



## **MD5 Council Business Meeting Minutes Grand Intl, Minot ND – August 19, 2023**

**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, 5SW SD Rep Richard Waits, 5SW DG James Treloar, 5SW 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Frances Waits, 5NE VCC Scott Hildre, 5SKS 1st VDG Heather Vermeersch, 5NE 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Kirk Tingum, 5NW 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Karen DaSilva, 5SKS 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Page Newton, 5SKN 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brian Starkell, ND State Rep Kevin Bean, 5NW 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lynn Helms, 5SW 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Darryl Moll, 5NE 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Paul McDonald

**COG Absent:** 5NW DG Lynn Grabow, 5SKN 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ray Tatro, 5SKS DG Lane Johnson, 5SE 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis Bohmont, 5SE 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Darlis Labahn

**PID's Attendance:** PID Pat Vannett, and PID Bruce Schwartz

**GAT Attendance:** GLT Chair PDG Geraldine Ray, GMT Chair PDG Mark Koller and GST Chair Karen daSilva

**GAT Absent:**

**Others in Attendance:** Lion Crystal Dueker, PDG Gail Haight, PDG Rob Hill and IPCC Marianne Kramchynsky in the PM.

**Meeting called to order** at 11:00 AM by CC Jeanette Bean.

### **Adopt Agenda**

Motion by VCC Scott Hildre and seconded by DG Rick Stark to adopt the agenda with the additions of Youth Camp and GMT and GST Introductions under reports and Donations/Zoom Meetings and Haiti Eye Mission under New Business . Motion carried.

**Protocol** – All in attendance introduced themselves.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Minutes from the May 25, 2023 meeting were emailed and posted on the MD5 Council of Governors' One Drive by Lion Lois Reiersen. Motion by DG LeeAnn Haisch and seconded by VCC Scott Hildre to approve the May 25, 2023 meeting minutes as posted. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **Treasurer Financial Review – PCC John Emmett**

**Budget vs. Actual** - Expenses and revenue were underestimated. Because there were no November council expenses since the meeting was held by Zoom and no surety bond was purchased, expenses were less than anticipated. Clubs were billed for the bond but the finance committee decided to forgo the surety bond because of the requirements. The misc. expense was for an LCIF donation in honor of PIP Alexander for the MD5 Convention. There was also a \$1520 expense for Don Barnett who talked about Rapid City flood at the convention. Also, jackets, crests, and name tags were underestimated. There was approximately \$20,000 revenue over expenses.

**22/23 Year End Financial Review** – The review was completed for \$900 and was handed out to DGs. It was not an audit, just a compilation. They will continue to use the same firm next year.

**23/24 Budget** – The dues income was based on 6300 members. Council members are charged \$20 for dinners and \$15 for lunch meals but dinners are actually costing approximately \$28 per person with tax and tip. The finance committee voted to continue to subsidize these meals. Each district is billed \$1000 for calendars with two years remaining on the calendars. Calendars are a flow through income/expense item. The expense for mileage and hotel has increased a little. In the past Speak Off winners were paid more so this has been balanced out with other contest winners. The budget has a \$10,000 deficit but because of MD5's cash position the finance committee decided to approve the budget with deficit spending. Each St/Prov Rep was given a \$1500 budget and they will decide how to spend it. \$3000 was included for Marketing Committee budget with discretion given to the committee on how to spend it.

### **Board Designated Fund Balance**

The Youth Exchange has \$22,000 in reserves. The ID reserve has \$10,000.

There was a mix up with cost of goods sold on the Profit loss statement on page 2 so costs of goods sold has been removed.

**MD5 financial statement** - The Spearfish Convention lost \$1700 which doesn't account for IPIP Alexander or Don Barnett's costs. They had \$2862.07 more expenses than revenue. They purchased 190 extra pins for the convention. The Spearfish club is going to cover \$2153.80 which includes the cost of the extra pins. They are requesting a \$708.27 check. There is a balance of \$600 in the convention account that could be used to cover part of this payment. This is the second year in a row that MD5 has covered a shortfall. DG LeeAnn moved and DG Rick Stark seconded to issue a check in the amount of \$708.27 to the Spearfish Club. Motion Carried.

**Process for approval of checks** – The Constitution and By-Laws requires two signatures. Previously the CC would sign checks but because of distance this doesn't make sense. The Treasurer puts together a list of checks which is sent to the CC which is the same process as last year.

Other – GAT Budget – no action

Motion by DG Bernie Kramchynsky and seconded by PDG Alvin Matechuk to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS**

**Youth Camp** – Ken Wetz reported some of the youth reserve funds were from a 2015 quilt raffled at the convention and \$8000 was returned to the MD5 youth fund. The camp had 29 students this year from SD ND and SK. They did a service project at Medora and the camp made money this year. This is a sub account of the MD5 account so it is part of the MD5 compilation. The next camp will be hosted in the Black Hills. They hope to get 20 foreign students and 20 from MD5 which will be on a first come first served basis. No location has been set. Motion by DG Scott Hildre and seconded by DG Rick Stark to host the youth camp to include Intl students. The acceptable ages are 15 – 19 and Intl students will be in the states for 3 weeks with two weeks being with their host family and one week at camp. Motion carried.

Break for lunch at 11:55 AM

Reconvened 1:00 PM

**Fines** - \$300 collected for the missing gavel fines will go to LCIF.

**Global Membership Approach (GMA)** – PID Pat Vannett – Covered with Mission 1.5.

**GLT Report** – PDG Geraldine Ray has plans for future training. She emailed DGs about zone chair workshop. If districts already completed this training, they should complete a grant application. The grant expires June 2025. An application will be given to each DG.

- i. **VDG Training Plan** – 2-day training held for VDGs. Districts are encouraged to have their 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE come to the March CoG meeting to attend training.
- ii. **MD5 RLLI for 2024** – An RLLI was held in May with eight participants. She will be working on another RLLI this year.
- iii. **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum update** – no update
- iv. **Faculty Development** – There is currently one SD, one ND and four SK trained which allows them to be an instructor at RLLI & be GLT for MD5. When PDG Geraldine submits the RLLI grant request she will note that MD5 is interested in a Faculty Development Institute so the wheels will be in motion.
- v. **Other** – Need others to step up for the future which is needed for succession planning. Leadership training and bringing new people on board is important so we don't get behind.

**GMT & GST Introduction** – Applications were solicited for MD5 GMT and GST positions. One application for each position were received. GST 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Karen daSilva and GMT PDG Mark Koller were introduced. PCC Kevin Bean moved and PDG Alvin Matechuk seconded to have 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Karen daSilva appointed as GST and PDG Mark Koller appointed as GMT. Motion carried.

**GMT Report** – PDG Mark Koller understands that service is important to growing membership and leadership takes members. He will work with district GMTs and VDGs as well as attend state/provincial conventions to meet with leadership.

**GST Report** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Karen DaSilva is passionate about service. Her goal to get all district GSTs together, talk about challenges and figure out how to address it. Service is exciting but reporting is the hardest. She has a goal to get 90% of clubs reporting.

**Protocol and International Guests** – PID Pat Vannett reminded the council that convention dates need to be set so invites can go to IDs. We have twelve IDs available to us. MD5 convention guest is VP Mark Lyon. Two out of three IDs are scheduled. 2024 SD State Convention will be held Oct 11 & 12, 2024 in Pierre. VDGs should be exploring options at the USA Canada Forum Meet and Greet and ask the ID if they find someone they would like to speak. There is official protocol and guide for hosting guests. The convention is responsible for all expenses of the guest from their time landing and back to airport which needs to be built into the budget. LCI pays flight. They might want to see/participate in a service activity or sight-seeing. It is critical to make a donation to LCIF in their honor and it's nice to give them a gift as a memory of their visit.

Protocol is the order of introducing guests. This only needs to be done once and then only introduce those that previously were not introduced. There should be special treatment for speakers. PIDs will help to escort IDs.

**Boston 2023 Convention Review** – PID Bruce Schwartz reported the Boston Convention was outstanding and hopes everyone makes plans to attend the Melbourne Convention.

**LCIF Report** – PDG Rob Hill has links in his report. He encouraged the DG teams to mention LCIF when visiting clubs to encourage club and personal donations. CA 1 and 2 reached and surpassed their goals. He suggested a \$1 per week per member donation with a club match.

**2024 LCI Melbourne Convention Update** – PID Pat Vannett reported the 106<sup>th</sup> Lions Convention will be held in Melbourne. Registration is currently open by going to LCI. Convention attendees should check passport and vaccination requirements. The hotel list is not available yet.

### **Upcoming conventions:**

**MD5 in May 2024** – Lion Kaylee Bourquin handed out registrations for the May 16–18 convention at the Sleep Inn. Registration is \$140 until March 15<sup>th</sup> and then goes to \$160. There are currently 32 registered. Call the Sleep Inn to reserve a room which is at \$89 rate with the block available until April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Main Stay hotel is across parking lot and can be used for overflow if needed. Knights of the Blind is the theme with Dining in the Dark (with NDBA) as entertainment which is an additional cost for attendees. A silent auction will be held. Registration and meeting room info is on the One Drive along with a rough draft agenda. Food will need to be selected for the Thursday Summit. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Mark Lyon is VIP guest.

**2023 State and Provincial Conventions** – ND State Convention is Oct 20 – 21 at Grand Hotel in Minot.

SK Provincial Convention is at the Saskatoon Travel lodge on Oct 27 – 28.

SD State Convention is Sept 29 -30 in Sioux Falls.

**Youth Exchange – 2023 Report and 2024 Plan** – Reported previously by PCC Ken Wetz.

**2023 Convention Final Report** – Final financial report was previously presented by Treasurer John Emmett.

### **Old Business**

**Change of Venue Update** – Lion Lois Reiersen/CC Jeanette Bean gave a report on the tour of the Sleep Inn. There would be a \$250 per day meeting room charge and sleeping room costs would be more. We would not be able to bring in alcohol or food to the room. With a show of hands, the majority were in favor of staying at the Grand Hotel for future CoG meetings.

**Dues Holiday and Subsidizing New Member Fees** – PCC John Emmett indicated the dues holiday would cost the MD \$31,500. A suggestion was to possibly cut the dues in half for one billing cycle. It was recommended the finance committee discuss this further and bring back a recommendation to the November meeting. When asked why this is being considered, it was noted some Lions are asking why MD5 is holding so much money and should some be turned back to the districts. It was noted that training in MD5 is lacking so money could be reinvested in training for Lions.

**2022 SWOT Goals** – CC Jeanette Bean reviewed the MD5 strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and goals developed by the CoG team in 2022. Goals developed:

- i. List of MD5 training – new officer
- ii. MD5 Marketing – (grant opportunities)
- iii. Updating Governance

PDG Geraldine is doing a great job with training and has worked to help meet this goal. PCC Kevin Bean as the new marketing chair plans to work with all districts on marketing. The Governance has been updated so that goal has been met. It was recommended the committees do a SWOT analysis and come up with three goals, report what they are working on and what the MD can do to help. That is GMA and it works. Another suggestion was that DGs meet monthly, possibly by Zoom, to help and support each other.

**Ice Breaker Responsibility/Entertainment** – There is an unspoken rule about bringing breakfast for CoG Saturday morning breakfast for the spouses that attend the meeting. ND did the August breakfast. SD is in line to do the March, 2024 breakfast. Since the November meeting is being held by Zoom this year, SK would do the August 2024 breakfast.

**Scorecard Process for upcoming year** – Scorecards are a method for the CC to gather feedback from the DGs on the Council Secretary and Treasurer, GMT, GLT and GST to ensure they are meeting job expectations based on their job descriptions. It is also to help the Lions in the positions obtain input and feedback. They will also be asked to do a self-evaluation. The CC will solicit feedback from the DGs and request completion of self-evaluations in September. The CC will gather the feedback and review them with the Lions involved.

