

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW CABINET MINUTES

January 19, 2018

South Dakota State Lions Convention, Huron

1.0 Meeting called to order by District Governor Tim Brown at 2:00 PM.

2.0 All joined together for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 A moment of silence was observed.

4.0 Introductions: District Governor Tim introduced guests: ID N. Alan Lundgren, ID Pat Vannett, PDG Kevin Vannett, PID John Daum, CC Terry Peterson and all other PDGs'.

DG Tim announced that PID Patty Hill has recently received Lions Internationals endorsement as the 3rd Vice President, which will be elected at LI Convention this July in Nevada.

DG Tim asked the District Committee Chairs to take about 15 for their committee meetings.

Cabinet Meeting was reconvened.

5.1 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

New Business: Lions Day at the State Capital, 11.5; District Facebook 11.6.

Old Business: One small item, 10.1

5.2 Agenda approval: Motion by Lion Terry Peterson, CC, second by Lion Geraldine Ray. Motion carried.

6.0 SECRETARY REPORT:

6.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: District Secretary Lion Neil Vollmer stated that the Minutes of the 2nd Cabinet Meeting of September had been emailed out. Lion Neil noted that about half of the Clubs are submitting their monthly membership and activities reports. He had not received any communications. Motion by Lion Richard Waits, second by Lion Bea Gifford, DGE, to approve the Secretaries Report. Motion carried.

7.1 TREASURES REPORT--FINANCIAL REPORTS: Lion Richard Waits presented a printed copy of the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss report and Profit & Loss Budget. Ne noted that the Clubs 2nd half dues notices have been mailed out. A question was presented in regards to the dollars in the Leonardo account. Lion Richard replied that the amount includes donations of \$750 for this year as well as a \$350 carry over from last year. Motion by Lion Bea Gifford, DGE, second by Lion Frances Waits to accept the Treasures report. Motion carried.

8.1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT: DG Tim noted that his year as Governor is half over already and has learned how unique each of the Clubs is with the projects that they do that fits the needs of their community. He has visited most of the Clubs and will visit the rest very soon. He plans to concentrate on spreading the word on increasing membership at the Club level for the rest of his year. He believes that Club Service Activities lead to new members. He reminded everyone that people join Clubs in order to do things within their community. He wrapped up his report by thanking Lions Bea Gifford, DGE, and Lion Linda Vollmer, 1st VDG, for their support and work.

9.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE---DGE Bea Gifford asked the Administrative Chairs to present a brief report of their activities:

DISTRICT FACEBOOK---Lion Brittany Tomich gave a brief history of how she and Daryl Moll have progressed with getting the Facebook page up and going. She noted that they sent a letter out to all Club Presidents and Secretaries with instructions on using the Page. She encouraged Clubs and Members to use it as a way to share Club activities. Lion Bea stated that she feels that the more visible Lions can be, the better off Lions will be.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS---Lion Stan Anker discussed the procedure that will be used for the elections to the Lions Foundation Board and Lions Sight & Health Board. The elections will be held during the District Business Meeting on Saturday and he will conduct them. He stated that he is writing a District Policy Manual and plans to present it for adoption at the 2018 Fall Rally. He then address the District 5SW/SE Memorandum of Agreement. He feels that the current issue is outdated with references to a joint State Lions Newspaper and annual adoption of it. He stated that if we cancel our participation in it, that would not stop us from doing things that we currently do together within the State.

LCIF---PDG Doug Scheller reported on the Measles Initiative fund raiser by LCIF. There was a promised matching of funds by the Gates Foundation for up to \$30 million raised by December 31. Lion Doug stated that the funds raised was not completely known yet but that the target was close to having been reached.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP----PDG Doug Scheller stated that he has been working on the Vice District Governor training at the MD level.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP---PCC Ken Wetz reported that 11 of our District Clubs are flat in membership this year, 13 Clubs are minus for the year and 9 Clubs are positive for the year. As a District, we are a minus 4 for the year. MD5 is minus 174 for the year. Lion Ken stated that it is not too late to meet the District Governors Membership goal for each Club and that all we have to do is to ask those people who are waiting to be included in this wonderful service organization.

9.2 SERVICE COMMITTEE---1st VDGE Linda Vollmer reported summaries as follows:

PUBLIC RELATIONS/NEWSLETTER—Lion Linda stated that CC Terry Peterson has published the Lions Pride 4 times so far this year. He plans on 3 more issues this year. He states that he is receiving great

support from the Clubs with their information. He uses the “Bits & Pieces” section to highlight Club Activities. He appreciates the photos that Clubs send to him.

SPEECH, HEARING, SIGHT & VISION—PDG Lion Ken Gifford reported that 14,385 kids were screened last Lions year, a record year. As of the end of November this Lions year, over 16,000 kids have been screened. Another record will be achieved. He noted that Clubs are still collecting eye glasses for the Foundation.

ENVIRONMENTAL—Chair Lion Ken Miller reported that the tour that he lined up to the Dry Fork Power last October was well received with 11 Lions attending. This facility is working on finding the most beneficial capture and utilization process of CO₂, a major by-product of Coal generated power plants. He is working on another tour for this Fall.

LEADER DOG—Lion Donna Wetz reported that 17 Clubs from SW have made a contribution for operating expenses at Leader Dog. These have amounted to \$3097.60. She also noted the new event that the Lemmon Club had recently, “Dining in the Dark”. Blind folds were given to participants and then they were given a meal to eat. It was very educational. She noted that the Newell Lions Club is planning to host such an event this Spring.

PEACE POSTER----Lion Geraldine Ray reported on the District Contest this year. There were 9 Clubs who sponsored a local contest. The District winner was from the Piedmont Valley Club. As soon as the 2018-19 Theme is announced, she will get that information out to the Clubs.

DIABETES----PDG Charles Edwards reported on their Clubs Dining in the Dark event. It was very successful and educational.

LEO----Lion Jan Endes stated that the White River Club is considering starting a Leo Club in their School.

9.3 REGION CHAIR---No Zone Chairs report.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS:

PDG Ken Gifford reminded Lions that scams aimed at Lions Clubs are still going on and that Club Officers need to be very careful when they receive any emails instructing them to send money anywhere.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Fall Rally 2018 Report: Lion Bea Gifford, DGE, reported that the Rally will be held on Oct 5 & 6 in Hill City. It will be sponsored by the Clubs in Zone 4 and will be held at the Comfort Inn Hotel. Friday Night Special will be a Chuck Wagon meal and entertainment held in a “Barn”. Lion Bea also noted that the 2019 State Convention will be held in Spearfish and hosted by the Spearfish Lions.

11.2 S. D. Lions Foundation Report: Foundation Executive Jennifer Sigette reminded Lions of the Board Member election on Saturday District Business Meeting. She reported that the Kids See program is “just exploding” and reminded Lions that their Clubs can have the Kids See Van in their communities simply by reserving it. This can be any time of the year. She noted that ladies at the State Womens Prison have

been preparing glasses for the use at the Eye Screenings in Mexico. She also informed us that the Shopko organization has eyeglass certificates that they give to Lions Clubs to present to those in need.

11.3 Dakota Lions Sight & Health report: No report given.

11.4 Future District Officers: Taken care of at Fall Rally.

11.5 Lions Legislative Day:

Lion Jennifer announced that the SD Lions Foundation is hosting a Legislative Lions Day at the SD State Capitol on March 6th. The Foundation will be presenting a soup lunch and SD Lions Club Members are welcome to join them for the day to promote Lionism. Club banners are welcome, just bring a stand to hang it on. DG Tim thanked the Foundation for initiating this event.

11.6 Facebook: Reported under Administrative Committee Report.

11.7 District Speech Contest: CC Lion Terry Peterson volunteered to chair a Contest this Spring in the District, if anyone would like to see that happen. Motion by Lion Neil Vollmer, Second by Lion Ken Gifford that the District sponsor a Speech Contest again this year. Motion carried.

12.0 Future Dates:

2018 MD 5 Convention, May 17-19, 2018, Mandan/Bismarck, ND

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

2018 SW Fall Rally, October 5 & 6, Hosted by Zone 4 Clubs, Comfort Inn, Hill City

2018 SE Fall Forum, September 28-29, Groton

2018 USA-CANADA Forum, Sept. 20-22, Columbus, OH

2019 State Lions Convention, January 18-19, Spearfish, Holiday Inn

13.0 Adjournment---There being no other business to conduct, DG tim declared the meeting adjourned.

24 Lions & Guests in attendance. 14 Cabinet members attended.

Lion Neil Vollmer, PDG

Cabinet Secretary