

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

## DISTRICT 5SW BUSINESS MEETING

SD State Lions Convention, January 18,2020

- Business meeting called to order by District Governor Lion LINDA VOLLMER. Pledge of allegiance was led by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman. A moment of silence was observed. DG Linda welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting.
- DG Linda welcomed our quest, Lion Jennifer Sigette, SD Lions CEO. DG Linda noted that Melvin Jones birthday was January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Agenda: Additions or corrections: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Geraldine Ray requested that an error in the October minutes be noted which stated that the 2019 Environmental Tour was cancelled due to weather when, in fact, the Tour had not yet happened. (NOTE: Cabinet Secretary Lion Neil wrote the minutes up in late October and knew that the Tour had been cancelled.) Motion to approve the Agenda made by PDG Ken Gifford, second by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Geraldine Ray. Motion carried.
- An attendance sheet was passed around. Attendance showed 22 SW Lions in attendance from 9 Clubs.
- SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the Joint Cabinet Meeting and District 5SW Business meeting held in October in Mobridge were emailed to Cabinet Members and Club Officers in November and again recently. Copies were made available for today's meeting. DG Linda asked for corrections or additions. Motion by Lion James Treloar, second by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman to approve the minutes. Motion carried. In other Secretary business, Lion Neil noted that Monthly Membership Reports and Activity Reports are not as good this year as in the past, due primarily to the complexity of Lions Internationals new reporting system. He also reported that he had no Communications to report. Motion by PDG Bea Gifford to approve the report, second by Lion Frances Waits. Motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: PDG Neil handed out PCC Ken Wetz's Treasure reports. The Treasures report showed a July 1, 2019 balance of \$13,483.15, Income of \$11,065.94 and Expenses to date of \$13,913.09. A second report showing the Budgeted items and the amounts spent per those budget items was presented. Question asked on how much the District dues were. General consensus was that the MD5 dues are \$10.00, that 5SW dues are \$9.00, that the Newsletter is \$6.50, that the SD Hall of Fame amount is 0.50 and that \$1.00 was added to the second half dues for the Spring Fling Event.

Motion by James Treavor, second by Julaine Arient-Rollman that the report be approved. Motion carried. Following the motion, discussion followed on how the \$1.00 surcharge came about for the Spring Fling. DG Linda explained that she and some of the other District Officers decided to hold a Spring Training Session and to fund it thru a surcharge. District Governor Linda gave some of the preliminary plans, ie, To be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the Western Dakota Vo Tech Campus in Rapid City, that as many Club Members as want to attend may do so, that subjects planned for are Officer Training, Guiding Lion Training, ACRONYMS, and Great Plains Assistance Dogs Program. Lunch will be included for all attending. It was asked if it should be approved by a vote of Members. Motion by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman to add the \$1 Spring Fling Surcharge. Second by Bill Green. Motion carried with 10 yes and 4 no votes.

- DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT:

- 1) District Governor Linda started by talking about our loss of Members again. So far this year the District is down 6 Members from June 30 numbers. DG Linda presented an upcoming Membership Contest between Cabinet Members. She has divided the Cabinet into 2 Teams. Captains are PCC Ken Wetz and PDG Tim Brown. The Team which gets the fewest new members between now and April 18<sup>th</sup> will provide an ice cream social at the Final Cabinet Meeting of this year. Of Course, this idea is in response to our low Member numbers in the District. Club numbers remain at 33, but 2 Clubs have told the DG that they are folding. They are Ellsworth/Box Elder and Wall. In addition, 55% of our Clubs have fewer than 20 Members.
- 2) The DG reported that MD5 Council of Governors had been approached by PID Robert Littlefield to make a 5 year commitment by MD5 to raise \$30,000 for the Centennial Fund Raiser. This would be over a 5 year time period. PID Robert suggested that the MD make a Calendar using the 2 best District Peace Posters from each of the 6 Districts. This years Council voted to do so. The contribution from each District would be \$1000 and that each District would receive 150 calendars. The calendars weren't available until early December. DG Linda stated that she didn't have the time to head up selling the calendars and felt that no one else in the Cabinet would volunteer to be the Chairperson. She stated that she visited with Cabinet Treasure PCC Ken Wetz about whether or not there was enough funds in the District Treasury for the District to pay for them and to give the Calendars away. He had told her that he felt that the District could afford that. She has been giving the Calendars to the Clubs who had a contest this past Fall and asked the Clubs to get a Calendar to their Club winner. In addition, she gave 2 calendars to each Club who sponsored a contest with the suggestion that their Club Peace Poster Chair and Club President receive one. There are some calendars left and Clubs who would like

