

SW/SE JOINT BUSINESS MEETING
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION

JANUARY 19, 2019

Spearfish, S. D.

The 2019 Joint 5SW and 5SE Lions Business Meeting was called to order by District 5SW Governor Lion Bea Gifford. She introduced District 5SE Governor Lion Marie Ann Ben. Flag Pledge was waived as it has already been recited today. This was followed by a moment of silence.

First order of Business was DG Bea's Opening: "It's a Great Day to be a Lion" and lead a Roar.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: DG Bea introduced the Dignitaries and visitors: ID Nick Xinopoulos and his Spouse Lion Gretchen, PID Bruce Beck, PID Bruce Schwartz and Spouse Lion Julie, PID John Daum, PID Robert Drabek and Spouse Lion Beverly and CC Keith Zeuschel.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: ADDITIONS: None.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORTS:

5SW District Governor Bea stated that she is honored to be able to represent the Lions of District 5SW and Thanked those Clubs that she has visited for their warmth and hospitality. She stated that, with most of the Clubs, who would do the great things that Lions Clubs do for their communities if the Lions weren't there. She lamented the fact that our membership has dropped further this year and asked the Lions to help the District out by getting new members. As for a new Club, the one prospect that she has targeted just isn't coming thru, yet anyway. She still has hopes that it will happen. She asked the 5SW Cabinet members to stand to be recognized for their efforts.

5SE District Governor Marie Ann stated that it is a pleasure for her to be at the State Convention as it gives all of us the opportunity to network with Lions from across our State. She reported that 5SE has obtained a net growth of 3 so far this Lions year. But, that they have lost 57 members and just look at what it could have been had they had no drops. She spoke of working the process to canvas a town for new members. She stated that one of her goals for this year was getting more women enrolled in the Clubs and District. Her goal is to have at least 30% of the District membership be women. So far for the year, that number is 28.6%. Not bad.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the January 2018 meeting were distributed via email. No corrections were noted. Motion by PDG Jerry Voss, second by DGE Linda Vollmer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming Events:

2019 MD5 Convention, Prince Albert, Sask., May 23-25

MD5 Leadership Summit, May 23

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

2019 USA/CANADA Forum, September 19-21, Spokane, Wa

2020 MD5 Convention, Brookings, S. D.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: STATE LIONS CONVENTION CHANGE:

5SW District Governor Bea opened the discussion on a proposal to move the State Convention from January/February to the Fall of each year, ie, September/October. She reported that District 5SW Cabinet approved a motion to move forward with the proposal.

5SE District Governor reported that 5SE approved a resolution to bring forth an action to make the change at their 2019 Fall Forum.

Item B: 2020 STATE CONVENTION:

Motion by Lion Gram Smith, Huron Eye Openers Lions, to accept Watertown Lions bid to host the 2020 Convention, second by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman, Rapid City Evening Star. Motion carried.

Item C: INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS:

5SW: District Governor Bea introduced the 5SW Leadership Team for 2019-2020:

DG Lion Linda Vollmer, Newell Lions

1st VDG Richard Waits, RC Rushmore Lions

2nd VDG Geraldine Ray, Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions.

5SE: District Governor Marie Anne introduced the 5SE Leadership Team for 2019-2020:

DG John Emmett, Aberdeen Lions

1st VDG Krisha Stroschine, Sioux Falls

2nd VDG David Pigors, Groton Lions.

S. D. Lions Foundation and Dakota Lions Sight & Health Board introductions:

District 5SW: Lion James Treloar of Rapid City Rushmore and Lion Ashley Burkhead of Rapid City Metro to the S. D. Lions Foundation Board.

Lion Stan Hohn of Rapid City Rushmore was introduced as having applied for an appointment to the Dakota Lions Sight & Health Board.

District 5SE: Lion Jody Bymers of Sioux Falls Downtown was elected to one of the S. D. Lions Foundation Board positions. One position remains open.

Lion Roger Munce was elected to the open position on the Dakota Lions Sight & Health Board.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Chair Keith Zeuschel requested that his report be moved to the afternoon program.

SPECIAL REPORT: Sturgis Lions Club President PDG Maurice Dragoo invited all Lions to help them celebrate their Clubs 75th anniversary with cake and ice cream this afternoon. Any Donations will be sent to Leader Dog for the Blind.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

Director Xinopolous Spouse Lion Gretchen, presented "NEW VOICES" BRACELETS to District Governors Bea and Marie Ann.

Director Nick talked about "Specialty Clubs", Clubs whose members have a specific interest and where they can meet on their own turf, ie, by video, telephone, web meetings, etc. These types of Clubs are very successful, in the right place. It gives new people an opportunity to Serve. There are 146 such Clubs currently with another 60 applications waiting to be approved by the LCI Board. It is the fastest growing area for new Clubs.

Director Nick gave us some figures to contemplate: There are 34 International Directors on the Board (11 from Constitutional Area #1, US and affiliates), there are Clubs in 214 Countries or Geographical Areas, there are 48,140 Clubs with 1,438,952 members world wide. Constitutional Area 1 has 306,765 members, this is a drop of 5096 for this Lions year.

He noted that he has other items to share at the Banquet this evening.

A final comment from DG Bea was that it has been a pleasure working with Marie Ann. She wished the Lions an enjoyable rest of the day.

There being no further business brought up, DG Bea declared the meeting adjourned.

Lion Neil Vollmer

District 5SW Cabinet Secretary

Attendance:

District 5SW: 42 Members

District 5SE: 24 Members

Guests: 5