

## **DISTRICT 45 TRAVELING LION CONTEST**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 – APRIL 30, 2012  
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There will be FIVE (5) Lions traveling in this contest to build the spirit of Lionism in Vermont, District 45. One Lion will be a district wide Lion that can travel anywhere in District 45. Four Regional Lions will travel throughout their respective regions. Lion Debra Bushey (Vergennes) is chair of these contests and all questions should be directed to him.

For the purpose of this contest the Host Club is defined as the club conducting the meeting and who has the Lion before it is awarded to the traveling Club.

Small clubs are defined as clubs with a membership of 25 or less.

Large Clubs are defined as clubs with a membership of 26 or more as of that date.

Determination of whether your club is a Small or Large club will be taken from Lions International figures as of July 1, 2011.

### **REGIONAL AND DISTRICT CONTEST RULES**

- A. Points for the Area Lions are calculated from the Official mileage chart in the District Directory. To calculate points earned, the mileage one way is multiplied by the number of members traveling. Only Lions who are on the official roster of the club are eligible to receive points. To make the contest more equitable for all clubs, small clubs will multiply their mileage by 1.2.

- B. During the contest, the Traveling Lion will be awarded to the club who has earned the most points for traveling to the Host Club. A club may capture the Traveling Lion more than once from a “host” club.
- C. Travel for the Traveling Lion can be a regularly scheduled meeting or special day by the Host Club provided that the host Club is holding a regular meeting. The host club must be informed by the traveling club **at least 72 hours** in advance of the capture date and provide a number of guests attending.
- D. The Secretary or Traveling Lion Chairperson of the HOST club shall be responsible for reporting the travels of the Lion to the District Traveling Lion Chair along with a point count.

This report must include points earned and by what club, the contact Lions name and phone number, and the date of the next regular meeting of that club. The chair will provide a bonus of 200 points to the club that provides the information to the chair within 48 hours of the meeting where the Lion was captured.
- E. The next capture date will be at least 2 weeks after a capture to allow the District 45 Chair time to notify all clubs and to allow clubs to make plans for traveling. If the Lion is not captured at the first available meeting announced by the District Traveling Lion Chairperson, **IT MUST BE DELIVERED BEFORE THAT HOST CLUBS NEXT MEETING** to another club, at the first meeting of the club they are delivering it to.

The Club delivering the Lion will receive mileage one way times the number of members traveling plus a

BONUS of 100 points because of non-capture. A Club can only deliver the Lion to a particular club once. If the host club does not deliver the traveling lion to another club the Traveling Lion Chair will notify the District Governor and the Host club will be penalized 200 points on the Number 1 Club. (Only Exception to this is fun Vermont weather.)

- F. The District Traveling Lion Chairperson will notify all clubs in the Region, for Regional Lions, or in the District for the District Traveling Lion of the location, date of availability, place, contact and phone number.
- G. If the Host club is not notified of the planned visit of a club for the purpose of capturing the Lion then the traveling shall be ineligible for travel points and not be able to capture the Lion.
- H. The District Traveling Lion Chairperson will be responsible for keeping a record keeping of the Traveling Lion Contest. Any appeal or need for interpretation of these rules shall be sent to the Chair first, and then District Governor, if necessary.
- I. Clubs cannot receive points for traveling Lion and official visitations for Number One Club, on the same visit.
- J. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each region and District will be awarded at the District 45 Spring Convention.
- K. The last club to have captured the traveling Lions as of April 30 shall be designated the host club in September. The District 45 Traveling Lions are at least two weeks prior to the start of the 2011-2012 contest.