

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW CABINET MINUTES

January 18, 2019

South Dakota State Lions Convention, Spearfish, S. D.

1.0 Meeting called to order by District Governor Bea Gifford at 2:00 PM.

2.0 District Governor Bea asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence to remember our Lions who passed away this year and to honor our nations Veterans.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all.

4.0 Introductions: District Governor Bea introduced our quests: ID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopolous from Indiana, PID Bruce and Lion Julie Schwartz from Bismarck, N.D, PID Robert & Lion Beverly Drabek from Rapid City and PDG Ken Gifford, chauffeur, mentor and all around good guy.

5.1 AGENDA ADDITIONS: NONE.

5.2 Agenda approval: Motion by Lion Beverly Drabek, second by Lion Francis Waits. 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 October 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 Donna Norton, second by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman, 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. He noted that the Club 2nd half dues notices are being mailed out. Lion Richard noted that no Clubs have sent any moneys in for the Leonardo Campaign. Motion by Lion Arlene Moll, second by Lion Kyle Krause to accept the Treasures report. Motion carried.

8.1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT: DG Bea Thanked all of the District 5SW Lions for being Lions this year and for doing so many projects in their communities. She Thanked every Lion who agreed to serve on the Cabinet this year. She stated that most of her time has been put into visiting the Clubs and has learned how much work the Members do for their communities. She noted that it is such a high honor to visit the Clubs. She Thanks all of the Lions for the great work that they do and stated that she always tries to tell the Clubs "who would do all of these great projects if the Lions Club didn't do them". She has visited 14 of the Clubs so far.

She spoke about the 2021 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp. Lion Nathan Chicoine is the Chairperson and has reserved the Storm Mountain Methodist Church Camp west of Rapid City. Darrell Moll spoke highly of this Camp. DG Bea has asked Lion Nathan to get a written contract for her to sign.

DG Bea was very happy to introduce Lion Laquita Schokley from the Lemmon Lions Club. She is the Publisher of our newly resurrected 5SW Lions Newsletter. She stated that, last Fall, the SD Lions Foundation had talked about publishing a State Wide Newsletter. PDGs Tim Brown and Charles Edwards had told DG Bea about Lion Schokley, that she was the Owner/Editor/Publisher of the Dakota Herald Newspaper in Lemmon and that she might be able to work with us in getting a Newsletter published again. DG Bea stated that she spoke to Laquita during her Club visitation to Lemmon and found that she was interested in helping us. So, the decision by the District Leadership Team was made to go that way. We are all very happy to see the Newsletter again. DG Bea reported that Lion Neil Vollmer is acting as the editor (Secretary's evaluation comment) and material is to be sent to him to be considered for the Newsletters. We propose to publish a Newsletter every other month. But the next one is planned for February, following the State Convention.

DG Bea offered an update on the Wisconsin Lions Mission Team coming into SD onto the Pine Ridge Reservation for eye screening and providing eye glasses. On first hearing of this, DG Bea contacted Lions Jan and Tom Endes to be our local coordinators. She thanked them for doing so. The screening was done this past Fall and eyeglasses will be arriving soon. DG Bea stated that the Wisconsin Lions had contacted the SD Lions Foundation prior to making their trip. As it is not legal for us to use our own glasses within SD, the Wisconsin Lions could do so on the Reservations, thus the project started. 490 School age children were screened with 190 referrals. Screening was done at 4 Schools in and around Pine Ridge in 2 days. Lion Jan stated that they brought 4 Lions with them to do the screening. Lion Jan noted that the screening equipment, which they used, was very similar to what our SD Foundation has.

9.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE---DGE Linda Vollmer presented the reports that she had received.

GMT (GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM CHAIR)---PCC Ken Wetz reported that 5SW's membership count on July 1, 2018 was 806 and that, on December 31, the count is 763. Only 3 Clubs have had a net growth for this year. 18 Clubs have fewer Members now compared to July 1. Our Clubs have added 21 New Members, BUT, they have dropped 64. He observed that, if we continue to lose Members, we will, obviously have less dollars to run our District and we will, at some future point, be looking at increasing our dues. He challenges all Lions to invite someone to become a New Lions Club Member. Lion Ken stated that he conducted a Guiding Lion workshop in Rapid City recently and that he is planning on doing another one in the eastern part of our District. Information as to the what, when and where will be emailed to the Club Secretaries.

GST (GLOBAL SERVICED TEAM CHAIR)---PDG Tim Brown reported that he invited all District Clubs to a work day at a Rapid City Non Profit this past Fall. He has a goal of contacting each Club quarterly to visit about their Service Projects. He will be introducing District Clubs to some easy recycling projects, ie, prescription bottles, used US Postage Stamps and can pull tabs. Pull tabs can be recycled thru Ronald

McDonald Houses. He will be providing Clubs with the info on the stamps and prescription bottles. In his contacts with Clubs, he is stressing the importance of Clubs reporting their Service Projects on their monthly Activity Reports. This information is desired by Lions International and is helpful for the District in the Club of the Year contest.

