

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

## DISTRICT 5SW MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2017 CABINET MEETING

FALL RALLY, Newell, S.D.

1.0 Meeting called to order by District Governor Tim Brown at 2:00. 17 Cabinet Members attended along with 10 Guests and Club Members.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance recited.

3.0 A moment of silence was observed followed by singing the National Anthem.

4.0 Introductions: District Governor Tim welcomed all who were in attendance. He asked Lion Ken Wetz to introduced our International Guest ID Ardie Klemish and her spouse, PDG Ken. DG Tim introduced PID John Daum, CC Terry Peterson, 5SE DG Neil Bowes and his Spouse Mary Ellen, 5SE DGE Marie Ann Ben, SD Lions Foundation CEO Jennifer Sigette and Dakota Lions Sight & Health CEO Marcy Diamond .

DG Tim then recessed the Cabinet Meeting so that the Committees could meet. He requested that the Committee Chairs to take about 15 minutes.

DG Tim reconvened the Cabinet meeting.

### 5.0 AGENDA

5.1 Additions: DG Tim added several items: Old Business-add Explanation of expense reimbursement allowance. New Business-items for Future Fall Rally Dates and Re-Districting ideas, options and discussion, Treasures Report, item 7.3-2016-17 Financial Audit Report.

5.2 Approval: Motion by Lion Ken Gifford, PDG, second by Lion Terry Peterson, CC to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

### 6.0 SECRETARY REPORT:

6.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Lion Neil Vollmer stated that the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting were emailed out. Copies were available at todays meeting.

6.2 Membership and Activity Reports: Secretary Neil stated that the list of Clubs who submit monthly reports this year is just about the same list as Clubs sending in reports last year. Lion Ken noted that Nisland is mailing Club reports this year as he has received one himself.

6.3 Communications: None received by him.

6.4 Approval of Secretary report--Motion by Lion Jan Endes, second by Lion Doug Scheller, PDG, to approve the report. Motion carried.

7.1 TREASURES REPORT--FINANCIAL REPORTS: Lion Richard Waits presented several reports—Current Balance Sheet, Current Budgeted vs Actual Profit & Loss, Current Profit & Loss Statement and list of Clubs with Delinquent Dues. He noted that the District is currently in good financial standing with a current profit of over \$2000.

Two Clubs have not paid District dues for either last year or this year. This is an issue that the Cabinet needs to address.

Lion Dick presented an issue and asked what he should do. He has sent a bill to MD5 for SD Lions Club Directories. The amount is \$40. This is for Directories that the MD gives to MD Leaders and Cabinet Members. In the past, the 2 SD Districts have provided the Directories complimentary and shared the costs. Motion by Lions Doug Scheller, PDG, that our District pay the expense, second by Lion Linda Vollmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. Motion carried.

Audit Report: Lions Dick presented the Audit Report that had been prepared by Lion Rick Brady.

Motion by Lion Terry Peterson, CC, that the financial statements be filed for audit. Second by Lion Ila Davis. Motion carried.

8.1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT: DG Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone by stating that he had 3 Thank Yous to make. First, for everyone being a Lion, second, for stepping up and serving and third, for allowing him to serve as the District Governor. He stated that 1/3 of this Lions Year is already over but that we must stay focused on the whole year and that there is lots that we can do to help build our District. He is focusing on the work of the 7 Zone Chairpersons by presenting them with tools that they can use this year. He is asking that the Chairs touch each Club in their Zone at least 3 times this year and promoting that Clubs work together on a project. He is asking the Chairs to remind the Clubs to work on the Centennial Celebration Areas as set forth by Lions International, ie, Youth, Environment, Hunger and Vision plus the 2 new areas of Diabetes and Youth Cancer. In addition, he asked that the Zone Chairpersons update the Clubs on Legacy Projects. He introduced a new approach for membership and referred to it as the Membership Expectations, ie, International and Districts Expectation that Clubs will show a net positive growth in Membership this year. That Expectation is that Clubs with less than 20 current members to have a net positive growth of 1 member, Clubs of 20 to 40 July 1 membership have a net positive growth of 2 members and Clubs over 40 have a net positive growth of 3 new members. As an idea on growth, DG Tim asked the Cabinet to start a new promotion this year in which Clubs who start a new project and get a new member will receive \$100 from the District.

