



MD5 Council Business Meeting Minutes August 20, 2022 – Grand Hotel – Minot, ND

In-person attendance: CC Marianne Kramchynsky, Secretary Lion Lois Reiersen, 5SKN DG Beryl Bauer, 5SKN 1st VDG Bernie Kramchynsky, 5SE DG Robyn Tyler, 5SE 1st VDG LeeAnn Haisch, 5SE 2nd VDG Dennis Bohmont, 5SW DG Ron Bunnell, 5SW 1st VDG James Treloar, 5NE DG Scott Hildre, 5NE 1st VDG Rick Stark, 5NE 2nd VDG Kirk Tingum, 5NW DG Jeanette Bean, 5NW 1st VDG Lynn Grabow, GLT Chair PDG Geraldine Ray, GMT Chair PCC Kevin Bean, and GST Chair Lion Tammie Richardson

Attendance by Zoom: 5SKS 1st VDG Lane Johnson, PCC Rick Pockett, 5SKS DG Alvin Matechuk, PID Robert Littlefield, PCC John Emmett and 5SKS 2nd VDG Heather Vermeersch

Absent: 5SW 2nd VDG Frances Waits and 5NW 2nd VDG Lynn Helms

Others in attendance: PDG Grant Kalbaugh, PDG Ken Peters, Lion Crystal Dueker, PDG Rob Hill, PCC Ken Wetz, and PDG Gail Haight

Meeting called to order at 11:10 AM by CC Marianne Kramchynsky and anthems were sung.

Additional agenda items

Other committee reports

Hospitality and entertainment

PID comments

SWOT Analysis

Youth Camp

Motion by DG Ron Bunnell and second by DG Scott Hildre to approve the agenda. MC

Correspondence - none

Secretary's Report – Minutes from May meetings were emailed by PDG Ken Peters. Motion by DG Jeanette Bean and second by DG Robyn Tyler to approve the May 13 and 14, 2022 meeting minutes as emailed. MC

Treasurer's Report

22/23 Budget – PCC John Emmett walked through the proposed 2022/2023 budget. The current and proposed mileage rate is \$.40. He is in the process of getting quote for a surety bond to cover treasurer only so the amount is an estimate. There are five Senior Councilors to receive awards this year. The convention line item allows funds for the Council Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to attend the LCI convention. There was discussion about whether it should be limited to the Council Chair and one other who would be the parade marshal. IT budget of \$1,000 covers travel and website. The Executive Committee recommended \$5,000 be added to

the budget for RLLI. GLT budget was reduced from \$14,000 to \$8,000. Motion by DG Ron Bunnell and second by PCC John Emmett to approve the budget as amended to include the \$5,000 for RLLI. MC

Financial Review of 2021/2022 Year

Profit and loss statement for period ending 6/30/22. The CPA has not finished the financial review but it will be available by the next meeting. A compilation will be available to the membership. The MD is in a good financial position.

They are in the process of trying to reconcile the Accounts Receivable and will have a report at the next meeting.

Bank Name and Signatures

PCC John Emmett changed banks to US Bank because they have branches in ND and SD. Signing authority on the checks requires two signatures. Due to distance, PCC John will send CC Marianne a listing of checks to be paid and that will meet the requirement of the 2nd signature. The credit card has been approved and a debit card issued. No ability to do e-transfer at this time.

Motion by PCC John Emmett and second by DG Robyn Tyler to approve the Treasurer's Report. MC

Other financial issues

Mileage Rate - There are no rules of audit for the \$.40 mileage rate. It was possibly approved by motion sometime in the last couple of years. LCI rules of audit have been used and modified to fit MD5. It is important to identify who is reimbursed for council meetings. Motion by DG Robyn Tyler and second by DG Scott Hildre to approve mileage rate at \$.40 per mile. MC

Reserve ID fund has a \$15,000 balance. This is year five of the five-year plan to assist an Intl Director campaign. The fund is capped at \$15,000 but could be adjusted if there is a candidate running from MD5.

Designated funds are for a specific purpose. The undesignated funds are an accumulated surplus over the years. LCI requires we carry two or three years of the annual budget reserves.