some are to contact her. A question of what the MDs plans are for getting the calendars out earlier was raised. DG Linda stated that next years Council will have to address that. It was suggested that perhaps this years Poster winners should be used for a 2022 Calendar, and so forth for the remainder of the 5 years. (Secretary note: privately, a Lion had suggested that maybe July to June calendars might be a better plan. This will be passed along to the Council.)

- 3) District Governor Linda noted that the Joint 5SW/5SE Business Meeting will be held on Saturday Morning at 9:15 in the Theater.

#### CABINET COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard Waits stated the he had not received any reports from his Committees Chairpersons.

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS: 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Richard did ask Constitution and By Laws Chair Lion Stan Anker to talk about updating the District 5SW Document. Lion Stan stated that he felt that we needed to just scrap our current Document in favor of the Standard Constitution and By Laws that Lions International has prepared. It, too, has been updated and is the "Standard" one that Districts are expected to use. Districts are allowed to add their own specific and unique items to it. Some parts of the Standard C & BLs document do not pertain to our District. Lion Stan will write a new 5SW recommended C & BL and mail it out. The intent is that we would vote on this new document at our District Business Meeting during the State Convention.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Geraldine Ray gave the following reports:

PUBLIC RELATIONS: PDG Neil Vollmer reported that there have been several District Newsletters published this year and others are planned for this Spring.

LEADER DOG: Lion Marjorie Adams reported that she is planning on sending out another Leader Dog letter to the Clubs. She noted that DG Linda talked about Leader Dog at all of her Club visits and passed a cup around for cash donations. All of the Clubs have participated.

ORIENTATION: It was noted that Lions Donna Wetz and PCC Ken had presented a program at the Fall Rally which was very informational. She has sent a followup letter out to the Club Secretaries. A step by step outline on downloading Orientation material was sent out to Club Secretaries recently.

WOMENS VOICE: PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman stated that the idea of this approach is to reach out to New Voices, to Ask Anybody, Ask Everybody, consider starting a Specialty Club, to ask someone who is different than ourselves, Just ask, if you don't, it is an automatic no.

LOFY-LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH: Lion Nathan Chicoine offered to help the District and Clubs in any way that may be needed.

CHILDHOOD CANCER: PDG Ken Gifford reported that PDG Tim Brown is working on the 2020 Youth Cancer Camp to be held this summer again at Dakota Frontier Camp near Bear Butte near Sturgis. PDG Ken is asking Clubs to promote and advertise the Camp this summer. Lions may contact Lions Ken or Tim or District Governor Linda for information or help promoting the Camp.

ENVIRONMENT: Chairperson Lion Ken Miller reported that he is thinking about lining up a tour this Spring. Details forthcoming.

SPEECH CONTEST: Lion Sandie Peterson reported that she has sent information and instructions sent out and that the contest will take place in May.

ZONE CHAIR COORDINATOR: Lion James Treloar reiterated that Ellsworth and Wall are talking about disbanding. He noted that efforts are ongoing to try to keep them alive. He reported that, according to Zone Cahir reports, all Zone Clubs are showing some activity. He noted that some Clubs are changing their meeting locations and are not reporting that to Lions International, which they should. There is also some problems with Officers phone numbers, ie, not accurate. For any Officers who have changed their phone number, please report it to him and the Cabinet Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 SW YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP: DG Linda reported that Arlene and Daryl Moll have consented to be the Camp Directors. In addition, DG Linda has made a verbal commitment with ???Johnson, owner of the ??? Camp Ground, to have the Camp there on ???????. DG Linda will get a signed contract with Mrs. Johnson very soon.

5SW S. D. LIONS FOUNDATION BOARD VACANCY: DG Linda noted that we have a vacancy on the Board and that no one had submitted a form seeking to fill the vacancy by the filing date. However, since that point in time, PDG Lion Bea Gifford and PDG Lion Doug Scheller have notified the Board CEO Jennifer Sigette of their interest in serving on the Board. Motion by Lion James Treloer that nominations cease and that the Secretary

cast a unanimous ballot for the 2 nominees, second by Lion Colin Keeler. Motion carried.

5SW DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH BOARD: DG Linda noted that we have a vacancy on this Board. Board Member Colin Keeler explained that when no one has expressed an interest in serving on the Board by the required filing date, then the Board appoints someone who has expressed an interest. He reported that DG Linda Vollmer has spoken with him this week about serving. He stated that a motion should be made, second and voted on to state that the 5SW Cabinet supports her appointment. Such motion was made by Lion Julaine Arient-Rollman, second by James Treloar. Motion carried. Lion Colin will share this information with the DLS&H Board Chairperson.

5SW VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR VACANCY: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard noted that we have a vacancy for the position of Vice District Governor Elect, no one had announced an interest prior to or during the Fall Rally. Since that time, Lion Ron Bunnell has announced his interest. Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Richard Waits to nominate Lion Ron Bunnell. Motion second by Lion ??????????. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

CHANGING DATES OF THE STATE CONVENTION: Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Geraldine Ray to vote in favor of changing the 5SE/5SW Memorandum of Agreement to change the dates of the State Convention from the January/February time period to a September/October time period. Second by Lion James Treloar. Motion carried.

FALL RALLY REPORT: DG Linda reported that she felt that the Fall Rally was a very successful event. She once again Thanked the Mobridge Lions Club for their work, their enthusiasm, their ideas, their willingness to do whatever she suggested to them and their overall dedication. A great job Mobridge Lions.

SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS BOARD REPORT: CEO Jennifer Sigette Thanked all SD Lions for their efforts and their work. She noted that we have sent over 13,000 pairs of glasses to Mexico. In the area of Vision Screenings, we have gone over the 40,000 individuals already this year. She was very excited.

DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH: (checking with Colin)

WISCONSIN LIONS VISION TESTING: District Governor Linda and Lions Marjorie Adams and Neil Vollmer went to Wanblee to help with the Vision Testing. All 3 felt that it was an educational trip and very rewarding. The Wisconsin Lions have made trips to Central

and South America for a number of years. They brought 25 Wisconsin Lions to the Pine Ridge Reservation with lots of testing equipment and 8000 pairs of glasses. 800 pairs of glasses were handed out that week. They plan to return in May of 2020.

NAMI: 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG addressed the Lions on this new Plan. NAMI stands for North American Membership Initiative. The purpose is to increase Membership in the US and Canada. Other Areas of the World are growing in Membership, but not so the US and Canada. Loss of members may result in the US and Canada losing seats on the International Board of Directors. That could adversely affect our influence on Lions Programs around the World. He noted that Leadership Seminars are being planned on how and what Districts and Clubs are doing to increase membership. What could Clubs and Districts do to change this situation. Lion Dick wrapped up his comments by stating that we are going to have give some proof that we are attempting to grow.

#### Upcoming Events:

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

2020 Lions International Convention, June 26-30, Singapore

2020 USA/CANADA Forum, Sept 17-19, Louisville, KY

2020 S. D. State Lions Convention, October 2-3, Rapid City

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

Lion Neil Vollmer

District Cabinet Secretary