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Horsham Lions Magazine

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3rd March 2013

50th Charter Anniversary Dinner

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President's Remarks – February 2013

Dear Fellow Lions & Friends,

February has been a quiet month in club activities. Next month will prove to be the opposite! As Chris will report, there has been a terrific response for our Charter celebrations on the 23rd march. 5 other Zone clubs are joining us; not counting our twin Wiesbaden. I still have my speech to write so there are still things to do. Before that, of course we have our swimarathon fundraising event. Tom O will report on the arrangements for that, so I hope everyone has 3rd March in their diaries.

Ann and I managed a few days camping in Brighton last week and caught quite a few rays as the weather was cold but very sunny. It was also the time for the Brighton half Marathon which passed quite close to our campsite near the marina. We were there to cheer on Andy as he was pushed round the course by his nephew Chris for the MNDA. He did it in a good time (I'll leave him to give all the details) and was, very likely, pretty frozen by the time 13 miles was up.

I look forward to our time together this month celebrating 50 years of service to our town and sharing it with our friends and family.

Best wishes,

Lion President John

Club Meeting Agenda

20.00 Business Meeting

Apologies for absence
Introduction of guests
Minutes of previous meeting /Matters Arising
Presidents Update
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Horsham Lions Club District 105SE

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 28th January 2013 at the RFA Club, Horsham

1a. Members present – Lion President John Williams, Lions Paul Terry, Clare Wilson, Tom Osborne, Chris Osborne, Judith Shere, Tom George, Andy Spriggs, John Parish, Monica Parish, Jacqui Ovenden, Eve Vine, Deryck Wright, Iris Wright and Gordon Hoare.

1b. Apologies – Lion Vi Bryant

1c. Guests – 5 members of Chichester Lions

2. Minutes of previous meeting (Nov 2012) – OK, no matters arising.

3. President's Remarks – all in Magazine. LP John welcomed everyone to the new year 2013, our 50th Anniversary Year. LP John also read a note he had received from the Regional Chairman Colin, promoting an Open Evening at Billingshurst Lions on 28th February. Numbers of potential attendees to be given at the next Business meeting.

4. Secretary's Report – Correspondence received

1) Details of nominations and resolutions for the District Convention

2) Report on the International Convention taking place in Hamburg in July 2013.

3) LCI on-line membership success stories – for Lions worldwide to share their membership ideas.

4) Details of policy drawn up by Maidstone Lions when receiving requests for financial support looking to undertake charity work abroad.

5) Special Olympics Appeal

6) Haywards Heath Swimathon 29th March 2013

7) Launch the Air Ambulance Night Flying Appeal Newsletter

8) Details of the Wencelas Project – run by Farnham Lions donating Winter Fuel Payment grants to CAB which are passed onto those who can't afford heating bills

9) Daffodil Appeal

10) Information Evening 28th February Billingshurst

11) Charter Invitations received from

Paddock Wood 09/02/13, Thanet 02/03/13, Bromley 09/03/13, Swanley and North Downs 06/04/13, Folkestone 13/04/13, Uckfield 13/04/13, Horley 20/04/13, Bexley 20/04/13, Burgess Hill 11/05/13, Tenterden 18/05/13, Brighton 08/06/13, Hastings 14/06/13, Gillingham 15/06/13

12) Social Invitations received from

Paddock Wood, Race Night 23/02/13, Tenterden, Variety Show 01/03/13

13) Details of the Torquay Convention

14) Billingshurst Charter Evening 13/04/13, £32.

15) Letter from Strawford Centre thanking us for our continued support.

5. Treasurer's Report – Lion Paul reported the balances as

Activities	£ 15,072.07 (includes £500 for a treadmill harness agreed late 2012 and £350 towards an off road wheelchair, also agreed in 2012 but not yet paid).
Charity	£ 719.54 (includes Gift Aid £374.69, TO Walk donations £460.00, Always been there £34.85, and is owed £150 for Music for the Deaf)
General	£ 2,360.87 (inc. Hospitality £1,767.74, and also some income from Charter payments).

Lion John P asked what the plan would be if the Hospitality balance failed to meet the actual spend of the Charter Weekend. LP John responded that if there was a deficit we would borrow from another account and look for ways to raise our own funds to meet this deficit.

Lion Paul reminded the meeting that Membership fees were now due (Single Member fee £30, and Family Member's fee £53).

6. Services Report Update – Lion Tom G reported as follows:

- 1) There had not been a meeting in January because of the weather.
- 2) Thanks to all parcel loader volunteers for the 70+ parcels, and thanks to LP John for the presents. LP John said he had thanked St John's.
- 3) A letter has been received from the Refuge for our "Wonderful" parcels.
- 4) Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal – a new working agreement, meaning we can wear our own tabards if attending the collections which are being held on 8th and 15th March 2013.
- 5) Donations pre-Christmas – off road wheelchair – rest of cost has been collected and we can now pay own donation (£350).
- 6) Choir Competition – It was reported that Tenterden had done their competition during the Spring Term, and it was now felt too late for this year, but will be explored at the right time next year.
- 7) 4Sight – Lions John P, Terry, Eve, Tom G, LP John, Gordon, Jacqui (not driver), Charmini, and Joseph have all indicated that would participate when required, and it was felt this would be sufficient cover.
- 8) Minibus bookings were requested for SCOAP 09/04/13 and the T Party on 15/06/13 (14:00 to 16:30). Details to be available for the next meeting.
- 9) Message in a Bottle – Lion Deryck has run out and needs to supply some urgently. Lion John P said that he thought there were in excess of 400 at the store> Lion Tom G will check.
- 10) Cricket Competition – Lion Tom O advised that the Cricket Competition would now be held on Sunday 16/06/13. Lion John P said that this was different to the dates advised to Roundstone for the loan of their truck and caravan. Lion John P will try and get the booking changed, but even so he feels he is overstretched in that because of the shortage of truck/minibus drivers he would not be able to cover the Cricket and T Party expectations. Dependent on the Roundstone outcome, LP John said that it maybe possible to use his campervan for the Cricket – even so, there will still be the

need for the truck. Lion John P will attempt to resolve ahead of the next Business meeting.

11) SCOAP – It was agreed to buy 70 tickets for Oliver – Lion Iris to organise.

12) ARK – Lion Eve reported that ARK had thanked us for the high quality of the food parcels.

7. Fund Raising Update – Lion Tom O reported as follows:

1) Main report was in the magazine

2) The result of our Christmas Activities was £6,560.98. Lion Tom O thanked the Fund Raising Committee for their efforts, and also thanked all those volunteers that attended.

3) There were 2 cakes left which were offered for sale at £2.50 each.

4) Christmas 2013 dates are

Waitrose	6 th and 7 th December
Southwater Santa	8 th December
Sainsbury's	13 th and 14 th December
North Horsham Santa	15 th December
Tesco's	23 rd and 24 th December

Lion Tom O asked everyone to put these dates in their diaries now.

5) Christmas Hampers – Certificates will be ready soon

6) Swimathon 03/03/13

As many volunteers as possible required.

Tanners Arms staff are prepared to help.

Volunteer's jobs will be allocated and explained at the next Business Meeting.

There have been 13 teams entered so far, and 3 or 4 promises.

Lion Jacqui was requested to get an article into this week's District Post.

Poster will be displayed in prominent areas of the town shortly.

Lion Tom O would like to get more than 16 teams if possible.

Lion John P commented that although our communications referred to the fact that the sponsor was available on the web page, this was not the case. Lion Tom O asked Lion Paul to arrange this, and it is now!

7) Easter Eggs

Lion Monica reported there were 26 definites and 4 or 5 maybes. It was agreed she should go ahead and purchase the Eggs to ensure delivery in good time (approximate cost £600).

Lion Monica also requested that the deliveries be spread more evenly around members.

Lion John P asked Lion Tom O if we would be supplying small eggs to Strawford this year. This will be discussed at the next Services meeting.

8) August Street Collection

This year's date is 10/08/13. Lion John P has put an alternative proposal to the Fund Raising Committee, and also received confirmation from Pirie's Place Management Company that we could collect in Pirie's Place if we wished. This will be discussed at the next Fund Raising meeting.

9) Town Centre Meeting

Lion Tom O reported on his useful meeting with HDC. Although nothing will happen this year he now has the contact details of the Market operators and Vintage specialists. The Market are keen to meet us.

Lion Eve repeated that the Market's website still mentioned that there will be a rally this year.

8. Membership – Lion Andy reported that

1) He had not had a meeting!

2) The Christmas leaflet drop has produced a zero result. Proposed to drop some of the residual leaflets locally.

3) Welfare - Lion Andy reported the passing of the fathers of Lion Vi and Lion Charmini, and cards of condolence. Lion Vi's father service is at Worth Crematorium on 07/02/13, and LP John and Lion Judith expect to attend. Lion Judith reported that Maureen Roody was still poorly.

4) Directory – LP John reported he had just issued the Directory and had hard copies available for those that wanted one.

9. Social – Lion Chris reported

1) Tick box circulating for The Owl for 04/02/13.

2) Charter Raffle prizes were required and should be passed to Clare.

3) Charter numbers, menus and money were required by 10/02/13.

4) The Itinerary for the Wiesbaden Weekend was explained more fully. St Paul's tour guides were available and the coach cost was £10 per person. Lunch would be at Ye Olde London pub. Platter Buffet Lunch £12 (Drinks extra). Driver will do a tour of interesting places (Lion Tom G will be tour guide). Saturday Lion Jacqui will lead a walking tour of Horsham Town, ending with lunch at the Conservatory in the park (pre ordering of meals required).

5) LP John wishes to present Charter visitors with a banner which specifically records our 50th Year. These are £9.99 and 15 are required. It was agreed that the General Account will bear this charge.

10. Welfare – see Membership

11. PR

Lion Jacqui reported that there had been a fair amount of good coverage recently. She will be e-mailing Meridian TV to raise awareness of the Swimathon. Lion Tom O said that he had already been in touch with Spirit FM, BBC Sussex and Heart radio stations.

Lion Jacqui said that the cost of the T Party on 15/06/13 was expected to be £500. The accordion band had been booked. She will be setting up a committee. She expects to use red white and blue banners and the sound system. Music needs to be provided. LP John will follow up on the question of showing part of a DVD.

12. International – LP John said that there will be 10 visitors from Wiesbaden, and 2 from Idstein.

13. Safety – No issues.

14. Friends of Lions – Lion Eve reported she had thanked all the Friends for Christmas help, and also said that the staff at Tanners Arms would like to help when they can.

15. Tailtwister – Lion Judith reported a good evenings takings because we had been minding our P's and Q's!

16. AOB

1) Lion John P released Waitrose Community forms asking members to complete and see if we can get a slot in their contributions.

2) Lion Tom O gave an update on his walk. Just Giving (including the figures given by Lion Paul earlier) now totalled £720. A revamp is being done of the site and the walk starts again on 13/04/13 camber to New Romney (bus travels along the coast if you need to get back to your car).

3) LP John showed some Message in a Bottle labels to go on the top of bottles which he had received. He suggested we look into doing something similar.

17. Raffle – won by Lions Jacqui and Iris

18. Chichester – LP Brian thanked us for allowing then to attend our meeting. Similar activities are also taking place in Chichester. Also they spend a fair amount of timing sorting Spectacles. He offered a word of warning about our T Party, in that at a similar function in Chichester the Lions were older than the attendees! Lion Sue told us that Lion Charmini had been to see the Specs work and that she had taken 50 pairs to Sri Lanka on a recent visit. A further box of glasses were given to Lion Deryck to pass onto Lion Charmini for a further trip to Sri Lanka.

Meeting ended at 21:45.

Horsham Lions Club – Services Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 18 February 2013

Present:- Tom George (**TG**), Jacqui Ovenden (**JO**), Iris Wright (**IW**), Deryck, Wright (**DW**) , Andy Spriggs (**AS**), Judith Shere (**JS**)

Apologies:- Gordon Hoare (**GH**)

Club Projects

4Sight –**AS** - All under control

Strawford (specs etc) – **GH** - To find out number of Easter Eggs needed, **IW** will purchase. We need to arrange handover, possibly on Thursday 28 March. Maybe Lion President could be there and **JO** will look at publicity.

SCOAP (Oliver on 9 April). **IW** has purchased 71 tickets, and the Museum has agreed to sell for us. **IW** will distribute posters when available.

Message in a bottle **DW** has given another 39 to the District Council making 100 in all. We now have about 200 in stock. **DW** will ask the library if they need any more.

It's a Knockout (31 May). **GH** to find out how many teams there will be from Strawford and **TG** to ask for volunteers at the Business meeting.

Summer Tea Party (15 June, 2pm to 4.30) - **JO** has booked the Accordion Band. Joseph has agreed to help set up the Barn in the morning

Mystery drive and cream tea (Possibly in September/October) **IW** - On the same lines as 2012.

Shoe Box Appeal – In view of the fact that most schools seem to have their own appeals, it was agreed that **AS** will place a general request for items in the local press.

Choir Competition – It was agreed that we should make an initial approach to junior schools after Easter to find out if there is sufficient enthusiasm for us to take this forward. If there is, we need to get help from one or two professionals to work out what songs to use and act as judges. A venue will be important to house the children, parents and friends and have adequate parking. **TG** to ask the Club for a **budget of up to £1000** to cover admin, prizes and hall hire.

Activities Account – In view of our very successful fund raising over the Christmas period, together with the lack of requests for our financial help, it was agreed to **recommend** that we repeat the 'Youth Grants Project' of two years ago. **TG** will contact Tom Osborne to see what information he has about the last project. It was also agreed that we might include a 'Grant a Wish' element for youngsters who met specific criteria, eg disabled or faced with a life-threatening illness. If the Club agrees, **TG** ask for a **budget of up to £6000**.

Requests for Help/Donations

Guide dogs for the Blind – The local group are organising a sponsored dog walk round Horsham Park on Saturday 5 October, 10am to 12.00, but need help with admin on the day. They have asked if 6 of our members would help them out. This will be somewhat similar to our 10K run, for example,

registration of dogs entering, taking money etc. It was agreed that **TG** will put to the Club at the Business Meeting for **volunteers**.

Age UK - Via the Club website we have been asked if we could work together, on possibly fund raising/volunteering. It was agreed that we do not really have the effort available to get involved too closely with Age UK, but **TG** will speak to them about SCOAP and the Summer Tea Party.

Mid Sussex Cruse Bereavement Centre – Via our website, a general request to provide a donation towards their running costs. Agreed not to respond.

Headway West Sussex – Via our website, a general request to provide a donation towards their running costs. Agreed not to respond.

Adopt a Youth Club – Via David Skinner, the District Chairman Service and Youth. This is a project of Sussex Clubs for Young People whereby a Youth Club applies to be linked with a local Lions Club who will provide a support/liaison officer to be the link between the two Clubs. Lions will offer support, advice and guidance with fund raising, press coverage and increasing membership. Lions would have the opportunity to put forward our projects for youth eg TACADE, Young Ambassador. It seems that the initial step is for the Youth Club to approach the Sussex Clubs for Young People, so there is nothing for us to do as yet. However, we may get an approach in the future, but in the view of the Committee we do not have sufficient time or expertise to get involved, particularly as we have already proposed that we might set up a LEO Club. If we run the 'Grants for Youth' project, that would seem to be a better use of our time and resources.

Street Children – this is a general MD request to Clubs to make donations towards helping the millions of street children across the world. MD supports five charities working in this field, and although cheques should be sent to LCI 105SE, they should be marked with the particular charity the Club wishes to support. It would seem just as easy to donate direct to the charity, but that would bypass the MD statistics. **Recommend** not to support as we make separate donations to LCIF.

AOB

Policy on financial support for young people – Maidstone lions Club have produced a policy to guide them when making decisions on supporting young people wishing to undertake charitable work abroad. The policy seems sensible, and we will bear it in mind for future requests.

Date of next meeting – Monday 18 March, 2pm at Iris and Deryck's

Clones are people two.

A good pun is its own reward.

I went window shopping today. I bought four windows.

Minutes of the Fundraising Committee on 20 February 2013.

Attendees: Lions Tom Osborne (TO), Paul Terry (PT), John Parish (JP)

Apologies: Lions Vi Bryant (VB), Eve Vine (EV) and Monica Parish (MP)

TO welcomed everyone to the 6th Fundraising Committee Meeting of this Lions Year.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 16/01/13:

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and the only matter arising is:

Certificates of Appreciation For Participants of The Christmas Hamper Raffle:

PT confirmed he had passed the relevant information to **MP**. **JP** confirmed that some of the certificates have already been presented to the pubs or businesses, but the majority will be delivered with The Easter Eggs, in early March 2013.

3. The Swimarathon on 3 March 2013:

- The Committee reviewed the Minutes of The Sub Committee Minutes of 12 February 2013. **TO** confirmed that
 - There are still 18 teams entered and we can accommodate all the teams in the first 3 sessions.
 - The Committee agreed to cancel 4pm swimming session, thereby saving £107 in hiring charges.
 - **PA System:** **JP** confirmed that he had a meeting with Chris Keeler, The Manager of The Pavilions and inspected the PA System and as a result it was agreed that we would use the Pavilions System for the event. Its configuration will be one speaker on The Spectator Balcony at the Park End of The Pool, the second positioned at The Hurst Road End just behind The Lifeguards Chair and the third on the far side of the pool, opposite the Spectator Balcony.
 - **Action Points: The Committee agreed that we need to be able to test the PA System by 12.30pm on the day.**
 - **TO will send e-mail to Chris Keller about the equipment The Pavilions need them to supply**
 - **Medals:** **TO** has ordered 100 medals and ribbons and they were delivered today.
 - Representatives of The Air Ambulance will be attending. In addition the Representative, who is a local man will bring along a model of the Air Ambulance Helicopter and also be prepared to assist in presenting the medals with Lion President.
 - **Other Updates:**
 - **TO** has sent details of allocated lanes, Health & Safety and Administration details for the day to all the Team Captains.
 - **Equipment List:**
 - The list is based on last year's list.
 - The Committee agreed that the list covered all issues.
 - **JP** agreed to supply.sissors, string, blue tack, tape, the claxon along with a scanner , lap top and extension leads
 - **TO** will do some laminated signs point the route to the pool, if none are found at the store.
 - The Committee also agreed what specific items of equipment they will provide on the day.
 - **PT** will pick up a Lions Air Ambulance Banner from Beeding, near Steyning and return one to Crawley

- **Action Point: We need a volunteer to return the Lap Counters to Haywards Heath Member in Wivelsfield after the event**
- Collection of equipment from the store **TO will ask JB to assist**
- Collection and return of equipment on the day from Middleton Road – **JB**
- **Music For The Event: JP** will provide over 60 minutes of suitable music to be played throughout the afternoon.
- **Presentation About Lions: TO** during each swimming session will give a 5 minute presentation about The Organisation and Horsham Lions.
- **Manpower:**
 - All jobs are covered
 - **TO** have produced personal rotas for all volunteers plus background documents for the roles and these will be handed out at The Business Meeting. For those who are unlikely to be at the Business Meeting plus Lyndsay & Shele from The Tanners, their documentation has been sent by e-mail.
 - Charmini/ Sarah are covering the last Lap Counter on the 3pm session

4. The 10K Race:

JP advised the following:

- Entries are starting to trickle in, now that the Web site is open and leaflets is now being handed out at other 10k Events.
- **JP & AS** attended a meeting with The Joggers Representative and it was clear that The Joggers wanted The Lions to fulfil the same jobs as they have undertaken at all previous events. **The Joggers will be providing a float for the late entry desk as well as cover up front costs themselves.**
- The main priority is to ascertain the number of The Lions who are willing to volunteer for the event.
- **Action Point JP will circulate a rota list at The March Business Meeting**
- **JB has agreed to drive the truck throughout the day and to transport all necessary equipment to and from various locations.**

The next joint meeting of Lions & Joggers is 20/03/13.

5. The Easter Egg Raffle:

JP in the absence of MP advised that:

- All Boards and collection tins are ready.
- Delivery of the 32 Eggs will take place by 1 March 2013.
- Distribution to the pubs and businesses will take place during the following week.

Action Point: After some discussion the Committee agreed that The Certificates of Appreciation should be distributed by the end of April 2013.

6. Ideas for New Events & Rejuvenating others.

Communications with Horsham District Council about a Classic Car Show:

TO advised that, he had now received contact details of various Car Clubs and Classic Car Publications, who have assisted with other events in the past.

- **TO** has arranged a preliminary with Representatives of The Market Operators Meeting on 7 March 2013.

A Caribbean Day in Piries Place:

- The Committee discussed at length the fact that with limited Manpower available we need to look at the events we put on. It was pointed out that the collections at The Garden

Centre, whilst it helps club profile but it generates little cash, when you need a minimum of 8 members over 4 two hour sessions.

- It was also felt that our Street Collection does provide a reasonable return, however after The Christmas Collection at Waitrose in Piries Place it maybe a good idea to have an event in there at the same time as the Street Collection. This extension would take over the Garden Centre Collections
- The Street Collection is 10 August 2013.
- **Recommendation: That we extend The Street Collection by providing a Caribbean Theme in Piries Place and drop the Garden Centre Collections.**
- If we take up this recommendation we need to advise Horsham District Council that we intend to provide entertainment in Piries Place

Music Licence:

- **JP** advised that he contacted Multiple District HQ that Lions MD105 have agreed by a fee paid centrally Lions will no longer have to pay an annual fee themselves.
- 7. Friends of Horsham Lions**; Nothing to report

8 Publicity for Our Events; Nothing further to report.

9. The Club Stores: No report

10. AOB; None

12. Next Meeting; Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 7.30am at 9 Middleton Road

Minutes of The Swimarathon Sub Committee Held on 12 February 2013.

Attendees: Lions Tom Osborne, Chair, **(TO)**, Eve Vine, **(EV)** and Paul Terry **(PT)**.

1. Welcome: **TO** welcomed everyone to the fourth sub committee meeting for The Swimarathon 2013.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 08/01/13 & Matters Arising:

The Sub Committee agreed the minutes and confirmed there were no issues arising that are not on the present agenda.

3. Administration Work Prior to 3/3/13:

TO advised as of this afternoon there are 18 Teams entered in the competition.

- As it stands there will be 4 swimming sessions, but there are only 2 teams in the final session. **TO** has suggested to the 2 teams to swim in the 3pm session rather than at 4pm. Decision is awaited...
- **TO** will designate lanes for each team in each session and distribute the final documentation by 16/02/13.
- The Pavilions will provide the following equipment:
 - (a) 2 long tables and 4 chairs in The Foyer **from 12 noon.**
 - (b) 2 long tables and 4 chairs on the spectator balcony **from 12 noon.**
 - (c) 1 small table and a chair at The Park End of the Pool for the medals.
 - (d) 1 Small table at The Hurst Road end of the Pool for The M/C and Starter & Timekeeper
 - (e) 6 Chairs at The Park End of the Pool for The official lap counters
 - (f) Lane numbers 1 to 8 will be on the side of the starting blocks, lane 1 is on the far side of the pool and lane 8 nearest the spectators' balcony. **The starting blocks will not be used during the event.**
 - (g) Lane Ropes will be provided for the event.
 - (h) **PA System:**
Action Point: John Parish will liaise with Chris Keller about the ability to provide suitable connecting leads from I Player to the Pavilions PA System.
- (i) Plastic overshoes, needed when entering the main Pool and Changing Room Areas will be available at The Hurst Road end of the Pool and at the entrance to the Changing Rooms.

- The Sub Committee agreed a list of items that the Club need to provide on the day.

Action Point: Volunteers will be needed to collect and transport equipment to and from various venues.

- It was agreed that Membership leaflet will be available in the foyer and **TO** during each swimming Session will do a little presentation about the Lions.
- **Medals:** **TO** advised that despite the fact the medals used last year were not in the supplier's catalogue they still have a supply and they will cost 30p per medal against 49p last year. Whilst there is no minimum order for the medals we will have to purchase 100 ribbons as a minimum.

The Sub Committee agreed to purchase 100 medals and ribbons, with the same printing on both items but no date.

Action Point: TO will order the medals as soon as possible.

4. Administration For 3 March 2013:

- The sub committee agreed that the Registration and Publicity Tables in the Foyer and the Administration Tables on the spectators Balcony need to be set up and ready by 12.15pm. **Mauve Table Cloths will be used on the Registration and Publicity Tables in the foyer and the medal table by the Pool.**
- The putting up of the banners etc and if necessary our PA System need to up and tested by 12.45pm
- Volunteers must report to Lion Eve, upon arrival.
- We will require 6 volunteers to set at 12 noon and take down at 5pm
- **TO** will identify and provided the necessary documentation for The Registration & Admin Teams
- **TO** will supply the necessary Documentation for number of lengths swum and the number of medals required for each session.
- **TO** will provide direction signs for the changing rooms.
- Gordon will be asked the work the PA System during the times he is not acting as Starter / Timekeeper
- As we have no supplies of bottled water teams and volunteers will be advised to bring their own or purchase them from The Pavilions Café.

5. Manpower:

- **EV** provided 2 versions of job allocation lists to cover finishing the sessions at 4pm or 5pm. The Sub Committee agreed the two documents.
- **EV** highlighted the following:
 - (a) An additional Lap Counter would be needed for the 3pm session. **It was agreed that this would be necessary, if there was to be no 4pm session.**
 - (b) There is a transport issue for Judith who is on duty from 2pm to 3pm
 - (c) Other volunteer options are: **Ann Williams confirmed from 12 to 3pm, Judith Rump: Tel 01403 262567 or Denise Bloom 01403 271959**
- **Action Point: TO will provided to each volunteer time and roles to be undertaken and what those roles entail at The February Business Meeting.**
- It was agreed that it would be useful for Lion President assists as a Marshall at the Park End of the Pool when he is not required to present medals
- **TO** advised that there will be no celebrity attending but it is hoped that representatives from The Air Ambulance will be attending, if not Lion Paul Dedman, who was one of those that organised this appeal will attend and assist LP at the medal ceremony

6. Publicity:

- **Twitter: EV & PW continue tweeting. And Spirit FM are publishing the event**
- **Use of The Electronic Notice Board at The Pavilions:** A suitable wording needs to be agreed prior to me meeting with the Pool Manager. **(TO will Action.)**
- **Leaflets/ Posters:** **EV** advised posters have been placed at the Library and local shops and supermarkets around the town.

6. Date of Next Meeting: 5 March 2013 at 9 Middleton Road, at 7.30pm for debrief.

Report on Meeting With The Manager of The Pavilions in The Park on 4 February 2013.

Attendees: Lions Eve Vine, Tom Osborne & Chris Keller, the Pavilions Centre Manager.

1. Teams Participation:

TO advised that at present 17 teams have entered and unless, at time of closing for entering teams on 11 February the number exceed 18 we would only need 3 sessions of swimming so that the pool could re-open to the public at 4.30pm not 5.30pm. **CK** said this would not be a problem.

Action Point: TO will advise CK & Marlene Woolgar of any changes during the week of 11 February 2013.

2. Timings for 3 March 2013:

CK agreed the following:

- Horsham Lions will have access to the main Pool, the foyer and spectator balcony from 12 noon on the day in order to set up.
- The main pool will be closed to the public from 12.30pm.
- We have 30 minutes from the end of the last swimming session to complete the medal ceremonies and clear away our equipment

3. Equipment to be provided by The Pavilions:

CK agreed to provide the following equipment on the day:

- 2 long tables and 4 chairs in The Foyer **from 12 noon.**
- 2 long tables and 4 chairs on the spectator balcony **from 12 noon.**
- 1 small table and a chair at The Park End of the Pool for the medals.
- 1 Small table at The Hurst Road end of the Pool for The M/C and Starter & Timekeeper
- 6 Chairs at The Park End of the Pool for The official lap counters
- Lane numbers 1 to 8 will be on the side of the starting blocks, lane 1 is on the far side of the pool and lane 8 nearest the spectators' balcony. **The starting blocks will not be used during the event.**
- Lane Ropes will be provided for the event.
- **PA System:** after some discussion it was agreed, subject to suitable connecting leads being found by Horsham Lions The Pavilions will set up their own 3 speaker system and the Lions will have the flexibility of stopping the background music at any time.

Action Point: John Parish will liaise with Chris Keller about the ability to provide suitable connecting leads from I Player to the PA System.

- Plastic overshoes, needed when entering the main Pool and Changing Room Areas will be available at The Hurst Road end of the Pool and at the entrance to the Changing Rooms.

4. Health & Safety Issues:

- **TO** provided to **CK** an updated Risk Assessment for the event.
- **TO** provided to **CK** with a Health and Safety Document which will be provided to Team Captains In advance of the event and again on the day.

Action Point: CK suggested some minor amendments to the document to the Team Captains, TO will amend before distribution.

- It was agreed that the depth at the shallow end of the Pool, (The Park End), will be 1.4 metres.
- Lions Banners will be allowed around the Pool and in The Foyer
- We can use background music during the event.
- We are allowed Collection Buckets provided they are not shaken.
- Lifeguards provided by the Pool will be on duty throughout the event

5. Electronic Notice Board:

- **CK** agreed he will put the following information about the event, on the Electronic Board a week before and on the day of the Swimarathon: “**Horsham Lions Swimarathon 03/03/13 IN AID OF AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT FLYING EQUIPMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WWW.HORSHAMLIONS.FREEUK.COM**”

6. Pool Hire Payment: **CK** confirmed we need to liaise with Marlene Woolgar, The Front of Centre Manager.

7. AOB:

- **CK** confirmed that he will be on duty during the event and there will also be a Duty Manager available.
- **CK** agreed to put one of our posters up on The notice board in the Foyer

Social Committee Update

March 2013

- Twinning Weekend/ 50th Charter - Thurs 21 - Sun 24th March. Raffles prizes are needed - if these could be brought to the business meeting on 25th Feb.

April 2013

- Mon 14th April - Lintot Pub, Southwater. Members to arrive between 7.15pm and 7.45pm

September 2013

- 27th Sept – Walking Weekend in Bath. Cost £169 per person - final balance is due by the end of August 2013.

Clare

**Report on The 42nd District Convention of 105SE at Folkestone on
Saturday 3 February 2012.**

1. **Attendees:** 1st Vice President Tom Osborne.

2. **Introduction:** The event took place at The Leas Cliff Hall Folkestone and was an ideal venue. This was by far the best run District Convention I have been to because all speeches were short and there was little read tape and as a result the Convention kept to time and it finished at 4.15pm

This report will provide edited highlights of what took place.

3. **Attendance Figures:**

Delegates 165

Alternates

Lionesses

Guests 140

Total 305

65 of the 69 Clubs in our District were represented at the convention

4. **General Information:** The initial stages of the convention was a speech from The Mayor of Folkestone Councillor Rodica Wheeler, followed by the reading of The Lions International Purposes, Code of Ethics, The Invocation and In Memoriam and the lighting of The Memoriam Candle.

5. **District Governors Updates:**

- The District has its own Face Book Page which is linked to Lions Club International Page.
- The District has set up The Lionscare Website which enables members of the public can donate money through Credit & Debit Cards.

6. **District Secretary's Update:** Thanks went to all Club Secretaries for the support they had given her.

7. **District Treasurers Update:** Thanks went to all Club Treasurers for the support they had given him.

8. **Charity Treasurers Updates:**

- In the Lions Year 2011/12 Clubs in this District donated £203,764.
- So far in Lions Year 2012/2013 Clubs have donated £17,000
- Sightsavers have passed on their thanks to Clubs in this District for the largest ever donation they have received.

9. **Resolutions Before Convention:** There were 3 resolutions debated and they are:

- Resolution 1: This related to District Subscriptions. It was proposed that no increase in the District Dues of £12.50pa was requested. **Result Carried without discussion.**
- Resolution 2: This related to the registration of those attending any Lions Convention in MD 105. **Result Carried without discussion.**
- Resolution 3: This concerns revising the Code of Ethics into 21st century language. The Campaign for Plain English did not come up with any suitable wording. After some good debate: **Result Carried by a very slim majority.**

10. **Club Excellence Awards:**

The following 7 Clubs received their awards from Past District Governor, (PDG), and Frank Lees:

- Chichester, Cranleigh, Crawley, Guildford, North Fleet & Ebbsfleet, Thanet & Whitstable & Herne Bay.

11. Lions Air Ambulance Appeal:

- Dr Malcolm Tunnicliff & Paramedic Jez Loseby from Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance showed a 5 minute video of their work and expressed their thanks for the support being given by Clubs in this District.
- Past International Director, **(PID)**, also made the following points:
 - (a) By having night flying capabilities it is estimated that potentially a further 700 lives will be saved.
 - (b) The new helicopter is being kitted out as we speak in the UK and it is anticipated that it will be operational in March/ April 2013.
 - (c) A new Chief Pilot, based at Redhill is being sought.
 - (d) Training of the new crew is due to start shortly.
 - (e) The Night Goggles are on order hand should be available soon.
 - (f) **So far Clubs in the District have donated £68,585.**

12. Competition Awards:

- Scrapbook Competition:
 - (a) First Time Entrants: **Crawley LC**
 - (b) Scrapbook Winners: **Burgess Hill LC**
- Web Site Competition:
 - (a) First Time Entrants: **Crawley LC**
 - (b) Website Winners: **Worthing LC**
- Travelling Lion Competition:
 - (a) Club Winners: **Crawley LC**
 - (b) Zone Winners: **Zone 2b**
 - (c) Lioness Winners: **Paddock Wood Lionesses**
- Environmental Photographic Competition:
Bexhill on Sea LC and Paddock Wood LC
- Peace Poster Completion:
3rd Place Crowborough LC
2nd Place Crowborough LC
1st Place Bexhill on Sea LC.

District Officer Julie Honey advised the following:

- She is awaiting the Peace Poster Packs for the 2013 Competition from America.
- The cost of each pack this year is £9 plus PP
- The Theme for 2013 is :” **Our World Our Future**”

13. Music and the Deaf Presentation; Lion Dr Paul Whittaker, who is profoundly deaf since birth entertained us for 40minutes and demonstrated that deaf people can play and enjoy music. He has set up Youth Orchestras and Choirs throughout the Midlands and the North of England through the above Charity.

It costs £7000 per year to run each orchestra and provide the right support for these deaf children.

An Orchestra is to be set up in Brighton for children in Kent, Surrey & Sussex. DG handed over a cheque of £7000, already donated by District Clubs to Lion Paul.

Overview; this is an inspiring man and makes a great after dinner speaker. This is another worthy project.

14. District Cabinets Reports: At the start of the Second Session of Convention, after Lunch all district officers' came to the front of the hall and District Governor requested questions from the audience. As no questions were forthcoming all reports were accepted on block.

15. International Draw Winners: Lewis LC.

16. Declaration of Election Results:

- District Governor Elect: for 2013/14: Lion Mike Parker
- 1st Vice District Governor Elect: for 2013/14: Lion Terry Mason
- 2nd Vice District Governor Elect: for 2013/14: Lion Rob Prebble

17. Belarus Trust Report:

PDG Chris Isles gave the following Report:

- Over 12 tons of shoe boxes and equipment, donated by this Districts Clubs was sent to Belarus in September 2012. It arrived on 24 September
- Himself plus DG Phil and PID Howard went over to visit various projects that we were involved in. All the projects are either complete or well on the way to completion.
- They visited The Centre of Excellence for Children when requests for stair lifts and specially designed wheel chairs were sought
- They also visited The Children's Eye Hospital who would like to construct an outdoor play area and School 99 for children up to 7 who have speech defects.

18. International Guest Speakers:

- The first to speak was Past International President Sid Scruggs III. He spoke for about 10 minutes on the importance of "Service in Your Communities".
- District Governor Eberhard Kramer of 111MN gave a friendship speech entirely in good English.
- Vice District Governor Herve Chicheraeu of District 103IE, spoke in French and was translated by a colleague. It also had a friendship theme
- Past District Governor Stephane Senier of 103IP Paris, spoke in good English talking about friendship and co-operation between the districts.

15. Venue for District Convention for 2013: Guildford.

The Lions Long Distance Walk Challenge Is About Re-Start.

It is a little over 4 weeks before we start the Kent Section of the walk around the coastline of "The Best District in The World, 105SE", to celebrate the 50 Years of Service by Horsham Lions Club and to raise money for The West Sussex North Branch of Motor Neuron Disease.

With the help of numerous Lions in the Kent Clubs I have been able to refine the route and the number of stages that are needed to cover the distance between Camber Sands and Sheerness. The dates for the various stages have been slightly altered to those published earlier, due personal situations that have appeared subsequently, which I hope will not inconvenience anyone who wishes to walk with me on various stages.

No stage is more than 15 miles, subject to diversions.

The Itinerary:

Stage 1:

Saturday 13 April 2013: Camber Sands to New Romney via Lydd and Dungeness Point as there live firing on the Lydd Range which prevents walking along the beach from Jury's Gap onwards.

Starting Point: The Western Car park at Camber Sands (Park & Display) – Start time 9.30am

Finishing Point: Car Park at Grand Parade, Adjacent to "The Greens" New Romney

Stage 2:

Sunday 14 April: New Romney to Hythe.

Starting Point: Car Park at Grand Parade, Adjacent to "The Greens" New Romney, (Pay & Display)

Start Time 10am.

Finishing Point: The Imperial Hotel Hythe.

Stage 3: Saturday 20 April 2013: Hythe to Dover via Folkestone

Starting Point: The Imperial Hotel Hythe

Start Time: 10am

Finishing Point: Dover Marine Hotel, (Best Western) – The Sea Front.

Stage 4: Sunday 21 April 2013 Dover to Deal via Sandwich.

Start Time 10am.

Starting Point: Dover Marine Hotel, (Best Western) – The Sea Front.

Finishing Point: Deal Pier.

Stage 5: Saturday 11 May 2013: Deal to Broadstairs.

Starting Point: Deal Pier

Start Time: 10am

Finishing Point: The Pavilion Pub at Broadstairs Harbour/ Beach.

Stage 6: Sunday 12 May 2013: Broadstairs to Herne Bay

Starting Point: The Pavilion Pub at Broadstairs Harbour/ Beach.

Start Time: 10am
Finishing Point: Herne Bay Pier.

Stage 7: Saturday 1st June 2013: Herne Bay to Faversham
Starting Point: Herne Bay Pier.
Starting Time 10am
Finishing Point: Standard Quay, (Abbey Street).

Stage 8: Sunday 2 June 2013: Faversham to Sittingbourne.
Starting Point: The Guildhall, Market Sq, (Pay & Display 5minutes away)
Start Time: 10 am.
Finishing Point: Central Sittingbourne.

Stage 9: Saturday 9 June 2013: Leysdown on Sea to Sheerness
Starting Point: Leysdown Country Park Car Park, (Free Parking in a lay by nearby.)
Starting Time 10am
Finishing Point: Leisure Centre on the beach or The Clock Tower in Sheerness High Street.

I am looking forward to meeting to a good number of Lions over the 2 month period this walk is being undertaken. If for some reason you are unable to take part you can follow my walk every step of the way by my "Spot - Rover" and your computer. The contact details are:
<http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0z5dyQ0h007JxXeu0Mhvyr1Q0onhozMhG>

If any Lions, particularly those who reside in Sussex, who would like to walk but wonder how they can get back to the start of the stage I can say that there **a 100 Bus that runs regularly from Hastings to Dover, via Rye, New Romney Dymchurch, Hythe and Folkestone. There are also regular bus services between Dover and Deal.** In the circumstances the first 4 stages should not present any transport problems. In addition you have the flexibility of leaving the walk at any of the above places

Finally, with the kind help of PDG Tom Berry, my Just Giving page is being updated shortly, so if anyone wishes to have a look at the page or make a donation the contact details are: www.justgiving.com/Lion-Toms-Walk

ZONE MEETING REPORT – FEBRUARY 5TH 2013

Attended by representatives from Haywards Heath, Horsham, Crawley and Burgess Hill Lions Clubs, meeting chaired by Zone Chairman Sally Marsh.

Report from Cabinet

Clubs requested to use corporate letter headings with new Lions logo (no red tongue). It was a good, well attended convention.

Dates for your Diary

28th February: Information evening at Billingshurst, want clubs to talk about what they do well: contact Colin Marsh.

28th July: Horsham – World record attempt for most mascots doing a conga!

There was a short presentation from Chris Cook, a member of Crawley Lions and works for WSCC on youth projects. Encouraged clubs to get involved with Youth Councils which have been set up around the county, there is one in Horsham. They seem to be a forum for young people to express their point of view to councillors and other policy makers.

There was some comment from region 1 youth officer (did not catch his name) who advised that there will be an international youth camp in 2014 in Guildford and hosts will be required prior to the camp. More information will be available as time goes by. The region 1 youth officer would like invites to clubs to talk about youth projects.

The 2013 Shoebox appeal is going ahead

Plans for It's a knockout progressing, looking for 12 teams.

Lion Andy thanked the zone clubs for the support given to Lion Tom Osborne for his coastal walk.

If you are not able to come to that meeting then please swap your month with someone else or bring it to an earlier meeting. *If you do change with someone etc, please let me know so that I can keep the list updated.*

Many thanks. **Chris O**

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February

John Williams and Deryck Wright

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March

Iris Wright and Charmini Anthony

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April

Joseph Barr and Isabelle Beausseron

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May

Vi Bryant and Tom George

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June

Gordon Hoare and Chris Osborne

July

Tom Osborne and Jacqui Ovenden