

**Minutes of Multiple District 5 – Council of Governors Meeting  
Holiday Inn – Minot, ND  
March 26, 2010**

Introductions of the whole council, partners and guests were done. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by CC Duane Zwinger with the following members present: CS/T PCC Brand, PID Schwartz, PID Davis, PCC Ziegler, PDG Schley, PCC Grossman, PDG G. Andrew, PDG Gifford, PDG Wollenburg, DG Cook, DG Ewles, DG Waldron, DG Ruff, DG Westlund, DG Grimmond, DG Scheller, PDG K. Vannett, DGE Reid, DGE Hill, DGE Littlefield, DGE Charles, VDG Becker, VDG P. Vannett, DGE Adrian, DGE Burkhead, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Louise Schley, David Gibson, Steve Johnson, and Lions Maureen Meston-Pockett , PDG J. Moore, PCC B.Moore, PCC Chambers, PCC Tinker, PCC Ziegler Absent were PID Hansen, DG Doug Madill, PDG C Iversen.

**Correspondence**

- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Gravelbourg Prairie Pride Lions Club, 5CW
- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Pennant Lions Club, 5CW
- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Kadoka Badlands Lions Club, 5SW
- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Hartford Lions Club, 5SE
- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Fargo Edgewood Lions Club, 5NE
- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Langbank & District Lions Club, 5CE
- From PDG Don Reed regarding the tentative schedule of events for the 2013 (June 6-9) MD5 Convention in Yorkton, SK
- From Tom Armstrong, for the 2010 Saskatoon MD5 Convention, naming officers in chart of the convention
- From Tom Armstrong regarding the agenda for the upcoming Saskatoon Convention
- From LCI, English Language Department, updating the first and second vice district governor names of the new redistricting areas
- From LCI announcing the posting of the official LCI Cumulative and Club Summary Report on the web
- From LCI parade rule and regulations and official parade procedures for the Sydney, Australia Convention

**Membership—“Move to Grow”----Status to Date**

- Plus 22,000 new Lions
- 1002 New Clubs worldwide
- District 5SW (South Dakota) has 3 new clubs and a positive 78 new Lions
- 5CN has 11 new Lions

## **Announcements**

- March 26, 2010 is the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Lions Day at the United Nations. Peace Poster winner will be announced on this day.
- Council chairperson selection will take place on Saturday afternoon. Candidates are DG Ron Ewles and DG Tom Grimmond. They will each be given three minutes for presentations. Voting members will be the nine district governors, three past district governor, reps, six district governor elects, and one council chair.

## **MD5 Youth Exchange Opening for 2010 to 2013**

CC Zwinger reminded the Service and Public Relations Committee to bring back from Committee, a recommendation on choosing the new Youth Exchange Chairperson for the 2010 – 2013 years.

## **Saskatoon 2010 MD5 Convention**

- Planning is coming to completion
- We have a problem—registration is way down, just over 100 registered as of now, we need 250 to register to break even
- Promotional CD was handed out to each governor to promote the convention
- North Dakota is promoting a bus. 25 seats are yet to be filled. Cost is \$150. Think about it as the gas prices are on the rise. Contact DGE Robert Littlefield for complete information.
- Our International guest at the convention will be ID Deb Wassermen
- They have a Hobo night, an evening at the zoo
- There will be motivational speakers
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for getting a room at the Travelodge for \$129, after this date it goes up considerably and the remaining rooms will be released to the hotel
- Note: council of governors meetings are Thursday and Friday
- If you are a Lion traveling to Saskatoon and would like Secretary/Treasurer Mike to get you a room (at the Lions rate) at the Holiday Inn in Minot, you need to email or call him with your request before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Saskatoon Convention Notice**

It is the official notice that has gone out to all of the Lions of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan in their state and provincial papers. It was placed in the last issue of the South Dakota Lion (March). All the Lions in the Multiple District have been notified of the Saskatoon Convention. The notice contains forms for---- Lions Most Miles Traveled (25 and below), Lions Most Miles Traveled (26 and above), -----Voting Certification (Lions to bring this signed by their secretary to the convention), ----- and the Convention Rules. Credentials chairman, DG Ron Ewles, will have an electronic certified MD5 club membership list from LCI to verify club eligibility to vote.

## **Financial Statement, March 15, 2010**

Secretary Brand went over the statement with the council. A motion was made by DG Westlund, and seconded was by DG Grimmond to approve the financial statement and place it on file.

**Motion carried.**

## **Approval of November 20 & 21, 2009 Minutes**

CC Zwinger asked the Council if there were any questions on the November 20 & 21 minutes. CC Zwinger then stated the minutes stand approved with the following changes: in PID Davis' mentor report--2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governors training: they won't have to come to the March (replace with November) meeting as they will be getting their training materials from LCI. They will then come to the June (replace with March and June MD5 convention), so they will be at two (replace with three; August, March and June) meetings.

## **MD5 Youth Exchange- (Saskatchewan) Camp 2010—**

See Attachment for Final Report

## **2010 Sydney, Australia International Convention**

- We will be having a small representation of MD5—as of April 7<sup>th</sup> we have 15 registered which included District Governor Elects and spouses
- We will need a parade marshal and this person will also pick up the parade ribbons at convention headquarters in Sydney
- The group will have to transport a package containing three flags and banner. MD5 will cover the cost of transporting this package to and from Australia
- The parade dress is white tops with the blue MD5 vest and black pants with comfortable shoes.
- LCI parade will take place at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.in downtown Sydney at MacQuare Street. Assembly time is 11:30 a.m. in the brown section. We are number 99.
- Secretary Brand will make application in the noncompetitive class for the parade
- MD5 delegation hotel is Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour, 100 Murray Street ([www.novoteldarlingharbour.com.au](http://www.novoteldarlingharbour.com.au)) Cost is \$248 per night.

## **Long Range Planning – PCC Ekstrom**

See Attachment

## **Public Relations Grant**

The MD5 council applied for a \$20,000 public relations grant. At this time we have received \$10,000 of the grant. The remainder of the grant will be received when all reports and receipts are reported to LCI. Examples of public relations are the following:

- 5CN did plastic laminated posters to be distributed in 367 communities in Saskatchewan. They did advertising in 77 weekly newspapers. They developed a new website tied into the poster advertising. The purpose of the poster is to inform the public what Lions are doing in Saskatchewan. Success from this may lead to new clubs and phone calls for potential Lions.
- 5NE had ads and articles in the North Dakota Newspaper Association throughout the 5NE area

- 5NC is tree planting and plaque presentation to Lions Clubs within 5NC. Plans are to distribute the trees and plant them in names of the Lions Clubs on May 7<sup>th</sup>—Arbor Day. Plans are to have the local newspaper involved with articles.
- 5NW had an ad for 4 weeks in their newspapers. Articles were on Lions humanitarian service, club activities and on Lionism.
- 5SW and 5SE worked together with the South Dakota Foundation on developing a new website which will contain their South Dakota paper.

#### **Distribution of the Public Relations Funding:**

- Each district can be entitled to \$2200 (US)
- Another \$10,000 will come from LCI after all receipts and reports are received from our nine districts and Multiple District 5
- Send bills and reports to Secretary/Treasurer Brand for reimbursement
- A letter from LCI stated that we are preapproved for the \$20,000 (US)
- Each district should have spent and reported their amount to S/T Brand by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Duplicate copies are to be sent to PDG Gladi Andrew and CC Duane Zwinger.
- A report will be sent to LCI by June 1st

#### **PDG Trainer—PCC Grossman**

I will start by thanking the MD5 Council of Governors for hiring me to help the VDG's to become effective DGs. I truly enjoy this job so much that I am willing to do it again next year, without asking for a raise in pay. I ask Council to accept my offer.

We are in a very unique situation here because of our redistricting and the introduction of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs. This year we have both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs in class. This has worked well. Next year we will have only the 6 new 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs in class, so I extend an invitation to the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs to join us if they feel the need.

The real question is: What plans do we have for the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs next year?

1. They will have completed their regional training here in Minot.
2. They will receive 3 or 4 individualized assignments from LCI.
3. They will have more time to work in their districts and assemble their teams.
4. They will need to meet together to bond into a team of DGEs, work on mutual issues, and learn more about the role of the Council of Governors.
5. August 2010: If we start next year with an MD5 MERL seminar, they need to be present. I think this is a good way to start the New Year.
6. November 2010: This meeting is optional for them.
7. March 2011: They need to be present for photos, red jackets, CC vote, LCI convention and discuss plans for the next year.
8. June 2011: They need to be present for the MD5 Convention, red jacket ceremony, and to finalize plans for the New Year.

Therefore, I ask the Council to consider inviting the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs on a one year trial basis to join them at this table for all 4 meetings next year, whether you grant them full council status or not. The question remains – who will pay for their expenses --- their Districts, MD5, or both? If this

arrangement works well for all concerned, then the proper constitutional and policy and procedures changes can be made in the following year.

### **Liaison Report – PID Schwartz**

New initiatives by Lions International will start this year. It is an ongoing program designed to raise the amount of contributions to LCIF from \$20 million to \$30 million by 2011/2012. This concept is devised because of the tremendous Campaign Sight II success—raising over \$200 million in three years. PID Schwartz is sector coordinator for North Dakota and South Dakota and PID Davis is for Saskatchewan. Coordinators are 5SE—Cindy Iversen, 5SW—Ken Gifford, 5NE—Robert Littlefield, 5NC—Dan Vondrachek, and 5NW—Dave Czywczynski. LCIF has added up to new six staff people, LCIF needs more promotion in the Lions Magazine to inform Lions. PID Schwartz has developed a newsletter for North Dakota and South Dakota sector called “The News”. At this point on contributions 5NE is leading with \$5200, 5SE--\$1300, 5SW--\$543, 5NC--\$920, 5NW—unknown at this time. PID Schwartz talked about the endorsement of Wayne Madden for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. **Motion was made by DG Westlund, seconded by DG Cook to unanimously endorse Madden for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president. Motion carried.**

### **Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute**

The institute will be held July 16-18, 2010 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. Registration is 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> with checkout by 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, 2010. Registration will be \$110 (US) per attendee that covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials, and registration. Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. The institute is sponsored by Multiple District 5, 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska). Applications can be obtained by PID Lloyd Hansen.

Instructors from MD5 will be PDG Marion Johnson (Managing Change) and PCC Marv Chambers (Leading Effective Meetings).

### **Presidential and Leadership Awards**

District Governors were reminded to place the names, of the Lions, in their Districts they feel deserve, to receive the Presidential Award, Leadership Award. All documentation is to accompany the recommendation. \*\*\*\* Deadline for recommendations is March 26. \*\*\*

### **2011 MD5 Deadwood, SD Convention—PDG Gifford**

- Headquarters will be The Lodge at Deadwood, they have 140 rooms with 110 set aside for the Lions
- It will be June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- The theme is “Deadwood is a Sure Bet for MD5”
- Cost for registration will be around \$135, \$145, and \$155 with various deadline dates
- Pre-registration will take place in Saskatoon
- Thursday’s activities include golf in the morning and an activity for the spouses in the afternoon
- PID Schwartz is working on getting the International speaker for this convention

- There will be a bus available for Lions to go to Kevin Costner’s casino called the Midnight Star

A motion by PDG Gifford, and seconded by DG Grimmond for the council to advance the Deadwood Convention Committee the \$2000 for their advance planning. **Motion carried.**

**Rookie Lion Award**

We will be awarding Rookie Lion Awards at the MD5/ Saskatoon Convention. This program started last year so we will continue the award at our annual MD5 Convention. Two new Lions from 5SW have met the requirements and will receive the award at the first business session.

Motion by DG Ewles, seconded by DG Scheller that the constitution and by-law changes by the council be approved. **Motion carried.**

Secretary/Treasurer Brand will see that the Constitution and Bylaw changes are published (required by the constitution) in the state and provincial papers so that they can be voted on at the Saskatoon MD5 Convention in June.

**Special MD5 Convention—PID Davis**

\*\*Note information in attachment, “MD5 Endorsement of a candidate for International Director for 2011”

A motion made by DG Vannett, seconded by DG Cook that we have a mini MD5 Convention in March, 2011. **Motion failed.**

PID Davis will explore other options and report at our June meeting.

A motion by DG Grimmond, seconded by DG Ewles that we hold a mini convention in November council meeting for endorsing a candidate for International Director for Canada. **Motion Carried**

**Senior Counselor Award**

District Governors were to search out the candidate from their district and recommend him/her to be awarded the Senior Counselor Award if they have been an active Lion for ten years following their year as District Governor. Eight of the nine district governors from 10 years ago are eligible and will receive their thanks on behalf of Multiple District 5 on Friday, June 4, 2010 at the noon luncheon.

**Future MD5 Convention Sites**

2010	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
2011	Deadwood, South Dakota
2012	Bismarck, North Dakota
2013	Yorkton, Saskatchewan
2014	Watertown, South Dakota
2015	Fargo, North Dakota
2016	Saskatchewan **

\*\*The District Governors of Saskatchewan are looking for a host city and will report at the June council meeting in Saskatoon.

DG Grimmond was asked to check on Watertown, South Dakota, host for the 2014 convention. It would be nice to have a date on record. All host conventions have dates and hotels locked in at this time.

### **USA/Canada Forum**

The forum will be held from September 23-25, 2010 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Read all about it online at: [usacanadalionsforum.org](http://usacanadalionsforum.org)

### **MD5 History Update—2009-2010**

Our MD5 history book is being updated by Secretary/Treasurer Brand at this time. It is to be updated every 5 years. 2004-2005 was the last booklet handout. Each year has a page on council happenings. Information also included is clubs chartered and clubs cancelled for that year. District membership status is recorded for that year with a shown plus or minus. A sheet on redistricting for 2009-2010 will be included. PCC Grossman will be approached on providing information on this process. Secretary/Treasurer Brand indicated that he plans to include a copy for the MD5 website that will provide users to download a copy of the information from the website. This will provide Lions access to the history at an affordable price. More information will come at the June meeting.

### **MD5 Secretary/Treasurer Intent**

After S/T Brand said that he would be available to be MD5 Secretary Treasurer for the coming year. . A motion by DG Westlund, seconded by DG Grimmond that Secretary/Treasurer Brand be our secretary/treasurer for 2010-2011. **Motion carried.**

MEETING ADJORNED

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**Mentor Report – PID Garnet Davis, MD5 MERL and GMT Coordinator**

International President's Theme – Move to Grow

Challenge to Grow in Service through increased membership – more hands to serve lead to greater service

How? Over the years, many initiatives to increase membership –

- LCI Initiatives since late 1980's on Membership, followed by Extension, Leadership, Orientation, Retention, and initiatives to increase memberships of women in Lions Clubs
- More recent Presidential initiatives – Global Membership Team
- MD5 Mentorship Initiative, as a response to LCI and Presidential initiatives and resulting from reflection on these initiatives and realities of a MD with a large geographic area, changing population dynamics and already relatively large membership and club distribution (as compared to other areas of North America and the world). MD5 Mentorship program has assumed goals of LCI and Presidential initiatives and attempted to deliver these supports through the mentorship process. (MD5 MERL Team members are the Mentors.)

Concerns for MD5 –

- Recently approved redistricting will necessitate most Districts to reassess their priorities, their resources, and their long term plans.
- Many leaders in the MD have had training or developed expertise in previous years. Even though the model has remained relatively intact, there has been “tweaking” of the model, almost every year, and these changes are not always well understood throughout the District. That means, therefore, that some of the District leaders are “singing from a different version of the songbook” i.e. operating from a different understanding of the terminology.
- There is some confusion as to the reporting mechanism – the role of the GMT Liaison, the role of the GMT Coordinator(s); the role of the DG as compared to the role of the VDG (sometimes as MERL Team Leader in the District); the role of the C of G Leadership, Extension and Membership Committee. While e-mail communication has made it easier to communicate with one another, it has often resulted in a “cloudiness” of the role of the middle-level personnel.

This is an opportunity for change!

**Concerns and Successes expressed by the DG's, VDG's and Mentors:**

- **Personal contact** by leaders, especially the District Governor, yields results. Personal contact has resulted in having clubs examine their membership status, changing their focus from check-writing to service, adding female members to clubs, respecting the individual needs of new members, and adding “fun” to club activities.
- **Strategies** for effective growth have worked well – **Extension workshops**, using **Club Branches**, using the **4-Step Program** have all worked in various areas of the MD
- The concept of using an **Action Plan** has worked well when used at the District Level; it has given the MERL Team some focus; it has facilitated communication using specific actions and dates and individual responsibilities
- Sometimes, you need to get out of the rut – perhaps the best person for an Extension activity is NOT one of the designated leaders, so **use the BEST person**
- **Lack of time** is a continuing frustration. We need to remember that I am a volunteer, and so is...! But there is so much that we could do if ...!
- **Mechanics** of clubs and membership continue to create frustration – no PU-101's; no from Clubs; no reports from people responsible for actions, no attendance at training sessions for secretaries; Club secretaries don't have computer skills and don't see need to learn.
- **Apathy** – no need for new members; no need for training
- **Lack of consistent direction** and **communication confusion** – Who do I report to? How? What forms do I use? I have too many e-mail requests for too many things!

**Conclusion:**

- Opportunity to learn! Utilize the opportunity provided by redistricting to refocus the efforts in the MD and each District.
- MD5 will continue to use Mentorship Program as vehicle for growth; remember, though, that all members of the team are available to assist in any way possible; each member of the team has skills and expertise but, most importantly, can assist in finding someone else who also has skills and expertise.
- We will attempt to clarify and simplify the reporting and communicating system.

## **Multiple District 5 Endorsement of a Candidate for International Director for 2011**

There is an expectation that Saskatchewan will be able to attain the support of the Lions of Canada to propose a candidate for an International Director representing Canada at the International Convention in Seattle in 2011.

At the present time, no District in Saskatchewan meets the requirements to endorse a candidate. However, after the approved redistricting takes place at the close of the International Convention in 2010, both of the new districts in Saskatchewan would be eligible to propose a candidate.

Any candidate endorsed by a new District in Saskatchewan after July 2, 2010 would need the endorsement of the Lions of MD5 at least 30 days prior to the Seattle Convention in 2011 (July 4-8). Since the Multiple District Convention in Deadwood, South Dakota does not take place in time to meet this legal requirement, alternatives were discussed.

Following discussion of the Council of Governors, the recommendation was made that district(s) in Saskatchewan interested in fielding a candidate for International Director endorse this candidate at a special convention called for that purpose during the summer of 2010 (following the formation of the new District on July 2). Furthermore, the Multiple District should similarly call a special convention of the Multiple District to be held in November, probably in conjunction with the meeting of the Council of Governors.

It is the belief of the Council of Governors that the new constitutions of the proposed districts in Saskatchewan, 5SKS and 5SKN, have no provision for the calling of a special convention---Nor does the Constitution of Multiple District 5. Therefore, according to the Legal Department, we are allowed to proceed under the Standard Form Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International, which read as follows:

### ***Standard District Constitution and By-Laws***

***Article VI, Section 4. Special Convention.*** *A Special Convention of the clubs of the District may be called by a two-thirds vote of the District Cabinet at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the International Convention and that such Special Convention shall not be convened for the election of the district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the District by the District Cabinet Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.*

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***Article VI, Section 4. Special Convention.*** *A Special Convention of the clubs of the Multiple District may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Governors at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 15 days prior to the convening date of the International Convention. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the Multiple District Council Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.*

# Final Reports

## **Organization and Finance—PDG Gifford**

The MD5 Administration & Finance Committee met on Friday evening, March 26, 2010. Those in attendance were DG Ron Ewles, DG Doug Scheller, DG Gordon Waldron, and Chairperson IPDG Ken Gifford. All members were present.

Committee discussions centered around two topics. They included:

*A. MD5 Constitution & By Law Changes – DG Ron lead the discussion indicating that changes made within the two documents were based on the outcome of the redistricting of the multiple district and the addition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. The role and responsibilities of the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG was not addressed in the changes due to the fact that LCI will be discussing this topic at their Board meeting in Sydney. Once we have received direction from LCI, the MD5 Constitution and By Laws will be revised to meet the guidelines set forth by LCI. Those changes will be the responsibility of the 2010-2011 Constitution & By Laws Committee. The recommended changes will now be brought before the membership and official action taken at the upcoming MD5 Convention in June at Saskatoon.*

*B. MD5 2011 Budget – Much discussion was held on the preliminary 2011 budget which will be presented to the membership at the June MD5 Convention. There were several areas that the committee felt needed to be addressed, mostly in the areas of MERL training, Mentor travel, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG training and expenses. Each of these line items were tabled due to the fact that LCI will be discussing at least two of these items at their next Board meeting. Their action will have a direct bearing on our budget. Based on this fact, the committee recommended that these three items be tabled until after the LCI Board meeting.*

*The one line item that was addressed was the stipend given to our current MD5 Secretary/Treasurer. It was moved by DG Ron Ewles with a second from DG Doug Scheller that the stipend be increased by \$1,000 annually, bringing the Total stipend to \$6,000. The motion received a unanimous approval.*

Committee Chairperson IPDG Ken Gifford presented the recommendations to the full Council. An explanation was given for the Constitution & ByLaws changes and the 2011 preliminary budget changes. The Constitution & Bylaws will now be presented to the membership, to be voted on, at the MD5 Convention in June.

## **Proposed Changes to MD 5 Constitution (Will be voted on at the Saskatoon Convention)**

Date Amended

- change amended date to June 2010

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Article III – Section 2 District Boundaries

- Change from nine(9) Sub-districts to six(6)

Article III – Section 2 District Boundaries – part a. In the Province of Saskatchewan

- Replace the boundaries of the 4 previous Saskatchewan Sub-districts with the following;

**SASKATCHEWAN NORTH, 5SKN**

Bounded on the east by the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border, on the north by the Saskatchewan/Northwest Territories border, on the west by the Saskatchewan/Alberta border, and on the south by the north boundary of Township 32 to one mile west of highway 11, then southeasterly to 1 mile south of highway 15, then east to 105 degrees longitude, south on 105 degrees longitude to the north boundary of Township 21, then east to highway 80, then south on highway 80 to the south boundary of Township 18, then east to the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border.

**SASKATCHEWAN SOUTH, 5SKS**

Bounded on the east by the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border, on the south by the Canada/USA border, on the west by the Saskatchewan/Alberta border, and on the north by north boundary of Township 32 to 1 mile west of highway 11, then southeasterly to 1 mile south of highway 15, then east to 105 degrees longitude, south on 105 degree longitude to the north boundary of Township 21, then east to highway 80, then south on highway 80 to the south boundary of Township 18, then east to the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border.

- Replace the boundaries of the 3 previous North Dakota Sub-districts with the following;

**NORTH DAKOTA EAST, 5NE**

Bounded on the north by the USA/Canada border, on the east by the North Dakota/Minnesota state line, on the south by the North Dakota/South Dakota state line, and on the west by highway 83, north to I-94, then north on highway 14 to highway 19, then east on highway 19 to highway 3, then north on highway 3 to the USA/Canada border.

**NORTH DAKOTA WEST, 5NW**

Bounded on the north by the USA/Canada border, on the west by the North Dakota/Montana state line, on the south by the North Dakota/South Dakota state line, and on the east by highway 83, north to I-94, then north on highway 14 to highway 19, then east on highway 19 to highway 3, then north on highway 3 to the USA/Canada border.

Article VIII District Organization – Section 1 Cabinet and Officers – Part a

- Replace Part a with the following to include both First and Second Vice District Governors in District Cabinets.
  1. Each District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice district Governor (if said office is part of the District organization), Region Chairmen (if said office is part of the District organization) and Zone Chairmen as shall be elected by the District or appointed by the District Governor, and a Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. The members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the District. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing within the District.

Article VIII District Organization – Section 1 Cabinet and Officers – Part b

- Replace Part b with the following to include both First and Second Vice District Governors in election procedures.
  1. The District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor of each District shall be elected at the annual convention of the District. The District Governor may appoint one Region Chairman for each Region, and shall appoint one Zone Chairman for each Zone in the District, if said offices are vacant at the time the District Governor assumes office

Article VIII District Organization – Section 1 Cabinet and Officers – Part c

- Replace Part c with the following to include both First and Second vice District Governors in Vacancy procedure.
  1. Any vacancy in a District office, except that of District Governor, shall be filled by the District Governor's appointee for the unexpired term thereof. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of District Governor, the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (in the order of their office) shall act as District Governor and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as the District Governor until such time as such vacancy is filled by the Lions International Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX DISTRICT REVENUE**

- Modify the following section as follows to reflect that information is now available earlier from Lions International, and therefore we recommend that MD5 use membership numbers as at June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> for dues billing purposes.

**Section 1 Per Capita Assessments**

To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of each District, an annual per capita assessment in amount determined by the District Cabinet shall be levied on each member of each club in the District. Said assessment shall be collected from each member of established clubs in advance of the calendar term and paid by each club to the District administrative expenses and assessments budgeted and approved by the District Governor's Cabinet. The District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall sign a contract, check, bill of exchange, or other documents to which the District is a party, unless otherwise

designated by the District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer in two semi-annual payments; one-half of total club per capita assessment based on membership as of June 30 being payable August 1; one-half of total club per capita assessment based on club membership as of December 31 being payable February 1. Newly chartered or reorganized clubs shall collect and pay said per capita assessment on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of the club organization or reorganization. Aforesaid assessments shall be disbursed only for District

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### **ARTICLE VI -BL MULTIPLE DISTRICT FINANCES**

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#### **Section 1 Regular Per Capita Assessments**

Each District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall remit to the Council Secretary-Treasurer, in US funds, a regular annual per capita assessment in two instalments as follows:

August 1	<b>\$2.00</b> per member
February 1	<b>\$2.00</b> per member **

\*\* approved by vote at MD5 Convention, May 2003

The basis for these two remittances will be membership as reported by Lions International as of June 30 and December 31 respectively prior to above dates.

When the reserves of undersigned funds reach a level of 90% of the approved budget, the Council of Governors shall make a recommendation of a dues increase to the membership of the Multi-District, which shall be voted on at the next Multi-District Convention.

## Changes Only

### MD 5 Policies To be voted on by Council (only) at Council of Governors meeting at MD5 /Saskatoon Convention June 3, 2010.

Date Amended

- change amended date to June 2010

**NOTE: This document has been changed throughout, as follows;**

- 1. Every instance of the term “Chairman” has been replaced with the term “Chairperson”**
- 2. Every instance of the term “Chairmen” has been replaced with the term “Chairpersons”**

#### **Part A: Overview / Section III. Committees**

- Delete the last sentence from item j. , since the statement of when the last History revision was completed is NOT a policy.
- j. History Committee.* A Committee appointed by the Chairperson in office at time shall update the history of MD-5 every five years.

### **PART B. DESCRIPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL POSITIONS**

#### **Section I. Council Chairperson**

- Replace item b. as follows, to reflect the fact that there are now only 6 districts in MD5

b. The Chairperson has the important and rewarding task of leading the council in its quest to advance the goals of International. The Chairperson shall lead MD-5 through and with the support and cooperation of the Council.

All the District Governors in MD-5 constitute the Council, which provides an administrative structure to further the purposes of International in MD-5. In MD-5, the Council includes three (3) immediate Past District Governors (one from each of Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota), six (6) District Governors and the Chairperson (who is elected according to Policy). Each member has one vote on each question that requires action of the Council. It is noted that the total number of Immediate Past District Governors shall not exceed one-half (1/2) the number of District Governors in MD5.

International policy encourages Multiple Districts to elect or appoint an immediate past (outgoing) District Governor as Chairperson. As per MD-5 Policy, any past District Governor within the last three (3) years may serve as Chairperson, but the past governor may only serve for a one year term and cannot be Chairperson again.

#### **Section IV Finance / Item k Secretary/Treasurer / item 2 In recognition**

- Replace clause iii with the following, so that reimbursement is consistent with MD5 By Laws

iii. Expenses incurred for attendance at the International Convention shall be reimbursed according to MD5 By-Laws ARTICLE VI – Section 7.

#### Section IV Finance / Item 1 Chairperson Travel to Conventions

- Replace clause 3 with the following, so that reimbursement is consistent with MD5 By Laws
  
- 3. Expense reimbursement for the incoming Council Chairperson to attend the International Convention shall be reimbursed according to MD5 By-Laws ARTICLE VI – Section 7.

A motion by PDG Gifford, seconded by PDG Andrew to accept the tentative budget with the unknowns highlighted and to be finalized at the August meeting. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by PDG Wollenburg, and seconded by DG Cook to accept the Constitution and Bylaws Report. **Motion carried.**

Council Chair Zwinger took time to extend a BIG THANK YOU to PDG Wollenburg, PDG Andrew, and PDG Gifford on their outstanding work done on their committees.

#### **Service and Public Relations--PDG Andrew (Final Report)**

- MD5 Youth Camp - report presented by Lion Geo Pretli  
District Governors, encourage youth from your District to attend this camp.  
July 5 – 11, 2010. Camp Shekinah ---Adventure Youth Camp.
  
- Youth Exchange - report presented by Lion Geo Pretli  
A lack of host families for youth coming into our multiple remains one of the biggest problems. Your help is needed in the placement of these youth.  
Hosting a youth is a rewarding experience.
  
- MD5 - Youth Exchange Award – reminder to District Governors - take back to Districts Individual Recognition Awards – sponsored by MD5 - in recognition for outstanding work done by:
  - Clubs and individuals
  - MD5 to fund these Awards
  - The Awards will be selected by the MD5 YE Chair and the nine District Youth Chairs
  - The Awards will be presented to the recipients at the MD5 Convention, 2010

Purpose: to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

Honours Exemplary Service to MD5 Lions Youth Exchange.

Criteria: Adult Category

- To be actively involved in Youth Exchange
- To encourage participation in everyday life in another culture
- To promote serving as an ambassador of international understanding
- To facilitate participation in local customs
- To welcome and encourage Youth Exchange in the Multiple District
- To recruit and encourage Youth Exchange in the local District
- To encourage youth to take an active part in Youth Exchange Programs
- To guide and assist host families in being successful

Criteria:     Youth Category

- To encourage active youth participation in the YE Program
- To encourage youth to promote and encourage Youth Exchange
- To welcome and encourage hospitality for international youth
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- MD5 Youth Exchange Opening:  
MD5 YE Chairperson position expires June 30, 2010. The term will run July 1/2010 to June 30/2013. Deadline for submission of applications was March 15, 2010. Lion George Pretli has submitted his application for this position. The Committee met, with a decision to accept and recommend to Council the application of Lion George Pretli.  
DG T. Grimmond moved. Seconded by DG R. Ewles to accept PDG George Pretli's application for MD5 Youth Exchange Chairperson for the period July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2013...**Motion carried**
- MD5 Pin Trader     - report presented by Lion PDG Joan Moore  
Review of the pin design for Korea (2012) was presented. It was decided the order for the Korean pin be placed during the next Lions year.
- LOFY   report presented by Lion Maureen Pockett  
The 2010 Peace Poster Contest is well underway – theme being “Vision of Peace”  
Winning District posters to be presented to Lion Maureen at the Nov./2010 council meeting.  
Thank you to the Districts who submitted reports re: summary of youth activities in Clubs and District. Lion Maureen promises a different approach for next year, hopefully with better results.  
Remember.....The Youth of Today are the Lions of Tomorrow!
- MD5 Convention     - reported presented by DG Lion Ron Ewles  
A finalized report presented.  
Many Lions have not registered with the hosting hotel, the Travelodge Hotel.  
Reminder - All must make their own reservations. We are having a problem with the number of Lions attending the MD5 Conventions.
- Rookie Award – encourage District Governors to promote the MD5 Rookie Lion Award and the MD5 Rookie Lion Supporter. These awards will be presented at the MD 5 Convention.

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- MD5 Contest and Awards

- MD5 Club of the Year Contest, - Lions, Leos, Lioness
- MD5 Club Newsletter Contest,
- MD5 Club Scrapbook Contests,
- Most miles travelled 25 members & above; 26 members & above
- MD5 Club Web Site Contest, (rules, explanations)
- MD5 Environmental Photo Contest.

District Governors are to bring their District winners to the MD5 Convention in Saskatoon for judging.

The application form and criteria for the above have been published in your Lions Newspapers. Another printing will be released in March.

This information is also available on the MD5 website. (MD5lions.net)

DG Ruff made a motion, seconded by DG Cook, to make the closing date, for the above mentioned Contests be the same as the “MD5 Club of the Year Contest” that being April 30 of each year. **Motion Carried.**

Reminder to all District Governors - submit names for the various Committees that will meet at the MD5 Convention.

- a) Convention Contest
- b) Youth Exchange
- c) Constitution & By-laws
- d) Credentials

- Public Relations Grant Program for Multiple District

Thank you, District Governors, Vice District Governors, District Public Relations Chairs and whoever else in your Districts involved in getting the P/R projects underway. Great job by everyone!

It is the responsibility of the District Governor / District P/R Chairperson to make sure the Grant Project is implemented and completed in your District.

**Reminder – very complete, FULL documentation on your request** “How this money is spent”, receipt of money transactions (requested and spent) **MUST** be included with your request for the disbursement of the \$2,222.00 per district. LCI requests this information be very clear.

**All** invoices are to be presented for payment to CC Lion Mike Brand by **May 15, 2010.**

**Please have your final report to**

Council Chairperson Duane Zwinger

Public Relations Chairperson Gladi Andrew

MD5 Secretary Treasurer Michael Brand by **May 24, 2010.**

A final report by Committee must be forwarded to LCI by **June 1, 2010.**

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

**\*\* Sub District Youth Exchange Chairpersons –“Youth Exchange Annual Meeting--will meet in Minot at the Council of Governor meeting, on Saturday, August 21, 2010. District Governors Elect are to remind their Chairpersons.**

A motion by DG Vannett seconded by DG Cook to accept the report as presented.

**Motion carried.**

## **Membership & Leadership Committee DG Wollenburg (Final Report)**

There were many questions regarding the Mentor program and its implementation that were to be addressed at this Council meeting. They included but not limited to:

1. Reporting by the DG's to their assigned Mentor's
2. Role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice as MERL Chair
3. MERL Conference in the fall

As to the VDG Training:

1. Is VDG Training vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Training next year?
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Training Going – Who is responsible?

### **Mentor Program**

The committee and the council were in agreement that the mentor's and the DG's must be in communication in order to make this program successful. Since the DG's were already submitting a quarterly report to the GM coordinator, (or are supposed to be) they are to simply forward it to their Mentor and the mentor's can forward it to the Mentor Coordinator. This will save the DG's from duplication as the information that is requested on the GMT report is exactly the information that is needed by the mentor's to access the state of the districts. If the mentor's are not receiving the reports then it is their job to ask for them. Mentor's are expected to be part of the MERL conference in the fall and continue building their relationship with the District MERL teams.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG's were unanimous in their opinion that after this year of training they were ready to assume the role of MERL Chair. In the past the DG Elect's were expected to fill this role without any training and to some it was a daunting task and more often than not was not handled very well. This is a very positive step.

LCI is contemplating changing the entire MERL concept. However it was the opinion of all that we continue on the same course and that we should hold the MERL conference this coming fall. This would be for the District MERL Teams, the Mentor's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG's and the DG's.

### **DG Training**

This year we trained both the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG's in the same class. After much discussion and opinions from the DG's, VDG's and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG's elect it is the recommendation

of the committee to concentrate our training efforts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG's going forward. The VDG's would have a modified program that would coordinate and include the training from LCI along with training at the MD5 level. Training could involve invited guests to cover a variety of topics, refresher courses, joint session with the incoming 2nd Vice DG class as well as more time spent observing the council and taking part in the committees.

DG Trainer Leo was asked if he would be willing to coordinate the training for the VDG's and he agreed.

The committee felt this was a logical progression for the training of future DG's and recommends that it be adopted at the next council meeting.

DG Grimmond made a motion, seconded by DG Westland to accept the report. **Motion Carried.**

### ***Election of Council Chair and Representatives***

Votes were cast. District Governor Tom Grimmond, from District 5SE, was declared the Chairperson for Multiple District 5 for the coming year 2010-2011.

Votes were cast for the position of Representatives and the following were selected:

North Dakota – District Governor Wayne Westlund

South Dakota – District Governor Doug Scheller

Saskatchewan – District Governor Ron Ewels

A motion was made by DG. Grimmond, and was seconded by PDG Andrew to destroy the ballots. **Motion carried.**

The next council meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. A second meeting will also take place at 1:45 on Friday June 4, 2010.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

June 3 and 4, 2010 ----Saskatoon, SK

August 20 & 21, 2010---Minot, ND

November 12 & 13, 2010---Minot, ND

March 18 & 19, 2011---Minot, ND

June 9-11, 2011---Deadwood, South Dakota

Secretary/Treasurer Brand provided a meeting list, to the Council, of contracted dates, through 2015, with the Holiday Inn in Minot. He asked the council about securing new contract dates with the Holiday Inn, for five more years, thru 2020. S/T Brand has found out that the Holiday Inn is beginning to fill with other groups throughout the years. He felt that it would be wise to lock in the dates for future meeting dates. All sitting Council member present and past know how well the Holiday Inn has treated the Lions. CC Zwinger directed S/T Brand to look into future Contract.

Meeting Adjourned

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## LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH (LOFY)

Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett

LOFY Chairperson

Once again the 2009 Peace Poster Contest was the primary focus for me during this reporting period. I gathered the posters at the November Council meeting and took them back to Regina with me where a judging committee, made up of local artists, and myself, was formed. We did the judging November 28, 2009. The winning poster was selected and I contacted CC Lion Duane, Council Secretary Mike and the DGs to advise them of the winner's name which was Ruti Korolski, Age 13, DOB 17-03-96, Female, Saltcoats School, Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, Canada. Ruti was sponsored by the Bredenburg Lions Club in district 5CA. All of the posters were very good and the judges had a hard time selecting a winner. The successful poster was forwarded to Lions Clubs International on November 28, 2009 in time to meet the entry deadline of December 15, 2009. I also sent a press release to each of the MD5 Lions newspapers as well as the DGs, CC Duane and S/T Mike. The remaining posters will be returned to the applicable DGs at the March 2010 council meeting.

The 2010 Peace Poster Contest is well underway with the theme being "**Vision of Peace**". I sent out a letter on February 27, 2010 to the DGs reminding them to order their kits as soon as possible and asked them to remind their clubs about sending their posters to district in time for judging prior to the November 2010 MD5 Council meeting.

I was very disappointed with the response to my request for DGs to provide me with a list of the youth activities being carried out in their respective districts. To date I have received responses from two DGs. I realize that your year is very busy but each of you has a Lions Opportunity for Youth Chairperson or an equivalent who could have done most of the leg work for you. I will try a different approach next year and hopefully will have a better result. To those DGs who did respond to my request, thank you.

Some of the programs identified by those two DGs include: Lions Speak Off, Lions Project Pride, No Child Without, Speed Skating Club, "Sled Dog" Track Meet, Lions Quest, Lions Band, Teddy Bear Toss, Child Car Seat Clinics, Air Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Cultural Participation, Free Swim, Child Identification Clinics, and of course the Peace Poster Contest. I am sure there are many more worthwhile youth related projects in the other districts and it would have been nice to share them with everyone.

A new youth contest has been initiated by Lions Clubs International. The program titled "Global Youth Music Competition" got off to a very late start with very little notice being given. As far as I can tell the only MD 5 entrant from is District 5 CE, she is Danielle Sametz, age 22 of Regina. (Can be seen on You Tube under "Lions Club Competition") We wish Danielle all the luck in her quest to represent Canada. Fellow Lions we have a full year to advertise and encourage more of our young people to consider participating. One winner from each Constitutional Area gets an all expense paid trip to perform at the International Convention. The competition is open to participants who are less than 25 years of age. In addition there is a \$10,000 first prize, \$7000 second prize and \$3000 third prize. The full details of the contest can be found on the International website.

I look forward to continuing in my capacity as LOFY chairperson and would ask that if anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve any of the youth programs please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

REMEMBER THE YOUTH OF TODAY ARE THE LIONS OF TOMORROW



# Multiple District 5 Lions Opportunities for Youth

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February 27, 2010

## **MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5** **2010 PEACE POSTER CONTEST**

Greetings to All MD5 District Governors

After a long and difficult winter we once again look forward to spring and like every other year the Lions Peace Poster contest comes to mind with the 2010 theme of “**Vision of Peace**”. What a wonderful title for the youth to imagine “**peace**” in their minds.

Please encourage your clubs to order their peace poster kits as soon as possible. The earlier the clubs receive them the sooner the children can get started on the posters. Last year we had several groups that could not meet the deadline due to late starts and were not able to participate.

The rules, regulations and procedures for conducting the contest are available on the Lions International website. Let’s make this year go as smooth as possible keeping in mind that the **winning District posters are to be submitted to MD5 at the November 2010 council meeting in Minot**. Please ensure that your clubs get them into you in time to meet the revised deadline. Also please ensure you emphasize that the posters **MUST** meet the specifications listed in the contest rules. Last year several very good posters had to be disqualified because they did not meet these specifications.

I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and let’s make this year’s contest even better than last year. The entrants we had last year were excellent, however as we did not have an entrant from all of the districts in MD 5 it would be great if this year we could once again get a full complement.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the contest or any matters relating to the Lions Opportunities for Youth program.

### **Multiple District 5 – Youth Exchange --PDG Pretli YEC**

Youth Exchange is strong and ongoing at this point. Presently we have 3 applications from youth from Japan for a Family Stay Only and they will be arriving in our Multiple on or about the 25 of July, 2010 and will be here until on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010. Presently we have one tentatively placed in Valley City, North Dakota and we are attempting to place the other two. Unfortunately we are having difficulties in placing them.

We have a number of youth travelling out of our Multiple this coming summer. We have youth going to Republic of China – 1 girl from Estevan, Sask., Ireland – 1 girl from Spiritwood, Sask., Italy – 2 girls from Fillmore, Sask., Australia – 1 girl from Sioux Falls, S.D., Poland – 1 boy from Fargo, N.D., and Germany – 1 girl from Saskatoon, Sask. Total of 7 youth being sponsored by the Lions of Multiple District 5. There may be more, however, I have not been advised of this to this point.

As in the past the biggest problem we are facing in the Youth Exchange Program is the lack of Host Families for the youth coming into our Multiple. Recently we just completed an exchange with Peru where we hosted 2 youth. We had a total of 6 youth who had requested hosting within our Multiple and I had to refuse 4 of them because we could not find Host Families. Requests were made through the Saskatchewan Lions Pride and our District Chairpersons, however, insufficient families were found and this is the problem we are currently facing in respect to our youth coming from Japan. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE LIONS AND LIONS CLUBS to get the information out to our people as this is one of the best programs we have in Lions Clubs International. The youth are our future.

In respect to the 2010 Lions Youth Camp – Shekinah Adventure.

We have a full complement of youth from overseas, 25 in total. Countries that are sending youth are Germany (2), Finland (4), Czech Republic (1), Switzerland (1), Mongolia (2), Spain (1), Argentina (1), Croatia (2), Poland (3), Israel (1), Turkey (2), Italy (3) and Brazil (2). To this point we have 4 youth from Saskatchewan, 2 youth from North Dakota and 1 youth from South Dakota. The planning committee recently met and a schedule (tentative) of events has been set for the youth. Events will include a wagon trek, canoeing, swimming & tubing, horseback riding, and cultural exchange with the First Nations, sighting seeing, wall climbing, zip-line and taking in Monster truck racing. A number of events are being planned at Shekinah where the youth will be given the opportunity to get to know each other over quality time. An international night is also being planned where each youth can share information about their own country about their respective culture and family life styles.

We are also working with a number of local business establishments in Saskatchewan to assist us with donations for the Youth Camp. We have also made arrangements to have a nurse and EMT on site in the event medical treatment is required.

The Lions of District 5CN and 5CA, now 5SKN have supported the 2010 Camp with donations and we hope to have sufficient finances to cover all expenses. The Lions have also supported us this point where we have 9 of the 25 youth placed with Host Families. There are a number who have indicated that they will take a youth, however, at this point they are not confirmed. The committee is working hard to get everything into place, hopefully, well in advance of the Camp starting. We still require Host Families and requests have gone out through the Saskatchewan Lions Pride, North and South Dakota Lions Newspapers and the District Chairpersons are also spreading the request. Hopefully the Lions will respond. A

further update will be made at the MD5 Lions Convention in June, 2010 in Saskatoon and hopefully at that time I can report that all overseas youth have been placed and we have a full slate of youth from Multiple District.

## **Long Term Planning Meeting March 26, 2010**

### **Minutes**

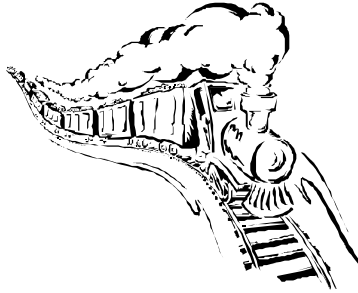
Present: DG K.Gifford; PDG C. Wollenberg; PDG G. Andrew; PID B. Schwartz; PID G. Davis; CC D. Zwinger; PCC M. Brand; PCC D. Ekstrom

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm on March 26, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Minot, ND.

The main topic of discussion was the update of the Multiple District Constitution to reflect changes necessary due to redistricting in North Dakota and Saskatchewan. DG R. Ewles had reviewed the current constitution and provided copies of proposed changes. In addition to references of number of districts, from 9 districts to 6, the following items were discussed”

- It was noted that the constitution does not address the role of the newly created Second Vice District Governor. It is anticipated information will be forthcoming from LCI to describe the intent and duties of the office.
- During the past few weeks, an e-mail has been received by several in attendance that requested districts, and possibly multiple districts, hold on new appointments (3-year terms) for MERL teams. A review of the MERL team process is apparently being conducted by LCI.
- Proposed provision in the constitution to not allow the Council Chair to be voting member of the MD5 Council.
- Extensive discussion took place on the LCI provision that “no more than one-half of the council of a multiple district can be past district governors”. Current Multiple District 5 practice has been to select the Council Chair, and representatives from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan from among Immediate Past District Governors. Beginning on July 1, 2010, the council will consist of six District Governors, there appears to be a problem with the current structure. Several options were considered, ranging from: a.) ignore the LCI rule during the “transition period”; b.) elect three Immediate Past District Governors to fill the positions of Council Chair and the three standing committees (which would require the Council Chair to assume be a committee chair in addition to Council Chair duties); c.) Change the committee structure and combine three committee responsibility into two; 4.) Make the office of Council Chair a non-voting member of the Council.
- The above issues will be brought to the appropriate standing committee by IPDG Gifford for further discussion before presentation to the MD5 Council of Governors for approval. Upon approval by the Council, the proposed revisions to the MD5 Constitution will be advertised and presented to delegates at the 2010 MD5 Convention in Saskatoon for ratification.

*“Lions tracking towards the future in Saskatoon...”*



**2010 MD 5 Lions Convention Agenda  
June 3, 4 & 5, 2010 ~ Travelodge Saskatoon**

**Thursday, June 3, 2010**

**07:00K (7:00 AM) - 13:00K (1:00 pm) - Golf at Moon Lake Golf Course**

**12:00K (noon)—21:00K (9:00 pm) - Registration Opens - Galaxy Lobby**

**14:00K—17:00K (2:00 pm—5:00 pm) – Council of Governors Meeting**

**17:30K (5:30pm) – PDG Supper @ Smiley’s**

**1955k (7:55pm) Welcome/House rules: PDG Lion John Boersma**

**8:00pm—11:00 pm – ICE BREAKER {Railroaders and Hobos Welcome}  
Costumes strongly suggested but not required...**





**Friday, June 4, 2010**

**0700k (7:00am) to 0800k (8:00am) - Breakfast**

**0755k (7:55am) - House Rules - PDG Lion John Boersma**

**07:00k - 11:30k (7:00am - 11:30am) - Registration Desk open**

**08:00k (8:00 am) – Opening, Parade of Flags PID Lion Garnet Davis**

**0915k (9:15am) to 1015k (10:15am) - Business Session  
Council Chairperson Lion Dwayne Zwinger**

**10:15k - 10:30k(10:15 am - 10:30 am) - Coffee Break**

**10:30k - 11:35k (10:30am - 11:35am) Speaker Lion Tom Armstrong**

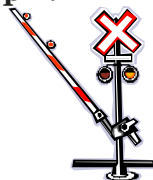
**11:40k - 12:00k(11:40 am- 12:00 pm)- “We Remember”**

**12:00k(noon) - Lunch Buffet, MC Past Council Chair Lion Mike Brand  
Special Guests  
Senior Counselor Awards  
Deadwood 2011 MD5 Convention Presentation**

**“FREE TIME” following Deadwood Presentation until 1700k**

**13:45k (1:45pm) - Council of Governors Meeting**

**17:00k - 22:00k (5:00pm - 10:00 pm)—Hobos/ railroaders Costume Party at  
the Saskatoon Zoo - Supper complete with a Zoo Train Ride Tour & Slideshow of our  
Lions zoo project - Music by the “Lions Sound Machine”. Buses will departing the Hotel at  
5:00 pm and will return starting at 9:30pm.**





**Saturday, June 5, 2010**



**0700k-0930k (7:00am-9:30am) - Registration open**  
**0700k-0900k (7:00am-9:00am) - Delegate Certification**  
**0700k-0830k (7:00am-8:30am) – Districts Breakfast**  
**0830k-0915k (8:30am-9:15am) Committee Meetings**  
**1. Constitution & bylaws, 2. Youth Exchange 3. Convention Contest 4. Credentials**  
**0910k (9:15am) - House Rules - Lion PDG John Boersma**  
**0915-1015k (9:15am-10:15am) - Ross Welford, Toastmasters**  
**1015k (10:15am) - Coffee Break**  
**1030k-1130k (10:30am-11:30am) ID Lion Debra Wasserman**  
**1200k (noon) - “Red Jacket Ceremony Luncheon”**  
**~ PCC Lion Leo Grossman**  
**~DGE Doug Reid 5SKN**  
**~DGE Robert Hill 5SKS**  
**~DGE Robert Littlefield 5NE**  
**~DGE Bev Charles 5NW**  
**~DGE Al Adrian 5SE**  
**~DGE Larry Burkhead 5SW**  
**1400k (2pm) to 1515k (3:15pm) - Educational Presentations**  
**1515k(3:15pm) - Final Business Session**  
**Pre Banquet Reception 1745k Governors Banquet: 1830k**



**“All Aboard”**