WEB PAGE—PDG Ted Pukas reminds Clubs that the Web page is there for their use and he is willing to post information. Simply send your info to Lion Ted and he will post it. Contact Cabinet Secretary Neil for Lion Teds email address.

9.2 SERVICE COMMITTEE---1st VDGE Richard Waits reported summaries as follows:

PUBLIC RELATIONS/NEWSLETTER—Lion Neil Vollmer stated that he has done nothing in the Public Relations area. But, that lots has happened in the Newsletter area. And, that this has already been covered elsewhere.

ENVIRONMENTAL—Chair Lion Ken Miller reported on the very informative and educational tour at the Sanford Underground Lab. He noted that much of the information was on the Neutrino experiment that is upcoming. He will plan a tour for this October and asked for suggestions and ideas from Lions.

LEADER DOG—Lion Donna Wetz reported that 16 Lions Clubs and 1 Leo Club, the Custer Club, have made a contribution for the operating expenses at Leader Dog this year. These have amounted to \$4,468. Lion Donna again offered to make Club visits in order to praise the work of Leader Dog.

9.3 REGION CHAIR---Lion James Treloar filed his report with the Secretary. Highlights are: All 7 of the Zone Chairpersons were contacted and gave him reports. Some Zones are more active than others, but overall, he is happy with the Zone Chairs efforts. One general report was that the Clubs seem to be having a hard time finding young people to join Lions. One Zone Chair reported that 3 of her Clubs need Mentors assigned to them to help them get revitalized.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS:

10.1 2021 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp: Report given earlier.

1 addition was to inform Clubs that the Multiple District offers 2-\$1500 Scholarships to MD5 Youth to attend an International Youth Exchange Camp in some other part of the World. It was reported that, this year, there were 5 applicants and that a Newell Leo Club Member has received 1 of the Scholarships. Clubs are encouraged to promote this opportunity to Youth in their Community.

10.2 5SW SD Lions Foundation vacancies: There are 2 vacancies and there are 2 Candidates.

10.3 5SW Dakota Lions Sight & Health Vacancies: 1 vacancy and no one has responded.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Fall Rally 2019 Report: Lion Linda Vollmer reminded us that the Fall Rally will be held in Mobridge. It is being done as a Zone Project. At the February Mobridge Lions Club Meeting, a Zone Meeting will be

held also with plans for the Rally being worked on. DGE Linda will be attending. The Rally dates are October 4 & 5. Location is the Windjammer Hotel on the west edge of Mobridge.

11.2 S. D. Lions Foundation Report: Foundation Executive Jennifer Sigette proudly stated that the Lions screened over 25,000 kids this past Lions year. She expects to screen over 40,000 this year. Segette announced that the date for the Lions Day at the S.D. State Legislature this year is March 6th. Lions are encouraged to join the Foundation at Pierre that day, wear their vests and bring their banners. She also reported that 2 applications have been received to fill the 2 5SW Board vacancies.

11.3 Dakota Lions Sight & Health report: Lion Colin Keeler presented a great report on the Sight & Health Board. In the 2017-2018 Lions year, there were 686 donors. From them, 909 corneas were transplanted and 126 Tissue donations were made. So far this Lions year, 2018-2019, there have been 375 donors with 404 corneas received and 73 tissue donations. The organization has had and passed 2 National Inspections this year and they are very proud of that. They have been able to add more participating Physicians to their group. CEO Marci Dimond has been elected President of a national organ retrieval organization. Congratulations, Marci.

11.4 Future District Officers: Taken care of at Fall Rally. Also, DG Bea reminded SW Lions that we need to continue seeking future Leaders, especially our next Vice District Governor Elect, which will be elected at this Fall Rally.

11.5 Legislative Day—Reported earlier.

11.6 Facebook: Reported under Administrative Committee Report.

11.7 Future State Lions Conventions: DG Bea noted that changing the State Convention to the Fall was discussed at the Fall Rally. At that time, the Cabinet voted to change the State Convention to September/October time period. This will be further discussed at tomorrow's District Business Meeting. A resolution would need to come forth at the Business meeting in order to continue with the plans to make a change.

12.0 Future Dates:

2019 MD 5 Convention, May 23-25, 2019, Prince Albert, Sask.

2019 Lions International Convention, July 5-9, 2019, Milan, Italy

2019 SW Fall Rally, October 4-5, Mobridge

2019 SE Fall Forum, September 27-28, Sioux Falls

2019 USA-CANADA Forum, Sept. 19-21, Spokane, Wa.

2020 State Lions Convention, January 17-18, Watertown

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

31 Lions & Guests in attendance. 18 Cabinet members attended.

Lion Neil Vollmer, PDG

Cabinet Secretary