

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club (CIO)

Minutes of the AGM Meeting on 7th August 2024

LP Keith opened the AGM at 7.30pm. 16 BS Lions attended.

Present: Lions

Helen Bell-Day	Ivor Dodgson	Steve Foott	Michelle Gray
David Hagger	Judith Hagger	Dave Jones	Keith Lewis
Barry Livesey	Peter Patmore	Helen Robinson	Jeanette Taylor
Cliff Thornhill	Peter Twigg	Derek Wright	Jean Wright

Apologies:

Karen Bird	Tony Guy	Mike Haslam	Pauline Livesey
Ian Williamson			

Guests:

None

The Reports all refer to the Lionistic Year 1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024

President's Report

The Club has had a successful year both with regards to Community Service & Fund Raising thanks to the efforts & dedication of the Club's Team of Members. Details in the Reports of the two relevant Chairs.

The Club welcomed 1 new member during the year.

The Trustees held regular meetings.

Some Club Members participated in all Zone activities - attending Zone Meetings, the Swimming Gala, Quiz & Drop in Sessions.

4 Members attended the District Convention.

Several Members attended various District Training Sessions.

The Club has maintained its agreed level of commitment to LCIF in respect of disasters.

Wednesday lunches, outings and various other social activities continue to be very popular and are well supported.

The Club held a very enjoyable Charter dinner and a Christmas Social.

Two Trustees, Secretary and Community Service Chair, advised that they will be emigrating during the next Lionistic year, early notification so as to provide assistance to those taking over. Hence a new Secretary and Chair to be appointed and become Trustees.

The Club thanks them for their many years of service, dedication & support for all aspects of its activities.

Treasurers Report

This year's report reflects how active the club has been this last year with total donations up by £3,000 on last year's total. The detailed accounts have been audited and a copy attached as a separate file.

While total income increased by £8,500, expenditure increased by £3,502. This number is distorted somewhat by £5,112 received from HMRC on Gift Aid. This amount is from 2021 onwards and therefore is larger than normal.

Thanks to all Members who work tirelessly to maintain this healthy balance for the Club.

Community Service Report

This has been an interesting year, which has seen the Community team meet regularly once a month, with much lively discussion around new and existing projects. Donations for 2023/2024 totaling around £12,000.

Local Community Support -

Food Bank support: Donated £2,000 to Preens Food Bank and £1,000 to Need project.

Home Farm Trust (HFT): Purchased rose arch and roses for the entrance to their sensory garden.

MIABs and Wallets handed out hundreds over the year. Had a print re-run of 5,000 MIAWs.

Spectacles – collected and dispatched almost 8,000 pairs as well as some hearing aids.

Wicksteed – 50 guests enjoyed thrills and spills and packed lunches supplied by Wicksteed.

District Youth Party 50 guests enjoyed a fun packed afternoon.

Shannon Express concert hosted 9 guests with tea afterwards.

Zone Swimming Gala supported with BS members assistance.

Biggleswade Rugby under12's 2025 tour –donation.

Tools for Self-Reliance – made several journeys to Milton Keynes with tools.

Macmillan coffee morning hosted in September.

Poppy collection and Remembrance wreaths laid in Biggleswade and Sandy.

ROAR – Gamlingay School signed up for the year.

Trays of 100 books delivery completed to 31 lower schools in area.

Knitting and reading bags projects continued through the year, ending about April 2024.

Caffe. Café Mocha. Food for Maisie, EAAA, Harry Burke to Costa Rica etc - donations

Helped various individuals by providing curtains, carpets, beds etc

Jake the footballer – paid for the ICE post op machine during recovery from ACL surgery.

Rhoda – paid for laptop to enable completion UK Doctor's status and gain employment

Ukrainian and Rohingya families.

Donated £1,600 to LCIF, being the Clubs agreed levy of 10% of our income. It was agreed throughout the year, that this one off donation to LCIF would be a fairer spread of support to disaster fund.

During the year the Club agreed that the community committee has authority to spend up to £500 before needing to seek prior approval of spend by full Club. Also it was agreed by Club that donations to speakers at Club meetings could be made between £100 and £200.

Fund Raising Report

Summer Fetes: we took part in 8 events, a similar number to last year. The total takings (not profit) were slightly up at £3,336 compared to £3,130 the previous year. The average takings per event excluding the outlier Ickwell was £300. The events were well supported by Club Members although we are starting to struggle with transport of equipment. We sold an amazing 753 lucky mugs. Thank you to all those who donated mugs to us and in particular Preen. Our thanks also to Pauline for acquiring soft toys for the lucky dip, the price of which was doubled to £2 from Ickwell (6 May '24) onwards.

Christmas Dance: great success as always at the Weatherley Centre and enjoyed by all. The profit of £1,180 was well down on the previous year's figure of £1,736. The ticket price was increased to £30.

Christmas Collections: we did 13 tinshakes at 6 different locations taking £5,377 after Sumup deductions. Card payments once again amounted to approx. 8%. This was up on the previous year's £5,179 but with one additional collection. 17 Lions and 10 Friends of Lions gave 196 man hours collecting. There was a lot of illness around at the time and we were very grateful for people's help particularly at short notice. As always none of this would be possible without towing of the sleigh by Tony and John Robinson. Father Christmas appeared each day for a two hour slot.

Biggleswade Town Council: once again at their request we provided Father Christmas at the Christmas Light Switch-on on Friday 24th Nov. We also had a stall at the event. This year there was no Santa's Grotto in the Market Square nearer Christmas but the Council still donated £100 to the Club.

Sandy Market: Sandy Town Council organised an Autumn and Spring Markets at which we had a stall. These raised £409.

Jumble Sale 23 March '24: this was held at the Clifton Community Centre with total takings of £450 down on the previous year's £673. The entry fee was dropped inadvertently from £1 to 50p.

Easter Eggs: 20 eggs were purchased from John Bull Confectioners as usual and homes found for all 20. There were 3 new recipients namely The Queens Head Sandy, The Yorkshire Grey Biggleswade and The Plough in Langford. We made a record profit of £1,597.

Logo Quiz Sheets '23: we increased the price to £2 per sheet and the winning prize to £200. We sold 420 sheets compared to 399 the previous year and made a profit of £642. Ninety Four sheets were returned with 40 completely correct.

Officers

With the imminent departure of Dave and Judith Hagger the Officers for Secretary and Community Services have changed for the forthcoming year. The Officers/Trustees are:-

President	Keith Lewis – Trustee
Secretary	Helen Robinson – Trustee
Treasurer	Dave Jones – Trustee
Fund Raising	Ivor Dodgson – Trustee
Community Service	Helen Bell-Day – Trustee
Membership/Website	Steve Foott – Trustee
PR/Facebook	Karen Bird
Social	Helen Robinson
Health & Safety	Peter Twigg
Welfare/Gift Aid	Mike Haslam

Next AGM

6th August 2025

	Balance BiggleswadeSandy Lions Club 2023/2024						
	Income and Expenditure 01July 2023 to 30 June 2024						
		Income			Expenditure		
	Subscripttions		1,381.00		Subscripttions		1,979.00
	Charter/Socials		2,692.92		Charter/Socials		1,571.68
	Fetes/Tin Shakes/Quiz		10,087.20		Fetes/Tin Shakes/Quiz		640.37
	Dance		3,940.00		Dance		2,759.85
	Easter Eggs		2,451.92		Easter Eggs		616.50
	Donations		960.35		Donations		12,845.46
	Sumup		628.49		Internet		65.00
	Gift Aid		5,112.57		Rent/Storage		1,689.75
					Admin/MIAB		433.96
					Coach		1,271.00
	Total		27,254.45	Total			23,872.57

BiggleswadeSandy Lions Club					
Bank Balance at 01 July 2023					
	Admin Account	946.60			
	Charity Account	12,594.63			
		13,541.23			13,541.23
	Income				
	Admin Account	1,324.95			
	Charity Account	27,254.45			
		28,579.40			28,579.40
	Expenditure				
	Admin Account	1,004.99			
	Charity Account	23,823.32			
		24,828.31			-24828.31
					3,751.09
	Bank Balance at 30 June 2024				
	Admin Account	0.00			
	Charity Account	15,976.51			
		15,976.51			15976.51
			Profit /Loss	3751.09	

	BiggleswadeSandy Lions Annual Report 2024				
	07 August 2024				
	This years report reflects how active the club has been this last year				
	With total donations up by £3000 on last years total,				
	While total income increased by£8500 expenditure increased by £3502				
	This number is distorted somewhat by £5112 received from HMRC on Gift Aid				
	This number is from 2021 onwards therefore is larger than normal,				
	Thanks to all members who work tirelessly to maintain this healthy balance for				
	The club				

Auditors Report 2023 -2024

I have examined the books and records offered to me by Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club for 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024 and can confirm that I am of the opinion that the Book of Accounts have been satisfactorily maintained. It is also my opinion that the balances shown below are a true reflection of the financial affairs of the club at 30th June 2024

	Funds Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Funds Carried Forward
Club Administration Account	£946.60	£1,275.60	£1,004.99	£1,217.21
Transfer with Charity		£49.25	£1,266.46	-£1,217.21
	£946.60	£1,324.85	£2,271.45	£0.00
Charity Account	£12,594.63	£25,987.99	£23,823.32	£14,759.30
Transfer with Admin		£1,266.46	£49.25	£1,217.21
	£12,594.63	£27,254.45	£23,872.57	£15,976.51

Notes:

The income and expenditure for the club has been taken from and reconciled to Bank Statements

The Club Administration Account was closed during the period.

Les Kemp FCCA

 25 JULY 2024