### **New Business**

**Endorsement of PID Manoj Shah For Third Vice President** – PID Pat Vannett explained that there is a process for a VP to get to this point and to make sure areas that aren't represented get representation. PID Shah is from Kenya and would be the first from Africa. VCC Scott moved to endorse PID Manoj Shah for third VP and DG Bernie Kramchynsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Membership Development Grant** – CC Jeanette Bean/Gail Haight – It was suggested that the GMT apply for the grant. PDG Mark Koller will let CC Jeanette know when her has applied for this grant.

**Committee Assignments/Review Committee Chairs** – CC Jeanette Bean reviewed committee assignments and reviewed the voting rights of the CoG team. State Reps and VCC have voting rights.

**LCIF Constitution Changes** – CC Jeanette Bean reminded DGs to review the LCI Intl Constitution and By-Laws changes from the Boston Convention. The changes were emailed to the CoG team prior to the meeting and handed out at the meeting. DGs need to make necessary changes at the district level to coincide with the Intl changes.

**Mission 1.5** – PID Pat Vannett fired up the group with “Mission 1.5 - Challenge accepted – That’s a fact Jack” It is the associations plan to reach 1.5 million members by June 30, 2027. GAT has many leaders and the President is the lead. The VPs work with the Constitutional Areas and Areas 1 & 2 get Mark Lyon. PDG Gail Haight is Canada GAT and Lion Jay Norby is the US GAT. GAT is a unified approach. Teach clubs to have a good business with a SWOT analysis. We need Lions membership to serve and take on leadership positions. Use action steps to meet goals. The club is base of GAT and they bring their goals, dreams and objectives to district and MD who respond to their needs. Make goals measurable. Long-range planning is important. An Extension Team Coordinator is important because we need more clubs. A key person is needed to lead this team. Every role needs to be impacted/involved with Mission 1.5. VDGs should start building your teams now and have the current teams mentor them. Seven new clubs is the target for this year for MD5. Area leaders will be contacting districts and providing strategies on how to be successful. There will be training prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Those that attend should report back to others.

Benefits of Mission 1.5 are the increased capacity to serve/greater diversity, inclusion/increased advocacy for change, and locally and globally/increased member benefits/stronger at every level of Lions. We do not grow together by acting alone. We grow by working together as teams. As part of Mission 1.5, it is important to get Guiding Lions trained in all zones. The March meeting may be used to schedule Guiding Lion training. Guiding Lions can also take course online and send the form to GLT

but in person is better. DGs can appt any Lion as a Guiding Lion but they must take the training to be a Certified Guiding Lion. Two Guiding Lions should be assigned to new clubs.

DGs can edit their district goals until December 31<sup>st</sup>. The five-year trend of clubs is available on the website.

The implementation of the new Lion portal has been delayed.

The new club development has changed from 10 steps to 4 steps.

When a new club is applying for an EIN, make sure they apply as a 501(c)(4) and not 501(c)(3) and make sure clubs pay their dues so they don't go into suspension.

The number of members required in a district to put an ID forward has been removed.

**2025 MD5 Conv** – 5SKN will host 2025 MD5 Convention on May 30 – 31 at the Dakota Dunes Resort which is just out of Saskatoon. There will be a shuttle available to Saskatoon. The convention space holds 600. There is no registration fee yet. They are receiving a \$5000 grant from the City of Saskatoon. This will be placed on the May agenda for a vote.

**Donation for Zoom Meeting** – Since the November CoG meeting will be held via Zoom, a suggestion was to have MD5 make a donation to something – EX - LCIF, dog guides, or Haiti Eye Trip with some of the savings of having an in-person meeting. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

**Haiti Eye Mission** – This is a project out of ND that is looking for funding. The participants all belong to the Horace Lions Club. The cost is \$90,000 - \$100,000 each trip. They raise money for the trip but they all pay their own way which is about \$1900 per trip. The matter was referred to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Karen DaSilva as GST to bring forward a recommendation to the next meeting.

**CC Comments** – CC Jeanette Bean is impressed with DGs and moving forward with Mission 1.5. Jeanette will set up Zoom meeting to touch base between CoG meetings.

A plaque was presented to IPCC Marianne Kramchynsky to express appreciation for her guidance.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Adjournment** – PDG Alvin Matechuk moved and DG Rick Stark seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**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