

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2018

- Business meeting called to order by District Governor BEA GIFFORD.
- Pledge of allegiance recited.
- A moment of silence was observed.
- DG BEA introduced our Guests: ID GWEN WHITE & spouse PDG RHETT WHITE, ID PAT VANNETT, PID ROBERT DRABEK & spouse Lion BEVERLY DRABEK, PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ & spouse Lion JULIE SCHWARTZ, SE District Governor MARIE ANN BEN, SE District Governor Elect JOHN EMMETT and Jennifer Sigette, Ex. Director, SD Lions Foundation.
- Agenda: No additions to the Agenda. Motion by Lion Charles Edwards, PDG to approve the agenda, second by Lion Ron Bunnell. Motion carried.
- Roll Call of Clubs attending showed 15 Clubs present with 47 voting delegates. 54 total Lions and guests attended.
- SECRETARY REPORT: Lion Neil Vollmer, PDG, stated that minutes of last years Business Meeting were emailed to Cabinet Members and Club Officers in October 2017 and again this September. DG Bea asked for any corrections. None noted. Motion by Lion Geraldine Ray, to approve the minutes, second by Lion Doug Scheller, PDG. Motion carried. Lion Neil read a Thank You note from Wanda Mitchells daughter, Lisa and her Family. Lion Neil Stated that 2018-19 Club of the Year Criteria are available at todays meeting and that they would be emailed to Club Secretaries next week. He also stated that SD Past District Governor Hall of Fame applications will be emailed to Club Secretaries and Past District Governors next week. Deadline for applications is November 1.
- TREASURER REPORT: Lion Richard Waits, District Treasurer presented the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report for this year to date of Oct. 3. He noted 1 correction on the P&L: under expenses, an addition of \$59.82 for a charge from the Bank for deposit slips. Notes that apply to the report include: under item 305, 1 Club opted out of the Hall of Fame optional contribution; under item 475, 1 Club felt that they were incorrectly billed from Lions International for dues, District Cabinet has voted to reimburse the Club \$64.50. Item 509 is a memorial for Lion Terry Peterson. Last report on the P&L is that only 1 Club has not paid their first half dues and we are assured that

that is an oversight and will be corrected at their next meeting. Motion by Lion Linda Vollmer, 1st VDG to approve the report and file for audit, second by Lion Robert Drabek, PID. Motion carried.

- DISTRICT GOVERNORS REPORT: District Governor Bea stated that their trip to the International Convention in Las Vegas was a wonderful experience. She stated that the Convention really shows how International our organization is with all of the different clothing that Lions wear representing their Country or Region. She was honored to witness the swearing in of the First Female Lions International President, Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir. In her address, President Yngvadottir challenged attendees to chart a new course in Service and Membership. She feels that there are winds of change in the World and Lions can be part of that change. DG Bea is starting her Club Visitations. Looking back a few years, she remembers how impressed she was with PDG Kens Club visits, hearing about all of the activities that Clubs do. Her recent accident has slowed her down with her early visitations, but that she will be making up for lost time. She asked that everyone consider where a new Club could be started—Family Clubs, Cyber Clubs, Business Clubs, Branch Clubs, etc. We have many options for starting new Clubs. DG Bea noted that IP Ynvadottir is stressing that we increase our number and percentage of Female Lions. She noted that the number of Female Lions is increasing, but there is still plenty of room for more ladies to join. DG Bea noted the number of Leo Club Members who were attending the Fall Rally and Thanked them and she recognized that the Leos is where our future lies.

- CABINET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: 1st VDG Linda Vollmer began by her report by borrowing IPDG Tim Browns statement: “It’s a great day to be a Lion”.

Fall Rally: Hill City Lion and Fall Rally Chairperson Bob Lowrey informed us that there were 68 Lions Club Members who pre-registered and that there are several walk in registrations. He welcomed everyone to Fall Rally. He Thanked everyone who has worked on the Fall Rally Committee.

Audit: For reports, she reported that Lion Rick Brady has completed the audit of the 2017-18 Treasures books and found no discrepancies.

Information Technology: Lion Ted Pukas, PDG, has posted minutes of the Cabinet meetings and the District Business Meetings on the District web page. He encourages Clubs to send him their Club events, especially those showing Club Action.

Youth: Lion Nathan Chicoine reported that he has reserved Storm Mountain Camp as the location for the 2021 Youth Exchange Camp in 5SW.

Global Service: Lion Tim Brown, IPDG, reports that he has accepted the appointment as 5SW Global Service Chairperson and that he will present more information in the afternoon program.

Global Membership: Chairperson Lion Ken Wetz, PCC, reported that we currently have 33 Clubs with 787 members. This is down 18 members from 1 year ago. Ipswich is the only Club with a positive growth so far this Lions year with a plus 1. He is encouraging Clubs to contact the drops and ask them to consider re-joining. It does work. Lion Ken did exactly that recently for the Newell Lions Club and re-instated a drop. His reason was that he just couldn't attend meetings regularly and Lin Ken responded by stating that Club meeting attendance is not the only way to serve our Community. Helping at Activities is a great way to be a Lion. Further, Lion Ken stated that if every one of our 33 Clubs would add just 1 new member then we would be a positive 15 members. He reminded us that Membership starts with each of us. Lastly, he will be scheduling Guiding Lion Workshops around the District. These workshops are a super refresher course on the wonders of Lions. These will be in the evenings and last no more than a couple of hours.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: 2nd VDG Richard Waits presented these reports.

Newsletter Chair: District Governor Bea is working on options for a newsletter again.

Leader Dog Chair: Lion Donna Wetz reported that she has recently sent a letter to all Clubs Presidents asking their Club to consider a donation to Leader Dog. She plans to contact the Club Secretaries soon, also, with the same message. She is willing to do Club Visits to spread the message of Leader Dog. She can also get Leader Dog placemats, pens and pencils for Club use. Please allow about 3 weeks for delivery.

Peace Poster Chair: Lion Geraldine Ray reported that she will be sending information to Clubs on the deadlines that apply to Peace Poster.

Leos and Opportunity for Youth Chair: As noted earlier, Lion Nathan Chicoine has contracted with Storm Mountain Camp for the 2021 Youth Exchange Camp. Dates will be July 18-24. For Leo Clubs, he reports that he would still like to start a LEO Club in Rapid City and that if anyone has a suggestion on where, he would like to talk with them. He reminded Lions Clubs and Youth of the Scholarships that MD5 has for one of our Multiple District young people who would like to go to an International Camp. He has the full information.

Environmental Chair: Lion Ken Miller has a tour of the Sanford Lab in Lead set for this Friday, October 12. Meet at the Visitor Center at 9:00.

Childhood Cancer: There was an excellent program on Childhood Cancer this morning to kick off our Rally.

REGION CHAIRPERSON: Lion Jim Treloar noted, also, that our Districts number 1 challenge is membership. Jim announced that he will be the one working on next years Lions Clubs Directory and noted that updating telephone numbers and email addresses will be a real focus.

OLD BUSINESS:

YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP UPDATE: Reports given earlier. However, it was noted that only 3 youth from South Dakota attended the 2018 Youth Exchange Camp in Sioux Falls this past Summer. And that all 3 were from 5SW.

USA/CANADA FORUM: 1st VDG Linda Vollmer attended the Forum recently. She stated that she was very impressed with the Seminars. There was such a large variety of Seminars, about 80 different ones. And, there were only 10 time slots for Seminars in the 2 days. During President Yngvadottirs presentation, she announced that Clubs who reach 50% of their total membership as women will receive special recognition this year. Lion Linda stated that attendees were told that the new Lions web page, named "My Lion" will be up and running about November. Lion Linda thanked the District for the financial help to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

FALL RALLY DATE CHANGES: District Governor Bea informed Club Members that there has been some discussion between 5SW and 5SE about switching the State Convention to a Fall time period. This would require a change in our District By Laws concerning the Fall Rally. And this would be true in SE, also. The subject has come up because of the dwindling number of Lions attending the Sate Convention and a similar drop in attendance at the Fall Rally. The thought shared has been that having the State Convention in October could increase attendance. In addition, with increasing costs to attend conventions, Members may be in the situation of picking and choosing what to attend. It is felt by some that attendance by younger, middle aged Members could increase with this change. DG Bea announced that a resolution had been passed at the Cabinet Meeting that 5SW continue to explore the possibility of bringing forth a change in the State Convention and Fall Rally. A comment was made that Conventions need to be fun, if we wish to attract younger members. 5SE District Governor Marie Ann Ben addressed us and stated that the SE Cabinet passed a similar resolution. At their District Business meeting, they tabled the issue in order to talk with Clubs about the proposal and re-visit the issue at their Business meeting during the January State Convention. SE 1st VDG

JOHN EMMETT presented his thoughts. Because of both of our District By Laws, a change would take about 2 years to initiate.

LIONS NEWSLETTER: DG Bea informed the Lions that the options, as of today, are probably for a 5SW Lion to step forward and volunteer to be the Editor. Or, to consider the thought of the SD Lions Foundation Board of Directors to publish a Statewide Lions Magazine/Newsletter. DG Bea asked the Lions Foundation CEO Jennifer Sigette to bring us up to date on the Foundations thinking. Jennifer stated that there has been some discussion, by the Board, of re-starting a Magazine/Newsletter that the Districts could use for getting their information out to Club Members. The Dakota Lions Sight and Health is agreeable to joining an effort. Jennifer said that they are looking to a January 2019 start time. She stated that the Foundation will be starting a Statewide Newsletter, whether by themselves or with the Districts and Eye Bank. She sees the Newsletter as a Membership tool. Motion by Lion Ken Wetz to authorize the District Governor Team to act as a committee to work with the SD Lions Foundation to make the newsletter a reality. Second by Lion Dick Waits. Motion carried.

NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Ken Wetz nominated Lion Linda Vollmer for the position of District Governor Elect for 2018-2019. Second by Lion Charles Edwards. Lion Linda Vollmer was elected.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Ken Gifford nominated Lion Richard Waits for the position of 1st Vice District Governor Elect for 2018-2019. Lion Gifford stated that Lion Richard has been an active Lions Member and has served on all of the necessary positions to qualify for the position. Second by Lion Francis Waits. Lion Richard Waits was elected.

NOMINATION FOR 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Gary Watzel of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club nominated Lion Geraldine Ray for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor Elect for 2018-2019. He stated that she has been an active member of their Club, has worked on most all of the Clubs projects, has served on the SD Lions Foundation Board and has served on all of the necessary positions to qualify her for the position. Second by Lion Jim Treloar. Lion Geraldine Ray was elected.

ELECTION: Lion Nathan Wetz moved that nominations cease and ballots be cast. Second by Lion Neil Vollmer.

Ballots were handed out and, upon counting, all candidates were declared elected unanimously. Motion by Lion Gary Watzel that the ballots be destroyed, second by Lion Robert Drabek. Motion carried.

2019 Fall Rally bid—District Governor Elect Lion Linda Vollmer announced that the Mobridge Lions Club has offered to host the 2019 Fall Rally. She stated that she and Lion Neil have visited the Club twice to educate them on the Rally. Other Clubs in Zone 1 have volunteered to help them. Motion by Lion Linda that we accept their bid, second by Lion Geraldine Ray. Motion carried. Dates are October 4 & 5.

VOPA: Volunteer Organizations Protection Act---Lion Ken Wetz explained how this Act could help protect Lions Clubs and ALL Volunteer type organizations. Individuals are protected against malicious liability lawsuits but Volunteer Organizations are not. A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives in Congress that would protect Volunteer Organizations against these type of lawsuits. Lions International is asking Lions Clubs and their Members to contact their Representatives in support of this Act. Lion Ken will get the specifics to Lion Neil who will email the information to District Secretaries.

13.0 International Director Comments: In view of the length of the Business Meeting, ID White opted to hold her comments until the evening Banquet.

14.0 Upcoming Events:

14.a 2019 SD State Lions Convention, January 18-19, Spearfish

14.b 2019 MD5 Convention, May 23-25, Price Albert, Sask.

14.c 2019 Fall Rally, Mobridge and Zone 1, October 4-5

14.d 2019 Lions International Convention—Milan, Italy, July 5-July 9

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion by Lion Charles Edwards, second by Lion Bob Lowrey that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Lion Neil Vollmer

District Cabinet Secretary