

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW MINUTES

September 25, 2015 CABINET MEETING

FALL RALLY, DEADWOOD, S.D.

1.0 Meeting called to order by District Governor Charles Edwards at 2:30. 15 Cabinet Members attended along with 13 Guests and District 5SW Club Members.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance led by 1st Vice District Governor Terry Peterson.

3.0 A moment of silence was observed.

4.0 Introductions: District Governor Charles welcomed all who were in attendance and once again thanked everyone who has agreed to serve on this years' Cabinet. He introduced our International Guest ID Don Shove of ???, Washington, and Jennifer Sigette, our newly hired SD Lions Foundation Executive Director.

DG Charles then recessed the Cabinet Meeting so that the Committees could meet. He requested that the Committee Chairs to take about 15 minutes.

DG Chalres reconvened the Cabinet meeting at 3:00.

5.1 AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

5.2 Motion by IPDG Julaine Arient-Rollman to approve the Agenda as amended, second by 1st VDG Terry Peterson. Motion carried.

6.0 SECRETARY REPORT:

6.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Lion Neil Vollmer stated that the Minutes of the 1st Cabinet Meeting were emailed out. Copies were available at todays meeting. Motion by Lion Orland Paulson, second by Lion Jan Endes to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

6.2 Membership and Activity Reports: Secretary Neil stated that about half of the Clubs are sending in reports. He reminded Club Secretarys to use the Lions International web site for reporting both Membership and Activity reports. These reports can then be emailed to him. He told Cabinet Members to encourage their Club Secretary to do the reports on line. He stated that there are several Lions Members who can and are willing to help Club Secretarys learn how to submit reports on line.

6.3 Communications: None received by him.

6.4 Approval of Secretary report--Motion by IPDG Julaine Arient-Rollman, second by Lion Ken Gifford to approve the report. Motion carried.

7.1 TREASURES REPORT--FINANCIAL REPORTS: As Lion James Stock has resigned as District Treasure, DG Charles asked Lion Rick Brady to review the financials and present a report at todays Cabinet Meeting. Lion Rick reported that, as far as he can see at this time, the books are in order. He also has done an audit of last years books and found them to be in order also. He noted that the transition has come at a time when Dues notices to the Clubs should have been sent out. He stated that he has sent the dues notices out 3 days ago.

Lion Rick then made some observations in regards to our Districts overall financial situation. He noted that our District is down to 901 members. Our current District dues are \$12 per member. Based on last years expenses, our newsletter is costing us \$3.25 per member. For last year, he noted that our

expenses over our income was about \$4000. This shortfall was made up by taking money out of savings. ID Shove spoke to the possibility of only sending our newsletter electronically. This is being done in lots of Districts. His suggestion was noted. Someone pointed out that this has been discussed around the District at Officer Training meetings and that it has been the wishes of our Lions to receive a hard copy. It was asked why we are spending more money than what we are receiving. Lion Rick stated that this has been the case for the past couple of years. He also stated that it appears that more of the Committee Chairpersons are submitting their expenses for reimbursement. Probably due to the price of gas, postage, etc. In prior years, many Committee Chairpersons did not submit bills for their expenses, which they had been entitled to do. The shortfall is a combination of conditions/situations. Lion Rick stated that it appears to him that we are in need of a dues increase to continue doing what we have been doing as a District. Motion by Lion Galen Jones that the financial statements be filed for audit. Second by Lion Julaine Arient-Rollman. Motion carried.

8.1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT: DG Charles opened with the statement that it has been a tough start to his year as Governor. First was his medical problem in June, thus not allowing him to attend the International Convention. Having the Cabinet Treasure move out of State didn't help either. He thanked Lion Rick Brady for meeting with him in order to get things rolling again. He noted that several Clubs have not paid bills to Lions International. Internationals new rules only allow Clubs to be past due on bills for 60 days before they will cancel their Charter. Those Clubs owing a bill have been contacted.

8.2 GOVERNOR GOALS: DG Charles talked about his goals for this year:

- 1) His top goal is that every Club in the District induct at least 1 female member. He stated that we need to reach out more in the area of our membership. He wants to see at least 10 new Female members in our District.
- 2) He is asking every Club to financially support LCIF, SD Lions Foundation, SD Lions Eye and Tissue Bank and to increase their prior contributions by 10%. He is also encouraging Clubs to support the Henry Baker program.
- 3) He is asking all Clubs to get their District and International dues paid in a timely fashion.
- 4) He is asking that when Clubs set goals, that they keep them simple and realistic.
- 5) He is asking that all Clubs get actively involved in Internationals Centennial program. This will allow Clubs to receive recognition and a Centennial banner patch.

8.3 CLUB VISITATIONS—DG Charles announced that he has asked the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to help him with the Official Governors visit to some of the Clubs. With him being located in one of the outer area Clubs, mileage and time is a factor for doing Club visits. In addition, having the VDGs' visit Clubs will give them an opportunity to meet Club Members from around the District. This may also give them a heads up on selecting Members for their own respective Cabinets. He reminded Cabinet Members to talk to their Club Officers about contacting him for a Club visitation date.

9.0 CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE---1st VDG Terry Peterson reported summaries as follows:

GMT—Lion Ken Wetz's report stated that a core group is working to start a Club in Whitewood. Other GMT activities will begin yet this Fall.

GLT—Lion John Daum discussed the need for developing Leaders. Lions Clubs is a great place for people to become Leaders and to watch and develop into Leaders. He is planning to organize a State

Leadership Forum to meet the goal of new future leaders. His number one goal is the importance of developing new leaders.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—Lion Ken Wetz reminds all Clubs that he will be contacting them to encourage them to participate. He noted that 2017 is the Centennial year and that the MD5 Convention will be held in Deadwood and that the Convention should be a wonderful opportunity to showcase Lions in our Region.

9.2 SERVICE COMMITTEE---2nd VDG Tim Brown reported summaries as follows:

LEADER DOG—Lion Donna Wetz reported that she has sent letters to all Clubs relating to the importance of the Leader Dog program. Clubs still have their opportunity to participate in the Kennel Redesign program. She noted that there are 5 Leader Dogs in our District. She also welcomed anyone within the District who may know of someone who could improve their life with a Dog, just contact her.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH & LEO—Lion Donna Wetz reported on her efforts including letters to Clubs to explain the Youth Exchange Program. There are opportunities to host International Students from Australia and New Zealand this Fall/Winter. She is also promoting the MD5 2016 Youth Exchange Camp in Saskatchewan. She would like to see at least 5 Students attend from our District. Cost is \$400. She encourages Clubs to help with a part or all of the registration fee. Car/bus pooling will be arranged. There are also opportunities for International Camps and Exchanges where our Youth can go abroad. She is looking for Clubs who will sponsor a Leo Club. Please contact her if you are interested. She is also available to speak to Clubs on any of these Youth related opportunities.

PEACE POSTER—Lion Marjorie Adams has sent a reminder to Clubs that the deadline for submitting entries for the District Contest is October 31.

DIABETES—Lion Linda Vollmer has a table at the Rally. Please stop and look at all of the material that is available. She will be sending a letter out to Clubs promoting the National Diabetes Awareness Day aka Blue Glove Day on November 14th. Question was asked whether Clubs are aware of the opportunity for youth and families to obtain diabetes education at the Diabetes Camp at Camp Gilbert. Lion Linda has used that in her Club talks. She noted that she is willing to go to Clubs to put on a program. Lion Ted Pukas asked for a moment to remind Lions that the Piedmont Valley Club conducts a Strides Walk each year and sends out information to the Area Lions Clubs. He also noted that all funds raised are sent to Camp Gilbert.

LEONARDO—IPDG Julaine Aritent-Rollman has sent a letter to 5SW Clubs requesting that all Clubs make a donation. Funds raised will allow the District to honor DG Charles with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

SPEECH, HEARING, SIGHT & VISION—PDG Ken Gifford reported that over 1000 youth have been screened with SPOT machine since July 1st. The SD Lions Foundation has a goal of 10,000 for our State this Lions year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & LIONS INFORMATION—Lion Terry Peterson reported that the District plans to publish 10 issues of the District Newsletter again this year. His aim is to include more Club activities in the newsletter this year. Lion Terry discussed his plans for the District Speech Contest. He will be doing it earlier this year as compared to prior years. Tentative date of November 9th. He will be sending information to the Clubs asking them to contact their High Schools seeking participants.

9.3 REGION CHAIRS—PDG Galen Jones

Lion Galen reported that there are 5 Zone Chairpersons attending this Rally. He has asked them to work with their respective Clubs in getting bills paid at Lions International and reminded everyone of

the new 60 day limit on past due bills. He encouraged Zone Chairpersons to conduct their Zone Meetings in a timely fashion. He noted that there have been several corrections to the Directory sent out and another one will be forthcoming. He has asked the Zone Chairs to use the Centennial Celebration as “the hook” to seek out new members.

10.0 OLD BUSINESS—NONE

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2015 Fall Rally Update—2nd VDG Tim Brown reported that “it is happening”. He noted that the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce had been very helpful. Zone 3 Clubs are the hosts. He stated that the Clubs had a great time working together. So far, they have 71 registrations. He reminded all of the Reception Supper this evening at the Gold Dust.

11.2 2016 Fall Rally Location Bid

Lion Jan Endes, Zone 6 Chairperson, announced that their Zone is inviting us to Murdo for the 2016 Fall Rally. Come East, Young Lions is their current motto. Motion by Lion Terry Peterson, second by Ken Rollman to accept their bid. Motion carried.

11.3 NEW CLUB REPORT

District Governor Charles updated the Cabinet on the progress of the new Lions Club in Mobridge. They were chartered in May with the big time effort of Lion Ila Davis and Bob Haskell. Since that time, he has visited the new group several times and the New Club will officially have a Charter Night on Thursday, October 1.

11.4 PEACE POSTER—Reminder that the deadline is October 31.

11.5 SD LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT:

Lion Marie Ann Ben, Foundation Board of Directors President introduced the new Executive Director, Jennifer Sigette. She started on September 13th. She has 15 years non-profit organizations experience in fund raising. Jennifer addressed us and is looking forward to working with all of the Lions across the State. She is a native of Aberdeen, so is quite familiar with South Dakotas communities.

11.6 SD LIONS EYE & TISSUE BANK REPORT—No report.

11.7 DISTRICT OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS—NONE

11.8 TREASURE APPOINTMENT:

Lion Richard Waits volunteered to step in. He stated that he has already been asked by 1st VDG Terry to be the District Treasure for next year. So, he decided that he might as well jump in right now. Motion by Lion Ken Rollman, second by Lion Julaine Arient-Rollman to appoint Lion Richard Waits as District Treasure. Motion carried.

11.9 INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

ID Shove asked to address the Cabinet. He encouraged us to “go digital” for our newsletter. On the issue of some wanting a hard copy, he suggested that someone within the Club could print it out for them. (Lion Ted Pukas reminded us all that he is putting the Newsletter on our District web site also and that we all can access it there.) ID Shove presented a hint on membership. He noted that International has a new brochure, “Your Club, Your Way”. International has an online training session on this idea. Districts who are using PDGs’ as Mentors are showing some improvement.

11.10 QUESTIONS:

2 General questions were asked: How do we handle a dues increase and how do we change to a digital newsletter and handle getting the word out. Decision that these 2 items would be added to the January Cabinet Meeting and January Business Meeting.

12.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

12.1 2015 SD State Lions Convention, Aberdeen, January 29 & 30, 2016

12.2 2014 MD5 Convention, Regina, Saskatchewan, May 26-28, 2016

12.3 2016 International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan, June 27 & 28, 2016

12.4 2017 State Lions Convention, Pierre/Ft. Pierre, January 27 & 28, 2017

12.5 2016 5SW Fall Rally, Murdo, Zone 6 Hosts, September 23 & 24, 2016

13.0 Adjournment---There being no other business to come before the body, DG Charles declared the Cabinet Meeting adjourned.

Cabinet Secretary

Lion Neil Vollmer