Patti Hill Campaign - PID Marvin Chambers is the Global Chair for the Patti Hill campaign. She will be the Intl President in Boston and has responsibility for receptions at the Boston Intl Lions Convention in 2023. SK is sending a letter to each club in their districts asking for financial support to assist with the costs moving into the role of Intl President. PID Marvin emailed the sample letter sent to the SK clubs to Council Secretary Lois for distribution to ND and SD if they choose to send to the clubs in their districts. MD5 was asked to march with Patti Hill in the parade at the Intl Convention. Motion by DG Jeanette Bean and second by DG Scott Hildre to turn the matter of doing a contribution to Patti Hill's campaign to the finance committee and have them bring a recommendation back to the council. MC

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12:05 PM to 1:05 PM.

Council Chair Comments

CC Marianne Kramchynsky will be attending all three conventions in October plus she will be in Calgary in September for the USA/Canada Forum. Monthly meetings will be suspended at this time due to the face to face contact she will have in the next couple of months.

SWOT Analysis – DG Jeanette Bean reviewed the MD5 SWOT Analysis that was done 8/19/22

Goals:

- **List of MD5 training** – to include new officers, make it fun, new training Assigned to Global Leadership Team

- **MD5 Marketing** – consider grant opportunities - plan to apply for a grant for marketing to get our name/faces out there.
Assigned to Marketing Committee for follow up.
- **Updating Governance** – Committees are going to meet to see what they need to work on. Policy and procedures should be current, easy to access and understand. Things to consider are who should be attending council meetings and reimbursement for expenses.
Assigned to Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Reports

GMA – Use SWOT as part of building team, executing plan and celebrating success.

GLT – PDG Geraldine Ray is planning more education for VDGs. Spouses were invited to the VDG training. Will do presentations on Constitution and By-Laws. Planning monthly Zoom meetings to include training.

Target date for RLLI is spring.

Will work on Zone Chair training.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum update – Emails have gone out advertising the forum.

Other – What opportunities can the MD provide to upcoming leadership in the districts?

Consider 1/3 MD, 1/3 district and 1/3 club or individual responsibility for cost of leadership trainings. VDGs should pass on information and training. GLT Committee to visit and come back with proposal. GLT, GMT and GST have agreed to work together.

DGs need to manage emails and save them for future reference.

PDG Gail Haight is Global Action Team leader for MD.

Invite potential leaders to RLLI and conventions.

GMT – PCC Kevin Bean

All districts struggling with membership. NAMI changed to Global Membership Approach. DGs should take GMA to their districts. Utilize the people in front of us. Lion Crystal Dueker is a great leader in 5NE and she has been asked to come to communities in 5NW and look at new clubs to start building membership. Dropped members report on LCI shows MD5 has dropped 15770 members.

GST – Lion Tammie Richardson

She will work on putting together a report to show how many clubs are reporting and number of people served. Will work with the clubs that aren't reporting.

New Voices Report – Lion Crystal Dueker

Seven men and seventeen women of all age ranges have received the New Voices Award. She will be attending all three conventions in October. New voices recognition is assisting with diversity, not only women but in other areas.

Protocol and International Guests – IPID Pat Vannett

DGs are the host of IDs for conventions. 5SE and 5NE should check on options for Spring Rally IDs.

Montreal 2022 Review – PID Robert Littlefield

Attendance was down in Montreal. MD5 PDGs, DGEs and other Lions attended and marched in the parade in support of Patti Hill. The Campaign 100 goal was surpassed by \$25 million as announced at the convention.

2023 Boston Convention Update – PID Robert Littlefield

The Convention is July 7th to 11th. Registration is open, click on Montreal and it will go to the Boston Convention. Melvin Jones luncheon is \$75 per plate. The PDG banquet is July 10th. \$175 for early bird registration. There is a Midwestern breakfast with President Brian Sheehan and Patti Hill, incoming President.

LCIF Report

Campaign 100 Status – PID Marvin Chamber

Campaign 100 is at \$325 million and still growing. There is no final report yet. Thank you to the Lions and LCIF Coordinators in the districts for a great job.

Watch for the Tell-a-thon online. Dr Patti Hill will be the chair. Constitutional areas from around the world are participating.

ND/SD LCIF Project – There were two matching grant projects in SKS for hospice and a playground.

Committees Confirmation and discussion

Extension – This has been on previous agendas. There are numerous Lions identified by LCI as Extension Specialists. Districts can apply to LCI to have an Extension Specialist come and assist with membership recruitment. LCI covers the cost, if approved, so the only cost for the district is picking up the Lion at the airport. The Extension Specialist's role is to teach and help Lions start a club. There is a \$1500 membership development grant available for districts or a \$9,000 grant available for the MD. Each district is encouraged to apply for their own \$1,500 membership development grant rather than having the MD apply for the \$9,000.

Committees

The current list will be updated. PCC Duane Zwinger has resigned as Youth and Contests Chair. He brought the forms and criteria for youth camp, speak off, etc. to the last meeting. The contest information is on the MD5 website. A suggestion was to consider replacing some of the existing contests such as bulletins and scrapbooks with a website contest. DG Robyn Tyler is the Chair of this committee. PDG Ginney Jones might be an option to take over as the chair of this committee.

MD5 District Facebook Page – Someone hacked the MD Facebook account and posted an inappropriate picture as well as a post saying members needed to respond. Control has been regained of the Facebook page. Online safety training was suggested for a Spring Rally or other conventions.

Marketing – PDG Ken Peters – An events calendar is being explored. Marketing meetings will include PDG Grant Kalbaugh, IT Chair.

Constitution and By-Laws – DG Jeanette Bean will contact committee members and set up a meeting. PDG Rob Hill will be added to the committee.

Youth exchange – PCC Kevin Bean, DG Jeanette Bean, DG Robyn Tyler, PDG Ken Wetz, and PID Marvin Chambers will be on the committee. Lion Donna Wetz has the book. The plan is to start with an MD5 camp instead of Youth Exchange Camp in 2023. Four kids from each district will be

accepted but not limited to four from a district so first come first served. The committee will explore a place and possible dates and determine the age group.
Motion by DG Jeanette Bean and second by DG Beryl Bauer to plan for 2023 MD5 youth camp and to form a committee to plan and arrange the camp. MC

Diabetes, Vision, other initiatives – No discussion

2022 MD5 Convention – A financial statement was received for the MD5 Convention in Cypress Hills which showed income of \$40,826 and expenses of \$40,192 resulting in an excess of \$634. Motion by DG Scott Hildre and second by DG Jeanette Bean to accept the 2022 MD5 Convention report and accept the return of the excess funds. MC

2023 MD5 Convention – DG Ron Bunnell had no update on the convention. Stan Smith is the co-chair. The registration form will be sent to MD5 IT so it can be placed on the website.

Motion by DG Robyn Tyler and second by DG Beryl Bauer to accept and adopt all reports. MC

November meeting date – The November, 2022 Council meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend. The Grand Intl Hotel is not available the weekends before or after that date. The Sleep Inn in Minot would have both the weekend before and after available but the cost would be more for sleeping and meeting rooms. Suggestion was to have one of the two winter meetings virtual. Motion by DG Robyn Tyler and second by DG Ron Bunnell to hold the November Council of Governors meeting virtually on November 19, 2022. MC

PCC Geraldine Ray has an intense weekend of training planned for VDGs. She will explore options and work with Lion Lois to schedule the Sleep Inn if an in-person meeting is needed. PCC Geraldine will do some training timelines.

Other Business

Hospitality room – The Grand Intl Hotel has stored three tubs of paper products for the MD but the Bean's have been taking home the alcohol tub after every meeting. Lions that brought alcohol should take it home. We will continue to leave the paper products at the facility. SD brought breakfast for the August meeting and SK is responsible to bring the breakfast in March. The breakfast has been a way for spouses to get together so each state/province takes turns bringing the breakfast. There was discussion if this should continue. It should continue to be promoted.

Upcoming Conventions and Meetings:

2022 SD Lions Convention – October 7 - 8, 2022 – Rapid City, SD

2022 ND State Lions Convention – October 21 - 22, 2022 – Spirit Lake Casino, Devils Lake, ND

2022 Saskatchewan Lions Convention – October 28 – 30, 2022 – Regina, SK

MD5 Council of Governors Meeting – November 19, 2022 – Virtual

MD5 Council of Governors Meeting – March 24 – 26, 2022 – Grand Hotel, Minot ND

2023 MD5 Convention – May 25 – 27, 2023 – Spearfish, SD

Motion by DG Scott Hildre and second by DG Jeanette Bean to adjourn. MC

Respectfully submitted by,

Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary