

# **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**

## **MINUTES OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL MD 105BS CONVENTION HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at the WHITE HOUSE HOTEL, WELLINGTON**

1. The Convention was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell at 9.30 a.m.
2. Health and Safety Announcement was given by Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell.
3. Convention received: District Governor Lion Tony Gadsby and Mrs Diane Gadsby  
(Escorted by Zone Chairman Lion Lynda Demaid-Jones)  
The Mayor & Mayoress of Telford & Wrekin Councillor Ian Fletcher & Councillor Mrs Veronica Fletcher  
(Escorted by Telford Lion President Peter Jones)  
International Director Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir and Past International Director Lion Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson  
(Escorted by Zone Chairman Lion Peter Sterling)  
Immediate Past District Governor Lion Frank Marnell  
(Escorted by Past District Governor Lion Ron Kenworthy)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Beryl Roberts and Past District Governor Lion Eric Roberts  
(Escorted by Zone Chairman Lion Neville Williams)  
District Secretary Lion David Slack, District Treasurer Lion Robert Sunderland accompanied by Mrs Lynn Slack and Mrs Joyce Sunderland
4. Sergeant-at-Arms Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell invited Convention to stand for the Flag Ceremony and National Anthems. The Flags were received by District Governor Lion Tony Gadsby and International Director Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir. The Army cadets and Lions Youth Brass were thanked by District Governor Lion Tony for their contribution and he presented his personal banner to each.
5. District Governor Lion Tony introduced the Top Table from to his right –  
The Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Councillor Ian Fletcher; District Secretary Lion David Slack and Immediate Past District Governor Lion Frank Marnell. To his left International Director Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir and District Treasurer Lion Robert Sunderland. On the table alongside the Top table were Sergeant-at-Arms Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell and District Constitution and Resolutions Officer Past District Governor Lion Eric Roberts  
  
District Governor Lion Tony welcomed everyone to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and requested all those attending for the first time to stand and be acknowledged.  
District Governor Lion Tony welcomed District Governor Lion David Winsland and Lion Lynn (105BN) also PID Lion Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson  
District Governor Lion Tony acknowledged those Past District Governors of 105BS attending Convention and the names of all 105BS Past District Governors were displayed.
6. Zone Chairman Lion Elaine Byrne read the Lions Code of Ethics
7. Zone Chairman Lion Jenny Bithell read the Lions Clubs International Purposes and Mission Statement
8. Mayor of Telford and Wrekin, Councillor Ian Fletcher officially opened Convention
9. Lion President Peter Jones gave a vote of thanks on behalf of Convention
10. District Officer Lion Margaret O'Riley introduced the members of Cannock Lions Club, the newest club in the District. District Governor Lion Tony welcomed the members to 105BS
11. Sergeant-at-Arms Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell reported that 74 Delegates had registered and 48 Clubs were represented.
12. District Governor Lion Tony and International Director Lion Gudrun lit a Candle of Remembrance after which District Officer Past District Governor Lion Bill Bowen gave the 'In Memoriam'. A period of silence was observed.
13. Zone Chairman Lion Graham Stanyer gave the invocation in which he reminded Convention of the purposes of Convention.

