

DISTRICT 5SW CABINET MEETING  
September 18, 2021, 10:00 AM  
ELKS CLUB MEETING ROOM – RAPID CITY

- 1.0 Meeting called to order by District Governor Geraldine Ray
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Bunnell
- 3.0 Prayer/Moment of silence, Prayer by PDG Dick Waits
- 4.0 **INTRODUCTIONS:** DG Geraldine asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, Lions Tom and Jan Endes of White River, Lion Ted Pukas of Piedmont Valley, Lions Ken & Donna Wetz of Newell, Lions James Treloar of Rapid City, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Ron Bunnell of Rapid City, Lions IPDG Richard Waits and Lion Frances Waits of Rapid City and Lion Neil Vollmer of Newell.

5.0 **AGENDA:** DG Geraldine asked if there were any additions to be added to the Agenda.

There being none, motion by Lion James Treloar, second by Lion Frances Waits to approve it. Carried

6.0 **SECRETARY REPORT:** Minutes of June meeting were mailed for review . DG Geraldine asked if there were corrections or additions to be made. The minutes were approved as presented.

\* Club Membership and Activities Reports—DG Geraldine receives reports monthly from LCI. She will begin to forward to club secretaries as they may not receive it. DG reported that she received monthly reports of Club Standings, ie, Clubs with unpaid bills at LCI. Ellsworth and Wall are delinquent, and both Clubs have recently folded. Lion James stated he recently had received the Ellsworth Charter, which needs to be returned to Lions International. Lion Neil moved to approve the report, second by Lion Ken. Carried

7.0 **TREASURER REPORT:** Lion Ken Wetz presented several current financial reports. Copies were presented to attendees. Current Bank balance is \$14,365.57. The operating checking account is in the First National Bank in Newell. We have 2 CDs at Black Hills Community Bank, 1 for \$4,143.67 and 1 for \$3,584.55, giving us total assets of \$23,990.52. Motion by Lion Ken Wetz that the Financial Report be accepted and filed for audit, second by Lion James Treloar. Carried

Lion Ken presented the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget of \$14,952.45. Lion Ken noted that 4 Clubs have not sent their first half District dues yet and that he will be contacting them. Lion Ken Wetz moved the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget be adopted, second by Lion Ron Bunnell. Carried

It was noted that \$1,500 has been budgeted for VDG Training travel expenses.

Lion Ken Wetz reported Lion Rick Brady completed the audit of the 2020-2021 treasure books. Lion Rick reported that everything was in order. Lion Ken Wetz moved the audit be accepted and filed, Lion Frances Waits seconded. Carried

It was noted a motion approving District 5SW Banking and Financial business at Black Hills Community Bank be sent to Lion Ken Wetz at his home needs to be in our minutes. Motion made by Lion Neil Vollmer to do so, second by Lion Jan Endes. Carried

Lion Ken Wetz reported we do not have up-to-date Bank Signature Cards at our current Bank institutions. Motion by Lion Neil Vollmer the signature cards be updated to include Lion Ken Wetz, Lion Geraldine Ray and Lion Ron Bunnell, seconded by James Treloar. Carried.

## **8.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **8.1 Administrative Reports:**

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS/INFORMATION/WEBMASTER:** DG Geraldine recognized Lion Ted Pukas. He noted club formation and encourages the clubs to do so. As well as members using it. He stated that he will include the District Cabinet Minutes as soon as he receives them.
- **CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Geraldine, Committee Chair Lion John Brown, PDG Neil Vollmer, PDG Dick Waits, and 1VDG Ron Bunnell met to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws. Using the suggested Club Constitution and By-laws, the committee 'personalized' to fit 5SW needs. The modified document was sent to committee members for review, and then on to 5SW membership for review. A second document was also sent outlining changes that were made. The updated version will be presented to the membership at the 5SW membership in October for approval.
- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Lion Ken Miller is the Chairperson and is willing to help any Lion who would like to conduct a Zoom Meeting.
- **5SW LION PRIDE NEWSLETTER:** Lion Kate Kosior is the publisher and is asking Lions Clubs and Members to send her articles. Cabinet Members are encouraged to use the Newsletter to share their information with our members and clubs. The Lion Pride will be published bi-monthly.

### **8.2 Service Committees Reports:**

- **YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP/PROGRAM:** MD5 has put the MD Camp for 2022 on hold.

- PEACE POSTER: Lion Linda Vollmer sent email information to Club Presidents and Secretaries with the rules and deadlines. She has also put information in the Newsletter. Anyone with questions may contact her.
- DIABETES: Lion Jan Endes has plans to put up an informational booth at the State Convention.
- LEADER DOG: Lion Donna Wetz will be sending a letter to the Club Presidents and Secretaries telling them what Leader Dog can do for Sight Impaired people in our Communities. She will also be using the Newsletter to get information out.
- ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Lion James Treloar noted that 2 Zones do not have a Zone Chair. They are Zones 2 and 7. Anyone who is interested should contact the District Governor. There are not a lot of projects going on due to the Covid Pandemic. On Directories, Lion James put it together for DG Geraldine. If anyone sees problems with the information, please contact Lion James. He gets the addresses and phone numbers from the information at Lions International, so if there are errors, the error is at LI and the Club Secretary or Club Administrator will have to correct it. Following his report, Lion Donna Wetz volunteered to be the Zone 3 Zone Chairperson.

## **9.0 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP REPORTS:**

9.1 GMT—MD5 is promoting using Zoom for Zone Meetings.

9.2 GLT—Plans are being worked on to set up Guiding Lions Training.

9.3 GST—Some Clubs are not reporting and they are being encouraged to do so or to get back to reporting. Lions International is telling Lions Leaders that there is a direct relationship between the number of Service Projects and the number of Members in a Club.

## **10.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

Club Tax Reports—many Clubs did not file their Income tax reports due to inactivity in the last year, and that is illegal. DG Geraldine asked PDG Dick to prepare an article for newsletter

## **11.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

11.1 REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER FALL RALLY: With the State Convention being moved to the Fall of the year, the question has come up about us meeting some other time of the year for a separate District Event. One comment was “why”—it’s expensive, requires time away from home and could be a repetition of the State Convention. Response was that if we don’t offer our members something, ie, officer training, then what do we offer them for their District dues. It could fit into the Spring Season. More discussion later.

11.2 SD LIONS FOUNDATION: DG Geraldine noted that she has not received any contact recently. She also noted that Vision Screenings seem to be coming back a little bit.

11.3 DAKOTA LIONS SIGHT & HEALTH—No recent correspondence.

**11.4 DISTRICT OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lion Ron Bunnell stated that he is interested in stepping up to the position of 2022-2023 District 5SW District Governor at our District Meeting in October in Sioux Falls. It was noted that we currently do NOT have a 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG to step up to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG this October. And, no one has indicated an interest in announcing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position to be elected this October.

**12.0 DISTRICT GOVERNORS REPORT:** DG Geraldine thanked the Cabinet Members for serving with her this

year. She presented her Governor pin to those in attendance, and told what the pin is to represent.

I'm a gardener, with roses being my favorite flower to have in my yard. Each spring I have a vision as to what I would like my flower gardens to look like. On the pin there are rose buds and the success with an open bloom. I chose the color orange as it represents life, energy, passion, and excitement.

Her Motto this year is VISIONS LEAD TO SUCCESS. We need a vision to have a successful re-build of our District Membership. Her goal is to have 40+ increase in our District Membership. This would be easy if we increase by 5's. That is the number of individuals it takes to start a 'Club Branch'. Members of a Club Branch are members of a sponsor club, but really 'do their own thing'. 5SW needs to think Outside of the Shoe(box). How about a Specialty Club , a Cyber Club (that meets on line), etc?

DG Geraldine reported Campaign 100 status. The magic amount yet to be raised is just over \$74,000,000, and she knows 5SW will play a large part in reaching that goal. Lion Doug has a goal set, and he means to reach that goal. We may be a small District, but we are a mighty District.

DG Geraldine will be appointing a Long Range Planning Committee, using 5SE as an example, the committee will consist of the immediate past 4 District Governors. The 2022 State Convention Co-chairs, and the Chairperson for the MD5 2023 Convention will be invited to future Cabinet meetings.

**13.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

2021 SD State Lions Convention, October 1-2, Sioux Falls

2022 MD5 Convention, May 12-14, Cyprus Hills, SK

2022 International Convention, June 24-28, Montreal

2022 USA/Canada Forum, September 15-17, Calgary, AB

2022 SD State Lions Convention, October 6-7-8, Rapid City

Lion Neil Vollmer  
Acting Secretary