

District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2019
LeSueur City Hall, LeSueur, MN

Call to Order: DG Diana Kroells called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st VDGE Anna Wickenhauser

Invocation: DGE Brian Thies gave the invocation.

Welcome: DG Diana Kroells welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 31 in attendance, 23 absent, 7 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Diana Kroells established protocol and introduced guests: Lion René Maes (Camp Sweet Life), Lion Duane Kroells, Lion Rose Thies, Lion Don Wickenhauser, Lion Evelyn Grimm, Lion Lisa Kaufman, Lion Bill Bowman.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda PDG Joan Blank; seconded by Lion Gary Koch; **MC.**

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg, seconded by PDG Marvin Grimm, **MC.**

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos presented her report. Motion by Lion Gary Koch and seconded by Lion Shirley Hespenheide to accept the Treasurer's Report. PDG Nancy Mathwig asked a question about Lions Quest and the amount of dollars that exist in that account. Neither co-chair is in attendance. It needs to be discussed in the future, **MC.** Copy of the Balance Sheet of the Treasurer's Report is located at the end of the minutes.

DG Report: DG Diana reported on the COG meetings in March and April. The hot topic was "Privacy Policy". There was a privacy breach reported and one of the DGs was adamantly in favor of establishing a privacy policy for the multiple. A committee was set up which brought a sample policy to the COG in April. PDG Steve was on the committee. There is going to be an opt in or opt out for the online directory. There will no longer be a printed directory and it was suggested that any printed directories out there be shredded. Lion Brian Rykhus mentioned that we need to be cognizant of the fact that being too restrictive on ways to communicate can have a large negative impact on how we, as Lions, operate. PDG Steve will say more on this topic later in his report.

Old Business:

- **2021 MD5M Convention:** IPDG Nancy Mathwig, PID Maynard Rucks – Since the February Cabinet meeting, IPDG Nancy and PID Maynard have met with the Mankato Civic Center staff as well as the Visit Mankato representative to begin the next phase of planning the 2021 MD5M convention. We have begun to receive the contracts for the hotels as well as the Convention Center and will be reviewing them soon. We plan to have the contracts reviewed by the MD5M legal consultant in July, 2019.
 - We discussed the need to have a block of rooms for the DG's, DGE's, etc. at the Hilton Garden Inn and will work on that piece with the hotel once we receive their contract.
 - We will be reviewing the available menus for the venue but will not be able to lock in food prices until early in 2020, due to ever fluctuating food market.
 - We toured the newest portion of the building that we will be utilizing in place of the arena and found it to meet our needs. Maynard has attended meetings/lunches there and commented that conversations were very easy with the greatly improved acoustics. The Civic Center staff has a very quick turn around time and will be able to serve the PDG banquet and turn it around quick enough to set up for our Friday evening social.

To date:

- Convention will be April 30, May 1 & 2, 2021
 - International visitor for the weekend will be Judge Haynes Townsend, who will be International President at that time.
 - Hotels will be Hilton Garden Inn (Headquarters Hotel), City Center Hotel and Courtyard by Marriott.
 - Venue location will be the Mankato Civic Center.
- **Feed My Starving Children:** PDG/GST Sue Bowman – Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children was April 15. Our Lions supported the day with financial donations used to purchase the ingredients to fill the “Manna Packs. Each food pack serves 6 and each pack contains vitamin supplement, dried vegetables, soy powder and rice. Our Chanhassen location had 257 volunteers, packed enough meals to feed 175 kids for one year. Thank you to all the Lions for the donations of time and money. Food changes everything. We can turn hunger into hope with our own two hands! There are FMSC t-shirts available to distribute. Please grab some of the t-shirts for your club members at the end of the meeting to distribute. There are also many buttons left as well. Those funds could be used to pay for more meals.
 - **Jungle Days Task Force:** IPDG Nancy Mathwig – There was a task force to look at how Jungle Days could be organized differently instead of clubs bidding on hosting it. The task force hasn’t met again. Jordaness are hosting Jungle Days 2019.

New Business:

- **Fundraiser for Project New Hope:** PDG Joan Blank – Lion Jack Webster has collected the whole set of bird pins and wants it to be used as a fund raiser for Project New Hope. PDG Joan would like to honor Jack’s wishes to use it for a fundraiser and is looking for some assistance in how to use them. If you have ideas please email her. PID Debra gave the history of the bird pins for the cabinet.
- **MD5M Childhood Cancer Foundation/Parade of Green:** Lion Tom McCarthy – The University Foundation and Children’s Cancer Research Fund have EACH agreed to match Lions contributions during the next Lions fiscal year, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000! Lion Tom McCarthy made a motion to add the **MD5M Lions Children’s Cancer Foundation of Minnesota Inc.** to the Parade of Green, PDG Steve Wasserman seconded. Discussion: Question was asked regarding the Time Frame for the match - July 2019-July 30, 2020. It is not a 501(c)3 yet but there is a work around to use charitable gambling funds. It was suggested that it be wildly publicized on how to do charitable gambling donations. PID Debra Wasserman pointed out that Childhood Cancer is one of the five pillars of LCI so this should definitely be on the Parade of Green. DGE Brian asked a question whether or not Lions Quest could be suspended, separate question. Lion Wanda Breimhorst brought up that it may be hard for clubs to give to more parade of green. PDG Steve Wasserman spoke that 5M2 is a leader in the area of giving. **MC.**
- **Camp Sweet Life Grant:** Lion René Maes – Thanked DG Diana and all clubs for donating to Camp Sweet Life which started with 26 kids and are going to have over 126 kids this year (6 years later). Writing an LCIF Matching Grant whose Mission is to: Enhance and expand Camp Sweet Life and keep the costs down. Fundraising for the match through Lions clubs, businesses, hospitals, etc. Asking for endorsement approval to submit for the LCIF grant, 25% needs to come from Lions Clubs, LCIF will match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. Cost for a camper to attend camp for a week is \$1,100 and campers are charged \$330. The camp will be moving to Camp Courage for the future. They have signed a 5-year lease and numbers can now grow to 350 kids in the future. The housing and medical facilities will be nicer. PDG Mike asked how many grants can be open in the district at one time. PDG Nancy Mathwig made a motion to support the Camp Sweet Life Grant request; seconded by Lion Wanda Breimhorst. Discussion followed. The Grant Funds they are submitting for are for the 2020 Camp Sweet Life. **MC.** Tuesday, August 6th there will be an open house at Camp Sweet Life for clubs. PDG Mary Spille made the motion to allow Lion René to send out letters to clubs to solicit funds to raise

money for Camp Sweet Life, this letter will be sent to PDG Steve Wasserman to distribute. Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg seconded. **MC.**

- **Rezoning 5M2:** DGE Brian Thies – Currently some Zones are very large and some Zones are small. DGE Brian presented a plan drawn out by VDGE Anna and 2nd VDGE Glenn. He handed out a presentation outlining the proposal. The plan is meant to strengthen the districts through reorganization. Balance membership numbers between zones and enhance opportunity for growth. The Regions are Governor's choice so this doesn't impact. Please be pleasant and open minded and take this opportunity to meet members from new clubs.

Zone Reports: DGE Brian Thies

Zone 1: Lion Gary Koch - 264 members down 1 for the year. 7 visits completed. Still trying to reach last 3 clubs. Spring Zone meeting completed on April 29th in Hutchinson with 49 in attendance.

Zone 2: Lion Glenn Kaufman - Zone 2 has a total membership of 538 which is down 5 this year, this is a bounce back from earlier in the year. Several clubs are trying to continue with LCIF reporting but have run into IT issues with the new site. The clubs have been given guidance on how to work with the Help Desk. Hopefully all clubs will be running smoothly again by the end of May. The Spring Zone meeting was held in Waconia and had a good representation of all clubs. All clubs should be wrapping up their inter-club visits in the next two months.

Zone 3: Lion Gerald Ziskovsky- Zone 3 has 8 clubs with a total membership of 374 members, Zone 3 is at a +12 for year so far. The Spring Zone 3 meeting was held on April 22nd at the Ridges of Sand Creek Golf Course in Jordan, the meeting was hosted by the Jordaness Lions Club, we had a total of 67 Lions and cabinet members attend. All 8 clubs were represented and reported on many activities from their clubs. He was given the opportunity to attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute on March 28-31 in Mahanomen, he thanked DG Diana for this great leadership training and the honor to serve as Zone 3 Chair for this year.

Zone 4: Lion Chuck Toltzman – My last report for the year. Looking back over the year I find that I had a lot of fun and now am sad to see it end.

- I have visited all the clubs in my zone except one, St Peter Lions. I don't know if I will ever be able to visit them because of their meeting times and my work schedule.
- It was a great pleasure to visit with the Lafayette Area Lions club on the night that they voted to help their community by donating money for a new ambulance, which will serve the community well for many years.
- Visiting the Courtland Lions I witnessed one of the most memorable member induction ceremonies that I have ever been to, that night they had two new members join.
- At the Nicolette Lions visit, I had the pleasure of meeting and giving a check to a young lady who had entered the write off contest. What a wonderful feeling it is to know that you helped a young student that day and into the future.
- Gibbon Lions was special because I was not expecting to see the number of Lions that were at their meeting. They know that they are the future of Lions in Gibbon and they show it. It was also a pleasure to work with the Gibbon Lions for the spring zone meeting held at the Gibbon Community Center on April 23, 2019. It was a lot of fun with 48 Lions attending. Good job Gibbon Lions and thank you for hosting it.
- The Winthrop Lions are currently working on calendar sales and choosing a scholarship recipient. Also, will be hosting music in the park throughout the summer, with food and drink available.
- While the Zone numbers are down a little this year I believe Zone four is doing great. Zone four started out the year with 256 members, added 10 new members, but lost 14 with an end total of 252 members, down 4. The Zone had a turn in of 4443 recorded Lion hours this year. There are a lot of things happening around the zone throughout the year.

- Finally I would like to thank District Governor Diana for allowing me to be the Zone Chairman for Zone 4 this year. I have had a wonderful time and a great experience, of which I will never forget.
- Thank you to all the Lions in Zone 4 for a wonderful welcome into your clubs, you are all great.

Zone 5: Lion Dar Mondor – Number of members in zone as 4-28-2019: Gain of 11 new members and a loss of 13, giving us a net loss of 2 bringing the total club members to 211 since the cabinet meeting in February, 2019. Spring Zone meeting was hosted by the NYA West Carver Lions club with help from the NYA Lions on Monday, April 8, 2019 at the pavilion in NYA. There were 57 people in attendance and all 7 clubs were represented. Great food, fun and there was lots of comradery between the club members & cabinet members in attendance. All these 7 clubs have been very busy doing many different activities in Feb., Mar., and April. Some of the activities are: **Arlington** – 42nd Fish Fry – served approximately 750 – attendance of 2 members at the Lions Diabetes Research held at the U of M, **Green Isle** – Served monthly free meal to anyone in the community, **Hamburg** – Held annual Spring Bingo – funds raised to help with community projects, **LeSeuer** – Packed 90-95 backpacks monthly for students for the weekend, donated \$100 to Nat'l Child Safety Council, **NYA Lions** – Pancake/omelet breakfast –served 212 people with a profit of approximately \$1,386, **NYA West Carver** – Donated \$150 to a senior in community and \$400 for purchase of wobble chairs and C-pens for area schools.

Zone 6: Lion Doug Larson – no report.

Zone 7: Lion Mary Pegram – Membership total-165

- **Amboy** - 31 members; Auction & upcoming brat stand
- **Eagle Lake** - 27 members; Wristbands for MSU Hockey
- **Lake Crystal** - 42 members; Basketball ushering at MSU; high school scholarships
- **Mankato** - 17 members; Helping Sunrise with wristbands; fundraising breakfast; Pioneer Power
- **Mankato Key City** - 10 members; Pioneer Power food stand
- **Mankato Sunrise** - 28 members; Wristbands at MSU Hockey events; Pioneer Power; Donation to Diabetes Foundation
- **Winnebago** - 10 members; Hosted Zone meeting; Parade of Green donations

Zone 8: Lion Troy Wetzel – 6 clubs with a total membership of 200 members (Inc. of 3) as of 4/28/2019. Net loss of 6 since 7/1/2018.

Recent Club Activities

- Blooming Prairie: No activity recorded.
- Ellendale: Hosted a group from the NRHEG High School administration and school board who briefed them on the upcoming bond election locally and also hosted a group from the Elementary School who briefed them on the Jr. Achievement Program being offered at the school, gave \$100 to help support the costs of a local food share supper.
- New Richland: Held a community pancake breakfast.
- Owatonna: No activity recorded.
- Waseca: No activity recorded.
- Waterville: Held Chilly Open Golf Tournament, 6 members attended the Mid-Winter Convention, held annual Spring Social, conducted Spring ditch clean-up project, and made various donations to multiple organizations and the Parade of Green.

Recent Zone Chair Activities

- Attended the Mid-Winter Convention
- Made club visits to Ellendale and New Richland

Zone 9: Lion Pam Koenen – No report submitted.

Cabinet Reports: 1st VDGE Anna Wickenhauser facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported that since her last report she:

- Attended Zone 6 Meeting in Montgomery MN on March 19th
- Attended the Zone 9 Meeting in Albert Lea MN on March 26th
- Presented at the Albert Lea Noon Lions along with a Can Do Canine Graduate team on April 18th
- Attended the Zone 8 Meeting in Blooming Prairie MN on April 30th.
- She also spoke about the puppy raising program at the prison which was on tv.

Childhood Cancer: Lion Tom McCarthy –

1. The Foundation has been incorporated and bylaws adopted.
2. The University Foundation and Children's Cancer Research Fund have EACH agreed to match Lions contributions during the next Lions fiscal year, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000!
3. While the Foundation does not yet have a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization designation, we have a way to contribute, get credit for a Lions' contribution, and qualify for charitable donations. *This is important for charitable gambling!!!* If not charitable gambling, donations can be made directly to MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Minnesota, Inc. For information on making a donation using charitable gambling funds, contact Lion Tom McCarthy.
4. At the recent MD5M Multiple Convention, 10 Lions from different districts shaved their heads and raise over \$16,000!!! What a great fundraising effort!!!
5. At the Cabinet meeting, we will ask that Children's Cancer be added to the Parade of Green.
6. He has made four club visits, and has six more scheduled. Looking to do more! Call him!!!

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Steve Wasserman – One Constitutional Amendment was approved at the Midwinter Convention and posted on the 5M2 website.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she is in the process of ordering Bird Pins for DGE Brian and have many other pins available for sale. Also, a reminder to begin sending in any information on deceased members of your club. It is not too early. She thanked DG Diana for the opportunity to serve.

Environmental: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Sandy Schneider – Nothing to report.

GLT: IPDG Nancy Mathwig reported that since the last Cabinet Meeting, she participated in a third MD5M GLT Go To Meeting session to discuss updates from each district. Discussion was held on a Leadership development grant of up to \$200 that was available for Zone Chair training, in addition to the \$250 LCI Leadership Operating budget amount. She has applied for and received approval for both, which will help offset the District GLT budget this year.

DG Diana's goal of sending six (6) Lions to the Regional Lions Leadership Institute the end of March was reached. District 5M2 was represented by the following seven (7) Lions: Glenn Kaufmann, Chuck Toltzman, Gerald Ziskovsky, Don Wickenhauser, John Henchen, Bobby Paulson and Dave Sebesta. All have reported receiving a great learning experience.

She attended all but the first Spring Zone meetings to promote the upcoming Spring Officer Training. Spring Officer Training will be held at Bethany College in Mankato on Saturday, May 18 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. The initial focus of the meeting this year will be a general session covering:

- ✓ The new MyLion Application, now available to all Lions, and used by clubs to enter their activities beginning July 1, 2019.
- ✓ DGE Brian's DG goals for 2019-2020 and updates from LCI that he received during his recent training in Chicago.
- ✓ Brief review of Go to Meeting and how our upcoming district officers may use the application in communicating with Zone Chairs, clubs, etc.
- ✓ How the State of MN sales tax process works for Lions Clubs and what you need if audited.

There will also be breakout sessions for Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Zone Chairs. New also this year is FREE registration!! RSVP's are needed though to know the number of attendees for beverages and rolls.

Finally, she has been reviewing the District 5M2 Mentorship program and encouraging clubs to assign a mentor to all new members during their first year as a way to retain active members. At most Zone meetings, the available forms were taken by club members.

PDG Nancy presented a progressive Helen Keller award to DG Diana and then awarded the District Achievement Patch for the fourth year in a row. There are pins awarded to the Governor's of those years.

GLT Orientation: PDG Joan Blank – She has given one Orientation Presentation since February and that was to the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club. She does have one scheduled in September for the Chanhassen Lions. There have been 25 clubs in the District that have had a presentation given. This is short of the goals set by DG Diana and PDG Joan is sorry that she was unable to fulfill her goal. Next year DGE Brian Thies has asked if she would stay on as Orientation Chair and she said yes if he would work with me on goals he is setting. He has some thoughts about a new member night in the district for all new Lion members and PDG Joan would like to explore that possibility. She welcomes the idea of doing something a little different.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks – Not much to report as far as new club activity. As far as new members some of the clubs have done a good job bringing in new members including those great lady lions. Just remember it is everyone's responsibility to get new members. 5M2 lost almost two clubs last year to death now you know way we all need to ask someone to be a Lion. DG Diana reported: There is a North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) being started, District 10 is in the pilot program. We have not had positive membership growth in North America for 38 years.

GST: PDG Susan Bowman – The Mid Winter convention eyeglass collection and sorting project was successful. In a few hours the dedicated Lions were able to sort the glasses, discard the cases, and box the glasses for delivery to the MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. The approximate number of glasses sorted was 18,850. The project was well organized by the convention committee. Thank you to all that participated

Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children was April 15. Our Lions supported the day with financial donations used to purchase the ingredients to fill the "Manna Packs. Each food pack serves 6 and each pack contains vitamin supplement, dried vegetables, soy powder and rice. Our Chanhassen location had 257 volunteers, packed enough meals to feed 175 kids for one year. Thank you to all the Lions for the donations of time and money. Food changes everything. We can turn hunger into hope with our own two hands!

Global Service articles are in the 5M2 Newsletter, hopefully members read them. Project Ideas from Lions Club International for Childhood Cancer, Environment, Vision, Hunger, and Diabetes were printed in the newsletter. Members were reminded of DG Diana's goal of all clubs having a service project in three of the five service areas.

Club secretary or club service chair are responsible for reporting service activities. Service reporting information will be included in the May18 training.

Historian: DG Nancy Mathwig – Nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos – The 2019 Journey for service was implemented on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It was a rewarding adventure traveling 806 miles throughout the District with DG Diana, Duane, Sue, and I. We were able to meet with a representative from each club in our district. The Journey was also very successful in raising \$14,400.00. Expenses of \$517.71 for a net of \$13,882.29.

He thanked Lion Jack Webster for donating \$220 to purchasing the new car top sign promoting the Journey, also to PID Debra and PDG Steve for the kick off breakfast, Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer for lunch and the Winthrop Lions for Dinner.

LCIF: PID Debra Wasserman – As of this date 13 clubs have heard presentations on LCIF Campaign 100, with another presentation scheduled in mid-May. She is still am hopeful of achieving the goal DG Diana set of 16 club presentations. Model Clubs are still being accepted and she will be approaching 2 clubs which have already had presentations to provide specific Model Club information and to encourage them to participate at this level. Campaign 100 is evolving, and she looks forward to continuing to provide new

information to clubs and individual Lions. DGE Brian has asked her to prepare information to be included at Officer training.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: Co-Chairs Lions Loretta Klenke and Emmy Koch: \$13,200 dollars to date donated to Leader Dog. Prior Lake Lions will do a presentation to Lion Tim Lindbo's parents for sponsorship of the Leader Dog IMO of Lion Tim. Jordaness Lions also will sponsor Daxos, same dog as PL Lion's IMO of Lion Tim. Clubs are being informed upon request of Leader Dog awards available to present for the lion's year of 2018-19. Continue to promote Leader Dog through articles in the District newsletter. Club presentation on Leader Dog per request.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser: Our future is looking very bright.

- Cologne Leos have had DG Diana visit, participated in the Journey for Service, Mayer Area Lions Bingo the proceeds going to LCIF-flood relief-Also they have earned a Melvin Jones Fellow☺ Participated in the Polar Plunge, Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children. They are current projects are the Leo Planter, Lions Park Cleanup, Reading in the Park, Doing a food booth at Cologne's Glad Days Celebration and taking in money at Lakeview Clinic during the Carver County Fair also helping at the D-Foot Hearing Walk. Like them on Facebook.
- Northfield Leos are currently experiencing a lack in membership and Leo Advisors. They are working very hard to remedy the situation. DG Diana had a Club Visit with them also.
- Shakopee Leos had DG Diana induct 3 new members. Their club also had a restructuring of Leo Advisors and are going strong again. They participated in Shakopee's Ice Golf, Polar Plunged the Lions Day at FMSC and currently have a School Supply Drive going on. Like them on Facebook.
- Sibley Leos also have a lot going on. They assisted with the Arlington Fish Fry, made some Homeless Sleeping Mats with PLARN-plastic yarn sponsored a Beauty and the Beast dinner, presented DG Diana a check for Journey for Service. Like them on Facebook.
- Watertown Leos had their club visit from DG Diana, volunteer at Crossroads Animal shelter, volunteer at Freedom Farm Therapeutic Riding Center. They also plunged for Special Olympics and their upcoming fundraisers are Rails to Trails and a Gaga Ball Tournament. They also have a team for D-Foot Hearing. Like them on Facebook

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt and Lion Dave Sebesta reported District 5M2 Liberty Day Program had a very successful school season, they had some new Lions Clubs join the program and together they distributed nearly 2000 Liberty Day books. Next year looks even bigger as there are more Lions Clubs interested and more schools have expressed the desire to participate. They will make a request for budget funds at the next cabinet meeting when they have a closer idea of the number of books they think they will need. Liberty Day Program is continuing to grow in District 5M2 thanks to all the Lions Clubs that promote this program. Lion Denny also talked about the Eagle Lake Lions. June 7th will be installation of officers. He thinks they are doing well and are involved in many events.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Jeff Williams, PDG Marvin Grimm: The D Feet Walk is coming up at the MN Landscape Arboretum on June 1, 2019. Please promote the date and ask for attendance and donations. PDG Marvin has visited 8 clubs to talk about the history of the Hearing Foundation and to promote the D Feet Walk. He also gave updates on the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic. The pledge of \$161,000 for the remodeling of the clinic. This is where the dollars raised from Parade of Green, D Feet Walk and generous sponsors will be going. Lions at work with their generosity. PDG Marvin made 6 of the fall Zone meeting and 6 spring Zone meetings. Name change to Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

Lions Quest: Lions Janet Knakmuhs and Janet Hall - Lions Janets presented a Quest program to the New Auburn club. They are very interested and have a school they are presenting it to. Lion Knakmuhs is also contacting other charter schools in the area, and the Albert Lea club was interested in a program. Thanks to DG Diana for allowing us to serve on her cabinet.

Long Range Planning: PDG Harry Klenke – Clubs need to examine what they are doing and where they

want to go next with their clubs. Ask new members for their ideas. Doing the same old same can make club stagnant. New ideas or tweaking old ideas is good.

MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation: PDGs Rick Wagener and Harry Klenke reported: Kidsight is going slow right now. We had a training on Sunday April 14th. We had 23 people attend. We had a Power Point presentation that didn't show on the screen well, but everybody had a paper copy. We broke into about two halves, so we were able to answer people's questions. Half way thru we went around and showed people the forms they needed to fill out and how to fill them out. After we finished the PowerPoint we took more questions. Then we gave them a chance to operate the cameras. We did not have any kids present so the Lions in attendance gave everybody a chance to do a referral. A referral is when one needs to enter more data into the camera so is a crucial step in learning how to screen with the cameras. Even though the Power Point did not appear well (too much light in the room) people seemed to learn from the session. We had a request from some people who couldn't make it at the last moment, so we advised them if they could get a location that we can utilize for free that we can try another training. We want to get more clubs on board with Kidsight. Currently we officially have 150 Lions trained in our district. Our district had 41 Kidsight events last year, which screened 921 children. 5M2 referral rate is 9.3 %, with a total of 306.25 service hours reported. We fall 7th in the MD5M total for children screened. (Screening year statistics begins March 1st).

We have chosen a date at the State Fair; it is Thursday August 29th. We have two shifts to cover on that day. One shift starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. The other shift starts at 3:00 PM and ends at 9:30 PM. We need 6 people per shift. 2 people operate the cameras, 2 do paper work, and 2 people invite the parents and kids in and help them fill out the permission slips. This means not everybody needs to know how to operate the camera. We do not need to limit volunteers but need enough to cover and give breaks as needed throughout the day. There is a Kidsight Foundation on May 18th, and we will learn more about the screening at the fair at that time. I would suspect there would be a reimbursement for admission to the fair at least.

On July 1st Lion Pam Koenen will be coming on the Cabinet as a co-chair. We need to thank PDG Rick and Lion Lori for getting this project up and running so well.

Mid-Winter Convention Report: Lions Darlene Monder & Mona Bruers – **It's DONE.** There is a box being sent with Brian for next year. There are still two outstanding checks that haven't been cashed. It looks as though there is a balance in the account of \$1,746.93.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – On March 23 Lion Wanda and Lion Brian attended the MLDF quarterly Trustees' meeting held on the University of MN campus at the McNamara Alumni Center. Following the meeting the Board hosted the annual Research Update. Over 100 Lions and guests attended the Research update, including 15 attendees from 5M2. The event included lunch and presentations by U of M research scientists. Also included were donations by MLDF totaling \$20,000 to each of four research projects.

MLDF held a raffle fundraiser. The drawing was held at MD5M Convention in April. Parade of Green at 5M2 Midwinter Convention raised over \$16,500.

MLDF is continuing participation in Walmart Wellness Days and Cub Foods Diabetes Awareness events. Discussion also focused on how we can better present MLDF and let people know who we are. The Board also approved three grants for continuing research at the U of M.

Lion Brian attended the Waterville Lions Spring Social and presented Dream Catcher awards to Lion Troy Wetzal and Lion Margie Jacobson. The Watertown Lions also presented a Dream Catcher Award to Lion Dr. Vic Thonn.

Lion Wanda and Lion Brian attended several spring Zone meetings. We continue to make Club visits when invited.

MLDF Annual Meeting is April 27 in Mahnomen at the MD5M Convention. Lion Wanda will be in attendance. The next Board meeting is scheduled for July in Brooklyn Center, MN. This will be a joint meeting with the Vision and Hearing Foundations.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Christy Trutnau – The Senate HHS Omnibus bill was sent to vote on April 30th, and it passed. This bill has now been paired with its State House companion bill and both have been moved to conference committee. This is our next challenge for our amendment and we really need everyone to contact their state legislators to ask for their support of the nonprofit provision for eye donations in the anatomical gifts act. There is Senator from Waconia on this committee; his name is Sen Dr. Scott Jensen. If you would his information please contact PDG Mary or Lion Christy.

Proceeds from the silent auction/raffle room at the multiple conventions were earmarked for the Minnesota Vision Foundation. There were over 60 baskets in the raffle and over 15 items in the silent auction. Last they heard it was a great success.

Six members of the Foundation's terms have ended this year and there will be six new members joining the foundation in July. PDG Nancy Mathwig will be the Foundation Secretary starting in July 2019. The MN Lions Diabetes, Hearing Foundation and Vision Foundations are partnering together to have an information booth at the Minnesota State Fair. If you are interested in helping out please reach out to one of us and we can help you get signed up.

PDG Mary had attended Zone meetings in Zones 2 and 5; Lion Christy attended Zone Meetings in Zones 3 and Zone 4. The co-chairs appreciate the opportunity to service the MLVF; District 5M2 and District Governor Diana this year. They look forward to continuing to serve next year.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that the newsletter has been out on time each month. Keep the information coming. Please direct any feedback pro or con to her directly. Thank you.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that they have a retreat coming up at the Audubon Center of the Northwoods, Sandstone – June 7 – 9, 2019. They are looking into different ways to get the word out about Project New Hope. Who has gone on face book and LIKED “**Project New Hope MN Veteran’s Retreats**”? To get better visibility for Project New Hope and better attendance at our retreats please go on face book “Like” Project New Hope MN Veteran’s Retreats and invite your friends.

Protocol: PDGs Tom and Mary Ferleman - They are available to answer protocol questions from Lions and Lions Clubs and have nothing else to report at this time.

Public Relations: PDGs Tom & Mary Ferleman and Lion Troy Feltmann reported that these are the things Public Relations have been working on.

1. We should discuss to make one more banner retractor for the South kit that is about membership.
2. Here is a breakdown of usage for the PR Kit.

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| 10-30-18 | Lake Crystal | Taylor Gronau | taylorw,gronau@gmail.com | North |
| 11-11-18 | Winthrop Lions | Chuck | | |
| 11-11-18 | Carver Lions | Marvin & Evelyn Grimm | | |
| 11-24-18 | Alden | | | South |
| 12-1-18 | West Carver | | | North |
| 12-2-18 | Lester Prairie | | troyfeltmann@gmail.com | North |
| 1-1-19 | Plato Lions | Lanette Dammann | lanettedmmnn@gmail.com | North |
| 1-13-19 | Blue Earth Lions | Lars Bierly | | South |
| 1-20-19 | Hamburg Lions | Diana Kroells | dianakroells@gmail.com | North |
| 2-3-19 | Faribault Lions | Debra Wasserman | | South |
| 2-22-19 | Arlington Lions | Nancy Mathwig | nancy.mathwig@gmail.com | |
| 3-3-19 | Hutchinson Lions | Dave Sebesta | Dave_sebesta@hotmail.com | North |
| 3-17-19 | Alden Lions | | | South |
| 3-23-19 | Mayer Lions | Anna Wickenhauser | lionannaw@gmail.com | |
| 4-20-19 | Lester Prairie | Troy Feltman | | North |
| 5-5-19 | Courtland | | | South |
| 5-6-19 | New Prague | Ulrich Ettlin | theettlinscafe@gmail.com | North |
| 5-17-19 | Blue Earth | Lars Bierly | lars@minniowa.com | South |

Albert Lea
6-9-19 Lakeview &
Cloverleaf

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank, Lion Doni McQuiston, Lion Elizabeth Truman - After the MN Polar Plunge in February, PDG Joan has tried to attend the spring Zone meetings where there were Lions who plunged at the St. Peter event and presented them with certificates of appreciation, along with pictures she printed of them jumping that she found online through Flickr. PDG Joan made a special presentation to the Watertown Leos and Cologne Leos as she was especially proud of them taking the plunge. She also learned at the Zone 3 meeting that the Shakopee Leos also participated with the Shakopee Team, which is awesome. She presented certificates to Lions Kathleen Bleckenberg, Tom Hoffman, Don Selvig, Janet Knakmuhs, Jen Malecha, Roxanne and Pete LaPierre, Tony Oldenburg, Tim Nightingale, Shakopee Team, Don, Hilary and Vincent Wickenhauser and still need to present one to Jon Putnam. PDG Harry Klenke received a certificate of appreciation for his support (as he did not plunge).

Lion Doni spoke to the Jordaness Lions at a club meeting in March.

Lion Laura Maki has submitted an article to the 5M2 newsletter regarding volunteer opportunities this spring and summer for Special Olympics Summer Games and other events.

Technology: PDG Steve Wasserman reported the following activities:

- Assisted with technology needs at the Midwinter Convention
- Distributed monthly newsletters and posted them on the website
- Responded to several requests for information and/or assistance from club members

He will be making a presentation about GoToMeeting and assisting with Secretary Training at the upcoming Officer Training event.

He is the technology consultant for the district. The DGs did not take the recommendation of the Technology consultant in their drafting of their policy. The big thing they wanted to accomplish was the opt-in/opt-out policy. It does not accomplish what they were trying to do necessarily. It is a work in progress. He thinks the Multiple District needs some leadership from LCI. It is a policy and wasn't added to the constitution at this time. It will be revisited in July.

Write Off: Lion Deb Koehnen – All three of the finalists read their essay at the Mid-Winter Convention at the Saturday luncheon. First place went to Leah Vraspir, Zone 2, sponsored by the Watertown Lions. The second place winner was Kendra Klobe, Zone 1, sponsored by the Glencoe Lions, and the third place winner was Aanika Doheny, Zone 3, sponsored by the Jordan Lions.

She thanked DGE Brian for asking her to continue as the Write-off chair for the 2019-20 Lions year. She like thanked all at the club and zone level that judged the entrants. Information on the theme of the upcoming competition will be sent to club presidents and zone chairs by the end of August. She would like to see if there are any Lions that would be interested in helping judge at the district level.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported that there are 36 complete applications incoming from 22 countries. He is busy looking for host families. Please contact him for more information.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that the 5M2 Essay Contest winner was Kadence Regenscheid. She read her essay at the Midwinter Convention, receiving a plaque and monetary award. Due to inclement weather, she was not able to read her essay and receive recognition at the March Council of Governors' Meeting. A ceremony was held at her school (MSAB) where Kadence read her essay and received her plaque and monetary award from the Multiple District. Thank you to Lion Lori Klein, who took PID Debra's place at the ceremony, as she was out of town.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and Lion Shirley Hesperheide – Co-chairs have been to a few of the Zone meetings and have not given any presentations since the last meeting. They will try to get out and present before school ends.

Comments:

- 2nd VDGE Glenn Kaufmann
- 1st VDGE Anna Wickenhauser
- DGE Brian Thies – August 4th will be the next Cabinet Meeting. Not in conjunction with Jungle Days.
- DG Diana Kroells – COG awards District 5M2 received 2nd quarter new club (Eagle Lake Lions) and also an award for 28 new members. PDG Marvin Grimm was awarded his Presidential Certified Guiding Lion Award with New Prague area Lions. PDG Mary Spille was presented her Plaque for Hall of Fame Award. She thanked everyone for serving this year and gave a recap of her goals for the year. Much was accomplished this year under DG Diana's leadership.

Adjournment:

PDG Mike Vos made a motion to adjourn the meeting; 2nd VDGE Glenn Kaufman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

8:45 PM

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Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of March 31, 2019

| | <u>Mar 31, 19</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| Checking | 42,662.60 |
| Money Market | |
| Activities Youth | 11,673.89 |
| Adult Companion | 717.27 |
| Diabetes | 9,035.19 |
| District Conventions | 89.88 |
| Interest Income | 2,247.93 |
| International Convention | 1,403.23 |
| Journey For Service | 8,309.55 |
| Kid Sight | 3,026.97 |
| Light on for Life | 1,455.48 |
| Multiple Convention | 3,303.69 |
| Quest | 44,266.35 |
| Special Olympics | 1,500.00 |
| Youth Exchange | 17,417.66 |
| Money Market - Other | 604.87 |
| Total Money Market | <u>105,051.96</u> |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>147,714.56</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>147,714.56</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>147,714.56</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| Opening Balance Equity | 112,685.81 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 16,432.90 |
| Net Income | 18,595.85 |
| Total Equity | <u>147,714.56</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>147,714.56</u> |

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Accrual Basis

**Lions International District 5M2
Profit & Loss
July 2018 through March 2019**

| | Jul '18 - Mar 19 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Activities Income | |
| Diabetes | 3,991.00 |
| Lions Quest | 4,495.00 |
| Special Olympics | 1,000.00 |
| Youth Activities | 7,165.25 |
| Youth Exchange | 3,270.00 |
| Total Activities Income | 19,921.25 |
| Dues | |
| District 5M2 Dues | |
| 5M2 Administrative Fund | 13,566.00 |
| 5M2 Adult Companion Fund | 1,190.00 |
| 5M2 Intl Convention Fund | 2,380.00 |
| 5M2 Special Fund-Mid Winter Con | 3,332.00 |
| District Club Bond | 13.00 |
| District Pins | 1,625.00 |
| Total District 5M2 Dues | 22,106.00 |
| MD5M Dues | |
| GLT/GMT Training & Orientation | 618.80 |
| MD5M Administrative Fund | 11,519.20 |
| MD5M Campaign Fund | 618.80 |
| MD5M Convention Fund | 1,190.00 |
| MD5M GAF | 1,381.27 |
| MD5M International Parade Band | 618.80 |
| Multiple Excess Liability Ins | 960.05 |
| Total MD5M Dues | 16,906.92 |
| Total Dues | 39,012.92 |
| Investments | |
| Interest-Savings, Short-term CD | 501.96 |
| Total Investments | 501.96 |
| Misc Income | |
| Pins Sold | 25.00 |
| Total Misc Income | 25.00 |
| Total Income | 59,461.13 |
| Expense | |
| Activities Expense | |
| Kids Slight Expense | 305.42 |
| Youth Activities Expense | |
| Essay Contest Expense | 120.21 |
| Leo Expense | 1,819.00 |
| Liberty Day Expense | 2,529.45 |
| Peace Poster Expense | 796.00 |
| Write Off | 2,265.00 |
| Total Youth Activities Expense | 7,529.66 |
| Activities Expense - Other | 66.75 |
| Total Activities Expense | 7,901.83 |
| Administrative Expenses | 280.00 |
| Cabinet Expenses | |
| GLT | 180.91 |
| Program Chairs | 250.00 |
| Zone Chairs | 160.71 |

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Accrual Basis

Lions International District 5M2
Profit & Loss
July 2018 through March 2019

| | Jul '18 - Mar 19 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Cabinet Expenses | 591.62 |
| Capital Expenditures | |
| Equipment | 39.99 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | 39.99 |
| Contract Services | |
| Accounting Fees | 1,045.00 |
| Total Contract Services | 1,045.00 |
| District Supplies & Operating | 532.11 |
| Dues Expense | |
| MD5M Dues-Expense | |
| GLT/GMT Training Expense | 595.01 |
| MD5M Administrative Fund Expense | 11,519.18 |
| MD5M Campaign Fund Expense | 595.01 |
| MD5M Convention Fund Expense | 1,190.00 |
| MD5M GAF Fund Expense | 1,094.80 |
| MD5M Int'l Parade Band Expense | 595.01 |
| MD5M Liability & Bond | 1,127.78 |
| Total MD5M Dues-Expense | 16,716.77 |
| Total Dues Expense | 16,716.77 |
| IPDG Expense | 263.10 |
| Mid Winter Convention | 4,104.00 |
| Pins | |
| District Bird Pins | 1,312.50 |
| Governor Award Pins | 690.00 |
| Governor Pin | 680.00 |
| Total Pins | 2,682.50 |
| Travel Expenses | |
| 1st Vice District Governor Expe | |
| 1st VDG Expense Other | 708.51 |
| 1st VDG USA/Canada Forum Expens | 1,203.29 |
| Total 1st Vice District Governor Expe | 1,911.80 |
| 2nd VDG Expense | |
| 2nd VDG Expense-other | 1,511.52 |
| 2nd VDG USA/Canada Forum | 1,500.00 |
| Total 2nd VDG Expense | 3,011.52 |
| District Governor Expense | |
| DG Expense Other | 479.30 |
| DG USA/Canada Forum | 1,305.74 |
| Total District Governor Expense | 1,785.04 |
| Total Travel Expenses | 6,708.36 |
| Total Expense | 40,865.28 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 18,595.85 |
| Net Income | 18,595.85 |