

5SW 4TH District Cabinet Minutes

May 1, 2018

- District Governor Lion Tim Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Lions Building at the Pennington County Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. 15 Cabinet Members and Guests were in attendance.
- The Flag Salute was spoken by all followed by a moment of silenced.
- Break for Committee Meetings was skipped.
- Introductions of Guests: Lion Arlene Moll, RC Metro & Lion James Treloar, RC Rushmore

6. Additions to the Agenda:

- MD5 dues change
- MD5 Credentialing
- SD State Lions Pin
- New Officer Training

Motion made by Lion Terry Peterson, second by Lion Ken Wetz to make the additions to the Agenda. Motion carried.

7. DG Comments and Report:

District Governor Lion Tim told the Cabinet Members that it has been a true privilege to have served as District Governor, especially during the 100th Centennial wrap up year. It has been very rewarding to see how the Lions Clubs serve their Communities. He acknowledged the importance of the Zone Chairpersons for the communications that they do to all of the 33 Clubs in our District. He thanked those Clubs who have increased their membership this year. Within our Multiple District, District 5SW is the only District of the 6 Districts that has a positive net growth for the year. He is very proud of the work done in membership this year. He noted that District 5SW can be proud of our District Lions who have served at the Multiple District level. We have many such Lions. He feels that our Leadership is very high quality and he is proud of those Lions who serve, that we can be proud to be an SW Lion.

7. Cabinet Secretary Report:

Cabinet Secretary Neil stated that he really didn't have that much to report. A few Clubs have not submitted any Membership or Activity reports for this year, again.

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

Motion by Lion Galen Jones to accept the minutes of the January Cabinet meeting and the current Secretary report. Second by Lion Bea Gifford. Motion carried.

8. Treasures Report:

Lion Richard Waits presented printed reports. He stated that the District is financially sound. The report that says that the RC Evening Star Club is delinquent is not accurate. Their original check was lost in the mail and a second check has been received. There is one Club that is delinquent. Leonardo report shows that 12 Clubs have made a donation for a total of \$925. There was a \$306 carry over from last year, thus giving us enough to purchase the Melvin Jones Fellowship for DG Tim. The positive balance shown is primarily from some Cabinet Members not submitting their expenses for reimbursement. Total income for the year was \$25,000.42, expenses to date have been \$20,607.07. Lion Richard reported that the SD School of Mines Lions Club District dues were written off. The Club has disbanded. A couple of other questions arose and were answered. Motion made by Lion Terry Peterson, second by Lion Bea to accept the report and to file for audit. Motion carried.

9. Committee Reports:

Administrative Committee: District Governor Elect Bea Gifford:

GMT—PCC Ken Wetz presented a report of the membership by Club in 5SW. The District is a plus 1 as of April 30. He noted that the Newell Club is a plus 6 for the year to date. Of the 33 Clubs, 10 have gained members this year, 8 have stayed the same and 15 are negative for the year.

GLT—PDG Doug Scheller presented his report: He noted that strong leadership by our District Governor and the Zone Chairpersons has been evident which has strengthened our Clubs. He noted that Officer Training Schools are being conducted this Spring at numerous locations in the District. As for LCIF donations, the District goal was set at \$19,000. He has been working with the Clubs and has promises from many Clubs. If all Clubs fulfill their promise, the goal should be met. Lions International has asked Clubs to appoint their Immediate Past President as the Club LCIF Chairperson. The question was asked whether the Measles Initiative goal of \$30 million was reached. Answer was "Yes", and that actually \$43 million was raised by the December 31 deadline. The Gates Foundation had pledged \$30 Million if LCIF was able to reach that figure also.

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

Service Committees—1st VDG Elect Linda Vollmer:

Newsletter—CC Terry Peterson reported that he has published 7 Newsletters this year. He noted that there have not been any problems in publishing it this year. He thanked all Clubs who submitted photos and information.

Leader Dog—Lion Donna Wetz reported that 20 of our District Clubs have made a contribution to Leader Dogs general operation. They have donated \$3947.60. This does not consider the 5 Clubs who have also contributed to the Canine Capitol Campaign. A letter has been sent to all Clubs thanking those who have made a contribution and reminding other Clubs that it is not too late yet this year. Newell Lions recently conducted a Dining in the Dark and profits from that event will be sent to Leader Dog also. She is encouraging other Clubs to give it a try. Lemmon and Newell each hosted one this year and had a blast doing so.

Diabetes—PDG Chuck Edwards reported no new information.

Sight & Vision—PDG Ken Gifford reported that the Eye Screening activities have continued to be strong in the District. It looks like over 24,000 South Dakota children will be screened by the end of June. Gregory Lions Club has donated \$1000 toward the purchase of another SPOT machine to be used in the Southeast area of the District. Gregory Lions also delivered nearly 1,000 pairs of glasses to the Foundation Office. Eye glass continue strong throughout the District. The talk of discontinuing hearing aid collections and purchase of hearing aids has been put on hold for further analyses.

Leo Clubs—Lion Nathan Chicoine reported that the White River is seriously thinking of starting a Leo Club in their School.

Zone Chairpersons Report: PDG Galen Jones chairperson.

No report.

10. Old Business:

a.) Officer Schools—PCC Ken Wetz reported that he, Donna Wetz, Linda Vollmer and Neil Vollmer have present Training Schools at Rapid City and Spearfish so far. Lion Ken has talked about Club Presidents, Lion Neil has talked about Secretary work, Lion Linda has talked with the Lions about her year as District Governor in 2019 and Lion Donna has talked about Leader Dog. They have been well received. Spearfish meeting had 3 Clubs represented and Rapid City had 2 Clubs in attendance. They have dates and location set up for Pierre, Miller, Chamberlain and Lemmon. DG Tim Brown and PDG Doug Shceller have dates set to go to Custer, Murdo and Gregory.

11. New Business:

a.) 2021 Youth Camp—District 5SW will be hosting the Camp then. We may have to find a new location. Lion Nathan has spoken with the Kamp Kinship director. She said that they are not reserving any groups this far out for 2021 and that she is not sure whether their group will be running the Camp at that time. General consensus from the Lions that we need to start looking for a different location. DG Tim asked Lion Nathan to be the Chairperson of a search committee. He agreed to do so. Motion by Lion Linda Vollmer to authorize Lion Nathan to sign a contract for a Camp location and to make a down payment as needed, second by Lion Donna Wetz. Motion carried.

b.) Future State Conventions and Fall Rallies: DG Tim told those Lions in attendance that there has been some discussion on future conventions. Attendance at our Conventions has been going down dramatically. Other Districts in our Multiple have already made changes in their areas and have noted considerable success with greater attendance. They hold a State wide convention in the Fall and Training sessions in the Spring. Such plans stay away from the snow storms, in most years. This discussion will continue to our Fall Rally meeting and next Januarys State Convention. As an aside, District 5SE is having similar discussions.

c.) MD5 Convention: Summit will be held on Thursday, Convention on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Golf on Wednesday.

d.) 5SW/5SE Joint Directory: Galen reported that SE has not provided him with any information. There is still time for them to submit it, but not all that much. Only 7 SW Clubs are left to report Officers. DGE Bea has her Cabinet filled. Deadline to the Publisher is June 15. We may have only a SW Directory this year.

e.) USA/CANADA Forum expenses for 1st VDGE: A budgeted item.

f.) DGE expenses for Spouse attendance to Lions International Convention: A budgeted item.

g.) MD5 Youth Exchange Camp travel expenses: General consensus that the District will continue to help with finances to get Campers to the Camp location. Camp will be held in Sioux Falls this year, July 16-20. Newell will have 3 or 4 Campers and Selby is planning on 1. Darrell Moll is planning to drive to the Camp and be a Counselor. Lion Nathan will coordinate the details.

h.) Great Plains Lions Institute—MD5 in no longer affiliating with GPPLI. Similar programs on developing leadership skills are available in Wyoming and Minnesota.

i.) Redistricting South Dakota discussion: DG Tim noted that there has been some talk about South Dakota going back to becoming one District, known by Lions International as a Single District. This discussion centers around the Lions International rule that Districts under the 1250 membership level do not receive as much financial help, ie, financing the District Governors spouse to the International

Convention. An additional impetus is the talk in Saskatchewan of leaving the Multiple District and forming a Single District there. There has been some talking and some discussion, but nothing firm. DG Tim suggested that Lion Linda, 1st VDE, chair a committee of her and the Zone Chairpersons to discuss the issue. Lion Richard Waits asked to sit on that Committee, also, as he is the next upcoming Officer. DG Tim appointed these Lions to that Committee.

j.) 2nd VDG Elect candidates—DG Tim asked Lions whether anyone had heard of any interest. No one responded. A committee may have to be appointed.

12. District Governor Elect Report: District Governor Elect Bea Gifford thanked DG Tim for a great year. She stated that she appreciated that DG Tim asked for her and Lion Lindas input this past year. She noted that she has learned a lot this year. She thanked her husband, Lion Ken, for his help. She has her Cabinet completed and thanks everyone who has agreed to serve with her. The first Cabinet meeting will be July 25th at the Lions Building in Rapid City.

The Fall Rally Committee has been meeting and working hard on the details. Saturdays program will be held at the High Country Guest Ranch. She noted that the list of Speakers is coming together.

DGE Bea noted that the State Convention details are coming together also. State Convention will be held in Spearfish in January.

She reported that the State Pin has been designed and will feature the Fighting Stallions. She passed around a proto type. She and 5SE DGE Marie Anne Ben have decided to order 1000 pins. Production cost will be \$1.02 and they plan to sell them for \$3 each.

13. Upcoming Events:

- 2018 MD5 Convention, Bismarck/Mandan, N.D., May 16-19
- 2018 International Convention, Las Vegas, Nv., June 27-July 2
- 2018 5SW Fall Rally, Hill City, October 5 & 6
- 2018 SE Fall Forum, Groton, September 29
- 2019 SD State Lions Convention, Spearfish, January
- USA/CANADA Forum, Columbus, Oh., September 20-22

13. Adjournment: DG Tim 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. With that, DG Tim declared the meeting adjourned.

Lion Neil Vollmer

Cabinet Secretary

