

DISTRICT 5SW 2016-2017 CABINET MEETING

August 6, 2016

LION TERRY PETERSON, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

1.0 District Governor Lion Terry Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Lions Building on the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Rapid City.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd Vice District Governor Bea Gifford..

3.0 DG Terry asked the Lions to observe a moment of Silence for meditation.

4.0 Introductions: DG Terry introduced himself and welcomed all of the Cabinet Members to the Meeting. He Welcomed everyone and Thanked all of them for consenting to serve on the Cabinet this year. He then informed the Lions that PDG Larry Burkheads' health has changed and that he is suffering some. He asked everyone to include Lion Larry in our prayers for improvement in his health. 26 Lions were in attendance.

RECESS: DG Terry then recessed the meeting for the Committees to meet.

RECONVENE: DG Terry reconvened the Cabinet meeting.

5.0 AGENDA

5.1 DG Terry explained that our current By Laws allow only Zone Chairpersons voting privileges at the Cabinet Meetings unless this requirement is waived by a vote of those Zone Chairpersons in attendance. Motion by Lion Scott Jensen, Zone 5 Chairperson, second by Lion Dusty Dustman, Zone 4 Chairperson, to allow all Cabinet Members attending Cabinet Meetings this Lions year voting privileges on all matters to be brought forth. Motion carried by a majority of Zone Chairpersons attending voting in favor of the motion.

5.2 Additions to the Agenda:

DG Terry asked whether there were any items to add to the Agenda:

Question on the Proud Lion Award—added as item 10.3

IPDG Chuck Edwards, presentation—added as item 10.4

Waiving Campus Club Members District dues—DG Terry answered the question. He stated that MD5 voted to waive MD and District dues for Campus Club Members.

5.3 Motion by IPDG Lion Charles Edwards, second by Lion Geraldine Ray to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried.

6.0 SECRETARY REPORT:

Lion Neil asked that everyone present sign the attendance sheet. New Directories are available today. Each Cabinet Member is to pick one up for themselves and 3 for their Club. He also asked everyone to look at their information in the new directories and let him know of any errors. He also noted that he will be sending the Club of the Year Criteria out to Clubs following adoption of the criteria at today's meeting. DG Terry asked Lion Neil to discuss the change from last year's criteria for this year. The only change is in giving additional points for Clubs who do projects relating to the 4 Areas designated as Centennial projects-Youth, Vision, Environment and ????. No limit on how many projects that the Club can do in order to receive credit.

6.1 Lion Neil pointed out that Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Cabinet Meeting were emailed out and that copies are available today. Motion by PCC Lion Ken Wetz, to approve the minutes, second by IPDG Lion Chuck Edwards. Motion carried.

6.3 Lion Neil noted that the MMRs and MMAs are just now coming in for July. Lion Neil will be sending instructions out to Club Treasures next week about who to send reports to this year. He will also include the 2016-2017 Club of the Year Criteria.

6.4 No communications to report.

6.5 Approval of report: PDG Lion Gary Watzel moved to approve the report, second by Lion Jan Ends. Motion carried.

7.0 TREASURES REPORT:

7.1 Proposed 2016-2017 budget: Lion Richard Waits presented DG Terry's proposed budget. IPDG Chuck asked whether Committee Chairpersons would be able to present expense vouchers for mileage whether to Club visits or Cabinet Meetings. As Diabetes Committee Chairperson, he is offering to all Clubs that he would do Club visits to talk about Diabetes. Under the proposed budget, there is no allowance for any expenses. DG Terry asked him for a figure. His response was \$250. DG Terry said that that amount would be put into the budget. Discussion ensued about other Cabinet and Committee members travel expenses. DG Terry stated that those would be covered under line item 507, Travel & Meetings. Concern raised on whether the \$1000 would be adequate. DG Terry noted that the proposed budget has a projected balance of positive \$1490. Motion by PDG Lion Gary Watzel to reimburse Cabinet Members for mileage at the rate of 0.25 per mile for this Lions year. Second by IPDG Lion Chuck Edwards. Motion carried.

Motion by PDG Lion Ken Gifford to approve the proposed budget. Second by Lion Marjorie Adams. Motion carried.

7.2 Club Dues: Lion Richard reported that First half Club dues notices were sent out on July 29th. Several Clubs have sent their checks already. Question asked about the recent MD dues increase. At the most recent MD Convention, a motion was approved to increase the MD dues by \$2 per year for

the next 3 years, a total of a \$6 increase. It was reported that the MD Council of Governors assured the Lions that they would re-look at the increase the next 2 year before just automatically increasing it.

7.3 Delinquent Clubs: 2 Clubs have not paid their dues from last year. They have been talked with and arrangements are being made to get up to date.

7.4 Expense vouchers will be updated very soon and sent out to Cabinet Members.

7.5 Financial Institution: Lion Richard requested that the District select Black Hills Community Bank. Motion by Lion Linda Vollmer to select BH Community Bank, second by PDG Lion Gary Watzel. Motion carried.

7.6 IRS SECTION 501(C)4 UPDATE: Treasure Lion Richard recently learned of a change in this IRS Code Section. It affects Social Welfare Organizations. The IRS has lost track of a bunch of these tax exempt organizations. As of July 1, 2016, the IRS is attempting to contact all these type of non-profits. Those organizations are to file a new form, Form 8976, at a cost of \$50. Deadline to file is September 16th, 2016. Those filing late will be subject to a \$20/day penalty.

Lion Richard noted that most Lions Clubs have been designated as 501(c)3 non-profits and are not affected by this recent ruling. Lions Clubs need to investigate their status. A reminder was given that 501(c)3 non profits still do have to file annual reports, usually a 990 or 990N.

7.7 Approval: Motion by Lion Dusty Dustman to approve the report and to file it for audit. Second by Lion Michael Reade. Motion carried.

8.0 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT:

8.1 2016-2017 District Governor Goals:

DG Terry announced that his personal theme this year will be "Together, we Lions can make a difference".

His 1st and a personal goal will be that each Club add 3 new members this year. Our District Membership is quite low and each of us can help change that.

His 2nd goal is that each of us as individual Lions Members and we, as Clubs, utilize social media more to promote Lionism. Very soon, he plans to send a District Governors letter to Club Presidents offering them the help of Cabinet Members in any area of concern to the Club, if they wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Other goals are to conduct Zone Chairperson Training again next Spring along with Club Officer Trainings. He also plans to offer Guiding Lions Training. He plans on starting one New Lions Club in the District. He will be encouraging more younger members and hopes to see the dropped numbers be reduced by 30%. He informed the Cabinet that he plans to utilize the District Governor Team concept. As part of this, he has held one Team Meeting in July and has another planned for September.

8.2 Club visitations

DG Terry stated that he plans to do all of the Club visitations this year. He will be asking each of the Vice District Governors to go with him to 10 of the visitations. This will give the Clubs an introduction to the VDGs and will give the VDGs an opportunity to meet Club Members.

8.3 Club of the Year Award Criteria: DG Terry asked Lion Neil to explain the criteria. Lion Neil stated that there is only 1 change for this year and that is that Clubs will receive 10 extra points per centennial project that is done. Motion by Lions Dusty Dustman, second by Lion Chuck Edwards to accept the Club of the Year Award criteria. Motion carried.

In wrapping up, DG Terry noted that several Lions have been very helpful to him in getting his year off to a great start. He thanked Lions Gary Johnson, Dick Waits, Ken Gifford, Ken Wetz, John Daum, Galen Jones, Jan Endes and Neil Vollmer.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES: PCC Ken Wetz filling in for 1st VDG Tim Brown.

DISTRICIT MEMBERSHIP: PCC Ken stated that he and others are still working on Whitewood. They have about a dozen to 15 prospects and will be spending more time this Fall in finding the other few needed to Charter a Club. He is requesting that the Zone Chairs select a community in their area that they would like to work in to start a new Club. He would like to set up a 3-5 year plan on prospective communities.

DISTRICT WEB SITE: Lion Ted Pukas, PDG. He plans to add the current Club Officers to the web site. He stated that updating the site is crucial so that information is current. He asks Clubs to keep him informed of updates within their Club. He has put the Fall Rally agenda and registration form on the site. Cabinet minutes are posted there also. He has had one prospective Lion contact him because of her visiting the site. He states that the website has almost limitless possibilities for information dissemination.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS: Lion Stan Anker informed the Cabinet that Lions International has a new document that lists mandatory changes that Districts need to make. Lion Stan will be watching for further information from International and sharing it with Lions.

MEMBER ORIENTATION: Lion Mike Reade invites Clubs to ask him to come to their Clubs to make presentations on Orientation. He has made one such visit this year already.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: Lion Gary Johnson, PDG, plans to work very closely with Clubs who have not yet started doing their Membership and Activities reports on line to Lions International.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP: Lion John Daum, PID, submitted his report. Working with the Zone Chairs will be his main focus. His goal is to attend at least one Zone Meeting in each Zone this year. He

will be a presenter at the Fall Rally this year. He plans to contact all new members this year. He noted that there are potential leaders in all of our communities and that we need to convince them to join our Clubs.

FALL RALLY: 1st VDG Terry stated that the program for the Fall Rally is coming along very nicely and he thinks that those programs will be very productive. He reminded Lions to reserve their rooms at the main Motels by July 31 in order to receive the room discount.

9.2 SERVICE COMMITTEES: 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR BEA GIFFORD

2ND VDG LION BEA reported that she had received several Committee Chairpersons reports and asked them to share their reports with the Cabinet:

LEO & LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH: LOIN Nathan Chicoine reported that he is setting one his plan for the year. He has a goal of starting one new Leo Club this year.

LEADER DOG: Lion Donna Wetz reported that Leader Dog has reached its Kennel Redesign goal. She has set a goal of 100% participation by 5SW Clubs of contributions to Leader Dog. These annual contributions go to the yearly ongoing expenses. She will be sending an informational letters and emails to ALL 5SW Club Secretarys explaining the Leader Dog program. She is also available to attend Club Meetings with a program on Leader Dog. She noted that the Custer Leo Club has selected Leader Dog as their signature project.

DIABETES: IPDG Charles Edwards noted that he is a diabetic and has a personal deep concern about preventing diabetes. He stated that he is willing to go out to Clubs to present programs on diabetes. Lion Chuck pointed out the Lions International has a section on their web site dedicated to diabetes information.

PEACE POSTER: Lion Marjorie Adams reminded Members that the Peace Poster Kit is available and must be ordered by October 1st in order for Clubs to enter their Club sponsored poster into the District Contest. She will be sending a letter out to Secretaries of all SW Clubs sharing this information.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND LIONS INFORMATION: DG Terry Peterson noted that the first District Newsletter has been published and mailed out already. He thanked Clubs for sending him information for it and encourages all Clubs to use it for publicizing their Club Activities.

ENVIRONMENT: DG Terry stated that he has appointed Lion Ken Miller as the Chairperson and that he will be working with Lion Ken on a program.

SIGHT, SPEECH AND HEARING: PDG Ken Gifford reported on his goals for the year. He noted that his goals are predominately set by the SD Lions Foundation. He noted though that individual Clubs may establish goals on their own behalf. His goals include identifying entities which share a goal of screening children; setting a goal of screening 30,000 or more South Dakota preschool children ages 1-5;

increasing the Specific Assistance Grant budget to \$75,000 and purchasing 500 new boxes for collecting used eye glasses.

At this point, DG Terry introduced his spouse, Sandy, who arrived with lunch and the balance of the Cabinet meeting.

9.3 REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORT: PID JOHN DAUM REPORTED FOR LION GALEN JONES, PDG, who needed to leave to go to work.

6 of the 7 Zone Chairpersons were in attendance at the Cabinet Meeting. Lion John stated that Zone Chairs have big tasks for the year. They are vitally important for the function of the District. The Zone Chairs are encouraged to talk about the Centennial year and celebrations this year. He also noted that he will be making a presentation at the Fall Rally and his topic will have to with "Change".

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.1 MD5 REGINA CONVENTION: DG Terry reported that everyone had a lot of fun. The Leadership Forum was very good and well attended. In the MD Contests, our District did very well as indicated by winning most of the categories. He summed the Convention up by stating that it was a good convention.

10.2 Tabled item of a monetary contribution to PID Patty Hills campaign for 3rd IVP: No action taken.

10.3 Proud Lion Award: PDG Gary Watzel questioned whether the District was still awarding new members with the Proud Lion Award. He had not heard any information on it recently. DG Terry assured him that the award was still available.

10.4 Presentation: IPD Charles Edwards took this time to present some tokens of appreciation to District Governor Terry—gavel, ink pen, sticky notes, candy, etc. Very necessary items.

10.5 College/University Lions Club Members dues: In response to an inquiry from the Past District Governors Association asking whether 5SW waives District dues for such Members, the Cabinet Secretary was asked to note in the minutes that those dues are waived.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 FALL RALLY COMMITTEE REPORT: Lion Jan Endes noted that Zone 6 Lions Clubs are hosting District 5SW Lions Club Members for the Fall Rally. It will be held in Murdo on Sept 23 & 24. She handed out a Tentative Agenda and Registration Form. Most events will be held at the Sportsman's Club on the north end of Main Street. Motels are listed on the registration form. A live auction and a silent auction will be held. She asked Clubs to bring or send a Themed basket item for the Auctions. Tail

Twisting funds will be split between the SD Lions Foundation, the Dakota Lions Sight & Health Foundation and Leader Dog.

11.2 2015 YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP: Lion Donna Wetz reported on the MD5 2016 Youth Exchange Camp. 5SW sent 4 youth. Darrell Moll of the Rapid City Downtown Club took the youth and went as a Camp Counselor. 5NE will be hosting the 2017 Camp. Lion Donna reported that one SW Youth had won a scholarship to help with expenses to attend a Youth Camp in some other Country. Newell Leo Club Member Joe Jackson was the recipient. He was in France right now. Applications to attend an International Camp for 2017 are due by August 31st and can be obtained from Lion Donna.

11.3 SD LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT: Lion John Daum, PID, noted that the Foundation Home Office is in the process of moving. New location will be 3920 S. 41st St in Sioux Falls. There is more room for the Foundations uses, such as Offices and Meeting Rooms. A Grand Opening is scheduled for September 30th. He reported that the Foundation has purchased 2 Utility Vans in order to go out around the State for the Eye Screenings. 1 Van will be located in each of the 2 Districts. The Board is still working on a final location for the large marble Lions which the Foundation owns. The Foundation is hosting a Lions Day at the SD State Capitol during the 2017 Legislative Session. Date is February 15th. Watch for more details.

KIDS-See program screened 11,514 children last Lions year. A great success. 126 Specific Assistance Grant requests were received with 73 being granted, 35 were referred to other agencies and 5 were denied. \$32,534 were awarded.

11.4 DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH REPORT: Lion Collin Keeler reported. The Board of Directors meet on a Quarterly basis. Most recent meeting was in Bismarck last week. The Foundation has had a good year. A Donor Supper is scheduled for October 15th in Rapid City. The Foundation partners with medical facilities. Sanford Health began on July 1st. Rapid City Regional is also a partner. Several improvements have been made at the Eye Bank facility. Al Berdahl is going out to visit Clubs individually or at regional meetings where he talks about the Foundations work and purposes. He will be visiting Lemmon the end of October.

11.5 DISTRICT OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PCC Ken Wetz announced that Lion Linda Vollmer intends to run for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor at this upcoming Fall Rally.

11.6 FALL RALLY, 2017, INVITAION:

None received.

11.7 MD 5 2017 CONVENTION PLANS: Lion Ken Gifford, PDG, reported that plans are progressing. He and Lion Ken Wetz, PCC, are Co-Chairs. The Convention will be held at The Lodge and Convention Center in Deadwood on May 17-20. He showed a Promotion Video to the Members. Registration forms are on both the MD5 and 5SW web sites. For the Parade, the Committee is asking that ALL Clubs have an entry in it. There is a need for wagons, trailers, etc to carry float participants.

Also, there is a need for Bands, so if anyone knows of bands that might be available, contact Lions Kens'. The Golf Tournament will probably be held on Wednesday. The GLT/GMT Summit will probably be held on Thursday. Convention on Friday and Saturday. Clubs are encouraged to bring their Club Banners and they will be displayed in the Convention Center. The limiting factor will probably be the seating capacity for meals. So, early registration is recommended.

11.8 S.D. STATE LIONS CONVENTION, JANUARY 27-28:

Lion Geraldene Ray invited 5SW Lions to join them. They are looking forward to hosting the Rally. Rally dates are January 27-28 and will be held at the AmericInn in Ft. Pierre. Early registration is \$75. Friday night entertainment will be a lip sync contest.

12.0 FUTURE EVENTS

- 12.1 5SW FALL RALLY, SEPTEMBER 23-24, ZONE 6 HOSTING, MURDO
- 12.2 SD STATE LIONS CONVENTION, JANUARY 27-28, PIERRE/FT PIERRE
- 12.3 5SE FALL FORUM, OCOTOBER 1, BRANDON
- 12.4 USA-CANADA FORUM, SEPTEMBER 17-19, OMAHA, NEBRASKA
- 12.5 MD5 2017 CONVENTION, MAY 17-20, DEADWOOD
- 12.6 LIONS INTERNATIONAL 2017 CONVENTION, CHICAGO

Lion Neil Vollmer

Cabinet Secretary