

DISTRICT 5SW 2018-2019 CABINET MEETING

July 27, 2019

LION LINDA VOLLMER, DISTRICT GOVERNOR

1.0 District Governor Lion Linda Vollmer called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM at the Fine Arts Building on the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Rapid City. 15 Cabinet Members were in attendance.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Arlene Moll.

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

4.0 Introductions: DG Linda Welcomed everyone and Thanked everyone for serving on the Cabinet this year.

5.0 AGENDA

5.1 Additions to the Agenda: DG Linda asked whether anyone had any additions to the Agenda. One item was added: MD5 Camp.

5.2 There being no other additions, motion by 2nd Vice District Governor Geraldine Ray, second by Lion Robert Lowery to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

6.0 SECRETARY REPORT:

6.1 Lion Neil Vollmer stated that the April 27, 2019 cabinet Meeting minutes were emailed out and that he had a printed copy with him, if anyone had questions.

6.2 Lion Neil noted that no Clubs the MMRs and MMAs for July, yet, as the month is not quite complete. Lion Neil will be sending instructions out to Club Secretaries about who to send reports to this year. He will also include the 2019-2020 Club of the Year Criteria.

6.3 No communications to report.

6.4 Approval of report: Motion by PDG Tim Brown, second by 1st Vice District Governor Richard Waits to approve the report. Motion carried.

7.0 TREASURER REPORT:

7.1 Proposed 2018-2019 budget: Past Council Chairperson Ken Wetz presented the final 2018-2019 Treasure as prepared by 1st VDG Richard Waits, last years District Treasurer. The Balance Sheet showed the Districts Assets and Liabilities. It showed a net income on June 30, 2019 of \$2572.24 for the year. Lion Ken then presented DG Lindas' proposed budget for 2019-2020. The proposed Income, based on our July 1 membership of 716 members, is \$21,400. The proposed expenses, per DG Lindas, request, is \$24,653.70. Lion Ken stated that, based on past history, Lions who do not turn in

expenses will probably make up the difference. A couple of attending Lions stated that they felt uncomfortable working with an unbalanced proposed budget. A statement was made that the unbalanced budget could be remedied by adding a income line item of "Transfer from Savings" in the amount necessary to present a balanced budget. A couple Cabinet Members stated that that change would make them feel better and better represent our current situation. Lion Ken noted that he will do so.

7.2 Club Dues: Lion Ken noted that he has not yet sent out a dues notice to the Clubs as he can not due Banking transactions until he is authorized to do so at todays Cabinet meeting. He will then proceed with the dues notices.

7.3 Delinquent Clubs: None as of today.

7.4 Expense vouchers—new ones for this year are available today. PDG Ted Pukas stated that he will put a copy on to the District Web site.

7.5 Financial Institution: Lion Ken talked with the Cabinet on changing Banks for this year. Having the Districts funds in the local Newell Bank would make it easier for him to handle the account. The Bank is First National Bank of Pierre, Newell Branch. Motion by Lion Neil, second by Lion Jim Treloar to allow Lion Ken to change Bank Institutions. Motion carried. A second motion, made by Lion Richard, second by Lion Arlene Moll, was made to authorize Lion Ken Wetz to be the authorized signator for our District Bank Account. Lion Ken noted that DG Linda and 1st VDG Richard should be shown as signators also. Motion carried.

7.6 Motion by Lion Tim Brown, second Lion Ron Bunnell, to follow MD5 recommended expense reimbursements for 5SW this year, ie, Lodging of up to \$75/day, meals per diem of \$35 and mileage allowance of \$0.35/ mile. Motion carried.

7.7 Approval: Motion by PDG Ted Pukas to approve the report and to file it for audit. Second by PDG Doug Scheller. Motion carried.

8.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES: 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICHARD WAITS

DISTRICT WEB SITE: Lion Ted Pukas, PDG. He noted that the web site is basically the same. He encourages Clubs to submit information to him, ie, stories and pictures. A reminder that pictures are to be sent in J-peg format, pdf file.

AUDIT: Lion Rick Brady will be doing the audit soon and will present it at the Fall Rally.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LWAS: Lion Stan Anker, he will make a presentation later in the program.

GMT-DISTRICIT MEMBERSHIP: No report due to confusion over who is District Membership Chair and District Global Leadership Chair.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:

8.2 SERVICE COMMITTEES: 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR GERALDINE RAY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH: Youth Exchange CAMP: Nathan Chicoine sent a report. He stated that a contract has NOT been signed yet for the 2021 Camp. Question seemed to be on MD5 approving the contract, facility, etc. Confusion on how much the facility was charging per camper. DG Linda will talk with Lion Nathan to better understand the contract and plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Lion Ken Miller has lined up a trip to the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs for Friday, Oct 11. He will provide more details soon.

ORIENTATION: Lion Donna Wetz noted that she is surprised how few Clubs do Orientation. DG Linda has selected Orientation as one of her primary areas of importance for this year. She feels that Orientation gets a new Member off, from the start, in understanding what Lions is. Lion Donna will be presenting an Orientation program at the Fall Rally. Lion Donna plans to reach out to every 5SW Club relating to them the importance of Orientation on Retention.

BACK PACKS: Lion Ashley Burkhead talked about the uses for Backpacks in today's Society. She has prepared a list of good items to include in a backpack. She will be contacting Clubs asking for their help with needed items or for a cash donation. DG Linda wants to put some backpacks together at the Fall Rally.

WOMENS VOICE: No Report.

PEACE POSTER: No report.

DIABETES: No report.

LEO CLUB: 3 Newell Leo Club Members will be leaving Sunday, July 28th for the MD5 Youth Exchange Camp. A van is being rented to haul the kids to Camp in Saskatchewan. In addition, 1 Newell Leo, John Jackson, is in the Netherlands on an MD5 sponsored exchange. This is a 4 week trip.

NEWSLETTER: Lion Neil reported that there are some publication problems, getting it published and mailed in a timely fashion. Current issue should be arriving any day.

8.3 ZONE CHAIR COORDINATOR: Committee Chair Lion Jim Treloar sent a report outlining his strategy in working with the Zone Chairs. Following the Cabinet Meeting, Lion Neil met with the 2 Zone Chairs who attended and Lion Jim. He presented a booklet that DG Linda had put together and discussed the expectations of Zone Chairs.

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

9.1 YOUTH CANCER CAMP REPORT: PDG Tim Brown gave a report and some background. He noted that Carol Johnson, a Realtor in Sturgis, had researched the possibility of conducting a Youth Cancer Camp at her Campground facility near Sturgis. She learned of a national organization that did such Camps, Camp Quality, USA. She contacted them and they agreed to conduct the Camp at the Johnsons facility. Camp Quality administers many such camps around the US each year. They provided a local Camp Coordinator who lined up the balance of the needed staff. Only 6 local Youth signed up, which put the Camp in jeopardy of being canceled. Camp Quality decided to bring 4 campers from Tennessee with them in order to justify conducting the Camp here. The overall Administrator of Camp Quality really wanted to see the Camp held here in the Black Hills. He felt that the local Staff would learn so much that will help them in the future. They had a 4 day Camp and are looking forward to next year and a full 7 day Camp. DaBus Company in Sturgis donated a bus for traveling, Lion Marv Nible of Sturgis donated his time to drive it and Sturgis Lion Leann Smith donated her time as the Camp nurse. Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company agreed to provide money for 2 years. Hill City Lion Robert Lowery was the point man on that donation. Lion Tim stated that this is a District Project, that we did put \$2500 into the project, thus every Club in the District can take credit for helping. He also pointed out that this is not a Sturgis or Northern Hills Lions Project. He asked all of the Clubs across South Dakota to begin promoting this for next year and to start looking for Youth Cancer survivors who could attend. More information, such as dates, will be forthcoming.

9.2 2019 STATE CONVENTION SHORTFALL: 1st VDG Richard stated that he, as current District Treasure, has received a bill from 5SE for what they perceive is our share of the shortfall that occurred at this Januarys State Convention. He pointed out that there is a 5SE/5SW fund of a maximum of \$7500 designated to pay for shortfalls that may occur at a State Convention. The fund is held by and administered by 5SE. Per the Agreement of Understanding between the 2 Districts, once the fund reaches \$7500, whenever a Convention makes a profit, the profit is split between the 2 Districts proportionately to their number of Members. He further noted that in the 3 previous years, the Conventions have made a profit and we have received checks. Motion by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman, second by PDG Ken Wetz that we NOT pay the bill. Motion carried. DG Linda stated that she and PDG Neil will talk with 5SE District Governor John Emmett about the misunderstanding.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 FALL RALLY COMMITTEE REPORT: DG Linda reminded the Cabinet Members of the Fall Rally in Mobridge on Oct 4th & 5th. She stated that the Registration Form is in the current Newsletter, that should be arriving soon. Speakers are lined up and include an International Director, a representative from Leader Dog, presentations on Orientation and Campaign 100, a fun time prepping Backpacks and other things. The Wrangler Hotel is the headquarters. Lion Ted will put the Registration form on the Web Page.

