



MD5 Council Business Meeting Minutes
Sleep Inn – Minot ND
May 16, 2024 – 3:30 PM

COG Attendance: CC Jeanette Bean, Secretary Lion Lois Reiersen, Treasurer PCC John Emmett, 5SKN DG Bernie Kramchynsky, 5SKS SK Rep Alvin Matechuk, 5SE DG LeeAnn Haisch, 5NE DG Rick Stark, 5NE VCC Scott Hildre, 5SKS 1st VDG Heather Vermeersch, 5NW 2nd VDG Karen daSilva, 5SKS 2nd VDG Page Newton, 5SKN 2nd VDG Brian Starkell, ND State Rep Kevin Bean, 5NW DG Lynn Grabow, 5SKN 1st VDG Ray Tatro, 5SE 1st VDG Dennis Bohmont, 5NE 2nd VDG Paula Western Swanson, IPCC Marianne Kramchynsky

COG Absent: 5NE 1st VDG Kirk Tingum, 5NW 1st VDG Lynn Helms, 5SW 2nd VDG Darryl Moll, DG James Treloar, 5SW 1st VDG Francis Waits, SD State Representative Richard Waits

PID's Attendance: IPID Pat Vannett, PID Robert Littlefield and PID Bruce Schwartz

GAT Attendance: GMT Chair PDG Mark Koller, GST Chair Karen DaSilva, and Interim GLT PID Robert Littlefield

Others in Attendance: 3rd IVP Mark Lyon, Lion Crystal Dueker, PDG Gail Haight, PDG Rob Hill, PCC Tim Haight, Lion Cathy Emmett, PDG Don Morris, PDG Robyn Tyler, PCC Rick Pockett via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 3:40 PM by CC Jeanette Bean.

Anthems Oh Canada and Star Bangled Banner were sung.

Adopt Agenda – Motion by DG Lynn Grabow and seconded by DG Bernie Kramchynsky to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Protocol – 3rd IVP Mark Lyon, PIDs, and Area Leader PDG Gail Haight were introduced.

Correspondence – None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the March 23, 2024 meeting were emailed and posted on the MD5 Council of Governors One Drive by Lion Lois Reiersen. Motion by DG Lynn Grabow and seconded by DG LeeAnn Haisch to approve the March 23, 2024 meeting minutes as emailed and posted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PCC John Emmett reported \$25,000 was added to the CD and the Finance Committee will consider redoing the CD when it comes due. The finance committee voted to keep the meal cost charged to council members the same even though costs have increased. This will be discussed again after costs are determined at the new venue. MD5 is in a good cash position. The finance committee will work with the GLT and the marketing committees to consider additional training in the next year. Motion by DG Rick Stark and seconded by PCC Alvin Matechuk to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Mission 1.5/Global Membership Approach (GMA) – PDG Gail Haight and PDG Jay Norby submitted reports. PID Pat Vannett reported 45,996 members have been added worldwide with 136 new clubs. CA 1 has 2 937 new members with seven new clubs and MD5 has 151 positive growth. 5NE and 5NW each have one new club. There are two new clubs waiting to be approved with a couple more in the works.

State and Provincial Representatives

PCC Kevin Bean – IT, Marketing and PR

PCC Kevin submitted a report. A new website is being considered so the MD can get the word out to Lions who may become leaders. The district can apply for a \$15,000 grant each year to cover the majority of the website cost. If the districts and clubs chose to join in, the cost would be \$750 each for districts and \$250 annually for clubs. The grant is due by July 1st. This company was used by MD35 in Florida. The website could be used to replace the current directories. All emails are linked to the system so this would be a benefit to send an email to all Lions. It works well in Florida. This would be the only marketing grant available to the MD. The company would manage the website. After discussion and uncertainty by some council members, about spending that amount of money, PDG Alvin Matechuk moved, and PCC Kevin Bean seconded a motion to table the item. Discussion included further consideration at the June 11th organizational meeting, the finance committee has indicated the funds are available, and Salesforce through the new LCI portal will not include marketing. The developer is a vendor that is geared to marketing but MD5 Lions would need to provide the information to him. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 4 no.

PDG Alvin Matechuk – Convention

No written report submitted. PDG Alvin has been keeping in contact with the convention chairs. IPCC Marianne Kramchynsky will be taking names for the 2025 MD5 convention because registrations are not available yet.

PDG Richard Waits – Finance, Constitution and By-Laws –

Constitution changes – PDG Rob Hill reported for the committee. The changes voted on at the March 2024 MD5 Council meeting will be voted on by the membership at the Business Session 2 on Saturday. He reviewed the changes that will be voted on.

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.

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.

Long Range Planning – PID Pat submitted a report. The committee met and the proposal for committee structure change will be revisited. There will be clarification of State/Provincial Representative duties.

GLT Report

PID Robert Littlefield submitted a written report. The brochure for USA/Canada Forum was distributed. The registration cost goes up at the end of May. The DGEs received five training sessions. He thanked the training team for their great work. VDGs were presented with certificates of participation. They were given a deck of speaking cards indexed with short topics. PCC Tim Haight was elected as the GLT for the upcoming year.

GMT Report

PDG Mark Koller submitted a written report. PDG Mark can assist with grant writing. There is money left for grants and there are grants for specialty clubs.

GST

VDG Karen daSilva submitted a written report. Service reporting has improved. District 5NW reporting is up from 43% to 89%. District 5NE reporting is 99% and 5SE has also met the 90% reporting goal. Certificates were provided to Districts 5NE and 5SE who met the 90% goal.

2024 LCI Melbourne Convention Update

PID Robert Littlefield reported the 106th LCI convention will be held in Melbourne, Australia June 21 – 25, 2024. DGEs that are attending should review the proposed amendment to the Constitution. There is a resolution to expand what will qualify a Lion to run for the 2nd VDG position.

Protocol and Intl Guests Reminder

Endorsement for PID Manoj Shah for International 3rd VP – PID Pat Vannett reminded those delegates attending the convention that MD5 endorsed Manoj Shah.

LCIF Report – PDG Dave Czywczynski and PDG Rob Hill submitted written reports.

PDG Rob Hill reported CA 1 is close to the target, but CA 2 is struggling. Some funds have come in that haven't been recorded yet. Personal donations aren't where they should be.

Upcoming Conventions

MD5 Convention May 16-18, 2024 – Lions Kristin Michels and Kaylee Bourquin submitted their written report. They have been meeting with CC Jeannette, PCC John and Lion Lois on a regular basis. The current registration is \$160. They added a one day registration. 104 Lions are registered. Knights of the Blind is the theme. Dining in the Dark will be held on Friday night at 5:00 PM and a Medieval theme gathering will be held after Dining in the Dark. The Q & A with 3rd IVP Mark Lyon will be held on Saturday. They will submit a financial report when all income and expenses have come in.

Summit Update – PDG Rob Hill previously reported. PID Robert Littlefield did most of the planning. He thanked the team for their great work and felt it was the best summit yet. Attendees had an opportunity to ask questions.

Red Jacket Luncheon – PID Robert Littlefield reported that DGEs Heather Vermeersch, Dennis Bohmont, Ray Tatro, and Kirk Tingum will be attending the Red Jacket ceremony.

Senior Counselor Award Luncheon – None of the Senior Counselors will be attending.

Credentials Committee – Lion Lois Reiersen, DG LeeAnn Haisch and CC Jeanette Bean reviewed PCC John Emmett's credentials and he meets all the criteria.

The PIDs will count ballots.

Youth Camp – July 7th – 13, 2024 in Black Hills SD – CC Jeanette reported for PCC Ken and Lion Donna Wetz. The fee for the camp is \$500. The camp is not international outside of MD5.

2025 Convention – PCC Mariane Kramchynsky reported they would like to have registration cost of less than \$225 Canadian funds. They are asking for financial backing from MD5. They are looking at a different format for the convention and are working on a theme. PCC John Emmett stated there is \$6,000 in the convention reserve fund. It will be held at the Dakota Dunes May 29 – 31, 2025 and will have a cultural component. It is not close to shopping but is 20 minutes out of Saskatoon. The facility is only eight years old. The convention committee will host a hospitality room at this convention. It was recommended that the CCE get the convention committee involved. A free shuttle will be available to Saskatoon if you get a casino card. They are offering a good spousal program.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice Breaker Responsibility for August Meeting

SK is responsible for the ice breaker/breakfast at the August council meeting.

Venue for Future Council Meetings – CC Jeanette Bean and Lion Lois Reiersen reported that two bids were considered. The Holiday Inn in Bismarck has one meeting room that can be split into two and the bar is available on Fridays for a training room if needed. The cost of the meeting room is \$175 daily with an additional reduction if food and drinks reach \$1,000. The sleeping room charge is \$129 and they have a restaurant in the hotel. ADG Heather Vermeersch provided a bid from the Western Star in Estevan. They do not serve meals so we would need to cater meals. The room rental rate is \$250 and Friday would be free. We would need a liquor permit because there is no bar. The room rate is 109.99.

NEW BUSINESS

Action on recommendations from committees – None

OTHER BUSINESS

24/25 GST Interview and Recommendation – PCC John Emmett reported a motion was made at the March 2024 meeting to appoint CC Jeanette Bean as the 24/25 GST Chair upon completing a successful interview. PCC John, DG LeeAnn Haisch and Lion Lois Reiersen conducted the interview and the committee reports she successfully completed the interview and recommends she be selected. No action was needed because she was approved at the March meeting.

CC Comments – CC Jeanette thanked all council members and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

FUTURE MEETING DATES and CONVENTIONS

August 16 – 17, 2024 – Council of Governors Meeting – Holiday Inn – Bismarck, ND

September 27 – 28 – SD State Convention - Gulch – Deadwood SD

October 18 – 19, 2024 – ND State Convention - Fargo ND

October 25 – 26, 2024 – SK Convention – Moosejaw

November 23, 2024 - Zoom

March 21 – 22, 2025 – Council of Governors Meeting – Holiday Inn – Bismarck, ND

May 29 – 31, 2025 – MD5 Convention - Dakota Dunes Casino and Resort south of Saskatoon. They have RV parking available.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary