

Minutes of Multiple District 5 – Council of Governors Meeting November 20, 2009

Introduction of the whole Council, partners and guests were done and a short review of the weekend activities were given. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by CC Duane Zwinger with the following members present: PID Bruce Schwartz, PID Davis, PID Hansen, PID Gary Fry, CC Zwinger, PCC Bob Moore, PDG D. Phillips, PCC Leo Grossman, PDG Andrew, PDG Joe Andrew, PDG Pretli, PDG Ray Schley, PDG Wollenburg, PDG Joan Moore, Maureen –Pockett, Rick Pockett, Wayne Phillips, VG Hildebrand, VG Becker, VG Vannett, VG Reid, VG Charles, VG Adrian, VG Hill, VG Littlefield, VG Burkhead, 2VG Schley, 2VG Johnson, 2VG Gibson, DG Vannett, DG Scheller, DG Madill, DG Westlund, DG Grimmond, DG Waldron, DG Ruff, DG Ewles, DG Cook unable to attend due to sickness.

Opening Remarks:

CC Zwinger welcomed the Council. He expressed that the Agenda would be followed closely as possible, however, some changes would be made due to request of some members required to meet other commitments. He also advised that the VGs were hard at work already under the steady guidance of their trainer PCC Leo Grossman. Introductions followed of special guests, PID Lion Gary Fry, GMT, and remainder of Council members. Following introductions CC Duane thanked all for the great work they are doing leading to some very wonderful experiences: we started out in a transition state and moved from there through redistricting and that was now complete; working with the MERLE Team and mentors and that was now under way; working on getting 2nd vice Governors and that is now also under way. CC Duane stated that he and his wife, Maryanne had the pleasure of attending District and State conventions and they just attended the joint 5CW and 5CE Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan where the new District 5SKS was formed. A week later they attended the North Dakota State Convention where redistricting saw the forming of 5NE and 5NW. A great convention and Mandan put on a great convention. There are a number of items that have to be worked on, however, by working together they will be ironed out. Hospitality showed at both conventions was great and they enjoyed themselves.

When in Regina at their convention he attended to a booth dealing with LCIF. Picked up materials dealing with the amount of money LCIF has disbursed in our MD5. Breakdown of Districts as to the amount of money disbursed – grand total \$1.5 million dollars given to our Multiple District since 1975.

Additions to Agenda:

1. PIDs Bruce and Garnet to report on LCIF
2. Council Chairman election procedure
3. Global Youth Musical Contest
4. Senior Council Awards.

Correspondence:

- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Edam/Vawn and District Lions Club, 5CN
- From LCI regarding cancelled charter of Lake Andes Lions Club, 5SW
- From LCI regarding a notice of application from the Senior Lions Leadership Institute to be held November 12 – 15, 2009
- From LCI sending congratulations to the Saskatoon Lions Band receiving 2nd place and \$324.00 at the Minneapolis Convention in the Precision Demonstration Unit Contest.

- Thank you note from the Saskatoon Lions Community Band for our financial support and assistance and they were proud to represent us.
- From LCI regarding MERLE Team Coordinator application of PID Garnet Davis
- From MD2009 Minot Convention an additional refund of \$287.36
- From PDG George Pretli his completed application for Youth Exchange Chair for 2010 – 2013.
- From LCI regarding the MD5 Leadership position. Was a cc from LCI? Who it went to is unknown.
- From LCI information regarding the upcoming Australia Convention 2010.

Saskatoon – MD5 Convention Report- Lion Wayne Choponis

Lion Wayne reported that the Saskatoon MD5 Convention is set for June 3, 4, 5th, and 2010 with the theme being “Tracking to the Future”.

-railroad theme Friday night being a “Hobo Night, co-chairman is an ex railroad man – Tom Armstrong
 - bring your old clothes to wear, at the end of the night just leave them and let the Travelodge have them.

- Programs with three main speakers outlined, budget for the weekend and copies of the registration
 - need to get new Lions out, get the grass roots Lions out.

- committed for 200 room nights at the Travelodge and if number is not reached we will be charged a fee shortage on rooms and same will apply to meals. Target 250 registrations and hopefully we can reach three hundred.

- Day 1- Convention to start with golfing, Texas Scramble - \$65.00 a golfer, include green fees and cart.

- Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Council of Governors set for 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by PDG Banquet at Smiley’s.

-Ice breaker is set from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Travelodge with the “Hobo Night Theme”.

- Day 2 start with 7:00 a.m. Breakfast, followed by registration.

- Opening with a parade of flags with the Business session to follow at 8:30 a.m.

Three main speakers to follow and delegates in for a treat.

Following this will be a session “We Remember” will be in place of the Necrology Service.

Lunch and Senior Councillor Awards. Presentations in the afternoon.

Following this we go to the Saskatoon Zoo for Supper.

Day 3 Breakfast with State Breakfasts, Committee meetings, Featured Speaker.

Red Jacket ceremony followed by Council of Governors second meeting. Final Business session set for 3:00 p.m. Banquet set for 5:45 p.m.

Budget – a break-down of meals available, \$32,000.00 required for meals, allowed \$35,000.00 for administration, speakers. Factoring in all costs after income leaves a projected loss of \$1,700.00 No way can we repeat what Minot Convention did and we require an additional \$2,000.00 for the Convention.

Motion by DG Kevin Vannett that we advance \$2,000.00 (US) to the Convention Committee to cover additional costs. Seconded by DG Gladi Andrew. No discussions. Carried.

MD5 Convention 2015:

The Fargo Lions Club is pleased to submit a bid to host the 2015 MD5 Lions Club Convention in Fargo, North Dakota. Lion Robert Littlefield will be the contact person for the convention planning committee. The convention is scheduled to be May 28, 29, 30, and 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center. The Expressway Suites will provide overflow housing. Room rates for the Hilton Garden Inn were confirmed at \$114.00 a night and the Expressway Inn at \$89.95 a night. All rooms for meetings, breakfasts and banquets have been confirmed and all is a go for 2015. We are the only group at the Hotel for the weekend and we have been advised that all will be looked after by the staff. Programs are being planned and looking at some news and different programs for those in attendance.

Side note - A Bus from Fargo to Saskatoon is booked and we are looking for Lions wishing to go to the MD5 Convention they are encouraged to book a seat on the bus. The bus will cover the state and go up through Minot into Canada and stop for lunch at Lion Marvin and then proceed to Saskatoon. It is a one day trip. You will get into Saskatoon at night, time for a sleep and get up for a round of golf the following morning. The trip will cost \$150.00 per person.

Motion to accept the bid from the Fargo Lions Club for the 2015 MD5 Convention moved by PDG Craig and seconded by DG Kevin. Carried.

Redistricting:

PCC Lion Leo reported that the process is going on and that the Governors can report on what is going on within their respective District as he has no formal reports available. A large amount of work is required by the Council for next year as there are some serious implications and consequences as this group will be smaller next year. Question will the group be large enough to run our Multiple? What are the Council's finances for this year's 2nd Vice Governors next year when they become 1st Vice Governors as they will not be coming to Minot on a regular basis for training yet we have to keep them involved in what is going on?

CC Duane echoed the concerns of PCC Lion Leo advising that there is a considerable amount of work required and the Bylaws of the Multiple have to be addressed and amended and should be ready for the March meeting. The Council will have to look at them and have them ready for the membership in June to be voted on.

PID Lion Bruce advised that going along with the redistricting he requires the dates and locations of conventions for all the Districts for the 2011 year in order to arrange for speakers for these events.

2009 Financial Statement:

Copy of statement included in your folder. Statement show all revenues and expenses to date.

Motion of approval of statement moved by DG Ruff and seconded by DG Waldron. Carried.

Minutes of August meeting:

Not included in materials sent out to you, but you were asked to bring them with you. Any questions presented, therefore, they are approved as presented.

LOFY Report – - Lion Maureen =Pockett

Report presented and copy of report attached. However before Lion Maureen gives her report we would like to address the Global Music Contest and Maureen will also speak on it.

This year there is a special contest introduced – The Global Music Contest” for musicians with PID Lion Garnet being the coordinator for Canada. There will be one winner from each country – USA – Canada. Each Multi District will have one winner, however, with MD5 representing the USA and Canada.

Therefore we can have one winner from the USA and one from Canada. Because of the late date of the contest being announced the contestants will have to be entered on” U Tube” and they will be judged on their submission. The contestants will be required to play three different pieces of music on their audition. The audition must be completed by the end of January 2010. The instrument of choice will be the violin and the contest will be concluded in Sydney, Australia at the International Convention. PID Garnet will be the Canadian coordinator and has put a plan into place where one Canadian winner will be determined and he advised that the Americans have done also. \$100.00 fee will be charged to each District in Canada in order to have a prize for the overall winner and although not confirmed he is of the belief that the Americans have done this also. The USA winner and the Canadian winner would get an all expense paid trip to the International Convention in Sydney, Australia and they would then compete for the overall winner.

Peace Poster contest – Peace Posters are to be turned in this weekend and there has been a problem as one District’s submissions the posters have been too small. We must get the information out to everyone that the directions must be followed. All the posters will be taken back to Regina where they will be judged and a winner will be declared. Everyone will be advised as to who the winner is and the winning peace poster will be forwarded on to the next stage.

MD5 Pin Chairperson Report –PDG Lion Joan Moore.

Report filed with Council Secretary. No word received if the submission for the Seattle pin, 2011 was accepted. A check of the August minutes failed to show any record of the pin acceptance or rejection. Motion moved by DG Kevin that the submission of the pin design be accepted and seconded by DG Gordon. Carried. 2012 for Korea pin design drawn up – 2 designed presented. Design being passed around to the members to see which design is to be accepted.

MD5 Youth Exchange Report – PDG Lion George Pretli – Chairman.

Report filed. Final report submitted for the 2009 Lions Youth Camp in Deadwood, South Dakota. After all expenses paid a cheque for \$324.00 is being returned to the Council. 2010 Youth Camp is well under way and planning is continuing. The site for the 2011 Youth Camp has been selected - Wesley Acres located near Valley City, North Dakota. The contract has been signed and a \$500.00 deposit made. PDG Lion Katherine Tweed will be the contact person. Motion made by DG Kevin that we accept the bid from Wesley Acres as the 2011 site for the 2011 Lions Youth Camp and seconded by DG Ron . Carried.

CC Duane reported that he took upon himself that he nominated PDG Lion George Pretli for the Outstanding Youth Exchange Chairman’s Award for his work he has done in the Youth Exchange Program. Recipients will be named at the March Directors Meeting LCI.

Public Relations Grant - CC Lion Duane Zwinger

The public relations aspect has been spearheaded by PDG Gladi and as a result the Multiple District has been awarded with a \$10,000.00 Grant. This is the first part of a \$20,000.00 Grant. The Grant is a result of the information submitted by the District Governors. The Saskatchewan Governors got together and submitted one application while other 5 District Governors did not submit a collective application and they are working on their own. Our President is pushing this aspect of Lionism and in the Lions Magazine, October issue, there is an article by him dealing with this and is entitled "Lions In Sight". What he wants during the last two weeks of January, 2010, is something that really promotes Lions. The way of promoting can be done in any way; Clubs can produce a brochure explaining Lions and what they are doing. Get out and tell the public what Lions are doing. Set up a booth at a public function and tell the people what Lions are doing within the community. District Governors please remember when you are doing anything, get pictures, write-ups and document everything that is being done. A report will have to be submitted once your project is completed. The Grant will be evenly shared between all the Districts (Approx. \$2,200.00 per District). Districts will be reimbursed for their expenses, spend before you receive.

Mentor Report – PID Lion Garnet Davis

PID Garnet advised that he will combine his report, Mentor and Merle Report. We are still in the transition stages. While at Memphis at the Canada/USA Forum he attended the Merle session along with PCC Lion Gordon Ziegler. Approximately 100 delegates attended the Merle session; Garnet was there as a coordinator and Gordon was there in the leadership aspect. They were divided into groups and it was difficult to put plans together with two of the four members of the team there. This was the problem with other groups also as they were in the same position. Some of the groups had all four members present and they were able to function properly. It is very important to realize that we are still in the transition process. In the Multiple we have not labelled our members as being responsible for Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership. We have not instructed our Mentors how to operate as Merle people and operate as a Team. There is a lot of work to be done and we have to teach our Mentors to operate as Merle people. We do not have Merle people to take on the position to act as a team. Not sure what has to be done as many of these people were only named to the positions last year. Our budget that was submitted last meeting asked that the Mentors, Merle people to attend the next Council meeting and they will be at the next Council meeting and Garnet will be sitting down with these people and talk to them about selected things that need to be talked about. How do we appoint or who appoints Mentor and Merle people? What term of office, Merle people are normally for a three year term, is that enough for us? Going to discuss how do we operate as a Team? Looking at all the Merle responsibilities. Have to be experts in all things. How do we evaluate the performance of the Merle, Mentors?

We are going to be in a transition state for a few more meetings and there are many questions to be answered.

2nd Vice Governors – training - this will have to be reworked. They will come to the August meeting and work with the Merle training. They won't have to come to the March meeting as they will be getting their training materials from LCI. They will then come to the June meeting, so they will be at two meetings. Newly elected 2nd Vice Governors – they will be attending the sessions next year.

The questions of 2nd Vice Governor training will have to be looked at and put into writing as what is required.

Position of District Governors for Council Chairman. If you, District Governors, are interested in the position you are to indicate to Council Secretary/Treasurer your intentions between February 4 – 19, 2010. Constitution states that intention must be between 30 – 45 days before the March meeting. Who votes, 9 sitting Governors, 9 - 1st Vice Governors, 3 District Representatives, Council Chairman. This will be the last item on the March Agenda.

Senior Councillor Awards - Check with the person in your District to see if they are still active in Lionism. If they are they are eligible for the award. After checking please advise Council Secretary/Treasurer.

MD5 Convention 2016 – Host City to be in Saskatchewan.

In 2016 the Host City will be in Saskatchewan. Application to be presented at the Saskatoon Convention.

2010 – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; 2011 – (Rapid City) Deadwood, South Dakota; 2012 –Bismarck; 2013 – Yorkton, Saskatchewan; 2014 – Watertown, South Dakota; 2015 – Fargo, North Dakota; 2016 - ???, Saskatchewan.

PID Lion Gary Fry:

Presented a questionnaire to the District Governors to complete for the GMT session tomorrow morning.

Advised that LCI is under attack from India stating North America is not doing a proper job in respect to membership. The Governors are not performing their duties in respect to membership growth and he requires the quarterly reports from the Governors in order to refute the claims they have put forward. India has purchased land in order to move the headquarters from North America to India. North America, United States and Canada, only have about 30 – 35% of the membership while membership is growing in that part of the world. Board of Directors are dropping for North America, 17 – 13 members, and we have to show that we are doing something to change the pattern and there is a growth, thereby refuting the claim of India.

Adjourn to First Committee meetings.

PCC Lion Dale Ekstrom not here today - Long Range Planning

PDG Lion Joe Harris to sit in for PDG Lion Ken Gifford – Organization & Finance Committee

Council of Governors meeting adjourned to 8:00 a.m. November 21, 2009.