

Multiple District 5 – Business Session #1 Minutes
Friday May 17, 2024 – 1:45 PM
Minot, ND
CC Jeanette Bean – Presiding Officer

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:53 PM by CC Jeanette Bean.
2. **Convention Host Welcome and Updates** – Lions Kaylee Bourquin and Kristen Michels, Convention Chairs thanked all in attendance and reported there are 104 Lions registered. Knights of the Blind is the theme of the convention. Dining in the Dark and Medieval night will be Friday night. The Q & A with 3rd IVP Mark Lyon will be on Saturday. Saskatchewan is hosting a hospitality room.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes from the 2023 MD5 Convention, Location, Spearfish** – Lion Lois Reiersen emailed the minutes to the MD5 Council members, and they were placed on the convention QR site. PCC Kevin Bean moved and PDG Alvin Matechuk seconded the motion to approve the May 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Acceptance of Financial Report** – Treasurer PCC John Emmett reported the checking balance is \$175,569.24, the CD balance is \$102,925.33 and savings balance is \$5,021.15. Part of the profit of \$17,451.03 in the past year is because there was no in-person council meeting in March due to a storm. VCC Scott Hildre moved and DG Lynn Grabow seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Reports from the MD5 Standing, Elected, and Appointed Committee Chairs**
 - a. **Protocol Chair** – PID Robert Littlefield reported protocol was established at the beginning of the convention.
 - b. **Interim Global Leadership Team Chair** – PID Robert Littlefield reported training was held for VDGs with five sessions. The DGEs went to Oakbrook for training, and they will receive their final training at the Intl Convention in Melbourne. June 11th a Zoom meeting will be held to put things together for the upcoming year.
 - c. **Global Membership Team Chair** – PDG Mark Koller indicated he submitted a written report.
 - d. **Global Service Team Chair** – 1st VDGE Karen daSilva indicated she submitted a written report. She gave a shout out to some MD5 districts for increasing their LCI service reporting. Reporting has been an issue. 5000 people were served with many clubs not reporting. 5NE has 90% of clubs reporting and 5SE reached over the 90% reporting goal. She thanked the districts that have increased their reporting.
 - e. **Lions Clubs International Foundation Chair** – PDG Rob Hill reported that this is our foundation, and we want Lions to support it on an individual level as well as a club level. He thanked those that have made personal donations to LCIF. It’s important to support LCIF even after campaign 100.
 - f. **Long Range Planning Chair** – PID Pat Vannett reported as interim Long Range Planning Chair. Some restructuring is being considered to be more consistent with the model district established with our association. State/Provincial Representatives have been added back to the board and a goal is to ensure roles and responsibilities are understood.

- g. **New Voices Chair** – Lion Crystal Dueker reported New Voices is an initiative from LCI. She will be doing a breakout session at the convention.
- h. **Pin Chair** – PDG Terry McAleese – There was no report, but pins were delivered to the District Governors and the Council Chair.
- i. **Public Relations/Marketing/IT Chair** – PCC Kevin Bean submitted a written report. The MD is looking to implement a new website at a cost of \$15,000. An LCI grant is available for this amount with \$1,500 matching funds from the multiple district. 1st VDGE Karen daSilva volunteered to sit on the committee.
- j. **Youth Camp and Exchange** – PCC Jeanette Bean reported for the committee. The MD5 Lions Youth Camp will be held July 7-13, 2024 in the Black Hills, SD. The cost is \$500 to send a camper. See CC Jeanette with questions and she will forward them to PCC Ken and Lion Donna Wetz. The application and information is available on the MD5 Facebook page. June 20th is the deadline for application.
- k. **Constitution Revision Committee Report** – PDG Rob Hill reported for the committee. Lions will be voting tomorrow on the two changes listed below. He reviewed the amendments to be voted on. At the close of this convention these updates, if approved, would take effect July 1. The VCC change means if the change is approved, the VCC would be the state/provincial representative of the state/province hosting the MD convention. The VCC’s role is to stand in for CC, if needed. This change would remove one person from the council. All state/provincial representatives serve on the Long-Range Planning committee to provide continuity to the council. It was noted that the LCI constitution addresses filling a vacant position on the council.

1. Change who will fill the MD5 Vice Council Chair position.

Current Constitution

Article VI Sec 2 – change who will fill the MD5 Vice Council Chair position.

Article VI

Section 2. OFFICERS

The officers of the Multiple District shall be:

B) The Vice Council Chairperson of the Council, who shall be the immediate Past District Governor of the District in the state or province hosting the next Multiple District Convention. The Vice Council Chairperson shall fill the position of state or provincial representative for their respective state or province.

Proposed change

Article VI. 2. B

B) The Vice Council Chairperson shall be filled by the state or provincial representative of the state or province hosting the next Multiple District Convention.

2. Article VI. Sec 1 B – Change the number of PDGs that can run for the State/Provincial Rep. positions.

Current Constitution

Article VI. 1. B

Three immediate Past District Governors and/or Past District Governors from the previous **two** years, which number cannot exceed one-half of the number of District Governors who shall have been elected by the voting delegates of their respective province or state at the Multiple District Convention meeting of the previous fiscal year. There shall be at least one (1) immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous **two** years each from Saskatchewan, North

Dakota, and South Dakota. The State or Provincial Representatives shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

Proposed Constitution Change

B) Three immediate Past District Governors and/or Past District Governors from the previous **four** years, which number cannot exceed one-half of the number of District Governors who shall have been elected by the voting delegates of their respective province or state at the Multiple District Convention meeting of the previous fiscal year. There shall be at least one (1) immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous **four** years each from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The State or Provincial Representatives shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

- l. Preview of Process for the Submission of Resolutions** – PDG Alvin Matechuk reported three resolutions were received and will be presented at Business Session #2.
- m. Review Credentials Process** – DG LeeAnn Haisch reported for the committee. Voting delegates will be given a card for voting. The number of certified delegates will be reported at Business Session 2 on Saturday.
CC Jeanette Bean reported the PCC John Emmett submitted his intent to run for the Lions International Board. His club and district provided supporting documentation. The voting process to endorse PCC John Emmett will take place at the Business Session 2 on Saturday.

6. Convention/Leadership Training Updates

- a. June 21 – 25, 2024 – International Convention, Melbourne, Australia** – PID Pat Vannett reported that the International Convention group is small. ADG Heather Vermeersch got jackets for those attending and PCC John Emmett is in charge of the registration and details for the parade. DGEs will get officially inducted at the convention.
September 5 – 7, 2024 – USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, KY – PID Robert Littlefield reported there is a great program and speakers. The registration goes up by the end of May. Typically, attendees from ND, SD, and SK have dinner together. Lions should go back and ask their club to sponsor an emerging leader. It's a learning experience, a great investment, and a great way to support future leaders.

- 7. Old Business** – DG Lynn Grabow suggested since the MD is in a healthy financial position, that the Marketing/IT and Finance committees work together to pay for the website with MD funds to promote Lions and shift expense to the six districts down the road.
IPCC Marianne Kramchynsky suggested there was discussion in the summit about using MD funds for more training at the local level. There is a need for more people to be instructors. Training will be held in Chicago on June 27 – 29. She suggested consideration be given to support those that may apply.

- 8. New Business - None**

- 9. Recess**

Respectfully submitted
Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary