

**MINUTES OF THE 51st ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105D
HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, WINCHESTER, SO21 1HZ
ON SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2016**

1. Call to Order

The Annual Convention of District 105D was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms Lion Dave Ebsworth.

2. The Health & Safety Briefing was carried out by Lion Jo Hamblin, District Health & Safety Officer.

3. Welcome to Convention: DG Lion Alan Chapman welcomed everyone to the 51st Convention.

4. Opening of Convention: was carried out by PID Lion Howard Lee.

5. The Vote of thanks to PID Howard Lee was performed by DG Lion Alan Chapman.

6. Introduction of Guests & Principal Officers: DG Lion Alan Chapman introduced the following:-

- * PID Lion Howard Lee, who is the Lions Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, and Lion Claire Lee.
- * IPDG Lion Mike Hendy and PDG Lion Brigid Hendy.
- * 1st VDG Lion David Taylor and Rotarian Trish Lever.
- * 2nd VDG Lion Peter Burnett and Lion Debbie Burnett.
- * The District Admin Team:-
 - PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (District Secretary)
 - Lion Linda Picton (District Treasurer)
 - PDG Lion David Merchant (District CNRO)
 - Lion Dave Ebsworth (Sergeant At Arms)
- * In addition, DG Alan Chapman introduced a number of guests from other Districts.

7. Recognition of PDG's and 1st Timers at Convention:

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked the PDG's, new members in their 1st year and 1st timers at Convention, to stand and be recognised.

8. Mission Statement followed by one Ethic and Purpose: was read out by Region 5 Chairman Lion Steve Pope.

9. The Remembrance Ceremony was conducted by 1VDG David Taylor who read out the following:-

Lion Bill Hollis	Lions Club of Poole
Lion John Barton	Lions Club of Maidenhead
Lion Robin Jackson	Lions Club of New Milton.
PDG Lion Bill Field	Lions Club of Southampton Solent
Lion Maurice Raynor	Lions Club of New Milton
Lion Michael Kirby,	Lions Club of Newbury.
Lion Bill Dewar,	Lions Club of Bradford on Avon.
Lion Ernst Strassmann,	Lions Club of Havant.
Lion Peter Keep,	Lions Club of Hook and Odiham.
PDG Lion Bill Reed, MJF	Lions Club of Blackmore Vale.
Lion Peter Holder,	Lions Club of Crofton.
Lion Mike Green,	Lions Club of Blackmore Vale.
Lion James A Park,	Lions Club of Southbourne & Boscombe.
Lion Pauline (Polly) Stansbridge, MJF	Lions Club of Southampton Solent.
Lion Reg Bicknell,MJF	Lions Club of Hook and Odiham.
Lion Jack Ellingsen	Lions Club of Loddon Valley.
Lion Derek Moore,	Lions Club of Poole.
Lion Bob Ashenden MJF	Lions Club of Sandown & Shanklin.

Let us also remember those ex-lions, who during their life gave of their time and who have now also passed to higher service.

10. Lighting of the Remembrance Candle was performed by the DG Team and PID Lion Howard Lee plus their partners. DG Lion Alan Chapman thanked all those taking part.

11. Doors were opened for partners and guests to depart.

- 12. Call to order, Attendance Report and Messages:** SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth read out the greeting received from Buckingham Palace and stated that he had also received a number of cards wishing the DG a happy Convention. He also reported that 75 Delegates, representing 44 clubs had registered for voting purposes.
- 13. Invoke District Standing orders and introduction of Tail Twisters** was carried out by DG Lion Alan Chapman.
- 14. Minutes of the 50th Annual Convention and any matters arising:** were drawn to the attention of the delegates. They were proposed by District Secretary PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown) and seconded by 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS) that the minutes be accepted as a true record. PDG Lion Judith Goodchild stated that the Brigid Hendy website award was won by the Reading Lions Club, not Hart Lions Club.
The proposal, as amended, was carried.
- 15. Report of Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer:**
CNRO Lion David Merchant (Newbury) presented his report and stated that, as at the closing date, there were no proposals to host the 2018 Convention. However, SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth proposed that it be held in Southsea.
- 16. Business and voting procedures:** were read out by CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant who also confirmed that there was a quorum at Convention. Lion David pointed out that there were 8 Resolutions to be voted on and they only required a simple majority. He also clarified that we still need to elect a Second Vice District Governor, irrespective of the Redistricting Resolutions being voted on, at the MD Convention. The CNRO report was Proposed by PDG Lion David Merchant (Newbury) and Seconded by Lion Trisha Snook (Salisbury & District).
The proposal was carried.
- 17. Nominations for District Governor 2016/2017:** CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant announced that there was only one candidate for this position: - 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS) proposed by Lion Denise Stenner (GMS) and seconded by PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin (Reading). Lion David then addressed Convention.
- 18. Nominations for First Vice District Governor 2016/2017:** CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant announced that there was only one candidate for this position:- 2VDG Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) proposed by Lion Barry Duxbury (Wimborne & Ferndown) and seconded by PDG Lion Roger Munday (Fleet). Lion Peter then addressed Convention.
- 19. Nominations for Second Vice District Governor 2016/2017:** CNRO Lion David Merchant announced that there was only one candidate for this position:- Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) proposed by Lion Bryan Smith (Salisbury & District) and seconded by Lion Bob Prevost (Loddon Valley). Lion Ken then addressed Convention.
- 20. Thanks to the Candidates:** DG Alan thanked the candidates.
- 21. Report of the DG Team and Admin Team:** DG Lion Alan Chapman asked if there were any questions relating to the reports and none were raised. These reports were proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (District Secretary) and seconded by PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet).
The proposal was carried.
- 22. Resolution 1:** This Convention resolves that "that Messrs Gilroy & Brooks of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they may be, and the same hereby, re-appointed as Independent Examiner for the year 2016/2017. It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown). Lion Colin Mansell (Newbury) asked how long have we have been using Messrs. Gilroy & Brookes as our Independent Examiners, as it is usual practice to change Auditors every 5 years? DT Lion Linda Picton replied that we have been using them for about 10+ years and, apart from doing a good job at no cost to us, they always ensured that a different examiner checked the accounts.
The proposal was carried.
- Resolution 2:** The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 shall be in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2016 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2016 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2017 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2016. It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown). **The proposal was carried.**

Resolution 3: For the Lionistic year 2016/17 all Clubs will receive a 'one off' credit of £5.50 per member, based on each Club's reported membership as of 30th June 2015. NB. This is a credit per member and not a reduction in dues payable

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown).

DT Linda was asked why we just didn't reduce the dues for the year and she stated that MD had recommended that the Annual Dues stayed the same, e.g. £11 p.a., and that a one-off refund will be made.

The proposal was carried.

23. Region & Zone Chairmen Reports (en bloc):

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked the Region and Zone Chairmen to stand and be recognised.

Their reports were to be voted on, en bloc.

PDG Lion Roger Huntley (IOW Newport) stated that 1/3rd of our members do not have Computers, therefore the reports were probably not read. Lion Dianne Hopkins (Basingstoke) stated that as Club Secretary, it was her role to print reports, for such members.

The reports were proposed by Lion Geoff Foan (Loddon Valley) and seconded by Lion David Fowler (Loddon Valley). **The proposal was carried.**

24. Reports of the Club Development, Communications, Community Services, International Relations, LCIF

Advisor and Youth Committees (en bloc):

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked the Portfolio Coordinators, and their Deputies, to stand and be recognised.

Their reports were to be voted on, en bloc.

They were proposed by Lion Trisha Snook (Salisbury & District) and seconded by Lion Bryan Smith (Salisbury & District). **The proposal was carried.**

25. Introduction of Peace Poster winner & Award: Youth Portfolio Coordinator Lion Denise Stenner (GMS)

introduced Martha Copplestone who was sponsored by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club. PID Lion Howard Lee presented her with the trophy. In addition, the Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy was presented to Sapphire Marler-Row, who was sponsored by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club.

26. Introduction of Young Ambassador Winner and address: Deputy Youth Portfolio Coordinator, Lion Yorky Yuke

(Ringwood & Fordingbridge) introduced Rozanna Toomer, sponsored by Southampton Solent Lions Club, who gave a presentation on her various Farm Activities. PID Lion Howard Lee presented her with the Trophy.

27. Resolution 4: Annual District membership dues should be held at or below the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) in the September prior to Convention.

An amendment to add a missing word of 'increase', after (CPI), was proposed by Lion Alistair Gallon (Woolmer Forest), and Seconded by Lion Roy Cuthbertson (Meon Valley). **The amendment was carried.**

Convention was then asked to vote on the proposal, as amended.

Proposed by Lion Alistair Gallon (Woolmer Forest) and Seconded by Lion Roy Cuthbertson (Meon Valley).

During Debate, the following comments were made:-

- * Lion Dibgy Barker (Warminster):- Clarification was required for the word 'should' rather than 'shall'.
- * District Treasurer Linda Picton (Hart):- The wording suggests that District Dues go up/down every year? Currently CPI is very low and District is aware of the need to minimise Dues increases.
- * PCC Jeff Byers (Bournemouth): This does not give freedom of amending Dues. E.g. it could not cover Emergencies.
- * Lion Alistair Gallon (Woolmer Forest): There is no problem with District Dues but there is with MD Dues.
- * Lion Ian Barrette (Jersey): clarification between should & shall?
CNRO David Merchant stated that 'should' is correct.
- * Lion Mike Baker (Alton): Stated that CPI is an acceptable measure.
- * Roy Cuthbertson (Meon Valley): Lions members are mainly retired and we should not be making our costs higher.
- * DT Linda Picton: The Charity Commission would say the 'should' means 'must'.

The proposal was rejected.

Resolution 5: In the event of any redistricting or restructuring within MD105 that directly affects District 105D the assets, including equipment and balances within District 105D Administration Account will be returned to the members as follows:

At the end of the financial year prior to redistricting, total funds will be calculated as at 30th June.

Total funds will be returned to each Club on a pro-rata basis based on the recorded membership as at 30th June.

Equipment and other assets of the District will be identified, stored and made available for use on request to those Clubs in District 105D as at 30th June.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown).

Lion Mike Baker (Alton) stated that the Finance part was OK but how would equipment be stored / loaned out etc. DT Linda Picton stated that we would have to find a central store, somewhere, and for it to be administered. PCC Lion John Goodchild stated that the MD Re-districting Resolutions do not specify what would happen to Finances/Equipment of Districts who would no longer exist, after restructuring.

The proposal was carried.

Resolution 6: District 105D considers that the preferred option of the Council of Governors in respect of re-districting 105D and splitting it three ways, is not in the best interests of District 105D or MD105 and requests Council to re-assess the viability of all the other options.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by IPDG Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell Forest), and seconded by 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS).

IPDG Lion Mike Hendy stated that by voting for this Resolution, DG Lion Alan Chapman could go to the MD Convention and state that our District is fully supportive of our proposal.

1VDG Lion David Taylor stated that Council decided that we could have the Resolution, to maintain our District.

PDG Lion Roger Huntley (IOW Newport) stated the LCI Guide for Consolidation of Districts should be adhered to.

The proposal was carried.

28. Comfort Break:

After the Break, SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth stated that 83 Delegates, representing 46 clubs had registered for voting purposes.

29. Introduction Of Guest Speaker: Lion Richard High (Banbury) introduced Mr. John Surtees CBE.

30. Guest Speaker: John Surtees gave a presentation on both his Motorcycling and Racing Car careers.

In addition, he gave an update on the Henry Surtees Foundation which he set up, following the death of his son, in a racing accident.

DG Lion Alan Chapman and PID Lion Howard Lee presented John Surtees, with a cheque for £500, for the Henry Surtees Foundation.

31. Vote of Thanks: Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) thanked John Surtees for his presentation.

32. Resolution 7: The number of Registered Delegate votes assigned per Club should be directly related to the number of club members 'in good standing' based on the membership of that Club on the closing date for receipt of Nominations and Resolutions.

Proposed by Lion Steve Newton (Meon Valley) and Seconded by Lion Mike Baker (Alton).

During Debate, the following comments were made:-

- * PCC Lion John Goodchild: Whilst he supports the sentiment, this is not a District decision as the LCI Constitution dictates this. They should ask the International Board of Directors to change this.
- * CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant: had spoken to the MD CNRO and they need an indication of what is required by LCI.
- * 1VDG David Taylor is in support of this, but it should be based on the lowest Club membership number, within the preceding year, rather than the current 'year and a day' rule.
- * DT Linda Picton (Hart): asked what are the statistics of Clubs who send the full number of Delegates?

The proposal was carried.

Resolution 8: Whilst accepting that Resolutions required by International or Multiple District Constitution are necessarily raised and submitted by District Cabinet for consideration at District Convention, Clubs should be encouraged to raise Resolutions.

Proposed by Lion Mike Baker (Alton) and Seconded by Lion Derek Port (Woolmer Forest)

The proposal was carried.

33. Attendance Reports and Notices: SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth reported that 83 Delegates, representing 46 clubs had registered for voting purposes. Convention was reminded that Ballot Boxes would be open until 1:30 p.m.

34. Adjournment for Lunch.

35. Ballot Boxes open for voting of the DG Team for 2016/2017.

36. Workshops as listed in the Hampshire, Monarch and Emperor Suites.

37. Settle Back

38. Reconvene Convention: DG Lion Alan Chapman welcomed everyone back.

39. Redistricting Presentation: DG Lion Alan Chapman gave a presentation on the redistricting proposals, following the decision by 105I (Ireland) to leave MD105. The original proposal was for the other 12 Districts to be re-organised into 7 Districts. This proposal would eliminate our current District (105D). It would also end up with one or two Districts with a very high number of voting members, compared to other Districts.

We have proposed that it should be reduced to 8 Districts, not 7, which includes the continuation of our District.

During discussion, the following were raised:-

- * Lion David Birt (Blackmore Vale): asked if it was the whole of Ireland or just Eire, as the map show Ulster as being part of the UK. It was confirmed that it would be the whole of Ireland, leaving our current MD.
- * Lion Alan Jackson (Woodley & Earley): if reduction in membership is an important factor, why not add recruitment of 1,000 new members to our Centennial program. SAA Dave Ebsworth will take this comment to a committee meeting on 3rd April.
- * Lion Reg Norton (Crofton): Looks like time was spent on redistricting rather than Membership recruitment.
- * PCC John Goodchild (Loddon Valley): wasn't the option to revert to one District, considered by the COG? The response was that it was deemed 'not constitutional'.
The question still remains as to why it was rejected, as only the Resolution was discussed?
PID Howard Lee responded that to ask the LCI Board for a single District, with 12,500 members, was not deemed viable.
- * Lion Geoff Kay (Ringwood & Fordingbridge): stated that the costs are likely to go up by £5 or £6 per annum. We should cut out the posting of the Lion Magazine, to reduce costs. Members are entitled to receive a magazine and MD is looking to posting them to Clubs, for distribution, rather than individual postage costs.
- * Lion Peter Tabb (Jersey): are there any views, from other Districts, re maintaining 8 Districts rather than 7. The response indicated that a number of DG's did vote for the 7 Districts, rather than 8.
- * Lion Lynden McIntyre (Slough): In changing District names etc., this will incur re-branding costs of various items.
- * Lion John Slater (Maidenhead): Clubs on boundaries should have a choice as to which region to be part of.
- * ZC Lion Peter Oswick (Blackmore Vale): We do not have full facts for cost implications. DG Lion Alan Chapman stated that they will be sent to all Clubs, when available.
- * 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS): As to how other Districts feel – the COG was split and we cannot assess how they will vote. E.g. SE wants the 7 Districts and the MD Convention is in SE!!
In addition, some Resolutions were rejected as there was no supporting financial information, yet MD has a Resolution without Financial information?
- * Lion Graham Drayton (Fleet): We are at risk of losing Lions, as a result of this.
- * Lion Marilyn Robson: asked whether we could negotiate the size of Districts, with LCI. PID Howard Lee stated that we could not.
- * PDG Pat Nixon (Cosham): What happens if both the 7 or 8 Districts options are rejected? The response was that the plan would start again.
- * ZC Lion Pam White (Bournemouth): asked what could we do to register 'late' Delegates for the MD Convention? The District Secretary will send all Zone Chairmen a list of the Clubs who have registered Delegates and the procedure for 'late' registration at MD Convention.

40. Presentation of awards for the District Competitions.

PDG Lion Judith Goodchild announced the following Competition winners:-

Bill Field Sight Cup	Gosport and Lee on the Solent Lions Club
Leo Plumley Award for Community service	Bournemouth Lions Club
Ian Birch Membership Award	Westbury Lions Club
Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award	Not awarded
The Graham Drayton Social Media Award	Weymouth Lions Club
The Brigid Hendy Website Award	Basingstoke Lions Club
John Greenaway International Award	Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club
Colin Rickman Award for Youth Activities	Eastleigh Lions Club
Young Ambassador	Rozanna Toomer sponsored by Southampton Solent Lions Club
Godwin Micallef Peace Poster	Martha Copplestone sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club

AWARDS PRESENTED ON SUNDAY

Environmental Poster Competition

Ann Twining Junior

Emma Smith sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club

Ron Twining Senior

Sadie Wetherick sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club

Peter Allen Photographic Award

John Goodchild Loddon Valley Lions Club

Poetry Competition

John Goodchild Award for Poets aged 7-10

Nathan Cook sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions Club

Judith Goodchild Award for Poets aged 11 – 16

Rhiannon Clement sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club

Peace Poster

Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophies
7-8

Sarah Jane Butler sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club

9-10

Saphire Marler-Roe sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club

41. Announcement of Election Results for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG for 2016-2017.

DG Lion Alan Chapman announced the results of the ballots held earlier in the day:-

2nd Vice District Governor 2016-2017

Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District)

1st Vice District Governor 2016-2017

Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown)

District Governor 2016-2017

Lion David Taylor (Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury)

DG Alan Chapman congratulated all the winners and sought, and received, permission to destroy the Ballot papers. He also thanked PDG's Lion John & Brenda Wood (105SW) who acted as the Tellers.

2nd Vice District Governor Elect: Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

1st Vice Governor Elect: Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

District Governor Elect: Lion David Taylor (GMS) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

42. Introduction of DG Partners Charity

Anne Chapman introduced Tim Green of Brain Tumour Research.

43. Presentation on Brain Tumour Research

Tim Green gave a presentation on Brain Tumour Research and stressed that there was minimal funding towards this. e.g. less than 1% of Research funding goes towards this, despite the fact that more people, under 40, die of this cancer, it is the biggest killer of Children in the UK, 20% of Cancers spread to the Brain etc.

44. Vote of Thanks: to Tim Green, was carried out by Anne Chapman and a donation of £500 was made.

45. Introduction of the International Guest

DG Lion Alan Chapman introduced PID Lion Howard Lee, who was the LCI representative who inducted Lion Alan as District Governor, as Lion Alan was unable to attend the International Convention, last year.

46. Address of the International Guest

PID Lion Howard Lee stated that this District is very active and congratulations on all that we do. LCI is the largest, and most active, volunteer organisation.

We have had an association with the United Nations, as an NGO, since the UN started.

Some 18 months ago, he was appointed as the UN representative at the UN, in Geneva.

Currently, there is a large focus on the Syrian refugees crisis and, last year, saw the largest migration of refugees to Europe.

In addition, he has been involved with the Korle Blu Sight related centre project, in Accra, Ghana.

This is a project involving Lions in our MD105, LCI and Moorfields Hospital.

47. Vote of Thanks

DGE Lion David Taylor thanked PID Lion Howard Lee.

48. International Awards

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked PID Lion Howard Lee to present International Presidents Certificates to:-

ZC Lion Pam White (Bournemouth)

Lion Barbara Jeremiah (Bournemouth)

RC Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District)

Lion Brian Woods (Woolmer Forest)

PDG Lion Pat Nixon (Cosham)

DG Alan then presented District Governor Certificate of Appreciation to:-

GMT Co-ordinator Lion Pauline McCreanor (IOW Ryde)

ZC Lion Pam White (Bournemouth)

ZC Lion Jenny Bithell (Hythe & Waterside)

49. Presentation of Gift to the International Guest

The presentation was postponed until the evening.

50. Presentation by Convention Host Committee 2016 and introduction of Committee

DG Alan Chapman thanked 2VDG Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown), and his Convention team, for organising the Convention.

51. Presentation of the 2017 Convention Host Committee: PCC Lion Jeff Byers stated that the 2017 Convention will be held in Bournemouth, as was the 2015 Convention. He introduced his team as well as presenting a video on the Convention.

1VDG Peter Burnett presented the Lions Flag, to PCC Jeff Byers, to be flown at the 2016 Convention.

52. AOB: IPDG Lion Mike Hendy congratulated DG Lion Alan Chapman and Anne for their year to-date.

53. Tailtwister's Final Fling

As Convention was running behind schedule, the Tail Twisters were postponed until the audience were leaving.

54. Final announcements

First-Timers were invited to attend the DG's Soiree, later that evening.

55. Closing Ceremony

DG Lion Alan Chapman thanked everyone and the ceremony closed with the singing of the Land of Hope and Glory and the National Anthem.

56. Close of the 51st Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D took place at 17:10 hrs.