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Executive Meetings - Second Monday each month - 7:00 PM - Thamesford Community Centre

Business Meetings - Third Monday each month - 7:00 PM - Thamesford Library

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DINNER MEETING HI-LITES - September 10th, 2007:

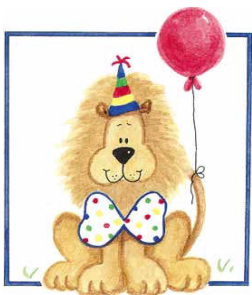
- ◆ **Tonight's Winners:** Lion Bill K won the Bingo prize & Lion Dick D won the Convention draw: Door prizes won by Lions Harald R, Bill D, Brian V, Don W, Ralph J, Tom B & Diana C
- ◆ **Guests:** Lion Chief Burton introduced this month's guest speaker – George McIntyre from Elections Ontario – he gave us details about the referendum coming up in the Ontario election Oct 10TH and asked us to find out as much as we could on the website “yourbigdecision.ca” ... we also welcomed Wesley, Austin & Brian Pinches – Austin & Wes told us about their experiences at the Don Martin Winter Baseball School trip to New York state last summer (partially sponsored by the club) – Brian is thinking about becoming a member
- ◆ **Correspondence:** a thank-you note from Children's Health Foundation for our contribution to the Healing Garden Brick campaign & announcements on Exeter & Fergus anniversary nights coming in October
- ◆ **Announcements:** Lion Tony K thanked those who helped at the Youth Exchange Brunch in July ... Lion Gord reminded us the Identify Theft Night is confirmed for Sept 18TH at 6:30PM ... Lion Tony W has info on a tour package being offered for the 2010 International Convention in Australia ... CNIB Canvass will be held Oct 2ND – 4TH – teams arranged by Lion Jim R
- ◆ **Finances:** Lion Bob Y explained how the Lions Mints program works – any local businesses interested in a display should see Lion Bob – there are also other products available to sell
- ◆ **Business:** Roadside Clean-up scheduled for Saturday Oct 13th 9AM at the River Park ... Lion Chief Burton reminded us of the BX93 dance night scheduled for Jun 7TH, 2008 – we must confirm with a deposit by the end of this year ... Lion Paul will be flying the Shuttle Float again at the Thorndale parade on Sept 22ND (meet at 11AM) ... Lion Tony K confirmed Lion Chief Burton will present the IDCI Math Award at the October 26TH commencement night ... Lion Don K has some concrete curbs & 6x6 posts for sale from the Lions South Park

EXECUTIVE REPORT - September 6TH, 2007:

- ◆ **Correspondence:** Oxford County Museum School request – Lion Mike moved to recommend donation, CARRIED ... information received about LFC fundraiser involving sale of energy efficient lightbulbs – executive felt cost was too high, but will be discussed at the next Business meeting ... thank-you's read for our recent donations to the Sight First 2 program earlier this year
- ◆ **Finances:** Lion Gord C reported the current finances
- ◆ **Announcements:** CNIB Canvass has been scheduled for Oct 2-4TH – Lion Jim R to form teams ... Lion Larry confirmed that all the labour schedules for the Outdoor Farm Show have been filled and it is expected that special catering events could provide extra sales this year ... Lion Brian will be sending letters about the Peace Poster Contest to the schools next week ... Lion Paul is planning to fly the float at the parades in Thorndale & Dorchester this fall before going into storage
- ◆ **Business:** Lion Gord C outlined plans for the Identity Theft presentation night on Sept 18TH – light refreshments & door prizes (paper shredders) will be available but a laptop computer & projector is required ... Lion Jack discussed plans for building a gazebo outside the Library – can the Lions use this as a work project and is there a way to incorporate an information sign in the design? – more planning is required ... Lion Tony W mentioned a tour is being set up for the International Convention in Australia in 2010 with information sessions coming up later this year – anyone interested? ... Lion Tony R suggested that we create some flyers to promote the club and leave at the door during our CNIB canvass & Easter Bunny sales – Lion Jim R offered to put something together ... Lion Mike was asked to check on the status of replacement of the town sign at the west end with the TBA

Business Meeting Report - September 17TH, 2007:

- ◆ **Finances:** Lion Gord reported the current finances... Lion Mike moved to donate to the Oxford County Museum School, CARRIED
- ◆ **Correspondence:** Reminders about various Lions club anniversaries coming up: Exeter 70TH on Oct 13TH, Kitchener 70TH on Oct 27TH, Bayfield 60TH on Sept 22ND & Fergus 30TH on Oct 19TH ... request for team sponsorship from Thamesford Minor Hockey – moved by Lion Tony K, CARRIED ... thank-you from Lion Bob Fisher for the fruit basket and well wishes from the club
- ◆ **Announcements:** Lion Rob S has put up posters looking for Youth Exchange students – if anyone knows of someone looking to participate, let Lion Rob know ASAP ... Lion Jim R briefed us on next week's C.N.I.B. canvass (Oct 2ND - 4TH) – team lists & receipt books to come at October Dinner meeting ... Lion Bob Fisher announced Roadside cleanup is on Oct 13TH at 9AM in the River Park ... Lion Tony W noted the float is ready for it's next launch at the Thorndale parade on Sept 22ND – all flight crew to report for duty at 1100 hours at the Thorndale Township garage ... Lion Dan F is working on the Interclub visitation schedule (see team lists elsewhere in the Bulletin)
- ◆ **Business:** Lion Ralph reported a great Outdoor Farm Show this year ... Lion Mike H reported on the TBA meeting – most discussion around the poor flower growing season but mentioned that quotes are in for repairing the west end town sign and the driver has agreed to pay for the damage ... Lion Gord has preparations ready for the Identify Theft presentation on Sept 18TH – for those who can help, set-up is at 5PM – thanks to Wendy Brown for lending us a laptop & projector for the night ... Lion Don K won the Loonie draw prize



OCTOBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

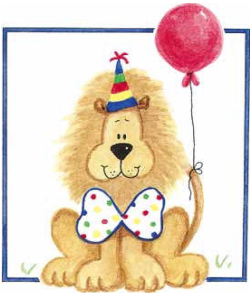
Lion Howard P	- 41 years	
Lions Bill K & Len M	- 38 years	Lion Lloyd H - 29 years
Lion Bob Fisher	- 37 years	Lion Rob S - 27 years
Lion Howard S	- 35 years	Lion Dick D - 23 years
Lion Gord C	- 31 years	Lion Don W - 20 years
Lion Ray K	- 30 years	Lion Gord P - 1 year

DINNER MEETING HI-LITES - October 1ST, 2007:

- ◆ **Tonight's Winners:** Lions Ralph J, Jack B & Dave W split the Bingo prize; Lion Paul W won the Convention draw; Lions Milne M & Larry T won the door prizes
- ◆ **Guests:** Lion Don K introduced this month's guest speaker – his nephew Michael Knox, ESA Operations Enforcement Assistant for the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority – he told us what an ESA was (Environmentally Significant Area): the work involved to maintain these areas; the regulations enforced in these areas and some of the wildlife that are protected within these areas – the motto to remember is “Take only pictures-Leave only footprints” ... Michael's father John Knox also joined us for dinner tonight
- ◆ **Correspondence:** thank-you note read from St. Joseph's Catholic School, thanking us for the Grade 8 Award last June ... information about a special LFC foundation night being held at the Hamilton Tiger-Cats football game on Oct 27TH (reduced game tickets for sale) ... invitation to the St Mary's International Breakfast on Oct 28TH
- ◆ **Announcements:** Tickets for the Feather Party & Bushel of Joy are already available ... Roadside Cleanup scheduled for Saturday Oct 13TH, 9AM ... our float won 1ST place at the Thorndale Fair parade – next flight at 9AM near the Dorchester arena on Oct 6TH ... Lion Dave W is looking for entertainment suggestions for our Charter night on May 6TH, 2008
- ◆ **Finances:** Nothing new to report tonight
- ◆ **Business:** Lions Bill K & Larry T discussed initial results from the Outdoor Farm Show, our club's manpower hours were 19.75% of the total worked ... Lion Jim R explained a few changes with the CNIB canvass this year – donations can be made by credit card, receipts will be computerized this year & there is an information flyer about the Thamesford Lions to hand out at the door – please have your money & glasses handed in by the Executive meeting next week ... Lion Gord gave a summary on the Identify Theft seminar – 48 attendees and despite a smaller than anticipated crowd, everyone was very appreciative of the information provided by Constable Laurie Hawkins ... Lion Dan handed out the first draft of the inter-club visitation schedule – reminder that the driver needs to call the club to confirm numbers attending

EXECUTIVE REPORT - October 9TH, 2007:

- ◆ **Correspondence:** Reminder to everyone about the St. Marys International Breakfast on Sunday Oct 28TH ... Request to support the 2008 Convention fundraiser – Lion Don K moved to purchase 10 - 50/50 tickets, CARRIED
- ◆ **Finances:** Lion Gord gave the financial report
- ◆ **Announcements:** Lion Jim R noted our events sing in the arena has been updated at no charge by Ken Alderson ... Lion Tony W reported the float had a well-received flight at the Dorchester parade but there was no category for winning a prize – Lion Dick is looking into getting some pins made depicting the Lions Shuttle ... Lion Doug has things under control for the Nov 16TH Feather Party
- ◆ **Business:** Membership chair Larry moved to accept resignation in good standing of Lions Roger C & Bruce W, CARRIED – also moved revise Lion Lloyd H membership status to “privileged”, CARRIED ... Lion Bob Fisher & Lion Don K are both looking into sources of material to be used for building our walking trails in the South Park ... Lion Chris discussed next year’s BX93 Dance Party – it is planned for a couple weeks after CALI weekend in 2008 and we need to decide by the end of December whether to pay the retainer fee – this will be financed through the Gaming account ... Lion Jim K has offered to build a club web-site for free through Lions International – Lion Jim R moved to give club approval, CARRIED ... Lion Chris advised the club will again cover insurance for the Christmas CALI parade to be held Dec 23RD ... Lion Tony R was asked about the cost of renting the River Park for events – to be investigated with Cold Springs



NOVEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Lion Harland B	- 35 years
Lions Mike H / Jim R	- 10 years
Lions Milne M / Burton S / Tony W	- 5 years
Lion Dan N	- 2 years

Business Meeting Report - October 15TH, 2007:

- ◆ **Finances:** Lion Gord reported the current finances ... Lion Don K moved we purchase 50/50 tickets from the MDA Convention committee, CARRIED ... Lion Tony K moved to purchase our Thamesford Trojans Sweater sponsorship, CARRIED ... Lion Jim R reported that **\$3041** and at least **400 pair of glasses** were collected from the CNIB Canvass earlier this month
- ◆ **Correspondence:** Nothing new to read this meeting
- ◆ **Membership:** Lion Larry announced that Lion Lloyd H was being revised to a “privileged” membership status meaning the club will pick-up the costs of his dues, so Lion Lloyd will retain membership in the club and come out to meetings when his health allows
- ◆ **Announcements:** Lion Bob Fisher reported 25 bags of garbage were collected from the roads outside Thamesford last weekend – there will also be quarry chips brought to the River Park at 1PM on Oct 17TH for those who can help ... the *Lions Choir* will make a return to the Christmas Carol Sing on Nov 25TH – rehearsals with Ellen Wallace & Ruth Calder will be announced in November ... the wrap-up meeting for the Outdoor Farm Show will be held the 2ND week of November
- ◆ **Business:** Lion Jim K has offered to build the club it’s own website through Lions International free of charge – content to be discussed ... a question was raised during the CNIB canvass about renting the River Park – there are no reservations or rental fees involved, it’s first come-first served for anyone to use the park ... Lion Jim R finally won his own Loonie draw and Lion Sean R won the Thamesford Trojan game passes
- ◆ **Guests:** Lion Bill K welcomed 3 special guests to tonight’s meeting – Zorra Township Mayor Margaret Lupton, Recreation Director Pay Hovorka & Ward 2 Councilor Jeff Brown ... purpose of the night was to ask questions and discuss issues concerning both the Thamesford Lions and the community in general – the following topics were discussed:
 - Economic development – the Township does not have a department or individual looking specifically at this issue – should there be?
 - Business plan for the village – there is not one in place now but the time is right, as there is a renewed focus to enforce property standards on existing businesses
 - Return of a doctor to the village – nothing being done presently to encourage doctors to set up a practice in the village

◆ **Guests (cont'd):**

- Zorra User fees for recreation parks – costs have always been there to run the parks (approximately \$25,000 per year) but there have not been fees charged until recently – compared to the costs, they are nominal and will probably increase gradually as time goes on
- Tree replacement – homeowners can request replacement trees from the Township (policy is 2 for each 1 taken out) – there may be some Ontario Government grant money available for this also
- Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee – always looking for volunteers – there have been Lions on this committee in the past – what about now? – this is a volunteer position but you get paid travel mileage
- Return of a small grocery store to the village – existing storekeepers need our support to keep their doors open – there is always the chance a small satellite store may open some day, run by one of the larger chains
- Conclusion – both sides agreed that a committee should be formed with members of Council, Thamesford Lions & the TBA to look at some of the issues discussed tonight and recommend steps for improvement

DINNER MEETING DOOR PRIZE SCHEDULE

Here is a reminder for when you are due to bring a door prize to our dinner meetings. The telephone committee will also be giving you a reminder when they call you. If you can't bring your prize on the scheduled night, please bring it to the next meeting you do attend.

SEP 10 – Gord Calder, Tony Kelly, Chris Johnston,
Burton Smith, Rob Smith

OCT 1 – Doug Bell, Milne Mc Corkindale,
Tony Redix, Brian Voigt, Joe Wallace

NOV 5 – Steve Atthill, Don Ballantyne, Ralph Johnston,
Jerry Pelton, Howard Sims, Paul Wein

DEC 3 – Diana Clark, Bill Durston, Ray Keddie, Don Knox,
Howard Patience, Jim Rogers, Bob Young

JAN 7 – Jack Broadfoot, Chuck Dalton, Harald Rosenfeld,
Dave Salhani, Don Weir

FEB 4 – Jim Alderson, Howard Ferguson, Bob Fisher,
Bill Phillips, Sean Rutherford

MAR 3 – Tom Brown, Jim Keron, Wayne Romphf,
Tony Webb, Dave Woods

APR 7 – Dan Fisher, Bill Kerr, Len Martin,
Dan Nadon, Geoff Wallace

MAY 5 – Dick Dufton, Bob Forbes, Mike Hough, Judy Meldrum,
Ken Payne, Gord Pike, Larry Taylor

THAMESFORD LIONS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER EVENTS

28 St. Mary's Intn'l Breakfast	29 Cabinet meeting – Woolwich	30 Zone 37S meeting - Hickson	31 <i>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</i>	1 Inter-Club Visitations	2	3 A15 Summit - Brantford
4 A15 Summit - Brantford	5 Dinner Meeting – Inter-Club	6 Inter-Club Visitations	7 Inter-Club Visitations	8	9	10
11	12 Executive Meeting – Inter-Club	13 Inter-Club Visitations	14 Inter-Club Visitations	15 Inter-Club Visitations	16 Feather Party	17
18	19 Business Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Carol Sing	26	27 Inter-Club Visitations	28	29	30	1

NOV DOOR PRIZES: Steve Atthill, Don Ballantyne, Ralph Johnston, Jerry Pelton,
Howard Sims, Paul Wein

DECEMBER EVENTS

2	3 Dinner Meeting (Ladies Night)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Executive Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Business Meeting	18	19	20	21	22