

Minutes of Multiple District 5 – Council of Governors Meeting November 16, 2007

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 pm by CC L. Grossman with the following members present: CS/T PCC Brand, PID Schwartz, PID Davis, PID Hansen, PCC Ziegler, PDG Thueson, PDG Pretli, PDG Mitchell, PDG Kaus, PDG Bachmier, PDG Schafer, DG Froemming, DG Tinker, DG Dobbs, DG Harris, DG Mahussier, DG Phillips, DG Sholter, DG Marlette, DG Steinley, VDG P. Trotter, VDG K. Gifford, VDG D. Zwinger, VDG C. Iversen, VDG C. Wollenburg, VDG L. Olver, VDG G. Gilbertson, VDG G. Andrew, VDG Goertzen , PDG Tweed, PCC R. Moore, PDG J. Moore, PDG K. Berger, PDG E. Berger and PID Moody

Additions to the Agenda:

A motion by DG Marlette, seconded by DG Froemming to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Correspondence

1. Email from LCI “Contact us” Wall Lions Club, 5SW (referred to DG Harris)
2. Web site—John Witherspoon, MD5 Website master is sick at this time, our prayers go out to him.
3. The 30th Lions Day at the United Nations in New York is Friday, March 14, 2008
4. PDG Ron Munro is taking cancer treatments, he will email district governors on the quantity of Minneapolis trading pins they want. Lion Ron indicated he will not be taking a second term as Pin Chair in 2009.
5. **5CA Convention will be held March 14 and 15, 2008 in Nipawin, Saskatchewan with guest speaker being PID John Rabideau of Churchville, New York.**

Financial Statement, October 31, 2007

Secretary Brand went over the statement with the council. A motion by DG Dobbs, seconded by DG Phillips to approve the financial statement and place on file. **Motion carried.**

Approval of August 17 and 18, 2007 Minutes

A motion by DG Sholter, seconded by DG Steinley to approve the minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

A moment of silence was observed by the Council for Past Youth Exchange Chairman, Lion Wayne Wiseman who passed away. A great Lion will be missed.

2007---USA/Canada Forum

- 45 delegates from MD5 attended the forum in Grand Rapids

- Half of the attendees present at the Grand Rapids pre –registered for next Forum in Saskatoon
- At this time there are 1300 registered for the Saskatoon Forum
- There were 325 first time Forum goers at Grand Rapids

MD5 Youth Exchange- (Caronport, Sask) Camp 2007—PDG Kaus

Camp Chairperson Ellen Berger gave the Final Report to the Council (report attached)

North Dakota—Host of the MD5 Youth Exchange—Medora Camp

The 2008 MD 5 Youth Exchange camp will be called the Lions Badlands Experience and will be located at the Badlands Ministries Bible Camp located in Medora, North Dakota. The dates of the camp will be June 29 until July 5, 2008 with hosting opportunities both before and after the camp. Those international youth being hosted in SK will be encouraged to come directly to the camp and be hosted afterwards due to the realities of SK school finishing on June 27. The camp fees will be \$250 US with refunds available up to 60 days before the camp, prorated until 30 days before, with no refund available 30 days or less before the camp. There will be a deadline of March 31 for applications- especially affecting the international community allowing time for fund clearance and host family placing.

The camp will be an active camp with hiking, swimming, and tubing on the Little Missouri River among the activities. We are anticipating a trail ride with also some service related activities and team building games to round out the camp experience. There will be a day in Medora, and a day in Dickinson with a water park and Dinosaur Museum. As there is no Cell service, cell phones will not be needed and we will encourage our campers to leave them with the staff or at the host families.

The camp has been relocating to a new campus just upriver from the old site. There is a new dining/meeting facility that will be our center for meals and day gathering. The shower/bath/toilet facilities are being built this fall. There are already new tent platforms built with canvas cover over a wooden deck and rail structure that will each house 6 people. There are five small cabins with a sleep count of 6 that MAY be moved by next summer, but as of now, I am not counting on it. There is a sophisticated high ropes course on site as well as several hiking trails plus the opportunity of river swimming. The Badlands Ministries will have held camp on site from early June so I anticipate that any "bugs" in their new facilities will be worked out. Due to the newness of this facility, there will be several service projects that we will be looking at: there are several dozen picnic tables that will need refinishing, as well as lots of trees that have been partially cleared for the new buildings. I am anticipating a couple of campfires, and would like to see us "kill two birds with one stone" if we can help clean up the site and develop a stockpile of wood for our fires. Quite clearly the work at the new campus is ongoing and several of our member churches have had work days up there, so what is available in 2008 may be less than I saw when I was last on site 4 weeks ago. It is nonetheless my goals to have our youth participate in some service work to get some flavor of the Lions motto "WE SERVE".

Traditionally, youth camp has begun with making dream catchers or some other similar craft, and a great deal of sitting around time. I hope to keep that to a minimum and expect that I may well hear the complaint "more free time", but anticipate there will be fewer boredom complaints if we can keep the kids busy. The Badlands Ministries has a number of team building activities that I plan to incorporate into our camp. These are games that involve cooperation more than

competition recognizing that we will have a broad scope of skills at our camp, but everyone should be able to benefit from a non-competitive group activity. We will try to keep the camp light and fun while providing an environment that is both challenging and safe. The camp has a bus which will be used for travel, and several of the staff are EMT certified for Medical emergencies. The camp is located some 4 miles out of Medora and there are ambulance personnel and equipment that could be dispatched should the need arise. The Badlands Ministries Activities Director will be with us all week long as will several of her full time counselors, so I anticipate that with our Lion Counselors we should have a good mix of both age and experience to guide our youth through the week.

We will be having two days off site. One will be a day in Medora to visit the Chateau de Mores and the Cowboy Hall of Fame as well as the neat downtown Medora. We will most probably have a meal sponsored by some area Lions in the Park that day and finish with the Musical. The other day will be in Dickinson where we will be visiting the Dinosaur Museum as well as the excellent Rec Center and Water Park. There will also be a time at the mall in Dickinson- unless we run out of time!!! I anticipate a week that the campers will remember for the rest of their lives, and it is my hope that they will not only have fun but also take away some ideas of what Lionism is all about.

I will be the camp coordinator (email whitneys@ndsupernet.com) , PDG Herman Shafer will be my registrar (email hsg25+1@riverjordan.com) and PDG Kevin Vannett will be my treasurer (email kvannett@bis.midco.net). As of this writing, I do not have a person set up as my host family coordinator, but am working on this as this report is being written. We are all in the ND Directory and welcome your input.

MD5 Youth Exchange Camp fees—PDG Pretli

On reviewing the existing structure of Youth Exchange, I found that nothing has been put in place to assist the respective Districts in financing the Youth Camp. A \$250.00 fee (40 x 250 = \$10,000) is charged to the youth attending the Camp and when looking at this I found it covered the rent of the camp for the week (\$25.00 x 40 x 6 = \$6,000.00) that camp is held leaving a small amount for other expenses.

Another major cost is in the feeding of the youth and the camp counselors which appears to be on the increase each year (i.e. \$26.00 per person x 40 x 6 = \$6,200.00). Cost of the camp is always increasing mainly due to the camp owners raising rates to cover existing costs in operation of the camp. On speaking with one of the camp owners they advised that their costs increase by 5 – 10% each year. To meet all the operating expenses, cost of living and maintain a profit margin they are forced to pass the expenses onto the people renting the camp. **Please note incidental expenses i.e. transportation, renting of additional equipment; entertainment is not included in above noted costs.

A review of some of the past camps found that the income from the fee charged did not come anywhere close to cover the overall cost of the Camp. Here is an example from previous camps: (figures in brackets shows amount that was raised above fees)

2003 Black Hills-SD	Income \$8,000.00	Total Expense \$ 11,515.00	(3,500.00)
2004 Fort Qu'Appelle	Income \$8,000.00	Total Expense \$ 18,230.00	(10,230.00)
2005 North Dakota	Income \$8,000.00	Total Expense \$ 13,200.00	(5,200.00)
2006 Volga, S. Dak	Income \$21,524.52	Total Expenses \$20,911.89	(\$806.81)
2007 Caronport --SK	Income \$20,156.33	Total Expense \$18,557.71	(1,173.62)

In each case the fees were augmented by the exchange rate of the US dollar to Canadian, which increased the income side of the ledger, however, with the Canadian and US dollar being near par or at par the extra income is no longer there. Also, in each case the Lions have come through and made donations when called on and all costs have been met.

In an attempt to avoid this forever going to the Lions Clubs requesting funding, it is felt that possibly an assessment of \$1.00 per member (approx. 10,500 members in MD5) be levied with the MD5 dues and this fund designated to Youth Exchange and made available to the Host Club each year to assist in covering the cost of the Camp. Presently South Dakota Districts each host the Youth Camp once every 6 years, North Dakota Districts once each 9 years and Saskatchewan Districts once each 12 years. In some cases, especially South Dakota, it is getting difficult to find a Host Camp due to the frequency of the Camps. This is a lesser problem for North Dakota and Saskatchewan because there are more Districts to work with.

It is being requested that the Council of Governors and the Long Range Planning Committee review this request and make the necessary arrangements for this to go to the membership at Sioux Falls for the MD5 Convention to be voted on. If approved, I believe it will be a great asset for the Host District in planning and operating the Youth Camp.

A motion by PDG Kaus, seconded by DG Sholter to accept the reports presented by 2007 Camp Chair and the report given on the 2008 Camp to be held in Medora, North Dakota.

Motion carried.

Commemorative Helen Keller Pins

CC Grossman brought to the attention of the Council-- a Helen Keller Pin. This is a special project by a Group of Lions Honoring the 20th Anniversary of women joining Lionism. There are two pins to choose from Gold and Silver. CC Grossman stated that he would like to have an order before the weekend if your District would like some of the pins.

Sioux Falls Convention --June 5-7, 2008

Registration—Canadian will be on par with US Funds

\$115.00 up to May 1st

\$125.00 after May 1st.

\$135.00 at the Convention.

Golf will cost \$40.00 plus a half of cart.

There will be more information on MD5 Web site

The question was asked—What other events could we schedule for the family?

The statement of the Necrology at 4 pm was too early and to think about it.

More information can also be found at Web--- sdlions.net

Lions Opportunity For Youth (LOFY)

PDG Thueson is in his final year as chairman for LOFY. MD5 is advertising the three- year position (July, 2008 to June, 2011) in the upcoming papers of MD5. Applications were handed out to the District Governors asking them for recommendations. The job description is outlined in the new MD5 Policy Manual for those interested.

MERL Team Discussion

Comments made by individual district governors:

- Waste of time—the multiple district MERL team is a waste of time and there is no interest amongst district clubs
- No request for assistance of MD5 MERL Team
- The MERL Team is working on the district level
- More than one governor expressed being excited with the new LCI Extension workshop
- Need to coordinate the new Extension workshop with LCI
- Be careful on raising dues, could loose clubs
- District MERL Team can help clubs in need
- District MERL Team has to set obtainable goals
- MERL Team in Multiple District not a lot of need
- If the MD5 Team is needed, the district can contact them
- At this time, MD5 membership records show that 243 new Lions (70-ND, 123-SD, and 50-SK)
- Records show 32 deceased Lions at this time
- 315 members dropped at this time
- Retention is our main problem (resigned in good standing???)
- A 12 minute CD on “How to Orientate the new Lion Member”---Author PDG Ray Schley
- Show the CD at the March council meeting and copies will be available to purchase
- At this point in time, no district has asked for any assistance from the MERL Team—Do we need a MERL Team?
- SE and SW have had Leadership Workshops put on by LCI and have been very successful
- Retention Survey/Exit Survey is being developed by one district
- Membership Chair—PDG W. Mitchell expressed to the District Governors and Vice District Governors to email the MERL Team as to what do they want from the Team.

Remaining ---- 2007-2008 Meeting Dates

March 28-29, 2008 ----- Minot, ND

June 5 & 7, 2008 ----Sioux Falls, SD

The meeting recessed and individuals broke into committee meetings.

REPORTS

A Lions Prairie Adventure Camp July 15-21,2007 Caronport, Sask.

On July 15, 41 youth arrived at Caronport, Sask. (approx. 15 miles west of Moose Jaw) for a week of fun, making friendships, experiencing a prairie culture and seeing what 5-CW Lions District had to offer in tours, activities and a little of Lionism.

All districts in MD 5 participated in the camp, with donations, hosting youth, or having youth go to camp .The youth camp from 16 different countries which included Hong Kong, Turkey, Israel, Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Norway, Finland, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, U.S.A.,and Canada.

Activities for the week included making Dream Catchers, camp fires, soccer, ball, ping pong, fuz ball, swimming, a tour of Moose Jaw tunnels, a tour of the RCMP Heritage Centre, RCMP grounds and the RCMP Sun Set Ceremony, a tour of 15 Wing Moose Jaw (Air Base), a wagon trail ride to Besant Park, Karaoke, a dance, and free time to mix with the group, The youth from each country each sang their own National Anthem, as well as, talking about their own country. Other highlights of the week were the opening and closing ceremonies with all of the flags. We also toured the Saskatchewan Legislature building.

Lion Wayne McGregor and Lion Richard Eberts had the youth do mixers and energizers to start the week off. Eston '95 Lions helped with the craft of making Dream Catchers. Eston'95 Lions also supplied the youth with a week supply of "snack foods". Moose Jaw Early Bird Lions supplied us with a B-B-Q supper in lieu of a cash donation to camp from their club. Amy Ofstie was our photographer, she is donating the pictures to the camp free of charge, and we will pay to have these pictures mailed to all of the youth. A thank-you to the Regina Lakeside Lions for the Pizza.

Camp Councelors for the week included Lion Don Hennies, 5 SE, Lion Mike Sprenger 5SW, Lion Chuck Whitney 5 NW, Lion Marion Johnson 5 NC, Lion Maureen Pockett 5 CE (also our Camp nurse) , April Silzer 5 CW, Lion John Weibe (also our bus driver), and myself Lion Ellen Berger.

A great thank-you to the clubs and districts who supported the camp with donations, to all the coucelors, and to the Camp committee Lion June Hintze, Lion Thersa Japp, Lion Bob McKenty, Lion Elvin Sorsensen, and Lion Grace Sorensen who all put in many hours of work. Also thank-you to the districts who found host families, and to the host families who hosted the campers themselves, we had a great week, even if it was very hot weather. Thank-you.

Ellen Berger Camp Co-coordinator

A Financial Statement A Lions Prairie Adventure Camp 2007

Income

Clubs in 5 CW	\$ 7100
North Dakota	\$ 1850
MD 5 Advance	\$ 549
Camp Fees & Exchange	\$ 10657.33

Total.....\$ 20156.33

Expenses

Bank (including our cheques) ...\$ 50.50
Meals, & Rooms Caronport.....\$10708.66
Activities.....\$2117.46
Office.....\$419.20
Misc.....\$ 662.03
Advance.....\$549.00
T-Shirts..... \$472.86
Bus.....\$3118.00
Karaoke.....\$400.00
CD's.....\$60.00
Total..... \$18557.71

Held back repayment to Peru,
And postage for pictures\$425.00

Expenses.....\$ 18557.71
Money held back.....\$ 425.00
Cheque MD 5\$1173.62
Total.....\$ 20156.33

List of Donations to Camp

Clubs in 5- CW 30 out of 43 clubs donated to the Camp

Leader River Hills.Lions.....\$200.00
Swift Current.Lions.....\$400.00
Rosetown.Lions..... \$220.00

Gravelbourg Prairie Pride.Lions.....	\$220.00
Tugaske.Lions.....	\$130.00
Mantario..Lions.....	\$60.00
Gravelbourg Lions.....	\$300.00
Moose Jaw Lions.....	\$350.00
Riverhurst..Lions.....	\$260.00
Central Butte..Lions.....	\$180.00
Richmound..Lions.....	\$400.00
Eston'95..Lions.....	\$500.00
Chaplin. Lions.....	\$100.00
Hazlet...Lions.....	\$160.00
Climax. Lions.....	\$250.00
Burstall. Lions.....	\$230.00
Ponteix. Lions.....	\$200.00
Dodsland..Lions.....	\$280.00
Bateman.Lions.....	\$120.00
Eatonia...Lions.....	\$350.00
Tompkins.Lions.....	\$200.00
Cabri Lions.....	\$410.00
Herbert. Lions.....	\$200.00
Eston. Lions.....	\$250.00
Craik. Lions.....	\$170
Glen Bain Lions.....	\$110.00
Lafleche Lions.....	\$200.00
Lacadena.Lions.....	\$270.00
Loreburn Lions	\$200.00
Wiseton...Lions.....	\$180
Total.....	\$7100

Other Clubs & Districts

Bismark Prairie Rose Lions...\$	50.00
District 5NC.....	\$ 100.00
Lions Foundation of North Dakota	\$ 1000.00
Valley City Lions.....	\$ 100.00
Emeraldo Arvilla Lions	\$500.00
Grand Forks Lions.....	\$100.00
Total.....	\$1850
Advance from MD 5	\$549.00

Proposed Budget for 2007 Camp

Meals and snacks at Caronport	\$5588.00
Rooms (\$ 22 x 25) 6 days	\$3300.00
Linens 50 x \$ 11.00	\$550.00
Craft Room \$ 75x 6 days	\$375.00
Buses	\$3000.00
T-Shirts 50	\$852.00

RCMP Museum charges	\$450.00
Swimming	\$200.00
Moose Jaw Tunnels	\$710.00
Horses & Wagons Trail Ride	\$650.00
Bottled water, away trips	\$530.00
Postage	\$300.00
Craft Supplies	\$400.00
Bug Spray	\$150.00
Camp Fires	\$60.00
Misc.	\$300.00
Wednesday noon lunch	\$600.00
BBQ Supper	\$500.00
Supper at Besant Park	\$600.00
Pictures	\$300.00
Total	\$19415.00
Camp fees 40 x 250 US	\$11500 CDN
Donations from 5-CW Lions Clubs	\$ 8000.00
Total	\$19500.00

There maybe donations of bug spray-Shirts to come.
Large bottles of water and a cooler have been donated for while we are at Caronport.

MD 5 Lions Youth Exchange Report

There was 24 International youth, and 16 - 18 youth from MD 5 attending the camp at Caronport July 15 - 21. Sixteen different countries will be represented by youth at this camp. Some of the planned activities include tours of the Saskatchewan Legislature, a guided tour around Wascana Lake, a tour of the R.C.M.P. Heritage Museum in Regina. Tours of the Moose Jaw Tunnels, a tour of 15 Wing Air Base Moose Jaw, a wagon trail ride , swimming, and making " Dream Catchers ".

There will be Camp Counselors from South Dakota, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan. Twelve--- International Youth will be hosted by families in 5-CW