10.2 DIRECTORY ON THE WEB PAGE: PDG Ted offered to put the complete directory onto the Web page. Discussion followed on confidentiality of information. Motion by Lion Ron Bunnell, second by Lion Robert Lowery NOT to publish the directory. Motion carried.

10.3 CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS: Lion Stan Anker discussed the possible change to the By Laws that may be necessary if the District Lions approve a proposal to move the State Lions Convention to the Fall of each year. Lion Stan pointed out that any proposed change to the By Laws requires that Lions Members be notified at least 20 days prior to the date of the vote. In addition, Lion Stan recommended that 5SW adopt the Lions Internationals Standard Constitution and By Laws. Items specific to our District can be added to the Standard document.

10.4 CLUB OF THE YEAR CONTEST CRITERIA: DG Linda presented her criteria for this years contest. She has made some minor changes on the point values of some items. The criteria will be sent out to the Clubs soon.

10.5 SD LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT: PDG Doug Scheller gave a report. He noted that the Foundation needs to raise more funds in order to continue their mission. There are always requests for more funds than are raised. Board currently has a fund raising campaign titled Campaign 2020. Lion Doug noted that the KidsSee program is one of the best programs that the Foundation has done. He stated that there is less emphasis on hearing aides assistance, which follows Lions Internationals focus. Locally, Lion Doug noted that the Rapid City Lions Clubs will be doing screenings during the Central States Fair and that more helpers are always welcome.

10.5 DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH REPORT: Lion Collin Keeler, Pres., Dakota Lions Sight & Health, submitted a written report. He noted that the Sight & Health Board annual report can be found at www.dakotasight.org/ and select "who we are" and then "annual reports". A snap shot of 2019 shows 807 total donors (up 121 over 2018), corneal transplants of 882 (down from 909 last year) and 154 tissue donors (up from 126). Notable recent events include the completed AATB inspections and receiving a Level A-3 accreditation, EBAA inspection to be done in August, ending the fiscal year financially strong.

10.6 DISTRICT OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1st Vice District Governor Richard Waits announced that he intends to seek the Office of District Governor Elect at the Fall Rally.

2nd Vice District Governor Geraldine Ray announced that she intends to seek the position of 1st Vice District Governor Elect at the Fall Rally.

No announcements of candidates for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor Elect.

10.7 FALL RALLY, 2020 INVITATION:

One may not be needed, depending on question of moving the State Convention to the Fall.

10.8 CABINET RECOMMENDATION: Lion Neil stated that our By Laws requires the Cabinet to pass a resolution of support for changes to the By Laws. Motion by Lion Donna Wetz, second by Lion

Geraldine Ray that the Cabinet recommend to the District Club Delegates that they support the change in the By Laws in regards to changing the Districts Annual Meeting from the Fall Rally held in the Fall of each year to conducting the Districts Annual Meeting at the State Convention held in the Fall of each year. Motion carried.

11.0 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT:

DG Linda again thanked the Cabinet Members for serving with her this Lions year. She is looking forward to a great year. She pointed out a few areas that she will be stressing this year, including the importance of Member Orientation. She feels that Orientation lets all members know what Lions do in your communities, in our District and World wide. She feels that Orienting Lions can help reduce our drops. She will encourage Clubs to continue to financially support Leader Dog, LCIF, SD Lions Foundation and Dakota Lions Sight & Health. She has made contact with the Superintendent at the Faith School about starting a New Club in Faith. She met with some of the Teachers in May and there is some interest. She has spoken with the Belle Fourche Lions Club about sponsoring a Leo Club there and has spoken with a Teacher in the Sturgis School system about a Leo Club there. She wrapped up her comments with a challenge to the Cabinet Members that they became only Lions because someone asked them to join and others cannot join if they aren't asked.

12.0 FUTURE EVENTS

- 12.1 5SW FALL RALLY, OCTOBER 5, MOBRIDGE, ZONE 1 & 2 LIONS CLUBS HOSTING
- 12.2 5SE FALL FORUM, SEPTEMBER 28-29, SIOUX FALLS
- 12.3 SD STATE LIONS CONVENTION, JANUARY, WATERTOWN
- 12.4 USA-CANADA FORUM, SEPTEMBER 18-21, SPOKAN, WA
- 12.5 MD5 2020 CONVENTION, MAY, BROOKINGS, SD
- 12.6 LIONS INTERNATIONAL 2020 CONVENTION, SINGAPORE

There being no further business to come before the meeting, DG Bea declared the meeting adjourned.

Lion Neil Vollmer, PDG

Cabinet Secretary

