



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 BUSINESS SESSION

MD5 Virtual Zoom Meeting
{Covid 19 Disrupted Convention Process}
Saturday, May 23rd, 2020

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Called to Order at 2:35 PM the Business Session of MD5, by Council Chair Marie Anne Ben. [As Covid 19 both 1st & 2nd Business sessions were combined and conducted via Zoom – Go To Meeting process.

Introduction of the Participants: Roll call was conducted during COG meeting earlier. Counter on Zoom screen indicated 44 participants online.

Agenda

Motion DG Rutko second by PDG Lein to accept as presented Carried

Minutes of 2019 Business Sessions

Moved by C/Sec Ken Peters second by DG Rutko to accept and file as presented Carried

Financial review by PDG Kevin as presented at COG earlier was review and approved

Motion by DG Rutko / DGE Marvis Wilm Carried

Global Action Team Reports:

Global Leadership: PCC Eunice Cameron

I want to thank the District Governors and Council of the last three years for their support and friendship and help to develop great leaders for our wonderful Lions.

We have had much support from Loins' International in the training for the District Governors' Elect (DGE). There have been many members who have supplied their knowledge with the DGE's to increase their knowledge and skills. I would like to thank all who have supported this growth. It is still very important for the DGE teams to watch for and support individuals who show promise and interest to supply leadership to our organization. Encourage them to take part in Regional and National training opportunities and for Districts to financially help these interested people. We need strong interested and dedicated leaders.

The Covid-19 has had an effect on many parts of leadership. Many of the planned sessions had to be cancelled or postponed. I am hearing that there are

districts that are starting to work on Rally's using media to connect with the district leadership to have training to increase our reporting and successful leadership. I have also been told that future planning for State Conventions includes the possibility of on-line events and workshops. Some of the ideas are very exciting. We are going to have to keep a-tuned to learn from the pioneers of this new era. There are many benefits to on-line as with our Friday training, we saved travel, food and accommodation. We had great feedback about the training, also.

I had Shark Tank on as I wrote this and one of the Shark's said "To have a better place in live for all, in this world, you have to survive and give back to society." Thank you for helping me work to have a better place in this world and help others give back.

Yours in service PCC Eunice Cameron

Membership Report May 2020

As of the May 7, 2020 Multiple District 5 has 302 active Lions Clubs, there are no clubs in Status Quo. One new Club was chartered in district 5NE. Three clubs were dropped from the Multiple District, 2 in 5NE and one in 5NW.

There are currently 6,914 members in the 302 active clubs. Year to date there have been 461 members added in the Multiple but there have been 552 dropped for a year to date net growth of -91.

The membership counts last year this time was 7,102.

The average membership per club is 23 for the Multiple District.

The average age of cancelled Clubs is 51, however it should be noted the club in 5NW was 91 years in Lions. There were 21 Lions in the Multiple lost to Club cancelation.

The percentage of Clubs not reporting membership as of May 7, 2020 in the Multiple is 32%.

- 5NW 54% no membership report
- 5NE 26% no membership report
- 5SKN 26% no membership report
- 5SKS 22% no membership report
- 5SE 35% no membership report
- 5SW 33% no membership report

Until the monthly memberships are done for all clubs Districts have no real idea where their membership is. This is an area for the Districts to concentrate on prior to yearend. This will give a better idea where the membership in the District is at and provide a solid point to build membership from.

Our biggest issue is no or very few membership reports being submitted by clubs

LCI has tightened up on suspension for non-reporting clubs

The average number of Clubs with outstanding financial balance as of May 7, 2020 in the Multiple is 7%.

- 5NE 10% of Clubs have an outstanding balance at LCI.
- 5NW 9% of Clubs have an outstanding balance at LCI.
- 5SKN 14% of Clubs have an outstanding balance at LCI.
- 5SKS 3% of clubs have an outstanding balance at LCI.
- 5SE All clubs are current with their account at LCI.
- 5SW 3% of clubs have and outstanding balance at LCI.

These many do not reflect the actual accounts as Lions International Headquarters is closed. Staff is working from home so any payments sent after headquarters closed may not be posted. Headquarters closed mid-March and payments should have been paid by then. In a Normal year clubs with outstanding balances would automatically be dropped, due to the office being closed this, practice has been suspended. Districts should be checking with clubs to ensure the accounts are current or payment has been sent.

