

Multiple District 5 – Business Session #1 Minutes
Friday May 26, 2023 – 1:30 PM
Spearfish, SD
VCC Geraldine Ray – Presiding Officer

1. **Call to Order** – 2:00 PM by VCC Geraldine Ray.
2. **Introduction of Council, Dignitaries, and Convention Guests** – Protocol previously completed.
3. **Convention Host Welcome and Updates** – Lion Stan Smith, Convention Chair, reported there are 140 Lions registered. Thank you to Lion Paige Newton and Spearfish Lions Club.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes from the 2022 MD5 Convention, Location, Saskatchewan** – Lion Lois Reiersen emailed the minutes and they were posted on the MD5 Council One Drive. DGE James Treloar moved and PCC Ken Wetz seconded the motion to approve the May 13, 2022 Business Session #1 Minutes. Motion carried.
5. **Acceptance of Financial Report** – Treasurer PCC John Emmett reported the income is down \$3800 and expenses are down considerably so the MD is in good financial shape. 153,566 in checking, \$30,007 in savings and \$75,000 was recently moved to a CD for a total of \$258,573. \$51,829 is designed for other purposes. PCC Rick Pockett moved and DG Beryl Bauer seconded the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.
6. **Reports from the MD5 Standing, Elected, and Appointed Committee Chairs**
 - a. **Global Leadership Team Chair** – VCC Geraldine Ray reported that MD5 hosted a RLLI in May in Bismarck and had 8 participants. She will be working on an ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) training for next year.
 - b. **Global Membership Team Chair** – PCC Kevin Bean reported that membership is growing with four of the six districts having positive membership numbers by utilizing the Global Membership Approach. Membership and service go hand in hand.
 - c. **Global Service Team Chair** – Lion Tammie Richardson was not in attendance so no report was available.
 - d. **Hunger Chair** – Lion Dillon Haug reported he has worked with a hunger program in Spearfish involving the food bank in Spearfish.
 - e. **Information Technology Chair** – PDG Grant Kahlbaugh – No report
 - f. **Lions Clubs International Foundation Chair** – PID Garnet Davis reported this is the first conv since the closing of Campaign 100. Thank you to the Lions for their \$1.1 million to the campaign. TY to convention committee for putting LCIF day in the program. IPIP Douglas Alexander will be addressing the convention on Friday evening. PID Garnet is honored to have served as the trustee from Canada. His successor after 7 years will be PID Marvin Chambers. PID Marvin is moving to Alberta but will share time with us in the future. PID Garnet received a standing ovation for all his work.
 - g. **Long Range Planning Chair** – CC Marianne Kramchynsky (Report not available)
 - h. **New Voices Chair** – Lion Crystal Dueker reported New Voices had two sessions at the convention. Thank you to Nicole Paige. This is a global initiative to recognize Lions for membership, leadership, service and marketing. Service brings in members.
 - i. **Pin Chair** – PDG Terry McAleese – No report

- j. **Public Relations/Marketing Chair** – PCC Kevin Bean reported that marketing is a new area that started the last couple of years and they are figuring out what the focus should be for marketing. We need to get the word out about our clubs. The Marketing Committee assisted with marketing the RLLI. They are available at the MD and club levels. Contact PCC Kevin if you would like assistance. MD5 is doing great service but we need to get the word out. The committee is looking at the ROAR and hope to enhance it and keep it going.
- k. **Regional Lions Leadership Institute** – VCC Geraldine Ray reported there is enthusiasm to get training back on track for MD5 Lions. They hope to have a leadership training every year and train Lions that are not sure. Eight participants attended the RLLI and will spread the word about their training experience. VCC Geraldine was applauded for a great job well done.
- l. **Youth Camp and Exchange** – PCC Ken Wetz reported they are set up for campers in Medora, ND on July 16 – 22, 2023. The deadline is approaching. They have lots of activities planned and have over 20 campers signed up. If your club wants to be part of activities, let PCC Ken or PDG Judy Beaudry know. All youth are eligible to attend. They have a service activity lined up for the kids as well as activities.

7. Convention/Leadership Training Updates

- a. **July 7-11, 2023 – International Convention, Boston, Massachusetts** – PID Pat Vannett, PID Robert Littlefield and PID Marvin Chambers reported the convention begins July 7. This is the VDGs last training. PCC John Emmett is the parade manager so Lions will need to get a ribbon from John to attach to their sleeve. John will have the flags for the parade which will be held on Saturday. The hotels are close to the convention center. Business meetings will take place as well as election of international officers and MJ luncheon on Sunday. Brian Sheehan is the current president and Patti Hill is the incoming president. Voting will be held on Monday. A reception will be held on Tuesday evening. Lions can still register for the convention. There are lots of material and supplies on LCI. MD5 Lions will sit together in a designated seating area and wear red shirts. Phone numbers of MD5 Lions attending will be shared with all attendees. Midwest breakfast will be Sunday at 6:15 AM. PCC John will send check for all Lions attending. The cost is \$39. John will send out information on the breakfast. Mark Lyon is running for 3rd VP. PID Pat served with him on the technology committee. The MD pledged support for Mark Lyon. They hope to get more Lions to attend the convention because attendance was down in Montreal. It is exciting that we will have a Canadian president. There will be banners and flags with the Lions causes for the parade. There will be a Canadian reception on possibly the 10th 5:30 – 7:30 which is by invitation. Contact PID Garnet or PID Marvin to get an invite. Those registered for the convention are asked to register as a volunteer for Patti Hill's campaign which can be done online.
- b. **September 21-23, 2023 – USA/Canada Forum, Reno, Nevada** – VCC Geraldine Ray reported that registration forms are available in the lobby or go online to register.

8. Old Business

- a. **Dues** – ID Dianne Pitts informed the Lions that a couple years ago at the Intl Convention the membership voted a dues increase of \$10 over 3 years of 4 -3-3 (which ID Pitts later clarified to be a \$7 dues increase over 3 years of 3-2-2) which starts July 2023. It is important to keep up and there hasn't been a dues increase in several years. PID Pitts will be an ambassador to take back concerns expressed at her Saturday LCI update

session. The dues increase is for LCI only unless the MD or club decides to do a dues increase also.

9. New Business

- a. **Preview of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws** – DG Jeanette Bean called on PCC Rick Pocket to report on the Constitution and By-Laws change to Article VII – Council of Governors. The change is clean-up language on the state or provincial representatives to be selected from the three IPDG. Eight or nine years ago these positions were eliminated due to finances. The MD is in better shape now and the MD found it was needed so the positions are being brought back.
- b. **Preview of Process for the Submission of Resolutions** – DG Jeanette Bean asked if there are any resolutions to be brought forth at the Saturday Session 2 meeting.
- c. **Preview of Election Process for State/Provincial Representatives** – DG Jeanette Bean called on PCC Rick Pockett. Each geographic area will elect their representative at their State or Provincial breakfast on Saturday morning. Voting delegates will be able to vote on representative positions.
- d. **Credentials Committee** - DGs are part of credentials committee and will meet with PIDs Robert and Marvin Friday afternoon. They will be outside the breakfast to ensure voting delegates have their star. DGEs will also sit in on the meeting.

10. Recess – Meeting recessed at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary