Club has worked hard with in their community and with other Clubs keeping Lions out there.

Looking forward to this continuing and giving each Club my support.

Zone 9 Chair; Frank Harrison

No Report

Zone 10 Chair; Christine McDermott

Progress achieved since last convention. Since the last convention the clubs have all worked well together, helping out with one another when needed. Warrington and Birchwood Lions held there first joint Charter

Dinner which was a great success. I feel that I have reached my objectives by helping the clubs to work well together, which has come about when we moved to Zone 10 and reducing the zone size down.

Overview of direction for the following year. To continue the good rapport between the clubs and supporting one another. Clubs to bring their ideas to the zone meetings. My lessons learnt would be that not all clubs work the same, with certain clubs having forth right characters in it. My suggestions and actions for the coming year. We are holding 2 recruitment drives, one in March in Birchwood and one later in the year at Warrington. We are holding a joint charter again.

Zone 11 Chair; Alex Price

Progress achieved since last Convention

Key Objectives status

Clubs to play an active role within the Zone

The Clubs continue to make progress to build closer links within the Zone. This year, the Clubs were receptive to the idea to increase the awareness of, and raise funds for, Brain Tumour Research. Rather than one single major fundraising event it was decided that each Club would devise its own activities that include proceeds from a concert, a bingo night, calendar lottery during March, designated Brain Tumour Awareness month, etc. Lions have given support to help run other Clubs' events, including a duck race, and "Health and Well-being Fayre"

Clubs were encouraged to support the 100 Service initiatives with Congleton Lions leading the way its Diabetes activities.

Lions have attended a Zone Social at Jodrell Bank Observatory with a second social scheduled at Gawsworth Hall with a planned afternoon tea and concert in its grounds.

Increase Zone participation in other District and Multi District initiatives

Clubs continue to share lessons learnt and positive experiences. This year there was a drive to build links with schools to build on Knutsford Lions Club's experience of its participation on numerous school-based activities; Macclesfield Lions Clubs' newsletters to teachers; and to share the pitfalls in not following the precise Poster Competition instructions.

Every Club is an active participant in the collection of spectacles for reuse in the Developing World. Lion's year-to-date, the Zone has dispatched 80+cases of spectacles to Birmingham HQ

This year, the Zone has organized a central storage point from which cartons are dispatched to HQ with Clubs taking it in turn to pay the transport costs.

Successes

Each Club has performed well by creating great fundraising activities and, most important, community-driven service projects. A few examples are listed below:

- Collection of spectacles
- Regular Bi-monthly Diabetes Friends meetings - Congleton
- Monthly Tea Dances – Macclesfield (now in its 41st year)
- Installation of its 9th CPAD full accessible defibrillator (with 1 more in the pipeline) - Congleton
- Christmas Day Lunches for the lonely and/or homeless - Knutsford (35) Macclesfield (120) plus other Christmas lunches - Macclesfield (60) & Congleton Sponsored Community Lunch (50) and Christmas afternoon tea for the elderly Vale Royal
- Lions Youth Brass Concerts - Congleton & Alsager
- Bicycle Recycling - Knutsford
- Wencelas Scheme supporting disadvantaged local people - Knutsford
- Friendship Bench - Vale Royal
- Knutsford Charity Night Out charity event
- Bollington Bikefest - Macclesfield
- Senior Citizen Variety Show - Knutsford
- Plus extensive social media and press coverage - Zone

Overview of direction for the following year

The Zone's key objectives for 2024/25 will be membership recruitment and retention within current Clubs. The Recycle for Sight campaign provides an excellent vehicle to promote Lionism. Encourage greater inter

Club communications, support and participation in local events and Zone social activities. Encourage Clubs to make new Lions champions for specific events/activities.

Zone 12 Chair: Vacant

Zone 13 Chair; Kate Johnson

On the whole, this year has been a good one for Zone 13. We once again were able to hold our annual event for children with special educational needs at Foxfield Railway where the clubs in the Zone put on games for the children and they get the chance to go on a steam train if they would like to. The highlight of the day is usually if we are lucky enough to get a Fire engine to attend. Numbers were slightly down and we are looking at ways that we can change the event in June 2024.

The Zone continues to get new members but we have sadly lost 4 members to Higher Service this year too. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as Zone Chair and wish my successor (I know who it is but cannot say yet), all the success in the world.

Zone 14 : Vacant

Zone 15: Vacant

Zone 16 Chair; Rose Crowley

We are pleased to welcome the Stafford Grammar School Alpha Leos Club to Zone 16 to join the 6 Lions Clubs and one Club Branch. The inauguration ceremony took place in June 2023 and was well attended by members of the Zone.

There have been 3 Zone meetings in this Lionistic year, all within a few days of the Cabinet meeting. The members of Zone 16 have settled into regular face to face meetings in a central venue. All clubs sent in reports for these Zone meetings which were shared prior to each meeting. By the time of the 2024 Convention I will have visited 7 of the clubs business meetings and have helped with many service or fundraising projects at these clubs.

All clubs are working hard to support their local communities with well established projects as well as some new ventures. Many of the clubs support "the hungry " in our area, either by organising food collections, buying shortage items from the supermarket, donating money to the local food bank or volunteering directly at a food bank. Hednesford Centennial Club continue to have full responsibility for maintaining their town's garden of remembrance. Burntwood Club, again, organised a Santa special for 640 Special needs children. Cannock Lions " Schools in Harmony" concert was a sell out. Stafford Lions help at the Covid Vaccination centre finished in December 2023 when it closed. In the past 3 years , 5461.5 hours service were recorded. Lichfield's golf day raised £10,000 for a local hospice.

There have been many new ventures in Zone 16. One club organised the first Christmas tree festival in the Library. A health day was organised to include speakers on how to use a defibrillator, choking and resuscitation. Ukrainian refugees are well supported in Cannock with language lessons and help to settle into the community, including finding work. Also new initiatives include a St George's day concert being planned as is a PSA testing event.

All Clubs in Zone 16 continue to go to clean the Lions Shelter at the National Memorial Arboretum on a monthly rota. A Zone Social Quiz is in the early stages of planning.

Whilst many of the clubs have low membership numbers, there are glimmers of hope with 8 new Lions joining the Zone Clubs.

Zone 17 Chair : Vacant

AGENDA ITEM 22: Presentation on ROAR 24 PDG John Chambers

AGENDA ITEM 23: District Officer Reports; Global Membership & Leadership Teams and Almoner

Thank you for the team and our Zone Chairs for their support over the last year, who have been determined and committed to continue promoting and identifying the need for leadership development.

Areas in Leadership we need to focus on in the coming months include:

I. Succession planning.

We have no candidates for 1st Vice and 2nd Vice District Governor at this convention. This is a concern and without those positions occupied we have no District Governor going into 2025-26. We have potential 2nd VDG's candidates that may come through into 2024-25 and 2025-26, but we must work on encouraging our presidents to continuing to step up to Zone chairs and Zone Chairs to cabinet / governorship roles. Work with New Voices leadership throughout the MD has provided new DG Candidates for this coming year and the next few years in other districts. We need to embrace this within 105CN and develop our membership and officers through effective training, workshop attendances and symposiums. This development starts within clubs and grass roots level where we engage our membership in service, leadership, and membership challenges. This allows new faces to step up into club officer roles and then beyond. The New Voices initiative in MD105 allows those to start their journey in leadership and develop a support network throughout the British Isle's and develop confidence and new skills alongside other like-minded individuals.

II. Membership continues to fall; the trend is still gradually downward.

Membership recruitment has been successful reaching goals set by our DG's present and over the last few years. Our weakness is in retention, especially those Lions with service of 36 months or less. Engagement in our newest club membership at grass roots is key to the strength of our clubs and organisation for the future. This is where we will find new ideas, new perspective and new leadership.

As discussed by my predecessor Liz Axten, good leadership is essential to organizations that shape the way we live, work and play. Leadership is an important factor for making any organization successful. For Lions it is perceived that Leadership falls to the president, secretary and treasurer to for-fill this need for clubs. They are tasked with running meetings effectively and ensuring activities are running to target. In reality it could be so much more. To that end we need to try and encourage Lions to take on Leadership roles, in order for our clubs to survive.

III. District Training

We have had to develop workshops/training days that have been on-line and face to face. Two club officer workshops planned in April and May 2023, where scaled down to just one in Garstang. Our workshop in the southern region was cancelled due to low numbers. Attending these events are vital to developing healthy officer succession in clubs and District. To cut down on travel for members we have proposed three workshops this April to June 2024 covering three areas, The North, The South and North Wales. We do need members to attend these to allow us to develop our club leadership that helps to underpin the health of our clubs and general membership.

One other area of support has been extended to Zone Chairs since July 2023 with monthly Zone Chair meetings hosted by District GLT, with support by our whole GAT team and DG team. Various discussions, ideas and initiatives have been shared covering topics such as Effective Service, Communications and Membership. These monthly supportive GLT sessions are set to continue throughout the remainder of the year. Feedback already gained from previous meetings is helping to shape the needs of upcoming district officer training for later this year (June / July).

MEMBERSHIP: PDG JOHN CHAMBERS

This has been a very difficult year for us although we appeared to start on a positive note, and we were up in member ship in the first half of the year. There has been a marked reduction since December. These are difficult times for us and many charity organisations, but we do need to keep our membership up as this helps to keep our administration costs down. Although our District Dues have remained the same at the moment that is only because we had reserves from the formation of the new district this will not continue if membership continues to fall .

We need to be more proactive when we are holding service events and try to have people in place to tell the public what we are and how they can help. I realise that this is hard for smaller clubs so we need to use our Zones so that other clubs locally can help it works in some areas.

There is a new magazine for new members that gives them more of an idea of who we are and contact information so they can see how they can advance and progress in our organisation.

This has always been a difficult area especially since COVID. We do need volunteers to come forward for the following year to help all around the area and work with our Zone Chairs to help solve the problem.

We don't need to look back, we need to look to the future.

DISTRICT ALMONERS : PDG LION COLIN (ROCKY) FOSBERRY & PCC LION SYLVIA FOSBERRY

Current State of Play: Since the last Convention in 2023, we have sent a great number of cards including Condolence, Get Well, Thinking of You cards, Special Birthday and Anniversary cards.

Unfortunately, we are still not being kept informed from Clubs of their members with long term sickness and often find out that Lions have been in hospital by seeing it on Facebook. This really is not good enough and makes both Sylvia and I very angry that Clubs do not let us know, to enable us to send them a card from DG Barry and all District Lions but we do not think this is ever going to change, so we just have to accept it now. We both regularly speak to poorly Members on the phone and also visit members when of course we are able but, with our own current health issues, it has been difficult for us to visit at this time. Covid is still out there and both Sylvia and I recently had a very nasty few weeks after Sylvia came out of hospital with covid. Many of our very elderly and vulnerable Lions with health problems are either unable or even still frightened to go out and are very pleased to receive a phone call from us and said it was so nice to know that they had not been forgotten just because they currently cannot take part in various Lions events due to their ill health.

We did ask Clubs to let us know who their Club Almoner is and to date, we still only know of 8 Club Almoners. Sadly, communication is still our worst problem and yet with modern technology it should be much easier. Club Almoner is a very important job and the Lion appointed should keep in touch with their Club members to ensure they are ok and if they do not attend a Club meeting, phone them to find out if they are well or need help in any way.

We also keep Lion Mandy informed of all Lions who sadly pass to Higher Service to enable her to update the MD In Memoriam Site and also District Secretary Lynn to enable her to inform Clubs when a Member or Partner in Service passes to Higher Service.

Fellow Lions please take a moment to reflect on those Lions who have sadly left us and celebrate the effect they have had on all of our lives as well as those they pledged to serve. Please also remember those Lions who are currently in hospital, in Care Homes or unwell at Home. Also please think of the Carers who are looking after these Lions.

PLEASE keep us informed at any time of the night or day either by telephone or preferably text on [07766975487](tel:07766975487) or by e-mail to fos43@icloud.com Please remember, we would rather be told several times by different people than not at all.

Can we thank DG Barry for allowing Sylvia and myself to carry out the duties of District Almoner, which we both personally think is **very very** important. We look after others, but we should also look after our own Lions and families.

AGENDA ITEM 24: Presentation of Awards (1)

By DG Barry Prior & PID Geoff Leeder – SAA to assist

1	Elliott Trophy	introduced by	PDG Harry Hawksworth
2	Visiting Lion	introduced by	DO David Pomroy
3	Chris Evans Photographic Competition	introduced by	DO Chris Evans

AGENDA ITEM 25: Presentation on Braille Reading System Jade Smith, Prior Learning

AGENDA ITEM 26: Introduction of Nominations Acting CNRO PDG David Morris

AGENDA ITEM 27: Proposer for Candidate for DG 2024-25
Lion Mike Armstrong – City of Liverpool

AGENDA ITEM 28: Address by Candidate for DG 2024-25
1st VDG Ian Francis

AGENDA ITEM 29: Voting Procedure
Acting CNRO PDG David Morris

AGENDA ITEM 30: SAA Announcements
SAA Alasdair Francis.

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LUNCH

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 31: Call to Order at 1.30pm Prompt & Summary of Attendance
SAA Alasdair Francis

AGENDA ITEM 32: Ballot Results for DG & 1st VDG 2024-25
DG Barry Prior

AGENDA ITEM 33: Address to Convention by DG Elect
DG Elect

AGENDA ITEM 34: Presentation of Awards (2)
By DG Barry Prior and PID Geoff Leeder

1	Peace Poster	introduced by	DO Jane Flegg
2	Junior Peace Poster	introduced by	DO Jane Flegg
3	Special Peace Poster	introduced by	DO Jane Flegg
4	Scrapbook Award	introduced by	SAA Alasdair Francis
5	Young Musician	introduced by	DO Steve Brown

AGENDA ITEM 35: Performance by the winner of the Young Music Competition Renay Harper
Introduced by DA Steve Brown.

AGENDA ITEM 36: Shipshape award winner 2024-25 Harley Phillips
Introduced by DO Steve Brown

AGENDA ITEM 37: Presentation on L.C.I.F.
DO Graham Dow

AGENDA ITEM 38: New Voices – Diversity & Inclusion
DO Caroline Martin

AGENDA ITEM 39: Europa Forum 2024
PDG Neil Martin

AGENDA ITEM 40: Introduction of International Guest
DG Barry Prior

AGENDA ITEM 41: Address to Convention by International Guest
PID Geoff Leeder

AGENDA ITEM 42: Vote of thanks for the International Guest
DG Elect

AGENDA ITEM 43: District Governor “Thanks” and Awards (SAA Assist)
DG Barry Prior

AGENDA ITEM 44: Introduction of 2024 Convention Host Committee
PDG John Chambers.

AGENDA ITEM 45: 2025 District Convention
DG Barry Prior

AGENDA ITEM 46: Handover of Convention Flag
PDG John Chambers

AGENDA ITEM 47: Q & A Session with IPD Geoff Leeder – Sunday
DG Barry Prior

AGENDA ITEM 48: Any Other Accepted Business
DS Lynn Jackson

AGENDA ITEM 49: Vote of Thanks to DG Barry Prior
PDG David Seager

AGENDA ITEM 50: Final Announcements
SAA Alasdair Francis

AGENDA ITEM 51: Close of Business – Land of Hope and Glory
DG Barry Prior

Appendix 1

UNEXAMINED ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS 2022-2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR TO 30TH JUNE 2023

INCOME

2022/23

Membership Dues	£91,384.72
LCI GAT Grant	£410.39
DG Gift 2021/22	£75.00
DG Gift 2022/23	£665.00
District Secretary Collection	£420.00
MD Supplies	£354.75
Bank Interest	£291.20
Total Income	
Total Income	£93,601.06

EXPENDITURE

	£39,087.25
Multiple District Dues including Equipment and Legal Insurance	£39,087.25
International Dues	£42,149.74
	£81,236.99
District Officer Claims	£3,168.92
District Governor Expenses	£565.45
Cabinet meetings	£1,712.00
Bank Charges	£225.70
DG's Gift 2021/22	£501.00
Regalia Name Badges	£262.74
Global Service Team	£0.00
Global Membership Team	£123.00
Global Leadership Team	£1,563.56
Symposium Costs	£580.76
Convention Costs	£2,876.01
MD Supplies	£302.63
Spectacle Recycling/ Funeral Drape	£50.01
Total Expenditure	£93,168.77
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	£432.29
fwd	
Bank Balance b/fwd	36242.62
Movement in Year	432.29
fwd	
Bank Balance c/fwd	36674.91

Appendix 2

RESTRICTED CHARITY FOUNDATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR TO 30TH JUNE 2023

	1st July 2022	Donations 2022- 23	Projects (District)	Projects (MD)	30th June 2023
LCIF	£0.00	£63,476.27		£61,426.27	£2,050.00
Message In A Bottle	£894.00				£894.00
Vision Screening	£6,219.00				£6,219.00
Sleep Pods	-£753.39	£785.00			£31.61
District 105CN Youth Appeal	£3,924.78		£1,342.58		£2,582.20
MD 105 Youth Appeal	£0.00	£1,920.00		£1,920.00	£0.00
MD Brain Tumor Research Appeal	£1,640.25			£1,640.25	£0.00
Sight Savers (Eye Camps)	£1,900.00	£850.00			£2,750.00
Magic Breakfast	£450.00				£450.00
LIBRA	£350.00	£600.00		£950.00	£0.00
ROAR	£60.00	£850.00		£340.00	£570.00
District CN Disaster Fund	£200.00				£200.00
Dementia Appeal	£425.00				£425.00
DG's Partners Appeal 2021/22 Millies Smiles	£6,143.03	£1,398.74	£7,541.77		£0.00
DG's Partners Appeal 2022/23 Brain Tumour Research		£7,598.20			£7,598.20
Leos	£499.39				£499.39
LCI GAT Grant	£628.00				£628.00
Korle Bu Appeal		£1,500.00		£1,500.00	£0.00
Gift for Living Appeal		£100.00		£100.00	£0.00
MD Foundation	£1,700.00	£1,200.00		£2,900.00	£0.00
Diabetes		£100.00		£100.00	£0.00
Activity Alliance		£2,375.00		£2,375.00	£0.00
MD Appeal Ukraine		£13,875.00		£13,875.00	£0.00
District Blind Veterans Appeal		£2,650.00			£2,650.00
Interest Received less Bank Charges		£51.95			£51.95
	£24,280.06	£99,330.16	£8,884.35	£87,126.52	£27,599.35
Income	£99,330.16				
Expenditure	£96,010.87				