Lions Clubs International is stopping the suspension and cancelling of Lions Clubs until the end of calendar Year 2020. Lions Clubs will not be placed in Financial suspension nor will they go into Status Quo. Lions International does expect the Clubs to pay outstanding balances by December 31, 2020.

Each District Governor Elect has committed to be part of the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). The current Governors and District Governors Elect are working on their District Goals. They are busy building their teams, building their Visions and will before the end of June be ready to move forward with the NAMI Membership Initiative. NAMI is a process not a program. There have been 9 Pilot Districts across CA1 and 2 since December of 2018. There has been a steering committee comprised of the Vice Presidents leading the process. In June, the Global Action Team will be responsible for NAMI. Multiple District 5 has also committed to NAMI, CCE John Emmet will be the NAMI Champion. Communication with District GAT will be enhanced with regular communications between Area Leaders, MD GAT and District GAT.

The Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc with Clubs and Districts. Some Clubs have ceased to function. Districts are working to keep in contact and encourage service in the communities. The Lock down has meant numerous extension projects were not completed. A big concern is to keep the clubs engaged in their community in a safe way. The use of virtual meetings has taken hold, we are thinking this will be a way for clubs to function in the future. Districts and the Multiple have been using the virtual meetings more since the Lockdown and social distancing. Most Districts have conducted their last Cabinet meeting online. The Governor Teams have been meeting weekly to plan for the future. With the uncertainty Lions have adapted and will have to continue to adapt in order to survive.

I saw a post on the International Website where Kiwanis International, Lions International, Optimists International and Rotary International released a combined statement on the Covid-19 Pandemic. These renown service

organizations are leveraging the strength of their combined networks of 3.2 million members and focusing their collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives. Check it out on the Lions Website.

Global Service: PCC Arlen Fetch & PDG T McAleese

We have not had an on-line meeting for GST this quarter. Goals for the year are such:

- 1 80% of clubs reporting
- 2 40% of clubs to have service chairs
- 3 To have each district hold a district-wide service project

The following districts have reported on service reporting: District 5SKN: 25 of 58 clubs reporting - 43% District 5SKS: 48 of 73 clubs reporting - 66% District 5NW: 32 of 43 clubs reporting - 74% District 5SW: 21 of 33 clubs reporting - 64% District 5NE : 19 of 52 clubs reporting - 37% District 5SE : 27 of 43 clubs reporting - 63% Overall : 172 of 302 clubs reporting - 57%

The numbers have not changed since our last report in March, what has changed is the advent of COVID-19. Many of our clubs have not met at all since the outbreak of the pandemic. Several of our clubs have met virtually both for regular meetings and for board meetings. Our districts have been conducting cabinet meetings virtually. Just because we can't be meeting in person does not mean that we can't meet.

Clubs have not been totally inactive and have come up with innovative new ways to provide service during this trying time. Following is a sampling of what clubs have been doing:

- *Pickup and delivery of grocery & pharmacy supplies for those in quarantine or otherwise unable to be out and about
- *Provide meals for "front-line" workers
- *Calling trees to keep in touch with members
- *Assisting with food bank trucks (unloading and loading into vehicles)
- *Hanging banners to honor graduating seniors (banners with each senior's picture)
- *Purchasing gift cards from local businesses for drawings
- *Cleaning parks and other green spaces (with proper social distancing)
- *Drop off "goody" bags on peoples' doorsteps (coloring books, puzzle books, hard candies and inspirational notes)
- *Chalk driveways with messages of hope
- *Meals on wheels
- *City-wide cleanup
- *One club sponsored an Outdoor drive-in movie night
- *Movie nights in parks
- *Sending cards to nursing home residents

*Facebook contests

*Making masks for distribution

*One club held a “tailgate meeting” (outdoors with vehicles parked in a circle and social distancing practiced)

The GST coordinators from all six districts contributed to this list.

Our concern with Covid-19 is that our “fund-raising” activities are either being cancelled for the year or delayed, and some clubs will be challenged to offer “services” normally provided that require monetary input. Each club needs to find their own way to serve. We should not look at this pandemic as a time to not do anything because we as clubs cannot meet in person; rather we should look at this pandemic as an opportunity to expand our horizons with new and innovative ways to serve safely. As you can see from the above list several of our clubs are doing just that.

PDG Terry McAleese and I would like to thank our District GST Coordinators for working with us in these new positions for the last two years.











New Voices: Lion Crystal Dueker

An in-depth report was submitted with a story of 24 nominees for New Voices award

New Voices Nominees of 2019-2020

by Lion Crystal Dueker, MD5 New Voices Chair

The winners were PCC Zeuschel & Lion Crystal Dueker both 5NE

District Governor Bernie Rutko 5SKN nominated:	District Governor John Emmett 5SE nominated:
<p>Leadership:  Lion Marianne Kramchynsky Rosthern Lions Went to 2019 USA / CAN New Voices</p> <p>Marketing:  Lion Kyle White Saskatoon Nutana Lions Created website - promoting Lionism</p> <p>Membership:  PDG Marie Millinthorp Historic Battleford Lions District Chair / 5SKS Youth Exchange Chair</p> <p>Service:  Lion Iris Fritz N. Battleford Bonaventure Lions Many projects including with schools</p>	<p>Leadership:  Lion Shannon Grimmond Sioux Land Lions Chair 2019 Forum / Youth Exchange Chair</p> <p>Marketing:  Lion Krisha Stroschine Sioux Land Lions Life of a Lion Web / Youth Camp Co-Chair</p> <p>Membership:  Lion Al Timmermans Harrisburg Lions 50% in club membership growth</p> <p>Service:  Lion Kay Thomas Mitchell Palace City Lions Over 25 Missions for Sight</p>
District Governor Linda Vollmer 5SW nominated:	District Governor Sherry Fetch 5NW nominated:
<p>Leadership:  Lion Ron Bunnell Rapid City Lions Zone Chair / meetings and projects</p>	<p>Leadership:  PDG Ginny Jones Glenburn Lions Global Leadership Training chair</p>

<p>Marketing:  Lion Laquita Shockley Lemon Lions Prints District 5SW newsletter</p> <p>Membership:  Lion Erica Frey Mobridge Lions Four new members / ad for Snow Queen Pageant</p> <p>Service:  Lion Tim Brown Sturgis Lions Created Cancer camp for children</p>	<p>Marketing:  Lion Jeanette Bean Mandan Lions Facebook to promote 5NW and Lionism</p> <p>Membership:  Lion Deanne Gierke Beulah Lions Over 80 Leos in Beulah / gained 11 members</p> <p>Service:  Lion Jerry Schaack Bismarck Lions Ministry on the Margins / aids homeless</p>
District Governor Jim Vermeersch 5SKS nominated:	District Governor Kathy Clemens 5NE nominated:
<p>Leadership:  Lion Marg Hayes Qu'Appelle Lions Club 5SKS New Voices Chair visiting clubs</p> <p>Marketing:  Lion Page Newton Cabri Lions Club Chair 2nd Saskatchewan Prov. 2020 convention</p> <p>Membership:  Lion Debbi Ross Regina 35 Lions Club 5SKS District - improved the Cabinet member communications</p> <p>Service:  Lion Heather Vermeersch Carlyle Lions Club Leads Lions Quest and town workshop</p>	<p>Leadership:  Lion Crystal Dueker Fargo Gateway Lions Raised \$10,000 for new facility for dogs</p> <p>Marketing:  PDG Keith Zeuschel Horace Lions Created / maintains 5NE Facebook</p> <p>Membership:  Lion Dan Albright Davenport Lions Sponsor Mapleton Club / 23 members</p> <p>Service:  Lion Kristi Swenson New Rockford Lions Sight for Kidz / entire schools of region</p>

For 2020-21 there are four new categories in new voices and hopes that each District will submit District members to fill these sub chair positions
 Membership Leadership Service Marketing
 Send these names to me so I can assist and report to LCI

Nominees for 2020-21 need to be named and sent to me before end of October as they then get sent to Multiple and then LCI

Summit: PDG Rob Hill -To be held on Saturday, June 20th, 2020

North American Membership Initiative – PID Vannett & PDG Hill
 Work shops are scheduled for June 4th and then the Summit on Saturday, June 20th, 2020

We will be looking for a Champion for each District as well as the MD.

CCE John Emmett has been named the MD5 NAMI Champion. Now looking for a champion to be named in each of the 6 District

We have started with info we are looking for someone to fill the Extension Specialist for each District as well as an MD Extension Specialist to help locate new club locations.



MD 5 LONG RANGE PLANNING STRATEGY



STEP ONE	STEP TWO	STEP THREE	STEP FOUR
Gather MD Input	Evaluate MD Input	Share Information and Resources	Build A Plan
MDS will gather information to gain knowledge of our MDs Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.	CCE will meet with the MD GAT and NAMI Champion to evaluate the input of the Lions of MDS	The MDS SUMMIT will be held including lead Lions of the MD	Included will be plans for delivery, execution, communication, and accountability.
<p>WHAT: Build A Vision Event WHEN: June 4, 2020 HOW: Zoom WHO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DGs invite all current cabinet members and someone from each club in their district. DGEs will invite their cabinet members and a Lion from each of the clubs in their district. Past International Directors of MD 5. All current and incoming MDS committee chairpersons. <p>REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED</p>	<p>WHAT: Analyze the S.W.O.T WHEN: June 8-16, 2020 HOW: Email, Zoom, etc. WHO: CCE, MD GAT, DGEs & MD NAMI Champion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute Findings Synthesize key results Prepare Report for the SUMMIT <p>REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED</p>	<p>WHAT: Annual SUMMIT WHEN: Saturday, June, 20, 2020 HOW: Zoom WHO: Open to all incoming districts GAT and DG teams along with their NAMI Champions and any other key members of their cabinets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MD Summit with topics that will address the needs in our MD discovered during the MD Build A Vision and S.W.O.T Analysis. <p>REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED</p>	<p>WHAT: MDS NAMI Plan WHEN: By June 30, 2020 HOW: TBD WHO: Led by CCE along with incoming MD GAT and MD Champion. Any other executive team member the CCE determines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write MD plan using NAMI template Enter plan on NAMI website Distribute the plan to all levels of leadership including GAT Area Leader

Submitted for approval May 23, 2020

Other Committee Reports **LCIF: PCC Rick Pockett**

In Saskatchewan, our fundraising for 2019-2020 continues to chug along. The latest Campaign 100 report indicates that, as of the end of April 2020, worldwide to date LCIF has raised in excess of \$150,000,000 since the program started. The two Saskatchewan Districts have raised a total of \$46,100.55 so far this Lion's year (5SKS \$22,003 & 5SKN \$24,097.26). This is an increase for both districts over this time last year. It was anticipated that these figures would increase significantly in the last quarter once the clubs start making their yearend donations but with COVID-19 and the closure of

our clubs and the loss of their fundraising ability it is any ones guess as to where the year's donations will end up.

This year more emphasis was placed on "Club Donations" and we have challenged all our clubs to purchase at least one Melvin Jones Fellowship each year and to consider making a pledge to becoming either a Maple Leaf Club (\$360 CDN per member) or a Model Club (\$675 CDN per member). We have had some success getting pledges for Maple Leaf Clubs but very little support for Model Clubs.

LCIF Campaign 100 donations and pledges in Canada continue to be forwarded through our "Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF" in Ontario which allows us to track them and to provide income tax receipts for individual donations. We continue to work with our Area Leaders and LCIF staff to iron out any issues we may encounter.

The Campaign 100 team in Saskatchewan is comprised of Lion Terry McAleese, 5SKS and Lion Beryl Bauer, 5SKN along with yours truly. In addition, all of our clubs have been asked to appoint an LCIF Coordinator to spread the Campaign 100 word to their members. This exercise has had limited success as not seen a significant number of Club Coordinators identified. We are working diligently encouraging our District Governor Teams and Zone Chairpersons to promote the Campaign 100 program whenever they have an audience.

I, along with the Saskatchewan District Coordinators, DG Teams and Region & Zone Chairpersons attended a LCIF Campaign 100 training session in Bethune, SK. Special presenters were PID's Garnet Davis & Marvin Chambers. In addition, I have participated in several LCIF online meetings and webinars since my last report.

Fellow Council members, the success of Campaign 100 is in our hands as the Lion Leaders in our multiple district & districts and it is imperative that all of us keep the momentum going and do everything we can to achieve our goal.

LCIF - PID Garnet Davis:

Provided a detailed written report so will summarize at this time in interest of saving time.

An extension to the Campaign 100 initiative has been extended to June 2022 We are asking clubs & people to live up to their obligations / Commitments and make those donations as promised.

PID Joe Preston also commented on the importance of LCIF donations.

Public Relations: PDG Rob Lein

Written report was submitted – nothing more to add

PDG Kevin is still working on pricing and quantity of clothing to be ordered as put forward in PDG Rob Lein's March report

Pin Report: PCC Rick Pockett

Written report submitted however wishes to announce and wish well to our new Pin Chair for 2020-21 PCC Mike Brand of Fargo, ND 5NE

IT Report: PDG Mel Olson

Nothing to add to his written report other than happy to see more people are using electronic meetings

Speak Off Contest: PDG Tim Thueson

Contest did not proceed due to Covid 19 and no entries were received

Camp Quality

Was cancelled for health concerns

Youth Exchange

Cancelled for the same reason – we still do not have an Exchange Coordinator

District Governor Reports

All 6 have provided written Annual reports and have been posted on the MD5 website

Council Chair Report – Not completed yet or received

Constitution & Bylaw Changes

No changes were brought forward

Convention Bid – MD5 for 2023 – PDG Ken Gifford advised that PID John Dahm would be Convention Chair

To be held at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish, S.D. on May 25 – 26 – 27th, 2023
Room prices will be \$99.00/night with suites at \$129/night
Rooms have been blocked for the convention

Convention Bid – MD5 for 2024 was submitted by DG Sherry Fetch 5NW
Convention to be hosted by the Minot clubs

Motion to accept by DG Fetch / DG Vermeersch Carried

Convention 2021 – Grand Forks ND – DGE Kahlbaugh reported for Chair Lion Del Hager who was not available today

Alero Center in Grand Forks is Convention HQ and the CanAd Inn is located next door. Dates will be May 20 – 21- 22, 2021

Future Convention locations [Info Only]

2021 Grand Forks, ND

2022 Cypress Hills Resort, Saskatchewan

2023 Spearfish Holiday Inn, SD

2024 Minot, North Dakota

2025 Saskatchewan to be determined (North District)

NOTE:

DG Sherry Fetch also provided the following info:

North Dakota: State Conventions

2020-21	Carrington, ND	October 23-24, 2020
2021-22	Watford City, ND	October 22-23, 2021
2022-23	Devils Lake, ND	October ?? 2022

South Dakota:

2020-21	Rapid City, SD	October 1-2, 2020
2021-22	Sioux Falls, SD	October 2-3, 2021 (Tenitive)

Saskatchewan:

2020-21	Swift Current, Sk.	November 6-8, 2020
2021-22	Yorkton, Sk.	November 5-7, 2021 (Tenitive)

Contests: Winners were named by DG Sherry Fetch on behalf of her committee

- Web Site - Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club
- Scrap Book - Fargo Gateway Lions Club
- Newsletter - Fargo Lions Club
- Club of the Year - Fargo Gateway Lions, 5NE
- No Most Miles Travelled this year [Under 25 or 25 & Over]

Recognition of Service:

Plaques etc. were purchased for presentation however these; due to Covid will be presented at a later date (Probably August) to recognize long term service and because of no contact will be held by C/Sec until they can be sent out for presentation.

Senior Councilors Awards:

Email Letters prepared and sent to PDG’s notifying of cancellation of Convention and awards will be presented by Governors at an appropriate later time

A slide production showing all nine recipient’s pictures from their Governor year

5NW	PDG Kevin Vannett	Bismarck. ND
5NE	PDG Wayne Westlund	Grand Forks, ND
5NC	PDG James Ruff	Lehr, ND
5SW	PDG Doug Scheller	Rapid City, SD
5SE	PCC Tom Grimmond	Sioux Falls, SD
5CA	PDG Doug Madill	Saskatoon, Sk.
5CE	PDG Al Cook	Regina, Sk.
5CN	PDG Ron Ewles	Saskatoon, Sk. Now deceased

Red Jacket Presentation

Past Council Chair Eunice Cameron read bios of each incoming Governor while videos of them removing old and placing their new Red Jackets on was shown

Guest Speaker Past International President Joe Preston

Past President Joe Preston was our international guest for the business meeting and the convention meeting. He was more than a guest speaker, as he was our international guest who addressed the gathering of MD5 leaders.

The minutes do not reflect the quality of his message or the impact of his presence. This is always an issue as to making complete notes as he spoke are difficult but those listening heard them 1st hand. His address was inspirational and motivating to all on-line for this address.

PID Robert Littlefield introduced the 99th International President of LIC. PIP Joe Preston presented remarks that complimented MD5 for its programs and leadership, challenged MD5 to participate fully in NAMI, and provided inspiration to find ways to serve during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was gracious and generous with his time to attend the entire day's events. CC Marie Ann Ben thanked PIP Preston for his presence and acknowledged the impact of his message.

In gratitude for his presence and remarks, MD5 donated a PMJF in his name to LCIF.

Passing of the Gavel

A virtual service of CC Marie Anne Ben passing the gavel to CCE John Emmett was held.

He will receive the gavel at a future date.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm

Motion by CC Ben / CCE John Emmett