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14. District Governor Lion Tony advised there had been a notified correction to the minutes of the last Convention. District Officer Lion David Handley put forward the following amendment: - *As confirmation of a second bid to host Convention 2012 had been received only a few weeks before Convention 2010, and as, in accordance with the Constitution, selection of the bid to host Convention 2012 did not have to be made until Convention 2011, the Chair of Convention 2010 decided to exercise the Chair's prerogative over the Convention agenda and ruled that neither bid team would make presentation to Convention. Both bid teams would be invited to present to the next Cabinet (in June 2010) who would recommend which bid would be put to Convention 2011 for ratification.*  
District Officer Lion David Handley (Stone) proposed acceptance of the amended minutes, and Lion Ian Homes (Vale of Llangollen) seconded the proposal. By a show of delegate cards the amended minutes were **ACCEPTED**
15. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
16. District Constitution and Resolutions Officer Past District Governor Lion Eric Roberts took Convention through procedures and standing orders. By a show of delegate cards Convention **ACCEPTED** that resolutions did not have to be read out in full.
17. District Governor Lion Tony informed Convention that Lion Beryl Roberts of Menai Aethwy Lions Club has been nominated for District Governor and Lion Rob Brown of Vale Royal Lions Club has been nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor
18. Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2010-11 were requested. District Officer Lion David Handley was proposed by Stone Lions Club and seconded by Uttoxeter Lions Club. No further nominations were received.
19. District Secretary Lion David Slack read letters received from Her Majesty the Queen and a number of Greeting Cards. Apologies were submitted by Past District Governors Lions Maurice Jackson and David Morris.
20. District Governor Lion Tony presented Councillor Fletcher with his friendship banner before the Mayor departed, escorted by Lion President Peter Jones
- Convention adjourned for a break
21. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors and District Treasurer. One question was asked concerning Budgeted Convention costs, which was answered by District Treasurer Lion Robert Sunderland and by a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
District Governor Lion Tony thanked these Officers and the Forward Planning Team for their work during the year.
22. **RESOLUTION No. 1 District Dues**  
This Convention resolves that:  
"The District Dues for the Lions Fiscal Year 2011-2012 remain at £7.50p per member payable in two equal instalments. The first instalment by the 1 August 2011 based on the membership recorded on 30 June 2011 and the second on 1 February 2012 based on the membership recorded on 31 December 2011".  
Resolution Number 1 was proposed on behalf of Cabinet by District Treasurer Lion Robert Sunderland and seconded by District Officer Lion John Sanders. The resolution was **CARRIED**
23. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the Zone Chairmen. No updates were given and no questions were asked from the floor. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
The Zone Chairmen were thanked for the hard work and diligence they had displayed throughout the year.
24. Zone Chairman Lion Martin Smith introduced Mr David Studdard who gave a presentation on the work done by St Dunstons, their role with 3500 beneficiaries and their work with MD105. District Governor Lion Tony informed Convention that the current amount raised for St Dunstons was £57980. District Officer Lion John Sanders thanked Mr Studdard on behalf of Convention.
25. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership Team. Convention was advised that a Club Branch of 7 members had been formed at Biddulph by Leek Lions Club. Current District membership figure was requested, which stood at 1120. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**  
The Team were thanked for their success which was achieved with the support received from clubs
26. Lion President Pam Davies of Prestatyn & Rhyl Lions Club introduced Miss Amanda Quinn, who gave a presentation on the work done by Action for Children. District Governor Lion Tony presented his banner to Miss Quinn and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Beryl Roberts thanked her on behalf of Convention

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27. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the Advisory Team. Convention was advised that CRB changes would probably take place in early 2012. Convention was also advised that sponsorship was available for the Young Photographer competition next year. No questions were asked from the floor. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
It was announced that in the photographic competitions the Lions competition Winner was Lion Ann Monslow - Wrexham Maelor. Under 18's Winner - Certificate and £50.00 Cheque. Ben Wilkinson - Supported by Wrexham Maelor
28. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the Health and Welfare team. Convention was advised that a copy of the Message in a Bottle DVD was available for each club. No questions were asked from the floor. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
District Officer Lion John Whitehouse announced that the MedicAlert Shield had been won by Congleton Lions Club, Lion Adrian Steinkamp collected the trophy.
29. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the International Team. It was announced that \$5m had been donated by Lions Clubs International Foundation to the Japanese earthquake/Tsunami appeal. Currently out of Multi District donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation totalling £185k 105 BS had donated £23k. No questions were asked from the floor. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
District Officer Lion Geoffrey Trevena introduced a DVD outlining the work done by Lions Clubs International Foundation and gave a brief presentation on Lions Clubs International Foundation.
30. Past District Governor Lion Eric Roberts took Convention through the voting procedures for District Governor 2011/2012.
31. 1st Vice District Governor nominee Lion Rob Brown addressed Convention on the theme of "How I believe we should be using Service to Grow"
32. 2nd Vice District Governor nominee Lion David Handley addressed Convention on the theme of "How I believe we should be using Service to Grow"
33. Past District Governor Lion Eric Roberts took Convention through the voting procedures for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governor 2011/2012. Voting would take place from the close of the Morning Session until 1.30 p.m.
34. Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell informed Convention of the lunch arrangements and called for Convention to re-convene at 1.40 p.m. It was also announced the Lions Eye Bus was on view in the hotel car park.
- Lunch was taken from 12.40 –1.40 and voting took place
35. Convention re-convened at 1.40 when District Governor Lion Tony declared voting closed. 77 delegates, 37 alternates and 48 clubs were now in attendance
36. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lion Rob Brown introduced Multi District Officer Lion Jane Armitage who gave a presentation on Young Leaders in Service. Immediate Past District Governor Lion Frank Marnell thanked Lion Jane on behalf of Convention
37. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the Youth Team. Convention was advised of a meeting to discuss the position of Tacade would be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Results in the District Youth Football Competition were updated. No questions were asked from the floor. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
**District Peaceposter Competition** winner was Miss Sunita Punpanya, sponsored by Wrexham Maelor Lions Club. Sunita was also presented with the Gordon Lazenby trophy for winning the MD competition.  
**Morris Trophy for Club Peaceposter:** Collected by Lion Ann Monslow on behalf of WREXHAM MAELOR LIONS CLUB
38. District Officer Lion Glenys Sanders introduced the Young Ambassador winner, Maciej Szukala, sponsored by Wrexham Maelor Lions Club.
39. Maciej Szukala gave an address to Convention in which he described the valuable work he had done, and was continuing to do in his community. He was presented with the MD Bursary, District prize and the District Young Ambassador trophy. He was given a standing ovation by Convention.
40. The Youth trophy winners were:-  
**Wyn & Bill Strange Trophy:** Collected by Lion President Christine Handley on behalf of STONE LIONS CLUB. The criteria adopted to choose the winners were explained.  
**District Football Trophy:** Collected by Lion President John Byrne of WILMSLOW LIONS CLUB  
**Music Competition:** It was announced that no candidate had progressed to the MD level of the competition

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41. District Governor Lion Tony announced that District Governor for 2011-12 would be Lion Beryl Roberts and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for 2011-12 would be Lion Rob Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor would be Lion David Handley and congratulations were offered to them all.  
Convention agreed by a show of cards for the ballot papers to be destroyed. District Governor Lion Tony thanked PID Lion Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson and District Governor Lion David Winsland for adjudicating over the count.
42. District Governor Lion Tony invited acceptance of the reports for the Communications Team. Clubs were requested to check the District "Family Tree". No questions were asked from the floor. By a show of delegate cards the reports were **ACCEPTED**.  
**Visiting Lion Trophy:** Presented to Lion President Bill Carter on behalf of LITTLE ORME Lions Club.  
**Kevron Trophy:** Presented to Zone Chairman Lion Martin Smith on behalf of LLANDUDNO Lions Club  
**Scrapbook Competition:** Presented to Lion Vic Spurrell on behalf of MACCLESFIELD Lions Club.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Time Scrapbook Competition:** Presented to Lion President Thelma Ward on behalf of CANNOCK Lions Club.  
District Governor Lion Tony thanked District Governor Lion David Winsland & Lion Lynne for judging the competition.
43. The winner of the Golf Competition was Lion Brian Ward of CANNOCK Lions Club. There were no entries for the Ladies Trophy.
44. District Governor Lion Tony introduced International Director Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir. International Director Lion Gudrun covered Service Action Campaigns; Engaging Youth; Sharing the Vision; Relieving the Hunger; Protecting our Environment; LCIF Contributing membership and the new Global Teams for Membership and Leadership. Her speech was well received by Convention.  
Zone Chairman Lion Christine Holmes thanked International Director Gudrun on behalf of Convention
45. The following awards were made by District Governor Lion Tony:-  
**Bert Mason Humanitarian Award (presented on behalf of Telford Lions Club):** Lion Clive Alcock.  
**International Presidents Leadership Medal:** District Officer Lion David Durrington.  
**International Presidents Certificates:** District Officer Lion President David Field; Lion George Hughes; Lion Ann Owen; Past District Governor Lion Malcolm Hallowell.  
**District Governor Certificates of Appreciation:** Lion Barbara Middleton; Lion Margaret Marsh; Lion Carole Williams; Lion Peter and Mrs Tania Jones; District Officer Lion Glenys Sanders; Lion Ann Monslow; Zone Chairman Lion Graham Stanyer; Zone Chairman Lion Lynda Demaid-Jones; District Secretary Lion David Slack; District Treasurer Lion Robert Sunderland; Lion Paul MacPherson
46. District Governor Lion Tony introduced the 2011 Host Committee from Telford Lions Club to Convention. He thanked all the team for the work and effort that had been put into making the Convention a success.
47. Lion John Gregory of Flint and District Lions Club gave a presentation for Convention 2012. District Governor Lion Tony wished Lion John and his team a successful Convention.
48. District Governor Elect Lion Beryl Roberts addressed Convention, she announced that Lion Robert Sunderland would be District Treasurer, District Secretary would be Lion David Slack and District Officer Lion Glenys Sanders would be Youth Team Chairman
49. District Secretary Lion David Slack reported two items of further business:-  
Past District Governor Lion David Barwick presented the "Golden Goolie" award to District Governor Lion Tony Gadsby.  
Past District Governor Lion Malcolm Hallowell thanked District Governor Lion Tony on behalf of Convention for the manner in which the business had been conducted. There had been some "retribution" for Convention in Stoke when their roles were reversed.
50. Sergeant-at-Arms Past District Governor Lion Geoffrey Mitchell completed final announcements.
51. Closing Ceremony. The Lions Flag was handed to Lion John Gregory, who accepted it on behalf of the Flint 2012 Host Committee.
52. District Governor Lion Tony declared the Business Session of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention formally closed, and thanked everyone for their attendance. Those present joined together in "Land of Hope and Glory"

Convention closed at 4.17pm.

Minutes recorded by District Secretary Lion David Slack

Approved for acceptance at Convention 2012 by District Governor Lion Tony Gadsby

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011