

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW BUSINESS MEETING

SD State Lions Convention, January 28, 2017

- 1.0 Business meeting called to order by District Governor Terry Peterson. Pledge of allegiance recited. A moment of silence was observed.
- 2.0 DG Charles introduced Guests: ID Melvyn Bray, PID Marvin Chambers, PID John Daum, PCC Rick Pocket and Lion Marcy Diamond, Dakota Lions Sight & Health CEO.
- 3.0 Agenda: No additions or corrections. Motion to approve agenda which was second. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Roll Call of Clubs attending showed 9 Clubs present with 32 voting delegates. 36 Lions Club Members and Guests attended the session.
- 5.0 Secretary Report: Minutes of the Annual District 5SW Business meeting held in September in Murdo were emailed to Cabinet Members and Club Officers in October 2016. Copies were made available for today's meeting. DG Terry asked for corrections. With no corrections noted, DG Terry declared the minutes be approved as mailed out and available today. Secretary Neil talked about Club MMAs and MMRs and Club of the Year Contest.
- 6.0 Treasures report: Lion Richard Waits handed out printed copies of the July thru December Profit and Loss statement, the December 31 Balance Statement and the Budgeted versus Actual expenses as of December 31. Lion Richard discussed the entries for the Vision Vans, both income and expense. The income is from the LCIF grant that has been received and the expense will be for the purchase of the Vans. Lion Richard noted that we have 843 Members in the District, per LI reports. MD5 membership shows 807. The difference is that the MD does not count the Campus Lions in their billing. Lion Richard proposed that the District dues be decreased by \$1 to offset the \$1 increase in the MD5 dues. He stated that the balance sheet shows that we can afford the \$1 per member. Motion made by PDG Lion Doug Scheller, second by Lion Geraldene Ray that the proposed shift in dues be initiated. Motion carried. Motion by PDG Gary Watzel to file the Treasures report for audit, second by PDG Ken Gifford. Motion carried.
- 7.0 District Governors Report:

District Governor Terry began by congratulating the Lions Clubs in Zone 6 for putting on a successful Fall Rally. He stated that much fun was had by all and that it was a great

event. He gave a special Thank You to the Chairperson, Lion Jan Endes. He has visited all of the Clubs and has one to revisit. He has observed that all Clubs are doing great things in their communities. He felt very comfortable with all of the visits. He stated that he was very happy that Zone Chairperson Training was done last Spring and hopes to see that happen again this Spring. He reported that he took the advice of the Multiple District Governor Trainer to have a District Governor Team and to use them. He has done so and has gotten the Team together 3 times for the purpose of helping him manage the District. He encourages upcoming Governors to take advantage of other Cabinet Members who serve on the Team. He reported that there is a plan to organize a Leo Club in Rapid City at St. Thomas More High School. He announced that Guiding Lion Training will be held in Sturgis on March 16 as part of the effort in organizing a new Lions Club in Whitewood.. He noted that all of the Zone Chairpersons have been active and he thanked them for their work. Whether good or bad, he acknowledged that our District Membership is about flat compared to a year ago. He noted that the State Convention is going along very well due to the hard work of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club Members. He has been able to publish the Newsletter along with being DG and has enjoyed doing so. He reported that the Environmental Chair organized a tour to the Wyoming Coal Fields last Fall and plans to do so again this Fall. Down sides have been that some Clubs don't report their activities, which he has encouraged them to do so, that Campus Lions Clubs have their own unique handicaps and that some Clubs have a problem with paying their dues. He is hands on with each of these situations. When asking for questions, one was asked on how the Mobridge Club is doing. DG Terry stated that they are doing alright, that they had some bumps on the road, but that they have solved them and are moving forward.

They are starting some projects, which is always a first step to success. Another question asked was the future of District 5SW. It was acknowledged that our numbers are flat and perhaps still going the wrong way. The future is uncertain and a legitimate question. He was asked whether it is time for SD to go back to 1 District. It was also asked whether SW and NW should combine into 1 District. Comments were taken, no decision was made. A question was asked on whether Lions International has received any repercussions of increasing the enrollment fee by \$10. No comments were made.

8.0 Cabinet Committee Chairpersons Reports:

Administrative Committees:

DGE Tim Brown gave brief comments about the detailed reports presented to the Cabinet on Friday. He thanked the Committee Chairs for their effort and stated that if anyone has specific questions, he would be glad to address those.

Service Committees:

1st VDE Bea Gifford also gave summaries of the Reports from the Cabinet meeting. In addition, she asked whether the Chairs wished to make any comments. PDG Ken Gifford noted that the Sight & Health Office in Rapid City is up and running and that a Staff person is there. He also noted that lots of communities and children have been screened this year so far.

9.0 Old Business:

None.

10.0 New Business:

SD Lions Foundation Board Member announcements were made—Lions Kyle Kruse and Doug Scheller were presented as qualified candidates. The nominees spoke briefly. Motion by Lion Ken Gifford that nominations cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Second by Lion Ron Vannell. Motion carried.

Dakota Lions Sight & Health Board Member announcement---Lion Colin Keeler was presented as a qualified candidate. The nominee spoke briefly. Motion by Lion John Brown that nominations cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the candidate. Second by Lion Doug Scheller. Motion carried.

Lions Scam: Lion Neil Vollmer spoke briefly about an attempted scam that hit their Club. 10 other Clubs have reported a similar problem. The Newell Club was apparently one of the first. Lion Neil sent emails out to all of the District Clubs notifying them to be on the watch. None of the Clubs reported falling victim to it.

The SD School of Mines Campus Club is having some financial problems. DG Terry recalled how the District and some of the Clubs had helped out one of our Clubs a couple of years ago when it was having problems. Motion by Lion Jan Endes, second by Lion John Daum to inform all of the District Clubs of the situation and ask Clubs who would want to help the Campus Club to send donations thru the Cabinet Treasure. Motion carried. It was noted that the Club has been meeting and are setting up some projects.

PCC Ken Wetz reminded Clubs that he has MD5 Parade application forms with him and would like Clubs to pick them up today.

11.0 Upcoming Events:

2017 MD5 Convention, May 17-20, Deadwood, S. D.

2017 Lions International Convention, June 30-July 4, Chicago, Il.

2017 Fall Rally, Sept 22-23, Newell

2017 USA/CANADA Forum, Sept 21-24, Portland

2017 Fall Forum, Oct ??, Vermillion

2018 State Convention, Huron, SD, Crossroads Inn

12.0 International Directors Comments:

ID Melvyn Bray spoke to the Lions. He reminded them of the USA/CANADA Forum and the importance of it. It is intended to help Lions develop Leadership skills. It is a great opportunity to meet literally thousands of Lions to interact and share with them. On the subject of Districts merging, he stated that Districts have to make up their own plan. The best plan is to increase membership.

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

Lion Neil Vollmer

District Cabinet Secretary