

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
DISTRICT 5SW JOINT CABINET & BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2019

- Business meeting called to order by District Governor LION LINDA VOLLMER.
- Pledge of allegiance recited.
- A moment of silence was observed.
- DG LINDA introduced our Guests: ID Lion MARK LYON and his spouse Lion LYNN LYON, PID ROBERT DRABEK & spouse Lion BEVERLY DRABEK, SE District Governor JOHN EMMETT, 5NW District Governor SHERRY FETCH and her husband, PCC ARLEN FETCH and Leader Dog Guest BJ BLAHNIK.
- Agenda: Lion Robert Drabek asked to be added to the Agenda for discussion on the Great Plains Lions Leadership Program. Motion by Lion Marjorie Adams to adopt the Agenda as changed, second by PDG Lion Ken Gifford. Motion carried.
- Roll Call of Clubs attending showed 17 Clubs present with 33 voting delegates.
- SECRETARYS REPORT: Lion Neil Vollmer, PDG, stated that minutes of last years Business Meeting and the October Cabinet Meeting were both emailed to Cabinet Members and Club Officers in October 2018 and again this September. DG Linda asked for any corrections. None noted. Motion by Lion Geraldine Ray, to approve the minutes, second by Lion Frances Waits. Motion carried. Lion Neil reported that just about the same Clubs are filing Membership Reports to Lions International and to the District Officers as last year. He stated that there are about 20 Clubs who regularly report. 5SW has 33 active Clubs. Lion Neil reported that he had no recent communications to report to the Members.
- TREASURES REPORT: Lion Kenneth Wetz, PDG, District Treasure, presented his report for this year to date of Oct. 5th. Copies of the report are available today. After today, copies are available by contacting Lion Ken via email or cell phone. Total income to date include: Club dues of \$8222, MD5 Youth Programs of \$500, State Lions Pins of \$180, Directories sold to the PDG Association of \$64, and a service fee refund of \$.3.28. Expenses include 2nd VDG expenses to District Governor Training, Van Rental to take Youth Exchange Camp in Saskatchewan in July, District Governor travel expenses of 126.76 and Cabinet Secretary expenses of \$370.64. Lion Ken reported that he has opened a checking account at the First National Bank in Newell. He has deposited all

dues into that account this summer. Current balance in that account is \$8064.39. There is still an account open at the Black Hills Community Bank in Rapid City and it has a balance of \$13,483.15. It is Lion Kens intent to close that account and deposit those funds into the new account at Newell. In addition, there are 2 CDs with Black Hills Community Bank totaling \$ 7689.86. Motion by Lion James Trealor to approve the report and file for audit, second by Lion Vernon Joy. Motion carried. Lion Ken noted that only 2 Clubs have not paid their first half dues.

- DISTRICT GOVERNORS REPORT: District Governor Linda reported that, so far, she has visited 7 Clubs and has 18 more already scheduled. She encouraged Clubs who are not yet scheduled to give her a call or to email her to set a date for her visit. She would like to get most of the Clubs visited before winter sets in. She THANKED the Mobridge Lions Club for stepping up and hosting the Fall Rally. She Thanked the McLaughlin Lions Club for planning and conducting the Dining in the Dark Supper on Friday evening. She announced that Youth Back Packs will be prepared later in the day. These Backpacks will be given to the Mobridge Hospital and Black Hills Hospitals for Kids who have cancers. She Thanked Lion Ashley Burkhead for being the Back-Pack Chairperson and Thanked Clubs for bringing items for the Packs.

- CABINET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: 1st VDG Richard Waits presented the Administrative Committee reports which include:

Global Leadership Team: Lion Ken Wetz, PCC, stated that he has sent Protocol Information to all of the Clubs and a District Governor Bio. Clubs are encouraged to use proper protocol in hosting the District Governor. If Clubs have any questions, they may contact Lion Ken. He announced that a Spring District Event is being planned. This will be a combined Officer Training, Zone Chairperson Training and motivational event. A Representative from the Service Dogs For America at Jud N.D. will be attending to talk about their program.

Global Membership: Chairperson Lion Robert Lowery reported that there is a new Membership Program in the United States and Canada. It is titled North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). More information will be forthcoming to encourage membership growth in our 2 Countries. Other parts of the World are still growing, not so here in North America.

District Administrator: Lion Neil reported that some Clubs are still unable to do their reports to Lions International on-line. 1st VDG Richard informed all of us that, during the USA-Canada Forum in September, he attended a session on the new LI Web Site and

that he is willing to help any Club Officers to report their Membership and Activities. Please give him a call or an email him if you have problems or questions.

Audit Report: Committee Chair Lin Rick Brady conducted the Audit of 2018-2019 financial books and filed a report with District Governor Linda. This was done in August.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: 2nd VDG Geraldine Ray presented these reports:

Leader Dog Chair: Lion Marjorie Adams presented her report earlier in the program.

Orientation: Lion Donna Wetz will be doing a presentation this afternoon. District Governor Linda encouraged all Clubs to have at least one of their Members attend. Orientating ALL Lions about Lionism is one of her primary focuses.

Peace Poster: Chairperson Rebecca Swedin has sent information out to the Clubs on participating in this program. DG Linda reminded Lions to get their Posters to her by the end of October.

Childhood Cancer: Lion Tim Brown, PDG, talked about the Cancer Camp that was held in July. The local Campground owners affiliated with a national Camping Group, Camp Quality, USA. Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company has pledged up to \$10,000 for 2 years of this Camp. Although the number of Youths who attended was less than hoped for, the Camp gave the Administration a chance to learn how to conduct a successful Camp. Another Camp is planned for the summer of 2020. The big need to get the word out. That is a project that Clubs can do in their Communities. Watch for more information. And start looking for campers from your Communities. The Camp is set up for Youth ages 5-18 and the cost to the Campers is NOTHING. No Cost!

Environment: Chairperson Lion Ken Miller had lined up a Tour of the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs. The first winter storm of the year forced it to be cancelled. Re-scheduling is not planned. He is working on a site and plan for next year.

Youth Back Packs: Lion Ashley Burkhead and District Governor Linda have organized a time to fill Back Packs later today.

Leos and Opportunity for Youth Chair:

ZONE CHAIR COORDINATOR: Lion James Treloar REPORTED THAT ALL 8 Region Chairpersons have made a report to him about their plans and activities. Lion Jim agreed with other Lions comments of how Membership is our number 1 challenge.

OLD BUSINESS:

YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP UPDATE: DG Linda reported that the 2021 Camp contract with Storm Mountain is quite high. She contacted Diane Johnson of Sturgis who owns a Camp Grounds near Bear Butte. This was the location of the Youth Cancer Camp this past July. Johnson has offered us her Camp Grounds at a much lower price and includes a Breakfast Meal. DG Linda stated that it is her intent to sign a contract with Mrs. Johnson.

USA/CANADA FORUM REPORT: 1st VDG Richard Waits reported that he had attend the Forum in September in Spokane. He stated that there were 77 different Sessions to choose from in the 3 Day Event. He stated that this is the Best Seminar that he has ever attended. Not only was the information valuable but the networking with other Lions was outstanding. He noted that he attended the Session on Lions Internationals new Computer Program and that he had learned a lot from the presentation. He is offering to help any Club Officers who may be having problems getting up and running with the Reports. Information on how to contact Lion Richard is in the Directory. Future Forums are in Kentucky in 2020 and in Iowa in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE: dg Linda reported on the proposed change to our Constitution/By-Laws. The proposed change is to move the State Lions Convention from the Winter time period to the Fall Period. This was first proposed last year. Changing the State Convention to the Fall requires that both Districts pass a resolution. DG Linda reported that 5SE did pass a resolution at their Fall Forum last weekend. PDG Lion Ken Gifford moved that we amended our Constitution to allow for 5SWs Annual Business Meeting to be held in the Fall of each year in conjunction with another Lions Convention. Motion second by 2nd VDG Lion Geraldine Ray. During the discussion period, 1st VDG Governor Lion Richard Waits stated that he and Lion Ron Bunnell have contacted a hotel in Rapid City and have reserved it for October, 2020. 5SE DG Lion John Emmett addressed the issue of coordinating convention dates with the North Dakota and Saskatchewan Governors in order to not conflict with their Conventions. Their being no further discussion. DG Linda closed the discussion period and asked the VDG to distribute ballots. PDG Lion Neil Vollmer read the list of Clubs in attendance and the number of eligible votes. Following the voting, DG Linda announced that the motion had passed 32-0. Motion by PDG Lion Ken Gifford to destroy the ballots, second by PDG Lion Charles Edwards. Motion carried.

NOMINATION FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR: PDG Lion Ken Gifford rose to nominate 1st VDG Lion Richard Waits Elect for the position of District Governor Elect for 2020-2021. Second by Lion Ron Bunnell. Lion Richard Waits was elected.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Lion Collin Keeler nominated 2nd VDG Geraldine Ray for the position of 1st Vice District Governor Elect for 2020-2021. Second by PID Lion Robert Drabeck and that nominations cease and that the District Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Lion Geraldine. Lion Geraldine Ray was elected.

NOMINATION FOR 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: No nominations were presented. DG Linda stated that she will appoint a committee to find a candidate.

13.0 REPORTS:

SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS FOUNDATION: Foundation President reported that we should reach Eye Screenings of 40,000 South Dakota Children this Lions Year. She noted that the Rapid City Area Lions Clubs are very active in screenings. She noted that the Board of Directors is struggling with operational expenses. West River Area used Eyeglasses: The Foundation has rented a garage in Rapid City for storing used glasses. Lions are to contact Lion Kyle Krause for the location and a key. Lion Geraldine noted that there are 2 5SW openings on the Board of Directors. Election will be held at the State Convention in Watertown in January. Lion Geraldine also reported that the Board is planning to form a Foundation and to start a fund raising effort that is being referred to as Vision 2020. The goal is to raise \$2 million .

DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH: Board Vice President Collin Keeler presented the report. To date this year, Dakota Lions has done 177 Cornea Transplants. He stated that a Tissue Banks Inspection was conducted recently and Sight & Health received an A rating. He proudly announced that the mortgage on the new Building is under \$1 Million and that it should be paid off in 2022. He reminded 5SW Lions that there is 1 opening on the Board and the election will be held in January at the State Convention.

CAMPAIGN 100: 5SW Lions PDG Doug Scheller and PDG Tim Brown made a presentation on Lions Internationals Fund Raising Campaign. In addition, MD5 Coordinator, PDG Lion Dave Czyzznnzski, was present. They asked individual 5SW Lions to make a commitment to participate to join the Campaign. The idea with the title of the campaign is that all Lions make a donation of \$100 a year for 3 years. Of course, any amount will be gratefully accepted. As little as \$20 will be credited to a Melvin Jones at LCIF. Lion Tim announced that he will be doing Club visits over the winter and spring.

LEADERSHIP Institutes: PID Robert Drabeck addressed the subject of 5SW joining Nebraska Lions in their Leadership Institute. He noted that the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is no longer functioning. He noted that these type of Leadership Opportunities are the building blocks of future District Leadership Opportunities. During discussion, it was pointed out that MD5 has been approached by MD5M to join them. This is the Minnesota and Manitoba Multiple District. No action taken.

MD 5 Comments: CC Lion Marie Anne Ben talked about the purpose of the District Global Action Teams in their role to build Districts, in all phases of Lionism: Membership, Leadership and Service. She pointed out that our World wide membership is over 1.4 million individuals and that individual members are the essential building block of Lions. She noted that MD5 is without an MD Youth Camp Coordinator and asked that if anyone is interested, they can contact their District Governor. CC Marie Anne explained the New Voices Program in Lions; it is the newest Lions program to increase female membership within Lions. In the area of Youth Exchange, PCC Lion Ken Wetz noted that the Newell Leos Club had one of their members who attended an exchange camp in Norway this past summer with the help of the MD Scholarship. Also, Lion Ken pointed out that 3 Newell Leo Club Members attended the MD5 Camp in Saskatchewan this past summer.

2020 South Dakota (Fall Season) State Lions Convention: Motion by Lion Richard Waits, second by Lion James Treavor, that the first Fall Season State Convention be held in Rapid City on October 3 & 4, 2020. Motion carried.

14.0 Upcoming Events:

14.a 2020 SD State Lions Convention, January 17-18, Watertown

14.b 2020 MD5 Convention, May 21-23, Brookings, S. D.

14.c 2020 Lions International Convention—June 26-30, Singapore

14.d 2020 SD Lions Convention, October, Rapid City (First ever Fall time period)

Adjournment: There being no further business, DG Linda Vollmer declared the meeting adjourned.

Lion Neil Vollmer

District Cabinet Secretary

