

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW CABINET MINUTES

January 27, 2017

South Dakota State Lions Convention, Ft. Pierre

1.0 Meeting called to order by District Governor Terry Peterson 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 Terry introduced guests: CC Eunice Cameron, Regina Beach, Sask. and PCC Rick Pockett, Regina, Sask.

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

Cabinet Meeting was reconvened.

5.1 AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

5.2 Agenda declared approved as presented.

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. There being no additions or corrections, DG Terry declared the minutes approved as sent out. Lion Neil noted that about half of the Clubs are sending their monthly membership and activities reports. He had not received any correspondence. Motion by Lion Ken Gifford, PDG, second by Lion Geraldene Ray 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 reported that 11 Clubs have not paid their second half dues, which were sent out recently. A couple of Clubs have not paid the first half yet, either. They have been contacted. Lion Richard noted that the District is in a good financial position. He noted that, because of this, that the District might want to consider lowering the District dues by \$2 for next year. This would off set the \$2 increase that the Multiple District is raising for their dues. He has received quite a few negative comments about dues increasing. Lion Dick pointed out the \$75,500 expense in the report. This was for the 2 Vans that were purchased for the SD Lions Foundation for the Eye/Spot Vans. He pointed out that on the income side is a similar amount as a LCIF Grant. He also noted that the Club donations toward the Leonardo account is over \$1000 already. This is the amount needed to purchase the Melvin Jones Fellowship for the District Governor. Additional amounts will be kept track of in the books for other possible Fellowships. Motion by PDG Ken Gifford, second by Lion Bea Gifford to accept the Treasures report. Motion carried.

8.1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT: DG Terry started by noting that this has been a really good year for him. He has met so many new great Lions. He reported that the Fall Rally was very successful---a great turn out, great programs and was hosted by the Clubs of Zone #6. That was special. He thanked Lion Jan Endes and her committee for the great work. Tail Twisting and Auction income was split between the SD Lions Foundation, Dakota Lions Sight & Health and Leader Dog. Over \$250 was raised. DG Terry reported that he has visited 33 of the 34 District Clubs. Last Club is the SD School of Mines Campus Club. His timing with them just hasn't worked out, yet. He reported that all of the District Clubs are very active in their own communities, which was very rewarding to see and hear about. He also has utilized the concept of a District Governor Team for managing the District. This includes the Officers and advisors to look at problem areas and talk about solutions. This takes some of the pressure off of just the Governor, he has others to talk to for suggestions. He recommends it for future Governors. He noted that the District membership is just about holding its own, down maybe only 4 from a year ago. In regards to this years State Convention, he Thanked Geraldene and Gary and the Committee for all of their work and efforts.

9.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE---DGE Tim Brown gave the summary of Committee reports as follows:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY--- PDG Lion Ted Pukas submitted a written report in which he encouraged Members and Clubs to utilize the website to show other Clubs what they are doing. In addition, it is a link to many other major Lions related web sites. He stated that a web site is a great recruiting tool.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP---PID John Daum has contacted the Zone Chairpersons offering to attend Zone meetings to talk about Leadership Growth Opportunities within Lions. He will be attending the Zone 4 meeting shortly.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP---PCC Ken Wetz reported that 14 of our 34 District Clubs have added at least one new member this year. He noted that only 27% of our members are female, so there is lots of room to grow in that area.

CENTERNNIAL CHAIR REPORT---PCC Ken Wetz reported

LCIF DEVELOPMENT---PDG Doug Scheller will be a presenter on Saturday and will give information of the Lions Foundation. In addition, he has visited several Clubs in the Hills area and will be visiting others to bring information directly to them. He is requesting that Clubs consider naming one of their members as a Melvin Jones Fellow.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR---PDG Gary Johnson works with those Clubs who are not utilizing the Lions International web site to do their Club Membership and Activity Reports. He has been persistent enough to find a Department person who is very helpful in working with him to get reports finished. Lion Gary still works directly with the Club Secretaries to get them to do the reports. He has at least one Club doing web reporting that had not done so before.

9.2 SERVICE COMMITTEE---1st VDGE Bea Gifford reported summaries as follows:

PUBLIC RELATIONS/NEWSLETTER—Lion Bea stated that DG Terry Peterson is doing a great job again this year on the Newsletter.

SPEECH, HEARING, SIGHT & VISION—PDG Lion Ken Gifford reported that Eye Screenings are on-going with the use of the SPOT machine. He also noted that the new Foundation Office in Rapid City is open and that a new employee, Pinky Horner, is on staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL—Chair Lion Ken Miller reported that the tour that he lined up to Black Thunder Coal Mine last October was well received. 13 Lions from 4 area Clubs attended the trip. They observed actual mining of the 80 foot thick seams of coal. Viewing reclaimed land was very impressive with the amount of grass that is growing there now. Lion Ken is planning a tour of a Power Station this October.

LEO CLUBS & LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH—Lion Nathan Chicoine is working with the Saint Thomas More High School to organize a Leo Club there. Plan is to work thru the Schools Honor Society. Rushmore Lions Club have volunteered to be the Sponsoring Club.

LEADER DOG—Lion Donna Wetz reported that 10 Clubs from SW have made a contribution for operation and maintenance of Leader Dog. These have amounted to \$3046.80. For the Kennel Redesign Campaign, 3 Clubs have made their annual pledge payment. Lion Donna has sent an email letter to all Clubs to update them on the Districts donations and asking those who have not donated, to consider doing so. She is also willing to do Club visits to talk about Leader Dog.

Lion Bea thanked all of the Committee Chairs for their participation.

9.3 REGION CHAIR---No Zone Chairs report.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

Transportation to International Convention---DGE Tim Brown reported that there is not sufficient interest in chartering a bus from Western South Dakota to justify doing so.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Guiding Lion Training:

District Governor Terry presented the idea of paying expenses of Zone Chairs to attend the upcoming Guiding Lion Training program. It will be held in Sturgis on March 16th. This will be part of the New Club Chartering program for Whitewood. He felt that the District could afford it and that introducing the Zone Chairs to this whole program could be beneficial to the District. Motion by Pcc Ken Wetz, second by DGE Tim Brown to pay mileage and room expenses for any and all Zone Chairs who are able and willing to attend. Motion carried.

11.2 Scam attempt:

PDG Neil Vollmer talked about the recent attempted scam on their Club. He detailed how it happened. The Club Treasure and he realized that something was fishy. He contacted the Attorney Generals Office, who was interested in any other scam attempts that other Lions Club may receive. 10 Clubs have notified Lion Neil of similar attempts on their Club this month also.

11.3 Lions Legislative Day:

The SD Lions Foundation is hosting a Legislative Lions Day at the SD State Capitol on February 15th. The Foundation has a program put together and SD Lions Club Members are welcome to join them for the day.

11.4 2017 Fall Rally:

Newell Lions Club President Lion Linda Vollmer announced the dates: Sept 22-23, 2017. Convention Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express in Sturgis. Convention Room rates are available. Friday Cabinet Meeting will be held there. Friday night fun event will be at the Express also. Saturday events will be in Newell. Further details will be sent to all Clubs in the future.

1st VDE Bea Gifford announced that the 2018 Fall Rally will be held in Hill City and sponsored by Zone 4 Clubs. Lion Bea also announced that the Spearfish Lions Club have agreed to host the 2019 State Lions Convention.

11.5 S. D. Lions Foundation Report:

PID John Daum, Foundation Board President gave an update on the Foundation. His report included that the 2 Vision vans will be delivered in September. The Foundation has been contacted by Lions International and LCI is interested in using our Foundation Vans as a model for other States, Districts and Clubs. He announced that Lions International has approached the SD Foundation about the Lions Statue that we own. LI is interested in acquiring it. Details will be given at the District Business Meeting on Saturday.

11.6 Dakota Lions Sight & Health report:

Lion Colin Keeler, Board President gave a brief report. Club donations are down for this quarter, so he encouraged Clubs to consider making a donation. The Fargo unit is picking up steam. Further info will be presented on Saturday at the District Business meeting.

11.7 Future Dates:

2017 MD 5 Convention, May 17-20, Deadwood, SD

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

2017 SW Fall Rally, September 22-23, Hosted by Newell Lions Club, Held in Sturgis and Newell

2017 SE Fall Forum, September, Vermillion

2018 State Lions Convention, January, Huron, Crossroads Inn

2018 Fall Rally, Hosted by Zone 4 Lions Clubs at Hill City

2019 SD State Lions Convention, Hosted by Spearfish Lions Club

11.8 Introductions: District Governor Terry introduced PID Marvin Chambers, PID Bruce Schwartz and Lion Julie Schwartz.

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

Lion Neil Vollmer, PDG

Cabinet Secretary