

5SW 4TH District Cabinet Minutes

April 27, 2019

1. District Governor Lion Bea Gifford called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM at the Lions Building at the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. 15 Cabinet Members and Guests were in attendance.

2. The Flag Salute was led by Lion Neil Vollmer followed by a moment of silenced.

3. Additions to the Agenda:

- Newsletter Update
- Purchase portable podium

Motion made by Lion Robert Lowrey, second by 1st VDGE Richard Waits Lion to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

4. DG Comments and Report:

District Governor Lion Bea Gifford opened the Cabinet Meeting by Thanking everyone who was in attendance today and everyone who served on the Cabinet this year. She reported that she had written her District Report for the MD5 Convention and submitted it last week. She noted that her biggest regret this year was that, as a District, we went without forming a new Club again. She had set a goal of organizing a Business Club at a local Business and that, even as hard as she had tried, she was not able to make the initial important person contact. She plans to continue working on this Business thru this next year. On Membership, one bright spot is that our District showed a gain in membership for March. All other months this Lions year have shown losses. As for Club visits, she is down to 5 Clubs to visit yet. For the first month this year, she had 3 visitations cancelled in April due to snow storms. A crazy month. She has enjoyed the Club visits immensely and stated that the visitations are the best part of the Governors year. The Clubs are so vital in their communities. She Thanked everyone, the Cabinet Members and the Club Members, for helping her this year. She also wished DGE Lion Linda the best in her upcoming year.

5. Cabinet Secretary Report:

Cabinet Secretary Lion Neil reported that only about half of the District Clubs submit Monthly Membership and Activity Reports, mostly the same Clubs who have done so in the past several years. For the 5SW Club of the Year entry into the MD5 Club of the Year Contest, Lion Neil explained the process that has been used for the past several years,

which is selecting the club that is leading our own District Club of the Year Contest on April 30 as the Club who gets to enter the MD 5 Contest. He will be notifying DG Bea on May 6th of which Club that that is and will get the MD5 Application to that Club Secretary. The MD5 form will then be carried by DG Bea with her to the MD5 Convention.

He had no other comments. No one presented any questions.

Motion by Lion Jim Treloar to accept the Secretary report. Second by Lion Robert Lowrey. Motion carried.

6. Treasurers Report:

Lion Richard Waits presented printed reports of the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statement, Actual vs Budgeted and Clubs who are delinquent on their 2nd half dues . There are 3 of those Clubs. He stated that the District is financially sound. Leonardo report shows that 23 Clubs have made donations for a total of \$1275. The Balance Sheet shows \$7634.70 in 2 CDs that we hold and \$24,317.14 in the Checking Accounts. Total income for the year was \$22,564.00, expenses to date have been \$14,223.01. The positive balance is partly attributed to the lack of a Newsletter being published last Fall. A couple of other questions arose and were answered. Motion made by Lion Jim Treloar, second by Robert Lowrey, to accept the report and to file it for audit. Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports:

Administrative Committees: District Governor Elect Linda Vollmer:

GMT—PCC Ken Wetz presented a report of the Districts membership. He reported that our membership has declined for the year, from 805 to 770 as of March 31. We have added 34 but dropped 70. The summary shows that 17 Clubs have lost at least 1 Member and that, on the positive side, 7 Clubs have added at least 1 Member for a Net Positive Growth for the Year. Clubs who are a net positive for the year are Lemmon, Ipswich, Murdo, Onida, RC Metro, Selby and White River. Lion Ken stated that he is still planning to conduct a Guiding Lion Training Seminar this Lions Year so that we are ready for a New Club to be organized.

Constitution & By Laws---Lion Stan Anker reported that he has been in contact with Secretary Neil on changes that may be required if The State Convention changes to a Fall

time period. This will effect our Fall Rally/Annual Convention By Law. He will continue to work on the update.

Web Page---PDG Lion Ted Pukas reported that he has posted the Newsletters onto the web page as well as the Cabinet minutes. Action Photos from Clubs are welcomed and encouraged and are posted in the Gallery Section. Items of Lions interest are added to the Calendar section. He plans to post the 2019-2020 State Lions Directory when it is completed. Lion Ted welcomes all Lions Club Members to submit items of interest for the website. Email to tbp57718@gmail.com. For questions, call him at 605-939-7439.

Audit—Lion Rick Brady sent a report to DGE Linda that he will do the audit in July.

Service Committees: 1st VDGE Richard Waits:

Leo Clubs/Lions Opportunity for Youth: Lion Nathan Chicoine reported the possibility of a Leo Club in Belle Fourche. DGE Linda has visited with the Belle Fourche Lions Club on sponsoring it.

Leader Dog: Lion Donna Wetz reported that 22 Lions Clubs and 1 Leo Club have made a donation to Leader Dog. Donations so far this Lions year have added up to \$5664.74 from District 5SW. She plans to send 1 more reminder letter to Clubs in hopes of reaching the goal of 100% of our District Clubs making a donation. Her reported stated that this has been a very good year for donations from our Districts Clubs and personally Thanks the Clubs who have made that so.

Environment: Lion Ken Miller announced that he is working on a Tour of the Minuteman Missile Park on October 11th. If it comes together, it will include going down into a missel silo plus a stop at the Museum. These are east of Wall near Cactus Flats. DG Bea Thanked Lion Ken for his work on the previous Tours that he has lined up and conducted.

Peace Poster: 1st VDGE Richard Waits reported that an effort is underway for MD5 to publish a calendar this Fall with the top 2 Posters from each District on it. The District Governors will be in charge of advertising and selling them in their respective Districts. The plan is that moneys raised would be given to the Campaign 100 program. More information later this Fall.

8. Directory Report: Lion James Treloar reported on his progress on the South Dakota Lions Directory. He has received most of the non Club information, ie, MD5, PDG, IP info, etc.

Club information is not as forthcoming. Only 14 SW Clubs have reported their information to Lions International or to the District Cabinet Secretary. Deadline for receiving Club and other information is May 15th. Publication date is set for early June.

9. Old Business:

STATE CONVENTION REPORT: PID Lion John Daum Thanked everyone who attended his wife, Katherine's, funeral. He stated that it was appreciated very much to see so many Lions Members there with the Club vests on.

On the State Convention, he stated that the Spearfish Club Members really dove into the work and that he really appreciated their time and effort. He stated that he was a bit surprised when he learned that Lions International did not pay for the International Guest and that the Convention Committee needed to pick that expense up. His airplane ticket was \$1,300. Because of the Winter Storm that arrived at the same time, there were a number of no shows and very few walk-ins that came. Thus, the Convention final report showed a loss. They submitted a request for reimbursement from the State Convention slush fund to pick up the deficit. This fund holds \$7500 for just such situations and 5SE holds the moneys in their District Treasury. They did receive that reimbursement. He reported that there were 100 people that attended the Saturday evening banquet. All in all, they felt very good about the Convention.

On another subject, Lion John stated that the Spearfish Club had talked about hosting the next MD5 Convention in District 5SW and they are willing to do so. That convention would be the 2023 Convention. PDG Ken Gifford asked to speak on the subject and stated that he had contacted The Lodge at Deadwood and will share that information later in the meeting.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES: DG Bea asked Lion Stan Anker for a report. He stated that, in view of the possible change in the date of the SD State Lions Convention to the Fall Season, we may have to make changes in our ByLaws. He has visited with PDG Lion Neil Vollmer on those possible changes. He will be working on those needed changes.

NEWSLETTER: PDG Lion Neil Vollmer updated the Cabinet Members. The one issue that we are having is getting the publisher to do the printing on time. Lion Neil and PDG Lion Tim Brown will work on this.

10. New Business:

1.) 2021 YOUTH CAMP—District 5SW will be hosting the Camp then. Lion Nathan Chicoine updated the Cabinet that he Lion Daryl Moll have visited the proposed camp site, Storm Mountain Center, and talked with the current Administrator. He has a proposed contract from them. Dates that have been reserved are July 18-24, 2021. The first proposed price is \$360 per camper which includes all meals there. DG Bea pointed out that, in the past, area Lions Clubs have furnished most of the lunch and dinner meals. Lion Nathan will find out the proposed rate with that information. A \$200 down payment is required with the signed contract.

2.) MD5 CONVENTION—DG Bea reminded those present of the upcoming MD5 Convention that will be held in Prince Albert, Sask. Dates are May 22-25. The list of upcoming MD5 Conventions are: 2020--Brookings, S/D.; 2021—Grand Forks, N.D.; 2022—5SKS; 2023—5SW. PDG Ken Gifford spoke on the 2023 Convention. He stated that, on his own, he decided to speak to The Lodge folks about 2023. They gave him a room price and penciled in the dates of May 17-19. In consideration of the interest of the Spearfish Club to host that Convention and someones statement that perhaps a Rapid City facility may be interested, no further action was taken. PDG Ken will do some checking in Rapid City and PID John will contact the Spearfish Holiday Inn for availability and pricing. The plan will be to establish a Committee.

3.) MD5 CONTESTS—Lion Neil briefly talked about deadlines, for Clubs, to get their entries to DG Bea. Lion Neil stated that in the earlier email to Clubs about the MD Contests that he had stated that the deadline to send entries to DG Bea is May 5th.

4.) USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM—1VDGE Richard Waits stated that he does intend to attend the Forum this September. It will be held in Spokane. It was noted that this is a budgeted item of \$1000 for the 1st VDG.

5.) MD 5 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP—DG Bea reported that Newell Youth was picked for one of the MD5 Exchange Scholarships for this year. The Young Man is one of Lions Ken and Donna Wetz's grandchildren and is a Newell Leo Club Member.

6.) DGEs' SPOUSE EXPENSE TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—This is a budgeted item of \$1000 for DGE Linda to use.

7.) WISCONSIN MISSION TEAM UPDATE—DG Bea updated the Cabinet on this groups effort in eye exams and furnishing eyeglasses on the Pine Ridge Reservation. They are returning May 20-25 bringing glasses and optometrists. Lion Jan Endes from the White River Lions Club worked with them last summer and plans to help them again this year.

8.) 2ND VDGE CANDIDATES—District Governor Bea noted that anyone who is considering running for the position of 2nd VDG will need to make their intentions known before the 1st 2019-2020 Cabinet Meeting. Lion James Treloar announced that he is considering running for the position.

9.) Podium—Lion Neil Vollmer moved that the District purchase a portable table-top type podium for the District Governors use. Second by 1st VDGE Richard Waits. Motion carried.

10.) PEDIATRIC CANCER PROGRAM-- PDG Lion Tim Brown and PDG Lion Ken Gifford addressed a potential opportunity for District 5SW to serve kids with cancer and their Families. Lion Tim had asked a Sturgis Lady to make a presentation at a recent 5SW Leadership Team meeting. Dianne Johnson informed those Lions that she and her Husband, Ron, and their son Brian and his wife had a campground near Bear Butte Lake and that they were thinking about have a kids cancer camp there in the future. Lions Tim and Ken have meet with Dianne and they presented information an update to the Cabinet. They have 120 beds available. Their campground is open to any group and to individuals. Lions Tim and Ken stated that Dianne and her Family are committed to put on a Cancer Camp this Summer. The attendees will camp for free. Thus money is being sought. Lion Tim asked what can Lions do to help? He stated that he saw in the Treasures report that the District has over \$7000 in Savings CDs. He asked whether we should use some of that money to help make this effort successful this year. Should/could we make this a District wide Project, possibly a fund raising event. He reminded us that Pediatric Cancer is one of Lions Internationals key areas of support. Lion Ken stated that he had contacted LCIF about possible funding of a grant for this project. He learned that LCIFs grants are for facility type things, not general operating items. Motion by Robert Lowrey that the District donate \$1250 as matching moneys for an LCIF grant for the Camp. Second by DGE Lion Linda. Following discussion about how the LCIF grants work and what the Johnsons actually need, the motion was defeated. Arlene Moll moved that the District donate \$2500 to the Johnsons to sponsor kids to this years camp. This is to be used to pay camping fees. Following discussion, the moved carried.

9. District Governor Elect Report:

10. Upcoming Events:

- 2019 MD5 Convention, Prince Albert, Sask., May 22-25
- 2019 International Convention, Milan, Italy, July 2-5
- 2019 5SW Fall Rally, Mobridge, October 4&5
- 2019 SE Fall Forum, September 28

- 2020 SD State Lions Convention, Watertown, January
- USA/CANADA FORUM, Spokane, Wa., September 21-22

13. Adjournment: DG Bea wrapped up the Cabinet Meeting by Thanking everyone who has served on the Cabinet this year and Thanked those who were able to attend today. Motion by Richard, second by Robert Lowrey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Lion Neil Vollmer

Cabinet Secretary