

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2017

- 1.0 Business meeting called to order by District Governor Tim Brown.
- 2.0 Pledge of allegiance recited.
- 3.0 A moment of silence was observed.
- 4.0 DG Tim introduced Guests: ID Ardie Klemish & spouse PDG Ken Klemish , PID John Daum and PID Bruce Schwartz& spouse Lion Julie Schwartz, CC Terry Peterson, SD Distrcit Governor Neil Bowes and spouse, Mary Ellen Bowes, PDG Mark Koller & spouse Lion Karen, PDG Judy Beaudry & Spouse Lion Mack, Jennifer Sigetter, Ex. Director, SD Lions Foundation.
- 5.0 Agenda: Motion by Lion Charles Edwards, PDG to approve the agenda, second by Lion Dusty Dustman. Motion carried.
- 6.0 Roll Call of Clubs attending showed 17 Clubs present with 34 voting delegates. 48 total Lions and guests attended.
- 7.0 Secretary Report of last years Annual Meeting Minutes-Lion Neil Vollmer stated that minutes were emailed to Cabinet Members and Club Officers in October 2016. DG Tim asked for any corrections. None noted. Motion by Lion Ken Wetz, PCC to approve the minutes, second by Lion Charles Edwards, PDG. Motion carried.
- 8.0 Treasures report: Lion Richard Waits, District Treasure, noted that he feels that the District is, financially, in very good condition positive position as of Oct 1, 2017. He announced that a couple of Clubs are in arrears with their District Dues. Lion Richard told those present that Statements are available. If someone would like a copy, please see him. The 2016-17 Audit has been completed and the Auditor found nothing out of line. Motion by Lion Galen Jones, PDG, to file the financials for audit, second by Lion Doug Scheller, PDG. Motion carried.
- 9.0 District Governors Report: District Governor Tim Thanked everyone for each of them being a Lion. He further Thanked the Clubs for their great projects and services, showing a diversity unique to their communities and also Thanked the Lions for letting him serve as the District Governor. He stated that his summers highlight was attending the International Convention in Chicago. It really showed him and impressed him with

seeing what Lions INTERNATIONAL really means. Following the Convention, he has concluded that our real duty is to roll up our sleeves and get to work. He is challenging Clubs to get out of their comfort zone, asking more people to join their Club and to start new projects. As part of this growth effort, the Governor asked the Cabinet for authorization to reward any Club that starts a new project and gets a new member this year a \$100 incentive. It was approved. He is stressing to the Zone Chairpersons one of his priorities of having them visit each of the Clubs in their Zones, not just once, maybe as often as necessary to stimulate them to action. He has shared a handout with the Chairs of the 10 Top Characteristics of a successful Lions Club. He is asking the Chairs to ask Clubs to consider starting a Community Legacy Project this year as part of the Lions Centennial. As for membership, DG Tim is changing the influence from Membership growth to Membership Expectations—ie, the District Cabinet is expecting Clubs to have a net positive membership growth this year. He is asking the Zone Chairs to study the Communities in their Zone that do not have a Lions Club and consider having a Zone Project of starting a new Club there. He and the VDG's are willing to visit Clubs and Communities in the efforts to help Clubs grow and to start new Clubs.

10.0 Cabinet Committee Chairpersons Reports:

Administrative Committees: 1st VDG Bea Gifford stated that her Committees reported to the Cabinet yesterday, but wanted any of those Chairpersons to give an oral report today. Leadership Committee Chair Lion Doug Scheller, PDG, is challenging individuals Lions to step up to be Lions Leaders, move up to a higher level, ie, Club Secretary or Treasure to **Club President, Club President to Zone Chair, Zone Chair to a Committee Chair and then to a Vice District Governor. Lion Scheller is also the Districts LCIF Coordinator with the responsibility to promote Clubs and Individuals to make donations to the Lions Foundation. During this past year, District 5SW had the highest percentage of their Clubs making a donation to LCIF from the 4 Districts in South & North Dakota. He encouraged Clubs to make a donation yet this calendar year and designate it for the Measles Challenge as the Gates Foundation will match all donations up to \$30 Million. World wide, those donations are at \$25 Million, so there is still \$5 Million of the table.

**Global Membership Chair Lion Ken Wetz, PCC, reported that we currently have 33 Clubs and 807 individual members. This is down 3 from July 1. 15 new members have joined, but 18 have been dropped. He is challenging Clubs to actually contact members who did not send their renewal check to the Club. He knows of one instance where he was visiting with an acquaintance and Ken had asked him if he would like to join Lions. His reply was that he had been a Member and, when Ken questioned him, his reply was that he had forgotten, by mistake, to send his dues in. No one ever bother to go see him

to see what had happened. Lion Ken is asking Clubs to follow up on drops. Lion Ken expanded on a Membership effort that DG Tim is initiating: It is referred at the Membership Expectation, the District Cabinet is expecting Clubs to have a net positive Membership growth this year. Clubs whose current membership is less than 20 members is expected to have a net growth of 1 member; Clubs whose current membership is between 21 and 40 are expected to have a net growth of 2 members; Clubs whose current membership is over 40 members are expected to have a net growth of 3 members. This is an effort to reverse the long term trend of net losses in District 5SW. It was suggested that, when recruiting a new member, start by asking them to "Join us to do Community Service for our Community".

****Information Technology—Lion Ted Pukas, PDG, discussed the possibilities that the Web site presents to Clubs and Lions. The web page is a Portal to the World. It can show non-Lions what we do. Please send him pictures of your Club, of Lions Working and having fun. There is a calendar area on the web site, use it by sending dates of your upcoming events to Lion Ted. The Web site has the State Convention Registration form on it already. Dates are in mid January. Easiest way to find the web site is to Google "5SW".**

****District Administrator—Lion Gary Johnson, PDG, is able to help Clubs learn how to get onto the Lions International web site for all kinds of reasons—reports, dues information and a million other questions about Lionism.**

Service Committees: 2nd VDG Linda Vollmer stated that all of her Committee Chairs have sent reports to her.

****Newsletter Chair Lion Terry Peterson, CC, is asking Clubs to submit photographs to him of Club Members in action. Cabinet Secretary is now forwarding Club Activities Reports to Lion Terry for his use in the Bits & Pieces section of the newsletters.**

****Leader Dog Chair Lion Donna Wetz has recently sent letters to all Clubs. She shared information on how to help someone receive a Leader Dog, the procedure, etc. If there is someone in need, please contact Lion Donna. 2 Clubs have already submitted a donation to Leader Dog for operation expenses. Last year, District 5SW Clubs donated \$3536 for those operating expenses. She would like to beat that figure this year and would like all of our Clubs to make a donation, any size is appreciated. She has videos that she can share with Clubs for programs. Also, she can get table placemats for Club uses.**

**Peace Poster Chair Lion Geraldine Ray reminds all Lions of the October 31 deadline for submitting their Club winning Poster to DG Tim. She plans to send an email letter out soon after January 1 bringing Clubs the information on the 2018 Contest-new Theme, Deadline dates, etc.

**Leos and Opportunity for Youth Chair Lion Nathan Chicoine is still working on getting a Leo Club started in Rapid City. He is targeting one of the Christine High Schools.

**Sight & Vision, Speech & Hearing Chair Lion Ken Gifford, PDG, noted that KidSreening is really ramping up now that Schools are back in session. Screening was done at the Central State Fair and 527 Children were screened. The word seems to be getting out in that requests are being received from Schools and child care centers around Western S.D. Area Lions Clubs will be asked to help with the screenings that have been set up by the SD Lions Foundation. Clubs who have an opportunity to line up screenings need to contact the Rapid City Foundation Office to reserve the Screening Van. 5SW Clubs are encouraged to promote the collection of hearing aids and publicize the Foundations program to help fund hearing aids.

**Environmental Chair Lion Ken Miller has a tour of a Wyoming Power Plant lined up for Friday, October 13th. Car pooling starts at Rapid City at 7:30 AM and a stop will be made in Spearfish at the Butte Electric Yard off of Exit 8 at 8:30.

Region Chairperson: PDG Galen Jones reported that 5 of the 7 Zone Chairs are attending the Fall Rally. He thanked them for attending. He reported that the Zone Chairs are scheduling their Zone Meetings or are setting up individual Club meetings. He is asking the Zone Chairs to encourage Clubs to consider starting a Legacy Project in their respective Communities. This is a project which will last for many years.

11.0 Old Business:

Cabinet Members expense reimbursement policy—DG Tim noted that there was some confusion in that policy following the July Cabinet Meeting. He has learned that Districts do not have to follow Lions International Rules of Audit for reimbursements, that Districts may set their own. The Cabinet has set those limits at \$0.35 for mileage, \$25 per meal and \$75 per night for motel. Cabinet members are the Lions who may submit for expenses.

12.0 New Business:

12.a Nominations for 2018-2019 District Governor: Lion Donna Wetz nominated 1st Vice District Governor Lion Bea Gifford for the position of District Governor Elect. Lion Doug Scheller seconded the nomination. DG Tim asked for any further nominations. There being no other qualified nominations, 1st VDG Bea Giffords' name was added to the slate of candidates for the position of District Governor.

12.b Nominations for 2018-2019 1st Vice District Governor: Lion Ken Wetz nominated 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Linda Vollmer for the position of 1st Vice District Governor Elect. Seconded by Lion Chuck Edwards. DG Tim asked for any further nominations. There being no other qualified nominations, 2nd VDG Linda Vollmers' name was added to the slate of candidates for the position of 1st Vice District Governor.

12.c Nominations for 2018-2019 2nd Vice District Governor: Lion Ken Gifford nominated Lion Richard Waits to the position of 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. Second by Lion Frances Waits. DG Tim stated that Lion Richard has filed all of the forms required to serve in the position. DG Tim asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other qualified nominees, Lion Richard Waits' name was added to the slate of candidates for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor.

In view of the fact that the Cabinet Secretary failed to provide written ballots, motion by Lion Terry Peterson, CC, to waive the written ballot requirement. Second by Lion Dusty Dustman. Motion carried. DG Tim asked for those in favor of the slate of candidates verbally vote yes. This was followed by those voting no to so state. DG Tim declared the ballot elected.

12.d 2018 Fall Rally bid—District Governor Lion Tim Brown asked if there were any bids to host the 2018 Fall Rally. DGE Bea Gifford announced that the Lions Clubs of Zone 4, Hot Springs, Custer, Custer Leos, Hill City, Rapid City Downtown and Rapid City Rushmore have offered a bid to host the 2018 Fall Rally. The event would be held at the Comfort Inn in Hill City on October 5 and 6. There being no other bids, DG Tim declared their bid as accepted.

12.e 2017 Rally report—Lion Linda Vollmer Thanked everyone for attending the Fall Rally. 65 Lions have registered for this years Rally. Programs will be held in City Hall this afternoon. Lunch will be served next door at the NVN Srs. Center.

12.f Fall Rally future dates: Motion made by ????????, second by Lion ?????????? to select the first Friday and Saturday of October each year as the dates for future Fall Rallies.

12.g Leader Dog Kennel Project: PID Bruce Schwartz addressed the Lions on the successful fund raising project at Leader Dog.

12.h Re-Districting discussion: DG Tim spoke to the Club Members on the pros and cons of Re-Districting our District by joining another District. He presented Lions Internationals requirements for a District to be called a fully qualified District. Those are that the District have at least 35 Clubs and have at least 1250 members. Being a fully qualified District allows the District to run a Lion for the position of an International Director and allows the incoming District Governors Spouse to have their expenses to the International Convention to be paid by Lions International. We have not been a fully qualified District since the late 1990s. DG Tim asked PDD Ken Wetz to speak on the topic. Lion Ken reported that at the SD Past District Governors recent meeting, there was a suggestion that maybe it is time for 5SE and 5SW to combine into a Single District again. This would give the new District nearly 2000 Members and about 80 Clubs. Consensus of the Past District Governors who were in attendance was that each District would discuss it at their respective Fall Meetings and to suggest to the State Convention Planning Committee the possibility of a program on the pros and cons of combining. Lion Ken pointed out that this is not the first time that some talk has been had about combining Districts. Earlier talk has been heard about 5SW and 5NW combining. This would make a District that would cover the west halves of South and North Dakota. This past Spring, there was talk about Saskatchewan withdrawing from Multiple District 5. Nothing has been heard lately. Those who attended the Forum last month had attended a session of Re-Districting. The Presenter stated that Re-Districting for the purpose of getting over 1250 members is a bad option. RE-Districting because of a shallow leadership pool or to combine finances may be a more acceptable reason. It was stated that Lions International does not force Districts into re-districting. DG Tim wrapped up the discussion by pointing out that the purpose of this session was to only keep District 5SW Lions in the know, in the loop.

13.0 International Director Comments: ID Ardie Klemish addressed the Lions. She stated that she had only a few general comments and would answer questions. She noted that she and her Husband, Ken, feel right at home here because they are from a small Town in Iowa (Adair) located in a rural, farming area. They understand the importance of Family, Friends and providing Services. Many questions were fielded by the Director. Director Ardie thanked Lions Ken and Donna for being great hosts to them for these past 2 ½ days and for showing them the Black Hills and Farming area.

14.0 Upcoming Events:

14.a 2018 SD State Lions Convention, January 19-20, Huron

14.b 2018 MD5 Convention, May 17-19, Mandan, ND

14.c 2018 Fall Rally, Hill City, Zone 4, October 5-6

14.d 2018 Lions International Convention—Los Vegas, NC., June 29-July 3

Adjournment: There being no further business, District Governor Tim declared the meeting adjourned

Lion Neil Vollmer

District Cabinet Secretary