



Multiple District 5 – Business Session Minutes
Saturday May 31, 2025 – 2:15 PM
Whitecap, Saskatchewan
CC LeeAnn Haisch – Presiding Officer

Call to Order @ 2:37 PM by CC LeeAnn Haisch

Acceptance of Minutes from the 2024 MD5 Convention in Minot ND - Lion Lois Reiersen- Motion by DG Heather and seconded by DG Lynn to accept the minutes with the correction on upcoming conventions in the Business Meeting 2 minutes. It should read 2025 convention is SKN and 2028 would be SKS. Motion carried with correction.

Acceptance of Financial Report - Treasurer PCC John Emmett
MD5 has a considerable balance as of May 21, 2025. There are no expenses from the 2025 summit or MD5 convention. Checking account has \$111,195.40 balance and money market has \$163,998.66 balance for total of \$275,193.86 with a -\$.20 in savings. MD5 is under budget which is partially due to no council meeting in March. There is over \$21,000 in a youth camp fund. \$3,000 per year is placed in a campaign reserve fund to support Lions in MD5 running for Intl Director. The GMT, GST, GLT, GET spent less than ½ of their budgets. The incoming council was challenged to 1) increase GAT team budgets to \$10,000 2) spend money wisely in coordination with the districts 3) consider what is needed with the \$10,000 budget. ID John Lawrence shared that training is being moved to the Multiple Districts. He encouraged MD5 to hold an RLLI. RLLI and ELLI build leaders and help with leadership, membership, service and extension. Treasurer John encouraged Lions to let him know their ideas before finance meetings. Motion by DG Ray and seconded by DG Dennis to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried.

Reports from the MD5 Standing, Elected, and Appointed Committee Chairs

Global Leadership Team Chair - PCC Tim Haight will be holding monthly meetings with district GLTs. Training held in districts will be available to all districts. Twelve to sixteen Zoom trainings were held this year as short one-hour sessions for VDG training along with some in person training. The Estevan training went well. He will be planning an RLLI for the upcoming year. It is important to get a date set soon and get the word out.

Global Membership Team Chair - PDG Mark Koller – Extension and membership go hand in hand. He recognized the district GMTs that are doing a great job.

Global Extension Team Chair – PDG Lynn Grabow – He suggested more needs to be shared at conventions about service. 5SKS, 5NE and 5NW have chartered new clubs and there are more coming. Guiding Lions are needed to have successful new clubs.

Global Service Team Chair - PCC Jeanette Bean – No report. The 2025/2026 GST will be PDG Krisha Ashby from 5SE.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairs - PDG Dave Czywczynski and PDG Rob Hill – US has two districts with over 100% donation to LCIF. Stats so far in the US districts are 5NE is at 129%, 5NW is at 151%, 5SE is at 73%, 5SW is at 93% for total contributions of \$143,896 and likely will reach the \$160,000 goal for the year. Both SK districts are at 50% contribution. Canadians can get a tax receipt now for their donation. The postal strike at the end of the tax season and LCIF staffing delayed posting and affected SK donation numbers.

Long Range Planning Chair - PID Pat Vannett – The goal is to create job duties and responsibilities for state and provincial representatives. LR Planning will be meeting with the new state and provincial representatives, incoming GAT and DGs.

New Voices Chair - Lion Crystal Dueker – There has been an increase in women in Lions.

Pin Chair - PDG Terry McAleese – no report –

Public Relations/Marketing/IT Chair - PCC Kevin Bean – No report.

CC LeeAnn reported the marketing and IT/calendar positions have been separated into two positions. PDG Don Morris was elected to the calendar/IT chair position. IT will be part of the GAT team in the future. District IT coordinators need to be part of the MD team.

Marketing – Currently there is no chair for the 2025/2026 year.

Youth Camp and Exchange - Lion Darryl Oster – It is recommended that next year's chair attend the camp this year. Twenty-five are registered for camp with a potential of thirty to forty campers. This is the first time the camp has opened internationally since COVID. Thank you was expressed to Ken and Donna Wetz. 5NE is responsible for the 2026 youth camp. The camp is scheduled for July 6-12, 2025 in Northern Saskatchewan.

Reports of the Convention Committees

Credentials Committee Report - CC LeeAnn Haisch – There is no committee report because there are no items to be voted on this year.

Resolutions Committee – DG Kirk Tinguim presented the three resolutions brought forth.

Resolution #1

RESOLUTION #1: THAT THE LIONS OF 5SKN AND HOST CLUB SASKATOON LIONS BE REGOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING HOSTS OF THE 2025 MD5 CONVENTION.

Whereas: The Saskatoon Lions Club, with the clubs of District 5SKN, generously volunteered to host the 2025 Multiple District 5 convention; and

Whereas: Planning the Multiple District 5 convention involved hours of time working with local merchants, hotels, and officials to create a worthwhile and memorable event; and

Whereas: PCC Marianne Kramchynsky and PCC Tim Haight served admirably as chairpersons of the local host committee; and

Whereas: Members of the local host Saskatoon Lions Club deserve recognition for their efforts, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIONS OF MD5 THAT THE SASKATOON LIONS CLUB, and the local host committee co-chaired by PCC Marianne Kramchynsky and PCC Tim Haight be commended for their efforts in hosting an outstanding Multiple District 5 convention.

Motion by DG Kirk Tingum and seconded by DG Heather Vermeersch to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution #2

RESOLUTION #2: THAT THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 STRIVE TO REPRESENT THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF LIONISM AND EMBRACE THE GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH TO IMPLEMENT MISSION 1.5.

Whereas: Lions are called upon to support Mission 1.5 and to be visionaries in local Lions clubs, and,

Whereas: Lions are called upon to introduce and energize other Lions about Mission 1.5 with the goal to provide more Service through increased membership in their local communities; and,

Whereas: Lions are called upon to create realistic plans to act upon in order to realize the Vision to continue service for generations to come; and,

Whereas: The Lions are called upon to provide Fun and Fellowship and a welcoming environment for ideas brought forth from their community, their partners and their members; and therefore
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 strive to build upon our long history of service by supporting Mission 1.5 to engage a diverse community of Lions for our future.

Motion by DG Kirk Tingum and seconded by DG Ray Tatro to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution #3

RESOLUTION #3: THAT APPRECIATION BE EXTENDED TO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JOHN LAWRENCE and LION CAROL SCHOONOVER FOR BEING OUR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION.

Whereas: International Director John Lawrence has served our International Association of Lions Clubs with distinction in many capacities since 1997, and

Whereas: International Director John Lawrence is a proud member of the Kent Island Lions Club where he has a great appreciation for what local Lions clubs do every day to improve the well-being of their communities through active service, and

Whereas: Along his Lions journey, Lion John and his partner in service Lion Carol have benefited greatly from the guidance and support of many mentors promoting life-long learning, the development of leadership skills, and the fostering of lasting relationships based on trust and mutual respect.

Whereas: Lion John and Lion Carol have attended the GAT Summit, MD5 Business meetings, Memorial Service, Jacketing Ceremony, and other events where they were gracious and interested in the Lions of MD5, our history, and our traditions; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT APPRECIATION be extended to Lion John and Lion Carol for accepting our invitation to attend the MD5 Convention in Saskatoon/Whitecap

Saskatchewan. We sincerely hope your visit to our International Multiple District of Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota was memorable, and we look forward to meeting up with both of you in the future.

Motion by DG Kirk Tingum and seconded by Lion Tom Armstrong to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

ID John Lawrence qualified as a Guiding Lion trained in MD5!

Special Appreciation Awards will be presented at the banquet.

Preview of Upcoming MD5 Convention Sites

May 28-30, 2026 - District 5SE - PCC John Emmett Ramkota of Aberdeen SD

2027 - District 5NE -

2028 - District 5SKS -

Convention/Leadership Training Updates

July 13-17, 2025, International Convention - Orlando, Florida - PID Pat Vannett

September 18-20, 2025, USA/Canada Forum - Atlantic City, New Jersey

Old Business

COG meeting – A proposal was passed to provide a grant of \$10 per member to districts to help with training. An application and final report are required. MD5 is committed to ensuring training in the upcoming year.

New Business

Provincial/State Representatives Election Results

(1). Saskatchewan - DG Heather Vermeersch and DG Ray Tatro – PDG Bernie Kramchynsky was elected

(2). South Dakota - DG Dennis Bohmont and DG Frances Waits – PDG Robyn Tyler was elected

(3). North Dakota - no letter of intent submitted – PDG Scott Hildre was elected

Convention Host Updates/Announcements -

DG Heather Vermeersch reported \$1640 Canadian funds were collected which will be given to fire evacuees.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary