

**LIONS CLUBS  
INTERNATIONAL**



**Council of Governor's Business  
Meeting Minutes of Multiple District 5  
Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

This 4<sup>th</sup> Business meeting – [Electronic Zoom Meeting] was held On-line being called to order at 10:00 AM CST by Council Chair Marie Anne BEN

**In attendance were 41** (counter on Zoom Screen): CC Marie Anne Ben 5SE, PDG Kevin Vannett, PDG Ken Peters, VCC PDG Bea Gifford 5SW, IPID Pat Vannett, PID Bruce Schwartz, PID Robert Littlefield, PID Marvin Chambers, PID Garnet Davis, DG's Jim Vermeersch 5SKS, DG Sherry Fetch, 5NW, DG John Emmett 5SE, DG Linda Vollmer 5SW, DG Bernie Rutko 5SKN, DGE Krisha Stroschine 5SE, DGE Richard Waits 5SW, DGE Marvis Wilm 5SKN, DGE Don Morris 5SKS, DGE Kevin Bean 5NW, DGE Grant Kahlbaugh 5NE, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Doug Ross, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Marianne Kramchynsky, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Scott Ressler, 1st VDG Geraldine RAY, 1st VDG Joe Sowokinos, PCC Eunice Cameron, PCC Arlen Fetch, PDG Rob Hill, PDG Terry McAleese, , PCC Rick Pockett, PDG Mel Olson, PDG Rob Lein, PDG Tim Thueson, , IPCC Keith Zeuschel, Lion Cindy Ostlie 2020 Conv. Lion Crystal Deuker,

**Not in Attendance:** PCC Ken Wetz (Hospitalized), PDG Judy Beaudry, DG Kathy Clemens 5NE (at work), 1st VDG David Pigors, PDG Dave Czywczynski,  
Role call conducted verbally to confirm attendance

**Guests:** PIP Joe Preston, Lion Meredith Clark, PCC Gordon Ziegler, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Ron Bunnell 5SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Robyn Tyler 5SE, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Kyle White, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Alvin Matechuk, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Jeanette Bean 5NW

**Pledge of Allegiance followed by O Canada**

**Agenda:** approved with amendment on MOTION by DG Fetch / DG Rutko      Carried

**Secretary Report**

Approval of March 2020 Minutes on a MOTION PDG Peters / DG Vermeersch      Carried

Correspondence – None to report

**Treasurer's Report – C/Treas. Vannett**

It was advised that we would save approximately another \$6,000.00 with this meeting.

Youth Exchange in excess of \$17,000. Overall assets of \$188,154.67

Financial report presented by email earlier and was verbally given in an abbreviated form for this meeting. A number of designated funds will not be needed as a result of Covid 19 and reduced travel. PID Littlefield had a few questions and advised he has some recommendations but will be made later in meeting.

Some questions by PID Littlefield were answered

**MOTION** DG Fetch / DG Vermeersch be accepted      Carried

**Council Chair Comments:**

Thank you for joining in on this meeting. Gave a review of Convention visits. Thanked Council for their service this year. Membership is a continuing problem and we need to continue to work on this issue. Costs are down as result of less travel etc.

CC Ben has received 2 Certificates to be presented from LCI – these will be presented later at a more appropriate occasion to give meaning. For Lion Crystal Dueker & PCC Keith Zeuschel

**Brookings Convention, 2020** – Special thanks to the Brookings committee and all the hard work they put into the planning of the 2020 Convention. Totally unfortunate that plans had to change for the safety of all and it now does appear to have been the correct decision.

**Rookie Lion Award:** PDG Ken Peters

We ordered 300 pins which have now been received

There is 1 pending Rookie Award but application had not yet been received  
Rookie Criteria Form will be attached to the end of these minutes for further reference. To be completed, include Rookie name, Club, Sponsor have signed by club president. Send to C/Sec Ken Peters to prepare and forward to Council Chair for signature. It will then be sent to the sitting DG for presentation

Reports:

**Global Leadership Report: PCC Cameron**

Nothing to add to the previously submitted written report other than the Go to Training held last night went very well. Thanked everyone for support over past three years of her term as GLT Coordinator

**Summit Training (June 20th, 2020)**

There is a tentative agenda, will include the Governor teams. To be held as an electronic session on the Saturday. There will be invitations for the June 4<sup>th</sup> & June 20<sup>th</sup> meetings coming out. PID Pat Vannett and PID Littlefield advise we will be using the formula from the NAMI program for the Districts. Asked the District Governors and the DGE's to invite their entire District Cabinets current and incoming to participate. To develop strategy how to deal with weaknesses. What will the MD focus on in the next year. We need to strategize how to advertise and promote. Overview is to be able to hand our new Governors a plan to run with as they start the year

We are trying to build a module to pass on from year to year with evaluations and changes as we go. The one big weakness we have now is we have all these wonderful goals and objectives but we have not named or appointed our District Champions who can lead us into this communication and initiative.

The goal is to move forward in helping our services, our leadership and our membership.

Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville Kentucky, decision will come mid June as to if going ahead or cancelled. 2021 will be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Global Membership Report:**

PCC Wetz unable to participate - has had some serious health problems. PDG Hill had submitted a report - our membership is down 50% from a several years back. We are around 6,914 in MD now.

NAMI Initiative [North American Membership Initiative] is a new thing that Governors and Vice Governors to be assuring DG Teams and plans made.

Discussion about MyLCI App and how much it has been changed to make it much easier to use.

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

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.

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 may 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.

New Voices – Lion Crystal Dueker submitted a written report. She provided a verbal summary of that report and she has been very active in her 1<sup>st</sup> year at this position

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

On line sessions being scheduled to lead up models and goals starting June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

This will put some ground work in place for the Summit.

**North American Membership Initiative** – PID Vannett & PDG Hill

Work shops are scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> and then the Summit on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

NAMI is not a project but a Strategy for us to move forward



## MD 5 LONG RANGE PLANNING STRATEGY



STEP ONE Gather MD Input	STEP TWO Evaluate MD Input	STEP THREE Share Information and Resources	STEP FOUR 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.
<b>WHAT: Build A Vision Event</b> WHEN: June 4, 2020 HOW: Zoom WHO: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DGs invite all current cabinet members and someone from each club in their district.</li> <li>2. DGEs will invite their cabinet members and a Lion from each of the clubs in their district.</li> <li>3. Past International Directors of MD 5.</li> <li>4. All current and incoming MDS committee chairpersons.</li> </ol> REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED	<b>WHAT: Analyze the S.W.O.T</b> WHEN: June 8-16, 2020 HOW: Email, Zoom, etc. WHO: CCE, MD GAT, DGEs & MD NAMI Champion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distribute Findings</li> <li>2. Synthesize key results</li> <li>3. Prepare Report for the SUMMIT</li> </ol> REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED	<b>WHAT: Annual SUMMIT</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED	<b>WHAT: MDS NAMI Plan</b> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write MD plan using NAMI template</li> <li>• Enter plan on NAMI website</li> <li>• Distribute the plan to all levels of leadership including GAT Area Leader</li> </ul> REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED

Submitted for approval May 23, 2020

A very detailed explanation of planning, goals & objectives leading up to the summit and the NAMI was given by PID Vannett & PID Littlefield. Questions and answers set our framework to follow.

### **U.S.A. / Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

It has not been decided as to being postponed, cancelled or going ahead, A decision is expected by mid June.

**NOTE:** While preparing these minutes word came out that this years Forum is Cancelled.

The 2021 Forum will be held in Des Moines, Iowa

**Global Service – PCC Arlen Fetch/PDG Terry 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

**LOFY – PDG Thueson**

Speak off was cancelled with no entries due to schools out as result of Covid 19

Question raised about Youth Camps and Youth Change Coordinator. PDG Beaudry is no longer interested in this position. We have advertised since last December 2019 for an applicant with no interest. We definitely need to do something to fill this as it hurts our status as an active MD with youth.

**LCI Liaison Report – PID Pat Vannett**

LCI Offices are closed until at least June 21<sup>st</sup> and then office staff will be alternating between home and office.

We need to assure our clubs are up to date with dues & payments. Clubs and Districts can still do payments on-line and that is such a simple way to keep up.

Convention speakers have been arranged, however that information is on hold until we can confirm authorization for travel.

**LCIF Reports – Rick Pockett**

Campaign 100 has been extended to June of 2022

Our personal donations as Council are lacking in comparison to last year. Please consider getting your donations in.

A written report was submitted earlier this month.

**LCIF – PID Davis**

I am not going to comment on my 3 page report. I too would ask that Districts, Clubs and members who have made commitments to please be sure to live up to your promises.

**Public Relations – PDG Rob Lein**

PDG Rob did send a written report. Nothing to add at this this time other than PDG C/Treasurer Kevin is working on pricing and accessing of the new approved clothing.

**Pin Report – PCC Rick Pockett**

PCC Mike Brand is the new Pin Chair as of July 2020

**I.T. Report – PDG Mel Olson**

Had submitted a written report. Is happy with the use of the video system.

**Camp Quality for Cancer – PDG Ken Gifford**

Cancelled as result of Covid 19

No Report available on Youth camps for 2021 & 2022 at this time.

**District Governor Annual Reports**

All six have submitted their Annual Reports and have been posted on the web site. C/Sec Ken Peters advised that these reports are also able to be updated to end of Lions Year

District 5SE has a newly Chartered Leo Club

**MD5 RLLI**

MOTION: Incoming Global Leadership Coordinator Marie Anne Ben be named to be Chair for this event and that the vote include DGE's. Motion by C/Sec Ken Peters / DG Jim Vermeersch carried

Dates - Trainers & Curriculum to be determined asap Suggestion to be a virtual rather than personal face to face and to be held in January 2021

**2020-21 Council Meeting Dates & Locations:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	August 22-23, 2020	Grand Hotel, Minot ND
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Swift Current, Sask.
		[in conjunction Saskatchewan Convention
	Nov 6-8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Grand Hotel, Minot to be updated ASAP as to rooms / training etc.</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 27-28, 2021	Grand Hotel, Mino ND
4 <sup>th</sup>	May 20,21 &22, 2021	Grand Forks, ND – MD5 Convention

**2021-22 Council Meeting Dates & Locations**

1 <sup>st</sup>	August 21-22, 2021	Grand Hotel, Minot ND
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November 20-21, 2021	Grand Hotel, Minot, ND
3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 26-27, 2022	Grand Hotel, Minot, ND
4 <sup>th</sup>	May 12-15, 2022	Cypress Hills Resort, Maple Creek, Sk.

CCE John Emmett said he would be willing to again look after the prep and printing of the LCIF Calendars and all information be received by him no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This creates problems with judging dates, schools open or not. Discussion about possibly going to an 18 month calendar.

Motion by DG Jim Vermeersch / DG Bernie Rutko to table this issue to the August Council meeting for action Carried

PID Littlefield suggested some Ideas he notes in the budget

Suggesting we are saving approx. \$12,000 in unspent monies or more as result of officers not attending Singapore, saved mileage etc. Think about sending this years DGE's to Montreal with this money.

Also there is budgeted \$1,000 to ID support fund for Council travel, also \$1,500 to CC & \$1,000 to Sec & Treasurer each for travel to International Convention travel (\$3500.00., \$1,500 speak off funding not being spent due to no entries this year, summit \$6,400 expenses budgeted now being done virtually instead, \$8,000 travel expenses for council member saved via Zoom meetings. These savings can be usefully routed to other areas of need in the MD

Membership estimate for budget this year 7500 members will be down as currently 6914 lions in MD5 (consider rebate to Districts re: dues)

Motion DG Sherry Fetch / DG Bernie Rutko that if LCI does not send DGE's to Montreal in Lieu of Singapore, we donate \$12,000 (\$2,000 to each DGE) so they can go (Note this is if they do attend) Carried

Another suggestion by PDG Kevin, C/Treasurer that we consider; if there is some excess money we consider upping Council mileage as we have taken a considerable personal cut for several years to aid saving in budget.

Installation of CCE John Emmett deferred to the Afternoon Business session

Approval of MD5 Coordinators & positions for 2021

GLT	]	
GMT	]	
GST	]	were all voted on and approved in March 2020
Council Secretary	]	
Council Treasurer	]	

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm