



**MD5 Council Business Meeting Minutes  
Holiday Inn, Spearfish, SD - May 25, 2023**

**COG Attendance:** VCC Geraldine Ray, Secretary Lion Lois Reiersen, Treasurer PCC John Emmett, 5SKN DG Beryl Bauer, 5SKN 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Ray Tatro, 5SKS DG Alvin Matechuck, 5SE DG Robyn Tyler, 5SE DGE LeeAnn Haisch, 5SE 1st VDGE Dennis Bohmont, 5SW DGE James Treloar, 5SW 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Frances Waits, 5NE DG Scott Hildre, 5NW DG Jeanette Bean, 5NW DGE Lynn Grabow, and 5SKS 1st VDGE Heather Vermeersch, 5NE 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Kirk Tingum (Zoom)

**COG Absent:** CC Marianne Kramchynsky, 5NW 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Lynn Helms, 5SKN DGE Bernie Kramchynsky, 5SKS DGE Lane Johnson, 5SW DG Ron Bunnell, 5NE DGE Rick Stark,

**PID's Attendance:** PID Pat Vannett, PID Robert Littlefield, PID Marvin Chambers, PID Bruce Schwartz, PID Garnet Davis

**GAT Attendance:** GLT Chair VCC Geraldine Ray, GMT Chair PCC Kevin Bean

**GAT Absent:** GST Chair Lion Tammie Richardson

**Others in Attendance:** PCC Rick Pockett, Lion Crystal Dueker, PDG Gail Haight, PDG Rob Hill, 5SKN 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Brian Starkell, 5 SKS 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Paige Newton,

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00 PM by VCC Geraldine Ray. Recorded greetings sent from CC Marianne K.

**Adopt Agenda**

Motion by DG Scott H. and seconded by DG Beryl B. to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**Protocol** – All in attendance were introduced by VCC Geraldine Ray. ID Dianne Pitts was invited to speak. She is excited to be with the MD5 Lions.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes from the March 25, 2023 meeting were emailed and posted on the MD5 Council of Governors' One Drive by Lion Lois Reiersen. Motion by DG Beryl B. and seconded by DG Scott H. to approve the March 25, 2023 meeting minutes as posted. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Treasurer Financial Review**

PCC John Emmett reported under other income the \$100 was money from VCC Geraldine R. who was fined for no jacket at training. All funds have been collected from the districts for the Peace Poster calendars. The \$664 fee was an issue with funds conversion from the 2022 MD5 Cypress Hills convention. Other expenses item was for shipping flags. The Balance Sheet shows the transfer of \$75,000 to a CD due to interest rates. The Designated Funds ID Reserve fund balance reflects the \$5,000 donated to Dr. Patti Hill's campaign fund and \$3,000 to her reception.

Motion by DG Jeanette B. and seconded by DG Alvin M. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **LCI Convention Updates**

PID Pat Vannett reported that PCC John Emmett will be the parade marshal and heading up the Midwest Breakfast. They will need a check by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information will be coming out soon. PID Marvin Chambers reported all is going well with Dr. Patti Hill's campaign. He asked that those attending the convention consider registering, electronically, as a volunteer for Dr. Hill's campaign. Registration for the parade is taken care of.

### **LCIF Report**

PID Garnet Davis turned in his report and will share information at the business session on Friday. \$1.6 million was paid in and \$451,993 received back in grants.

**Global Membership Approach** – PID Pat Vannett encouraged building a team, vision, plan for success and celebrate. A testimonial from a district was circulated and how they developed their plan. A GMA for clubs cheat sheet was distributed. The US Area Leader is Jay Norby and Co-leader is Tammy Rockenbach. PID Pat Vannett has been named Constitutional Area 1 Leader. The focus is to serve the needs of the world. Thank you for your efforts and success.

### **Committee Reports**

**Protocol and Convention** – PDG Stan Smith reported there are 133 Lions registered for the convention. The dress is formal for Friday and Saturday and other events are business casual.

**Review Convention Program** – PDG Stan Smith reported three of the programs focus on LCIF. Friday silent auction proceeds will be donated to LCIF. One Saturday session is Jim Hoxie from Spearfish who lost his sight and wrote a book. Donations over the cost of the book will go to MD5 Youth Camp. A Deadwood bus trip for \$10 is available on Thursday. There will be a Spearfish Canyon bus tour on Saturday and a dance on Friday night. PDG Stan suggested considering an account or Venmo for the convention committee use.

**Memorial Service** – PDG Stan Smith reported the Memorial Service will be held at the Lions Park in Spearfish, weather permitting. Thank you to PCC Rick Pocket for his assistance.

**Room assignments for committee meetings** – Room assignments are covered in the program.

**Advise Council of time/place regarding awards and Red Jacket Ceremony** – PDG Stan reported a sheet with the DGE bios will be available at the Red Jacket luncheon. VCC Geraldine Ray will be the MC.

**Credentials** – DGs and VDGEs will be the Credentials Committee

**Senior Counselor Luncheon** – PID Robert Littlefield will be the MC. DGs will be called up to the stage to give some information about the Senior Counselor from their district.

**Seating arrangements for Governors Banquet**

**IT** – PDG Grant Kahlbaugh was unable to attend so no report.

**Finance** – PCC John Emmett reported a CPA was hired to complete a compilation. MD5 and District 5SE have been using same EIN for several years. This is now straightened out. The cost was \$600 for one report and \$50 for another. The deadline for the IRS extension was May 15<sup>th</sup> and PCC John received notice on May 15<sup>th</sup> that the report was accepted. The bank has not been informed about the incorrect EIN at this time.

**Marketing** – PCC Kevin Bean reported that the Marketing Committee assisted with marketing for RLLI. There has never been a working Marketing Committee so the committee will be trying to figure out how to do more for MD5.

**Combined It and Marketing Position** – PDG Grant Kahlbaugh is resigning as IT Chair. PCC Kevin would like to merge the IT and Marketing Committees. PCC Kevin is interested in chairing the combined committee and giving up the GMT duties. Committee assignment and

structure comes to council as structure change. CC and CCE should set up a committee to act on this change and the committee would come back to the council with the recommendation.

**ROAR** – The newsletter is geared to one district and doesn't address MD5 things. The committee will look at what the MD wants to do with the newsletter. The newsletter hasn't been marketed and might be geared to one district because they are submitting articles.

### **Long Range Planning**

**Pre-planning Day** – This was intended for the new executive officers of next council to meet before first meeting so things are in place such as assigning committee chairs and setting the agenda for the August meeting. This meeting will help DGs so they are not behind. The new policy, with the State/Provincial Reps, will help MD to be more efficient.

**Dues holiday and subsidizing new member fees** – No meeting so no action taken.

**Personnel Committee** – DG Beryl reported there are no changes in Secretary or Treasurer positions so they haven't met.

**Constitution and Bylaws** – DG Jeanette B. thanked the committee consisting of DGE Kirk Tingum, PDG Rob Hill, PID Robert Littlefield, PCC Rick Pockett and DG Jeanette Bean. PCC Rick Pockett reported there is one Constitution change to be voted on which is clean-up with the State/Provincial Rep positions. Voting on the Constitution change will take place on Saturday. Voting for Reps will take place at the State/Provincial breakfasts at the convention on Saturday morning.

**Policy and procedures** – VCC Geraldine stated the IPDG of the state hosting the next convention normally serves as the VCC but that doesn't work if the DG from the hosting state is serving as the CC which is the case in the upcoming year. A constitutional change can not be made regarding this so this will be considered for the next convention to have the State/Provincial Rep. of the next convention to act as the VCC.

### **Communications**

**MD5 clothing items** – DG Jeanette has clothing items which will be available at the convention.

**GST Report** – Lion Tammie Richardson was not in attendance. She submitted a report and she is willing to stay on another year.

**Youth Camp/Exchange** – PCC Kevin Bean thanked PDG Judy Beaudry for all of her work.

MD5 camp will be held at Badlands Ministry in Medora, ND. They need more kids to register.

**Speak off contest/Essay Contest, Peace Poster Contest, Leo Clubs, Contest & Awards** – DG Robyn Tyler reported there is no action from this committee. She submitted a report with recommendations from the committee for the 23/24 year. She indicated she would be willing to serve as the chair of this committee in the upcoming year.

**New Voices** – Lion Crystal Dueker stated she will be working with her replacement over the next two years.

### **GLT Report**

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Update** – Will be held September 21 – 23, 2023 in Reno, NV.

**RLLI Training Report** – VCC Geraldine Ray thanked the planning team and instructors. There were twelve registrations but they ended up training eight. The level of communication and interaction between participants and leaders was rewarding. They will consider an ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) next year and hope to have more participants. VCC Geraldine will be putting together a committee and hopes to have a date and venue by October. DG Alvin M. and PCC Kevin B. helped with some presentations.

**MD5 GAT Summit Recap** – PDG Rob Hill thanked PDG Stan Smith and the instructors. There were 46 registered and 5 absent.

**GMT Report** – Membership is up in some areas and down in others. Service is changing clubs and numbers are growing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Change of meeting venue** – DG Jeanette B. moved and DG Alvin M. seconded to have all four meetings in person and keep Zoom as option in case of inclement weather. Discussion that it is a lot of meetings and finances should be considered. No action on the original motion. DG Beryl B. moved to amend the original motion and DG Robyn T. seconded to have the November meeting via Zoom and the other three in-person. Seven yes votes. Amendment passed.

**2024 MD5 Convention – Minot, ND Report & Budget** – Convention chair will report on Friday.

**2025 Convention SK Location** – DG Beryl B. reported for SKN. They are considering Dakota Dunes outside of Saskatoon May 23 and 24 or May 30 and 31. It was recommended to stay away from the US Memorial Day weekend so the May 30 weekend is preferable.

**State and Provincial Reps Election** – Elections will be held at the State/Provincial breakfasts on Saturday morning.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Adjournment** - DG Alvin M. moved and DG Jeanette B. seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**August 18 & 19, 2023 – Grand Int'l – Minot, ND**

**November 18, 2023 – Zoom**

**March 22 & 23, 2024 – Grand Int'l – Minot, ND**

**May 16, 2024 – MD5 Convention – Sleep Inn – Minot, ND**

Respectfully submitted  
Lion Lois Reiersen  
MD5 Council Secretary