

**Multiple District 5 – Business Session #2 Minutes**  
**Saturday May 18, 2024 – 2:00 PM**  
**Minot, ND**  
**CC Jeanette Bean – Presiding Officer**

**Call to Order @ 2:05 PM by CC Jeanette Bean**

**Reports of the Convention Committees**

- a. Credentials Committee** – DG LeeAnn Haisch reported for the Credentials Committee that receipt of voting passes will be done by district in the back of the room. After all delegates received their voting pass, DG LeeAnn reported there are 53 certified voting delegates. Delegates will receive their ballots to vote from PID Pat Vannett and will give their voted ballot to PID Robert Littlefield.
- b. Resolutions Committee** – DG Alvin Matechuk presented the three resolutions brought forth.

**Resolution #1**

RESOLUTION #1: THAT THE MINOT LIONS CLUB BE RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING HOSTS OF THE 2024 MD5 CONVENTION.

Whereas: The Minot Lions Club, with the entire zone 1 clubs of District 5NW, generously volunteered to host the 2024 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: Lion Kaylee Bourquin & Lion Kristen Micheals served admirably as chairpersons of the local host committee; and,

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIONS OF MD5 THAT THE MINOT LIONS CLUB, and the local host committee co-chaired by Lions Kaylee Bourquin & Kristen Micheals, be commended for their efforts to host an outstanding Multiple District 5 convention.

**Motion by Provincial Representative Alvin Matechuk and seconded by PCC Kevin Bean 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 their 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 for 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 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 Provincial Representative Alvin Matechuk and seconded by DG Rick Stark to approve the resolution. Motion carried.**

### **Resolution #3**

THAT APPRECIATION BE EXTENDED TO INTERNATIONAL 3 RD VICE PRESIDENT MARK LYONS and LION LYNN FOR BEING OUR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION.

Whereas: International 3rd Vice President Mark Lyon has served our International Association of Lions Clubs with distinction in many capacities since 1996, and

Whereas: 3rd International Vice President Mark Lyon is a proud member of the Brookfield 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 Mark and his partner in service Lion Lyn 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 Mark and Lion Lyn have attended the GAT Summit, MD5 Business Meetings, The Memorial Service, Dining in the Dark, 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 Mark and Lion Lynn for accepting our invitation to attend the MD5 convention in Minot, North Dakota. We hope your visit to our International Multiple District of Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota was memorable and look forward to meeting up with both of you in the future.

**Motion by Provincial Representative Alvin Matechuk and seconded by VCC Scott Hildre to approve the resolution. Motion carried.**

**CC Jeanette Bean presented Appreciation Awards for exemplary leadership to:**

PID Robert Littlefield, PID Pat Vannett, PDG Gail Haight, PDG Rob Hill, PDG Mark Koller, 1<sup>st</sup> DGE Karen DaSilva, SK Provincial Representative Alvin Matechuk, ND State Representative Kevin Bean, Convention Co-Chair KayLee Bourquin, Convention Co-Chair Kristin Michels, Convention Host Club Minot Lions, Lion Crystal Dueker, and PDG Robyn Tyler

**Preview of Upcoming MD5 Convention Sites -**

- a. **2025 Convention (5SKS)** – IPCC Marianne Kramchynsky reported the 2025 Convention will be at the Dakota Dunes and Casino on May 29 - 31. It is adjacent to a golf course. Those interested in attending can leave their name and email address with IPCC Marianne at this convention and a registration will be emailed when it is available.
- b. **2026 Convention** – PCC John Emmett reported the convention will be held at the Ramkota in Aberdeen, SD on May 28 – 30, 2026.
- c. **2027 Convention (5NE)** – Scott Hildre reported there is no proposal at this time.
- d. **2028 Convention (5SKN)** – There is no proposal at this time.

**Old Business – none**

**New Business**

- a. **Endorsement for PCC John Emmett as International Director Candidate**  
DG LeeAnn Haisch moved to endorse PCC John Emmett as a Lions International Director Candidate. DGE Dennis Bohmont seconded the motion. PCC John Emmett gave a summary of his Lions history. He looks forward to serving at the international level and can bring a rural perspective to the board. Paper Ballots were handed out to certified delegates. PIDs Pat Vannett and Robert Littlefield counted the ballots and compiled the results.  
**PID Pat Vannett reported that all 53 certified delegates cast a ballot and that by a majority vote, PCC John Emmett is endorsed by MD5 as a candidate for International Director.**
- b. **Vote on Proposed Constitution Amendment**  
PDG Rob Hill reported for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He explained there were some changes in the numbering because of changes that were made to align with the International Constitution and Bylaws. The changes were drafted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and presented to the Council of Governors who then approved the proposed changes. The first proposed change addresses who will fill the VCC position. The second proposal expands who can run for the State/Provincial Representative positions. The change is moving from two to four years to give a wider selection of PDGs to run for the positions, so it is a five-year span, which includes the current year DGs. A comment was made from the floor that the VCC position should be opened up to

the IPDG first and then if they don't want to run then PDGs would be considered. PDG Rob explained that the only change at this meeting is to change it from two to four years. If members wish to have other changes considered, they will need to submit a resolution to the Council of Governors for consideration. The amendments take effect at the close of the convention.

Paper ballots were distributed to certified voting delegates with the following proposals. PIDs Pat Vannett and Robert Littlefield counted the votes and compiled the results.

### **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.

**PID Pat Vannett reported the amendment to the MD5 Constitution and bylaws were adopted by the voting delegates as follows: 53 ballots cast with 48 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 spoiled ballot.**

#### **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.

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**Moved by PCC Kevin Bean and seconded by VCC Scott Hildre to destroy the ballots for PCC John Emmett endorsement and Constitution and Bylaws changes. Motion carried.**

**Provincial/State Representative Election Results**

- (1) North Dakota – Rick Stark reported that he was elected as the North Dakota Representative
- (2) Saskatchewan – DGE Heather Vermeersch reported that Don Morris was elected as the Saskatchewan Representative
- (3) South Dakota – DG LeeAnn Haisch reported that Dave Pigors was elected as the South Dakota State Representative

**Convention Host Update/Announcements** – Lions KayLee Bourquin reported for the committee. She thanked the Lions and the convention committee for a successful convention. She announced choir practice at 3:00 and cash bar at 5:00 prior to dinner at 6:00 where 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP Mark Lyon will be the guest speaker. They provided one free drink ticket for veterans.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Lois Reiersen  
MD5 Council Secretary