

Minutes of Multiple District 5 – Council of Governors Meeting

Seven Seas, Mandan, ND November 11-12, 2011

Introductions of the whole council, partners and guests were done and a short review of the weekend of activities was given. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by CC Robert Littlefield with the following members present: CS/T PCC Brand, PID Schwartz, PID Davis, ID Chambers, PCC Grossman, PCC Ziegler, PDG Scheller, PDG B. Charles, PDG Burkhead, PDG Reid, PDG Hill, PCC Grimmond, DG L. Schley, DG D. Becker, DG K. Grummett, DG P. Vannett, DG S. Johnson, 1st Vice: J. Beck, J. Wagner, L. Rustan, M. Olson, N. Laley, R. Pockett, 2nd Vice: H. Engberg, T. Armstrong, R. Metcalfe, M. Blazek; PDG's: G. Andrew, J. Andrew, G. Pretli, K Vannett, M. Boutin, Lions Dave Charles, H. Acker, M. Meston-Pockett, S. Wurgler, PDG C. Wollenburg and guest,

Opening remarks were given by CC Littlefield and welcomed all present.

Council Chair Visitation Update—CC Littlefield

Council Chair Littlefield has attended two of four conventions; the ND State Convention in Bismarck, October 28-29, 2011 and 5SKS Convention in Moose Jaw, November 4-6, 2011. Others to attend will be the SD State Convention in Yankton in January, 2012 and the SKN Convention in Battleford, SK in February, 2012.

Additions to the Agenda:

21. Youth Exchange travel bill

31A. LCIF Development plan

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by DG L. Schley and seconded by DG K. Grummett.
Motion carried.

Approval of August Minutes

CC Littlefield asked the Council if there were any questions on the August 19 & 20 minutes. On page 21 change the wording: to accept the schedule as amended”—“not submitted schedule”. A motion by DG Vannett, and seconded by DG Becker that the minutes be filed and stand approved with the noted change. **Motion carried.**

Financial Statement, October 11

CC Littlefield asked for any comments on the financial statement. DG Vannett moved and DG Becker seconded that the financial statement be placed on file. **Motion carried**

Correspondence

- August, 2011 email from PCC Tinker URL and hosting of MD5 website for the next 2 years
- September, 2011 email from YE Chair Pretli regarding bill from 2010 camp
- September, 2011 card from Roberta Hansen
- From LCI the International Directory can be obtained on line on the LCI website
- November 17-20, 2011 Senior Leadership Institute in Oak Brook, IL
- From LCI: CC Littlefield was awarded the “United Service Award” for increasing the number of women in 5NE in 2010-2011
- From LCI: A Presidential Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to PCC Tom Grimmond
- From LCI: A letter to DG Vannett - that her final report for the Emergency Grant is acknowledged and made available.
- A letter from PIP Sid Scruggs - commending all Lions involved in this Vital Service to the Minot Community during the Spring Flood
- A letter from PIP Scruggs to DG Schley - Congratulating on the final report of the “Habit for Humanity House” commending the number of Lions involved in this project
- From LCI: to PDG L. Burkhead - on his District being selected , last year, as a winner in the “ Top Ten Young Lions in Service ”
- LCI has notified MD5 that VDG Training has been approved for the 2011-12 year
- Pin Chair Joan Moore is not able to attend the meeting; however, District Governors will be contacted on the quantity of pins they want to order for the Germany pin, 2012-2013.
- DG Grummet’s bill for the Saskatchewan 2010 YE Camp was lost by the restaurant - change of ownership - a check for \$610.00 was sent.
- The Holiday Inn in Minot will be ready to accommodate our Lion’s in March, 2012.

Procedures and Deadlines for Council Chair & State/Provincial Reps Election March, 2012

Notice for election of Council Chair and Council Reps will be announced with a 15 day window to respond if you decide to be in the running for the office of Council Chairperson.

Council Chair Intent

At our next Council of Governors meeting the Council will decide who the next years Council Chair will be. The sitting Governors, of the Council, are to have their **intent** to the Council Secretary/Treasurer (stated in C-#2), no earlier than **February 1st** and no later than **February 16th**, only if you want to put your name in for the running of Council Chairperson. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar, due to the importance of proper filing of your intent. At the March meeting each candidate will be given 3 minutes to speak to the Council and seated Vice District Governors as “ **How you as a newly elected Council Chairperson would further the objectives of the MD5 Council**”. After a new Council Chairperson is chosen, all District Governors will be asked if you want your name to be in the running for District Representatives. These representatives are to be in

charge of a committee chosen by the newly elected council chairperson. Each Chairperson will be in charge of their committee meetings at each Council of Governors meeting, held throughout the 2012-2013 and are to electronically file their committee reports, after each council meeting to the MD5 Secretary/Treasurer. We will then have the 3 elections for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan representatives. ***The voting will be by the six sitting district governors, six district governor elects, council chair and the three representatives.

Election of MD5 Pin Chair and VDG Trainer (2012-2015) at March, 2012 Meeting

A recommendation from committee is to send notice across MD5 (ND, SD, and Saskatchewan). To extend to all qualified Lions to apply for the MD open Committee positions. Job descriptions and policy can be obtained from S/T Brand. All applications will be forwarded on to the proper committee heads when received.

Multiple District 5's GMT/GLT –

PDG Hill

The Global Membership Team met on November 13, 2011 in Mandan at the Council of Governors meeting. Those present were PDG Lion Lorne Olver, PDG Lion Doug Scheller, PDG Lion Kevin Vannett and PDG Lion Rob Hill.

Topics for discussion were:

1. Communication with all members of the Team. Concern was raised about the need to communicate our thoughts and reports among the team members. Quarterly reports need to be completed and sent on to PID Lion Gary Fry. Discussion centered around the whole team having input on the report. PDG Doug Scheller suggested PDG Rob Hill initiate the communication and request input from all team members. All team members were in agreement and PDG Rob Hill will send emails to all members of the Global Membership Team for input on reports and forward information from the Districts and Lions International.
2. Training material developed in District 5SKS will be sent to all members of the Global Leadership and Membership Teams as well as the District Governors to use if they find it appropriate. This material was developed to suit District 5SKS's need and all Lions using it should review and change it to suit their District. The Material consists of Region Chairperson Power Point; Zone Chair Power Point; President training Power Point; District Officer visitation report form; an outline of rules to be followed if a club notifies they are cancelling their charter. The Community Needs Assessment form for Clubs to use from the Club Excellence Program.
3. The Global Membership Team is committed to assist the Districts. There have been three club cancellations in the first quarter. Districts should be identifying at risk clubs and doing a hands on membership drive in those communities. The MD Global Membership Team will come and assist if you need us. For more information on procedures to do this contact the MD GMT.

4. The MD Global Membership Team has received the Club Health Assessment for all 6 Districts. Members of Council who wish to receive a copy should contact PDG Rob Hill and he will forward them to you.

The Global Membership Team met with the Global Leadership Team for the Multiple District. Those present were PCC Lion Tom Grimmond, PDG Lion Craig Wollenburg, PDG Lion Doug Scheller, PDG Lion Lorne Olver, PDG Lion Kevin Vannett and PDG Lion Rob Hill.

A consensus was reached that Membership and Leadership need to work as one team. We will include both Teams in all communications. Membership will fill in for Leadership where needed and Leadership will assist Membership where needed. PDG Rob Hill will be the contact for both teams for communication

PDG Scheller has made presentations at the GMT/GLT Fall Rally and the North Dakota State Convention.

2011-2012 - Public Relations Grant Preparations

If our efforts are successful, each district will have roughly \$3,333 of funding to use during the final six months of your term as district governor.

IPDG Bev Charles is the chair of the committee that will draft the grant. The committee will complete the grant most efficiently if each DG will submit his/her district's plans using the outline on the application form for the public relations grant to promote multiple district programs listed below. **TO BE SUBMITTED AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.**

Date:

Program Title:

Multiple or Single District:

Name of person who prepared application and contact information:

Community problem or need to be addressed:

Number of people to be targeted:

Outline of planning process for the program and public relations activities:

Outline of specific activities planned and dates:

Detailed explanation of public relations/communication plan – include how the program will be promoted to media, community, and members:

Outline of PR Calendar – when promotional activities will be conducted:

Plans for follow-up activities to continue to build on the success of the program and positive public relations:

Evaluation plan to determine success of the program addressing the community problem/need plus the success of the public relations program:

Amount of funds requested in US\$:

Total US@ Cost:

Do you agree to submit a post program report to the PR Department at LCI within 30 days of the completion of the program?

District Governors are reminded to prepare and give IPDG Bev a copy of your materials on Friday so her committee can discuss them at their meeting on Friday, November 11

CC Littlefield recessed the meeting to break for Committee Meetings

CC Chair Littlefield called the meeting to order at 8 am on Saturday morning and introduced guests.

LOFY Report

Maureen Meston-Pockett

All District Peace Poster winners will be turned into Maureen this weekend
A Multiple District winner will be chosen from the 6 entries
The winner will be sent into LCI by the 15th of December

ROOKIE Lion Award

MD5 Rookie Lion certificate and pin can be obtained from MD5 Sec/Treas. anytime after a Lion has completed the requirements. District Governors are reminded this award is separate from any of their State or provincial awards.

“MD5 Lions – Pride of the Heartland”

The MD5 2012 Convention Committee has not been active this fall due to scheduling conflicts.

The attached Registration form used at the Deadwood, SD MD5 Convention will be modified slightly and sent to the District News Papers for further registration.

The big change is a Two (2) Day Convention with an additional challenge to lower the costs to focus on increasing the attendance of all Lion Members within MD5.

The 2012 MD5 Committee will begin formal planning the 1st week of December, 2011 to begin locking in Speakers, training Sessions, Meal choices etc.

The Bismarck/Mandan Lions Clubs will be involved in various duties and we look forward to welcoming all our Multiple District Five Lions to come join us June 1st and 2nd, 2012 at the Bismarck, Ramkota Inn. Room charge is still \$84.00 plus tax for the Convention. Council members are reminded that they are to register for their own Convention rooms. The Ramkota Phone number is: 701 258 7700.

All present Council members are to contact the headquarters Hotel to reserve their rooms for the Convention. **The MD5 Sec/Treas. will not be making the reservation for the members. So get the reservations in early.**

Final convention plans should be ready by the 15th of January. These plans should be forward to CC and S/T of MD. Final plans are to be ready for print in Lion papers in March, April and May

The MD5 Council will meet on Thursday evening.

The Senior Counselor Award will be awarded at the Friday Brunch.

District Governors will be reminded to select (4) committee members in Jan.

If you have any questions, please call Dave Charles at 701-202-6426 or email me at my office at dcharles@bepec.com

2013 Yorkton, SK Update

PDG G. Andrew

The committee is kind of in a wait and see mode on how the Bismarck 2 day Convention turns out.

Final Preliminary Convention schedule is due in March

A preliminary budget and Registration form will be turned into the Council in March for approval

The approved registration form will be used for preregistration at the Bismarck Convention

2018 North Dakota Site to be announced at 2012 convention

The District Governors from North Dakota were reminded to be seeking a Lions City to Host the 2018 MD5 Convention. The applying host or hosts will be presented and voted on at the 2nd Business Session at the Bismarck Convention.

2012 Busan, Korea International Convention Update

ID Chambers

- More information to be found on LCI website or future issues of your Lion's magazine
- Tour information before and after the convention can be found by contacting LCI
- Convention will be held June 22-26, 2012
- A passport is needed but not a visa
- Contact your local public health service on any questions of immunizations shots
- All arrangements will be made for the incoming District Governors by LCI
- All Hotels will be a place for money exchange. All credit cards are accepted

Youth Exchange

PDG George Pretli

We are in our quiet period at this time and activity is low. We have a number of youth that will be arriving in December on a winter exchange. There will be 3 youth from New Zealand and they will be hosted in Saskatchewan and South Dakota. 2 youth will be arriving from Australia and they are being hosted in Saskatchewan and South Dakota. We have not heard anything from Japan or Peru to this point and I believe they will not be sending any youth as they have done in the past.

Have been in contact with Lion Paul Kruger, 2012 Lions Youth Camp Coordinator and he advises that plans are well under way for the 2012 Lions Youth Camp which will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Information has been supplied to Lions Clubs International – Youth Programs Department and the information concerning the upcoming Camp will be entered in the Youth Camp Directory. Lion Paul also advised that they will be setting up a website for the Camp for the information of youth. The MD5 website has been updated with the information also. To this point interest in attending the Camp has come from Israel and Italy (who has advised that they will be sending three youth).

I have also had contact with Lion Margaret Duncan, District 5SKN YEC co-chairperson and she advised that they are actively looking for a Camp location for 2013; however, to this point they have not found a location.

At this Council of Governors meeting the Multiple District 5 District Youth Exchange Chairpersons are meeting to discuss Youth Exchange within the Multiple with the plans to make it more attractive to the youth and get better participation. Goals have been established and now it is time to make plans so that the goals can be achieved. More participation is or will be required from the Lions and we will be calling on the Governors to promote Youth Exchange on their visitations to the Clubs and their correspondence to the Lions of our multiple.

2012 Great Plains Leadership Institute Report

PID Schwartz

PID Schwartz reported that the 2011 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute held at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, July 14-16, 2011, was highly successful. The presenters from MD5 were Marian Johnson (ND) and Ken Gifford (SD). There were 72 total attendees, 10 of whom were from MD5.

The 2012 Institute will be held July 13-15 at the same location with a registration fee of \$125 going to \$140 on June 1, 2012. Topics include:

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| 1. Communication Skills | 6. Motivation |
| 2. Diversity | 7. Public Speaking |
| 3. Conflict Management | 8. Building Effective Teams |
| 4. Managing Change | 9. Leading Effective Meetings |
| 5. Project Management | 10. Delegation |

2012 presenters from MD5 will be Ken Gifford (SD) and Calvin Bachmeier (SK). Schwartz asked District Governors and other leaders to publicize to Institute in their travels.

International Liaison Committee

PID Schwartz

PID Schwartz, chairperson of the MD5 International Liaison Committee, updated the 1st VDGs on the speakers for their conventions in 2012-13 which are as follows:

- 5SKN (Lelay) ID Mark Hintzmann, speaker
- 5SKS (Pockett) PID Carl Young, speaker
- 5NW (Rustan) ID Dave Hajny, speaker
- 5SE (Beck) To Be Announced
- ND State Convention (Olson) ID Carolyn Messier, speaker
- SD State Convention (Wagner) ID Ted Reiver, speaker
- MD5 Convention (Pockett) ID Brian Sheehan, speaker

Schwartz also reminded the current governors that the deadline for applications for the President's Medal and the President's Leadership Award is December 31, 2011. The process for applications, which was covered in detail at the August council meeting, was also reviewed. Governors were urged to follow through with these important awards which are among the highest awards given by the International President.

International Liaison Report

ID Chambers

The USA/Canada Forum held in Anchorage Alaska was great! We extend a big “Thank you” to PCC Lion Gordon Ziegler for his presentation at the forum – “So you want to be a District Governor”.

I would also like to “thank” PDG Bill Hackett and his wife Elaine for attending this forum. I know they will have much to report and share with the Lions of SKS on their experience.

The Fall Board Meeting of Lions Clubs International in Hong Kong was a terrific experience. I serve the Lions of Canada and the World as part of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

54 grant applications were received by Lions Clubs International Foundation and 53 were approved. The one grant application was tabled and sent back for further clarification. \$1,193,253.00 was given to extend the Lions Special Olympics Opening Eye program and \$300,000.00 was given to assist our involvement with the Measles program.

A Sight First Grant of \$30,000.00 US for World Sight Day 2011 was awarded. I would also like to report that Lions Lynne represented me [and the Lions of Canada] on World Sight Day in China and helped to plant a tree in a park in Shenzhen, China.

Two new countries were awarded Lions Club Status – the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, which brings our new total of countries involved in Lionism to 208.

The Global Music Contest has been cancelled for this Lions year.

I am pleased to report the approval that the International Leadership Award and the Presidential Certificate can now be presented to Leos.

2012 USA/Canada Alaska Forum

ID Chambers

- Presenters were excellent
- Around 1800 attended
- 2012 location is Tampa Bay, Florida
- 2013---Kansas
- 2014---Puerto Rico
- 2015---Michigan
- PCC Ziegler was a presenter,--- topic was “So you want to be a District Governor”

Regional Leadership Development Grant

- This is a matching Grant that can be applied for now.----Final deadline is April 1st
- Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)—focused on Zone training ---to take place early July
- Training to be centralized in the 3 areas---ND, SD, Sask
- Incoming 1st VDG need to budget for the coming year if this plan is pursued
- If we are going to invest into this training we all have to be on the same page
- Could be applied for by our MD's Global Leadership Team Committee
- Could pay up to \$143 per confirmed approved participant—up to a maximum of \$10,000—not exceed 50% cost of the project ---- MD5 is looking at applying for \$4500
- Applications have to be in by the April 30th each year ----- For the next year training
- A suggestion was brought forth to possibility developing Webinars
- DG Vannett moved and seconded by DG Grummett that the Multiple District for the Regional Leadership Grant---- available through LCI **Motion Carried**
- For the RLLI—timetable Feb 15th, 2012 DG's need to send feedback to PCC Zeigler

Donations

Tonight at our MD5 social CC Littlefield asked that instead of the white elephant gift would we consider giving a donation to a particular charity or cause. This would be voluntary. A motion by PCC Grossman and seconded by DG Vannett that the donations go toward the Minot relief fund - (Lions-- Zone 2A Relief Fund) **Motion Carried**. After the Saturday evening activities were finished a total sum of \$700 was donated.

Minot - Sight Visit

CC Littlefield expressed to the Council that he would like a sight visit to the Holiday Inn Riverside – Minot--in the near future. The Holiday Inn has expressed that it will be up to speed and ready to host our Multiple District Lions for our next meeting in March. The reasoning behind this visit is that, before the next meeting, a member or members, of the Council, would visit the Holiday Inn to see if everything is ready to go and that the Holiday Inn can accommodate our needs to host our group like they have done so well in the past.

CC Littlefield entertained a motion, seconded by DG Becker - that if the Minot Holiday Inn is ready for MD5 Lions that we return to Minot—pending a sight visit by representatives of this Council to do an inspection and that we have a guarantee the site will be ready and if we have

any reservations at all we would commit to come back to the Seven Seas for one more time on March 16-17, 2012. **Motion Carried**

Representing the Council for the site inspection may be DG Vannett, VDG Blazek, and PDG C. Wollenburg. Results of the inspection will be forward to S/T Brand soon after the inspection.

March---Friday Evening Meal—Service Project

CC Littlefield, asked if there would be interest in coming together, prior to the March Council meeting, for a meal. After the meal, spouses and guests would be excused, and the Council would convene with the Friday meeting.

Interest was shown and it was determined a meal will be ordered prior to the meeting

CC Littlefield asked the Council members if they wanted to perform a service project as a part of that Meeting. DG Johnson moved seconded by DG Schley we have a Service project as part of the March meeting. The Service project could be Friday Afternoon - maybe 3-4 hours - noon to 4. - so the VDG's can come back to the hotel for their meeting. Vote was cast - **Motion Carried.** DG Vannett will look into finding a project. It was expressed that the local Lions of the community be extended an invitation to come and help with the project. Don't forget the Press.

MD5 Excellence Program Discussion—Part 3

MULTIPLE DISTRICT EXCELLENCE

PROCESS 2011-2012

PARTS 1 AND 2: SUMMARY OF DATA

N=7 4 = always 3 = mostly 2 = sometimes 1 = rarely 0 = never

COUNCIL MEETINGS

1 -Does the council follow an agenda?	4
2 -Do council meetings start and end on time?	3.43
3 -Does the MD provide interesting and varied training programs?	2.4
4 -Are guests to the council meetings properly introduced?	4
5 -Are council meetings interesting and lively?	3
6 -Is there a friendly atmosphere during council meetings?	3.29
7 -Are guest speakers at council meetings given enough tme for their presentations?	3
8 -Is the council meeting place adequate?	4
9 -Do council members have the opportunity to participate and communicate?	3.57
10 -Are the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved?	3.86
11 -Does the secretary-treasurer give regular reports regarding the MD's financial standing?	4
12 -Is there adequate time for socializing among the council members?	4
13 -Are their opportunities for fun associated with council meetings?	4

Areas where our MD excels in this area

It would be difficult to find a MD that is more effectively administered than MD5.

We get along at the MD level.

Introductions and fun.

Fun, socialization, opportunity to participate.

Excellent organization from council sec/treas.

Access to information that is helpful

Areas that need attention

Inherent to Lions--every year, new program, new beginnings; not enough continuity over time. This cannot be solved by changing CEO every year.

More concern for each other; change is still difficult for many.

Communication between meetings; especially from committee members.

Committees need to do their work, report and bring recommendations to C of G.

Ex: Convention Committee needs to report their activities, etc. and report to be accepted, adjusted--not discussed thoroughly at main session. also true for other committees.

No comment at this time.

Time management and making schedule work; include VDGs more

Additional comments

As with any governing body, sometimes discussions/debates are too lengthy; become

An obstacle to a productive meeting. After a reasonable amount of time, debate should end and voting take place.

I'd like to see vice governor involvement at meetings more especially first

Governors. They need to be included in long range planning and in committee assignments.

Agendas need to be reformatted to reflect committee activities. Often appears disjointed.

None at present.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1 -Are MD service projects promoted across the MD?	1.86
2 -Are MD fundraising projects scheduled and conducted?	1
3 -Are you given the opportunity to suggest service for the MD to promote?	1.29
4 -Are you given the opportunity to suggest new fundraisers for the MD to promote?	1
5- Does a majority of the council participate in projects sponsored by the MD?	1.67
6 -Do you feel that you are being asked to do too much for the MD?	0.57
7- Does our MD publicize its accomplishments, fundraisers and service projects?	1
8- Does the MD support district projects?	1.17
9- Do the clubs support MD projects?	0.86
10 -Does the MD support international headquarters projects?	3.17
11 -Are you made aware of the MD's service goals?	1.17

12 -Are the district newsletters published and distributed to all council members? 2.429

Areas where our MD excels

ND, SD, SASK are down-to-earth, practical (somewhat forgotten) places. There may be more common sense in our MD than anywhere in our great association.
Not aware of MD projects and fundraising activities.
Convention opportunities

Areas that need attention

Are state/provincial reps still necessary now that we have 1st and 2nd VDGs?
I believe the 1st VDGs would serve in this capacity; food for thought for efficiency, recruitment of new leaders, and little downside.
Projects? Fundraisers?
Apparently all of these--especially communication
Very little MD activity; probably due to large area and two constitutional areas and three states/provinces
MD is misunderstood by "at large" Lions; conventions are cliquish; not enough training for "at large" Lions

Additional comments

MD service activity at MD convention

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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| 1 -Does MD have an established process to guarantee that leaders are elected from all districts and invited to participate in council meetings? | 3.66 |
| 2 -Does council provide for the welcoming of VDGs into the decision-making process? | 2.83 |
| 3 -Does council encourage the recruitment of qualified leaders for officer positions? | 2.83 |
| 4 -Does the council make sure VDGs are properly trained? | 3.83 |
| 5 -Does the council make sure VDGs are included in the decision-making process? | 2.66 |
| 6 -Does the council encourage VDGs to be assigned to a standing committee? | 2.33 |
| 7 -Does our council encourage clubs to encourage all duly elected district officers' members to regularly attend council meetings? | 1.17 |
| 8 -Are council awards and other recognition presented in a meaningful manner? | 3.17 |
| 9 -When new council members are introduced, are they invited to share | 2 |

information about their hobbies, family, and background?

10 -Are guests to council meetings and events welcomed?

3.67

Areas where our MD excels in this area

Our MD goes "out of the way" to make newbies and guests feel welcome.

Our social activities oftentimes lead to very productive exchanges of ideas.

Lots of opportunity.

Classroom training of VDGs.

Excellent training program for VDGs.

MD gives serious attention to VDG training.

Areas that need attention

Most of our membership is not informed or involved at the MD level.

Hands on training of VDGs. Too much involvement of PDGs; out of balance now with redistricting

Be sure that VDG training program is inclusive of most recent LCI initiatives

e.g., GMT, GLT, Club Excellence, etc.

I do not feel that 2nd VDGs need to be included in training until they become 1VDGs; one year of intensive training is adequate

From what I have seen, VDGs are not included in the decision process.

MD is not helpful in encouraging and recruiting leaders at district level.

Additional comments

I think that if more "at large" members got to know each other the way we do at council, they would be more enthusiastic about Lionism.

More council members (including DGs) should visit other districts/states/provinces within our MD

This is an opportune time to make a paradigm shift to inclusivity of entire governor teams

PERSONAL SATISFACTION

1-Do you enjoy being a Lion?

3.71

2 -Are you encouraged to set personal goals?

3.57

3 -Are you challenged to try new things?

3.57

4 -Are you given the opportunity to gain leadership skills?	3.85
5 -Do you enjoy multiple district meetings?	3.72
6 -Do you enjoy your MD fundraising activities?	1.4
7 - Do you enjoy your MD community service projects?	1.2
8 -Have you been given responsibility for MD activities?	2.5
9 -Have you been given responsibility in your MD committee?	2.83
10 -Are you informed about all aspects of your MD?	3
11 -Do you feel like an important part of your MD?	3.29
12 -Are you encouraged to participate in international, District and zone functions?	2.71
13 -Are you encouraged to visit other MDs?	1.86

Areas where our MD excels

The atmosphere at our gatherings is a positive one; and I look forward to the meetings.

This has to have a positive impact on our DGs and VDGS to make themselves better leaders.

We get along so well at the MD level with our fellow Lions. I wish more of our members had opportunity for similar experiences.

Not aware of multiple districts service or fund raising activity.

Opportunities for leadership are available.

Areas that need attention

Giving "at large" Lions exposure to MD and reasons to attend MD convention; election of council chair by delegates at MD convention would help this.

Need to make MD relevant to "at large" Lions; determine purpose for MD convention

Additional comments

We benefit from very little outside funding, corporate sponsors, etc. other groups (plus business, etc) certainly do. I wish we could find more.

As PIP, often walk fine line between involvement and sitting back to let others take leadership; sometimes feel some feel "we" shouldn't be involved; a thorn in their sides.

What is the reason for having a Multiple District?

Structural reasons

- Provide structure
- Provide a link between LCI and districts (ID/PID/Conventions)
- Avoid chaos
- Global vision

Relational reasons

- Build DG Teams; Work as a team
- Build Continuity
- Extending Lions Family
- Hospitality
- Helps to keep us from becoming isolated and provincial (international)
- Develop Partnerships
- DG Teams can model MD continuity

Educational reasons

- Guidance
- Learn
- VDG training
- Unique characteristics due to geography and culture
- Personal growth and leadership development

Programmatic reasons

- Coordination (youth camp)
- Share different district ideas
- Use resources efficiently

Motivational reasons

- Observe role models
- Inspiration
- Motivation/Positive Action
- Nourish leaders (hospitality)
- Provide support
- Lions Pride

What role should the MD play in Lionism?

- Inform lions about what/why MD5 exists
- Get Lions in MD5 activities
- Make sure all districts are involved in MD initiatives
- Develop helpers instead of “tellers”
- Facilitate not dictate
- Servant leadership
- Give more than speeches; get something out of MD other than words
- Bring Lions family to club level

How do we let people know about the MD?

- Make visitations enjoyable
- Public relations; MD news to state/province papers
- Team MD interact with district teams
- “The power of we”
- Present MD as a resource
- Help VDGs learn tools
- Make “everyday Lion” aware of issues
- Funnel information conduit
- Pass motivation on to the club support structure
- Consider how we present ourselves
- Get local leaders to participate
- Bring our energy to members
- “JPL”
- Model positive leadership
- Talk TO people
- Be good finders
- Accountability

What does the MD do? - (How is the Multiple District currently engaging Lions?)

- Promote cultural/humanities/arts
- Tree planting
- Youth Exchange/Camp
- Peace Poster/Essay
- Pins
- Photo Contest
- Contests: scrapbook newsletter, web, miles, COTY
- Public Relations
- Rookie Lion
- Need to redirect PR
- Social Media: Facebook
- MD convention/International/District
- Council Service
- MD-wide service or fundraising by MD council is missing

Personal satisfaction - (What makes your involvement satisfying?)

- Interaction with others
- Social part
- Share a common “helping” perspective
- Saying you’re a Lion
- Training
- Pride in serving
- Sense of accomplishment and knowledge we gain/lose
- IDs
- Practice and develop leadership skills
- Leaders of leaders

Camaraderie
Fellowship
Pay it forward
Personal growth

Membership in the COG - (Why do we meet as a Council of Governors?)

Structure encourages continuity (gov teams)
VDG training is effective
Including VDGs in discussion is important
Promote GPLLI
Gain knowledge of your position on the council
Train future leaders (zone chairs)
Open to guests

Council Meetings - (How would you describe Council meetings?)

Agenda-driven
Sending materials ahead of time (being prepared)
Start and end on time
Effective use of committees
Opportunity to be heard
Economic use of time
Reports on time to send
Speaking to the point
Staying on topic
Stay awake
Fun
People listening, not just talking
Respect
Definitive action taken
Welcoming inclusivity and needed
Speakers/presenters

Dues Increase Study

DG Becker

DG Becker was placed in charge of doing a survey with Multiple Districts---on what is their Dues structure. DG Becker reported that he received replies from 5M—Minnesota and Manitoba and MD37 Montana and Alberta

- Multiple District---5M dues are \$5.25---\$.25 is ear marked for sending a Band onto the International Convention.
- District (5M6) dues are \$6.50---\$1.50 is for support of their Mid-winter Convention Their MD has an Office and Full time paid S/T.
- Multiple District ---MD37 dues are \$11.00 --they have on the floor to increase the dues \$3.00 at the May meeting.
- MD37 finance the entire MD's training of the VDG's. A District in MD37 has District Dues of \$8.00.Their MD has a full-time paid S/T

DG Becker suggested that the Multiple District come up with a MD Fund raiser----amongst the 6 Districts---- proceeds can be shared ----however, determined.

District information

- Not all Single Districts are reporting the election results after the Districts have held their yearly Convention to LCI. This is a must!
- Proposal—centralize the ordering of the name badges and Patches for the newly elected 1st VDG, and 2nd VDG and spouses or partner in service, through the MD.
- This would mean that the sitting District Governors would have to forward on the accurate information on to LCI and the MD S/T.
- Billing for patches and badges would come from the MD S/T for all cost occurred.
- An Idea----- the incoming VDG's would get their patches and badges at an appropriate time at the Yearly MD5 Convention.
- In the future ----an email will come to all sitting District Governors asking for information on your sitting VDG'S
- Cost estimate ---includes freight: Cost of Patches \$22.00 Badges \$11.00
- A motion was made by DG Vannett and seconded by DG Becker to set up a group to report back at the next Council meeting. The group will pursue and work out the details of setting up the ordering of the yearly badges and patches for the sitting DG's and VDG's **Motion Carried Timetable next year.**
- The committee will be: S/T Brand, DG Vannett, DG Johnson, PDG Reid, PDG Burkhead

*****Reminder for June meeting to vote on waiving campus dues for 2012-2013*****

FINAL REPORTS

Long Range Planning—PCC Grimmond

LCI is considering making the Council Chair position a 2 year position with an idea that any PDG that hasn't been a council chair can run for the position. If LCI continues to pursue this, LRPC should examine changing the Multiple District's by-laws to accommodate the new election process. Because with our current process for electing a council chair which only allows sitting District Governors to run for the office, we would be excluding District Governors from every other year from ever being Council chair.

Shortening or combining conventions

The North Dakota State convention was shortened to 2 days with the first day starting at 10:00 am. Attendance was approximately 225 Lions and the Lions seemed happy with the changes. We will have a more thorough analysis after we receive information from the convention chair, PDG Kevin Vannett.

As conventions are shortened, the one key to a successful convention is to not try and cram three days of activities into a two day convention.

The intent of the LRPC regarding shortening or combining of conventions is to respond to Lions requesting lower cost conventions, less time at the conventions and just plain fewer conventions. By attacking the issue at the Multiple District level where this year we will have a 2 day MD5 Convention in Bismarck, we hope that Districts and States will respond with a similar initiative to shorten conventions or figure out ways to combine their conventions.

Organization and Finance Report:

PDG Burkhead

1. Convention Committee: Lion Dave Charles reported that due to personal situations and time schedules their committee has not been meeting regularly but plan to start regular meetings beginning on December 1st.
2. Finance Committee: Because the MD reserves and undesignated funds are now more than 90% of the approved budget is necessary for this committee to recommend a dues increase. After some research into what other MD's charge and looking into what could be cut from our budget this committee will recommend to the Council of Governors that the dues for MD5 be raised by \$2.00 per year. The last MD5's dues increase was in 2003. Membership has continued to decline with dues making up 90% of our income budget. New programs and the trainings from LCI are to be paid for by the multiple and districts. Motion by committee, seconded by DG P. Vannett to increase the dues by \$2 (US) per year. **Motion carried.**

There was an invoice submitted from the Saskatchewan Districts for some unexpected expenses associated with the 2011 ND Youth Camp. After some discussion it was decided that this committee would recommend to the Council of Governors that MD5 pay for as much of this bill as was in the budget of 2011 for the MD5 Youth Chairperson, and that the Districts would be responsible for the remaining. This recommendation will be made with the understanding that the Youth Exchange chairperson drafts a Policy and Procedures document for the administration and financing of the annual youth camp. Motion by committee, seconded by DG L. Schley that the expenses for ND Youth Exchange camp be paid out of the Youth Exchange designated funds on the balance sheet. **Motion carried.**

There was some discussion on the possibility of having an MD5 fundraiser. Some ideas were discussed, but none accepted. This will be presented to the entire council for their thoughts.

3. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: DG Steve Johnson shared his recommendations for the changes to the constitution for waivers to the per capita assessments for classes or categories of clubs. These changes were accepted by the committee and will be recommended to the Council of Governors.

FIRST READING

Section 6 Powers

Paragraph c. text is added (in shaded italics) to read:

c. Levy upon each District an annual per capita assessment in respect of each member of each club within the District, said assessment to be sufficient to cover the expenses for the fiscal year of the Multiple District administration and such other matters relating to the business of Multiple District as the occasion may require and the Council may decide, subject always to the By-Laws of this Multiple District. *Council may exempt from the per capita assessment classes or categories of clubs where it believes the best interests of the Multiple District will be served. Exemptions must be approved annually by the Council as part of the budgeting process.*

Paragraph f. text is added (in shaded italics) to read:

f. The Council shall prepare and approve a budget showing anticipated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. *Reference to waivers of per capita assessment granted under paragraph c. above shall be included as part of any budget.* No expenditure may be approved or made which shall require use of any reserves, or reflect an unbalanced budget in any fiscal year, or reflect an expenditure against the income or reserves of any subsequent fiscal year except upon the affirmative roll call vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of members of the Council.

DG Steve Johnson was tasked with the responsibility of drafting a Policy and Procedures document for the Finance Committee.

Membership and Leadership Report:

PDG Reid

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TRAINING

PCC Leo Grossmann has indicated that he would be agreeable to a second term as trainer.

As committee chair I am concerned about who has a vote on committee in making this decision. At present we have many leadership (GLT) and membership (GMT) sitting with the committee. Clarification from council would be appreciated before we have to make the decision. A motion was made that the voting Representatives, who will forward a selected name to the Council, will be the Membership--Leadership Rep and the 2 sitting Governors. **Motion Carried**

GLT/GMT

These two groups met with us and were a welcome addition. However, many of their issues became our issues and it was impossible to know if it was a GLT meeting, a GMT meeting or the council's membership and leadership subcommittee. Having said this, these are two very active and extremely important groups and perhaps in the early going they should be reporting directly to council and if there are issues they could be referred back to our group. For this meeting I have asked the GMT and the GLT leaders to report directly to council.

**PDG Rob Hill will be the information Chair for the GMT and GLT

MD5 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Several issues arose that our committee needs clarification on:

Are we trying to replace the Great Plains Leadership Institute?

Can the District apply for the \$300.00 if the MD applies for this grant?

The committee certainly likes the idea of a leadership institute but question whether the GLT group is in a better position to handle this?

A sample of the possible costs was circulated and discussed.

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

The regional lions institute program allows multiple districts and single districts to apply for funding to support leadership training.

The curriculum is based on that of the LCI- sponsored Leadership institute.

The Leadership Divisions provides specific guidelines in an effort to maximize quality.

The coordinator and/or at least one of the faculty members must have served: as a faculty member at a LCI sponsored training seminar, as an international director or as a member of the Global Leadership Team.

The total reimbursement is \$143.00 per participant to a maximum of \$10.000 or 50% of the total cost of the institute.

WHAT MIGHT THE INSTITUTE LOOK LIKE?

Communication

Conducting effective meetings

Diversity

Goal Setting

LCIF

Lion's fundamentals

Member Motivation

Membership programs

Mentoring

Opening Institute session

Presentation skills

Working in teams

WHAT MIGHT THE COSTS LOOK LIKE?

Participant costs	LCI	ACTUAL
2 nights hotel @ 50.00	100.00	250.00
2 days meals @ 16.00	32.00	100.00
Travel 800k @ .19	152.00	320.00
Total	284.00	670.00

Instructor costs	LCI	ACTUAL
2 nights hotel @ 50.00	100.00	250.00
2 days meals @ 16.00	32.00	100.00
Travel 800k @ .19	152.00	320.00
Total	284.00	670.00

Facilities
 Meeting room 2 @ 100.00
 Materials @ 25.00 per participant

	EXPENSES		
	With travel		without travel
Zone rep cost			
55 @ 284.00	15,620.00		
Instructors			
4 @ 284.00	1,136.00		
Facilities			
Meeting room 2 @ 100.00	200.00		
Materials 55 @ 25.00	1,175.00		Actual
TOTAL COST	18,131.00	9,771.00	(40,866.00)

	INCOME		
LCI grant 55 @ 143.00	7,865.00	4,886.00	(10,000.00)
MD5 share	10,266.00	4,885.00	(30,866.00)

MD5 needs to come up with \$187.00 (89.00 without travel) per participant.

Downloaded to the District

5SKN (10)	1,870.00	5SW (8)	1,496.00	5NE (14)	2,618.00
5SKS (8)	1,496.00	5SE (8)	1,496.00	5NW (7)	1,309.00

Service Activities and Public Relations Committee Report--PDG Bev Charles

1. Vision Essay & Peace Poster - Due at November Council Meeting
The contest rules are posted on the LCI website January 15th of each year. Contests can be conducted anytime after, but each DG needs to submit their district's 1st place poster and essay winners at the November C of G Meeting.
 - a. The MD5 winners are both due to LCI by December 15th
 - b. Recommend that clubs give awards to club winners and/or participants
 - c. District winner gets a dollar amount - MD5 provides \$200
2. Club of the Year form - on MD5 website
3. Environmental Photo Contest - In the future must be submitted to MD5 by November C of G meeting because it is due to LCI by January 15th
 - a. This year's photos due to IPDG Bev by Jan 3rd (No Later)
4. Maureen Pocket - has District Peace Posters - will display them in meeting room on Saturday.
5. Kevin Vannett said he knew of two essay winners and those and any others will be ready at meeting Saturday. The Lions International Essay winner was voted on and awarded a \$200.00 prize from the MD.
6. The winner is Savannah Westrom from Viborg, South Dakota
7. Pin Chairperson and Vice District Governor Trainer position's three year terms are up - both need to be advertised in district papers & Web Page on MD5
8. Lions Alert - recommended that we get the alert information to each city in our districts. We need to offer physical help to people now as money does not solve everything.
9. We need to get contest information to all clubs and Lions in MD 5. Resources discussed were district papers and websites, DGs, MD 5 PR Lion.

Lions Clubs International
Multiple District 5 – Youth Exchange
District Chairpersons Meeting
Mandan, North Dakota
November 12, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Lion George Pretli, MD5 Lions Youth Exchange Chairpersons.
District Chairpersons present: Lion Kevin Vannett – Dist. 5 NC, Lion Katherine Tweed – Dist. 5 NE, Lion Marie Boutin – Dist. 5SKN.

Opening Remarks by MD5 Chair - Lion George reported that all Districts now have District YEC Chairpersons with Lion Katherine Tweed being appointed for Dist. 5NE.

A disturbing trend has or appeared to be surfacing within the Multiple with the lack of youth attending the Annual Youth Camp. Saskatchewan sent 5 youth to Camp in 2011 with no participation from any of the Districts in North or South Dakota. It appears that some things came up with the youth in North Dakota, flooding and illness that prevented their attendance, however, no reasons were available for South Dakota and neither of their two Chairpersons were in attendance. The lack of attendance was also noted in the two previous years (1 from South Dakota and 1 from North Dakota).

It was noted that the youth in the age group for the Camp were looking for employment to make money; therefore they did not apply to attend the Camp. It was also mentioned that the 4th of July weekend is normally a family vacation time and therefore no applications are submitted for Camp. Distance to travel to the Camps was also a concern.

Discussion was held and it was felt that possibly moving the Camp to the second week of July may free up some youth and they may look at attending the Camp. It was also discussed that assistance to travel to the Camps needed to be looked at by the Lions and the Districts need to allocate some funding for the youth to travel otherwise they could very well refuse to go due to the additional costs involved.

General feeling was that the District Chairpersons approach their respective District Cabinets with the idea of having allocated funds set aside for a Youth Exchange Travel Budget.

Camp Reports:

A written report was received from the **2012 Lions Dakota Adventure Youth Camp** set for July 8 – 14th, 2012 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The committee is in place and awaiting applications from youth overseas and from within the Multiple District. Information has been published by Lions Clubs International – Youth Programs Department and by our Multiple District 5 website.

Lion Katherine Tweed – Dist. 5NE gave a short verbal report in respect to the **2011 Lions Camp** held at Valley City, North Dakota. From all accounts the Camp was a success; however, the numbers were down considerably, 26 youth. The Camp Coordinator Lion Katarina Wendel did an excellent job with the youth in attendance and all enjoyed themselves – started a Face book page and the youth still converse back and forth with each other. Due to the small numbers the revenue generated was smaller; however, it appeared that the Camp broke even with their finances.

2013 Lions Youth Camp is to be hosted by District 5 SKS and Lion Margaret Duncan, District 5SKS Chairperson is presently working on finding a location for the Camp. 1st Vice District Governor Lion Rick Pockett is assisting her at the present time until a Camp Coordinator can be put into place. He will continue to work with the Youth Exchange Committee.

2014 Lions Youth Camp – Dist. Chair Lion Kevin Vannett advised that District 5NC will be hosting the Youth Camp and he is working with the 2nd Dist. Vice Governor in finding a location for the Camp (2 sites are being considered) and all will be ready.

Hosting of Youth: A Discussion was held and this appears to be a problem area each year in obtaining Host Families for the youth. No real solution could be found here and we are to continue as we have in past years. Clubs are to be contacted and educated in respect to the Youth Exchange Program as it appears many of our Lions know very little about Youth Exchange. We are to solicit the assistance of our District Governors in getting the Program out to the Lions.

Presently we are looking at Lions or friends of Lions that we know to act as a possible Host Family. However, if and when we go outside this safety net there will be a strong possibility that anyone wishing to be a Host Family will have to look at a police criminal check before they can or would be accepted as a Host Family.

As the 2012 Lions Youth Camp will be in South Dakota this coming year, Host Families for the foreign youth will be or should be from either South or North Dakota. Distance precludes Saskatchewan as having any Host Families.

Marketing Plan. A folder was given to the District Chairs with materials that could be used to present to Schools or other community groups to introduce them to the Youth Exchange Program. The District Chairs were encouraged to try new ideas in getting the Program out to the public and to the Lions Clubs. It was mentioned and noted that the larger schools in the major cities do not or will not allow materials into their schools as it is not Board Approved. Smaller country schools have no problem in this area and this area will have to be researched so they we can get the Board Approval from these larger city schools.

From the general discussion of the group it was felt that we need the commitment from the District Cabinets and their involvement to get the Youth Exchange Program out to the Lions of the Multiple District.

Awards: The banner patch that was developed was presented to the Committee and all were in agreement that the patch was attractive and would be readily displayed by the Clubs that were presented with a banner patch. All District Chairs were asked to present a list of Clubs in their respective Districts that were involved in the Youth Exchange Program by either sponsoring a youth on an exchange or hosting a youth on an exchange. The banner patches will be presented at an appropriate occasion giving the Clubs their recognition.

Members that are involved in the Youth Exchange Program are to be recognized at an appropriate occasion (MD5 Convention or State Convention). It was felt that rather than giving the person a plaque that something more visible and useful be presented – example travel or tote bag. This is to be looked into and once costs are determined it will be presented to the Committee for their approval.