DG Tim talked about Club visitations by stating that he will be visiting all 33 Clubs in the District himself. He has 8 visitations completed so far. He plans to be finished with the visits by Jan 1st. He invites those Clubs who have not contacted him so far to do so soon. Or, he will be contacting the Clubs himself.

A question was asked on how we can help Clubs. DG Tim pointed out the Lion Gary Johnson, PDG, is able to help Club Secretaries learn how to enter reports online to International and can enter this info while they are getting used to doing it themselves. In addition, he is starting a program of Mentoring Club Officers by assigning a PDG to help Clubs who are in need.

## 9.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT---1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bea Gifford asked Committee Chairs for their reports.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—VDG Bea asked Lion Ted Pukas, PDG, to talk about the photo gallery on the web page. He pointed out how easy it is to submit photos. He is looking for action photos where something is being done, not just a photo of a meeting. Please send the photos as jpeg files. He reminded Lions that there is a calendar area where Clubs can list their upcoming events.

LCIF DEVELOPEMENT—Lion Doug Scheller, PDG, asked Clubs and Individuals who may be thinking or planning on making a contribution to LCIF to do so before December 31. This is the deadline for matching funds from the Gates Foundation for the World Wide Measles elimination program. They pledged up to \$30 million, only \$25 million has been received by LCIF for this program.

GMT—PCC Ken Wetz's reported on 5SWs membership numbers at Lions International. We are currently at 807 members. This is a decline of 3 since July. Clubs have added 15 new members, but dropped 18. 8 Clubs have a positive growth for the year, 9 clubs have a negative growth (loss). He reported that there is still a plan for extension into Whitewood, with possibly a Branch Club.

District Administrator—Lion Gary Johnson, PDG, addressed the issue of Clubs in arrears in dues. He feels that some do not receive paper bills and plans to check into that possibility. As for District dues, Lion Dick reported that all District Clubs were sent paper bills.

9.2 SERVICE COMMITTEE---2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Linda Vollmer reported summaries as follows:

LEADER DOG—Lion Donna Wetz has recently emailed and postal service mailed a letter to all Clubs where she sent them brochures and stressed the importance of Lions Clubs continued support of Leader Dog. She has lots of information on Leader Dog and will attend Club meetings to share that information. She wants Clubs to watch for anyone in their Community who could have a better life if they had a Leader Dog. She will work with Clubs and individuals in getting a Dog. She has received 2 Club donations for Leader Dog for ongoing operating expenses plus several of the Kennel Redesign pledges. She noted that 5XW sent donations of \$3536 last year and would like to surpass that amount this year. She would like to have 100% of the 5SW Clubs make a donation to the operating budget of Leader Dog, which would make the District a 100% contributing District. She noted that Leader Dog Placemats are available and can be ordered thru her. She can get other Leader Dog items also.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/LIONS INFO—Lion Terry Peterson, Council Chair, is reminding Club Leaders to send him photos from the Club Projects. He appreciates what the Clubs have on their Activity Reports which he uses in the Bits & Pieces section.

VISION & HEARING—PDG Ken Gifford reported that the Rapid City Lions screened 527 Youth at the Central States Fair. This was a record. He noted that the Foundation is receiving screening requests from area Schools and Child Care Centers. Area Lions will be asked to assist. SD Lions Foundation hopes to screen 20,000 children this year and a long range goal of getting 60,000 SD children screened. The Foundation is encouraging Lions Clubs to collect hearing aids also and to publicize the opportunities for people to receive hearing aides thru the Foundation.

PEACE POSTER—None

ENVIRONMENT—Lion Ken Miller reminds Lions that he has organized a trip to the Wyoming Coal Field for October 13<sup>th</sup>. He encourages Lions to carpool. Tour begins at 10:00 at the Power Plant.

9.3 REGION CHAIRS—PDG Galen Jones

Lion Galen reported that there are 5 Zone Chairpersons are attending this Rally. He reported that they all have already contacted the Clubs in their Zone. He has encouraged the Zone Chairs to share information on Lions Internationals Centennial Projects and Legacy Projects.

10.0 OLD BUSINESSs

10.1 Expense reimbursement: DG Tim explained the action taken by the Cabinet at the First Cabinet Meeting. He talked about LCIs Rules of Audit and has learned that Districts can set their own reimbursement program. He reminded Cabinet Members that we have set our figures at \$0.35 per mile for travel, \$25/Day for meals and up to \$75 for motel room per day. All Cabinet Members are eligible to submit expenses for all District business that they do. Motion by Lion Doug Scheller, PDG, second by Lion Gary Johnson, PDG, to approve the Cabinets reimbursement program. Motion carried.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2017 Fall Rally Update—Lion Linda Vollmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Welcomed everyone to the Rally. Lion Linda reported that there are 56 registered. Friday night activities will be at the Holiday Inn and will be an Elvis impersonator. She reminded everyone that Saturday activities begin at 9:00 in Newell at the City Hall. She reminded the Lions of the Basket Auction on Saturday afternoon. She told the Lions that inside the welcome packets are knitted sheep, but only one bag has a completely white sheep. Whoever gets that one will receive a special price.

11.2 2017 Fall Rally Location Bid

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bea Gifford announced that Zone 4 has offered to host next years Fall Rally. Dates will be Oct 5 & 6. Event will be held in Hill City at the Comfort Inn. This will be a Project of Zone 4-Sot Springs, Custer, Hill City, RC Downtown and RC Rushmore. Their offer was accepted. Lion Neil Vollmer told the Cabinet

that we need to start planning ahead more than just 1 year. It makes it easier for the Incoming Governor to know that information earlier. It was also pointed out the SE has a rule that their Fall Forum rotates from Zone to Zone. That at least gives all Lions a general idea of where future Meetings will be held.

Rapid City Downtown announced that they wish to sponsor the 2021 Fall Rally.

### 11.3 SD LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT:

Foundation CEO Jennifer Sigette was in attendance and was asked to give us a report. She thanked DG Tim for the opportunity to address us. This is her first Fall Rally that she has attended and is looking forward to the whole weekend. She reported that the Foundation is financially very good, for which she is happy. In the area of screenings, over 5000 young people have been screened since July 1. Based on this, she anticipates that we will screen over 22,000 this Lions year. She asked any Club who is interested in hosting a screening in their community to give her Office a call. She reminded Lions that the new Office in Rapid City is up and running. Pinky Horner is the Staff Member there. The Foundations target audience is youth ages birth to 12 years. The Eye Van is on the road lots of days.

Lion John Daum, PID, requested some time. He recalled the events that lead up to the SD Lions Foundation Marble Lion going to the LiOns International Office in Oak Brook. It was set up in time for the International Convention in late June. It sits in a very prominent position in front of the Headquarters. A story on the statute will be appearing in an upcoming Lions Magazine, perhaps in the November issue.

11.4 DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH REPORT—Lion Colin Keeler, President of the organization, gave part of the report. He stated that there is a false statement being spread about the Organization and asked Lions to evaluate anything that they hear verbally. And to question any statements that are not backed up in writing. Lion Collin then introduced Marcy Diamond, Sight & Health Board CEO. Marcy report that 720 gifts of sight were given last year. 84 of these were given as gratis where the recipients did not have the means to pay for it. In addition, there have been 152 tissue donors resulting in nearly 40,000 transplantable tissues. Planning for the future, Marcy noted that there are other organizations that are trying to do the same thing that Sight & Health is doing. She noted that 40% of tissue retrieving organizations have either closed their doors or combined with another organization in the recent past. In 2015, there were 80 Eye Banks, today there are only 62. In the next 2 years, it is expected that 20 more will probably be out of business.

At this point in the meeting, DG Tim asked for a personal preference. He asked ID Ardie to help him with a presentation. Due to the fact that Lion Collin will not be able to attend the Fall Rally Banquet, DG Tim and ID Ardie presented Lion Collin Keeler with an International President Certificate of Appreciation. This award is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest Lions Award. DG Tim pointed out that Collin is a 15 year member of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Club, has held all of the Club Offices, has been and is currently a Zone Chairperson, has served on the SD Lions Eye Bank (Dakota Lions Sight & Health) Board for 7 years, President for 4 years and worked on the expansion into North Dakota.

### 11.5 USA-CANADA FORUM REPORT:

1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Bea Gifford presented her report. She Thanked the District for the financial support given to her to attend the Forum. Highlights that she spoke about were the 80 plus seminars that were available. She and Lion Ken split up their attendance at some of them. She spoke highly of the Global Action Team seminar. There is a great video available on this new Lions initiative. She stated that we have great vision, but maybe not so much Action. She also attended a session on Redistricting. The presenter stated not to try this to just increase numbers, better motive is to improve Leadership. The speaker pointed out that Lions International does NOT tell Districts that they have to Re-District.

In addition, Lion Bea reported that she and Lion Ken attended Leader Dogs Visit in early August. Visiting that facility can be a life changing experience. About 1000 volunteers serve there throughout the year. It is amazing to learn that a Leader Dog is available "FREE" to the blind. Cost to train a dog is ab out \$40,000.

#### 11.6 DISTRICT OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DG Tim asked 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bea Gifford if it was her intent to seek the position of District Governor. She replied in the affirmative.

DG Tim then asked 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Linda Vollmer if it was her intent to seek the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. She replied in the affirmative.

DG Tim then asked if there was anyone who wished to seek the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. Lion Richard Waits announced his intention to seek that position. DG Tim then asked if there were any other individuals wishing to announce.

No other Lions announced. DG Tim announced that the elections would take place on Saturday during the District Business Meeting.

#### 11.7 FUTURE FALL RALLYS:

DG Tim brought up the subject of 5SW picking one weekend in which future Host Clubs would know when the District prefers that the Fall Rally be held. This became an issue this year when the rotating dates for the USA-CANADA Forum fell on the same weekend that the Newell Lions had picked for the Fall Rally. A motion was made by Lion Terry Peterson, Council Chairperson, that District 5SW select the first weekend of October as the date for future Fall Rallys. Second by Lion Geraldine Ray. Motion carried.

#### 11.8 RE-DISTRICTING OPTIONS:

District Governor Tim attended District 5SEs Fall Forum last weekend. They were talking about a re-Districting plan for SD. In order for a District to run a candidate for the International Lions Board of Directors, that District must have at 35 Clubs and at least 1250 members. We have only 33 Clubs currently and only 807 members. 5SE has about 1300 members in 45 Clubs. About 5 years ago, SE have about 1500 members. They, too, are getting closer to the 1250 minimum. PCC Ken Wetz spoke to the Cabinet. He is the current President of the SD Past District Governors Assn. That group met 4 weeks ago and the subject was discussed briefly. Both Districts were asked to talk about it at their Fall meetings. In

addition, about 6 months ago, Saskatchewan was talking about withdrawing from the MD5 group and forming their own Single District, which is allowed by Lions International. In the past couple of years, there has been suggestions made that 5SW and 5NW (Western North Dakota) join to make a Single District. Nothing has come of that either. 5SE DG Neil Bowes was told last weekend at their Forum that Clubs in Minnesota and also in Wisconsin are using social events as Membership Drives with some success.

No action taken.

## 12.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

12.1 2018 SD State Lions Convention, Huron, January 19 & 20, 2018

12.2 2018 MD5 Convention, Mandan/Bismarck, N.D., ND, May 17-19, 2018

12.3 2018 International Convention, Las Vegas, NV., June 29-July 3, 2018

12.4 2018 District 5SE Fall Forum, Groton, S.D., Sept 28-29, 2018

12.5 2018 District 5SW Fall Rally, Hill City, Oct.5 & 6, 2018

13.0 Adjournment---There being no other business to come before the body, DG Tim declared the Cabinet Meeting adjourned.

Cabinet Secretary

Lion Neil Vollmer